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**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

E.S.L.A has released its Report and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, as per the attached.

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**Report and Financial Statements
31 December 2023**

E.S.L.A. PLC
ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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E.S.L.A. PLC
CORPORATE INFORMATION

Board of directors

Frederick Dennis - *Administrator*
James Demitrus
Samuel Danquah Arkhurst

Secretary

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Chartered Accountants
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Fidelity Bank Ghana Limited
Standard Chartered Bank Ghana Limited

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
TO THE MEMBERS OF
E.S.L.A. PLC**

The Directors present their report and the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view of E.S.L.A. Plc, comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and in the manner required by the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992). In addition, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Report of the Directors.

The Directors are also responsible for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and for maintaining adequate accounting records and an effective system of risk management.

The Directors have made an assessment of the ability of the company to continue as a going concern and have no reason to believe that the business will not be a going concern in the year ahead.

The auditor is responsible for reporting on whether the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

The board of the company in May 2024 considered a number of liability management options including the option to make an offer to its bondholders to buy back outstanding bonds. As at the date of issuance of these financial statements decisions relating to the process had not yet been completed. There are no other subsequent events to report on.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND DIVIDEND

The financial results of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023 are set out in the financial statements, highlights of which are as follows:

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Results before tax	98,955	141,989
Results after tax	73,772	109,220
Total Assets	5,100,934	8,943,027
Total Liabilities	4,757,416	8,673,282
Total Equity	343,518	269,745

The Directors do not recommend the payment of dividend for the year (2022:Nil)

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company is set up as a special purpose vehicle to, among others, issue debt securities for the purpose of refinancing the Energy Sector Debt. Pursuant to that, it has issued debt securities backed by receivables collected under the Energy Sector Levies Act, assigned to the Company by the Government of Ghana acting through the Ministry of Finance for the purpose of servicing the debt securities and related expenses.

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
TO THE MEMBERS OF
E.S.L.A. PLC (CONT'D)**

HOLDING COMPANY

NTHC Limited is the appointed nominee shareholder and holds all the shares in the Company.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Information regarding Directors' interests in ordinary shares of the company and remuneration is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. No director has any other interest in any shares or loan stock of the company.

The company is not aware of any conflicts, or any potential conflicts, between the duties of the Directors to the company and their private interests or other duties.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Profile

Non-executive	Qualification	Outside board and management position
Samuel Danquah Arkhurst	B.A. Economics, M.A. Economic Policy Management, LLB	Director, Debt Management, Ministry of Finance Director, Daakye Trust PLC
James Demitrus	Bsc. Administration, MSc. Financial Economics, ACCA	Project Coordinator, GEDAP/GESTIP, Ministry of Energy
Executive	Qualification	Outside board and management position
Frederick Dennis	BA. Administration, FCCA, ICA (Ghana)	Partner, KPMG Director, Daakye Trust PLC

Biographical information of Directors

Age category	Number of Directors
42 – 61 years	3

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
TO THE MEMBERS OF
E.S.L.A. PLC (CONT'D)**

ROLE OF THE BOARD

The Directors are collectively responsible for the direction and strategic control of E.S.L.A. Plc, driving its activities towards the achievements of the entity's vision, whilst enhancing the value of its shareholders and meeting the interests of other stakeholders. The Board is ultimately accountable to the nominee shareholder for the performance of the business. In view of the above responsibility, the Board has assumed a number of activities including monitoring performance, risk management, internal controls and compliance as well as delegating its authority to the administrators of the company to oversee the performance of key activities. The board has in pursuit of the above put in place measures to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEMS

The Directors have overall responsibility for the company's internal control systems and review their effectiveness, including a review of financial, operational, compliance and risk management controls. The implementation and maintenance of the risk management and internal control systems are the responsibility of the administrators. The systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives and to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. The Directors have reviewed the effectiveness of the internal control systems, including controls related to financial, operational and reputational risks identified by the company as at the reporting date and no significant failings or weaknesses were identified.

PARTICULARS OF ENTITIES IN THE INTEREST REGISTER DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR

No Director had any interest in contracts and proposed contracts with the Company during the year under review, hence there were no entries recorded in the Interests Register as required by sections 194(6), 195(1)(a) and 196 of the Companies Act 2019, (Act 992).

BOARD BALANCE AND INDEPENDENCE

The composition of the board of directors and its Committees is reviewed to ensure that the balance and mix of skills, independence, knowledge and experience is maintained. There are three (3) existing directors following the exit of the Board Chairman in October 2022.

The code of ethics is available for all board members. All board members are required to comply with the requirements of the provision of the code. There are no exceptions to the adherence of the requirement of the code.

BOARD CHANGES

As indicated under Board balance and independence, the former Board Chairman Simon Dornoo resigned from the board effective October 2022.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The company did not engage in any Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes during the year under review.

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
TO THE MEMBERS OF
E.S.L.A. PLC (CONT'D)**

DIRECTORS REMUNERATION

Directors' remunerations are determined upon appointment. There have been no variations in remuneration to date.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The board has put in place measures to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

AUDITORS

The Board of Directors is responsible for the appointment, reappointment, removal and remuneration of the external auditor. Deloitte & Touche has been the auditor of E.S.L.A. PLC for four years.

AUDIT FEES

The Audit fee for the year is GH¢431,283 (2022: GH¢292,000)

APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The report of the directors and the financial statements of the Company as identified above do not contain untrue statements, misleading facts or omit material facts to the best of our knowledge. They were approved by the Board of Directors on 31 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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DIRECTOR



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DIRECTOR

Independent Auditor's Report

TO THE MEMBERS OF E.S.L.A PLC

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of E.S.L.A PLC, set out on pages 10 to 40, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flow for the year then ended, the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory disclosures.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of E.S.L.A PLC as at 31 December 2023, and its financial performance and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, with the IAS 29 directives issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Ghana (ICAG), and the requirements of the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the requirements of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' (IESBA) International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in Ghana. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code and other ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ghana.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matter

Key audit matter is the matter that, in our professional judgement, was of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. This matter was addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.



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Independent Auditor's Report

TO THE MEMBERS OF E.S.L.A PLC

Key Audit Matter	How the matter was addressed in the audit
<p>Loan Loss Provision As disclosed in Note 5, the impairment of ESLA Receivables amounted to GHS 0.593 million for the year, whilst the carrying value amounted to GHS 2.7 billion. Significant judgement is required by the directors in assessing the expected credit loss allowance of loans and advances. Accordingly, for the purposes of our audit, we identified the impairment of ESLA Receivables as representing a significant risk of material misstatement and a key audit matter.</p> <p>The assumption with the most significant impact on the cash flow forecast was: - Determination of the probability of default (PD) and Loss Given Default (LGD), which includes establishing the relative weightings of forward-looking scenarios for each type of financial asset and the associated Expected Credit Loss (ECL).</p>	<p>We evaluated the design and tested the implementation and operating effectiveness of the key controls over the computation of impairment loss.</p> <p>In evaluating the design of controls, we considered the appropriateness of the control considering the nature and significance of the risk, competence and authority of person(s) performing the control, frequency and consistency with which the control is performed.</p> <p>In performing operating effectiveness of controls, we selected a sample of transactions based on the control frequency to determine whether the control operated during the year.</p> <p>We performed an evaluation of management's key assumptions over the expected credit loss model (ECL), including the probability of default and the Loss Given Default.</p> <p>We challenged management's staging of its financial assets in the ECL module and tested financial assets to ensure they have been included in the correct stage.</p> <p>We tested the underlying calibration data behind the determination of the probability of default by agreeing same to underlying supporting documentation.</p> <p>We found that the assumptions used by management were comparable with historical performance and have been assessed as reasonable.</p> <p>We further tested the disclosures to ensure that the required disclosures under IFRS 9 have been appropriately done.</p> <p>Based on the procedures described above, we did not identify any material misstatement relating to the ECL measurement on ESLA Receivables.</p>

Independent Auditor's Report

TO THE MEMBERS OF E.S.L.A PLC

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Report of the Directors, which we obtained prior to the date of this report, and the Annual Report, which is expected to be made available to us after that date. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard and the requirements of the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992) for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Independent Auditor's Report TO THE MEMBERS OF E.S.L.A PLC

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance we determine the matter that was of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current year and is therefore the key audit matter. We describe this matter in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

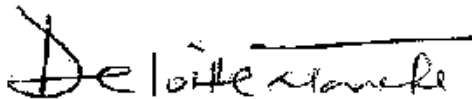
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Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the Seventh Schedule of the Companies' Act, 2019 (Act 992) we expressly state that:

1. We have obtained the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit.
2. In our opinion:
 - proper books of accounts have been kept by the Company, so far as appears from our examination of those books;
 - the information and explanations given to us, were in the manner required by the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992) and give a true and fair view of the:
 - a. statement of financial position of the Company at the end of the financial year, and
 - b. statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the financial year.
3. The Company's statement of financial position and statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income are in agreement with the accounting records and returns.
4. We are independent of the Company, pursuant to Section 143 of the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992)

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is **Daniel Kwadwo Owusu (ICAG/P/1327)**




For and on behalf of Deloitte & Touche (ICAG/F/2024/129)
Chartered Accountants
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Accra Ghana

4th June 2024

E.S.L.A. PLC
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 GH¢'000	2022 GH¢'000
ASSETS			
E.S.L.A. receivables	5	<u>300,342</u>	<u>5,668,080</u>
Non-current asset		<u>300,342</u>	<u>5,668,080</u>
Current assets			
E.S.L.A. receivables	5	2,491,735	2,199,512
Cash and cash equivalents	6	2,298,344	1,072,940
Other receivables	7	10,513	2,495
Current tax asset	9	48	-
GSL asset	9	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Current assets		<u>4,800,645</u>	<u>3,274,947</u>
Total assets		<u>5,100,987</u>	<u>8,943,027</u>
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Bonds payable	8(b)	<u>4,527,620</u>	<u>8,304,076</u>
Non-current liabilities		<u>4,527,620</u>	<u>8,304,076</u>
Current liabilities			
Bond interest payable	10	211,695	344,808
Other payable	11	2,072	2,850
Deposits towards expenses	12	10,056	7,158
Deferred income (bond premium)	13	<u>6,027</u>	<u>13,434</u>
Tax payable		-	956
Total Current liabilities		<u>229,850</u>	<u>369,206</u>
Total liabilities		<u>4,757,470</u>	<u>8,673,282</u>
EQUITY			
Stated capital	14	10	10
Retained earnings		<u>343,507</u>	<u>269,735</u>
Total equity		<u>343,517</u>	<u>269,745</u>
Total liabilities and equity		<u>5,100,987</u>	<u>8,943,027</u>


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DIRECTOR


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DIRECTOR

The notes on pages 16 to 40 form an integral part of these financial statements.

E.S.L.A. PLC
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
E.S.L.A. receipts applied toward interest expense		903,897	1,507,422
E.S.L.A. receipts applied towards administrative expenses		<u>8,967</u>	<u>8,861</u>
Total E.S.L.A. receipts applied		912,864	1,516,283
Interest expense	15	(903,897)	(1,507,422)
Administrative expenses	16	<u>(8,967)</u>	<u>(8,861)</u>
Operating results		-	-
Other Income	17	100,732	131,097
Other expense		-	(21)
Expected credit loss (provision)	6	<u>(99)</u>	<u>(10,913)</u>
		100,633	141,989
GSL expense		<u>(1,677)</u>	-
		98,955	141,989
Income tax expense	9	<u>(25,183)</u>	<u>(32,769)</u>
Results after tax		73,772	109,220
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income		<u>73,772</u>	<u>109,220</u>
Earnings per share (GH¢)	18	<u>73.77</u>	<u>109.22</u>

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E.S.L.A. PLC
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

2023	Stated Capital	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Balance at 1 January 2023	10	269,735	269,745
Total comprehensive income for the year			
Results for the year	—	<u>73,772</u>	<u>73,772</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	—	<u>73,772</u>	<u>73,772</u>
Transactions with owners of the Company			
Proceeds from the issue of shares	—	—	—
Balance at 31 December 2023	<u>10</u>	<u>343,507</u>	<u>343,517</u>

2022	Stated Capital	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Balance at 1 January 2022	10	160,515	160,525
Total comprehensive income for the year			
Results for the year	—	<u>109,220</u>	<u>109,220</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	—	<u>109,220</u>	<u>109,220</u>
Transactions with owners of the Company			
Proceeds from the issue of shares	—	—	—
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>10</u>	<u>269,735</u>	<u>269,745</u>

The notes on pages 16 to 40 form an integral part of these financial statements.

E.S.L.A. PLC
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 GH¢'000	2022 GH¢'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Results after tax		73,772	109,220
Adjustment:			
Income tax expense	9	25,183	32,769
GSL expense	9	1,677	-
Interest income	17	(93,325)	(129,416)
Other expense	13	-	21
Impairment charge (expected credit loss)	6	99	(10,913)
Amortisation of bond premium	13	<u>(7,407)</u>	<u>(1,339)</u>
Administration expenses paid		(9,747)	(10,136)
Interest paid		(1,006,862)	(1,728,884)
GSL paid		(1,682)	-
Tax paid	9	<u>(26,187)</u>	<u>(31,663)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(1,044,478)</u>	<u>(1,770,683)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Net interest received		<u>85,307</u>	<u>129,758</u>
Net cash generated from investing activities		<u>85,307</u>	<u>129,758</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
ESLA levies collected	5	2,373,180	2,095,437
Bond premium	13	-	14,773
Novated loans settled with cash	5,8	-	(28,400)
Bond issue costs paid	8(b)	-	(1,803)
Bond Buyback	8(a)	-	(180,468)
Principal repayments	8(a)	<u>(187,913)</u>	<u>(304,824)</u>
Net cash generated from financing activities		<u>2,185,267</u>	<u>1,594,715</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		1,226,096	(46,210)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning		1,072,940	1,119,150
Expected credit loss on cash and cash equivalent		<u>(692)</u>	-
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	6	<u>2,298,344</u>	<u>1,072,940</u>

The notes on pages 16 to 40 form an integral part of these financial statements.

E.S.L.A. PLC
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. REPORTING ENTITY

E.S.L.A. Plc is a public limited liability company incorporated and domiciled in Ghana. The address of its registered office is Ocean House, 13 Ytyiwa Drive Abelenkpe, Accra. The company was established to among others issue debt securities to refinance Ghana's energy sector debt.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

a. Statement of compliance

The financial statements of E.S.L.A. Plc have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and in the manner required by the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992).

b. Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

c. Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Ghana cedis (GH¢) which is the company's functional currency. Except otherwise indicated, the financial information presented has been rounded to the nearest thousand.

d. Use of judgement and estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

In particular, information about significant areas of estimation uncertainty and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amount recognised in the financial statements are described in notes 4 and 20.

E.S.L.A. PLC
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The material accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements by the company with the exception of those highlighted under the section labelled changes in accounting policies.

(a) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency (GH¢) of the Company at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rates prevailing on the reporting date.

Non-monetary items that are measured based on historical cost in a foreign currency are translated at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

Foreign currency differences are generally recognised in profit or loss and are reported on a net basis under selling, general and administrative expenses or other income.

(b) Financial Instruments

i. Recognition and initial measurement

The Company initially recognises E.S.L.A. Receivables and debt securities issued on the date when they are originated. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognized on the trade date, which is the date on which the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset (unless it is a receivable without a significant financing component) or financial liability is initially measured at fair value plus, for an item not at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss (FVTPL), transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. A trade receivable without a significant financing component is initially measured at the transaction price.

ii. Classification and subsequent measurement

a. Financial assets

Classification

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortized cost; Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI) – debt investment; FVOCI – equity investment; or FVTPL.

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the company changes its business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
 - its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.
- On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the company may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in OCI. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

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(b) Financial Instruments (cont'd)

Business model assessment

The company makes an assessment of the objective of the business model in which a financial asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed, and information is provided to management. The information considered includes:

- the stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice. These include whether management's strategy focuses on earning contractual interest income, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of any related liabilities or expected cash outflows or realising cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the company's management;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
- how managers of the business are compensated - e.g. whether compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or the contractual cash flows collected; and

Transfers of financial assets to third parties in transactions that do not qualify for derecognition are not considered sales for this purpose, consistent with the company's continuing recognition of the assets.

Financial assets that are held for trading or are managed and whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis are measured at FVTPL.

Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest:

For the purposes of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as a profit margin. In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, the company considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition. In making this assessment, the company considers contingent events that would change the amount or timing of cash flows.

Subsequent measurement and gains and losses:

Financial assets at amortised cost

These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

b. Financial liabilities

Classification, subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial liabilities are classified as other financial liabilities and measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognised in profit or loss. Non-derivative financial liabilities include bonds payable, interest payable and other payables.

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(b) **Financial Instruments (cont'd)**

iii. Derecognition

The company derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to cash flows from the asset expire, or when the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial assets are transferred, or it neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and does not retain control over the transferred asset.

Any interest in such derecognised financial assets that is created or retained by the company is recognised as a separate asset or liability.

On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset and the consideration received is recognized in profit or loss.

The company derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expire. The company derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or expire.

iv. Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are set off and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the company has a legal right to set off the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis when permitted by the accounting standards, or for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions.

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(b) Financial Instruments (cont'd)

v. Impairment

(i) Financial assets

(a) Assets carried at amortised costs

The company recognises loss allowances for Expected Credit Losses (ECLs) on financial assets measured at amortised cost.

The company measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for bank balances for which credit risk (i.e. the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the company considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the company's historical experience and informed credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

The company assumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 182 days past due for its open market customers and more than 365 days for its institutional customers.

The company considers a financial asset to be in default when:

- the debtor is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the company in full due to bankruptcy
- there are adverse changes in the payment status of debtors

Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

12-month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date (or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months).

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the company is exposed to credit risk.

Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Company expects to receive).

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(b) Financial Instruments (cont'd)
Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the company assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- a breach of contract such as a default; or
- it is probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation

Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets.

Write-off

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off when the company has no reasonable expectations of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof. The company individually makes an assessment with respect to the timing and amount of write-off based on whether there is a reasonable expectation of recovery. The company expects no significant recovery from the amount written off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the company's procedure for recovery of amounts due.

(ii) Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the company's non-financial assets, other than deferred tax assets, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of an asset or its cash generating unit (CGU) exceeds its recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less cost to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using pre-tax discount rates that reflect current market assessments of the time value of money and risks specific to the asset.

A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed where there has been a change in circumstances or in the basis of estimation used to determine the recoverable value, but only to the extent that the asset's net carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount of the asset that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognized.

(c) Revenue

The company's funds are derived from taxes levied on the sale of petrol, diesel, marine gas oil, residual fuel oil, liquefied petroleum gas, kerosene, and electricity. The collections from ESLA funds are used to reduce ESLA receivables arising from settlement of legacy debts that were novated to E.S.L.A. Plc. The assignment of ESLA funds to settle future interest costs incurred on the ESLA Bonds issued and administrative expenses is considered as a government grant in accordance with IAS 20 Government Grants.

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(c) Revenue (cont'd)

Revenue is recognized on:

- i the assignment of ESLA funds towards the payment of interest accrued on the bonds issued and administrative expenses incurred;
- ii. Interest Income from investments

Revenue is recognised to the extent that the economic benefit will flow to the Company and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

(d) Interest income and expense

Interest income comprises interest income on funds invested. Interest expense comprises interest expense on bonds issued. Interest income and expense for all interest-bearing/earning financial instruments are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or liability and of allocating the interest income or expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the expected future cash payment or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument, or when appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability.

When calculating the effective interest rate, the company estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument (for example, prepayment options) but does not consider future credit losses.

The calculation includes all transaction costs, fees and points paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

(e) Taxation

Tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

(i) Current tax

Current tax comprises the expected tax payable or receivable on taxable incomes or losses for the period and any adjustment to the tax payable or receivable in respect of previous years. It is measured using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

(ii) Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the corresponding amounts used for taxation purposes. However, deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit nor loss.

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(e) Taxation (cont'd)

Deferred tax is measured at tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date. A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or the tax assets and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

(f) Post balance sheet events

Events subsequent to the reporting date are reflected in the financial statements only to the extent that they relate to the period under consideration and the effect is material.

(g) Earnings per share

The company presents basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) data for its ordinary shares. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of the company by the number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is determined by adjusting the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, from the date of acquisition that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their fair values and are used in the management of its short-term commitments. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortised cost in the statement of financial position.

(i) Share capital

Proceeds from issue of ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares are recognised as a deduction from equity.

(j) New Standards and Interpretations issued not yet adopted

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2024 and have not been applied in preparing financial statements. Those which may be relevant to the Company are set out below. The Company does not plan to adopt these standards early. These will be adopted in the period that they become mandatory unless otherwise indicated:

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(j) New Standards and Interpretations issued not yet adopted (Cont'd)

For reporting periods commencing on any date from 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023			
Standard	Description	Issuance date	Effective date
IAS 1 amendment	<i>Classification of liabilities as current or non-current</i>	January 2020	1 January 2024
IAS 7 and IFRS 7 amendment	Supplier Finance Arrangements	May 2023	1 January 2024
IAS 21 amendment	Lack of exchangeability	August 2023	1 January 2025

Classification of liabilities as current or non-current and Non-current Liabilities with Covenants (Amendments to IAS 1)

Under existing IAS 1 requirements, companies classify a liability as current when they do not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the end of the reporting period. As part of its amendments, the Board has removed the requirement for a right to be unconditional and instead, now requires that a right to defer settlement must have substance and exist at the end of the reporting period.

This right may be subject to a company complying with conditions (covenants) specified in a loan arrangement. After reconsidering certain aspects of the 2020 amendments, the IASB reconfirmed that only covenants with which a company must comply on or before the reporting date affect the classification of a liability as current or non-current. Additional disclosure is also required for non-current liabilities subject to future covenants. The amendments also clarify how an entity classifies a liability that can be settled in its own shares. The Company is yet to assess the impact of this standard.

The amendments apply retrospectively for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024, with early application permitted.

Supplier Finance Arrangements (Amendment to IAS 7 and IFRS 7)

The IASB's amendments apply to supplier finance arrangements that have all of the following characteristics. A finance provider pays amounts a company (the buyer) owes its suppliers.

- A company agrees to pay under the terms and conditions of the arrangements on the same date or at a later date than its suppliers are paid.
- The company is provided with extended payment terms or suppliers benefit from early payment terms, compared with the related invoice payment due date.

The amendments do not apply to arrangements for financing receivables or inventory.

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(i) New Standards and Interpretations issued not yet adopted (Cont'd)

The amendments introduce additional disclosure requirements for companies that enter into these arrangements. However, they do not address the classification and presentation of the related liabilities and cash flows.

The amendments introduce two new disclosure objectives – one in IAS 7 and another in IFRS 7 – for a company to provide information about its supplier finance arrangements that would enable users (investors) to assess the effects of these arrangements on the company's liabilities and cash flows, and the company's exposure to liquidity risk.

Under the amendments, companies also need to disclose the type and effect of non-cash changes in the carrying amounts of the financial liabilities that are part of a supplier finance arrangement.

The amendments also add supplier finance arrangements as an example to the existing disclosure requirements in IFRS 7 on factors a company might consider when providing specific quantitative liquidity risk disclosures about its financial liabilities.

The amendments are effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024, with early application permitted. However, some relief from providing certain information in the year of initial application is available.

Lack of exchangeability (Amendment to IAS 21)

In August 2023, the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) amended IAS 21 to clarify:

- When a currency is exchangeable into another currency; and
- How a company estimates a spot rate when a currency lacks exchangeability.

A currency is exchangeable into another currency when a company is able to exchange that currency for the other currency at the measurement date and for a specified purpose. When a currency is not exchangeable, a company needs to estimate a spot rate. A company's objective when estimating a spot rate is only that it reflects the rate at which an orderly exchange transaction would take place at the measurement date between market participants under prevailing economic conditions.

The amendments contain no specific requirements for estimating a spot rate. Therefore, when estimating a spot rate a company can use:

- an observable exchange rate without adjustment; or
- another estimation technique.

New disclosures

Under the amendments, companies will need to provide new disclosures to help users assess the impact of using an estimated exchange rate on the financial statements. These disclosures might include:

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(f) New Standards and Interpretations issued not yet adopted (Cont'd)

- the nature and financial impacts of the currency not being exchangeable;
- the spot exchange rate used;
- the estimation process; and
- risks to the company because the currency is not exchangeable.

The amendments apply for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025. Earlier application is permitted. It is unlikely there will be a material impact of these standards on the Company.

(j) New standards effective for financial year commencing 1 January 2023

For reporting periods commencing on any date from 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023			
Standard	Description	Effective date:	Expected Impact:
IAS 1 and IFRS Practice statement 2 amendment	<i>Disclosure Initiative: Accounting Policies</i>	1 January 2023	There is no material impact
IAS 8 amendment	Definition of accounting estimates	1 January 2023	There is no material impact
IAS 12 amendment	Deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction	1 January 2023	There is no material impact

4. DETERMINATION OF FAIR VALUES

A number of the company's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities.

Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on the following methods. Where applicable, further information about the assumptions made in determining fair values is disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability.

(i) E.S.L.A. receivables and other receivables

The fair value of E.S.L.A. receivables and other receivables is estimated as the present value of future cash flows, discounted at the current market rate of instruments with similar credit risk profile and maturity at the reporting date. Receivables due within 6-month period are not discounted as their carrying values approximate their fair values.

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(ii) Cash and cash equivalents

The fair value of cash and cash equivalents approximate their carrying values.

(iii) Bond and other payables

The fair value of bonds and other payables is estimated as the present value of future cash flows, discounted at the current market rate of instruments with similar credit risk profile and maturity at the reporting date. Payables due within 6-month period are not discounted as their carrying values approximate their fair values.

Fair value hierarchy

IFRS 7 specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources; unobservable inputs reflect the company's market assumptions. These two types of inputs have created the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1: inputs that are quoted at market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical instruments.
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques in which all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.
- Level 3: inputs that are unobservable. This category includes all instruments for which the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments for which significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

5. E.S.L.A. RECEIVABLES

These are levies expected to be collected under the energy sector levy act to refinance the energy sector debt. The E.S.L.A receivables is to support the payment of debt securities and its related expenses as and when they fall due.

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Balance at beginning of period	7,867,592	8,246,577
Net assigned E.S.L.A. receivables on novated debt	(3,618,691)	187,640
Collections during the period	(2,373,180)	(2,095,437)
Impairment charge (expected credit loss)	593	10,913
Interest expense accrued/paid	903,897	1,507,422
Collections transferred to deposit towards expenses	<u>11,866</u>	<u>10,477</u>
	<u>2,792,077</u>	<u>7,867,592</u>
Current	2,491,735	2,199,512
Non-current	<u>300,342</u>	<u>5,668,080</u>
	<u>2,792,077</u>	<u>7,867,592</u>

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6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Cash at bank	1,879,055	1,072,940
Investment in treasury bills	<u>419,289</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,298,344</u>	<u>1,072,940</u>

In accordance with the company's policies which have also been documented in the bond issuance prospectus, the company transferred levy collections in excess of coupon payments made to its lockbox account, which was set up for the purpose of funding any early redemption of bonds and for liability management.

Impairment Movement Schedule	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Balance at 1 January		
ESLA Receivables	696	11,609
Investment in Treasury Bills	-	-
Investment Income on Lockbox Account	-	-
Total	<u>696</u>	<u>11,609</u>
Charge for the year		
ESLA Receivables	(593)	(10,913)
Investment in Treasury Bills	692	-
Investment Income on Lockbox Account	-	-
Total	<u>99</u>	<u>(10,913)</u>
Balance at 31 December		
ESLA Receivable	104	696
Investment in Treasury Bills	692	-
Total	<u>796</u>	<u>696</u>

7. OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Withholding tax deductions **	2,495	2,495
Interest receivable	<u>8,018</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>10,513</u>	<u>2,495</u>

**This represents withholding tax deducted from the company for which tax credit certificates had not been received from the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) at 31 December 2023. They will be credited to the company's tax account after the GRA confirms these amounts through a tax audit.

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8. BONDS PAYABLE

(a) Face Value of Securities issued

Between November 2017 and December 2023, the company issued bonds to refinance Ghana's energy sector debts and also bought back and cancelled some as part of its liability management strategy. Details are as follows:

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Balance at beginning of period	8,374,538	8,700,590
Bonds issued	-	159,240
Bond Buyback	-	(180,468)
Bond (Redemption)/net exchange	<u>(3,806,604)</u>	<u>(304,824)</u>
	<u>4,567,934</u>	<u>8,374,538</u>

(b) Amortised Cost of Securities issued

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Balance at beginning of period	8,304,076	8,623,664
Total bonds issued	-	159,240
Amortised and realised issuance cost	30,148	8,267
Net bond buybacks & exchange	<u>(3,806,604)</u>	<u>(485,292)</u>
Issuance cost on bonds	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,803)</u>
	<u>4,527,620</u>	<u>8,304,076</u>

(c) Analysis of bonds issued

31 December 2023

Details	Tranche E1 (2017/2024)	Tranche E2 (2017/2027)	Tranche E3 (2019/2029)	Tranche E4 (2020/2031)	Tranche E5 (2022/2033)	Tranche E6 (2023/2034)	Total
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000	GH¢'000	GH¢'000	GH¢'000	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Opening Balance	711,255	2,560,433	2,073,260	1,629,522	1,320,827	79,240	8,374,538
Bond exchange/ redemption	<u>(523,342)</u>	<u>(1,041,594)</u>	<u>(1,235,835)</u>	<u>(652,758)</u>	<u>(350,426)</u>	<u>(2,648)</u>	<u>(3,806,604)</u>
Total	<u>187,913</u>	<u>1,518,839</u>	<u>837,425</u>	<u>976,764</u>	<u>970,401</u>	<u>76,592</u>	<u>4,567,934</u>

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Details	Tranche E1 (2017/2024) GH¢'000	Tranche E2 (2017/2027) GH¢'000	Tranche E3 (2019/2029) GH¢'000	Tranche E4 (2020/2031) GH¢'000	Tranche E5 (2022/2033) GH¢'000	Tranche E6 (2023/2034) GH¢'000	Total GH¢'000
Opening Balance	1,116,548	2,560,433	2,073,260	1,629,522	1,320,827	-	8,700,590
Bonds issued	-	-	-	-	-	159,240	159,240
Bond redemption	(304,824)	-	-	-	-	-	(304,824)
Bond Buybacks	(100,462)	-	-	-	-	(80,000)	(180,462)
Total	<u>711,255</u>	<u>2,560,433</u>	<u>2,073,260</u>	<u>1,629,522</u>	<u>1,320,827</u>	<u>79,240</u>	<u>8,374,538</u>

The debt securities are backed by receivables collected under the Energy Sector Levy Act, assigned to the Company by the Government of Ghana acting through the Ministry of Finance.

The Company measures its bonds at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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9. TAXATION

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
(i) Income tax expense	<u>32,769</u>	<u>32,769</u>
(ii) Current tax liabilities		
Year	Balance at beginning	Payments during the year
2023	<u>956</u>	<u>(26,187)</u>
2022	<u>(150)</u>	<u>(31,663)</u>
	Charged to P/L account	Balance at year-end
	<u>25,183</u>	<u>(48)</u>
	<u>32,769</u>	<u>956</u>

The above tax position is subject to the agreement of the tax authorities.

In May 2023, the Ghana Revenue Authority introduced the Ghana Stabilization Levy (GSL), where the Company is determined to pay 2.5% of its chargeable income as levies. These levies are non-tax deductible.

Year	Balance at beginning	Payments during the year	Charged to P/L account	Balance at year-end
2023	-	<u>(1,682)</u>	<u>1,677</u>	<u>(5)</u>

(iii) Deferred tax

There were no taxable or deductible differences and therefore no deferred tax balance was recognised in the company's books.

(iv) Reconciliation of effective tax rate

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Profit before taxation	<u>100,633</u>	<u>141,989</u>
Income tax using the domestic tax rate (25%)	25,158	35,497
Income not taxable*	<u>25</u>	<u>(2,728)</u>
Income tax charge	<u>25,183</u>	<u>32,769</u>
Effective tax rate	25.02%	23.08%

*Income not taxable

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Increase (decrease) in credit risk provision	<u>99</u>	<u>(10,913)</u>

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10. BOND INTEREST PAYABLE

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Interest payable	<u>211,695</u>	<u>344,808</u>

11. OTHER PAYABLES

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	<u>2,072</u>	<u>2,850</u>

12. DEPOSITS TOWARDS EXPENSES

This represents the unutilised portion of the 0.5% of levy collections allocated for administrative expenses incurred in the operations of the company. These are recognized in the income statement as the expenses are incurred.

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Balance at beginning	7,158	5,542
Collections transferred to deposit towards expenses	11,865	10,477
Administration expense for the year	<u>(8,967)</u>	<u>(8,861)</u>
	<u>10,056</u>	<u>7,158</u>

13. DEFERRED INCOME

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
(a) Balance at beginning	13,434	-
Premium/(discount) for the year	-	14,773
Amortised portion of premium	<u>(7,407)</u>	<u>(1,339)</u>
Unamortised portion of bond premium	<u>6,027</u>	<u>13,434</u>

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14. STATED CAPITAL AND RESERVES

Share capital (Stated capital)

Share capital is made up of proceeds of ordinary shares.

(a) *Ordinary shares*

	No of Shares 2023	Proceeds 2023 GH¢'000
Authorised:		
Ordinary shares of no-par value	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>10</u>
Issued and fully paid for cash	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>10</u>

	No of Shares 2022	Proceeds 2022 GH¢'000
Authorised:		
Ordinary shares of no-par value	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>10</u>
Issued and fully paid for cash	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>10</u>

The holders of the ordinary shares are appointed as nominee shareholders acting on behalf of the Government of Ghana and are not entitled to any dividend. Nominee shareholders are paid for services provided to the Company.

(b) *Shares in treasury*

There are no shares in treasury and no call or instalment unpaid on any share.

(c) *Retained earnings (Income surplus account)*

This represents the residual of cumulative annual results.

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15. INTEREST EXPENSE

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Interest expense incurred on bonds	878,036	1,504,918
Realised issuance cost on buyback/exchange	<u>25,861</u>	<u>2,504</u>
	<u>903,897</u>	<u>1,507,422</u>

16. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Auditor's remuneration*	431	292
Legal and Professional expenses	6,112	5,959
VAT expenses	1,467	1,203
Directors' remuneration	120	173
Listing fees	837	761
Liability management fee	<u>-</u>	<u>473</u>
	<u>8,967</u>	<u>8,861</u>

17. OTHER INCOME

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Amortised portion of bond premium	7,407	1,339
Interest income	<u>93,325</u>	<u>129,758</u>
	<u>100,732</u>	<u>131,097</u>

* The 2023 audit fees of GH¢ 431 is made up of a current year provision of GH¢360 and an increase in prior year provision of GH¢71.

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18. EARNINGS PER SHARE (EPS)

Basic

The calculation of the basic and diluted EPS has been based on the following profit attributable to ordinary shareholders and weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding.

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Profit attributable to equity holders:	73,772	109,220
Number of ordinary shares in issue	1,000,000	1,000,000
Basic/diluted earnings per share (expressed in GH¢ per share)	<u>73.77</u>	<u>109.22</u>

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

National Trustee Holding Company (NTHC) Limited has been appointed as a nominee shareholder to hold all the shares in the company. At the reporting date, there had not been any transaction between the company and NTHC Limited except for the issuance of shares and payment thereof, as well as the payment of Nominee shareholder fees which are reimbursable from ESLA levy collections assigned to the company.

There were no transactions between the company and its Directors save for the payment of directors' fees.

20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - FAIR VALUES AND RISK ASSESSMENT

(a) Accounting classification and fair values

The following table shows the carrying amounts and fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities, including their levels in the fair value hierarchy. It does not include fair value information for financial assets and financial liabilities not measured at fair value if the carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

	Amortised Cost	Total
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
31 December 2023		
Financial assets not measured at fair value		
E.S.L.A. receivables	2,792,077	2,792,077
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>2,298,344</u>	<u>2,298,344</u>
	<u>5,090,421</u>	<u>5,090,421</u>
31 December 2022		
Financial assets not measured at fair value		
E.S.L.A. receivables	7,867,592	7,867,592
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>1,072,940</u>	<u>1,072,940</u>
	<u>8,940,532</u>	<u>8,940,532</u>

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(a) **Accounting classification and fair values (Cont'd)**

	Amortised Cost	Other Financial Liabilities	Total
31 December 2023	GH¢'000	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Financial liabilities not measured at fair value			
Bonds payable	4,527,620	-	4,527,620
Bond interest payable	211,695	-	211,695
Other payables	<u>2,072</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,072</u>
	<u>4,741,387</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,741,387</u>
31 December 2022			
Financial liabilities not measured at fair value			
Bonds payable	8,304,078	-	8,304,078
Bond interest payable	344,808	-	344,808
Other payables	<u>2,850</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,850</u>
	<u>8,651,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,651,736</u>

The fair value of bonds payable which is recognized in the level 1 category of the fair value hierarchy at 31 December 2023 was GH¢2,862,947,024.77 (2022 GH¢ 5,118,755,739.12).

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(b) Financial Risk Management

The Company has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- credit risk
- liquidity risk
- market risks

This note presents information about the Company's exposure to each of the above risks, the Company's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the Company's management of capital.

(i) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations.

Exposure to credit risk

The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
E.S.L.A. receivables	2,791,484	7,856,678
Provision for credit risk loss on E.S.L.A. receivables	593	10,913
Cash and cash equivalents	2,299,036	1,072,940
Provision for credit risk loss on cash and cash equivalents	(692)	-
Other receivables**	<u>8,018</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>5,098,439</u>	<u>8,940,531</u>

** Withholding tax component of other receivables, which are not considered as financial assets, have been excluded.

The Company's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each counterparty.

The Company establishes an allowance for impairment losses that represents its estimate of expected credit losses in respect of financial assets.

The company has not incurred any losses in respect of any of its financial assets and therefore the expected loss raised in respect of any of its financial assets is considered adequate. Further details are as follows:

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E.S.L.A. receivables

The company has been assigned ESLA levies for the purpose of settling the E.S.L.A. receivables. This assignment has been in operation from October 2017 and will be in existence until all receivables have been settled. The company has been receiving collections as indicated in these financial statements and therefore an expected loss based on the minimal credit risk has been raised on this amount.

Cash and cash equivalents and other receivables

The company's bank balances are held with Standard Chartered Bank Ghana Limited and Fidelity Bank Ghana Limited. The company considers these banks to be credit worthy banks which are regulated by the Bank of Ghana. Its lockbox investments are also made only in short term government securities which are considered to be risk free and therefore no impairments have been raised on the bank balances, with an expected loss made on the accrued interest based on the minimal credit risk.

(ii) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Company's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due under normal conditions.

The following are contractual maturities of financial liabilities:

	Carrying amount	Contractual cash flows	6 months or less	Over 6 months
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Non-derivative financial liability				
Bonds payable	4,527,620	4,567,934	-	4,567,934
Bond interest payable	211,695	211,695	211,695	-
Other payables	<u>2,072</u>	<u>2,072</u>	<u>2,072</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance as at 31 December 2023	<u>4,741,387</u>	<u>4,781,701</u>	<u>213,767</u>	<u>4,567,934</u>
Non-derivative financial liability				
Bonds payable	8,304,076	8,374,538	-	8,374,538
Bond interest payable	344,808	344,808	344,808	-
Other payables	<u>2,850</u>	<u>2,850</u>	<u>2,850</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance as at 31 December 2022	<u>8,651,734</u>	<u>8,722,196</u>	<u>347,658</u>	<u>8,374,538</u>

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(iii) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign currency exchange rates may cause a decrease in fair values of future cash flows of financial instruments and consequently result in a financial loss for the Company.

Foreign currency risk

At the period end the company does not have balances that are denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Company, and therefore is not exposed to foreign currency risk.

Interest rate risk

At the reporting date, the profile of the Company's interest-bearing/earning financial instruments comprised the following financial instruments:

	Carrying Amounts	
	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Fixed rate instruments		
Bonds payable	<u>(4,527,620)</u>	<u>(8,304,076)</u>
Lockbox investments	<u>419,982</u>	<u>-</u>
	Carrying Amounts	
	2023	2022
	GH¢'000	GH¢'000
Variable rate instruments		
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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Sensitivity analysis for variable rate instruments

A 200 basis points increase in interest rates at the reporting date would have increased/(decreased) equity and profit or loss by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables in particular foreign currency rates remain constant.

As of 31 December	2023		
in GH¢'000	% Change	Profit or loss/ equity impact: Strengthening GH¢'000	Profit or loss/ equity impact: Weakening GH¢'000
Lockbox investments	+/-2	-	-
As of 31 December	2022		
in GH¢'000	% Change	Profit or loss/ equity impact: Strengthening GH¢'000	Profit or loss/ equity impact: Weakening GH¢'000
Lockbox investments	+/-2	-	-

Fair value sensitivity analysis for fixed rate instrument

The Company does not account for any fixed rate financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. Therefore, a change in interest rates at the reporting date would not affect profit or loss.

21. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at the reporting date.

22. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities at the reporting date.

23. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

The board of the company in May 2024 considered a number of liability management options including the option to make an offer to its bondholders to buy back outstanding bonds. As at the date of issuance of these financial statements decisions relating to the process had not yet been completed. There are no other subsequent events to report on.