# Kcell JSC



Interim condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited)

30 June 2024

# **CONTENTS**

# Interim condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited)

Interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position.	1
Interim condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income	
Interim condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity	
Interim condensed consolidated statement of cash flows.	
Notes to the interim condensed consolidated financial statements 6	



«Эрист энд Янг» ЖШС Әл-Фараби д-лы, 77/7 «Есентай Тауэр» ғимараты Алматы к., 050060 Қазақстан Республикасы Тел.: +7 727 258 5960 Факс: +7 727 258 5961

www.ev.com

ТОО «Эрнст энд Янг» пр. Аль-Фараби, 77/7 здание «Есентай Тауэр» г. Алматы, 050060 Республика Казахстан Тел.: +7 727 258 5960 Факс: +7 727 258 5961

Ernst & Young LLP Al-Farabi ave., 77/7 Esentai Tower Almaty, 050060 Republic of Kazakhstan Tel.: +7 727 258 5960 Fax: +7 727 258 5961

# Report on review of interim consolidated financial information

To the Shareholders, Board of Directors and Management of "Kcell" JSC

#### Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements of "Kcell" JSC and its subsidiary ("the Group"), which comprise the interim consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the related interim consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the three- and six-month periods then ended, interim consolidated statement of changes in equity and interim consolidated statement of cash flows for the six-month period then ended, and selected explanatory notes (interim financial information). Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of this interim financial information in accordance with IAS 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim financial information based on our review.

### Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.



# Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying interim financial information of "Kcell" JSC and its subsidiary is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with IAS 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*.

Ernst & Young LLP

Adil Syzdykov Auditor

Auditor Qualification Certificate No. MФ 0000172 dated 23 December 2013

050060, Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty Al-Farabi ave., 77/7, Esentai Tower

14 August 2024



Rustamzhan Sattarov General Director Ernst & Young LLP

State audit license for audit activities on the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan: series  $M\Phi \Theta$ -2 No. 0000003 issued by the Ministry of finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan on 15 July 2005

# INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# As at 30 June 2024

		30 June	31 December
In millions of tenge	NI - 4 ···	2024	2023
In manons of tenge	Notes	(unaudited)	(audited)
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property and equipment	6	179,876	156,113
Intangible assets	7	118,346	123,824
Investment property	6	307	339
Advances paid for non-current assets		39	176
Right-of-use assets	13	45,360	41,162
Long-term trade receivables	8	3,614	1.523
Costs to obtain contracts	-	713	674
Deferred tax assets		4,634	4,148
Total non-current assets		352,889	327,959
Current assets			
Inventories	9	8,307	9,009
Trade receivables	8	25,301	32,723
Other current non-financial assets	10	5,885	7,826
Other current financial assets		1,452	2,167
Prepaid income tax		-	545
Cash and cash equivalents	11	7,186	11,031
Total current assets		48,131	63,301
Total assets		401,020	391,260
Front and Balling			
Equity and liabilities	_		
Share capital	5	33,800	33,800
Additional paid-in capital		1,260	1,260
Retained earnings		141,949	136,458
Total equity		177,009	<u>171,</u> 518
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings: non-current portion	12	40.000	77.544
Long-term lease liabilities	· <del>-</del>	46,653	77,514
Government grants: non-current portion	13 17	41,440	38,261
Long-term trade payables	14	17,785	14,391
Asset retirement obligations	14	5,072	7,339
Total non-current liabilities		4,365	3,676
Total non-carrent habilities		115,315	141,181
Current liabilities			
Borrowings: current portion	12	50,171	7,353
Short-term lease liabilities	13	5,488	5,296
Government grant: current portion	17	4.800	,
Trade payables	14	26,159	3,746
Financial guarantee obligations	15	20, 135	40,996 44
Contract liabilities	18	8,454	
Provisions	16	5,597	9,861
Due to employees	10	6,304	2,062 5.952
Income tax payable		759	5,952
Taxes payable other than income tax		759 951	3,251
Total current liabilities		108,696	
Total liabilities		224,011	78,561
Total equity and liabilities			219,742
		401,020	391,260

Chairman of the Management Board & Chief Executive Officer

Chief Financial Officer

Chief Accountant

irman of the Management Board & Chief Executive Officer

ief Financial Officer

ief Accountant

The accounting policies and notes on pages 6 to 22 are an integral found in condensed consolidated financial statements (unadouted) in a supplier of the statement (unadouted) in a supplier of the sta

# INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June 2024

		For the three months ended 30 June		For the six	
			2023		2023
		2024	(unaudited,	2024	(unaudited,
In millions of tenge	Notes	(unaudited)	restated*)	(unaudited)	restated*)
	4.0	70.070	50.040	440,000	407.400
Revenue from contract with customers	18	59,850	50,346	116,882	107,480
Income from government grants	17	1,464	848	2,927	1,697
Cost of sales	19	(48,254)	(37,925)	(90,318)	(72,853)
Gross profit		13,060	13,269	29,491	36,324
General and administrative expenses		(2,350)	(1,850)	(4,866)	(4,427)
Impairment of financial assets	8	(1,083)	(1,414)	(2,429)	(2,280)
Selling expenses		(1,186)	(1,179)	(2,110)	(2,590)
Other operating income		_	1	130	163
Other operating expenses		(780)	(858)	(4,177)	(1,025)
Operating profit		7,661	7,969	16,039	26,165
Finance costs	20	(6,437)	(2,863)	(11,377)	(4,647)
Finance income	20	1,551	1,535	1,891	3,257
Foreign exchange gain/(loss), net		133	(87)	465	(935)
Profit before tax		2,908	6,554	7,018	23,840
Income tax expenses	21	(740)	(1,485)	(1,527)	(5,960)
Profit for the period		2,168	5,069	5.491	17,880
Total comprehensive income for				.,,	
the period, net of tax		2,168	5,069	5,491	17,880
Earnings per share					
Basic and diluted, tenge	5	10.84	25.35	27.46	89.40
basic and diluted, tenge	5	10.04	20.00	21.40	00.40

<sup>\*</sup> Certain numbers shown here do not correspond to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the three and six months ended 30 June, 2023 and reflect adjustments made, refer to Note 19.

Chairman of the Management Board & Chief Executive Officer

Chief Financial Officer

Chief Accountant

akar Zhambakin

el Khassanova

# INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the six months ended 30 June 2024

In millions of tenge	Share Capital	Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Total equity
Balance at 1 January 2023 (audited)	33,800	1,260	103,561	138,621
Net profit for the period (unaudited)		_	17,880	17,880
Other comprehensive income (unaudited)	_	-	_	_
Total comprehensive income (unaudited)	_		17,880	17,880
At 30 June 2023 (unaudited)	33,800	1,260	121,441	156,501
Balance at 1 January 2024 (audited)	33,800	1,260	136,458	171,518
Net profit for the period (unaudited)	-	_	5,491	5,491
Other comprehensive income (unaudited)	_	_	_	-
Total comprehensive income (unaudited)	_	-	5,491	5,491
At 30 June 2024 (unaudited)	33,800	1,260	141,949	177,009

Chairman of the Management Board & Chief Executive Officer

Chief Financial Officer

Chief Accountant

PECNYEMINATPI KABASAOTA WASTAN WASTAN

Danir Mullashev

Khassanova

# INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the six months ended 30 June 2024

		For the six months	ended 30 June
	-	2024	2023
In millions of tenge	Notes	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before tax		7,018	23,840
Adjustments for:			
Impairment of financial assets	8	2,429	2.280
Finance costs	o	11,377	4,647
Provisions		3,535	1,049
Depreciation of property and equipment and right-of-use assets	6, 13	13,453	9,727
Amortization of intangible assets	7	11,089	7,491
Write-off of inventories to net realizable value	9	350	-,-51
Income from accounts payable write-off	Ü	(48)	_
Finance income		(1,891)	(3,257)
Loss on disposal of property and equipment, intangible assets		62	117
Income from government grants	17	(2,927)	(1.697)
Foreign exchange gain/(loss), net	.,	(448)	935
Operating cash flows before working capital changes		43,999	45,132
		,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Change in inventories		352	(2,585)
Change in trade receivables		3,788	(1,710)
Change in other current non-financial assets		1,941	(4,215)
Change in other current financial assets		715	127
Change in cost to obtain contracts		(39)	(14)
Change in trade payables		(6,812)	4,481
Change in due to employees		352	299
Change in contract liabilities		(1,407)	2,212
Change in taxes payable other than income tax		7,366	7,494
Cash flows generated from operations		50,255	51,221
		4	
Income tax paid		(3,000)	(3,480)
Interest received		463	2,324
Interest paid		(10,263)	(4,115)
Net cash flows received from operating activities		37,455	45,950
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property and equipment		(34,717)	(20,930)
Purchase of intangible assets		(14,253)	(88,765)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		40	(00,100)
Proceeds from redemption of financial assets at amortised cost		-	49,358
Purchase of financial assets at amortised cost		_	(34,545)
Other expenses		(2)	(2)
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(48,932)	(94.884)
Againman		(10,002)	(3 1,00 1)

# INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (continued)

		For the six months	ended 30 June
		2024	2023
In millions of tenge	Notes	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from loans	12	99,939	18,080
Repayment of loans	12	(87,954)	(5,000)
Repayment of principal portion of lease liabilities	13	(4,370)	(2,860)
Net cash flows received from financing activities		7,615	10,220
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(3,862)	(38,714)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents			
held in foreign currency		17	(806)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		11,031	46,248
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	11	7,186	6,728

Chairman of the Management Board & Chief Executive Officer

Chief Financial Officer

Chief Accountant

#### For the six months ended 30 June 2024

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Kcell JSC (the Company) was established as a limited liability partnership (GSM Kazakhstan OJSC Kazakhtelecom LLP) on 1 June 1998 to design, construct and operate a cellular telecommunications network in the Republic of Kazakhstan, using the GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications) standard.

The Company's registered address is Alimzhanova 51, Almaty, the Republic of Kazakhstan.

On 27 August 2012, the Ministry of Justice registered the Company as a Joint Stock Company. Under Kazakhstani law, upon the conversion, retained earnings as at the date of the conversion became share capital of the Company and ceased to be available for distribution to shareholders.

The Group operates 3G, 4G, LTE, 5G licenses.

As at 30 June 2024 and December 2023 the Company is controlled by Kazakhtelecom JSC. Kazakhtelecom JSC is controlled by the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan through Sovereign Wealth Fund Samruk-Kazyna JSC (Samruk-Kazyna) which owns 79.2% of Kazakhtelecom's controlling shares. Issued shares of the Company are listed on the Kazakhstan Stock Exchange (KASE).

As at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023, the shareholders of the Company are presented as follow:

	30 June	31 December
	2024	2023
Kazakhtelecom JSC	51.00%	51.00%
Yesenov G.Sh.	14.87%	14.87%
First Heartland Jusan Bank JSC	9.08%	9.08%
Single accumulative pension fund JSC	7.06%	7.06%
Turlov T.R.	2.62%	2.19%
FREEDOM FINANCE LIFE JSC	1.69%	1.80%
Public company FREEDOM FINANCE GLOBAL	1.56%	2.31%
Raiffeisenbank JSC	1.54%	1.54%
FREEDOM FINANCE KAZAKHSTAN JSC	1.42%	0.00%
KAZPOST JSC	1.23%	2.36%
Private company TURLOV PRIVATE HOLDING LTD	1.20%	0.23%
Freedom Finance JSC	1.04%	0.03%
WISDOMPOINT CAPITAL LTD	0.56%	1.05%
ZHASYL DAMU JSC	_	2.59%
FREEDOM SECURITIES TRADING INC.	_	0.66%
Other	5.13%	3.23%
	100.00%	100.00%

As at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023, the Company has the following principal subsidiary:

	30 June 2024 (unaudited)	31 December 2023
KazNet Media I I P	100%	100%

The accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Kcell JSC and its subsidiary (the Group).

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue by the Chairman of the Management Board on 14 August 2024.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the three months ended 30 June 2024 have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2023.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Kazakhstani tenge and all amounts are rounded to the nearest millions, except when otherwise indicated.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION (continued)

### Going concern

As of 30 June 2024, the Group's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by 60,565 million tenge. The Group's current liabilities mainly comprise short-term loans and borrowings in the amount of 50,171 million tenge, trade and other payables in the amount of 26,159 million tenge, taxes payable in the amount of 951 million tenge and other current financial and non-financial liabilities.

The management believes that the Group will continue its activity in accordance with the principle of going concern, and in making such a judgement, the management took into account current intentions of the Group and its financial position. In particular, the following factor was reviewed in estimating the ability of the Group to continue its activities in accordance with the going concern principle:

- The Group plans to continue generating positive net operating cash flows;
- Effective financial management of net working capital;
- As at the date of issue of these financial statements, the Group has the opportunity to attract additional funds on arm's length terms under available unutilized credit lines for a total amount of 91,300 million tenge.
- Diversification of funding sources.

Thus, the Group's management believes that the Group will continue its activities accordance with the principle of going concern during the next 12 months from the date of authorization of these financial statements.

### Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded by the Group entities at their respective functional currency spot rates at the date the transaction first qualifies for recognition. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the official rate established by the KASE and published by the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan (the NBRK) at the reporting date. All differences are recognized in the interim condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates as at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value is determined. The gain or loss arising on translation of non-monetary items measured at fair value is treated in line with the recognition of the gain or loss on the change in fair value of the item (i.e., translation differences on items whose fair value gain or loss is recognised in OCI or profit or loss, respectively).

The following table summarises the foreign currency exchange rates for tenge:

	30 June	31 December
	2024	2023
US dollar	471.46	454.56
Euro	504.79	502.24
Russian ruble	5.53	5.06

### 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### New standards, interpretations and amendments adopted by the Group

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, except for the adoption of new standards effective as of 1 January 2024. The Group has not early adopted any standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

Several amendments apply for the first time in 2024, but do not have an impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group.

# 3. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Supplier Finance Arrangements - Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7

In May 2023, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows and IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures to clarify the characteristics of supplier finance arrangements and require additional disclosure of such arrangements. The disclosure requirements in the amendments are intended to assist users of financial statements in understanding the effects of supplier finance arrangements on an entity's liabilities, cash flows and exposure to liquidity risk.

The transition rules clarify that an entity is not required to provide the disclosures in any interim periods in the year of initial application of the amendments. Thus, the amendments had no impact on the Group's interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to IFRS 16: Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback

In September 2022, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 16 to specify the requirements that a seller-lessee uses in measuring the lease liability arising in a sale and leaseback transaction, to ensure the seller-lessee does not recognise any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use it retains.

The amendments had no impact on the Group's interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Amendments to IAS 1: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

In January 2020 and October 2022, the IASB issued amendments to paragraphs 69 to 76 of IAS 1 to specify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments clarify:

- What is meant by a right to defer settlement;
- That a right to defer must exist at the end of the reporting period;
- That classification is unaffected by the likelihood that an entity will exercise its deferral right;
- That only if an embedded derivative in a convertible liability is itself an equity instrument would the terms of a liability not impact its classification.

In addition, a requirement has been introduced whereby an entity must disclose when a liability arising from a loan agreement is classified as non-current and the entity's right to defer settlement is contingent on compliance with future covenants within twelve months. Please refer to the *Note 12* for more details.

The amendments had no impact on the Group's interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

### 4. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group's main operations are concentrated in the Republic of Kazakhstan and are mainly represented by provision of mobile communication services. The Group identifies the segment in accordance with the criteria set in IFRS 8 *Operating Segments* and based on the way the operations of the Group are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker to analyse performance and allocate resources among business units of the Group.

The Group's Chairman of the Management Board has been determined as the chief operating decision-maker (CODM). The CODM reviews the Group's internal reporting in order to assess performance and allocate resources. Segment performance is evaluated based on operating profit or loss and is measured consistently with operating profit or loss in the interim condensed consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS. Management has determined a single operating segment being mobile communication services based on these internal reports.

# 5. SHARE CAPITAL AND EARNINGS PER SHARE

As at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023, the shareholders of the Company are presented as follow:

	30 June 2024		31 Decem	nber 2023
	Number of			Number of
	Share	shares	Share	shares
Kazakhtelecom JSC	51.00%	102,000,000	51.00%	102,000,000
Yesenov G.Sh.	14.87%	29,745,215	14.87%	29,745,215
First Heartland Jusan Bank JSC	9.08%	18,167,753	9.08%	18,167,753
Single accumulative pension fund JSC	7.06%	14,116,287	7.06%	14,116,287
Turlov T.R.	2.62%	5,243,430	2.19%	4,371,680
FREEDOM FINANCE LIFE JSC	1.69%	3,374,609	1.80%	3,608,386
Public company FREEDOM FINANCE GLOBAL	1.56%	3,120,392	2.31%	4,623,103
Raiffeisenbank JSC	1.54%	3,070,664	1.54%	3,070,664
FREEDOM FINANCE KAZAKHSTAN JSC	1.42%	2,833,587	0.00%	=
KAZPOST JSC	1.23%	2,456,391	2.36%	4,727,726
Private company TURLOV PRIVATE				
HOLDING LTD	1.20%	2,399,021	0.23%	467,449
Freedom Finance JSC	1.04%	2,089,706	0.03%	60,160
WISDOMPOINT CAPITAL LTD	0.56%	1,121,327	1.05%	2,102,447
ZHASYL DAMU JSC	_	_	2.59%	5,188,973
FREEDOM SECURITIES TRADING INC.	_	_	0.66%	1,319,171
Other	5.13%	10,261,618	3.23%	6,430,986
	100.00%	200,000,000	100.00%	200,000,000

The total authorized number of ordinary shares is 200,000,000 shares with a par value of 169 tenge per share, all of which are issued and fully paid.

The calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share is based on the following data:

	For the three months ended		For the three months ended Six n		Six month	ns ended
	30 June	30 June	30 June	30 June		
In millions of tenge	2024	2023	2024	2023		
Profit for the period attributable to equity shareholders Weighted average number of ordinary shares	2,168 200,000,0000	5,069 200,000,0000	5,491 200,000,000	17,880 200,000,000		
Earnings per share (tenge), basic and diluted	10.84	25.35	27.46	89.40		

The Group has no dilutive or potentially dilutive securities outstanding.

# Additional information disclosed in accordance with KASE requirements

The cost of ordinary shares, calculated in accordance with the requirements of the KASE

According to the requirements of the KASE, the Group has calculated its cost per ordinary share, which was calculated based on the number of ordinary shares outstanding at the reporting date. The cost per ordinary share as at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023 is presented below

In millions of tenge	30 June 2024	31 December 2023
Net assets, excluding intangible assets Number of ordinary shares in issue	58,663 200,000,000	47,694 200,000,000
Cost of ordinary share, calculated in accordance with listing requirements of the KASE (tenge)	293.32	238.47

During the six months ended 30 June 2024 and 2023, the Group did not declare dividends payable.

### 6. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

During the three and six-months period ended 30 June 2024, additions to property and equipment totaled to 19,366 and 33,480 million tenge respectively (during the three and six-months period ended 30 June 2023: 22,880 and 24,118 million tenge respectively).

During the three and six-months period ended 30 June 2024, transfers from construction-in-progress to property and equipment amounted to 11,360 and 19,841 million tenge respectively (during the three and six-months period ended 30 June 2023: 1,712 and 2,988 million tenge respectively).

During the three and six-months period ended 30 June 2024, the Group recognized depreciation expense in the amount of 5,151 and 9,910 million tenge respectively (during the three and six-months period ended 30 June 2023: 3,325 and 6,812 million tenge respectively).

During the six-months period ended 30 June 2024, the Group recognized an increase in changes in estimates in assets retirement obligation in the amount 280 million tenge (during the six-months period ended 30 June 2023: the decrease in the amount of 366 million tenge).

As of 30 June 2024, the fair value of the investment property equaled to 451 million tenge (31 December 2023: 427 million tenge).

As of 30 June 2024, prepayments for certain property and equipment mainly represented by equipment for base stations amounted to 39 million tenge (31 December 2023: 176 million tenge).

As of 30 June 2024, the gross carrying value of property and equipment which has been fully depreciated and still in use, was 182,822 million tenge were (as of 31 December 2023: 190,204 million tenge)

During the six months period ended 30 June 2024, the Group has written off property and equipment with net book value in the amount of 1.6 million tenge (during the six-months period ended 30 June 2023: 387 million tenge)

#### 7. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

As of 30 June 2024, the Group has permits to use of 5G for 3700-3800 MHz radio frequency spectrum in 20 regions out of 20. However, in a number of regions, frequency spectrum has been received partially. Accordingly, the overall share of 5G permits received is 83% across all regions.

During the three and six-months period ended 30 June 2024, the Group acquired intangible assets in the amount of 1,526 and 5,611 million tenge respectively (during three and six-months period ended 30 June 2023: 13,998 and 93,593 million tenge respectively).

During the three and six-months period ended 30 June 2024, the Group recognized amortization expense in the amount of 5,665 and 11,089 million tenge respectively (during three and six-months period ended 30 June 2023: 4,245 and 7,491 million tenge respectively).

As of 30 June 2024, the carrying amount of 5G license was 72,832 million tenge (31 December 2023: 75,434 million tenge) and its remaining amortization period was 14 years. As of 30 June 2024, the carrying amount of the 4G license was 11,411 million tenge (31 December 2023: 12,277 million tenge) and its remaining amortization period was 6 years. As of 30 June 2024, the carrying amount of 3G license was 500 million tenge (31 December 2023: 666 million tenge) and its remaining amortization period was 1 year.

As of 30 June 2024, the gross carrying value of intangible assets, which have been fully amortized and still in use, was 30,426 million tenge (31 December 2023: 39,769 million tenge). During the six months period ended 30 June 2024, the Group has written off the fully amortized intangible assets with initial cost in the amount of 12,075 million tenge (during the six months period ended 30 June 2023: nil)

As of 30 June 2024, the carrying value of intangible assets represented by internally developed digital products included in the development costs amounted to 3,190 million tenge (31 December 2023: 2,634 million tenge). Cost capitalized as development costs meet the criteria for recognition as intangible assets under IAS 38.

# 8. TRADE RECEIVABLES

As at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023, trade receivables comprised of the following:

	30 June 2024	31 December
In millions of tenge	(unaudited)	2023
Trade receivables from subscribers	26,570	29,568
Trade receivables from interconnect services	1,522	3,322
Trade receivables from dealers and distributors	827	801
Trade receivables from roaming operators	571	439
Trade receivables from related parties (Note 22)	6,648	4,946
Less: allowance for expected credit losses	(7,223)	(4,830)
	28,915	34,246
Less: long-term portion of trade receivables from subscribers	(3,614)	(1,523)
	25,301	32,723

During the six months ended 30 June, movements in the allowance for expected credit losses were as follows:

In millions of tenge	Six months ended 30 June 2024 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2023 (unaudited)
Allowance for expected credit losses at the beginning of the period	(4,830)	(12,915)
Charge for the period Write-off for the period	(2,429) 36	(2,280)
Allowance for expected credit losses at the end of the period	(7,223)	(15,195)

During the three months ended 30 June 2024 the Group recognized 1,083 million tenge additional provision of an allowance for expected credit losses (during the three months ended 30 June 2023: 1,414 million tenge).

# 9. INVENTORIES

As of 30 June 2024, and 31 December 2023, inventories comprised:

In millions of tenge	30 June 2024 (unaudited)	31 December 2023
Handsets and accessories (at lower of cost and net realizable value)	7,097	7,501
Start packages (at cost)	290	330
SIM-cards (at cost)	153	147
Marketing materials (at cost)	50	97
Other materials (at cost)	717	934
	8,307	9,009

During the six-month period ended 30 June 2024, the Group recognized as an expense 350 million tenge (during the six-month period ended 30 June 2023: nil tenge) for inventories carried at net realizable value, which is recognized within general and administrative expenses.

### 10. OTHER CURRENT NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS

As at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023, other current non-financial assets comprised of the following:

In millions of tenge	30 June 2024 (unaudited)	31 December 2023
Advances paid	3,669	3,497
Prepaid taxes other than income taxes	1,082	2,847
Prepaid expenses	1,034	913
VAT recoverable	100	569
	5,885	7,826

# 11. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

As at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023, cash and cash equivalents comprised of the following:

In millions of tenge	30 June 2024 (unaudited)	31 December 2023
Bank deposits with original maturity of less than 90 days	6,116	9,143
Cash on current bank accounts	1,065	1,883
Cash on hand	5	5
	7,186	11,031

As of 30 June 2024, short-term bank deposits include overnight deposits in tenge in Halyk Bank JSC at interest rate 14.00% in the amount of 3,450 million tenge, and deposit in USD at interest rate 3.0% in the amount of 34,650 USD.

Additionally, Kcell JSC placed deposits totaling 5.62 million USD in Kazpost JSC from 24 June 2024, to 24 July 2024, at an interest rate of 4%.

As at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023, cash and cash equivalents were denominated in various currencies as follow:

In millions of tenge	30 June 2024 (unaudited)	31 December 2023
Tenge	4,507	8,901
US dollars	2,669	2,123
Euro	6	2
Russian roubles	4	4
Other currency	-	1
	7,186	11,031

### 12. BORROWINGS

As at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023 borrowings comprised of the following:

		Effective		30 June 2024	31 December
In millions of tenge	Currency	interest rate	Maturity date	(unaudited)	2023
AIX Bonds	Tenge	15.50%	June 2025 September	25,248	-
Nurbank JSC	Tenge	16.60%	2026	17,672	10,909
Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan JSC	Tenge	18.10%	March 2027	16,218	_
AIX Bonds	Tenge	15.50%	April 2027	15,565	_
			February		
Bank of China Kazakhstan JSC	Tenge	18.70%	2026	12,937	13,000
			February		
Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan JSC	Tenge	18.70%	2027	6,718	_
Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan JSC	Tenge	18.10%	April 2027	1,040	_
Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan JSC	Tenge	18.70%	January 2027	928	_
	_		November		
First Heartland Jusan Bank JSC	Tenge	11.60%	2024	498	512
	_	40.500/	September		
Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan JSC	Tenge	18.50%	2026	_	22,896
	_	47.750/	December		40.040
Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan JSC	Tenge	17.75%	2026	_	12,642
	_	40.000/	November		0.054
Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan JSC	Tenge	18.00%	2026	_	9,254
Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan JSC	Tenge	18.00%	October 2026	-	6,002
New Lands 100	<b>T</b>	47.070/	December		4 004
Nurbank JSC	Tenge	17.27%	2024	_	4,091
Habit Danit of Kanalihatan 100	T	47.750/	November		0.400
Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan JSC	Tenge	17.75%	2026	_	3,466
Bank of China Kazakhstan JSC	Tenge	11.10%	June 2024		2,095
				96,824	84,867
Less: non-current portion				(46,653)	(77,514)
				50,171	7,353

### 12. BORROWINGS (continued)

The Group's borrowings and bonds are denominated in Kazakhstani tenge and represented by unsecured loans. The borrowings have financial and non-financial covenants. Breaches in meeting the covenants would permit the banks to immediately call loans and borrowings. As at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023, there have been no breaches of the covenants.

The Group has not entered into any hedging arrangements in respect of its interest rate exposures.

### Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan JSC

In September 2023, the Group signed an agreement on non-revolving credit line with JSC Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan with limit of 50,000 million tenge on investments in capital expenditures. In September 2023 the Group signed an addendum to the existing credit line and extended the limit to 90,500 million tenge with a revolving limit of 40,500 million tenge for working capital financing. During the six months period ended 30 June 2024, the Group received tranches within the credit line in the amount of 41,939 million tenge with a repayment period of 36 months and an effective interest rate of 18.10%-19.20%. During 2024, the Group repaid KZT 70,954 million tenge of principal amount.

# Nurbank JSC

In April 2024, the Group repaid 15,000 million tenge for a period of 36 months at a rate of 17.27% per annum.

In April 2024, the Group obtained a loan from Nurbank JSC in the amount of 15,000 million tenge. The effective interest rate on the loan is 16.60% per annum. Maturity date of the loan is 8 September 2026.

In May 2024, the Group obtained a loan from Nurbank JSC in the amount of 3,000 million tenge. The effective interest rate on the loan is 16.60% per annum. Maturity date of the loan is 8 September 2026.

#### First Heartland Jusan Bank JSC

On 10 November 2021, the Group and First Heartland Jusan Bank JSC, one of the shareholders of the Company, signed a credit line agreement in the amount of 60,500 million tenge. On 11 November 2021 two tranches were received from First Heartland Jusan Bank JSC in the amount of 22,000 million tenge and 12,000 million tenge with a nominal interest rate of 11% per annum and 10.7% per annum, respectively. Additionally, on 25 November 2021, third tranche was received from First Heartland Jusan Bank JSC in the amount of 6,500 million tenge with a nominal interest rate of 11% per annum, with a maturity until 10 November 2024.

At the date of initial recognition, the loan was recognized at fair value based on expected cash outflows at a market rate observable for similar instruments of 12.9% at the time the loan was issued. On initial recognition of all three tranches total discount in the amount of 1,260 million tenge was recognised within equity as the additional paid-in capital.

On August 2, 2023, the Group received a letter from First Heartland Jusan Bank JSC with a request to carry out full early release under the Loan Agreement until August 25, 2023, due to the fact that the Group became an affiliate of First Heartland Jusan Bank JSC. On September 8, 2023, the Group repaid the debt in the amount of 40,000 million tenge, the balance of the debt as of 31 December 2023 is 500 million tenge at a rate of 11% per annum, with a repayment period until November 10, 2024.

# Bank of China Kazakhstan JSC

In June 2024, The Group repaid 2,000 million tenge for a period of 36 months at a rate of 11.10% per annum.

During 2023, the Group received a loan in the amount of 13,000 million tenge, under a credit line agreement with Bank of China JSC with a maturity of 36 months and a fixed interest rate of 17.25% per annum.

### AIX Bonds

The Group approved a bond program for a total amount of KZT 70,000 million at the Astana International Exchange (Astana International Exchange JSC). As part of this program, during the six months period ended 30 June 2024, the Group placed two tranches of bonds with a nominal value of 15,000 million and 25,000 million tenge with a floating interest rate (the base rate of the National Bank plus 1%, the interest rate at the time of issue of the interim financial statements is 15.50%) for a period of 36 and 12 months respectively.

# 12. BORROWINGS (continued)

#### Covenants

Additions

Modification

Cancellations

At the end of the period

The Group's non-current borrowings include borrowings amounting to 49,464 million tenge that contain covenants, which, if not met, would result in the borrowings becoming repayable on demand. These borrowings are otherwise repayable more than 12 months after the end of the reporting period. As at 30 June 2024 the Group complied with all the covenants that were required to be met on or before 30 June 2024. The covenants that are required to be complied with after the end of the current interim period do not affect the classification of the related borrowings as current or non-current at the end of the current interim period. Therefore, all these borrowings remain classified as non-current liabilities.

### 13. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS AND LEASE LIABILITIES

The Group's right of use assets are represented by buildings and constructions. Set out below are the carrying amounts of right-of-use assets recognised and the movements during the period:

	1	
In millions of tenge		Total
Cost		
As at 1 January 2023 (audited)		33,316
Additions		5,922
Modification		625
Cancellation		(154)
As at 30 June 2023		39,709
As at 1 January 2024 (audited)		64,988
Additions		6,069
Modification		1,672
As at 30 June 2024		72,729
Accumulated depreciated		
As at 1 January 2023		(18,232)
Depreciation charge		(2,915)
Cancellation		5
As at 30 June 2023		(21,142)
As at 1 January 2024		(23,826)
Depreciation charge		(3,543)
As at 30 June 2024		(27,369)
Net book value		
As at 31 December 2023		41,162
As at 30 June 2024		45,360
Set out below are the carrying amounts of lease liabilities	s and the movements during the period:	
, ,	30 June 2024	30 June 2023
In millions of tenge	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
At the beginning of the year	43,557	17,837
Interest expenses	2,852	1,545
Payments	(7,222)	(4,405)
A 1 1/4	(-,==-,	5,000

6,069

1,672

46,928

5,922

625

(150)

21,374

# 13. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS AND LEASE LIABILITIES (continued)

The following amounts are recognised in profit or loss:

	For three months ended 30 June		For six months ended 30 Jur	
-	2024	2023	2024	2023
In millions of tenge	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Depreciation expense of right-of-				
use assets	2,053	1,354	3,543	2,915
Interest expense on lease				
liabilities (Note 20)	2,274	602	2,852	1,545
	4,327	1,956	6,395	4,460

### 14. TRADE PAYABLES

As at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023, trade payables comprised of the following:

In millions of tenge	30 June 2024 (unaudited)	31 December 2023
Trade payables to third parties	26,012	43,868
Trade payables to related parties (Note 22)	5,219	4,467
	31,231	48,335
Less: long-term portion of trade payables	(5,072)	(7,339)
	26,159	40,996

As at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023, the Group's trade payables were denominated in the following currencies:

In millions of tenge	30 June 2024 (unaudited)	31 December 2023
EUR	15,742	21,251
Tenge	13,371	25,481
US Dollars	1,771	1,561
Other currencies	347	42
•	31,231	48,335

### 15. FINANCIAL GUARANTEE OBLIGATIONS

On 27 November 2020 the Group issued the financial guarantee on loan agreement of Kazakhtelecom JSC obtained from Development Bank of Kazakhstan JSC in the amount of 18,266 million tenge. The financial guarantee has maturity till 19 December 2024. The Group initially recognised the financial guarantee at fair value in the amount of 592 million tenge through retained earnings in equity. As at 30 June 2024, financial guarantee obligation equaled to 13 million tenge, which represents the initial amount less the cumulative amount of income recognised in accordance with IFRS 15 (31 December 2023: 44 million tenge).

### 16. PROVISIONS

As at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023 amount of provisions comprised of the following:

In millions of tenge	30 June 2024 (unaudited)	31 December 2023
Fines and penalties on contractual obligations	5,597	2,062
	5,597	2,062

17. GOVERNMENT GRANTS		
	30 June	30 June
In millions of tenge	2024 (unaudited)	2023 (unaudited)
Government grants as at 1 January	18,137	11,268
Received during the period	7,375	4,078
Released to comprehensive income	(2,927)	(1,697)
Government grants as at 30 June	22,585	13,649
Government grants: current portion	4,800	2,237
Government grants: non-current portion	17,785	11,412

In 2021 the Government approved the changes to the Rules for the assignment of frequency bands, radio frequencies, operation of radio-electronic means and high-frequency devices (the Rules), based on which the Group is eligible for government grants in form of 90% reduction in the annual fee for use of radio frequencies from 1 January 2020 till 1 January 2025. The government grants are subject to conditions, namely financing of the projects related to broadband internet in rural and urban areas. If the financing of the projects related to broadband internet is lower than the amount of the tax incentive received, the Group should pay the annual fee equal for use of radio frequencies to the amount of unfulfilled obligations to the authorities.

The funds released as a result of reduction in the annual fee for use of radio frequencies for the six months ended 30 June 2024 and the six months ended 30 June 2023 in the amount of 7,375 million tenge and 4,078 million tenge, respectively, were used by the Group for the purchase and construction of broadband internet. Government grants related to assets are recognized as deferred income that is recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the useful life of the asset. As of 30 June 2024, the balance of deferred income recognized was equal to 22,585 million tenge (31 December 2023: 18,137 million tenge), and part of the government grants released to the profit and loss over the six month ended 30 June 2024 necessary to match the related depreciation charges equals to 2,927 million tenge (six month ended 30 June 2023: 1,697 million tenge).

As of 30 June 2024, there are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attached to these grants.

# 18. REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

	For the three months ended 30 June		For the six months ended 30 June	
		2023		2023
	2024	(unaudited	2024	(unaudited
In millions of tenge	(unaudited)	restated*)	(unaudited)	restated*)
Voice and data services	46,353 10,408	39,520	90,177 18,532	82,407 16,672
Sale of handsets and equipment		7,104		
Value added services	2,083	2,854	5,434	5,505
Other	1,006	868	2,739	2,896
	59,850	50,346	116,882	107,480
Over time	49,442	43,242	98,350	90,808
At a point of time	10,408	7,104	18,532	16,672
	59,850	50,346	116,882	107,480

<sup>\*</sup> The group revised its judgement in relation revenue classification and adjusted revenue classification for the six months ended 30 June 2023 to comply with current year presentation.

As at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023, the contract liabilities in the amount of 8,454 million tenge and 9,861 million tenge, respectively, were represented by deferred revenue.

# 19. COST OF SALES

	For the three months	ended 30 June	For the six months	ended 30 June
		2023		2023
	2024	(unaudited	2024	(unaudited
In millions of tenge	(unaudited)	restated)*	(unaudited)	restated*)
Depreciation and amortization	12,283	8,723	23,392	16,582
Cost of SIM-card and handsets	11,016	7,345	18,012	14,536
Personnel costs	4,576	4,177	9,105	8,066
Fees for use of frequency range	4,580	2,977	9,004	5,515
Transmission services	3,735	3,495	7,402	6,945
Interconnect fees and expenses	3,511	4,237	6,736	7,922
Repair and maintenance	3,241	3,064	6,103	5,256
Network sharing agreement	1,991	1,233	3,709	2,421
Electricity	1,596	1,213	3,330	2,336
Mobile service tax	510	416	1,019	960
Security and safety	84	93	170	183
Materials	44	30	94	53
Content provider expense	_	521	_	521
Other	1,087	401	2,242	1,557
	48,254	37,925	90,318	72,853

<sup>\*</sup> The group revised its judgement in relation to certain buildings, software, and server equipment concluding that they relate to production costs by nature, depreciation and amortization expenses in the amount of 770 and 1,544 million tenge for the three and six months ended 30 June 2023 respectively, were reclassified from general and administrative expenses to cost of sales to comply with current year presentation. Also, the Group revised its judgment regarding the functional duties of some personnel and their correlation with production costs by their nature. Personnel costs for the six months ended 30 June 2023 were reclassified from general and administrative expenses to cost of sales by 503 million tenge in accordance with the presentation of the current year

# 20. FINANCE COSTS / FINANCE INCOME

		ree months 30 June	For the six months ended 30 June	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
In millions of tenge	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Finance costs				
Interest expense on loans and unwinding of discount	4,067	1,973	7,908	2,814
Interest on lease liabilities (Note 13)	2,274	602	2,852	1,545
Unwinding of discount (provision for decommissioning	ŕ		•	
liability)	_	288	409	288
Other	96	_	208	_
	6,437	2,863	11,377	4,647
Finance income				
Unwinding of discount of trade receivables	665	582	778	582
Initial recognition of discount on loans	502	_	502	_
Interest income on cash balances and deposit	298	676	463	1,704
Penalty income from late payments for contract phones	51	203	108	203
Unwinding of issued financial guarantee	31	33	31	72
Interest income on financial assets at amortised cost	_	_	_	642
Other	4	41	9	54
	1,551	1,535	1,891	3,257

### 21. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	For the three ended 30		For the six months ended 30 June		
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
In millions of tenge	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Current income tax expense	969	3,058	2,013	7,533	
Deferred income tax expense	(229)	(1,573)	(486)	(1,573)	
	740	1,485	1,527	5,960	

# 22. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Parties are generally considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party, is under common control, or can exercise significant influence or joint control over the other party in making financial and operational decisions. In considering each possible related party relationship, attention is directed to the substance of the relationship, not merely the legal form.

The Group's primary transactions with related parties are consulting services, technical assistance and operational support, transmission rent, roaming and interconnect. As at 30 June 2024, the Group recognized an allowance for expected credit losses in the amount of 484 million tenge in respect of receivables from related parties (31 December 2023: 429 million tenge).

Parent (Kazakhtelecom JSC) is controlled by the Government of the Republic of Kazakhtan through Sovereign Wealth Fund Samruk-Kazyna JSC (Samruk-Kazyna) which owns 79.2% of Kazakhtelecom's controlling shares (*Note 1*). Governmental entities include entities under common control and associates of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhtan.

Related party transactions were made on terms agreed. Sales and purchases with related parties for three months ended 30 June 2024 and 2023, and the balances with related parties as at 30 June 2024 and 2023, were as follows:

	For the three months ended 30 June		For the six months ended 30 June		
_	2024	2023	2024	2023	
In millions tenge	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Sales of goods and services					
Entities of Samruk Kazyna Group	129	93	277	169	
Entities of Kazakhtelecom Group	6,703	3,163	13,052	6,212	
Government entities	86	101	167	200	
	6,918	3,357	13,496	6,581	
Boundary of words and					
Purchases of goods and services					
Entities of Samruk Kazyna Group	163	131	321	270	
Entities of Kazakhtelecom Group	14,329	7,358	27,212	13,657	
Government entities	123	7,336 44	268	50	
Government entitles	14,615	7,533	27,801	13,977	
-	14,013	7,000	21,001	13,977	
Finance expense					
Entities of Samruk Kazyna Group	813	_	813	_	
Other shareholders	28	1,305	42	2,412	
Other charefulació	841	1,305	855	2,412	
-	<b>U</b> 11.	1,000		2,112	
			30 June 2024	31 December	
In millions of tenge			(unaudited)	2023	
Trade receivables (Note 8)					
Entities of Samruk Kazyna Group			349	259	
Entities of Kazakhtelecom Group			5,708	4,327	
Government entities			591	360	
			6,648	4,946	
			,		
Trade payables (Note 14)					
Entities of Samruk Kazyna Group			40	35	
Entities of Kazakhtelecom Group			5,163	4,427	
Government entities			16	5	
			5,219	4,467	
Borrowings (Note 12)					
Entities of Samruk Kazyna Group (A	IX bonds)		40,813	_	
Other Shareholders			498	512	
			41,311	512	

Cash and cash equivalents (Note 11)		
Entities of Samruk Kazyna Group	2,650	_
	2,650	_

### 22. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES (continued)

#### Compensation to key management personnel

For the six months ended 30 June 2024 and 2023, the total compensation to key management personnel included in the accompanying consolidated statement of comprehensive income under general and administrative expenses was 976 million tenge and 1,175 million tenge, respectively. Compensation to key management personnel consists of wages fixed in the employment agreement, as well as remuneration based on the performance for the year.

### 23. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### Fair value

The fair value of non-current financial assets is estimated using discounted cash flow based on deposit rates currently available to the Group with similar terms and average maturities. The fair value of non-current financial liabilities is estimated using discounted cash flow based on credit rates currently available to the Group with similar terms and average maturities.

The tables below represents fair value hierarchy of assets and liabilities of the Group. Disclosure of quantitative information of fair value hierarchy of financial instruments as at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023 is as follows:

In millions of tenge	Date of valuation	Price quotation on active market (Level 1)	Significant observable u in-puts (Level 2)	Significant unobservable in-puts (Level 3)	Total
Assets for which fair values are disclosed					
Short-term trade receivables	30 June 2024	_	-	25,301	25,301
Long-term trade receivables	30 June 2024	_	-	3,614	3,614
Other current financial assets Liabilities for which fair values and disclosed	30 June 2024 e	_	-	1,452	1,452
Borrowings	30 June 2024	_	_	96,824	96,824
Trade payables	30 June 2024	_	_	31,231	31,231
Finacial guarantee obligation	30 June 2024	_	_	13	13
In millions of tenge	Date of valuation	Price quotation on active market (Level 1)	Significant observable u in-puts (Level 2)	Significant inobservable in-puts (Level 3)	Total
III Hillions of tenge	Date of Valuation	(LCVCI I)	(LCVCI Z)	(LCVCI O)	Total
Assets for which fair values are disclosed					
Short-term trade receivables	31 December 2023	_	_	32,723	32,723
Long-term trade receivables	31 December 2023	_	_	1,523	1,523
Other current financial assets	31 December 2023	=	-	2,167	2,167
Liabilities for which fair values and disclosed	е				
Borrowings	31 December 2023	=	=	84,867	84,867
Trade payables	31 December 2023	_	=	48,335	48,335
Financial guarantee obligation	31 December 2023			44	44

# 23. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

#### Fair values (continued)

As at 30 June 2024 and 31 December 2023, the carrying amounts of the Group's financial assets and liabilities presented as follow:

	Carrying			Carrying		
	amount	Fair value		amount	Fair value	
	30 June	30 June	Unrecognised	31 December	31 December	Unrecognised
In millions of tenge	2024	2024	gain/(loss)	2023	2023	gain/(loss)
Financial assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	7,186	7,186	_	11,031	11,031	_
Short-term trade receivables	25,301	25,301	_	32,723	32,723	_
Long-term trade receivables	3,614	3,611	3	1,523	1,523	_
Other current financial						
assets	1,452	1,452	-	2,167	2,167	_
Financial liabilities						
Borrowings	96,824	93,506	3,318	84,867	85,776	(909)
Trade payables	31,231	31,746	(515)	48,335	48,335	`′
Financial guarantee			` ,			
obligation	13	13	_	44	44	_
Total unrecognised						
change in unrealised fair						
value			2,806			(909)

#### 24. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

### **Operating environment**

Kazakhstan continues economic reforms and development of its legal, tax and regulatory frameworks as required by a market economy. The future stability of the Kazakhstan economy will largely depend on these reforms, as well as on the effectiveness of the Government's actions in the area of economy, financial and monetary policy.

#### **Capital commitments**

The Group generally enters into contracts for the completion of construction projects and purchase of equipment. As at 30 June 2024, the Group had contractual commitments totaling 57,669 million tenge, excluding VAT (as at 31 December 2023: 61,832 million tenge, excluding VAT), which includes capital expenditures in respect new technical regulation described below.

### **Taxation**

Tax legislation and regulatory framework of the Republic of Kazakhstan are subject to constant changes and allow for different interpretations. Instances of inconsistent opinions between local, regional and national tax authorities are not unusual. The current regime of penalties and interest related to reported and discovered violations of Kazakhstan's tax laws are severe. Penalties are generally 80% of the taxes additionally assessed and interest is assessed at the refinancing rate established by the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan multiplied by 1.25. As a result, penalties and interest can amount to multiples of any assessed taxes. Fiscal periods remain open to review by the authorities in respect of taxes for five calendar years preceding the year of review.

# 24. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (continued)

### **Taxation (continued)**

Management believes that it has paid or accrued all taxes that are applicable. Where uncertainty exists, the Group has accrued tax liabilities based on its best estimate of the probable outflow of resources embodying economic benefits, which will be required to settle these liabilities. Possible liabilities which were identified by management at the end of the reporting period as those that can be subject to different interpretations of the tax laws and other regulations are not accrued in these financial statements.

#### Government grant related to frequency fee

The Group has submitted consolidated report on expenditures used to finance broadband projects access to the Internet in urban and rural areas included capital and operational costs that are necessary for the provision of broadband Internet access services in urban and rural settlements throughout the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Management believes that there are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attached to these grants.

In case if, based on the results of the audited information, the fact of non-fulfilment by the telecom operator of obligations to allocate at least released funds from the reduction of the corresponding fee rate to finance broadband Internet access projects in urban and rural areas is confirmed, the authorized body in the field of communications not earlier than one year after of the year following the reporting year, recalculates the amount of the annual fee for the use of frequency fee for the reporting year, which should be proportional to the unfulfilled volume of financial obligations for this reporting year.

#### **Antitrust investigation**

Order of the Agency for the Protection and Development of Competition of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 15 June 2022

In accordance with the Order of the Agency for the Protection and Development of Competition of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the city of Almaty (hereinafter referred to as the APDC) No. 42-OD dated 15 June 2022 (hereinafter referred to as the Order), an investigation was initiated against Group on the grounds of a violation provided for in Article 174 (1) of the Entrepreneurial Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Initial audited period per was from 1 January 2020 to 12 September 2022. The subject of investigation is the establishment of factual data confirming or refuting the commission of a violation by Group, expressed in maintaining a monopoly high price.

During February 2024 the Group participated in the preliminary Court hearings related to its appeal to the Specialized Inter-District Administrative Court of Almaty.

On 18 March 2024, the Specialized Inter-district Administrative Court of Almaty issued a final ruling to return Group's administrative claim on the basis of article 138.2.11 of the Administrative Procedure Code, deeming it is not a subject to consideration in the order of administrative proceedings. On 26 March 2024, Group appealed the court's ruling. On 6 May 2024, the Appellate Board of the Almaty Court considered the Group's private complaint against the Determination of the Specialized Inter-district Administrative Court of Almaty dated March 11, 2024, following which the contested Determination was left unchanged. The Group has the right to file a cassation appeal.

On 3 May 2024, the Board of Appeals of the Almaty court upheld the contested court ruling. The ruling was issued in final form on 10 May 2024. On 3 June 2024, Group appealed the judicial acts of the first and appellate instance in cassation.

Order of the Agency for the Protection and Development of Competition of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 21 December 2023.

In accordance with the Order of the Agency for the Protection and Development of Competition of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the city of Almaty No.38-OD dated 21 December 2023 an investigation was initiated against Group. The subject of investigation is the susception of coordinated actions with competitors to set and maintain prices for communication services during May-July 2023. The Group started the appealing process.

The Republican antimonopoly office was expected to respond by 6 February 2024. A response has been received denying the complaint. On 15 February 2024, an administrative claim was filed with the Almaty Specialized Inter-District Administrative Court. The court's decision of 16 April (finalised on 17 April) was to deny the claim.

On 13 June 2024, Kcell filed an appeal against the decision of the court of first instance. The date of the hearing in the court of appeal will be set in due course.

# 24. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (continued)

#### **Antitrust investigation (continued)**

Order of the Agency for the Protection and Development of Competition of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 21 December 2023. (continued)

Furthermore, on 6 March 2024, an administrative complaint was filed with the Agency for competition protection and development. The antimonopoly authority refused to satisfy Group's complaint. The Group has filed an administrative claim on 26 April 2024. Group's claim was dismissed by the decision of the Specialized Interdistrict Administrative Court of Almaty dated 29 May 2024 and finalized on 10 June 2024.

The Management of the Group assessed the risk of the violation of the antimonopoly law as possible and accordingly has not accrued provision for losses in relation to any of the abovementioned investigations and notices as of 30 June 2024.

### Notifications of the Mobile Telecom-Service LLP

During the six months ended 30 June 2024 Mobile Telecom-Service LLP (MTS) sent an additional notifications to Kcell with request to pay the fine in the amount of 8,189 million tenge in the connection of non-fulfilment of obligations by Kcell under the network sharing agreement for six months ended 30 June 2024.

In addition to the above mentioned violation, during April-June 2024 MTS and Kcell notified each other on withdrawal from certain regions due to the failure to eliminate the Critical Failure (situation when failure to meet the deadlines on the launch of more than 40% of the sites in the responsible region) within three months from the date of notification of the Critical Failure. Under the MOCN Agreement the companies are required to reimburse costs for the construction of the sites in the respective regions where Critical Failure was not resolved in a timely manner.

Currently the companies are in process of negotiation to resolve the dispute that arose under the agreement and to conclude a Mediation Agreement. The management of the Group believes that provisions accrued as of the balance sheet date are sufficient to cover any future outflows to settle liabilities under the MOCN agreement.

### 25. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In the period from July 1 to July 15, 2024 inclusive, the Group repaid loans to JSC Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan in the total amount of KZT 4,100 million at 17.25% per annum and to JSC First Heartland Jusan Bank in the amount of KZT 500 million at 11% per annum.

On August 5, 2024 the Group attracted financing from Bank of China Kazakhstan JSC in the amount of 2,000 million tenge for a period of 20 months at a rate of 14.75% per annum.

July 15, 2024, Askhat Uzbekov, Chief Executive Officer, Chairman of the Board of Kcell JSC, terminated his powers, and on 18 July 2024, Askar Zhambakin was appointed by the decision of the Board of Directors.