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Independent auditors' report

To the Shareholders of Muscat City Desalination Company SAOG

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Muscat City Desalination Company SAOG ("the Company"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising material accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS Accounting Standards).

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 International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the Sultanate of Oman, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were 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.



Impairment testing of non-financial assets	
The Key Audit Matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
<p>As at 31 December 2023 the Company has non-financial assets with impairment indicators amounting to RO 79.888 million. Non-financial assets comprising the carrying value of property, plant and equipment and right of use assets as one cash generating unit (CGU). Where a review for impairment is conducted, the recoverable amount is determined based on the higher of 'value in use' or 'fair value less costs of disposal'.</p> <p>The impairment testing of the non-financial assets of the Company is considered to be a key audit matter due to the complexity of the accounting requirements and the significant judgment required in determining the assumptions to be used to estimate the recoverable amount.. The recoverable amount of the CGU , which is based on higher of the value in use or fair value less costs of disposal, has been derived from discounted forecast cash flow model (value in use). These models use several key assumptions, including estimates of future fixed and variable income, operating costs and the weighted-average cost of capital (discount rate).</p> <p>Refer to note 3 (Summary of material accounting policies) and note 5 (Property plant and equipment) of the financial statements for further details.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures in this area included, among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the process for impairment assessment; • Evaluating the design and implementation of key internal controls over the impairment assessment; • Involving our own valuation specialist to assist in evaluating the appropriateness of the discount rates applied; • Evaluating the appropriateness of the assumptions applied to key inputs such as estimate of future fixed and variable income, operating costs, which included comparing these inputs with our own assessments based on our knowledge of the client and the industry; • Testing the mathematical accuracy of the discounted cash flow model; • Performing our own sensitivity analysis for key inputs, which included assessing the effect of reasonably possible reductions in forecast cash flows to evaluate the impact on the currently estimated recoverable amount; and • Evaluating the adequacy of the financial statement disclosures.-



Other Matter

The financial statements of the Company as at and for the year ended 31 December 2022 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements on 21 February 2023.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises of the Chairman's report, Management discussion and Corporate Governance report .

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express 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, 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 Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, and their preparation in compliance with the relevant disclosure requirements of the Capital Market Authority and the applicable provisions of the Commercial Companies Law of 2019, and for such internal control as management determines 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, management is 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 management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those Charged with Governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:



Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

- 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.
- 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 management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's 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 auditors' 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 auditors' 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 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 those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' 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.



Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Further, we report that financial statements of the Company as at and for the year ended 31 December 2023, comply, in all material respects, with the:

- relevant disclosure requirements of the Capital Market Authority; and
- applicable provisions of the Commercial Companies Law of 2019.

Mobeen Chaudhri
15 February 2024

