

Notes to the condensed consolidated interim financial information for the period ended 31 March 2019 (unaudited)

1 Incorporation and activities

Oman Telecommunications Company SAOG (the “Parent Company” or the “Company”) is an Omani joint stock company registered under the Commercial Companies Law of the Sultanate of Oman. The Company’s principal place of business is located at Al Mawaleh, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman. The company’s shares are listed on Muscat Securities Market.

The principal activities of the Company are establishment, operation, maintenance and development of telecommunication services in the Sultanate of Oman.

The Company and its subsidiaries (“the Group”) along with its associates provides telecommunications services in Sultanate of Oman and nine (9) other countries.

2 Basis of preparation

This condensed parent and consolidated interim financial information (condensed interim financial information) is prepared in accordance with IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting.

The economy of Republic of South Sudan became hyperinflationary in 2016. Accordingly, the results, cash flows and financial position of the Group’s subsidiary in South Sudan have been expressed in terms of the measuring unit current at the reporting date in accordance with IAS 29: Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies. The methods used to measure the fair value and adjustments made to the account of Group’s entities that operate in the hyperinflationary economies are discussed further in the accounting policies and in the respective notes.

In 2015, the Group noted that the economy of the Republic of Sudan, where the Group has subsidiaries, may be hyperinflationary from the beginning of 2015. This was based on the general price index showing the cumulative three-year rate of inflation exceeding 100% at that time. However, International Accounting Standard, IAS 29: Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies, does not establish an absolute rate at which hyperinflation is deemed to arise and states that it is a matter of judgment when restatement of financial statements in accordance with this Standard becomes necessary. In addition, the Group noted that in the 2014 International Monetary Fund (IMF) Sudan country report, the cumulative projected three year inflation rate outlook for Sudan in 2017 to be around 57% and thus, applying IAS 29 in 2015, could entail going in and out of hyperinflation within a short period which was confirmed when the Republic of Sudan went out of hyperinflation in 2016. The Republic of Sudan has been again declared as hyperinflationary in 2018. Based on the above matters, Group believes that there is no definitive basis to apply IAS 29 at this stage. However, Group will review it on an ongoing basis, accordingly it has not quantified the impact of applying IAS 29 in 2018 and as of 31 March 2019.

This condensed interim financial information does not contain all of the information and disclosures required for complete financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Results for the interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending 31 December 2018, including the impact of the matter stated above regarding application of IAS 29. For further information, refer to the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the year ended 31 December 2018.

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2 Basis of preparation (continued)

Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

The accounting policies used in the preparation of the condensed consolidated interim financial information are consistent with those used in the preparation of the annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018. However, the Group has adopted IFRS 16 retrospectively from 1 January 2019, but has not restated comparatives for the 2018 reporting period, as permitted under the specific transitional provisions in the standard. The reclassifications and the adjustments arising from the new leasing rules are therefore recognised in the opening balance sheet on 1 January 2019.

Other amendments and interpretations apply for the first time in 2019, but do not have an impact on the condensed interim financial information of the Group.

Financial support to associate and group companies

The Group has committed to provide working capital and other financial support to certain subsidiaries including Mobile Telecommunications Company Saudi Arabia (“SMTC”), Zain Jordan, Al Khatem and Zain South Sudan whose working capitals are in deficit. Based on business plans, the Group does not expect these conditions will have a material adverse impact on the operations of these Group companies.

3 Impact of changes in accounting policies due to adoption of new standards

The key changes to the Group’s accounting policies resulting from its adoption of IFRS 16 is summarized below:

From 1 January 2019, operating leases to which the Group is a lessee are recognized as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Group. Each lease payment is allocated between liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable
- variable lease payment that are based on an index or a rate
- amounts expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees
- the exercise price of a purchase option if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise that option, and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the lessee exercising that option.

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**3 Impact of changes in accounting policies due to adoption of new standards
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Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received
- any initial direct costs, and
- restoration costs.

Payments associated with leases of low-value assets are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. Low-value assets comprise IT-equipment and small items of office furniture.

The associated right-of-use assets for property leases were measured on a retrospective basis as if the new rules had always been applied. There were no onerous lease contracts that would have required an adjustment to the right-of-use assets at the date of initial applications.

On adoption of IFRS 16, the Group recognised lease liabilities in relation to leases which had previously been classified as ‘operating leases’ under the principles of IAS 17 Leases. These liabilities were measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the lessee’s incremental borrowing rate as of 1 January 2019.

	RO’000
Operating lease commitments disclosed as at 31 December 2018	318,094
Discounted using the lessee’s incremental borrowing rate of at the date of initial application	279,795
	279,795
Lease liability recognised as at 1 January 2019	279,795
Of which are:	
Current lease liabilities	77,790
Non-current lease liabilities	202,005
	279,795

The weighted average lessee’s incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities on 1 January 2019 was 6.38%. Interest expense on lease liabilities amounted to RO 4.2 million for the period ended 31 March 2019.

(a) Net impact from the adoption of IFRS 16 on opening retained earnings and non-controlling interests as at 1 January 2019 is as follows:

		RO ’000	
	31 December 2018	Increase/ decrease	1 January 2019
Right of use of assets (including held for sale assets)	-	271,542	271,542
Trade and other receivables	824,668	(41,253)	783,415
Lease liabilities	-	279,795	279,795
Accrued expenses	977,910	(437)	977,473
Retained earnings	412,844	(6,991)	405,853
Minority interests	2,066,039	(42,072)	2,023,967

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**3 Impact of changes in accounting policies due to adoption of new standards
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The following table summarizes the impact on Group's statement of financial position.

Balance Sheet	As reported RO'000	IFRS 16 RO'000	Amounts without adoption of IFRS 16 RO'000
Current assets			
Cash and bank balances	511,741	-	511,741
Trade and other receivables	823,409	39,150	862,559
Contract assets	97,010	-	97,010
Inventories	63,458	-	63,458
Investment securities at FVTPL	22,695	-	22,695
Investment securities at amortised cost	1,000	-	1,000
Non-current assets held-for-sale	16,655	(7,175)	9,480
	<u>1,535,968</u>	<u>31,975</u>	<u>1,567,943</u>
Non-current assets			
Contract assets	25,446	-	25,446
Investment securities at FVTPL	31,904	-	31,904
Investment securities at FVOCI	9,064	-	9,064
Investment securities amortised cost	2,000	-	2,000
Investments in associates and joint ventures	102,000	-	102,000
Other assets	20,117	-	20,117
Property and equipment	1,988,103	-	1,988,103
Right of use assets	250,380	(250,380)	-
Intangible assets and goodwill	3,661,069	-	3,661,069
	<u>6,090,083</u>	<u>(250,380)</u>	<u>5,839,703</u>
Total assets	<u>7,626,051</u>	<u>(218,405)</u>	<u>7,407,646</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	1,511,392	1,506	1,512,898
Deferred revenue	176,280	-	176,280
Lease liabilities	61,279	(61,279)	-
Liabilities of disposal group held for sale	6,160	(6,160)	-
Borrowings	583,620	-	583,620
	<u>2,338,731</u>	<u>(65,933)</u>	<u>2,272,798</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	2,067,113	-	2,067,113
Lease liabilities	199,104	(199,104)	-
Other non-current liabilities	560,446	-	560,446
	<u>2,826,663</u>	<u>(199,104)</u>	<u>2,627,559</u>

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**3 Impact of changes in accounting policies due to adoption of new standards
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Impact of adoption of IFRS 16 on the condensed consolidated interim statement of financial position

Balance Sheet	As reported RO'000	IFRS 16 RO'000	Amounts without adoption of IFRS 16 RO'000
Equity			
Attributable to the Group's shareholders			
Share capital	75,000	-	75,000
Legal reserve	25,000	-	25,000
Voluntary reserve	49,875	-	49,875
Capital reserve	36,893	-	36,893
Capital contribution	7,288	-	7,288
Foreign currency translation reserve	(59,059)	-	(59,059)
Investment fair valuation reserve	(884)	-	(884)
Hedging reserve	321	-	321
Share of reserves of associates	39	-	39
Retained earnings	383,255	6,893	390,148
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	517,728	6,893	524,621
Non-controlling interests	1,942,929	39,739	1,982,668
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Total equity	2,460,657	46,632	2,507,289
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Total liabilities and equity	7,626,051	(218,405)	7,407,646
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**3 Impact of changes in accounting policies due to adoption of new standards
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The following table summarizes the impact on the condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss for the three-month period ended 31 March 2019.

	As reported RO'000	IFRS 16 RO'000	Amounts without adoption of IFRS 16 RO'000
Revenue	628,636	-	628,636
Cost of sales	(183,798)	(1,008)	(184,806)
Gross profit	444,838	(1,008)	443,830
Operating and administrative expenses	(164,301)	(25,278)	(189,579)
Depreciation and amortization	(154,092)	19,706	(134,386)
Expected credit loss on financial assets	(10,687)	-	(10,687)
Operating profit	115,758	(6,580)	109,178
Interest income	3,912	-	3,912
Investment income	(1,339)	-	(1,339)
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	1,839	-	1,839
Other (expense)/income	(4,312)	(131)	(4,443)
Finance costs	(48,566)	4,198	(44,368)
Loss from currency revaluation	(2,195)	-	(2,195)
Net monetary gain	4,010	-	4,010
Profit before taxation	69,107	(2,513)	66,594
Taxation	(8,638)	(52)	(8,690)
Profit for the period	60,469	(2,565)	57,904
Attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Company	14,902	(112)	14,790
Non controlling interest	45,567	(2,452)	43,115
	60,469	(2,565)	57,905

The recognized right-of-use assets relate to the following types of assets:

	Land and building RO'000	Cellular and other equipment RO'000
Balance as of 1 January 2019	251,780	13,286
Add: additions	5,241	-
Less: amortisations	(16,555)	(3,191)
Retirement	(181)	-
Closing balance as at 31 March 2019 (excluding assets of disposal group classified as held for sale)	240,285	10,095

Land and building comprises mainly of telecommunication sites on lease.

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**3 Impact of changes in accounting policies due to adoption of new standards
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In applying IFRS 16 for the first time, the Group has used the following practical expedients permitted by the standard:

- the use of a single discount rate to a portfolio of leases with reasonably similar characteristics;
- reliance on previous assessments on whether leases are onerous;
- the exclusion of initial direct costs for the measurement of the right-of-use asset at the date of initial application;
- the use of hindsight in determining the lease term where the contract contains options to extend or terminate the lease.

The Group has also elected not to reassess whether a contract is, or contains a lease at the date of initial application. Instead, for contracts entered into before the transition date the Group relied on its assessment made applying IAS 17 and IFRIC 4 *Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease*.

The net impact on retained earnings on 1 January 2019 was a decrease of RO 6.99 million.

The Group's leasing activities and how these are accounted for

The Group mostly leases indoor and outdoor spaces for installation of its telecommunications sites. Rental contracts are typically made for fixed periods of 1 to 8 years but may have extension options. Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants, but leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

Until the 2018 financial year, these leases were classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases were charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Significant judgments and estimates

The preparation of the condensed consolidated interim financial information requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affects the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The significant judgments made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018, except as mentioned below:

Extension and termination options in lease contracts

Extension and termination options are included in a number of leases across the Group. These terms are used to maximise operational flexibility in terms of managing contracts. The majority of extension and termination options held are exercisable both by the Group and the respective lessor.

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3. Impact of changes in accounting policies due to adoption of new standards (continued)

In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated). The assessment is reviewed if a significant event or a significant change in circumstances occurs which affects this assessment and that is within the control of the lessee.

Discounting of lease payments

The lease payments are discounted using the Company's incremental borrowing rate ("IBR"). Management has applied judgments and estimates to determine the IBR at the commencement of lease.

4. Cash and bank balances

Cash and bank balances include the following cash and cash equivalents:

	Consolidated	
	Unaudited 31 March 2019 RO'000	Audited 31 December 2018 RO'000
Cash on hand and at banks	224,762	290,333
Short-term deposits with banks	291,062	217,851
Government certificates of deposits held by subsidiaries	128	126
	515,952	508,310
Expected credit loss	(4,211)	(4,887)
	511,741	503,423
Cash at bank under lien	(9,415)	(9,355)
Deposits with maturity exceeding three months	(3,000)	(3,000)
Government certificates of deposits with maturities exceeding three months	(128)	(126)
Cash and cash equivalent in the condensed parent and consolidated statements of cash flows	499,198	490,942

5. Assets and liabilities of disposal group held for sale

This represents the carrying value of telecom tower assets amounting to RO 9.48 million (31 December 2018 – RO 9.453 million) and right of use of assets amounting to RO 7.175 million (31 December 2018 – Nil) in Kuwait and its related lease liabilities amounting to RO 6.16 million (31 December 2018 – Nil), classified as held for sale, on the basis that management is committed to a plan to sell these assets to a Tower Company. The Company will be the anchor tenant on commercial terms on each of the towers being sold and the transaction is expected to close in 2019, subject to customary closing conditions.

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6. Investments in associates and joint ventures

6.1 Investments in associates - consolidated

This represented Group's interest in STMC. Based on an event in July 2018, the Group had concluded that it is able to control SMTC through its majority representation on the board of directors and accordingly consolidated SMTC from July 2018.

The group also has interests in individually immaterial associates with a carrying value of RO 9.7 million (31 December 2018- RO 9.818 million).

Interest in a joint venture

Group's interest in Joint venture comprise the following:

- a) Carrying amount of RO 88.5 million (31 December 2018 - RO 86.2 million) representing interest in the joint venture, Zain Al Ajial S.A. that owns 31% of the equity shares and voting rights of Wana Corporate (a Moroccan joint stock company that is specialized in the telecom sector in that country).
- b) Carrying amount of RO 3.825 million (31 December 2018-RO 3.851 million) representing interest in Equinox Muscat LLC.

7. Property and equipment

	Unaudited 31 March 2019 RO'000	Audited 31 December 2018 RO'000
Net fixed assets	1,780,625	1,793,727
Capital work in progress	207,478	226,259
	1,988,103	2,019,986

During the three-months period ended 31 March 2019, the Group acquired property and equipment amounting to RO 46.335 million (31 March 2018: RO 35.918 million). Depreciation charged for the period amounted to RO 85.645 million (31 March 2018: RO 58.116 million).

8. Intangible assets and goodwill

	Unaudited 31 March 2019 RO'000	Audited 31 December 2018 RO'000
Intangible assets	2,618,503	2,539,627
Goodwill	1,042,566	1,040,037
	3,661,069	3,579,644

During the three-months period ended 31 March 2019, the Group acquired intangible assets amounting to RO 137.3 million (31 March 2018: RO 0.332 million).

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9. Borrowings

	Unaudited 31 March 2019 RO'000	Audited 31 December 2018 RO'000
Long term loans	136,939	132,221
Oztel		
Long term loan	139,491	139,284
Oman Data Park		
Long term loans	7,065	7,165
Finance lease obligation	30	33
Mobile Telecommunications Company-Kuwait		
Short term loans	137,763	136,966
Long term loans	751,529	753,311
Zain Jordan		
Long term loan	-	5,278
SMTC		
Long term loans	706,571	701,465
Atheer – Iraq		
Long term loans	190,214	188,991
Others	24	27
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Due to banks	2,069,626	2,064,741
Oztel - Bonds	581,107	572,935
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Total borrowings	2,650,733	2,637,676
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The current and non-current amounts for the Group are as follows:

Current liabilities	583,620	555,941
Non-current liabilities	2,067,113	2,081,735
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	2,650,733	2,637,676
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9. Borrowings (continued)

The carrying amounts of the Group's borrowings are denominated in the following currencies:

	Unaudited	Audited
	31 March 2019	31 December 2018
	RO'000	RO'000
US dollar	2,188,038	2,263,015
Saudi Riyals	430,812	337,462
Kuwaiti dinar	24,764	24,694
Omani Rial	7,095	12,505
Others	24	-
	<hr/> 2,650,733 <hr/>	<hr/> 2,637,676 <hr/>

The effective interest rate as at 31 March 2019 was 3% to 6.99% (31 December 2018 - 2.42% to 6.99%) per annum.

Compliance with debt covenants

The parent company is compliant with the principal covenant ratios, which include:

- Net borrowings to earnings before interest tax depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) at consolidated level excluding Zain group,
- Interest coverage ratio.

Zain Group is compliant with the principal covenant ratios, which include:

- consolidated net borrowings to adjusted consolidated Earnings Before Interest Tax Depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA);
 - adjusted consolidated EBITDA to adjusted consolidated net interest payable;
 - equity to total assets.
- The Parent Company acquired a bridge loan facility and term loan of USD 1,450 million and USD 800 million respectively in year 2017 from a consortium of banks for financing the acquisition of shares in Mobile Telecommunication Company (Zain Group). The Parent company transferred USD 435.225 Million representing the offshore part of the term loan to its wholly owned subsidiary Oztel Holding SPC. The remaining amount of USD 364.775 million is retained by the Parent company. The term loan is payable in five equal annual installments for an amount of 15% of the principal amount and the remaining amount of 25% is payable at the end of the term loan period. The loan is secured by way of a pledged on the acquired shares. The first interest period for the loan is set at 8 months from the date of drawdown and thereafter at 3-month intervals until the date of repayment.

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- Long-term loans comprise an outstanding balance of RO 8.8 million from National Bank of Oman and is repayable in 16 quarterly instalments commencing from 30 September 2017. The loan is unsecured.
- Export credit loan with an outstanding balance of USD 30.8 million (RO 11.853 million) from a consortium of banks to finance the procurement of capital equipment. The facility carries an interest of 2.28% p.a and was utilized in the following tranches:
 - a) Tranche 1 with an outstanding balance of USD 16.42 million (RO 6.324 million) is repayable in semiannual instalments commencing from November 2018.
 - b) Tranche 2 with an outstanding balance of USD 14.38 million (RO 5.529 million) is repayable in semiannual instalments commencing from May 2019.

Oztel Holdings SPC Limited (Oztel)**Bonds**

On 24 April 2018, Oztel completed the listing of USD 1.5 billion (RO 577.8 million) which was used to repay the bridge loan. The issued bonds are denominated in US Dollars, listed on the Irish stock exchange and consists of the following tranches:

- a) 5.5 years tranche USD 600 million with coupon rate of 5.63%. The bonds are due for payment in year 2023. The effective interest rate on the bond is 6.05%. The fair value of the bond is USD 596.4 million.
- b) 10 years tranche USD 900 million with coupon rate of 6.63%. The bonds are due for payment in year 2028. The effective interest on the bond is 7.09%. The fair value of the bond is USD 876.6 million.
- c) The bonds are secured by way of a pledge on the acquired shares in Zain Group and is guaranteed by the Parent company.

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These facilities carry a floating interest rate of a fixed margin over three or six month London Inter-Bank Offer Rate (LIBOR) or over Central Bank of Oman Discount rate.

SMTC

Long-term loans include:

- SAR 4,755 million (RO 478.255 million) syndicated murabaha facility availed from a consortium of banks. In June 2018, SMTC refinanced and extended the maturity of the syndicated Murabaha facility that was maturing in 2018 to a SAR 5,900 million (RO 593.41 million) facility maturing in June 2023 which includes a working capital facility of SAR 647.3 million (RO 65.1 million) for two years. During the third and fourth quarters of the previous year, SMTC made early voluntary payments amounting to SAR 1,125 million (RO 112.81 million).

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The murabaha facility is secured partially by a guarantee from the Company and a pledge of the Company's and some of the founding shareholders' shares in SMTC and assignment of certain contracts and receivables.

Under the murabaha financing agreement, SMTC can declare dividend or other distribution in cash or in kind to shareholders, provided SMTC is in compliance with all its obligations under the agreement.

- SAR 2,270 million (RO 228.31 million) long-term loan repayable by August 2019 availed from a commercial bank. This facility is guaranteed by the Company.

Zain – Bahrain

This represented balance on the long term Bahraini Dinar denominated facilities, availed in 2013, at a fixed margin over Bahrain Inter Bank Overnight rate (BIBOR). These were four-year amortising facilities with maturities in September 2018.

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Long-term loans include:

- Term loan from a commercial bank amounting to US\$ 250 million (RO 94.16 million) (31 December 2018: RO 93.82 million) that is repayable by 17 December 2019.
- Term loan from a commercial bank amounting to US\$ 55 million (RO 20.716 million) (31 December 2018: RO 20.642 million) which is repayable by 31 March 2020.
- Term loan from a commercial bank amounting to US\$ 50 million (RO 18.83 million) (31 December 2018: RO 18.764 million) which is repayable by 30 April 2020.
- Term loan from a commercial bank amounting to US\$ 50 million (RO 18.833 million) (31 December 2018: RO 18.764 million) which is repayable by 09 April 2021.
- Term loan from a financial institution amounting to US\$ 100 million (RO 37.666 million) (31 December 2018: RO 37.52 million) which is repayable by 31 May 2025.

These facilities are guaranteed by the Company and carry a floating interest rate of a fixed margin over three month LIBOR.

Zain – Bahrain

This represented balance outstanding on the long term Bahraini Dinar denominated facilities, availed in 2013, at a fixed margin over Bahrain Inter Bank Overnight rate (BIBOR). These were four-year amortising facilities with maturities in September 2018.

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10 Other liabilities

	2018	2017
	RO'000	RO'000
Payable to Ministry of Finance- Saudi Arabia (Refer note below)	308,460	289,845
Due to CITC-Saudi Arabia for acquisition of spectrum	92,803	41,633
Customer deposits	12,976	12,945
Post-employment benefits	46,699	45,019
Others	99,508	110,514
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During 2013, SMTC signed an agreement with Ministry of Finance-Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to defer payments that are due until 2021. These amounts will be repaid in seven instalments starting June 2021.

11. Share capital

The authorized, issued and fully paid up share capital as of 31 March 2019 is 750,000,000 shares (31 December 2017 –750,000,000) of RO 100 Baisa each.

12. Dividend

The annual general meeting of shareholders for the year ended 31 December 2018 held on 28 March 2019 approved distribution of cash dividends of RO 0.050 (31 December 2017 – RO 0.050) per share amounting to RO 37,500,000 (31 December 2017 - RO 37,500,000).

13. Reserves

Legal reserve

In accordance with the Oman Commercial Companies Law of 1974, as amended, annual appropriations of 10% of the profit for the year are made to this reserve until the accumulated balance of the reserve is equal to one third of the value of the respective Omani entity's paid-up share capital. This reserve is not available for distribution. As the reserve equals one third of paid up share capital, the Company has discontinued the transfer.

Voluntary reserve

In accordance with the Board of Directors' Resolution No.16T/5/2000, the Parent Company transfer 10% of its annual net profits to a distributable voluntary reserve until it becomes equal to one-half of the entity's paid up share capital. As the reserve equals at least half of paid up share capital, the Company has discontinued the transfer.

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13. Reserves (continued)

Capital contribution

On 11 February 2004, the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) of the Sultanate of Oman issued licences to the Parent Company for mobile and fixed line telecommunication services at a cost of RO 500,000 and RO 200,000 and for periods of 15 and 25 years, respectively.

The Group engaged an independent firm of consultants to determine the fair value of the licences as at 11 February 2004, who determined the fair value of the fixed and mobile licences as being in the amount of approximately RO 44.881 million.

The basis of the valuation was on an assessed open market value of the licences under their current terms as they would apply to a new company obtaining the licences. The reason for adopting the assumption of a 'new company' was in order to differentiate the value of the licences from the other intangible assets that the Group owns. Accordingly, the value attached to the licences is not a 'special value' to the Group of the licences and does not reflect the full value of the intangible assets enjoyed by the Group.

The excess of the valuation of the Group's licences over the amounts paid to the TRA, representing a fair value gain of RO 44.181 million has been recognised as a non-distributable capital contribution within equity.

The mobile licence of the Company expired in February 2019 and upon renewal of the licence the fair value portion relating to previous Mobile licence amounting to RO 36.893 million was transferred to the capital reserve.

Capital reserve

This is a non distributable reserve and represents the fair value portion of the previous Mobile licence which expired in February 2019.

Foreign currency translation reserve

Exchange differences relating to the translation of assets and liabilities from the functional currency of the Group's foreign operations into Rials Omani are recorded directly in the foreign currency translation reserve.

Fair value reserve

The fair value reserve arises on the revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets. Where a revalued financial asset is sold, the portion of the reserve that relates to that financial asset, and is effectively realised, is recognised in the statement of income. Where a revalued financial asset is impaired, the portion of the reserve that relates to that financial asset is recognised in the statement of income.

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13. Reserves (continued)

Hedge reserve

The hedging reserve is used to record gains or losses on derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges and that are recognised in comprehensive income as described in note xx. Amounts are reclassified to statement of income when the associated hedged item affects statement of income.

14. Investment income

	Three months ended 31 March (Unaudited)	
	2019 RO'000	2018 RO'000
Fair value loss on investment securities at FVTPL	(1,097)	601
Realized gains from investment securities at FVTPL	(509)	44
Dividend income	267	273
	<u>(1,339)</u>	<u>918</u>

15. Earnings per share

Basic and diluted earnings per share based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period are as follows:

	Three months ended 31 March (Unaudited)	
	2019 RO'000	2018 RO'000
Profit for the period attributable to shareholders	14,902	13,435
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Shares</u>
Weighted average number of shares in issue outstanding during the period	750,000,000	750,000,000
Earnings per share – basic and diluted	<u>0.020</u>	<u>0.018</u>

16. Segmental information

The Company and its subsidiaries operate in a single business segment, telecommunications and related services in Oman and other countries. This forms the basis of the geographical segments.

Based on the quantitative thresholds, the Group has identified its operations in Oman, Kuwait, Jordan, Sudan, Iraq and Bahrain as the basis for disclosing the segment information.

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16. Segmental information (continued)

	Oman	Kuwait	Jordan	Sudan	Iraq	Bahrain	KSA	Others	Total RO '000
31 March 2019									
Segment revenues- airtime, data and subscription (Point over time)	126,110	80,207	42,141	24,577	97,540	12,280	179,263	4,388	566,506
Segment revenues- (Point in time)	4,364	21,381	1,692	150	644	3,264	30,624	11	62,130
Net profit before interest and tax	22,339	18,540	8,929	5,217	11,632	1,069	37,063	4,457	109,246
Interest income	500	51	165	282	181	54	715	109	2,057
Finance costs	(358)	(134)	(2,296)	(67)	(5,451)	(197)	(26,629)	(43)	(35,175)
Income tax expense	(3,423)	-	(2,000)	(1,528)	(1,350)	-	-	(163)	(8,464)
	19,058	18,457	4,798	3,904	5,012	926	11,149	4,360	67,664
<i>Unallocated items:</i>									
Investment income									(1,339)
Share of results of associates and joint ventures									1,839
Others									(7,695)
Profit for the period									60,469
Segment assets including goodwill	937,616	983,931	556,460	129,813	907,893	112,202	3,010,059	107,413	6,745,387
ROU assets	22,175	8,072	16,679	1,409	40,737	10,255	150,045	1,009	250,381
<i>Unallocated items:</i>									
Investment securities at fair value through profit or loss									54,599
Investment securities at amortised cost									3,000
Investment securities at FVOCI									9,064
Investment in associates and joint ventures									102,000
Others (Refer note below)									461,620
Consolidated assets									7,626,051
Segment liabilities	287,137	126,420	166,046	53,628	196,897	24,737	1,570,924	101,087	2,526,876
Lease liabilities (Current and non-current)	23,403	7,923	17,128	1,472	43,578	10,849	154,963	1,066	260,382
Due to banks	27,117	-	-	-	190,214	-	706,571	-	923,902
<i>Unallocated items:</i>									
Due to banks	337,657	134,343	183,174	55,100	430,689	35,586	2,432,458	102,153	3,711,160
Others									1,726,830
									(272,596)
Consolidated liabilities									5,165,394
Net consolidated assets									2,460,657
Capital expenditure incurred during the period	85,837	2,344	1,270	1,455	5,353	115	85,275	101	181,750
Unallocated									552
Total capital expenditure									182,302
Depreciation and amortization	25,707	17,948	9,449	2,494	24,722	3,347	48,823	1,142	133,632
Amortisation of ROU assets	3,569	1,291	975	51	2,105	1,054	10,402	291	19,738
Unallocated									722
Total depreciation and amortization									154,092

Others include an amount of RO 13.3 Million (2018- RO 13.4 Million) representing interest costs on borrowings relating to acquisition of shares in Zain Group.

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17. Related party transactions

The Group has entered into transactions with related parties on terms approved by management. Transactions and balances with related parties (in addition to those disclosed in other notes) are as follows:

Transactions

	Three months ended	
	31 March (Unaudited)	
	2019	2018
	RO'000	RO'000
Revenue	124	729
Purchase of goods and services	2,607	1,897
Management fee (included in other income)	-	1,226
Interest income on loans to an associate	-	7,163
Purchase of Property and equipment from associate	6,222	391

Key management compensation

	Three months ended	
	31 March (Unaudited)	
	2019	2018
	RO'000	RO'000
Salaries and other short term employee benefits	1,580	1,524
Post-employment benefits	14	57

Balances

	Unaudited	Audited
	31 March	31 December
	2019	2018
	RO'000	RO'000
Trade receivables	41	-
Trade payables	1,934	1,920

18(a). Commitments and contingencies

	Unaudited	Audited
	31 March	31 December
	2019	2018
	RO'000	RO'000
Capital expenditure	209,267	237,259
Uncalled share capital of investee companies	631	1,189
Letters of guarantee and credit	103,045	102,340
Investments	1,128	1,128

Zain group is a guarantor for credit facilities amounting to RO 9 million (31 December 2018 - RO 9 million) granted to a founding shareholder in SMTC. The Company believes that the collateral provided by the founding shareholder to the bank, covers the credit facilities.

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The Parent Company during financial year 2015 received demand notice amounting to RO 4.4 million from the Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (TRA) towards additional royalty payable for the prior years on certain categories of wholesale revenue. The Parent Company has paid RO 2.2 million under protest to TRA. Based upon legal opinion and interpretation of the relevant provisions of the Parent Company's license terms, the management believes that the additional royalty amount is not payable.

Claims pertaining to Zain Group***Income and capital gains taxes in Iraq***

In November 2016, Atheer signed an agreement with Iraq's Ministry of Finance under which, among other concessions, it obtained the right to submit its objection to the income tax claimed by the Income Tax Authority for the years from 2004 to 2010 amounting to US\$ 244 million (RO 91.3 million). According to the terms of the agreement, Atheer had to pay minimum 25% of the amount claimed and the balance US\$ 173 million (RO 68.5 million) in fifty equal monthly instalments from December 2016. Atheer would thus reserve the right to file an objection for each of these years. Accordingly, Atheer submitted its objections against the US\$ 244 million (RO 91.3 million) tax claim in November 2016 objecting to the full amount of the claim, and commenced payment of the amount agreed. As of 31 March 2019, Atheer has an obligation to pay a balance of US\$ 75 million (RO 28.2 million) (31 December 2018: US\$ 86 million equivalent to RO 32.2 million), net of previous payments in twenty-two remaining instalments.

In May 2017, Iraq General Commission for Taxes (IGCT) issued its decision rejecting the objections for the above years without stating any reasons. On 7 June 2017, Atheer filed appeals against IGCT decisions with the Appeal Committee at IGCT. On 9 November 2017, the Appeal Committee issued a decision with respect to years 2004 - 2007 rejecting Atheer's appeals by mainly arguing that Atheer did not have the right to file the original objections in November 2016, which implies that the Appeal Committee did not recognize the settlement agreed with the Ministry of Finance. On 21 December 2017 the Appeal Committee issued a decision with respect to years 2008-2010 rejecting Atheer's appeals on the basis that while Atheer had filed the objections on time but it did not pay the requisite amounts that are required under the law for the objections to be deemed properly filed, which again implied that the Appeal Committee did not recognize the settlement agreed with the Ministry of Finance. On 21 November 2017, Atheer filed a further appeal with the Cassation Committee at the IGCT with respect to years 2004-2007, and further filed similar appeals with the Cassation Committee on 2 January 2018 for the years 2008-2010. On 12 February 2018, the Cassation Committee issued decisions in favor of Atheer in relation to the years 2004-2010, by upholding Atheer's right to appeal and instructing the Appeals Committee to reconsider those appeals on their merits on the basis that Atheer's agreement with Ministry of Finance was not invalid. Appeals Committee resumed its session in June 2018 in which Atheer submitted a statement to clear its grounds. On 25 September 2018, the Appeals Committee decided to suspend the final decision on this case until it received a response from the Council of Ministers in respect of this matter based on recommendations by an internal committee at the Ministry of Finance. Based on the report of its attorneys, Atheer believes that the prospects of resolving this matter is in its favor.

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18(b). Claims (continued)

Pella is a defendant in lawsuits amounting to RO 15.44 million (31 December 2018 – RO 15.3 million). Based on the report of its attorneys, the Group expects the outcome of these proceedings to be favorable to Pella. Pella has initiated legal proceedings against the claim by regulatory authorities of RO 11.84 million (31 December 2018 - RO 11.77 million) for the years 2002 - 2005 on the grounds that it has already paid the amount that it was obligated to pay for those years. Pella has also initiated legal proceedings against the regulatory authorities claiming refund of excess license fee paid amounting to RO 11.988 million (31 December 2018 - RO 14.45 million) of earlier years. Based on the report of its attorneys, the Group expects the outcome to be favorable to Pella.

In addition, legal proceedings have been initiated by and against the Group in some jurisdictions. On the basis of information currently available and the advice of the legal advisors, Group management is of the opinion that the outcome of these proceedings is unlikely to have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position or the consolidated performance of the Group.

19. Financial instruments

Categories of financial assets and liabilities

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial assets and liabilities as stated in the statement of financial position are categorized as follows:

	(Unaudited) 31 March 2019 RO'000	(Audited) 31 December 2018 RO'000
Amortised costs/Loans and receivables:		
Cash and bank balances	511,741	503,423
Trade and other receivables	626,815	726,369
Contract assets (current and non-current)	122,456	114,835
Investment securities at amortised cost	3,000	3,000
Other assets	1,251	1,283
Investment securities – FVTPL	54,599	62,706
Investment securities – FVOCI	9,064	8,692

All financial liabilities are categorized as 'other than at fair value through profit or loss'.

Fair value hierarchy for financial instruments measured at fair value

The following table presents the financial assets which are measured at fair value in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position in accordance with the fair value hierarchy.

This hierarchy groups financial assets and liabilities into three levels based on the significance of inputs used in measuring the fair value of the financial assets and liabilities. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

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19. Financial instruments (continued)

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
 Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
 Level 3: Inputs for assets or liabilities that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The level within which the financial asset or liability is classified is determined based on the lowest level of significant input to the fair value measurement.

Consolidated				
31 March 2019	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Financial assets at fair value:				
Investments securities at fair value through profit or loss	13,382	35,009	6,208	54,599
Investments securities at fair value through comprehensive income	1,291	7,773	-	9,064
	<u>14,673</u>	<u>42,782</u>	<u>6,208</u>	<u>63,663</u>
Total assets				
31 December 2018				
Financial assets at fair value:				
Investments securities at fair value through profit or loss	15,326	41,055	6,325	62,706
Investments securities at fair value through comprehensive income	1,250	1,080	6,362	8,692
	<u>16,576</u>	<u>42,135</u>	<u>12,687</u>	<u>71,398</u>
Total assets				

Measurement at fair value

The methods and valuation techniques used for measuring fair value are unchanged compared to the previous year.

20. Hyperinflation – Zain South Sudan

Net monetary gain

The Republic of South Sudan economy had become hyperinflationary in 2016. Accordingly, the results, cash flows and financial position of the Group's subsidiary in South Sudan have been expressed in terms of the measuring unit current at the reporting date in accordance with IAS 29 Financial Reporting. The effect on the net monetary position is included in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss as 'net monetary gain'.

The general price indices used in adjusting the results, cash flows and the financial position of Zain South Sudan set out below is based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) published by South Sudan Bureau for Statistics.

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20. Hyperinflation – Zain South Sudan (continued)

Net monetary gain (continued)

	Index	Conversion factor
31 March 2019	9,181	1.0
31 December 2018	6,306	1.46
31 December 2017	4,502	2.04
31 December 2016	2,068	4.44
31 December 2015	357	25.72
31 December 2014	170	54.01
31 December 2013	155	59.23

Provision for impairment loss on property and equipment

In March 2018, the Group had assessed that the carrying value of its network assets at Zain South Sudan exceeded their recoverable amount as determined by their fair value less cost of disposal and recorded an impairment loss of RO 12.1 million.

21. Derivative financial instruments

The table below shows the positive and negative fair values of derivative financial instruments, together with the notional amounts analyzed by the term to maturity. The notional amount is the amount of a derivative's underlying asset, reference rate or index and is the basis upon which changes in the value of derivatives are measured.

The notional amounts indicate the volume of transactions outstanding at the year-end and are not indicative of either market or credit risk. All derivative contracts are fair valued based on observable market data.

	Positive fair value RO '000	Negative fair value RO '000	Notional amount RO '000
At 31 March 2019			
<i>Derivatives held for hedging:</i>			
<i>Cash flow hedges</i>			
Interest rate swap- Parent company	288	-	69,849
Interest rate swap- Oztel	619	-	139,699
Profit rate swaps - Zain Group	-	8,906	299,587
At 31 December 2018			
<i>Derivatives held for hedging:</i>			
<i>Cash flow hedges</i>			
Interest rate swap-Parent company	799	-	69,849
Interest rate swap-Oztel	1,502	-	139,699
Profit rate swaps – Zain Group	-	2,159	297,995

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22. Comparative figures

The accounting effect of purchase price allocation is incorporated as of the acquisition date-12 November 2017 resulting in a restatement of the results of the comparative periods. The impact of the restatement on prior year Consolidated Statement of Income and Statement of Financial position is provided in the below table:

Statement of income

	As reported RO'000	Restated RO'000
Depreciation and amortisation	75,069	86,484
Share of results of associate and Joint venture	2,752	3,492
Profit before taxation	65,556	53,401
Taxation	(8,181)	(8,181)
Profit for the year	57,375	45,220
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the parent	15,970	13,435
Non controlling interest	41,405	31,785
Profit for the year	57,375	45,220
<i>Other comprehensive income</i>		
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	(86,686)	(86,686)
Cash flow hedges	1,880	1,880
Net other comprehensive income for the year from continuing operations	(84,806)	(84,806)
<i>Other comprehensive expense not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods</i>		
Changes in the fair value of equity investments at FVOCI	(58)	(58)
Total comprehensive income for the year	(27,489)	(39,644)
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the parent	1,128	(1,407)
Non controlling interests	(28,617)	(38,237)
	(27,489)	(39,644)