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H) Impairment of Non-Financial Assets (Other than Goodwill) (continued)

Impairment loss is recognised for the difference between estimated recoverable amount and carrying value. Carrying amount of an asset is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount and the amount of loss is included in the income statement for the period.

Impairment loss is reversed if there is an indication that an impairment loss recognised in prior periods for an asset other than goodwill may no longer exist or may be decreased and if subsequent increase in recoverable amount can be related objectively to event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised. Impairment loss is only reversed to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

Intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually.

I) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value less directly attributable transaction costs. In subsequent periods, borrowings are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Any difference between the initial fair value less transaction costs and the redemption amount is recognised within finance costs over the period of the borrowings.

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset that necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale are capitalised as part of cost of respective assets. All other borrowing costs are expensed in the period they occur. Borrowing costs consist of interest and other costs that an entity incurs in connection with the borrowing of funds.

J) Leases

The determination of whether an arrangement is, or contains a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement at inception date of whether the fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets or the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset.

Finance leases, which transfer to the Group substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased item, are capitalised at the inception of the lease at the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. Lease payments are apportioned between the finance charges and reduction of the lease liability so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are charged to finance costs in the income statement.

The depreciation policy for depreciable leased assets is consistent with that for depreciable assets which are owned. If there is no reasonable certainty that the Group will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term, the asset is fully depreciated over the shorter of the lease term or its useful life.

Leases where the lessor retains substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the asset are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense in the income statement on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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K) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that outflow of resources will be required to settle obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made. Where the Group expects 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.

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

L) Employee Benefits Liability

Short-Term Employee Benefits

Short-term employee benefits paid by the Group include wages, salaries, social security contributions, paid annual leave and paid sick leave, bonuses and non-monetary benefits (such as medical care). Such employee benefits are accrued in the year in which the associated services are rendered by employees of the Group.

Defined Benefit Obligations

The Group companies provide a number of post-employment and other long-term benefits to their employees (pensions, lump-sum post-employment payments, financial support to pensioners, jubilee payments, etc.).

All post-employment benefit plans are unfunded. The entitlement to these benefits is usually conditional on the employee remaining in service up to retirement age, the completion of a minimum service period and the amount of the benefits stipulated in the collective bargaining agreements. The liability recognised in the statement of financial position in respect of post-employment and other long-term employee benefits is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting period less the fair value of plan assets. The defined benefit obligation is calculated by external consultants using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using yields on high-quality corporate bonds or, in countries where there is no deep market in such bonds, yields on government bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related obligation.

Net benefit expense charged to the income statement consists of current service cost, interest expense, past service cost, gains and losses from settlement. Past service costs are recognised in profit or loss on the earlier of: the date of the plan amendment or curtailment, and the date when the Group recognises restructuring-related costs. Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are reflected in other comprehensive income/loss in the period in which they arise.

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L) Employee Benefits Liability (continued)

Defined Contribution Plans

For defined contribution plans, the Group pays contributions to publicly or privately administered pension insurance plans on a mandatory, contractual or voluntary basis. The Group has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

M) Government Grants

Grants from the government are recognised when there is a reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the Group will comply with all conditions attached to it.

When the grant relates to an expense item, it is recognised as the decrease of respective expenses over the periods when the costs, which it is intended to compensate, are incurred.

Government grants relating to assets are included in non-current liabilities as deferred government grants and are credited to other income in the income statement on a straight-line basis over the expected lives of the related assets.

N) Deferred Income Tax

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated in respect of temporary differences using the liability method. Deferred income tax is recognised in the income statement, except to the extent that it relates to items directly taken to equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised against equity or other comprehensive income.

Deferred income taxes are provided for all temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying values for financial reporting purposes, except where deferred income tax arises from initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss.

A deferred tax asset is recorded only to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period.

Deferred income tax is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures, except where timing of reversal of temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that temporary differences will not be reversed in the near future.

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O) Equity

Share Capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. External costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares, other than on a business combination, are shown as a deduction from proceeds in equity.

Treasury Shares

Own equity instruments which are acquired by the Group (treasury shares) are deducted from equity. No gain or loss is recognised in the income statement on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of treasury shares.

Dividends

Dividends are recognised as a liability and deducted from equity at the end of the reporting period only if they are declared before or on the end of the reporting period. Dividends are disclosed in the financial statements when they are proposed before the end of the reporting period or proposed or declared after the end of the reporting period but before the financial statements are authorised for issue.

P) Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that economic benefits will flow to the Group and the amount of revenue can be measured reliably. Revenues from sales of inventory are recognised when significant risks and rewards of ownership of goods have passed to the buyer. Revenues arising from rendering of services are recognised in the same period when the services are provided.

Revenues are measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. When the fair value of consideration received cannot be measured reliably, revenue is measured at the fair value of goods or services provided.