

ABRIDGED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Business Registration Number: C07009339

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	THE GROUP		THE COMPANY	
	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
	Dec 2024	Dec 2023	Dec 2024	Dec 2023
	Rs M	Rs M	Rs M	Rs M
Income	240.0	317.1	240.0	277.8
Government taxes & duties	(95.7)	(134.6)	(95.7)	(134.7)
Payment to National Solidarity Fund	(6.6)	(10.9)	(6.6)	(10.9)
Net Income	137.7	171.6	137.7	132.2
Other income	1.7	0.7	7.3	14.3
Selling expenses	(15.2)	(40.8)	(15.2)	(20.9)
Operating expenses	(105.6)	(112.8)	(105.7)	(112.8)
Allowance on trade receivables	(1.3)	-	(0.7)	-
Impairment losses	(13.3)	(43.1)	(19.7)	(45.4)
Payments to Horse Racing Organisers	(9.7)	(23.7)	(9.7)	(23.7)
Operating (loss) / profit	(5.7)	(48.1)	(6.0)	(56.3)
Finance income	1.0	1.4	1.0	1.4
Finance costs	(3.0)	(2.4)	(3.1)	(2.4)
(Loss) / profit before income tax	(7.7)	(49.1)	(8.1)	(57.3)
Income tax (expense)/income	(5.1)	(11.5)	(4.9)	0.3
(Loss)/profit for the year attributable to owners of the Company	(12.8)	(60.6)	(13.0)	(57.0)
Other comprehensive income:				
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss				
Changes in the fair value of equity instruments at FVTOCI	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Re-measurements of post-employment benefit obligations	2.8	0.3	2.8	0.3
Deferred tax charge relating to re-measurements of post-employment benefits	(0.5)	(0.1)	(0.5)	(0.1)
Re-measurements of post-employment benefit obligations - net of tax	2.2	0.2	2.2	0.2
Total other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	2.3	0.3	2.3	0.3
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year attributable to owners of the Company	(10.5)	(60.3)	(10.7)	(56.7)
(Loss)/earning per share	Rs (3.63)	(17.15)	(3.67)	(16.13)
Number of shares in issue	3,535,000	3,535,000	3,535,000	3,535,000

SEGMENT INFORMATION

	Dec 2024		Dec 2023	
	Rs M	Rs M	Rs M	Rs M
Income				
Horse racing		59.7		140.2
Foreign football matches		180.3		137.5
All other segments		-		39.4
Total		240.0		317.1
EBITDA				
Horse racing		1.7		(55.9)
Foreign football matches		5.2		1.3
All other segments		(0.8)		19.5
Total		6.1		(35.1)
Depreciation		(10.8)		(11.6)
Finance costs		(3.1)		(2.4)
(Loss) / profit before income tax		(7.8)		(49.1)
Total assets				
Horse racing		37.4		128.6
Foreign football matches		112.2		32.1
All other segments		0.1		13.4
TOTAL		149.7		174.1
Additions to non-current assets (other than financial instruments and deferred income tax assets)				
Horse racing		1.0		14.4
Foreign football matches		3.0		3.6
All other segments		-		-
TOTAL		4.0		18.0
Total liabilities				
Horse racing		27.4		95.2
Foreign football matches		82.0		23.8
All other segments		-		4.4
TOTAL		109.4		123.4

BALANCE SHEET

	THE GROUP		THE COMPANY	
	Dec 2024	Dec 2023	Dec 2024	Dec 2023
	Rs M	Rs M	Rs M	Rs M
ASSETS				
Non current assets	57.7	78.8	60.4	87.8
Current assets	92.0	95.3	89.2	81.9
Total assets	149.7	174.1	149.6	169.7
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Owners' interests	40.3	50.7	40.3	50.9
Total equity	40.3	50.7	40.3	50.9
Non current liabilities	13.2	15.3	13.2	15.3
Current liabilities	96.2	108.1	96.1	103.5
Total Liabilities	109.4	123.4	109.3	118.8
Total equity and liabilities	149.7	174.1	149.6	169.7

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	THE GROUP		THE COMPANY	
	Dec 2024	Dec 2023	Dec 2024	Dec 2023
	Rs M	Rs M	Rs M	Rs M
Net cash (used in) / generated from operating activities	14.9	(13.1)	27.3	(25.1)
Net cash (used in) / from investing activities	(3.0)	(17.9)	(7.9)	(4.9)
Net cash used in financing activities	(9.5)	(24.6)	(9.5)	(24.6)
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents	2.4	(55.6)	9.9	(54.6)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of year	(10.2)	45.4	(18.4)	36.2
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year	(7.8)	(10.2)	(8.5)	(18.4)

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

THE GROUP	Attributable to owners of the parent					
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Post-employment Benefits Reserve	Fair value Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
	Rs M	Rs M	Rs M	Rs M	Rs M	Rs M
Balance as at 1 January 2023	24.7	1.2	(2.3)	(7.0)	99.6	116.2
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	(60.6)	(60.6)
Other comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	0.2	0.1	-	0.3
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	0.2	0.1	(60.6)	(60.3)
Transaction with owners						
Dividends	-	-	-	-	(5.3)	(5.3)
Transfer of unclaimed dividends	-	-	-	-	0.2	0.2
Total transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	(5.0)	(5.0)
Balance as at 31 December 2023	24.7	1.2	(2.1)	(6.9)	33.8	50.7
Balance as at 1 January 2024	24.7	1.2	(2.1)	(6.9)	33.8	50.7
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(12.8)	(12.8)
Other comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	2.2	0.1	-	2.3
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	2.2	0.1	(12.8)	(10.5)
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Balance as at 1 January 2023	24.7	1.2	(2.3)	(7.0)	96.1	112.7
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(57.0)	(57.0)
Other comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	0.2	0.1	-	0.3
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	0.2	0.1	(57.0)	(56.7)
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Dividends	-	-	-	-	(5.3)	(5.3)
Transfer of unclaimed dividends	-	-	-	-	0.2	0.2
Total transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	(5.1)	(5.1)
Balance as at 31 December 2023	24.7	1.2	(2.1)	(6.9)	34.0	50.9
Balance as at 1 January 2024	24.7	1.2	(2.1)	(6.9)	34.0	50.9
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(13.0)	(13.0)
Other comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	2.2	0.1	-	2.3
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	2.2	0.1	(13.0)	(10.7)
Total transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 31 December 2024	24.7	1.2	0.1	(6.8)	21.0	40.2

COMMENTS ON RESULTS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Company's income for the year under review decreased by 13.6% compared to 2023, mostly attributable to a major drop in Tote turnover for the third year in a row.

Horse Racing – Totalisator

The first race meeting for the 2024 season was on the 4th of May and 24 meetings were held compared to 37 in 2023.

The tote turnover for the 24 meetings was Rs 193.0 million, representing a 58% drop (2023: Rs 455.1 million for 37 meetings). The main factors that affected all channels of the tote revenue were, the betting tax on gross stakes at 14%, the decrease in the number of race meetings and runners per race, the uncertainties and challenges faced by the horse racing industry, the lack of confidence in the racing industry, and the entry of an additional Tote operator at the end of 2022.

Fixed Odds – Football

Football turnover was down by 14.7% to reach Rs 529.7 million in 2024 (2023: Rs 620.7 million). However, football betting income increased significantly for the year, as payment to winners represented 75.9% of turnover net of betting tax (2023: 89.7%).

The wholly owned subsidiary Megawin Ltd

The contract of the company in Ivory Coast was terminated as from the 31 December of 2023, putting an end to its activities in this country.

The Company presently has no operating contract and is prospecting new opportunities.

Financials

The Company's turnover reached Rs 722.7 million (2023: Rs 1.076 billion) and its income net of winnings dropped to Rs 240.0 million (2023: Rs 277.8 million). A loss of Rs 13.0 million was recorded for the year and included an impairment of Goodwill of Rs 13.3 million (2023: loss Rs 57.0 million).

The Group's losses after Tax amounted to Rs 12.8 million for the year ended 31 December 2024 (2023: losses of Rs 60.6 million).

OUTLOOK

The Directors are optimistic about the future of the horse racing industry with the indication that the Mauritius Turf Club will be the sole racing organizer as from 2025. Horse Racing is expected to resume in July 2025 and 20 race meetings are scheduled. There is a clear intention from the Authorities to promote a sustainable horse racing industry. The Directors are hopeful of a lower betting tax rate and the promulgation of the commingling of pools with foreign operators on local and foreign racing. This would certainly boost revenues derived from its Tote operation.

The football turnover has slightly decreased since the beginning of the current year, compared to 2024, due to an increase in payment to winners explained by more favorable results. The Gross Profit margin for football has been exceptionally high in 2024 compared to previous years. The Company has applied for a licence to operate football betting by remote communication; if obtained, the turnover is expected to increase. Income on football is difficult to forecast due to the uncertainty of the fixed odds business.

Taking into consideration these various factors, the Directors remain cautious but expect a turnaround in results in 2025 if the licences applied for are obtained.

By order of the Board

Box Office Ltd
Company Secretary

This 26 March 2025

The above abridged audited financial statements are issued pursuant to Listing Rule 12.14 and the Securities Act 2005.

The statement of direct and indirect interests of insiders of the Company required under Rule 8(2)(m) of the Securities (Disclosure Obligations of Reporting Issuers) Rules 2007 is available upon request from the Secretary.

The Board of Directors of Automatic Systems Ltd, accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in these abridged audited financial statements.

Copies of the abridged audited financial statements of the Company are available free of charge at the registered office of the Company c/o Box Office Ltd, 2nd floor, Palm Square, 90906 La Mivoie, Tamarin, Mauritius.