



**PRELIMINARY FINAL REPORT OF
VITA LIFE SCIENCES LIMITED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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Current Reporting Period:

Financial Year Ended 31 December 2023

Previous Corresponding Period:

Financial Year Ended 31 December 2022

**Vita Life Sciences Limited and its Controlled Entities
ABN 35 003 190 421**

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Name of Entity: Vita Life Sciences Limited

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Results for announcement to the market

		Percentage Change %	2023 \$'000
Revenue	Up	10.9	74,161
Profit from continuing operations before tax and finance costs	Up	13.0	12,028
Profit before income tax	Up	16.0	12,451
Net profit after tax	Up	23.7	9,078
Net profit attributable to members	Up	28.2	9,080

Dividends (distributions)	Fully Franked amount per security
Interim dividend per share	3.00 cents
Final dividend per share	6.00 cents

Ex-Dividend date for the purpose of receiving the dividend

22-Mar-2024

Record date for determining entitlements to dividend

25-Mar-2024

Payment date

12-Apr-2024

The Company's dividend reinvestment plan remains suspended, and as such does not apply to the final dividend.

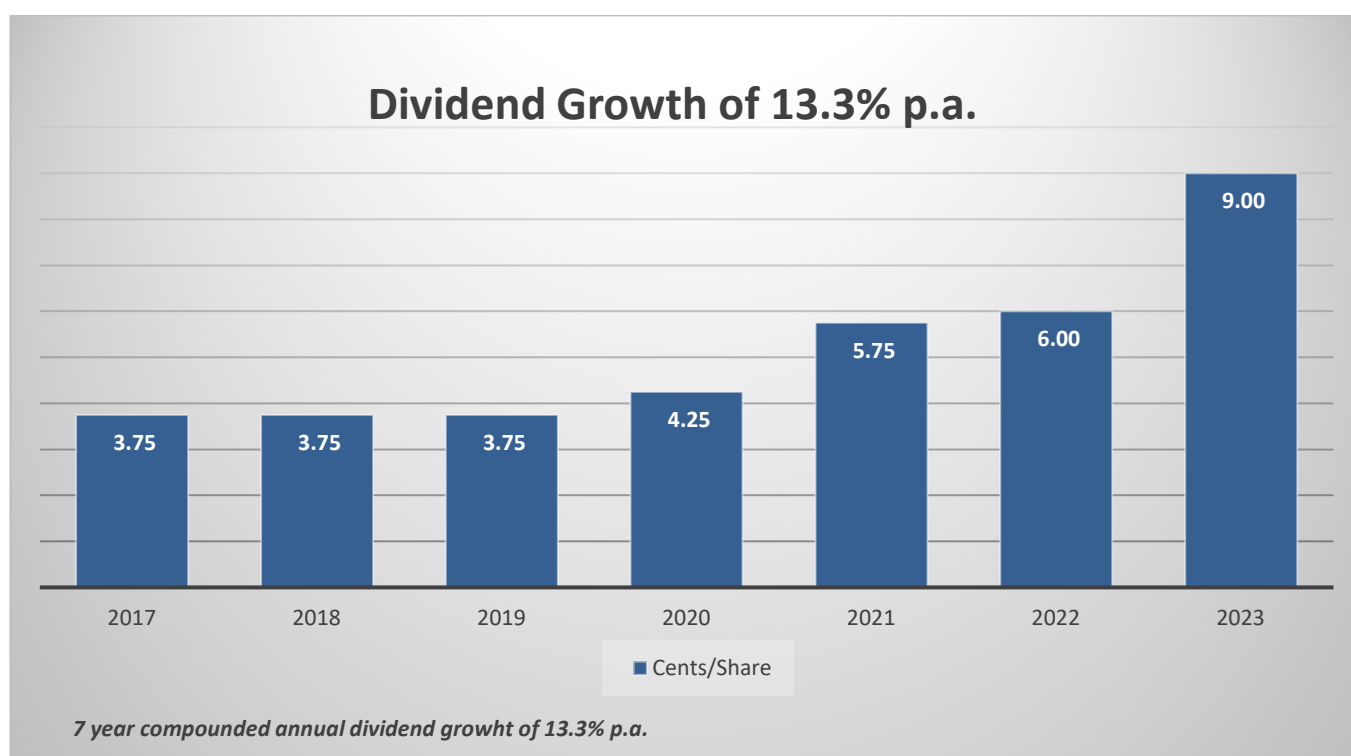
Commentary on Results

Brief explanation of any of the figures above necessary to enable the figures to be understood

Revenue and Profitability	2023	2022	Change
\$'000			
Revenue	74,161	66,886	10.9% ↑
EBIT	12,028	10,641	13.0% ↑
Net profit after tax	9,078	7,341	23.7% ↑
EPS (cents)	16.92	13.37	26.6% ↑
Dividends declared (cents)	9.00	6.00	50.0% ↑

Key Financial Measures

The Group's net assets increased to \$43.3m, up 19% on Previous Corresponding Period (PCP). Net assets included cash of \$24.6m and the Group has no borrowings. Cashflow and capital were well managed with 2023 Group operating cashflow before interest and tax of \$15.9m and gross operating cashflow/ EBITDA of 127%.



The Company's dividend for FY 2023 is 9 cents per share (3 cents interim and 6 cents final), the 14th consecutive year of dividend payments to shareholders. The payment of the 9 cents dividend equates to a 53% dividend to profit after tax ratio and is in line with the Directors dividend policy. The record date for the final dividend will be 25 March 2024 with payment due on 12 April 2024. The last date to purchase shares and be eligible for dividend is 21 March 2024.

This financial achievement demonstrates the Company's ability to navigate dynamic market landscapes, whilst consistently generating positive outcomes for Shareholders.

Review of Business Operations

The Group generated record revenue of \$74.1m, up 10.9% on the PCP with a corresponding EBIT of \$12.0m, up 13% compared to PCP. The Group's performance is pleasing and reflects the Company's ability to attract new retail partners and consumers across all markets.

The Group has increased overall marketing and retailer support investments during the year. This strategy is consistent with the Group's commitments to drive brand awareness and continued revenue growth.

Overall trading conditions were buoyant, and the outlook is positive.

Divisional Results

Australia

Revenue from the Australian business was a record at \$43.5m, up 16% on the PCP.

The domestic channels (health food and pharmacy channels) performed strongly, delivering 18% growth against PCP on the back of consumer demand and new customer acquisition especially in mid-sized chain pharmacies. The Australian export market to China grew by 24% against PCP.

EBIT of \$6.2m was up 27% on the PCP.

Malaysia and Singapore

Revenue from the Malaysian business achieved a record result of \$22.8m, up 7% on PCP.

The Malaysian business continues to deliver growth predominantly on the back of higher consumer demand for VitaHealth and Herbs of Gold brands. The Malaysian performance continued to demonstrate resilience against tight economic and competitive pressures.

The Singaporean market generated revenue of \$6.2m, up 7% on the PCP. The Singaporean market improved with higher revenue contributions coming from traditional selling channels.

Other Asia

Revenue from the Groups' other markets, Vietnam and Indonesia decreased by 32% to \$1.6m (PCP: \$2.3m) primarily due to slower growth in Vietnam and realignment of our distribution arrangements in other smaller markets.

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December	Notes	Consolidated	
		2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
Sale of goods		74,161	66,886
Cost of sales		(31,045)	(27,146)
Gross profit		43,116	39,740
Other loss	3 (a)	(183)	(78)
Distribution expenses		(5,267)	(4,901)
Marketing expenses		(6,099)	(5,515)
Occupancy expenses		(832)	(703)
Administrative expenses	3 (b)	(18,703)	(17,590)
Fair value adjustment on building		335	-
Other expenses	3 (c)	(339)	(312)
Profit from continuing operations before interest and taxes		12,028	10,641
Finance income	3 (d)	558	131
Finance costs	3 (e)	(135)	(34)
Profit before income tax		12,451	10,738
Income tax expense	5	(3,373)	(3,397)
Net profit for the year		9,078	7,341
Other comprehensive income after income tax			
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss when specific conditions are met:			
Exchange differences on translating foreign controlled entities		(764)	793
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss when specific conditions are met:			
Fair value adjustment on land		534	-
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of income tax		(230)	793
Total comprehensive income for the year		8,848	8,134
Net profit (loss) for the year attributable to:			
Non-controlling interest		(2)	257
Members of the parent		9,080	7,084
		9,078	7,341
Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to:			
Non-controlling interest		(2)	257
Members of the parent		8,850	7,877
		8,848	8,134
Earnings per share (cents per share)			
- basic earnings per share	4	16.92	13.37
- diluted earnings per share	4	16.60	13.12

The accompanying notes should be read in conjunction with the above Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December	Notes	Consolidated	
		2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	24,630	15,688
Trade and other receivables	7	11,215	8,977
Inventories	8	11,153	15,410
Other assets	9	1,291	1,082
Total Current Assets		48,289	41,157
Non Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	10	9,170	8,472
Intangible assets		26	10
Deferred tax assets	5 (c)	2,322	2,160
Total Non Current Assets		11,518	10,642
Total Assets		59,807	51,799
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	9,681	8,696
Current tax liability		74	37
Employee entitlements	12	2,155	1,928
Contract return liability	13	4,095	3,899
Lease liability	14	211	300
Total Current Liabilities		16,216	14,860
Non Current Liabilities			
Employee entitlements	12	84	135
Lease liability	14	176	301
Total Non Current Liabilities		260	436
Total Liabilities		16,476	15,296
Net Assets		43,331	36,503
EQUITY			
Contributed equity	15	42,567	41,904
Accumulated losses		(2,769)	(8,482)
Employee share based payments reserve		2,318	1,634
Share options reserve		992	992
Revaluation Reserve		859	325
Foreign currency translation reserve		(570)	201
Parent entity interest		43,397	36,574
Non-controlling interest		(66)	(71)
Total Equity		43,331	36,503

The accompanying notes should be read in conjunction with the above Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 December	Notes	Consolidated	
		2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		76,446	68,965
Payments to suppliers and employees		(60,551)	(61,961)
Income tax paid		(3,336)	(4,326)
Interest received		558	131
Bank Charges		(135)	(34)
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	6(d)	12,982	2,775
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(660)	(139)
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(660)	(139)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Payment of leases		(171)	(338)
Dividends Paid		(3,367)	(3,038)
LTIP Repayments		871	582
Shares bought back (net of costs)		(208)	(311)
Net cash flows used in financing activities		(2,875)	(3,105)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		9,447	(469)
Net foreign exchange differences		(505)	264
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		15,688	15,893
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	6	24,630	15,688

The accompanying notes should be read in conjunction with the above Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

		Contributed Equity	Employee Share Based Payments Reserve	Share Options Reserve	Revaluation Reserve	Accumulated Losses	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	Attributable to Equity Holders of Parent	Non- controlling Interest	Total
	Note	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2023		41,904	1,634	992	325	(8,482)	201	36,574	(71)	36,503
Comprehensive income										
Profit attributable to members of parent entity		-	-	-	-	9,080	-	9,080	(2)	9,078
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	534	-	(771)	(237)	7	(230)
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	534	9,080	(771)	8,843	5	8,848
Transactions with owners, in their capacity as owners										
Shares bought back	15(a)	(208)	-	-	-	-	-	(208)	-	(208)
Loan Repayment on Shares issued	15	871	-	-	-	-	-	871	-	871
Employee share based expense		-	684	-	-	-	-	684	-	684
Dividends paid	15(e)	-	-	-	-	(3,367)	-	(3,367)	-	(3,367)
Total transactions with owners		663	684	-	-	(3,367)	-	(2,020)	-	(2,020)
Balance at 31 December 2023		42,567	2,318	992	859	(2,769)	(570)	43,397	(66)	43,331

The accompanying notes should be read in conjunction with the above Consolidated Statement of Changes In Equity

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (continued)

		Contributed Equity	Employee Share Based Payments Reserve	Share Options Reserve	Revaluation Reserve	Accumulated Losses	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve	Attributable to Equity Holders of Parent	Non- controlling Interest	Total
	Note	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2022		41,633	921	992	325	(12,528)	(590)	30,753	(330)	30,423
Comprehensive income										
Profit attributable to members of parent entity		-	-	-	-	7,084	-	7,084	257	7,341
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	-	-	791	791	2	793
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	-	7,084	791	7,875	259	8,134
Transactions with owners, in their capacity as owners										
Shares bought back	15(a)	(311)	-	-	-	-	-	(311)	-	(311)
Loan Repayment on Shares issued	15	582	-	-	-	-	-	582	-	582
Employee share based expense		-	713	-	-	-	-	713	-	713
Dividends paid	15(e)	-	-	-	-	(3,038)	-	(3,038)	-	(3,038)
Total transactions with owners		271	713	-	-	(3,038)	-	(2,054)	-	(2,054)
Balance at 31 December 2022		41,904	1,634	992	325	(8,482)	201	36,574	(71)	36,503

The accompanying notes should be read in conjunction with the above Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The Group is a for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the IASB. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

Except for cash flow information, the financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

(b) Statement of compliance

The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards, which include Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ("AIFRS"). Compliance with AIFRS ensures that the financial report, comprising the financial statements and notes thereto, complies with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

(c) Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of Vita Life Sciences Limited and its subsidiaries ("the Group") as at 31 December 2023. Interests in associates are equity accounted and are not part of the consolidated Group.

Subsidiaries are all those entities over which the consolidated entity has control. The consolidated entity controls an entity when the consolidated entity is exposed to, or has the right to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the consolidated entity. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

The financial statements of subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the parent company, using consistent accounting policies.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, all intercompany balances and transactions, income and expenses and profit and losses resulting from intra-group transactions have been eliminated in full.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is obtained by the Group and cease to be consolidated from the date on which control is transferred out of the Group.

Investments in subsidiaries held by Vita Life Sciences Limited are accounted for at cost in the separate financial statements of the parent entity.

The acquisition of subsidiaries is accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. The purchase method of accounting involves allocating the cost of the business combination to the fair value of the assets acquired and the liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition.

Minority interests represent the interests in Vita Life Sciences (Thailand) Co. Ltd and Vitahealth (Thailand) Co. Ltd not held by the Group. Minority interests are allocated their share of net profit or loss after tax in the statement of comprehensive income and are presented within Equity in the consolidated statement of financial position, separately from the parent shareholders' equity.

Operating segments are presented using the "management approach" where information presented is on the same basis as the internal reports provided to the Chief Operating Decision Makers ('CODM'). The CODM is responsible for the allocation of resources to operating segments and assessing their performance.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(d) Foreign currency translation

(i) Functional and presentation currency

Both the functional and presentation currency of Vita Life and its Australian subsidiaries are in Australian dollars (\$).

The functional currency of the main operating overseas subsidiaries Vita Healthcare Asia Pacific Sdn Bhd, VitaHealth Malaysia Sdn Bhd, Herbs of Gold Sdn Bhd, Vita Life Sciences Sdn Bhd and Pharma Direct Sdn Bhd are Malaysian Ringgit (RM), whilst Vitahealth IP Pte Ltd, VitaHealth Asia Pacific (S) Pte Ltd, Herbs of Gold (Singapore) Pte Ltd, Vpacks (S) Pte Ltd and Vita Corporation Pte Limited are Singapore Dollars (SGD), Herbs of Gold (Shanghai) Company Ltd is Chinese Renminbi (RMB), PT Vita Health Indonesia is Indonesian Rupiah (IDR), Vita Health (Thailand) Co Ltd and, Vita Life Sciences (Thailand) Co Ltd are Thai Baht (THB) and, Vita Health (Vietnam) Company Limited and Herbs of Gold Vietnam Company Limited are Vietnamese Dong (VND).

(ii) Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded in the functional currency by applying the exchange rates ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate as at the date of the initial transaction. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date when the fair value was determined.

The exchange differences arising on the retranslation are taken directly to a separate component of equity.

On disposal of a foreign entity, the deferred cumulative amount recognised in equity relating to that particular foreign operation is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise cash at bank and on hand and short-term deposits that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

(f) Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables, which generally have 30-90 day terms, are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less an allowance for impairment using the expected credit losses model.

Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis at an operating unit level. Individual debts that are known to be uncollectible are written off when identified. The consolidated entity has applied the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses, which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on days overdue.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(g) Inventory

Inventories including raw materials are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less estimated costs of completion and the estimated selling costs.

Costs incurred in bringing each product to its present location and condition is accounted for as follows:

Raw materials – purchase cost on a first-in, first-out basis.

Finished goods and work-in-progress – cost of direct materials and labour and a proportion of manufacturing overheads based on normal operating capacity but excluding borrowing costs.

(h) Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings are shown at fair value and are restated at its revalued amount, based on periodic, at least every 5 years, valuations by an independent professional valuer, less subsequent depreciation and impairment for buildings. Valuations are undertaken more frequently if there is a material change in the fair value relative to the carrying amount. Any increases in carrying amount are recognised in the asset revaluation reserve, unless they offset previous decreases in the carrying amount of the same asset, in which case they are taken to the profit or loss in the statement of comprehensive income. Decreases in carrying amounts that offset previous increases of the same asset are recognised against the asset revaluation reserve. All other decreases in carrying amounts are recognised as a loss in the statement of comprehensive income.

All other plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The cost of fixed assets constructed within the economic entity includes the cost of materials, direct labour, borrowing costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the group and the cost of the item can be reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation

The depreciable amounts of all fixed assets except for right-of-use assets, including capitalised lease assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset as follows:

	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Method</u>
Buildings	2%	Straight-line method
Plant and equipment	10-33%	Straight-line method
Leasehold Improvements	20-50%	Straight-line method
Motor Vehicles	20-50%	Straight-line method

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on de-recognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the item) is included in the statement of comprehensive income in the year the item is derecognised.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(h) Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Right-of-use assets

A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for, as applicable, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date net of any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred, and, except where included in the cost of inventories, an estimate of costs expected to be incurred for dismantling and removing the underlying asset, and restoring the site or asset.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the asset, whichever is the shorter. Where the Group expects to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the depreciation is over its estimated useful life. Right-of use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

The Group has elected not to recognise a right-of-use asset and corresponding lease liability for short-term leases with terms of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets. Lease payments on these assets are expensed to profit or loss as incurred.

(i) Intangibles

Intangible assets acquired separately are capitalised at cost and from a business combination are capitalised at fair value as at the date of acquisition. Following initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Internally generated intangible assets, excluding development costs, created within the business are not capitalised and expenditure is charged against profits in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

The useful lives of these intangible assets are assessed to be either finite or indefinite. Intangible assets with finite lives are amortised over the useful life and tested for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired. The amortisation period and the amortisation method for an intangible asset with a finite useful life are reviewed at least at each financial year-end. Changes in the expected useful life or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the assets are accounted for prospectively by changing the amortisation period or method, as appropriate, which is a change in accounting estimate. The amortisation expense on intangible assets with finite lives is recognised in profit or loss in the expense category consistent with the function of the intangible asset.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are tested for impairment annually either individually or at that cash-generating unit level consistent with the methodology outlined for goodwill above. Such intangibles are not amortised. The useful life of an intangible asset with an indefinite life is reviewed each reporting period to determine whether indefinite life assessment continues to be supportable. If not, the change in the useful life assessment from indefinite to finite is accounted for as a change in an accounting estimate and is thus accounted for on prospective basis.

A summary of the policies applied to the Group's intangible asset is as follows:

Useful lives	<u>Development costs</u> Finite
Method used	3 years – Straight line
Internally generated/ Acquired	Internally generated
Impairment test / Recoverable amount testing	Amortisation method reviewed at each financial year-end annually for indicator of impairment

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(i) Intangibles (continued)

Impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill

Intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired. Other assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicated that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest level for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or group of assets (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered impairment are tested for possible reversal of the impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the impairment may have reversed.

(j) Trade and other payables and, Contract Return Liability

Trade payables and other payables are carried at amortised costs and represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Group becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. Trade payables are normally settled within 30 to 90 days.

Contract Return Liability

Contract return liability is recognised where the Group receives consideration from a customer and expects to refund some, or all, of that consideration to the customer. A contract return liability is measured at the amount of consideration received or receivable for which the consolidated entity does not expect to be entitled and is updated at the end of each reporting period for changes in circumstances. Historical data is used across product range to estimate such returns at the time of sale based on an expected value methodology.

(k) Interest bearing loans and borrowings

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at cost, being the fair value of the consideration received net of issue costs associated with the borrowing.

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any issue costs and any discount or premium on settlement.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense when incurred. Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to prepare for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

(l) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Where the Group expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, for example under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in the statement of comprehensive income net of any reimbursement.

If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. Where discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(m) Employee entitlements

Provision is made for employee benefits accumulated as a result of employees rendering services up to the reporting date. These benefits include wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave.

Employee benefits expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at their nominal amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled plus related on-costs. All other employee benefit liabilities are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. In determining the present value of future cash outflows, the market yield as at the reporting date on national government bonds, which have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related liability, are used.

Employee benefit expenses and revenues arising in respect of wages and salaries, non-monetary benefits, annual leave, long service leave and other leave benefits; and other types of employee benefits are recognised against profits on a net basis in their respective categories.

(n) Leases

Lease Liabilities

A lease liability is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the term of the lease, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the entity's or the Group's incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments comprise of fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees, exercise price of a purchase option when the exercise of the option is reasonably certain to occur, and any anticipated termination penalties. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Lease liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The carrying amounts are remeasured if there is a change in the following: future lease payments arising from a change in an index or a rate used; residual guarantee; lease term; certainty of a purchase option and termination penalties. When a lease liability is remeasured, an adjustment is made to the corresponding right-of-use asset, or to profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset is fully written down.

(o) Issued capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the gross proceeds.

(p) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Sale of goods

The Group's contracts with customers for the sale of goods generally include one performance obligation. The Group has concluded that revenue from sale of goods should be recognised at the point in time when control of the asset is transferred to the customer, generally on delivery of the goods. However, the amount of revenue to be recognised was affected by variable consideration i.e. transaction price.

Contractual terms and geographical business practice provide retail customers with a right of return of goods up to the point at which they about to expire or have expired. The right of return gives rise to variable consideration which is required to be reflected in the revenue recognised in the period. Revenue should be constrained until such time that any uncertainty in the amount to be recognised is resolved. Revenue recognised by the Group is required to reflect the right of return in its expectation for consideration to be received for a sale.

Interest

Revenue is recognised as the interest accrues (using the effective interest rate method, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument) to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(q) Taxes

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities based on the current period's taxable income. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted at balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax is provided on all temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax base of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred income tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences:

- except where the deferred income tax liability arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in joint ventures, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carry-forward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carry-forward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses can be utilised:

- except where the deferred income tax asset relating to the deductible temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and interests in joint ventures, deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised.

Unrecognised deferred income tax assets are reassessed at each balance sheet date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Tax consolidation

The Company is the head entity of the tax consolidated group comprising all the Australian wholly owned subsidiaries. The implementation date for the tax consolidated group was 30 June 2003.

Current tax expense/income, deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets arising from temporary differences of the members of the tax consolidated group are recognised in the separate financial statements of the members of the tax consolidated group using a "stand-alone basis without adjusting for intercompany transactions" approach by reference to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the separate financial statements of each entity and the tax values applying under consolidation.

Any current tax Australian liabilities (or assets) and deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses of the subsidiaries is assumed by the head entity in the tax consolidated group and are recognised as amounts payable (receivable) to (from) other entities in the tax consolidated group. Any difference between these amounts is recognised by the head entity as an equity contribution or distribution.

The Company recognises deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses of the tax consolidated group to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits of the tax consolidated group will be available against which the asset can be utilised.

Any subsequent period adjustments to deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses as a result of revised assessments of the probability of recoverability is recognised by the head entity only.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(r) Other taxes

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax ("GST") (or its equivalent in non-Australian tax jurisdictions) except:

- where the GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office ("ATO") or similar tax authorities outside Australia, and is therefore recognised as part of the asset's cost or as part of the expense item.
- Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position. Cash flows are presented in the Statement of Cash Flow on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to the taxation authority are classified as operating cash flows.

(s) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

De-recognition of financial instruments

Financial assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognised when:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired;
- the Group retains the right to receive cash flows from the asset, but has assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; or
- the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset and either (a) has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Group's continuing involvement in the asset. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration received that the Group could be required to repay.

Financial liabilities

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a de-recognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in profit or loss.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed. Any subsequent reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss, to the extent that the carrying value of the asset does not exceed its amortised cost at the reversal date.

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(s) Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets carried at amortised cost

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on loans and receivables carried at amortised cost has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate (i.e. the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition). The carrying amount of the asset is reduced either directly or through use of an allowance account. The amount of the loss is recognised in profit or loss.

The Group first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, and individually or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If it is determined that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, the asset is included in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and that group of financial assets is collectively assessed for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is or continues to be recognised are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

Financial assets carried at cost

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred on an unquoted equity instrument that is not carried at fair value (because its fair value cannot be reliably measured), or on a derivative asset that is linked to and must be settled by delivery of such an unquoted equity instrument, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset.

(t) Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is determined by dividing the net profit/(loss) after income tax attributable to members of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year, adjusted for bonus elements in ordinary shares issued during the year.

Diluted earnings per share

Diluted earnings per share adjust the figures used in the determination of basic earnings per share to take into account the after income tax effect of interest and other financing costs associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares and the weighted average number of shares assumed to have been issued for no consideration in relation to dilutive potential ordinary shares.

(u) Share-based payment transactions

(i) Equity settled transactions:

The Group provides benefits to its employees (including key management personnel) in the form of share-based payments, whereby employees render services in exchange for shares or rights over shares (equity-settled transactions).

The cost of the equity-settled transactions with employees is measured by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined using the Black-Scholes model. In valuing equity-settled transactions, no account is taken of any vesting conditions, other than conditions linked to the price of the shares of Vita Life Sciences Limited (market conditions) if applicable.

The cost of equity-settled transactions is recognised, together with a corresponding increase in equity, over the period in which the performance and/or service conditions are fulfilled (the vesting period), ending on the date on which the relevant employees become fully entitled to the award (the vesting date).

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(u) Share-based payment transactions (continued)

At each subsequent reporting date until vesting, the cumulative charge to the statement of comprehensive income is the product of:

- (i) the grant date fair value of the award;
- (ii) the current best estimate of the number of awards that will vest, taking into account such factors as the likelihood of employee turnover during the vesting period and the likelihood of non-market performance conditions being met; and
- (iii) the expired portion of the vesting period.

The charge to the statement of comprehensive income for the period is the cumulative amount as calculated above less the amounts already charged in previous periods. There is a corresponding entry to equity.

Until an award has vested, any amounts recorded are contingent and will be adjusted if more or fewer awards are vested than were originally anticipated to do so. Any award subject to a market condition is considered to vest irrespective of whether or not that market condition is fulfilled, provided that all other conditions are satisfied.

If the terms of an equity-settled award are modified, as a minimum an expense is recognised as if the terms had not been modified. An additional expense is recognised for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share-based payment arrangement, or is otherwise beneficial to the employee, as measured at the date of modification.

If an equity-settled award is cancelled, it is treated as if it had vested on the date of cancellation, and any expense not yet recognised for the award is recognised immediately. However, if a new award is substituted for the cancelled award and designated as a replacement award on the date that it is granted, the cancelled and new award are treated as if they were a modification of the original award, as described in the previous paragraph.

The dilutive effect, if any, of outstanding options is reflected as additional share dilution in the computation of diluted earnings per share.

(v) New and Amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations Adopted by the Group

The Group has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

(w) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations for Application in Future Periods

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the Group for the annual reporting period ended 31 December 2023. The Group has not yet assessed the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations.

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(x) Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements and estimates on historical experience and on other various factors it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, the result of which form the basis of the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions.

Management has identified the following critical accounting policies for which significant judgements, estimates and assumptions are made. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions and may materially affect financial results or the financial position reported in future periods.

Further details of the nature of these assumptions and conditions may be found in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

Sale of goods

When recognising revenue in relation to sale of goods to customers, the key performance obligation of the Group is considered to be the point of delivery of the goods to the customer, as this is deemed to be the time that the customer obtains control of the promised goods and therefore the benefits of unimpeded access.

Contract Return Liability

The contract return liability requires a degree of estimation and judgement. It is measured based on projected historical data across market/ product range to estimate such returns at the time of sale based on an expected value methodology.

Allowance for expected credit losses

The allowance for expected credit losses assessment requires a degree of estimation and judgement. It is based on the lifetime expected credit loss, grouped based on days overdue, and makes assumptions to allocate an overall expected credit loss rate for customer. These assumptions include recent sales experience and historical collection rates.

Taxation

The Group's accounting policy for taxation requires management's judgement as to the types of arrangements considered to be a tax on income in contrast to an operating cost. Judgement is also required in assessing whether deferred tax assets and certain deferred tax liabilities are recognised on the statement of financial position. Deferred tax assets, including those arising from unrecouped tax losses, capital losses and temporary differences, are recognised only where it is considered more likely than not that they will be recovered, which is dependent on the generation of sufficient future taxable profits.

Judgements are also required about the application of income tax legislation. These judgements and assumptions are subject to risk and uncertainty, hence there is a possibility that changes in circumstances will alter expectations, which may impact the amount of deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities recognised on the statement of financial position and the amount of other tax losses and temporary differences not yet recognised. In such circumstances, some or all of the carrying amounts of recognised deferred tax assets and liabilities may require adjustment, resulting in a corresponding credit or charge to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

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(x) Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

Share-based payment transactions

The Group measures the cost of equity-settled transactions with employees by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The accounting estimates and assumptions relating to equity-settled share-based payments would have no impact on the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next annual reporting period but may impact expenses and equity.

The Group measures the cost of share-based payments at fair value at the grant date using the Black-Scholes formula taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the instruments were granted.

Estimation of useful lives of assets

The estimation of the useful lives of assets has been based on historical experience as well as manufacturers' warranties (for plant and equipment), lease terms (for leased equipment) and turnover policies (for motor vehicles). In addition, the condition of the assets is assessed at least once per year and considered against the remaining useful life. Adjustments to useful lives are made when considered necessary.

Inventory obsolescence

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The Directors assess slow moving or obsolete inventory on a regular basis and a provision is raised to write down inventory to net realisable value as described in Note 1 (g).

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2 Segment Information

Management has determined the operating segments based on the reports reviewed by the Board that are used to make strategic decisions. As the Board monitors business activity by each country the Group operates in, management has determined the Geographic Segment report to be of primary interest to users of this financial report.

Geographical segments

The consolidated entity operates in the regions identified as Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and others.

The Australia segment comprises of sale of Herbs of Gold range in Australia and exports into China.

The Singapore and Malaysia segment, comprising sale of Vitahealth and Herbs of Gold range in both countries and, exports into other Asian markets.

The others market segment, comprising sale of Vitahealth range into other Asia markets including Vietnam, Indonesia and Thailand.

The following tables present revenue and profit information and certain asset and liability information regarding geographical segments for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022.

	Australia \$'000	Singapore \$'000	Malaysia \$'000	Others \$'000	Corporate \$'000	Total \$'000
Year ended 31 December 2023						
Revenue						
Sales to external customers	43,490	6,252	22,828	1,591	-	74,161
Total segment revenue	43,490	6,252	22,828	1,591	-	74,161
Segment results						
Earnings before interest and tax	6,237	(9)	5,736	167	(103)	12,028
Net interest/ bank charges	47	65	55	30	226	423
Profit before income tax						12,451
Income tax expense						(3,373)
Net profit for the year						9,078
Assets and liabilities						
Segment assets	17,459	7,032	18,825	1,528	14,963	59,807
Total assets						59,807
Segment liabilities	7,047	2,573	6,065	301	490	16,476
Total liabilities						16,476
Other segment information						
Capital expenditure	(93)	(502)	(107)	(1)	-	(703)
Depreciation	(106)	(102)	(160)	(127)	-	(495)
Amortisation	-	-	(10)	(7)	-	(17)

The Group has one customer who contributed more than 10% of the Groups' revenue in the year (2022: one). The revenue earned from this customer amounts to \$12.4m (2022: \$10.0m). This customer is reported under the Australia segment.

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2 Segment Information (continued)

	Australia \$'000	Singapore \$'000	Malaysia \$'000	Others \$'000	Corporate \$'000	Total \$'000
Year ended 31 December 2022						
Revenue						
Sales to external customers	37,331	5,825	21,393	2,337	-	66,886
Total segment revenue	37,331	5,825	21,393	2,337	-	66,886
Segment results						
Earnings before interest and tax	4,915	48	5,923	267	(512)	10,641
Net interest/ bank charges	29	(29)	38	60	(1)	97
Profit before income tax						10,738
Income tax expense						(3,397)
Net profit for the year						7,341
Assets and liabilities						
Segment assets	15,889	5,846	26,768	2,946	350	51,799
Total assets						51,799
Segment liabilities	6,847	2,060	5,702	145	542	15,296
Total liabilities						15,296
Other segment information						
Capital expenditure	(216)	(98)	(123)	(232)	-	(669)
Depreciation	(152)	(97)	(145)	(201)	-	(595)
Amortisation	-	-	-	(4)	-	(4)

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3 Revenue and Expenses

	CONSOLIDATED	
	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
(a) Other (loss) income		
Realised (loss) gain on foreign exchange	(180)	20
Unrealised (loss) on foreign exchange	(32)	(139)
Other income	29	41
	(183)	(78)
(b) Administrative expenses		
Legal and other professional fees	(483)	(386)
Consultants and subscriptions	(492)	(611)
Reversal (Allowance) for impairment loss	10	(10)
Wages, salaries and other employee expenses	(13,996)	(13,017)
Defined contribution superannuation expense	(1,272)	(1,272)
Travelling expenses	(587)	(430)
Share based payment expense	(684)	(713)
Depreciation	(495)	(595)
Amortisation	(17)	(4)
Other administrative expenses	(687)	(552)
	(18,703)	(17,590)
(c) Other expenses		
Product registration costs	(339)	(312)
	(339)	(312)
(d) Finance income		
Interest received - external parties	558	131
	558	131
(e) Finance expenses		
Interest (expense) income	(60)	11
Bank charges	(75)	(45)
	(135)	(34)

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4 Earnings per share

Earnings per share (cents per share)	2023	2022
- basic earnings per share	16.92	13.37
- diluted earnings per share	16.60	13.12

(a) Earnings used in calculating earnings per share

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Net profit attributable to equity holders from continuing operations	9,078	7,341
Loss (Gain) attributable to non-controlling interest	2	(257)
Earnings used to calculate basic and dilutive earnings per share	9,080	7,084

(b) Weighted average number of shares

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for basic earnings per share	53,666,979	52,967,432
Adjusted weighted average number of ordinary shares for diluted earnings per share. Selected LTIP shares were classified as dilutive for purposes of this calculation as they are exercisable after 31 December 2023.	54,691,979	53,992,432

5 Income Taxes

(a) Income Tax Expense

The major components of income tax expense are:

Income Statements:

Current income tax

Current income tax charge	3,675	3,598
Prior year under provision	7	91

Deferred income tax

Relating to origination and reversal of temporary differences	(309)	(292)
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Income tax expense reported in the income statement	3,373	3,397
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5. Income Taxes (continued)

(b) A reconciliation between tax expense and the product of accounting profit before income tax multiplied by the Group's applicable income tax rate is as follows:

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Total accounting profit before income tax	12,451	10,738
At the parent entity's statutory income tax rate of 30.0% (2022: 30.0%)	3,735	3,221
Adjustment in respect of current income tax of previous year	7	91
Foreign tax rate adjustment	(386)	(393)
Share based payments	205	214
Other expenditure not allowable for income tax purposes	90	385
Deferred tax asset recognised during financial year	(309)	(292)
Tax losses and timing differences not brought to account	31	171
Aggregate income taxes	3,373	3,397
The applicable weighted tax rates are as follows:	27%	32%

(c) Deferred income taxes at 31 December relates to the following:

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Deferred tax assets		
Doubtful debts	155	172
Provision for sales returns/ stock obsolescence	1,136	1,034
Provision for annual leave	134	147
Provision for long service leave	158	145
Other provisions	739	662
Net deferred tax assets	2,322	2,160
<i>Presented in the consolidated Statement of Financial Position as follows:</i>		
Deferred tax assets	2,322	2,160
Deferred tax liabilities	-	-
	2,322	2,160

(d) Tax losses

The Group has carry forward tax losses of SGD \$15.8million (A\$17.6m) (2022: SGD \$15.9 million (A\$17.4m)) held within a wholly owned subsidiary, for which no deferred tax asset is brought to account. These losses are available indefinitely for offset against taxable income of the companies in which those losses arose subject to the meeting of the conditions required under the shareholders' continuity test. The benefit of these tax losses has not been brought to account as the probable recognition criteria has not been satisfied. Were these tax losses to be recognised, it would result in a deferred tax asset at the Singaporean company tax rate of 17%.

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5 Income Taxes (continued)

(e) Tax consolidation

(i) Members of the tax consolidated group and the tax sharing agreement

The Company is the head entity of the tax consolidated group comprising all the Australian wholly owned subsidiaries. The implementation date for the tax consolidated group was for the tax period ended 30 June 2003. Members of the group have entered into a tax sharing agreement that provides for the allocation of income tax liabilities between the entities should the head entity default on its tax payment obligations. No amounts have been recognised in the financial statements in respect of this agreement on the basis that the possibility of default is remote.

(ii) Tax effect accounting by members of the tax consolidated group

Measurement method adopted

The head entity and the controlled entities in the tax consolidated group continue to account for their own current and deferred tax amounts. Current and deferred tax amounts are measured in a systematic manner that is consistent with the broad principles in AASB 112 *Income Taxes*.

The current and deferred tax amounts of the members of the tax consolidated group are recognised in the separate financial statements of the members of the tax consolidated group using a "Stand-Alone Taxpayer" approach by reference to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the separate financial statements of each entity and the tax values applying under consolidation.

Any current tax Australian liabilities (or assets) and deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses of the subsidiaries is assumed by the head entity in the tax consolidated group and are recognised as amounts receivable from (payable to) other entities in the tax consolidated group. Any difference between these amounts is recognised by the head entity as an equity contribution or distribution.

The Company recognises deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses of the tax consolidated group to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits of the tax consolidated group will be available against which the asset can be utilised. Any subsequent period adjustments to deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses as a result of revised assessments of the probability of recoverability is recognised by the head entity only.

Nature of the tax funding agreement

Members of the tax consolidated group have entered into a tax funding agreement, which sets out the funding obligations of members of the tax consolidated group. Payments required to / (from) head entity are equal to the current tax liability / (assets) assumed from the members of the tax consolidated group. The inter-entity receivable (payable) is at call.

Tax consolidation contributions / (distributions)

The Company has recognised the following amount as tax-consolidation contribution adjustment:

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Total increase in intercompany receivable of Vita Life Sciences Limited	2,139	1,708

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6 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Cash at bank and in hand (a)	5,427	11,842
Short term deposit (b)	19,203	3,846
Total cash and cash equivalents	24,630	15,688

(a) Cash at bank of \$5,427,000 (2022: \$11,842,000) earns interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates.

(b) Short term deposit earns interest at the respective short-term deposit rates.

(c) The fair value of cash equivalents for the Group is as stated above.

(d) Reconciliation of net profit after tax to net cash flows from operations

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Net profit after tax	9,078	7,341
Adjustments for non-cash income and expense items:		
Depreciation and Fair value adjustment	830	595
Amortisation	17	4
Shared based expense	684	713
(Reversal of)/ Allowance for impairment loss	(10)	10
	10,599	8,663
Increase/decrease in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (Increase) in inventories	4,257	(4,100)
(Increase) in receivables	(2,238)	(1,860)
(Increase) in other assets	(209)	(299)
(Increase) in deferred tax balances	(162)	(328)
Increase (Decrease) in current income tax payable	37	(929)
Increase in trade and other payables	985	844
Increase in other liabilities	372	377
Effect of foreign exchange translation of assets and liabilities	(659)	407
Net cash provided by operating activities	12,982	2,775

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7 Trade and other receivables

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Current		
Trade receivables, third parties	10,749	8,705
Allowance for expected credit loss	(47)	(57)
	10,702	8,648
Other receivables:		
Other receivables (a)	483	303
Net tax receivable	30	26
	11,215	8,977

- (a) Other receivables are non-interest bearing and have repayment terms between 30 to 90 days. It is expected that these other balances will be received when due.

The carrying value for trade and other receivables is assumed to approximate their fair value. The maximum exposure to credit risk is the fair value of receivables.

8 Inventories

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Current		
Raw materials at cost	4,218	7,629
Finished goods at lower of cost and net realisable value	8,197	8,689
Less: Provision for stock obsolescence	(1,262)	(908)
	11,153	15,410

9 Other assets

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Current		
Prepayments	587	609
Security deposits	704	473
	1,291	1,082

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10 Property, plant and equipment

	Land and Building \$'000	Leasehold improvements \$'000	Plant and equipment \$'000	Leased Plant and Equipment \$'000	Right of Use-Building \$'000	Right of Use-Plant and Equipment \$'000	Capital Work-In-Progress \$'000	Total \$'000
Year ended 31 December 2023								
At 1 January 2023 net of accumulated depreciation and impairment	7,413	30	457	4	504	64	-	8,472
Additions	89	-	91	-	43	-	480	703
Disposal	-	-	-	-	-	(2)	-	(2)
Depreciation / amortisation for the year	(69)	(3)	(154)	(3)	(256)	(10)	-	(495)
Exchange differences	(355)	(3)	(19)	(1)	(3)	4	-	(377)
Fair value adjustments	869	-	-	-	-	-	-	869
At 31 December 2023 net of accumulated depreciation, adjustments and impairment	7,947	24	375	-	288	56	480	9,170
At 31 December 2023								
Cost/ revalued	8,509	124	1,875	161	882	89	480	12,120
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(562)	(100)	(1,500)	(161)	(594)	(33)	-	(2,950)
Net carrying amount	7,947	24	375	-	288	56	480	9,170

The Group leases office premises and warehouse facilities under various agreements of between two and three years and, in some cases with options to extend. The leases have various escalation clauses. On renewal, the terms of the leases are renegotiated. The Group also leases equipment under agreements of between three and five years.

(a) Fair Value Measurement

In December 2023, the Company engaged a professional independent valuer, to determine the fair value of its land and building, which was based on recent transactions for similar assets within the same location. i.e. the Comparison Approach. As a check, the Cost Approach based on the aggregate amount of the value of the land component and gross replacement cost of the building and other site improvements allowing for depreciation was used.

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Gain on Revaluation as recognised in Profit or Loss Statement	335	-
Gain on Revaluation as recognised in Revaluation Reserve	534	-
	869	-

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10 Property, plant and equipment (Continued)

	Land and Building \$'000	Leasehold improvements \$'000	Plant and equipment \$'000	Leased Plant and Equipment \$'000	Right of Use-Building \$'000	Right of Use-Plant and Equipment \$'000	Total \$'000
Year ended 31 December 2022							
At 1 January 2022 net of accumulated depreciation and impairment	7,383	33	465	9	290	84	8,264
Additions	-	-	139	-	530	-	669
Depreciation / amortisation for the year	(70)	(3)	(171)	(5)	(335)	(11)	(595)
Exchange differences	100	-	24	-	19	(9)	134
At 31 December 2022 net of accumulated depreciation, adjustments and impairment	7,413	30	457	4	504	64	8,472
At 31 December 2022							
Cost/ revalued	7,934	126	1,834	162	900	109	11,065
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(521)	(96)	(1,377)	(158)	(396)	(45)	(2,593)
Net carrying amount	7,413	30	457	4	504	64	8,472

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11 Trade and other payables

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Current		
Trade payables (a)	5,579	4,495
Net tax payable	151	92
Other payables and accruals	3,951	4,109
	9,681	8,696

- (a) Trade payables are non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 90-day terms. Other payables are non-interest bearing and have an average term of 3 months.

12 Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for employee benefits accumulated as a result of employees rendering services up to the reporting date. These benefits include wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave.

	Employee Entitlements \$'000
Balance at 1 January 2023	2,063
Charged during the year	1,780
Used during the year	(1,592)
Foreign exchange difference	(12)
Balance at 31 December 2023	2,239
At 31 December 2023	
Current	2,155
Non-Current	84
	2,239
At 31 December 2022	
Current	1,928
Non-Current	135
	2,063

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13 Contract Return Liability

The Contract Return Liability is to account for the right of return assets and refund liabilities.

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Balance at 1 January	3,899	3,515
Charged during the year	2,040	2,486
Used during the year	(1,741)	(2,224)
Foreign exchange difference	(103)	122
Balance at 31 December	4,095	3,899

14 Lease Liability

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
At 31 December		
Current	211	300
Non-Current	176	301
	387	601

Minimum lease payments due within:

	1 year \$'000	2-3 years \$'000	4-5 years \$'000	Total \$'000
31 December 2023				
Lease Payments	226	174	7	407
Finance charges	(15)	(5)	-	(20)
Lease Liability	211	169	7	387

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15 Contributed equity

	2023 Number	2022 Number	2023 \$	2022 \$
Issued and paid up capital				
Ordinary shares	56,400,137	56,526,612	42,566,853	41,904,024
Ordinary shares				
Balance at beginning of the year	56,526,612	55,187,612	41,904,024	41,633,088
Share buy back (a)	(126,475)	(186,000)	(208,421)	(311,064)
Payment of loan for shares to Employees/ Directors	-	-	871,250	582,000
Issue of shares to Employees/ Directors (c)	-	1,525,000	-	-
Balance at end of the year	56,400,137	56,526,612	42,566,853	41,904,024

(a) Share Buy-Back

A total of 126,475 (2022: 186,000) ordinary shares were bought back for year ended 31 December 2023 as approved by the shareholders at the 9 May 2023 Annual General Meetings at a total cost of \$208,421 (2022: \$311,064).

(b) Issue of Long Term Incentive Plan Shares to key executives

In 2023, the Company recognised net expense of \$683,901 (2022: \$712,592) in the income statement with a corresponding increase (2022: increase) in employee share based payment reserve.

On 1 Apr 2022, the Company issued 725,000 new shares at a total price of \$1,370,250 to employees under the Company's Long Term Incentive Plans (LTIP). On 12 May 2022, the Company also issued a further 800,000 new shares at a total price of \$1,512,000, to the Directors under the Company's LTIP which was approved at the Company's Annual General Meeting, on 11 May 2022.

(c) Capital management

When managing capital, management's objective is to ensure the Company continues as a going concern as well as to maintain optimal returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders. Management also aims to maintain a capital structure that ensures the lowest cost of capital available to the entity.

Management constantly assesses the capital structure to take advantage of favourable costs of capital and / or high returns on assets.

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15 Contributed equity (continued)

(d) Dividends

The Directors declared a fully franked interim dividend of 3.00 cents per share and a fully franked final dividend of 6.00 cents per share in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: interim dividend of 2.75 cents fully franked and a final dividend of 3.25 cents fully franked).

The final dividend of 6.00 cents per share has not been recognised in these consolidated financial statements as it was declared subsequent to 31 December 2023.

	2023 Cents per Share	2022 Cents per Share	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Fully paid ordinary shares				
Final dividend for the previous financial year				
- Full franking credits attached	3.25	3.00	1,749	1,579
Interim dividend for the financial year				
- Full franking credits attached	3.00	2.75	1,618	1,459
	6.25	5.75	3,367	3,038

16 Net tangible assets per share

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Net assets per share	0.77	0.65
Net tangible assets per share	0.73	0.61
	Number	Number
Number of ordinary shares for net assets per share	56,400,137	56,526,612

Following the adoption of AASB 16: Leases on 1 January 2019, the net assets include both right-of-use assets and corresponding lease liabilities accounted for under the current requirements.

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17 Subsidiaries

Name	Place of Incorporation	Percentage of Equity Interest	
		2023 %	2022 %
Lovin Pharma International Limited	Ireland	100	100
Herbs of Gold Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Herbs of Gold (Shanghai) Co. Limited	People's Republic of China	100	100
VitaHealth Laboratories Australia Pty Limited	Australia	100	100
Vita Institute of Health Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
VitaHealth Australia Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100
Vita Corporation Pte Limited	Singapore	100	100
Herbs of Gold (S) Pte Ltd	Singapore	100	100
Vpacks (S) Pte Ltd	Singapore	100	-
VitaHealth Laboratories (HK) Limited	Hong Kong	100	100
Vita Healthcare Asia Pacific Sdn Bhd	Malaysia	100	100
VitaHealth Malaysia Sdn Bhd	Malaysia	100	100
VitaHealth Biotech Sdn Bhd	Malaysia	100	100
Vita Lifesciences Sdn Bhd	Malaysia	100	100
Vita Science Sdn Bhd	Malaysia	100	100
Herbs of Gold Sdn Bhd	Malaysia	100	100
VitaHealth Asia Pacific (S) Pte Limited	Singapore	100	100
Vita Life Sciences (S) Pte Limited	Singapore	100	100
VitaHealth IP Pte Limited	Singapore	100	100
Vita Life Sciences (Thailand) Co. Ltd	Thailand	49	49
VitaHealth (Thailand) Co. Ltd	Thailand	74	74
Vita Health Vietnam Company Limited	Vietnam	100	100
Herbs of Gold Vietnam Company Limited	Vietnam	100	-
Pharma Direct Sdn Bhd	Malaysia	100	100
PT. Vita Health Indonesia	Indonesia	100	100

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18 Subsequent events

The Directors have declared a final fully franked dividend of 6.00 cents per share in respect of the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

Other than the above matters, there are no subsequent events after balance date that affect the operating results or financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries.

19 Contingent assets and liabilities

The Group has no other contingent assets or liabilities as at 31 December 2023.

20 Information on audit or review

This preliminary final report is based on accounts which are in the process of being audited.

Description of likely dispute or qualification if the accounts have not yet been audited or subject to review or are in the process of being audited or subjected to review.

None noted

Compliance Statement

1. This report has been prepared in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 4.3A, Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and other standards acceptable to the ASX.
2. This report, and the financial statements upon which the report is based, use the same accounting policies.
3. This report does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.
4. This report is based on financial statements which are in the process of being audited, and the audit report is not expected to contain any qualifications.
5. The entity has a formally constituted Audit Committee.

Chin L Khoo
Company Secretary
26 February 2023