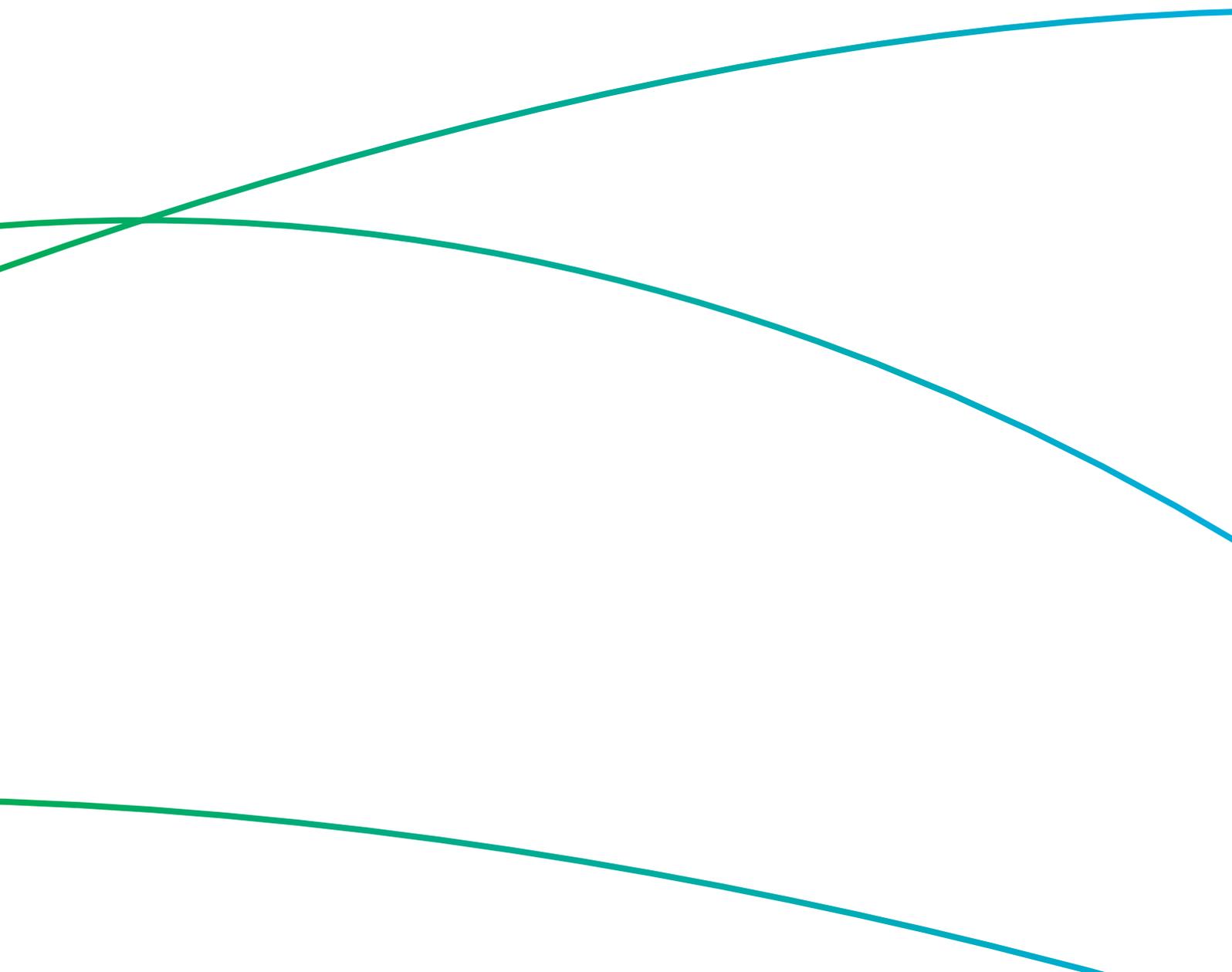




# Annual Report 2023

**MPower Group Limited**  
ABN 73 009 485 625



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# Chairman's report

The 2023 Annual Report highlights the Company's noticeably improved performance as it works towards establishing a Build Own Operate portfolio of clean energy assets, comprised of solar PV and battery storage projects. MPower's strategy directly addresses the issues facing the National Electricity Market, by locating generating assets in regions where there is high growth in energy demand. The strategy obviates major upgrades to the existing network and is designed to capture the opportunities inherent in the clean energy transition.

MPower has delivered several key milestones and successes in the period under review and into the beginning of 2024 financial year, including:

- The acquisition of an operational solar and battery project at Lakeland, Queensland.
- Lakeland Solar and Storage asset performance has been significantly improved and has provided the catalyst for the Company's delivering its first revenue from energy sales.
- A shovel-ready development at Faraday, Victoria was purchased.
- A number of development sites in South Australia and New South Wales achieved major development milestones.
- A project funding relationship with AMPYR Energy was established, including an initial \$10 million project construction facility established for the Narromine asset.
- The Company refinanced its corporate bank debt facilities by engaging with Oceania Capital Partners on more favourable terms.

The Company's successes as detailed below, together with the unprecedented growth in the renewable energy sector coincide with the Company's growing pipeline of solar and battery project opportunities, and position MPower very favourably for the 2024 financial year. The construction phase of the Company's Build Own Operate program is due to commence imminently, providing a sound foundation for growth and the precursor to increasing energy sales as projects are progressively brought online and connected to the grid.

## Lakeland Solar and Storage Asset

Located in Cooktown Shire, North Queensland, Lakeland comprises a 10.8MWac solar farm and an associated 1.4MWac/5.3MWh lithium-ion battery storage facility. The asset has been in operation since 2017 and benefits from a long-term power purchase agreement with Origin Energy until 2030 for 100% of the Project's output. The Project has an expected remaining operating life of approximately 20 years.

The transaction had an enterprise value of \$8 million including the assumption of an existing \$7.66 million limited recourse long-term debt facility in place with German bank, NORD/LB at the time of acquisition.

NORD/LB is a German Landesbank owned by the German states of Lower Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt. NORD/LB is one of the leading financiers with over 1,000 renewable projects (equivalent to ~45GW) in Europe, Americas, and Asia Pacific, predominantly in wind and solar energy.

At the time Lakeland was acquired in August 2022, MPower immediately implemented significant operational improvements to the project, leveraging the Company's extensive inhouse technical capabilities and materially boosting Lakeland's financial performance.

MPower took full operational control of the project immediately following the acquisition, including all operations, maintenance, and asset management roles. In doing so, MPower has successfully reduced the project's annual operating costs by more than \$1 million while at the same time improving the generator's ongoing reliability, performance and future revenue.

In the first 12 months of operation under MPower's control, the project generated approximately 18GWh of clean energy and earned revenues of approximately \$1.7 million.

MPower commissioned Leadenhall Valuation Services Pty Limited to undertake an independent external valuation of the Lakeland Solar & Storage Project as part of the purchase price allocation process. The Company has relied on this valuation when arriving at an enterprise value of \$12.7 million for Lakeland. The valuation reflects a gain of \$6.1 million on acquisition of the project which has been taken through the profit and loss in the year under review. This is a major step-change for the Company and a further strengthening of MPower's balance sheet.

## Strategic partnership with Evergen

During the year, MPower formed a joint strategic development partnership with Evergen, a global clean energy infrastructure provider. The agreement facilitates the deployment of Evergen's optimisation technology in parallel with the phased rollout of MPower's clean energy asset portfolio, which is ideally suited to Evergen's platform, with its optimisation technology being developed specifically to enhance the performance of decentralised clean energy assets.

Site optimisation will see MPower's projects benefiting from algorithms to optimise arbitrage opportunities against variable market-facing models, weather-based generation predictions, and other revenue sources as they become available in future.

Trading services on the Evergen platform include optimised FCAS (Frequency Control Ancillary Services) bid management, which is the process used by the energy market operator to balance system-wide frequency during sudden imbalances in supply and demand. The platform will also drive efficiencies through automated alerting and reporting functions.

The technology is being configured for MPower's requirements. It is designed to integrate directly with MPower's proprietary remote monitoring and control platform and will be rolled out across MPower's portfolio projects as they are constructed. It is expected to provide MPower with a unique competitive advantage by driving returns on a project-by-project basis across our growing portfolio.

## Funding relationship with AMPYR Energy

During the year, MPower established a project funding relationship with a global renewable energy investment firm to fund the growth of its national Build Own Operate portfolio of solar power and battery storage projects being rolled out across Australia.

The innovative funding arrangement is designed to finance construction and development costs on a project-by-project basis. In this way, MPower will be provided with a flexible funding mechanism to take projects through to the operational phase, when they become revenue accretive through the generation and export of clean energy to the National Electricity Market.

The first project has been signed up, which will see 100% of the project funding provided to complete the Narromine Renewable Energy Generator in New South Wales. Funding for the infrastructure became unconditional on 4 August 2023 and comprises a \$10 million facility for an 18 month term and a 12.25% interest rate.

The funding agreement is structured as a debt facility, with mechanisms to convert to equity in the project at a later stage, enabling both parties to benefit from a future uplift in value.

## Financial overview

Revenue for the 2023 financial year was \$4.4 million (2022: \$3.7 million), including first revenues of \$1.5 million from the sale of clean energy from the Lakeland asset.

The Group recorded EBITDA of \$4.0 million for the 2023 financial year and an after-tax profit of \$2.0 million, representing earnings per share of 0.7 cents. The result includes a gain of \$6.1 million on the acquisition of the Lakeland Solar & Battery Asset which has been taken through the Company's profit and loss.

Shortly after the end of the financial year the Company strengthened its balance sheet with a new loan facility and equity position from diversified Australian investment group Oceania Capital Partners Limited (OCP) to replace MPower's St George Bank debt facility. Under the deal with OCP, MPower extinguished in full its \$4.5 million term debt

with St George Bank and replaced it with a new \$1.8 million loan from OCP which has also taken a 14.5% equity stake in MPower through the issue of 50 million ordinary shares in consideration for providing the loan facility. The benefit of \$2.8 million from the refinancing will be reflected in the 2024 results.

At the beginning of the financial year, the Company undertook a placement which received firm commitments to raise \$1.7 million (before costs) in new equity funding to advance the Company's Build Own Operate strategy and for working capital purposes. The Company's major shareholder agreed to support the capital raising. An Extraordinary General Meeting to approve certain aspects of the placement and other matters was held on 28 September 2022.

MPower maintains a franking credit balance of \$7.4 million and has substantial revenue and capital tax losses available.

## Management and staff

MPower sincerely thanks its management and staff for their energy, commitment and support as the Company develops. MPower is fortunate to have such a quality team of professionals and clean energy technology experts operating within a flexible cost base.

## Looking ahead

2023 has proven to be a transformational year for MPower and the Company has achieved a great deal. Following the post balance date finalisation of a \$10 million project finance facility and the refinancing of the Company's previous debt facilities with a new loan facility and equity stake by Oceania Capital Partners, the focus now turns to capitalising on the milestones achieved in the last 12 months.

The Company has a very solid foundation to accelerate growth in FY2024 and beyond. The primary focus is rolling out the portfolio of ~5MW renewable energy and battery storage projects with Narromine earmarked as the first of a number of sites. As well, the Company will consider non-dilutive acquisition opportunities similar to Lakeland where the Company's project delivery and maintenance capabilities can enhance asset performance and returns.

The magnitude of the uplift in value of Lakeland is a testament to the value that MPower can create in a short period of time by leveraging in-house technical know-how and financial expertise around clean energy projects. This financial benefit comes at an important time in MPower's journey as the Company continues to roll-out clean energy projects and scale up its activities.

Australia is entering a phase of unprecedented growth in renewables and MPower now has an improved balance sheet, track record and financial standing to accelerate the Company's plans and continue to lead the way in distributed clean energy projects.



Peter Wise AM  
Chairman

29 August 2023

# Directors' report

The directors present their report on the company (MPower Parent) and its controlled entities (MPower Group) for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 in accordance with the provisions of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth). The Chairman's Report (pages 1 to 2) contains a review of the operations of the MPower Group during the financial year and the results of those operations and details of significant changes in the MPower Group. The Chairman's Report is incorporated into and forms part of this Directors' Report.

## Principal activity

MPower Group is a specialist renewable energy and battery storage developer and owner.

## Review of operations

The operating result of the MPower Group for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 after eliminating non-controlling interests and providing for income tax was a profit of \$1,958,000 (2022: loss of \$3,536,000). Reference should be made to the Chairman's Report for a more detailed review of operations.

## Changes in the state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of MPower Group during the year to 30 June 2023 other than as set out in the Chairman's Report.

## Subsequent events

There are no matters or circumstances which have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the MPower Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the MPower Group in future financial years, other than the matters set out below:

- (i) In July 2023 the loan facility from Tag Private Pty Limited to MPower Capital Pty Limited was increased by \$300,000 and the loan facility was extended to 27 September 2023.
- (ii) On 4 August 2023 MPower Group Limited announced the \$10 million clean energy funding facility executed with AMPYR Energy in March 2023 had become unconditional.
- (iii) The St George banking facility for \$4.6m was extinguished on 9 August 2023 and replaced with a \$1.8m facility from Oceania Capital Partners who also took a 14.5% equity stake in MPower Group Limited.

## Future developments

Details of the future developments of the MPower Group are contained in the Chairman's Report. To the extent that the disclosure of information regarding likely developments in the activities of the MPower Group in future financial years and the expected results of those activities is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the MPower Group, it has not been disclosed in this report.

## Dividends

No dividends have been paid or declared during the current or previous financial years.

## Indemnification of directors, officers and auditor

During the financial year, the company paid a premium to insure each of the directors and officers against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director or officer of the company, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the company.

The company has not otherwise, during or since the end of the financial year, except to the extent permitted by law, indemnified or agreed to indemnify a director, officer or auditor of the company or any related body corporate against a liability incurred as an officer or auditor.

## Non-audit services

Details of amounts paid or payable to Stantons International for non-audit services provided during the year by the auditors are outlined in note 26 to the financial statements. The directors are satisfied the provision of non-audit services during the year by the auditors is compatible with the general standard of independence for auditors imposed by the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth). The directors are of the opinion the services as disclosed in note 26 to the financial statements do not compromise the external auditor's independence, based on advice received from the audit committee, for the following reasons:

- all non-audit services have been reviewed and approved to ensure that they do not impact the integrity and objectivity of the auditor; and

- none of the services undermine the principles relating to auditor independence as set out in APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, including reviewing or auditing the auditor's own work, acting in a management or decision-making capacity for the company, acting as advocate for the company or jointly sharing economic risks or rewards.

There were no non-audit services provided by Stantons International for the year ended 30 June 2023.

## Proceedings on behalf of the company

No person has applied for leave of court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings. The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

## Options on issue

At the date of this report, the options on issue over unissued ordinary shares in MPower Group Limited were as follows:

### Listed options (ASX: MPRO)

Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Number of options
28-Sep-22	01-Aug-26	\$0.0450	59,222,222
<b>Total listed options</b>			<b>59,222,222</b>

### Unlisted ESOP options

Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Number of options
16-Oct-20	31-May-24	\$0.0300	160,000
5-Oct-21	31-May-24	\$0.0750	564,000
5-Oct-21	31-May-25	\$0.0750	752,000
30-Sep-22	31-May-24	\$0.0250	705,000
30-Sep-22	31-May-25	\$0.0250	705,000
30-Sep-22	31-May-26	\$0.0250	940,000
<b>Total ESOP options</b>			<b>3,826,000</b>

### Unlisted advisor options

Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Number of options
22-Feb-21	27-Apr-24	\$0.1700	8,000,000
<b>Total advisor options</b>			<b>8,000,000</b>

**Total options on issue** **71,048,222**

Nil unlisted options granted under the MPower Group Limited Executive Share Option Plan (ESOP) were exercised during the year (2022: 750,000 options).

No person entitled to exercise an option had or has any right, by virtue of the option, to participate in any share issue of any other body corporate.

## Loan from related entity

Tag Private Pty Limited provided a \$842,345 limited recourse finance facility to MPower Capital Pty Limited on the 26 April 2023. The facility has a maturity date of 27 September 2023 and a fixed interest rate of 12.0%. Interest under the facility is expensed. There were no covenant reporting requirements as at 30 June 2023 (2022: nil).

## Environmental and Social regulations

Subsidiaries of the Company are subject to a range of environmental laws and regulations as well as project and site-specific environmental permits and approvals issued at both the Federal and State Government Levels. The Company is not aware of any breaches of these laws and regulations.

The MPower Group's operations do not pose a high risk for breach of environmental and social legislation and in the directors' opinion there is no known breach of regulatory requirements that may:

- potentially result in financial penalties;
- result in the governing authority having the ability to suspend an operation;
- have a major impact on surrounding ecosystems; or
- have a financial impact on the operations and results of the MPower Group.

## Auditor's independence declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) for the year ended 30 June 2023 has been received and a copy can be found on page 48 of this report.

## Rounding off of amounts

The company is a company of the kind referred to in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191, and in accordance with the Corporations Instrument amounts in the directors' report and the financial statements are rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

## Corporate governance

A copy of the company's 2023 corporate governance statement can be found at [www.mpower.com.au/corporategovernance](http://www.mpower.com.au/corporategovernance).

## Information on directors

The names and particulars of the current directors of the company during or since the end of the financial year are as follows. References to directors' relevant interest in shares and options are current at the date of this report.

<b>Peter Wise AM</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
<b>Qualifications</b>	Dip ID
<b>Experience</b>	Appointed Chairman and board member in 1986. Active since then and before as Chairman or director of a wide range of investments and businesses across Australia and New Zealand, including over 30 years involvement in the power systems sector.
<b>Interest in shares</b>	94,897,434 ordinary shares in MPower Group Limited. 10,555,555 listed options in MPower Group Limited.
<b>Length of service</b>	37 years
<b>Nathan Wise</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director</b>
<b>Qualifications</b>	BCom, LLM (UNSW)
<b>Experience</b>	Appointed Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director in 2012 after serving as Head of Corporate Development from 2003. Company Secretary from 2006 until 2012. Director of MPower and a number of controlled entities within the MPower Group. Practiced as a corporate and commercial lawyer before joining the MPower Group.
<b>Interest in shares and options</b>	96,037,434 ordinary shares in MPower Group Limited. 10,555,555 listed options in MPower Group Limited. 1,840,000 unlisted options in MPower Group Limited.
<b>Length of service</b>	11 years
<b>Robert Constable</b>	<b>Director (non-executive)</b>
<b>Qualifications</b>	MA (Cantab.)
<b>Experience</b>	Director since 1986. Former positions include secretary of the Beecham Group, director of Sime Darby Holdings Limited and deputy chief executive of Bousteadco Singapore Limited.
<b>Interest in shares</b>	434,000 ordinary shares in MPower Group Limited.
<b>Special responsibilities</b>	Chairman of the audit committee and a member of the remuneration committee.
<b>Length of service</b>	37 years
<b>Robert Moran</b>	<b>Director (non-executive)</b>
<b>Qualifications</b>	Bec LLB (Hons)
<b>Experience</b>	Director since 2002. Chairman of Oceania Capital Partners Limited. Has extensive experience in principal investing and previously practiced as a corporate and commercial lawyer.
<b>Interest in shares</b>	2,330,736 ordinary shares in MPower Group Limited.
<b>Special responsibilities</b>	Member of the audit committee.
<b>Length of service</b>	21 years
<b>Amy Kean</b>	<b>Director (non-executive)</b>
<b>Qualifications</b>	BA, BSc
<b>Experience</b>	Director since 1 September 2021. Has 20 years' experience in the renewable energy sector and currently co-owns and operates renewable energy advisory firm Stride Renewables which assists clients in navigating the regulatory, commercial and technical challenges in renewable energy.
<b>Interest in shares</b>	158,730 ordinary shares in MPower Group Limited.
<b>Special responsibilities</b>	Member of the remuneration committee.
<b>Length of service</b>	2 years
<b>Neil Langridge</b>	<b>Company Secretary</b>
<b>Qualifications</b>	BBS, CA, FGIA, GAICD, DipInvRel
<b>Experience</b>	Appointed Company Secretary and Interim Chief Financial Officer of MPower Group Limited on 6 August 2019. Prior to joining MPower, worked as a CFO in GFG Liberty Steel, UGL Rail and Defence, Pentair Flow Control and Downer Rail. Held various directorships and secretarial positions in these companies and related joint ventures over the past 15 years.
<b>Interest in shares</b>	None.
<b>Length of service</b>	4 years

## Changes to directors and company secretary

There were no changes to the directors of MPower Group Limited during the year and up to the date of this report.

## Remuneration of directors

Information about the remuneration of directors and senior management is set out in the remuneration report on pages 6 to 11.

## Directors' meetings

The following table outlines the number of directors' meetings (including meetings of committees of directors) held during the financial year and the number of meetings attended by each director (while they were a director or committee member). During the financial year, seven board meetings, two audit committee meetings and one remuneration committee meeting were held.

	Board meetings		Audit committee meetings		Remuneration committee meetings	
	Eligible to attend	Attended	Eligible to attend	Attended	Eligible to attend	Attended
Peter Wise	7	7	2	2	–	–
Nathan Wise	7	7	2	2	–	–
Amy Kean	7	7	–	–	1	1
Robert Constable	7	7	2	2	1	1
Robert Moran	7	7	2	2	–	–

## Remuneration report (Audited)

This report details the remuneration arrangements in respect of each director of MPower Group Limited and the key management personnel.

## Remuneration policy

MPower's remuneration policy has been designed to align director and senior manager objectives with shareholder and business objectives by providing a fixed remuneration component and, where applicable, offering specific short-term and long-term incentives based on key performance areas affecting MPower's financial results. The board believes the remuneration policy to be appropriate and effective in its ability to attract and retain the best senior managers and directors to run and manage MPower, as well as create goal congruence between directors, senior managers and shareholders. During the year, the company did not employ a remuneration consultant.

The board's policy for determining the nature and amount of remuneration for executive board members and key management personnel of MPower is as follows:

- The remuneration policy, setting the terms and conditions for executive directors and other senior managers, was developed by the remuneration committee and approved by the board.
- Senior managers may receive base remuneration (which is based on factors such as length of service and experience), superannuation, fringe benefits, short-term incentives or long-term incentives.
- The remuneration committee reviews certain senior manager packages annually by reference to MPower's performance, senior manager performance and comparable information from industry sectors.

The performance of MPower's senior managers is measured against criteria agreed regularly with each senior manager and is based predominantly on the forecast growth of the MPower Group's profits and shareholder value. Short-term incentives, where applicable, are linked to predetermined performance indicators where possible. The board may exercise its discretion in relation to approving short-term and long-term incentives and can recommend changes to the committee's recommendations. Any changes must be justified by reference to measurable performance indicators. The policy is designed to attract the highest calibre of senior managers and reward them for performance that results in long-term growth in shareholder wealth.

All remuneration paid to directors and senior managers is valued at the cost to the company and expensed. Options are valued using the Black-Scholes methodology.

The board's policy is to remunerate non-executive directors for time, commitment and responsibilities. The remuneration committee determines payments to the non-executive directors based on market practice, duties and accountability. Independent external advice may be sought when required. No independent expert has been used during the current financial year. The maximum aggregate amount of fees that can be paid to non-executive directors is subject to approval by shareholders. Fees for non-executive directors are not linked to MPower's performance. However, to align directors' interests with shareholders' interests, the directors are encouraged to hold shares in the company.

## Performance based remuneration

MPower has a policy which sets out the framework for awarding performance-based remuneration to MPower senior managers. Performance based remuneration may comprise both a short-term incentive (STI) and a long-term incentive (LTI) component. The STI takes the form of a cash bonus and the LTI comprises the issue of options under the MPower Group Limited Executive Share Option Plan. The remuneration committee has the discretion to determine the STI and LTI for eligible senior managers.

### Short-term incentives

The remuneration package for an eligible senior manager may comprise a STI in the form of a performance-based cash bonus. The maximum STI component of a remuneration package is expressed as a percentage of the relevant senior manager's base remuneration. A senior manager may be awarded a STI depending on performance against a set of performance indicators. The performance indicators may differ for each senior manager and are determined by the remuneration committee from time to time. A weighting is given to each performance indicator at the time the performance indicators are set.

Details of the STI's in respect of the year to 30 June 2023 are as follows:

#### **Nathan Wise**

At the date of this report a cash bonus in respect of the year to 30 June 2023 had not been assessed for Nathan Wise. The total STI that is available (subject to performance against set criteria) is in the range of 0% to 40% of his base remuneration of \$387,729 per annum (\$0 to \$155,091). The performance criteria against which the STI will be assessed are improvement in group profitability; improvement in shareholder value, people culture and workplace health and safety.

#### **Ryan Scott**

At the date of this report a cash bonus in respect of the year to 30 June 2023 had not been assessed for Ryan Scott. The total STI that is available (subject to performance against set criteria) is in the range of 0% to 25% of his base remuneration of \$261,030 per annum (\$0 to \$65,258). The performance criteria against which the STI will be assessed are improvement in group profitability; cashflow management; value of orders taken; improvement in business processes and productivity; people culture and workplace health and safety.

## Long-term incentives

Options over unissued shares in MPower Group Limited may be awarded to eligible senior managers in accordance with the MPower Group Limited Executive Share Option Plan. The award of options is considered appropriate as it contains an element of reward for individual achievement together with an incentive aligned to the group's longer-term performance. The approach also aligns management's interests with those of shareholders.

The maximum number of options that can be on issue under the Executive Share Option Plan at any time is 5% of the shares on issue at that time. In addition, the maximum number of options that can be issued to any one senior executive is 5,500,000 (2022: 2,350,000). The remuneration committee must make reference to these and other rules of the Executive Share Option Plan when deciding on long-term incentive components.

1,750,000 executive share options were issued to directors and key management personnel during the year ended 30 June 2023 (2022: 1,700,000).

## ESOP option holdings

<b>2023</b>	<b>Balance 1 July 2022 No.</b>	<b>Granted as compensation No.</b>	<b>Lapsed/ exercised No.</b>	<b>Balance 30 June 2023 No.</b>	<b>Unvested No.</b>	<b>Vested and exercisable No.</b>
Nathan Wise <sup>1,2</sup>	1,720,000	1,000,000	(880,000)	1,840,000	1,840,000	–
Ryan Scott	1,100,000	750,000	(590,000)	1,260,000	1,260,000	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,820,000</b>	<b>1,750,000</b>	<b>(1,470,000)</b>	<b>3,100,000</b>	<b>3,100,000</b>	<b>–</b>

<b>2022</b>	<b>Balance 1 July 2021 No.</b>	<b>Granted as compensation No.</b>	<b>Lapsed/ exercised No.</b>	<b>Balance 30 June 2022 No.</b>	<b>Unvested No.</b>	<b>Vested and exercisable No.</b>
Nathan Wise <sup>1</sup>	910,000	1,200,000	(390,000)	1,720,000	1,720,000	–
Ryan Scott	960,000	500,000	(360,000)	1,100,000	1,100,000	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,870,000</b>	<b>1,700,000</b>	<b>(750,000)</b>	<b>2,820,000</b>	<b>2,820,000</b>	<b>–</b>

1. Under the terms of the Executive Share Option Plan, options may be issued to and held by an executive or their nominee.

2. 10,555,555 listed options were issued as part of an equity raise during the year and are held by Tag Private Pty Limited and Tag Private Nominees Pty Limited.

Refer to note 27 for the factors and assumptions used in determining share-based payments.

At 30 June 2023, the following share-based payment arrangements were in existence under the MPower Group Limited Executive Share Option Plan:

<b>Option series</b>	<b>No. of options</b>	<b>Grant date</b>	<b>Expiry date</b>	<b>Fair value at grant date (cents)</b>	<b>Vesting date</b>
1. Issued 16 October 2020	160,000	16-Oct-20	31 May 2024	0.0300	01-Mar-24
2. Issued 5 October 2021	564,000	5-Oct-21	31 May 2024	0.0413	01-May-24
3. Issued 5 October 2021	752,000	5-Oct-21	31 May 2025	0.0468	01-May-25
4. Issued 28 September 2022	705,000	30-Sep-22	31 May 2024	0.0053	01-May-24
5. Issued 28 September 2022	705,000	30-Sep-22	31 May 2025	0.0068	01-May-25
6. Issued 28 September 2022	940,000	30-Sep-22	31 May 2026	0.0079	01-May-26

There are no performance criteria that need to be met in relation to executive share options granted, however, the options lapse if the relevant senior manager no longer provides services to or is no longer employed by the Group.

The value of options lapsed during the year was \$22,985.

The following executive share options previously held by directors and key management personnel lapsed during the year: 1,470,000 (2022: 750,000)

## Shareholdings

Key management personnel and key management personnel-related entities hold directly, indirectly or beneficially as at 30 June 2023 the following interests in ordinary shares in MPower Group Limited:

	<b>Balance at 1 July 2022 No.</b>	<b>Net other change No.</b>	<b>Balance at 30 June 2023 No.</b>
<b>2023</b>			
<b>Directors</b>			
Peter Wise <sup>1</sup> } Nathan Wise <sup>1</sup> }	79,064,101	15,833,333	94,897,434
Nathan Wise <sup>2</sup>	1,140,000	–	1,140,000
Robert Constable	434,000	–	434,000
Robert Moran	2,330,736	–	2,330,736
Amy Kean	158,730	–	158,730
<b>Key management personnel</b>			
Ryan Scott	656,510	–	656,510
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,784,077</b>	<b>15,833,333</b>	<b>99,617,410</b>
<b>2022</b>			
<b>Directors</b>			
Peter Wise <sup>1</sup> } Nathan Wise <sup>1</sup> }	77,242,294	1,821,807	79,064,101
Nathan Wise <sup>2</sup>	750,000	390,000	1,140,000
Robert Constable	434,000	–	434,000
Robert Moran	1,854,546	476,190	2,330,736
Amy Kean	–	158,730	158,730
<b>Key management personnel</b>			
Ryan Scott	273,255	383,255	656,510
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,554,095</b>	<b>3,229,982</b>	<b>83,784,077</b>

1. Peter Wise and Nathan Wise are directors of Tag Private Pty Limited and Tag Private Nominees Pty Limited which had an interest in 94,897,434 ordinary shares in MPower Group Limited at 30 June 2023.
2. Nathan Wise is a director of Investment Associates Pty Limited which had an interest in 1,140,000 ordinary shares in MPower Group Limited at 30 June 2023.

## Company performance, shareholder wealth and director and senior management remuneration

The MPower remuneration policy has been tailored to increase goal congruence between shareholders, directors and senior managers. The main method applied in achieving this aim has been the issue of options to select senior managers to encourage the alignment of personal and shareholder interests.

The following table shows the gross revenue, profits and dividends for the last five years for MPower Group Limited, as well as the share price at the end of the respective financial years.

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Revenue</b> (\$'000)*	48,047	10,930	11,087	3,708	4,437
<b>Other gains/(losses)</b> (\$'000)	7	690	–	–	–
<b>Net profit/(loss) before non-controlling interests</b> (\$'000)	(6,129)	(3,875)	(2,065)	(3,536)	1,958
<b>Dividends paid</b> (\$'000)	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Share price at year end</b> (cents per share)	3.0	2.0	8.0	2.6	1.8
<b>Loss per share from continuing and discontinued operations</b>					
Basic (cents per share)	(4.4)	(2.7)	(1.2)	(1.6)	0.7
Diluted (cents per share)	(4.4)	(2.7)	(1.2)	(1.6)	0.7

\* Revenue includes discontinued operations revenue in period prior to 30 June 2020.

## Details of remuneration

The remuneration for each director and the key management personnel in respect of the year to 30 June 2023 was as follows:

2023 \$	Salary, fees and allowances	Superannuation contributions	Cash bonus	Non-cash benefits	Options	Total	Performance related %
<b>Directors</b>							
<b>Peter Wise</b>							
Chairman <sup>1</sup>	121,755	–	–	–	–	121,755	–
<b>Nathan Wise</b>							
Chief Executive Officer	387,729	–	–	–	15,571	403,300	3.9
<b>Amy Kean</b>							
Non-executive director	45,146	–	–	–	–	45,146	–
<b>Robert Constable</b>							
Non-executive director	20,000	–	–	–	–	20,000	–
<b>Robert Moran</b>							
Non-executive director	20,000	–	–	–	–	20,000	–
<b>Total directors</b>	<b>594,630</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>15,571</b>	<b>610,201</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>Key management personnel</b>							
<b>Ryan Scott</b>							
General Manager <sup>3</sup>	281,729	28,436	–	–	8,247	318,412	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>876,359</b>	<b>28,436</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>23,818</b>	<b>928,613</b>	<b>2.6</b>

1. An additional \$28,245 payment was made during the year for long service leave taken therefore a total of \$150,000 for the year.

2. During the year the company paid \$37,551 for Directors and Officers insurance.

3. No cash bonus has been assessed for the prior or current year. Total amount is listed in the remuneration report.

The remuneration for each director and the key management personnel in respect of the year to 30 June 2022 was as follows:

2022 \$	Salary, fees and allowances	Superannuation contributions	Cash bonus	Non-cash benefits	Options	Total	Performance related %
<b>Directors</b>							
<b>Peter Wise</b>							
Chairman <sup>1</sup>	75,000	–	–	–	–	75,000	–
<b>Nathan Wise</b>							
Chief Executive Officer <sup>2</sup>	382,381	–	41,731	–	11,748	435,860	12.3
<b>Amy Kean</b>							
Non-executive director <sup>3</sup>	33,042	–	–	–	–	33,042	–
<b>Robert Constable</b>							
Non-executive director	20,000	–	–	–	–	20,000	–
<b>Robert Moran</b>							
Non-executive director	20,000	–	–	–	–	20,000	–
<b>Total directors</b>	<b>530,423</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>41,731</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>11,748</b>	<b>583,902</b>	<b>9.2</b>
<b>Key management personnel</b>							
<b>Ryan Scott</b>							
General Manager <sup>4</sup>	279,698	27,500	30,041	–	6,679	343,918	10.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>810,121</b>	<b>27,500</b>	<b>71,772</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>18,427</b>	<b>927,820</b>	<b>9.7</b>

1. An additional \$75,000 payment was made during the year for long service leave taken therefore a total of \$150,000 for the year.

2. A STI of \$41,731 was paid during the year in respect of the year to 30 June 2021.

3. Amy Kean commenced as a director on 1 September 2021.

4. A STI of \$30,041 was paid during the year in respect of the year to 30 June 2021.

5. During the year the company paid \$37,722 for Directors and Officers insurance.

Other than as noted above, all directors held their positions for the whole year.

Non-executive Director fees are determined within an aggregate fee pool limit, which is periodically recommended for approval by shareholders. The current fee aggregate limit is \$250,000. Non-executive Directors do not receive performance-based pay or non-retirement allowances. The chairman does not receive additional fees for participating in or chairing committees.

## Contract details

There were no written contracts in place with directors or key management personnel other than the following:

1. A written contract with a salary of \$387,729 was in place in respect of the services provided by Nathan Wise to MPower Group Limited. The contract has no specified duration and requires three months' notice of termination (equating to a termination payment of \$96,892).
2. A written contract with directors fees of \$40,000 plus an additional \$5,000 for being a member of the Company's remuneration committee was in place in respect of the services provided by Amy Kean to MPower Group Limited. The contract has no specified duration.
3. A written contract with a salary of \$310,942 per annum was in place in respect of the services provided by Ryan Scott to MPower Projects Pty Limited. The contract has no specified duration and requires three months' notice of termination (equating to a termination payment of \$77,735).

## Performance income as a proportion of total remuneration

In some circumstances, key management personnel are paid performance bonuses based on set monetary figures and not as a proportion of their salary. These bonuses have been set to encourage achievement of specific goals that have been given a high level of importance in relation to the future growth and profitability of the MPower Group. The payment of bonuses and other incentive payments for specified senior managers are reviewed by the remuneration committee annually as part of the review of executive remuneration and a recommendation is put forward to the board for approval. Bonuses, options and incentives are linked to predetermined performance criteria. The board can exercise its discretion in relation to approving incentives, bonuses and options and can make changes to the committee's recommendations.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



Peter Wise AM  
Chairman

29 August 2023

# Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

	Note	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
<b>Continuing operations</b>			
Revenue	3	4,437	3,708
Other revenue	4	21	–
Raw materials and consumables used		(1,615)	(2,080)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	6	(853)	(294)
Employee benefits expense	6	(3,346)	(3,296)
Finance costs	5	(1,258)	(533)
Occupancy expense		(59)	(43)
Gain on bargain acquisition	24	6,137	–
Other expenses		(1,506)	(998)
<b>Profit/(Loss) before income tax</b>		1,958	(3,536)
Income tax expense	7	–	–
<b>PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>		1,958	(3,536)
Attributable to:			
Owners of the company		1,958	(3,536)
Non-controlling interest		–	–
		1,958	(3,536)
<b>Other comprehensive income (net of tax)</b>			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Loss on cash flow hedges taken to equity of discontinued operations		–	–
Exchange loss on translating discontinued operations		–	–
Other comprehensive (loss)/income net of tax		–	–
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>		1,958	(3,536)
Total comprehensive profit/(loss) attributable to:			
Owners of the company		1,958	(3,536)
Non-controlling interest		–	–
		1,958	(3,536)
<b>Profit/(loss) per share from operations</b>			
Basic (cents per share)	29	0.7	(1.6)
Diluted (cents per share)	29	0.7	(1.6)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

# Consolidated statement of financial position

	Note	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
<b>Assets</b>			
<i>Current assets</i>			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	238	537
Trade receivables and contract assets	9	455	747
Inventories	10	39	93
Assets held for sale	13	131	–
Other current assets	11	223	193
<b>Total current assets</b>		1,086	1,570
<i>Non-current assets</i>			
Property, plant & equipment	14	12,915	600
Intangible assets	24	1,317	–
Right of use assets	23	1,802	772
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		16,034	1,372
<b>Total assets</b>		17,120	2,942
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<i>Current liabilities</i>			
Trade and other payables	16	2,707	774
Borrowings	17	6,161	5,246
Provisions	18	414	438
Lease liabilities	23	119	165
Contract liabilities and other liabilities	19	140	36
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		9,541	6,659
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>			
Borrowings	17	6,371	–
Provisions	18	203	29
Lease liabilities	23	1,897	716
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		8,471	745
<b>Total liabilities</b>		18,012	7,404
<b>Net liabilities</b>		(892)	(4,462)
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued capital	20	31,174	29,661
Reserves	21	423	324
Accumulated losses		(32,489)	(34,447)
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the company</b>		(892)	(4,462)
<b>Total deficiency</b>		(892)	(4,462)

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# Consolidated statement of changes in equity

	Issued capital	Reserves	Accumulated losses	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Balance at 1 July 2021</b>	29,503	305	(30,911)	(1,103)
Loss for the year	–	–	(3,536)	(3,536)
<i>Other comprehensive income/(loss) net of tax</i>				
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	–	–	–	–
Loss on cash flow hedge taken to equity	–	–	–	–
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	–	–	(3,536)	(3,536)
Issue of shares net of costs	158	–	–	158
Transferred to accumulated losses	–	–	–	–
Recognition of share-based payments	–	19	–	19
Payment of distributions	–	–	–	–
<b>Balance at 30 June 2022</b>	<b>29,661</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>(34,447)</b>	<b>(4,462)</b>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2022</b>	29,661	324	(34,447)	(4,462)
Loss for the year	–	–	1,958	1,958
<i>Other comprehensive income/(loss) net of tax</i>				
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations	–	–	–	–
Gain on cash flow hedge taken to equity	–	–	–	–
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	–	–	1,958	1,958
Issue of shares net of costs	1,513	–	–	1,513
Transferred to accumulated losses	–	–	–	–
Recognition of share-based payments	–	99	–	99
Payment of distributions	–	–	–	–
<b>Balance at 30 June 2023</b>	<b>31,174</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>(32,489)</b>	<b>(892)</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

# Consolidated statement of cash flows

	Note	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Receipts from customers		5,631	5,356
Payments to suppliers and employees		(6,279)	(7,219)
Cash used in operations		(648)	(1,863)
Interest and other costs of finance paid (net of interest received)		(927)	(451)
Net cash used in operating activities	8	(1,575)	(2,314)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Payments for property, plant & equipment		(167)	(266)
Proceeds from business combinations (net of cash received)		528	–
Net cash generated by/(used in) investing activities		361	(266)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Repayment of borrowings		(729)	(317)
Payments for lease liabilities capitalised under AASB16		(280)	(257)
Proceeds from borrowings		350	–
Proceeds from share issue		1,700	196
Share issue costs		(127)	(38)
Net cash generated by/(used in) financing activities		914	(416)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(300)	(2,996)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		537	3,533
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	8	237	537

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# Notes to the financial statements

For the financial year ended 30 June 2023

## 1. General information

MPower Group Limited is a specialist renewable energy and battery storage developer and owner. MPower Group Limited is a listed public company, incorporated and domiciled in Australia and is the ultimate parent of the MPower Group (MPower Group Limited and its controlled entities).

The registered office and principal place of business of the company is:

MPower Group Limited  
Level 4, 15 Bourke Road  
Mascot NSW 2020  
Australia

## 2. Statement of significant accounting policies

### Statement of compliance

These financial statements are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, Accounting Standards and Interpretations, and comply with other requirements of the law.

The financial statements comprise the consolidated financial statements of the Group. For the purposes of preparing the consolidated financial statements, the Company is a for-profit entity.

Accounting Standards include Australian Accounting Standards. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes of the company and the Group comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS').

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 22 August 2023.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the MPower Group in the preparation of the financial statements. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

### Basis of preparation

The accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied to all years presented.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical costs, except for certain properties and financial instruments that are measured at revalued amounts or fair value at the end of each reporting period, as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars unless otherwise noted. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether the price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these consolidated financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of AASB 2, leasing transactions that are within the scope of AASB 16, and the measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in AASB 2 or value in use in AASB 136.

The MPower Parent has applied the relief available to it in ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191. Accordingly, amounts in the financial statements are rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

### Critical accounting judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the MPower Group's accounting policies, management is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

### Key estimates – Construction contracts

Construction revenue is recognised by management after assessing all factors relevant to each contract. Significant management estimation is required in assessing the following:

- Estimation of total contract revenue, including determination of contractual entitlement and assessment of the probability of customer approval of variations and acceptance of claims;
- Estimation of total contract costs, including revisions to total forecast costs for events or conditions that occur during the performance of the contract, or are expected to occur to complete the contract;
- Estimation of project contingencies; and
- Estimation of stage of completion including determination of project complete date.

For other key estimates refer to: credit losses note 9, warranties note 2(m), share based payments note 2(t), deferred tax assets note 2(b) and business combination note 2(w).

### (a) Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of MPower Group Limited and entities controlled by MPower Group Limited (its subsidiaries).

Control is achieved when MPower Group Limited:

- has the power over the investee;
- is exposed, or has rights to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and
- has the ability to use its power to affect the returns.

MPower Group Limited reassesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control listed above. A list of subsidiaries is contained in note 12. All controlled entities have a 30 June financial year-end.

The results of the subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in consolidated profit or loss from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with those used by other members of the MPower Group.

All intra-group transactions, balances, income and expenses are eliminated in full on consolidation. In the parent entity disclosures in note 31 for MPower Group Limited, intra-group transactions ('common controlled transactions') are generally accounted for by reference to the existing (consolidated) book value of the items. Where the transaction value of common control transactions differ from their consolidated book value, the difference is recognised as a contribution by or distribution to equity participants by the transacting entities.

Non-controlling interests in the net assets (excluding goodwill) of consolidated subsidiaries are identified separately from the MPower Group's equity therein. Non-controlling interests consist of the amount of those interests at the date of the original business combination and the non-controlling interests' share of changes in equity since the date of the combination. Losses applicable to the non-controlling interests in excess of the non-controlling interests' interest in the subsidiary's equity are allocated against the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

Acquisitions of businesses are accounted for using the acquisition method. The consideration transferred in a business combination is measured at fair value which is calculated as the sum of the acquisition-date fair values of assets transferred by the Group, liabilities incurred by the Group to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity instruments issued by the Group in exchange for control of the acquiree. Acquisition-related costs are recognised in profit or loss as required.

At the acquisition date, the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed are recognised at their fair value at the acquisition date, except that:

- deferred tax assets or liabilities and liabilities or assets related to employee benefit arrangements are recognised and measured in accordance with AASB 112 'Income Taxes' and AASB 119 'Employee Benefits' respectively;
- liabilities or equity instruments related to share-based payment arrangements of the acquiree or share-based payments of the Group entered into to replace share-based payment arrangements of the acquiree are measured in accordance with AASB 2 'Share-based Payment' at the acquisition date; and
- assets (or disposal groups) that are classified as held for sale in accordance with AASB 5 'Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations' are measured in accordance with that Standard.

Goodwill is measured as the excess of the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree, and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree (if any) over the net of the acquisition-date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed. If, after reassessment, the net of the acquisition-date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed exceeds the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held interest in the acquiree (if any), the excess is recognised immediately in profit or loss as a bargain purchase gain (refer to note 24)

Non-controlling interests that are present ownership interests and entitle their holders to a proportionate share of the entity's net assets in the event of liquidation may be initially measured either at fair value or at the non-controlling interests' proportionate share of the recognised amounts of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. The choice of measurement basis is made on a transaction-by-transaction basis. Other types of non-controlling interests are measured at fair value or, when applicable, on the basis specified in another Standard.

Where the consideration transferred by the Group in a business combination includes assets or liabilities resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement, the contingent consideration is measured at its acquisition-date fair value. Changes in the fair value of the contingent consideration that qualify as measurement period adjustments are adjusted retrospectively, with corresponding adjustments against goodwill.

Measurement period adjustments are adjustments that arise from additional information obtained during the 'measurement period' (which cannot exceed one year from the acquisition date) about facts and circumstances that existed at the acquisition date. The subsequent accounting for changes in the fair value of contingent consideration that do not qualify as measurement period adjustments depends on how the contingent consideration is classified.

Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured at subsequent reporting dates and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity. Contingent consideration that is classified as an asset or liability is remeasured at subsequent reporting dates in accordance with AASB 139, or AASB 137 'Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets', as appropriate, with the corresponding gain or loss being recognised in profit or loss.

**2. Statement of significant accounting policies continued**

Where a business combination is achieved in stages, the Group's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is remeasured to fair value at the acquisition date (i.e. the date when the Group attains control) and the resulting gain or loss, if any, is recognised in profit or loss. Amounts arising from interests in the acquiree prior to the acquisition date that have previously been recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss where such treatment would be appropriate if that interest were disposed of.

If the initial accounting for a business combination is incomplete by the end of the reporting period in which the combination occurs, the Group reports provisional amounts for the items for which the accounting is incomplete. Those provisional amounts are adjusted during the measurement period (see above), or additional assets or liabilities are recognised, to reflect new information obtained about facts and circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date that, if known, would have affected the amounts recognised as of that date.

Business combinations that took place prior to 1 July 2009 were accounted for in accordance with the previous version of AASB3.

**(b) Income tax****Current tax**

The charge for current income tax expense is based on the profit for the year adjusted for any non-assessable or disallowed items. It is calculated using the tax rates that have been enacted or are substantively enacted by the balance date. Current tax for current and prior periods is recognised as a liability (or asset) to the extent that it is unpaid (or refundable).

**Deferred tax**

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. No deferred income tax will be recognised from the initial recognition of an asset or liability, excluding a business combination, where there is no effect on accounting or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or liability is settled. Deferred tax is recognised in profit or loss except where it relates to items that may be recognised directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is adjusted directly against equity.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future tax profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Capitalised losses are only brought to account when it is probable they will be recouped through future taxable gains.

**(c) Construction Contracts**

The Group will previously have recognised a contract asset for any work performed. Any amount previously recognised as a contract asset is reclassified to trade receivables at the point at which it is invoiced to the customer. If the amount invoiced exceeds the revenue recognised to date then the Group recognises a contract liability for the difference. There is not considered to be a significant financing component in construction contracts with customers as the period between the recognition of revenue and the receipt of payment is always expected to be less than one year.

**(d) Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of manufactured products includes direct materials, direct labour and an appropriate portion of variable and fixed overheads. Overheads are applied on the basis of normal operating capacity. Costs are assigned on the basis of weighted average costs.

The provision for impairment of inventories assessment requires a degree of estimation and judgement. The level of the provision is assessed by taking into account recent sales experience, the ageing of inventories, damaged, obsolete, slow moving inventories and other factors that affect inventory value.

**(e) Property, plant and equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

**Plant and equipment**

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis. The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets, employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

The cost of fixed assets constructed within the MPower Group 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 MPower Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

**Land and buildings**

Freehold land and buildings are shown at their fair value being the amount that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, based on a valuation by external independent valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings. Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited to a revaluation surplus in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against fair value reserves directly in equity, all other decreases are charged to profit or loss.

**Depreciation**

Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including capitalised lease assets are depreciated on a straight-line and diminishing value basis over their useful lives to the MPower Group commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rate
Leasehold improvements	6-33%
Plant and equipment	5-40%
Buildings	2.5%
Leased plant and equipment	20-23%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance date. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in profit or loss.

#### **(f) Leased assets**

The Group assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease, at inception of the contract. The Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease arrangements in which it is the lessee, except for short-term leases (defined as leases with a lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets. For these leases, the Group recognises the lease payments as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased assets are consumed.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted by using the Group's incremental borrowing rate. This rate has been determined by considering the nature of the leased assets, the Group's credit rating and the borrowing rate of funds in similar economic environments.

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability, lease payments made at or before the commencement day and any initial direct costs. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter period of lease term and useful life of the underlying asset. If a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Group expects to exercise a purchase option, the related right-of-use asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset.

The depreciation starts at the commencement date of the lease.

The right-of-use assets are presented as a separate line in the consolidated statement of financial position.

#### **(g) Financial assets**

##### **Recognition**

Financial assets are initially measured at fair value on trade date, which includes transaction costs (other than financial assets at fair value through profit/loss), when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these financial assets are measured as set out below.

##### **Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss**

A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short-term or if so designated by management and within the requirements of AASB 139: Recognition and Measurement of Financial Instruments. Specifically, the financial asset forms part of a group of financial assets which is managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with the MPower Group's documented risk management or investment strategy, and information about the grouping is provided internally on that basis. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of these assets are included in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

#### **Loans and receivables**

Trade receivables, loans and other 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 less impairment. Interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate.

#### **Fair value**

For all quoted investments fair value is determined by reference to observable prices of market transactions for identical assets at or near the measurement date whenever that information is available. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

#### **Impairment of financial assets**

Financial assets, other than those at fair value through profit or loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been impacted.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of the impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate.

The carrying amount of financial assets including uncollectible trade receivables is reduced by the impairment loss through the use of an allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against the allowance account. Changes in the carrying amount of the allowance account are 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 through profit or loss to the extent the carrying amount of the investment at the date the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised.

#### **(h) Impairment of assets**

At each reporting date, the MPower Group reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to profit or loss.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the MPower Group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs (refer to note 14).

## 2. Statement of significant accounting policies continued

**(i) Intangible assets****Patents and trademarks**

Patents and trademarks are recognised at cost of acquisition. Patents and trademarks have a finite life and are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses.

**Research and development**

Expenditure during the research phase of a project is recognised as an expense as incurred. Development costs are capitalised only when technical feasibility studies identify that the project will deliver future economic benefits and these benefits can be measured reliably. Development costs are amortised on a straight line basis over the period during which the related benefits are expected to be realised, once commercial production has commenced.

**(j) Foreign currency transactions and balances****Functional and presentation currency**

The functional currency of each of the MPower Group's entities is measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which that entity operates. The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars which is the MPower Group's functional and presentation currency.

**Transactions and balances**

Foreign currency transactions are translated into functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency monetary items are translated at the year-end exchange rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost continue to be carried at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary items measured at fair value are reported at the exchange rate at the date when fair values were determined.

Exchange differences arising on the translation of monetary items are recognised in profit or loss, except where deferred in equity as a qualifying cash flow hedge.

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The financial results and position of foreign operations whose functional currency is different from the MPower Group's presentation currency are translated as follows:

- assets and liabilities are translated at year-end exchange rates prevailing at that reporting date;
- income and expenses are translated at date of transaction and
- retained earnings are translated at the historical exchange rates.

Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations are transferred directly to the MPower Group's foreign currency translation reserve in the consolidated statement of financial position. These differences are recognised in the consolidated profit or loss in the period in which the operation is disposed.

In the year ended 30 June 2023 the functional currency for all subsidiaries is AUD.

**(k) Employee benefits**

A liability is recognised at balance date for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave when it is probable that settlement will be required and they are capable of being measured reliably.

Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs excluding super.

Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

Contributions are made by the MPower Group to employee superannuation funds and are charged as an expense when employees have rendered service entitling them to the contributions.

**(l) Provisions**

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

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows. When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, the receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

**(m) Provision for warranties**

Provision is made in respect of the MPower Group's estimated liability on all services under warranty at balance date. The provision is measured at the Group's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the warranty obligation. The provisions have been estimated by reference to the MPower Group's history of warranty claims.

**(n) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the consolidated statement of financial position.

**(o) Revenue****Sale of goods and energy**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Revenue is reduced for estimated customer returns, stock rotation, price protection, rebates and other similar allowances. Revenue from sale of goods is recognised upon delivery of goods to customers while revenue from the sale of energy is recognised when energy is exported to the network.

**Services revenue****Fixed price contracts**

For fixed price services contracts, revenue arises from maintenance and other services supplied to infrastructure assets and facilities which may involve a range of services and processes. The Group has assessed the services provided to be one performance obligation. The transaction price typically contains a fixed lump sum amount. The total transaction price may include variable consideration.

Performance obligations are fulfilled over time as the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Group's performance as the Group performs, and the Group enhances assets which the customer controls as the Group performs. Thus control of the goods and services is transferred to the customer over time. Revenue is recognised as the services are provided using cost as the measure of progress. Customers are in general invoiced on a monthly basis for an amount that is in line with costs incurred. Payment is received following invoicing on normal commercial terms. Where payment is received prior to or post recognition of revenue using the percentage cost of completion method, revenue is deferred or accrued for on the balance sheet.

#### **Projects and installation revenue**

Design and construction revenue arises from contracts maintained by the Group to design and construct power related infrastructure.

The transaction price is typically a fixed price broken down into various milestone payments. The total transaction price is allocated across each performance obligation based on stand-alone selling prices.

Each performance obligation is fulfilled over time as the Group enhances assets which the customer controls, for which the Group does not have alternative use and for which the Group has right to payment for performance to date. Revenue is recognised as the services are provided using cost as the measure of progress.

Customers are in general invoiced as milestones are achieved which is generally in line with costs incurred. Payment is received following invoice on normal commercial terms. Where payment is received prior to or post recognition of revenue using the percentage cost of completion method, revenue is deferred or accrued for on the balance sheet.

#### **Variable consideration**

Where consideration in respect of a contract is variable, the expected value of revenue is only recognised when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved, known as "constraint" requirements. The Group assesses the constraint requirements on a periodic basis when estimating the variable consideration to be included in the transaction price. When calculating the estimates of variable consideration, the Group considers available information including historic performance on similar contracts and other information regarding events that affect the variability that are out of the control of the Group.

Where modifications in design or contract requirements are entered into, these are treated as a continuation of the original contract in accordance with the contract modification guidance in AASB 15, and the transaction price and measure of progress is updated to reflect these. Where the price of the modification has not been confirmed, this is treated as variable consideration and an estimate is made of the amount of revenue to recognise whilst also considering the constraint requirement.

#### **Dividend, distribution and interest revenue**

Dividend and distribution revenue from investments is recognised when the MPower Group's right to receive payment has been established. Dividends received from associates are accounted for in accordance with the equity method of accounting.

Interest revenue is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

#### **(p) Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs 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.

All other borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

#### **(q) Goods and services tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except:

- where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense; or
- for receivables and payables which are recognised inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables.

Cash flows are included in the consolidated statement of cash flows on a gross basis. The GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified within operating cash flows.

#### **(r) Other financial liabilities**

Other financial liabilities, including borrowings, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, with interest expense recognised on an effective yield basis. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

#### **(s) Derivative financial instruments**

The MPower Group enters into a variety of derivative financial instruments to manage its exposure to interest rate and foreign exchange rate risk, including foreign exchange forward contracts.

Note 30 contains details of the fair values of the derivative instruments used for hedging purposes.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date the derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at their fair value at the end of each reporting period. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately unless the derivative is designated as effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in profit or loss depends on the nature of the hedging relationship. The Group designates certain derivatives as either hedges of the fair value of recognised assets or liabilities or firm commitments (fair value hedges), hedges of highly probable forecast transactions or hedges of foreign currency risk of firm commitments (cash flow hedges).

A derivative with a positive fair value is recognised as a financial asset; a derivative with a negative fair value is recognised as a financial liability.

A derivative is presented as a non-current asset or a non-current liability if the remaining maturity of the instrument is more than 12 months and it is not expected to be realised or settled within 12 months. Other derivatives are presented as current assets or current liabilities.

**2. Statement of significant accounting policies continued****Hedge accounting**

The Group designates certain hedging instruments, which include derivatives as either fair value hedges or cash flow hedges. Hedges of foreign exchange risk on firm commitments are accounted for as cash flow hedges.

At the inception of the hedge relationship, the entity documents the relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged item, along with its risk management objectives and its strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. Furthermore, at the inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis, the Group documents whether the hedging instrument is highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of the hedged item.

**Fair value hedge**

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recognised in profit or loss immediately, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk. The change in the fair value of the hedging instrument and the change in the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk are recognised in the line of the statement of comprehensive income relating to the hedged item.

Hedge accounting is discontinued when the Group revokes the hedging relationship, when the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised, or when it no longer qualifies for hedge accounting. The fair value adjustment to the carrying amount of the hedged item arising from the hedged risk is amortised to profit or loss from that date.

**Cash flow hedges**

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognised in other comprehensive income. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity are reclassified to profit or loss in the periods when the hedged item is recognised in profit or loss, in the same line of the statement of comprehensive income as the recognised hedged item. However, when the forecast transaction that is hedged results in the recognition of a non-financial asset or a non-financial liability, the gains and losses previously accumulated in equity are transferred from equity and included in the initial measurement of the cost of the non-financial asset or non-financial liability.

Hedge accounting is discontinued when the Group revokes the hedging relationship, when the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised, or when it no longer qualifies for hedge accounting. Any gain or loss accumulated in equity at that time remains in equity and is recognised when the forecast transaction is ultimately recognised in profit or loss. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the gain or loss accumulated in equity is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

**(t) Share-based payments**

Share-based payments with employees and others providing similar services are measured at the fair value of the equity instrument at the grant date. Fair value is measured by use of the Black-Scholes model. Further details on how the fair value of equity-settled share-based transactions has been determined can be found in note 27.

The fair value determined at the grant date of the equity-settled share-based payments is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the group's estimate of equity instruments that will eventually vest.

At each reporting date, the group revises its estimate of the number of equity instruments expected to vest. The impact of the revision of the original estimates, if any, is recognised in profit or loss over the remaining vesting period, with corresponding adjustment to the equity-settled employee benefits reserve.

**(u) Non-current assets held for sale**

Non-current assets (and disposal groups) classified as held for sale are generally measured at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less cost to sell, where the carrying amount will be recovered principally through sale as opposed to continued use. No depreciation or amortisation is charged against assets classified as held for sale.

Classification as "held for sale" occurs when: management has committed to a plan for immediate sale; the sale is expected to occur within one year from the date of classification; and active marketing of the asset has commenced. Such assets are classified as current assets.

When the Group is committed to a sale plan involving loss of control of a subsidiary, all of the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary are classified as held for sale when the criteria described above are met, regardless of whether the Group will retain a non-controlling interest in its former subsidiary after the sale.

**(v) Government grants**

Government grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the Group will comply with the conditions attaching to them and that the grants will be received.

Government grants are recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Group recognises as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate.

Specifically, wage subsidies received under the JobKeeper scheme are offset against wages in the profit and loss. Cash Flow Boost subsidies are presented as other income in the profit and loss.

Government grants that are receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the Group with no future related costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they become receivable.

**(w) Business combinations**

Business combinations occur where an acquirer obtains control over one or more businesses.

A business combination is accounted for by applying the acquisition method, unless it is a combination involving entities or businesses under common control. The business combination will be accounted for from the date that control is obtained, whereby the fair value of the identifiable assets acquired, and liabilities (including contingent liabilities) assumed is recognised (subject to certain limited exemptions).

When measuring the consideration transferred in the business combination, any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement is also included. Subsequent to initial recognition, contingent consideration classified as equity is not remeasured and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity. Contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability is remeasured in each reporting period to fair value, recognising any change to fair value in profit or loss, unless the change in value can be identified as existing at acquisition date.

All transaction costs incurred in relation to business combinations, other than those associated with the issue of a financial instrument, are recognised as expenses in profit or loss when incurred.

The acquisition of a business may result in the recognition of goodwill or a gain from a bargain purchase.

**(x) Adoption of new and revised Accounting Standards**

In the current year, the Group has adopted all of the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (the AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for the current annual reporting period. There has been no material impact of these changes on the Group's accounting policies.

**AASB 2020-3: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements 2018–2020 and Other Amendments**

The Entity adopted AASB 2020-3 which makes some small amendments to a number of standards including the following: AASB 1, AASB 3, AASB 9, AASB 116, AASB 137 and AASB 141. The adoption of the amendment did not have a material impact on the financial statements.

*AASB 2021-7a: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections*

AASB 2020-7a makes various editorial corrections to a number of standards effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022. The adoption of the amendment did not have a material impact on the financial statements.

**New and Amended Accounting Policies Not Yet Adopted by the Entity**

*AASB 2020-1: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current*

The amendment amends AASB 101 to clarify whether a liability should be presented as current or non-current. The Group plans on adopting the amendment for the reporting period ending 30 June 2024 along with the adoption of AASB 2022-6. The amendment is not expected to have a material impact on the financial statements once adopted.

*AASB 2022-6: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Non-current Liabilities with Covenants*

AASB 2022-6 amends AASB 101 to improve the information an entity provides in its financial statements about liabilities arising from loan arrangements for which the entity's right to defer settlement of those liabilities for at least 12 months after the reporting period is subject to the entity complying with conditions specified in the loan arrangement. It also amends an example in Practice Statement 2 regarding assessing whether information about covenants is material for disclosure. The Group plans on adopting the amendment for the reporting period ending 30 June 2024. The amendment is not expected to have a material impact on the financial statements once adopted.

*AASB 2021-2: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates*

The amendment amends AASB 7, AASB 101, AASB 108, AASB 134 and AASB Practice Statement 2. These amendments arise from the issuance by the IASB of the following International Financial Reporting Standards: Disclosure of Accounting Policies (Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2) and Definition of Accounting Estimates (Amendments to IAS 8). The Group plans on adopting the amendment for the reporting period ending 30 June 2024. The impact of the initial application is not yet known.

*AASB 2021-5: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction*

The amendment amends the initial recognition exemption in AASB 112: Income Taxes such that it is not applicable to leases and decommissioning obligations – transactions for which companies recognise both an asset and liability and that give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences. The Group plans on adopting the amendment for the reporting period ending 30 June 2024. The impact of the initial application is not yet known.

*AASB 2021-7b & c: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Effective Date of Amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 and Editorial Corrections*

AASB 2021-7b makes various editorial corrections to AASB 17 Insurance Contracts which applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023, with earlier application permitted.

AASB 2021-7c defers the mandatory effective date (application date) of amendments to AASB 10 and AASB 128 that were originally made in AASB 2014-10: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture so that the amendments are required to be applied for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025 instead of 1 January 2018. The Group plans on adopting the amendments for the reporting periods ending 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2026. The impact of initial application is not yet known.

*AASB 2022-7: Editorial Corrections to Australian Accounting Standards and Repeal of Superseded and Redundant Standards*

AASB 2022-7 makes editorial corrections to the following standards: AASB 7, AASB 116, AASB 124, AASB 128, AASB 134 and AASB as well as to AASB Practice Statement 2. It also formally repeals superseded and redundant Australian Accounting Standards as set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to the Standard. The Group plans on adopting the amendments for the reporting period ending 30 June 2024. The amendment is not expected to have a material impact on the financial statements once adopted.

**(y) Going concern**

The consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2023 reflects a total comprehensive profit after tax attributable to owners of \$1.9 million. The consolidated statement of financial position shows negative net assets of approximately \$0.9 million at 30 June 2023. Net cash used in operating activities was \$1.6 million during the year.

The Directors have reviewed the cash flow forecast prepared by management for the period through to 31 August 2024. The cash flow forecast, which is predicated on the key assumptions noted below, indicates that the Group will have sufficient funding to operate as a going concern during the forecast period, and on this basis the Directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

**Key assumptions of cashflow forecast**

The cashflow forecast includes certain key assumptions including the following:

- the conversion of pipeline opportunities over the forecast period;
- the delivery of projects in accordance with project estimates;
- execution of the Group's Build Own Operate strategy, including obtaining project funding for future projects;
- the Group achieving its anticipated level of cash flows.

The Directors believe that the Company's success at refinancing its corporate debt facilities in August 2023 together with the establishment of a \$10 million project funding facility during the year support achieving the forecast cash flows. The Group has the ability to raise equity/debt as and when required.

If the Group is unable to meet the key assumptions noted above, then a material uncertainty would exist that may cast significant doubt as to whether the Group will be able to continue as a going concern and therefore whether it will realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the normal course of business and at the amounts stated in the financial statements.

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>3. Revenue</b>		
The following is an analysis of the group's revenue for the year from continuing operations (excluding other revenue – refer note 4):		
– Revenue from sale of goods	157	322
– Revenue from the rendering of services	2,719	3,621
– Revenue from sale of energy and certificates	1,505	–
– Revenue from projects and installations	56	(235)
Total revenue	4,437	3,708

### 4. Other revenue

Loans and receivables (including cash and bank balances)	–	–
Total interest income for financial assets not designated at fair value through profit or loss	21	–
Rental Income	–	–
Other Income	–	–
Total other revenue	21	–

### 5. Finance costs

Finance costs		
– banks/financial institutions/related party loan	959	460
– Right of Use Assets lease charges	299	73
Total finance costs	1,258	533

2023  
\$'000

2022  
\$'000

## 6. Profit/(loss) for the year

The profit/(loss) before income tax has been determined after:

Depreciation of property plant & equipment and amortisation of right of use assets	853	294
JobSaver receipts	–	(231)
Employee benefits expense		
– Post-employment benefits	362	190
– Short-term employee benefits	2,957	3,087
– Share-based payments	27	19
<b>Total employee benefits expense</b>	<b>3,346</b>	<b>3,296</b>
Provision for doubtful debts raised	(10)	(21)
Net foreign exchange loss	1	1

## 7. Income tax expense

(a) The components of income tax expense comprise:

### Current tax

In respect of the current year – –

### Deferred tax

In respect of the current year – –

**Total income tax expense recognised in the current year – –**

(b) The prima facie tax on loss before income tax is reconciled to income tax as follows:

Prima facie tax benefit on loss before income tax at 25% (2022: 25%)	490	(884)
Add tax effect of:		
– temporary differences not brought to account	(522)	(182)
– unused tax losses not brought to account	32	1,066
<b>Income tax expense attributable to the entity – –</b>		
<b>The applicable weighted average effective tax rates are as follows: – –</b>		

The tax rate used for the reconciliations above is the corporate tax rate of 25% payable by Australian corporate entities on taxable profits under Australian tax law.

## 8. Cash &amp; cash equivalents

	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000

## 8. Cash & cash equivalents

For the purposes of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows can be reconciled to the related items in the consolidated statement of financial position as follows:

Cash and bank balances	238	537
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The weighted average effective interest rate on cash and cash equivalents for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 was 3.05% (2022: 0.00%).

### Reconciliation of profit/(loss) for the year to net cash flow from operating activities

Profit/(loss) from operating activities after income tax	1,958	(3,536)
Non-cash flows		
– depreciation and amortisation of right of use assets	853	294
– Non cash interest of lease liabilities	299	74
– share based payments	27	19
– unrealised currency loss	1	1
– gain on sale of assets	2	–
– Bargain gain on acquisition	(6,137)	–
Changes in assets and liabilities		
– decrease in receivables, prepayments and other assets	303	1,123
– decrease in inventories	54	28
– increase/(decrease) in trade creditors & accruals	915	(85)
– increase/(decrease) in provisions	150	(232)
Net cash used in operating activities	(1,575)	(2,314)

### Liquidity risk management

#### Financing facilities<sup>1</sup>

Credit facilities	24,726	7,510
Amounts utilised	(12,419)	(5,672)
Unused credit facilities	12,307	1,838

1. Finance facilities include bank guarantees and surety bonds. Includes a \$10 million finance facilities with AMPYR Energy that was unconditional on 4 August 2023.

#### Loan and other facilities

Loan and other facilities are arranged with a number of institutions and related parties with the general terms and conditions being set and agreed to annually. Interest rates are fixed and variable which are subject to adjustment.

#### Non-cash financing and investment activities

During the year the MPower Group did not acquire any plant and equipment by means of finance leases and hire purchases (2022: Nil).

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
Trade receivables	307	577
Less: Credit loss allowance	(51)	(30)
	256	547
Contract assets – accrued revenue receivable	199	200
Total trade receivables and contract assets	455	747
<b>Ageing of past due but not impaired</b>		
60-90 days	2	22
Over 90 days	7	25
Total	9	47
Average age of trade receivables (days)	25	57
<b>Movement in credit loss allowance</b>		
Balance at the beginning of the year	30	35
Impairment losses recognised on receivables	–	(25)
Additional allowance for uncollectable amounts	21	20
Balance at the end of the year	51	30

The average credit period on sales of goods and rendering of services ranges from 30 to 60 days. The Group has provided for receivables based on estimated unrecoverable amounts from sales of goods and rendering of services, determined by reference to the particular circumstances in relation to the debt and past default experience.

In determining the recoverability of a trade receivable, the Group considers any change in the credit quality of the trade receivable from the date credit was initially granted up to the reporting date. The concentration of credit risk is limited due to the customer base being large and unrelated. Accordingly, the directors believe that there is no further increase in expected credit losses are required. There is no security held in relation to these balances.

Trade receivables and contract assets are written off when there has been a significant change in the risk characteristics of a debtor and there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with the Group.

#### Contract assets

Contract assets are balances due from customers under long term contracts as work is performed and therefore a contract asset is recognised over the period in which the performance obligation is fulfilled. This represents the Group's right to consideration for the services transferred to date. Amounts are generally reclassified to accounts receivable when these have been invoiced to a customer.

The directors of the Group always measure the loss allowance on amounts due from customers at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses, taking into account the historical default experience and the future prospects of the construction industry. None of the amounts due from customers at the end of the reporting period is past due. There has been no change in the estimation techniques or significant assumptions made during the current reporting period in assessing the loss allowance for the amounts due from customers under construction contracts.

**2023**                      2022  
**\$'000**                      \$'000

## 10. Inventories

At lower of cost and net realisable value:

Finished goods	39	93
Total inventories	39	93

The cost of inventory recognised as an expense during the year was \$0.3 million (2022: \$0.7 million).

## 11. Other current assets

### Current

Prepayments	223	193
Total other assets	223	193

## 12. Subsidiaries

Details of the Group's subsidiaries at 30 June 2023 are as follows:

Entity	Place of incorporation	Class of share	% Owned 2023	% Owned 2022
Electro Securities Pty Limited <sup>(i)</sup>	Australia	ord	100	100
Faraday Renewable Energy Project Pty Limited	Australia	ord	100	100
Mangalore Renewable Energy Project Pty Limited	Australia	ord	100	100
Lakeland Solar & Storage Pty Limited	Australia	ord	100	–
MPower Capital Pty Limited	Australia	ord	100	100
MPower Holdings Pty Limited	Australia	ord	100	100
MPower Projects Pty Limited	Australia	ord	100	100
MPower Renewable Assets Pty Limited	Australia	ord	100	100
MPower Renewable Assets 2 Pty Limited	Australia	ord	100	100
Narromine Renewable Energy Project Pty Limited	Australia	ord	100	100
Flatbat Ltd <sup>(i),(ii)</sup>	New Zealand	ord	100	100
PISL Limited <sup>(i),(ii)</sup>	New Zealand	ord	100	100
Spedding Ltd <sup>(i),(ii)</sup>	New Zealand	ord	100	100
MPower Samoa Limited <sup>(i),(ii)</sup>	Samoa	ord	100	100

(i) Companies incorporated in New Zealand and Samoa carry on business primarily in their respective countries.

(ii) Companies that are no longer trading.

**2023**                      2022  
**\$'000**                      \$'000

## 13. Assets held for sale

### Current

Project development asset	131	–
Total assets held for sale	131	–

The Group intends to sell development rights in respect of a clean energy development at Kadina in South Australia. A sale process commenced in June 2023 and is expected to complete during the financial year ending 30 June 2024.

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Cost or valuation	14,041	1,172
Accumulated depreciation	(1,126)	(572)
<b>Total property, plant &amp; equipment</b>	<b>12,915</b>	<b>600</b>

Plant & equipment	12,864	522
Leasehold improvements	51	78
Capitalised leased assets	–	–
<b>Total property, plant &amp; equipment</b>	<b>12,915</b>	<b>600</b>

<b>Cost</b>	<b>Plant &amp; equipment at cost</b>	<b>Leasehold improvements at cost</b>	<b>Total at cost</b>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at 30 June 2021	769	137	906
Additions	266	–	266
Other disposals	–	–	–
Balance at 30 June 2022	1,035	137	1,172
Additions <sup>(i)</sup>	13,009	–	13,009
Other disposals	(140)	–	(140)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2023</b>	<b>13,904</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>14,041</b>

<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b>Plant &amp; equipment</b>	<b>Leasehold improvements</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at 30 June 2021	(422)	(32)	(454)
Eliminated on disposals of assets	–	–	–
Depreciation expense	(91)	(27)	(118)
Balance at 30 June 2022	(513)	(59)	(572)
Eliminated on disposals of assets	136	–	136
Depreciation expense	(663)	(27)	(690)
Balance at 30 June 2023	(1,040)	(86)	(1,126)
<b>Net Balance at 30 June 2023</b>	<b>12,864</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>12,915</b>
<b>Net Balance at 30 June 2022</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>600</b>

(i) Plant and Equipment additions includes \$129,000 (2022: \$253,000) of development costs associated with renewable energy projects.

#### Impairment disclosures

PPE and Intangibles are allocated to cash-generating units which are based on the Group's reporting segments:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Energy investment CGU	13,441	–

The recoverable amount of each cash-generating unit above is determined based on value-in-use calculations. Value-in-use is calculated based on the present value of cash flow projections over a 23-year period. The cash flows are discounted the weighted average cost of capital (WACC) of market participants with similar characteristics at the beginning of the budget period.

The following key assumptions were used in the value-in-use calculations:

	Growth Rate	Discount Rate	Power Prices
Energy investment segment	2.5%	9.1%	\$77-\$148 MWH

Management has based the value-in-use calculations on budgets for each reporting segment. These budgets use historical weighted average growth rates to project revenue. Costs are calculated taking into account historical gross margins as well as estimated weighted average inflation rates over the period, which are consistent with inflation rates applicable to the locations in which the segments operate. Discount rates are pre-tax and are adjusted to incorporate risks associated with a particular segment.

**Significant estimate: Impacts of possible changes in key assumptions**

**Energy Investments CGU – Lakeland**

If the forecast costs used in the value-in-use calculation for the Lakeland CGU had been 5% higher than management's estimates at 30 June 2023, the group would have had to recognise an impairment against the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment of \$343,000. If the forecast revenue used in the value-in-use calculation for the Lakeland CGU had been 5% lower than management's estimates at 30 June 2023, the group would have had to recognise an impairment against the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment of \$424,000. If the pre-tax discount rate applied to the cash flow projections of this CGU had been 1% higher than management's estimates (10.1% instead of 9.1%), the group would have had to recognise an impairment against property, plant and equipment of \$923,000.

	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000

## 15. Taxation

**Current tax liabilities**

– –

**Deferred tax balances**

– –

Deferred tax assets not brought to account which will only be realised if the conditions for deductibility set out in note 2(b) occur comprise:

– timing differences	522	182
– revenue losses	12,041	11,482
– capital losses	3,320	3,320

The recoverability of the deferred tax assets has been determined by reference to forecast future taxable profits of the group. As a result of the uncertainty as to the timing of utilisation of revenue tax losses and timing differences, deferred tax assets of \$3.141 million have not been raised (2022: \$2.916 million). This position is reassessed on an ongoing basis. The losses will remain available indefinitely to offset against future taxable profits, subject to continuing to meet the statutory tax tests of continuity of ownership or failing that, the same business test.

**Tax consolidation**

The company and its wholly-owned Australian resident entities have formed a tax-consolidated group and are therefore taxed as a single entity. The head entity within the tax-consolidated group is MPower Group Limited. The wholly-owned Australian resident entities that are members of the tax-consolidated group are included in the list of subsidiaries in note 12.

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 the 'separate taxpayer within group' approach by reference to the carrying amounts in the separate financial statements of each entity and the tax values applying under tax consolidation. Current tax liabilities and assets and deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses and relevant tax credits of the members of the tax-consolidated group are recognised by the company (as head entity in the tax-consolidated group). Due to the existence of a tax funding arrangement between the entities in the tax-consolidated group, amounts are recognised as payable to or receivable by the company and each member of the group in relation to the tax contribution amounts paid or payable between the parent entity and the other members of the tax-consolidated group in accordance with the arrangement.

## 16. Trade & other payables

Current unsecured liabilities

– trade payables	778	403
– sundry payables and accrued expenses	1,929	371
	2,707	774

The general policy for subsidiaries within the MPower Group with foreign currency exposure arising from cross border trading is to hedge between 50% and 100% of the exposure. There were no hedges taken out during the year.

The credit period on purchases from overseas suppliers generally ranges from 30 to 90 days. No interest is charged on trade payables paid within the relevant supplier term. Average credit periods for local purchases range from 7 to 30 days.

	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
<b>17. Borrowings</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
– Bank facilities (secured)	5,163	5,160
– Finance facilities (unsecured)	842	–
– Other interest bearing liabilities	156	86
	6,161	5,246
<b>Non Current</b>		
– Bank facilities (secured)	6,371	–

#### Summary of borrowing and financial facility arrangements

MPOWER Group Limited (and various subsidiaries) has \$4.6 million of borrowings from St George Bank Limited charged at a weighted average interest rate of 11.48%. There were no covenant reporting requirements as at 30 June 2023 (2022: nil). The bank facilities were extended in July 2023 for a further term of one month to 15 August 2023 with principal repayments of \$50,000 per month. The facilities are secured by general security agreements and cross guarantees granted by MPOWER Group Limited and certain group subsidiaries. This facility was fully drawn a 30 June 2023. On 8 August 2023 MPOWER announced that it had extinguished the outstanding loan with St George of \$4.6m and secured agreement with Oceania Capital Partners to provide MPOWER with a new \$1.8 million loan facility.

Lakeland Solar & Storage Pty Limited has a \$7.3 million limited recourse project finance facility with NORD/LB with a maturity date of 30 April 2031 and a fixed interest rate of 5.6%. Principal and interest are paid six monthly in accordance with a specified schedule. There were no covenant reporting requirements at 30 June 2023 (2022: nil). This facility was fully drawn at 30 June 2023.

MPOWER Capital Pty Limited has a \$0.8 million limited recourse finance facility with related party Tag Private Pty Limited with a maturity date of 27 September 2023 and a fixed interest rate of 12.0%. Interest under the facility is capitalised. There were no covenant reporting requirements at 30 June 2023 (2022: nil). This facility is unsecured and was fully drawn at 30 June 2023.

Narromine Renewable Energy Project Pty Limited has a \$10.0 million limited recourse project finance facility with AMPYR Energy with a maturity date of 18 months from first utilisation at a fixed interest rate of 12.25%. The interest is capitalised for 9 months from first utilisation and then payable quarterly. There were no covenant reporting requirements at 30 June 2023 (2022: nil). This facility is secured by project assets and was not drawn at 30 June 2023.

## 18. Provisions

Employee benefits <sup>(a)</sup>	403	438
Makegood provision	200	–
Warranties <sup>(b)</sup>	14	29
<b>Total provisions</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>467</b>
Current	414	438
Non-current	203	29
<b>Total provisions</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>467</b>

#### Warranties

Opening balance at beginning of year	29	34
Provisions (reversed)/raised during year	(15)	–
Amounts used	–	(5)
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>29</b>

(a) The provision for employee benefits represents annual leave and long service leave entitlements accrued by employees. A provision has been recognised for employee entitlements relating to long service leave. The calculation for the present value of future cash flows in respect of long service leave is based on historical data. The measurement and recognition criteria relating to employee benefits have been included in note 2(k).

(b) The provision for warranty claims represents the present value of the directors' best estimate of the future outflow of economic benefits that will be required under the MPOWER Group's warranty program for projects undertaken. The estimate has been made on the basis of historical warranty trends and may vary as a result of new materials, other events affecting product quality or changes in the nature of projects undertaken.

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>19. Other liabilities</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Customer deposits in advance	140	36
Contract liabilities	–	–
<b>Total current other liabilities</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Non-Current</b>		
Sundry other liabilities	–	–
<b>Total non-current other liabilities</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>

Contract liabilities relate to milestone payments received in advance from customers. The stage of completion is used to measure the revenue to be recognised. If the amount of revenue recognised is less than payments received, the difference is included as part of contract liabilities. See note 2(o).

## 20. Issued capital

293,703,279 (2022: 222,869,946) fully paid ordinary shares	31,174	29,661
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	<b>Number of shares</b>	<b>Share capital</b>
	'000	\$'000
Balance at 30 June 2021	218,660	29,503
Shares issued during the year	4,210	158
Balance at 30 June 2022	222,870	29,661
Shares issued during the year(a)	70,833	1,513
<b>Balance at 30 June 2023</b>	<b>293,703</b>	<b>31,174</b>

Effective 1 July 1998, the Company Law Review Act abolished the concept of par value shares and the concept of authorised capital. Accordingly, the company does not have authorised capital or par value in respect of the issued shares.

Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the company in proportion to the number of and amounts paid on the shares held. On a show of hands every holder of ordinary shares present at a meeting in person or by proxy is entitled to one vote, and upon a poll each is entitled to one vote for each share held.

- (a) 70,833,333 ordinary shares were issued as part of an equity raise and no ordinary shares were issued on the exercise of options issued under the Company's executive share option plan during the current financial year (2022: 4,210,000).
- (b) 59,222,222 options were issued as part of an equity raise during the current financial year (2022: nil).
- (c) 3,826,000 unlisted executive share options remain on issue at 30 June 2023 (refer note 27).
- (d) 8,000,000 unlisted advisor share options remain on issue at 30 June 2023 (refer note 27).

	Note	2023 \$'000	2022 \$'000
<b>21. Reserves</b>			
Share option reserve <sup>(a)</sup>		695	596
Foreign currency translation reserve <sup>(b)</sup>		(272)	(272)
Total reserves		423	324

**(a) Share option reserve**

Balance at beginning of the year		596	577
Share based payments for the year	27	99	19
Balance at end of the year		695	596

The share option reserve records items recognised as expenses in relation to executive share options and advisor options. Refer to note 27 for reconciliation of options at year end.

**(b) Foreign currency translation reserve**

Balance at beginning of the year		(272)	(272)
Exchange differences arising on translating the foreign operations		–	–
Balance at end of the year		(272)	(272)

The foreign currency translation reserve records exchange differences arising on translation of foreign controlled entities.

## 22. Dividends

**Recognised amounts**

No dividends were paid during the current or previous years.

Balance of franking account at year end adjusted for franking credits arising from payment of provision for income tax, amounts transferred in and franking debits arising from payment of dividends		7,420	7,420
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## 23. Right of use assets and lease liabilities

**Right of use assets**

At cost		2,379	1,227
Less: Accumulated amortisation		(577)	(455)
		1,802	772

**Lease Liabilities**

Current		119	165
Non-current		1,897	716
		2,016	881

**Lease liabilities maturity profile**

– Year 1		119	165
– Year 2		96	137
– Year 3		117	109
– Year 4		141	119
– Year 5		159	132
– later than six years		1,384	219
		2,016	881

**Consolidated Right of Use Assets**

– Adoption of AASB 16		1,022	1,182
– Acquired as part of the Lakeland acquisition per note 24		1,357	45
– Depreciation/amortisation expense		(577)	(455)
Balance at 30 June 2023		1,802	772

Leases relate to office premises and office equipment with lease terms of between 1 to 7 years and Lakeland Solar and Storage project land lease that has a 20 year lease term.

## 24. Acquisition of Lakeland Solar & Storage Pty Ltd

On 11 August 2022, MPower acquired 100% of the shares in Lakeland Solar & Storage Pty Limited (Lakeland) the owner of the Lakeland Solar & Storage project located in Cooktown Shire, North Queensland. The project comprises of a 10.8MWac solar farm and an associated 1.4MWac/5.3MWh lithium-ion battery storage facility. The project has been in operation since 2017 and has a long-term power purchase agreement for 100% of the solar power output, which runs until 2030. The purchase price paid for the shares in Lakeland at completion was one dollar.

The details of the business combination are as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	528,476
Trade and other receivables	53,057
Prepayments	159,392
Accrued revenue	217,689
Fixed assets	12,706,462
PPA valuation (intangible)	1,317,135
Right of use asset	1,356,571
Trade and other payables	(80,809)
Accruals	(1,189,639)
Provisions	(463,436)
Borrowings	(7,111,310)
Right of use liability	(1,356,571)
Bargain purchase gain expensed	6,137,017

From the date of acquisition, Lakeland contributed \$1,505,322 in revenue, a net loss before tax of \$318,843 and an operating cashflow deficit of \$234,179 on a standalone basis.

MPower incurred transaction costs in completing the acquisition of \$219,807 which have been expensed in the Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

A valuation was undertaken by Leadenhall Valuation Services Pty Limited of the identifiable assets and customer contracts for Lakeland which has now been reflected in the financial statements ending 30 June 2023. As such this exercise has now been finalised.

## 25. Segment information

### (a) Products and services from which reportable segments derive their revenues

Information reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on types of goods or services delivered or provided. The Group's reportable segments under AASB 8 are therefore as follows:

- Energy Services – consists of MPower Projects Pty Limited and subsidiaries. This group is a provider of engineering, construction, maintenance, asset management and development services for on-grid and off-grid power systems in Australia.
- Energy Investments – consists of MPower Capital Pty Limited and subsidiaries. This group invests in clean energy assets in Australia

### (b) Segment revenues and results

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by reportable segment:

	Segment revenue		Segment profit/(loss)	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Continuing operations</b>				
Energy services	2,932	3,708	(1,118)	(1,570)
Energy investments	1,505	–	6,446 <sup>(i)</sup>	–
Other (net of inter-segment eliminations)	–	–	–	–
Total revenue and segment profit/(loss)	4,437	3,708	5,328	(1,570)
Depreciation and amortisation expense			(853)	(294)
Finance costs			(1,258)	(533)
Unallocated costs			(1,259)	(1,139)
Consolidated segment loss for the year			1,958	(3,536)

(i) Includes a one-off bargain gain on the acquisition of Lakeland Solar & Storage Pty Limited as per note 24

Revenue reported above represents revenue generated from external customers. There was \$372,402 inter-segment sales during the year (2022: Nil).

The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies described in note 2. Segment profit represents the profit earned by each segment without allocation of central administration costs and directors' salaries, profits of associates, depreciation and amortisation costs, finance costs and income tax expense. This is the measure reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance.

**(c) Segment assets and liabilities**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>Segments assets</b>		
Energy services	1,229	2,426
Energy investments	15,737	–
Total segment assets	16,968	2,426
Unallocated assets	154	516
Consolidated assets	17,120	2,942
<b>Segments liabilities</b>		
Energy services	1,227	1,915
Energy investments	10,564	–
Total segment liabilities	11,791	1,915
Unallocated liabilities	6,221	5,489
Consolidated liabilities	18,012	7,404

For the purposes of monitoring performance and allocating resources between segments:

- (i) There are no assets used jointly by reportable segments.
- (ii) There are no liabilities for which reportable segments are jointly liable.
- (iii) Corporate assets and liabilities with no defined segment are classified as unallocated.

**(d) Other segment information**

	<b>Depreciation and amortisation</b>		<b>Additions to non-current assets</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	2022	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Energy services	195	292	8	264
Energy investments	656	–	13,001	–
Unallocated	2	2	–	–
Total	853	294	13,009	264

**(e) Revenue from major products and services**

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue from its major products and services.

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Energy services – sale of goods and rendering of services	2,932	3,708
Energy investments – sale of energy and certificates	1,505	–
Other	–	–
Total	4,437	3,708

**(f) Geographical information**

The investment in the energy sector has business segments located across Australia.

The Group's revenue from continuing operations from external customers and information about its non-current assets by geographical location are detailed below.

	Revenue from external customers		Non-current assets	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Total Australia (excluding Other Income)	4,437	3,708	16,034	1,372

**(g) Information about major customers**

Included in revenues arising from Energy Investments are revenues of \$1.5 million (2022: nil) which arose from sales to the Group's largest customer.

**26. Auditor's remuneration**

	2023	2022
	\$'000	\$'000
Remuneration of the auditor of MPower Group:		
Stantons International (including network member firms)		
– Auditing or reviewing financial statements		
Total	53	45

**27. Share based payments****Executive Share Option Plan**

The following share-based payment arrangement existed at 30 June 2023.

Under the MPower Group Limited Executive Share Option Plan, the remuneration committee may offer options to executives having regard to their length of service with the Group, the contribution made to the MPower Group by the executive, the potential contribution of the executive and any other matters considered relevant.

The maximum number of options that can be on issue at any time is 5% of the shares on issue at that time. In addition, the maximum number of options that can be issued to any one executive is 5,500,000 (2022: 2,350,000).

An option may be exercised, if vested, by the relevant participant lodging a Notice of Exercise of Option and Application for Shares, together with the exercise price for each share to be issued on exercise. Options may only be exercised by a participant at the times and in the numbers and subject to the satisfaction of any conditions set by the remuneration committee at the time of the offer of the options. The remuneration committee may stipulate that options may only be exercised if the Group achieves stipulated performance benchmarks.

There are no performance criteria that need to be met in relation to the options currently on issue, except service condition were the executive remains with the group. An option not exercised will lapse on the expiry of the exercise period or if the relevant senior manager no longer provides services to or is no longer employed by the company. Unless the remuneration committee determines otherwise, options may not be transferred.

There were 2,350,000 options granted under the MPower Group Limited Executive Share Option Plan during the year ended 30 June 2023 (2022: 2,060,000).

	MPower Group		Weighted average exercise price	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	No.	No.	\$	\$
Movement in the number of share options held by executives are as follows:				
Opening balance	3,000,000	2,230,000	0.0582	0.0300
Granted during year	2,350,000	2,060,000	0.0250	0.0750
Exercised during the year	–	(750,000)	–	0.0300
Lapsed during the year	(1,524,000)	(540,000)	0.0467	0.0450
Balance at end of the year	<b>3,826,000</b>	<b>3,000,000</b>	<b>0.0424</b>	<b>0.0582</b>
Number of holders of ESOP share options	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>		

Details of the options on issue at year end were as follows:

Grant date	Expiry date	Exercise price	Fair value at grant date	Number of options
16-Oct-20	31-May-24	\$0.0300	0.0300	160,000
5-Oct-21	31-May-24	\$0.0750	0.0413	564,000
5-Oct-21	31-May-25	\$0.0750	0.0468	752,000
30-Sep-22	31-May-24	\$0.0250	0.0053	705,000
30-Sep-22	31-May-25	\$0.0250	0.0068	705,000
30-Sep-22	31-May-26	\$0.0250	0.0079	940,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>3,826,000</b>

During the year 2,350,000 share options were granted under the MPower Group Limited Executive Share Option Plan, no share options were exercised and 1,524,000 share options lapsed. No person entitled to exercise an option had or has any right by virtue of the option to participate in any share issue of any other body corporate.

The options outstanding at 30 June 2023 had a weighted average exercise price of \$0.0424 and a weighted average remaining contracted life of 1.64 years.

The fair value of options issued is calculated by using a Black Scholes option pricing model. Historical volatility has been the basis for determining expected share price volatility as it assumed that this is indicative of potential future movements, which may not eventuate. This method includes the inputs set out in the table below.

Expiry date	31-May-24	31-May-24	31-May-24	31-May-25	31-May-25	31-May-26
Share price of the asset at grant date (\$)	0.030	0.066	0.022	0.066	0.022	0.022
Exercise price (\$)	0.030	0.075	0.025	0.075	0.025	0.025
Risk free rate	0.87%	1.81%	3.74%	1.81%	3.74%	3.74%
Annualised time to expiry (years)	3.627	2.655	1.668	3.655	2.668	3.668
Volatility of asset	139.67%	112.97%	72.67%	112.97%	72.67%	72.67%

Included under employee benefits expense in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is an expense of \$26,992 (2022: \$18,777) relating to equity-settled share-based payment transactions.

## 27. Share based payments continued

**Advisor Options**

The following share-based payment arrangement existed at 30 June 2023.

An option may be exercised, if vested, by the relevant participant lodging a Notice of Exercise of Option and Application for Shares, together with the exercise price for each share to be issued on exercise. Options may only be exercised by a participant at the times and in the numbers and subject to the satisfaction of any conditions set out in the terms and conditions governing the advisor options.

There were 12,000,000 listed advisor options granted during the year ended 30 June 2023 (2022: Nil).

Details of the options on issue at year end were as follows:

<b>Grant date</b>	<b>Listed/ unlisted</b>	<b>Expiry date</b>	<b>Exercise price</b>	<b>Fair value at grant date</b>	<b>Number of options</b>
22-Feb-21	Unlisted	27-Apr-24	\$0.170	\$0.070	8,000,000
01-Oct-22	Listed	30-Sep-26	\$0.045	\$0.006	12,000,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>20,000,000</b>

The fair value of options issued is calculated by using a Black Scholes option pricing model. Historical volatility has been the basis for determining expected share price volatility as it assumed that this is indicative of potential future movements, which may not eventuate. This method includes the inputs set out in the table below.

<b>Expiry date</b>	<b>27-Apr-24</b>	<b>30-Sep-26</b>
Share price of the asset (\$)	0.100	0.027
Exercise price (\$)	0.170	0.045
Risk free rate	1.32%	2.00%
Asset income rate (eg dividend rate)	0.00%	0.00%
Annualised time to expiry (years)	2.992	4.000
Volatility of asset	146.20%	60.00%

## 28. Related parties

### Parent entity

The parent entity and ultimate parent entity of the group is MPower Group Limited.

### Controlled entities

Information relating to controlled entities is set out in note 12.

### Director related entities

#### (a) Tag Private Pty Limited

Peter Wise has a controlling interest in Tag Private Pty Ltd through family interests and Nathan Wise is a director of the company. During the year the company was entitled to management fees and allowances for services rendered of \$121,755 and \$28,245 in long service leave entitlements. (2022: \$150,000). 15,833,333 ordinary shares held in MPower Group Limited were acquired by Tag Private Pty Limited during the year (2022: 1,821,107). The details of the fees and executive share options are included in the remuneration of directors' disclosures in the Directors' Report. The company held no unlisted executive share options during the year. During the year Tag Private Pty Limited loaned MPower Capital Pty Limited \$842,345 at a fixed interest rate of 12% with a maturity date of 27 September 2023. The loan is unsecured and was fully drawn at 30 June 2023.

#### (b) Investment Associates Pty Limited

Nathan Wise has a controlling interest in Investment Associates Pty Ltd through family interests. During the year the company received management fees for services rendered and bonus paid of \$387,729 (2022: \$424,113). There were 1,000,000 unlisted executive share options over unissued ordinary shares in MPower Group Limited granted during the year (2022: 1,200,000). During the year 880,000 unlisted executive share options held by the company over unissued ordinary shares in MPower Group Limited lapsed (2022: Nil). During the year no unlisted executive share options held by the company over unissued ordinary shares in MPower Group Limited were exercised. (2022: 390,000). The details of the fees and executive share options are included in the remuneration of directors' disclosures in the Directors' Report.

### Directors

The names of the directors of the MPower Group during the year under review were Peter Wise, Nathan Wise, Amy Kean, Robert Constable, and Robert Moran. Information on the remuneration of directors and their respective periods of service is set out in the Directors' Report. Information on directors' interests in shares and options is detailed in the Directors' Report.

### Key management personnel

The names and positions held by key management personnel of the MPower Group who have held office during the current and previous financial years are:

- Peter Wise AM – Chairman
- Nathan Wise – Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director
- Amy Kean – Non-executive Director
- Robert Constable – Non-executive Director
- Robert Moran – Non-executive Director
- Ryan Scott – General Manager

The aggregate compensation made to directors and other key management personnel of the parent entity and consolidated group are set out below:

	MPower Group	
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	876,359	881,893
Post-employment benefits	28,436	27,500
Other payments	–	–
Share based payments	23,818	18,427
	928,613	927,820

Key management personnel remuneration has been included in the remuneration section of the Directors' Report.

## 29. Profit/(loss) per share

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>cents</b>	cents
	<b>per share</b>	per share
<b>Basic profit/(loss) per share from continuing operations</b>	0.7	(1.6)
<b>Diluted profit/(loss) per share from continuing operations</b>	0.7	(1.6)

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>Reconciliation to net profit/(loss)</b>		
Net profit/(loss) after income tax from continuing and discontinued operations	1,958	(3,536)
Attributable to non-controlling interests	-	-
Earnings used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share	1,958	(3,536)
Weighted average number of shares used in the calculation of basic earnings per share	284,911,042	220,456,330
Weighted average number of shares used in the calculation of diluted earnings per share	284,911,042	220,456,330

Options have a dilutive effect only when the average market price of ordinary shares during the period exceeds the exercise price of the options or warrants (ie they are 'in the money'). Previously reported earnings per share are not retroactively adjusted to reflect changes in prices of ordinary shares. All options of the company are out of the money therefore they have no impact on the weighted average number of shares used in calculation of dilutive EPS.

## 30. Financial instruments

### (a) Capital risk management

The MPower Group manages its capital to ensure that entities in the MPower Group will be able to continue as a going concern while maximising the return to stakeholders through the optimisation of the debt and equity balance. This strategy remains unchanged from the previous year.

The capital structure of the MPower Group consists of cash and cash equivalents, debt (including the borrowings disclosed in notes 17), and equity attributable to equity holders of the MPower Parent, comprising issued capital (disclosed in note 20), reserves (disclosed in note 21) and accumulated losses. The MPower Group also utilises certain off-balance sheet bank financing arrangements, including a \$2 million documentary credit facility for the provision of performance guarantees to customers. This facility was not utilised at 30 June 2023 (2022: \$447,617).

### Gearing ratio

The MPower Group's senior management reviews the capital structure on a semi-annual basis. As part of this review, senior management considers the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital. The MPower Group has a target gearing ratio in line with the industry custom that is determined as a proportion of net debt to equity. The MPower Group balances its overall capital structure through the payment of dividends, new share issues and share buy-backs as well as the issue of new debt or the redemption of existing debt.

The gearing ratio at year-end was as follows:

Debt <sup>(i)</sup>	12,532	5,246
Cash and cash equivalents	(238)	(537)
Net (cash)/debt	12,294	4,709
Equity <sup>(ii)</sup>	(892)	(4,462)

The net debt to equity ratio at 30 June 2023 is not meaningful as equity is negative. The net debt to equity ratio at 30 June 2022 was not meaningful as equity is negative.

(i) Debt is defined as long-term and short-term borrowings, as detailed in note 17.

(ii) Equity includes all capital and reserves.

**(b) Categories of financial instruments**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Trade and other receivables	455	747
Cash and cash equivalents	238	537
Other assets	–	–
Total financial assets	693	1,284
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Amortised cost	17,255	6,937
Total financial liabilities	17,255	6,937

**(c) Financial risk management objectives**

The MPower Group's corporate treasury function provides services to the business, including negotiation and ongoing co-ordination of financing facilities, and monitors and manages the financial risks relating to the operations of the MPower Group through internal risk reports which analyse exposures by degree and magnitude of risks. These risks include market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow interest rate risk where appropriate.

The MPower Group generally hedges 50% to 100% of its foreign currency exposures. The MPower Group does not enter into or trade financial instruments for speculative purposes. There were no hedges taken out during the year.

The board of MPower Group Limited is ultimately responsible for ensuring that there is an effective risk management control framework in place.

**(d) Market risk**

The MPower Group's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates (refer note 30(e)) and interest rates (refer note 30(f)).

Market risks are reviewed at least monthly at a MPower Group level and at a subsidiary company level.

There has been no change to the MPower Group's exposure to market risks or the manner in which it manages and measures the risk from the previous year.

As part of the Lakeland Solar & Storage Pty Limited acquisition, there is a long-term power purchase agreement for 100% of the solar power output and which runs until 2030 at which time it will resort to a spot rate.

**(e) Foreign currency risk management**

The MPower Group undertakes certain transactions denominated in foreign currencies, hence exposures to exchange rate fluctuations arise.

To manage its exposure to foreign currency risk the MPower Group generally enters into forward foreign exchange contracts to hedge the exchange rate risk arising on sales denominated in foreign currencies. There were no hedges taken out during the year.

The carrying amount of the MPower Group's foreign currency denominated monetary assets and monetary liabilities at the reporting date is as follows:

	<b>Liabilities</b>		<b>Assets</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	2022	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
US Dollars	–	–	–	–
Euros	–	–	–	–
Total	–	–	–	–

**Foreign currency sensitivity analysis**

The following table details the MPower Group's sensitivity to a 10% increase or decrease in the Australian Dollar against the relevant foreign currencies. This sensitivity of 10% represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in foreign exchange rates. The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items and adjusts their translation at the period end for a 10% change in foreign currency rates. A positive number indicates an increase in profit where the Australian Dollar strengthens against the respective currency. For a weakening of the Australian Dollar against the respective currency, there would be an equal and opposite impact on the profit, and the balances below would be negative.

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>Profit or loss</b>		
US Dollars	–	–
Total	–	–

**(f) Interest rate risk management**

The MPower Group is exposed to interest rate risk as entities in the MPower Group borrow funds at floating interest rates. The MPower Group does not enter into interest rate hedging activities.

Exposures to interest rates on the financial liabilities of the MPower Group are detailed in note 30(h) below.

**Interest rate sensitivity analysis**

The following analysis illustrates the MPower Group's sensitivity to a 200 basis point (i.e. 2% p.a.) increase or decrease in nominal interest rates, based on exposures in existence at the reporting date. This represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates as at that date.

At reporting date, if interest rates on borrowings had been 200 basis points higher (or lower) and all other variables were held constant, the MPower Group's net loss would increase/(decrease) by \$96,000 (2022: \$105,000). This is mainly attributable to the MPower Group's exposure to interest rates on its variable rate borrowings.

There was no significant change in the MPower Group's sensitivity to interest rates during the current year.

At reporting date, if interest rates had been 200 basis points higher (or lower) and all other variables were held constant, the MPower Group's net profit would increase/(decrease) on deposits by \$5,000 (2022: \$11,000). This is mainly attributable to the MPower Group's exposure to interest rates on its cash and cash equivalents.

**(g) Credit risk management**

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the MPower Group.

The MPower Group has adopted a policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties and obtaining sufficient collateral where appropriate, as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults. The MPower Group's exposure and the credit ratings of its counterparties are continuously monitored and the aggregate value of transactions concluded is spread amongst approved counterparties. Credit exposure is controlled by counterparty limits that are reviewed and approved by the management of each operating subsidiary on a regular basis.

Trade receivables consist of a large number of customers, spread across diverse industries and geographical areas. Ongoing credit evaluation is performed on the financial condition of accounts receivable. The group has assessed the expected credit loss on receivables and have used a provision matrix to measure the Group's estimated impairment losses (refer note 9).

The MPower Group does have a significant credit risk exposure to a group of counterparties, as at 30 June 2023 the top 5 debtors had a balance of \$148,958. The Group has provided an expected credit loss of \$51,000. The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The following table sets out the carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements, net of any allowances for losses, representing the MPower Group's maximum exposure to credit risk without taking account of the value of any collateral obtained:

	<b>Maximum risk</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>MPower Group</b>		
Trade receivables	307	577
Total	307	577

The Company has a policy to maintain balances with reputed banks to minimise the counterparty risk.

**(h) Liquidity risk management**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the MPower Group will encounter difficulty in meeting its obligations associated with financial liabilities.

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the MPower Parent board of directors, who have built an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of the MPower Group's short, medium and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements. The MPower Group manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves, banking facilities and reserve borrowing facilities by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities. Included in note 8 is a listing of additional undrawn facilities that the MPower Group has at its disposal to further reduce liquidity risk.

**Liquidity and interest risk tables**

The following tables detail the MPower Group's remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities. The tables have been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the MPower Group can be required to pay. The table includes both interest and principal cash flows.

**MPower Group**

Financial liabilities	Weighted average effective interest rate	Less than 3 months	3 months to 1 year	1-5 years	5+ years
	%	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>2023</b>					
Non-interest bearing liability	–	942	1,905	–	–
Lease liability	10.65	23	93	601	1,299
Variable interest rate instruments	11.35	4,771	93	–	–
Fixed interest rate instruments	6.30	872	894	4,929	3,269
Total		6,608	2,989	5,530	4,568
<b>2022</b>					
Non-interest bearing liability	–	444	366	–	–
Lease liability	7.00	41	124	497	219
Variable interest rate instruments	8.18	5,246	–	–	–
Total		5,731	490	497	219

MPower Group (and subsidiaries) has an available performance guarantee and surety bond facility with Vero Insurance. There were performance guarantee and surety bond contracts in respect of open construction contracts at year end of \$nil (2022: \$447,617). At the end of the year it was not probable that the counterparty to any of the performance guarantee contracts will claim under the contract. Consequently, the amount included in the above table is nil.

The MPower Group is planning to finance the payment of the above liabilities by way of expected cash-flow arising from operating activities based upon prepared forecasts and budgets.

The following table details the Group's expected maturity for its non-derivative financial assets. The table has been drawn up based on the undiscounted contractual maturities of the financial assets including interest that will be earned on those assets. The inclusion of information on non-derivative financial assets is necessary in order to understand the Group's liquidity risk management as the liquidity is managed on a net asset and liability basis.

**MPower Group**

Financial assets	Weighted average effective interest rate	Less than 3 months	3 months to 1 year	1-5 years	5+ years
	%	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>2023</b>					
Non-interest bearing	–	455	–	–	–
Variable interest rate instruments	0.0	238	–	–	–
Forward exchange contracts	–	–	–	–	–
Total		693	–	–	–
<b>2022</b>					
Non-interest bearing	–	747	–	–	–
Variable interest rate instruments	0.0	537	–	–	–
Forward exchange contracts	–	–	–	–	–
Total		1,284	–	–	–

The amounts included above for variable interest rate instruments for both non-derivative financial assets and liabilities is subject to change if changes in variable interest rates differ to those estimates of interest rates determined at the end of the reporting period.

**(i) Fair value measurements recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position****Fair value of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis**

Nil

**Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities that are not measured at fair value on a recurring basis (but fair value disclosures are required)**

The directors consider that the carrying amounts of the following financial assets and financial liabilities recognised in the consolidated financial statements approximate their fair values at 30 June:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Trade and other receivables	455	747
Cash and cash equivalents	238	537
Other Assets	–	–
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>1,284</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	2,707	810
Borrowings	12,532	5,246
Lease liabilities	2,016	881
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>17,255</b>	<b>6,937</b>

**MPower Parent**  
**2023**                      2022  
**\$'000**                      \$'000

## 31. Parent entity disclosures

### (a) Financial position

#### Assets

Current assets	151	363
Non-current assets	1,161	1,307
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,312</b>	<b>1,670</b>

#### Liabilities

Current liabilities	5,369	5,488
Non-current liabilities	–	–
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>5,369</b>	<b>5,488</b>

#### Equity

Issued capital	31,174	29,661
Accumulated losses	(35,654)	(33,804)
Share option reserve	423	325
<b>Total (deficiency)/equity</b>	<b>(4,057)</b>	<b>(3,818)</b>

### (b) Financial performance

Loss for the year	(1,850)	(1,587)
Other comprehensive income	–	–
<b>Total comprehensive loss</b>	<b>(1,850)</b>	<b>(1,587)</b>

### (c) Guarantees entered into by the parent entity

The parent entity, MPower Group Limited, has provided the following guarantees in relation to its subsidiaries:

- (i) Cross guarantees under banking facilities as detailed in note 17
- (ii) Cross guarantee under surety bond facility provided by Vero Insurance.
- (iii) Securities provided for the loan refer to note 17

### (d) Contingent liabilities of the parent entity

Refer note 33 for contingent liabilities of the parent entity.

### (e) Commitments for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment by the parent entity

There are no commitments for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment by the parent entity.

## 32. Subsequent events

There are no matters or circumstances which have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the MPower Group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the MPower Group in future financial years other than the matters set out below.

### **Corporate Debt Facilities Refinanced**

On 9 August 2023 MPower announced that it had secured agreements with diversified investment group Oceania Capital Partners Limited (OCP) and St George Bank to refinance MPower's banking facilities. MPower has refinanced its previous facilities with St George Bank with a new \$1.8 million loan facility from OCP. MPower's previous facilities with St George Bank, including \$4.6 million in term debt, have been extinguished in full.

OCP has taken a 14.5% investment stake in MPower through the issue of 50 million ordinary shares in the Company in consideration for providing the loan facility. The new loan facility with OCP has a two-year term at an interest rate of 12.25% payable quarterly. The facility is to amortise to \$0.72 million by the end of the term.

### **\$10 million Clean Energy Project Funding Facility Unconditional**

On 4 August 2023 MPower Group Limited announced the \$10 million clean energy funding facility executed with AMPYR Energy in March 2023 had become unconditional. This facility has been drawn by \$150,000.

### **Tag Private Pty Limited Loan Facility**

During July 2023 the loan facility from Tag Private Pty Limited to MPower Capital Pty Limited was increased by \$300,000 to \$1,142,345 and the loan facility was extended to 27 September 2023.

## 33. Contingent liabilities & contingent assets

In the ordinary course of business, contingent liabilities exist in respect of claims and potential claims against entities in the consolidated entity. The consolidated entity does not consider that the outcomes of any such claims known to exist at the date of this report, either individually or in aggregate, are likely to have a material effect on its operations or financial position.

# Directors' declaration

The directors of MPower Group Limited declare that:

- (a) in the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- (b) the attached financial statements are in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as stated in note 2 to the financial statements;
- (c) in the directors' opinion, the attached financial statements and notes thereto are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including compliance with accounting standards and giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the consolidated entity for the year ended 30 June 2023; and
- (d) the directors have been given the declarations required by section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors made pursuant to section 295(5) of the Corporations Act 2001.

On behalf of the directors



**Peter Wise AM**  
Chairman

Sydney, 29 August 2023



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Dear Directors

**RE: MPOWER GROUP LIMITED**

In accordance with section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Mpower Group Limited.

As Audit Director for the audit of the financial statements of Mpower Group Limited for the year ended 30 June 2023, I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Yours sincerely

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF  
MPOWER GROUP LIMITED**

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of MPower Group Limited ("the Company"), and its subsidiaries ("the Group"), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Group is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Material Uncertainty Relating to Going Concern**

Without modifying our audit opinion expressed above, attention is drawn to the following matter.

As referred to in Note 2(y) to the financial statements, the consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. As at 30 June 2023, the Group had cash and cash equivalents of \$238,000, operating cash outflows of \$1,575,000 and recorded a profit after income tax of \$1,958,000. Furthermore, the condensed consolidated statement of financial position reflects a working capital deficiency of \$8,455,000 and a net asset deficiency of \$892,000.



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The ability of the Group to continue as a going concern and meet its planned operating, administration and other commitments is dependent upon the Group meeting the key assumptions in its cashflow budgets as discussed in note 2(y) and/or raising further working capital. In the event that the Group is not successful in meeting the assumptions in the cashflow budgets and/or raising further equity, the Group may not be able to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due and the realisable value of the Group's current and non-current assets may be significantly less than book values.

Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter

### **Key Audit Matters**

In addition to the matter described in the Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern section, we have determined the matter described below to be Key Audit Matter to be communicated in our report.

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial report of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial report as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key Audit Matters	How the matter was addressed in the audit
<p><b><i>Business Combination – Acquisition of Lakeland Solar &amp; Storage Pty Limited.</i></b></p> <p>During the year, the Company acquired 100% issued capital Lakeland Solar &amp; Storage Pty Ltd which holds a 100% interest in a solar farm in Cooktown Shire, North Queensland.</p> <p>The acquisition has been disclosed in Note 24 to the financial report and was considered a key audit matter due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The significance of the transaction (\$6.1 million net asset acquisition); and</li> <li>• The judgement required in the application of AASB 3 Business Combinations ("AASB 3").</li> </ul> <p>AASB 3 required the Group to determine, if the transaction is an asset acquisition or a business combination and the fair value of considerations transferred and the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired as part of the acquisition.</p>	<p>Inter alia, our audit procedures included the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Examining the contract for the acquisition of Lakeland Solar Storage Pty Ltd;</li> <li>ii. Reviewing and assessing the determination made by the Group whether the transaction is an asset acquisition or a business combination;</li> <li>iii. Assessing the fair value of consideration paid for the acquisition of Lakeland Solar &amp; Storage Pty Ltd;</li> <li>iv. Examining the net assets of Lakeland Solar &amp; Storage Pty Ltd as at the date of acquisition including the valuation prepared by independent external valuer, the cashflows underpinning this valuation and challenging the assumptions within those cashflows; and</li> <li>v. Considering the adequacy of the financial report disclosures contained in Note 24 in relation to AASB 3.</li> </ol>



### ***Other Information***

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Group's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023 but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance opinion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### ***Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report***

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report.

The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.



We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in Internal control that we identify during our audit.

The Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements. We also provide the Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial report of the current period and are therefore key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

#### **Report on the Remuneration Report**

##### *Opinion on the Remuneration Report*

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 6 to 11 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Mpower Group Limited for the year ended 30 June 2023 complies with section 300A of the Corporations Act 2001.

##### *Responsibilities*

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

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**(An Authorised Audit Company)**

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**Martin Michalik**  
Director

West Perth, Western Australia  
29 August 2023

# Securityholder information

The following information is current as at 25 August 2023:

## Shareholders (ASX: MPR)

### Spread of shareholders

Range	Number of shareholders	Percentage
1-1,000	541	0.09
1,001-5,000	557	0.53
5,001-10,000	319	0.84
10,001-100,000	652	7.70
100,001 and over	242	90.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,311</b>	<b>100.00</b>

1,758 shareholders held less than a marketable parcel.

### Substantial shareholders

Name	Number of shares	Percentage
TAG PRIVATE PTY LIMITED	105,246,346	30.62
OCEANIA CAPITAL PARTNERS LIMITED	50,000,000	14.55

### Twenty largest shareholders

Name	Number of shares	Percentage
TAG PRIVATE PTY LIMITED	84,064,101	24.46
OCEANIA CAPITAL PARTNERS LIMITED	50,000,000	14.55
TAG PRIVATE NOMINEES PTY LTD <ANTHONY AUSTRALIA SUPER A/C>	10,833,333	3.15
KV MANAGEMENT (NOMINEES) PTY LTD	8,914,152	2.59
WOZNIAK INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	6,500,000	1.89
MR GEORGE CHIEN-HSUN LU	6,350,000	1.85
MR PAUL DOUGLAS SHARP	6,214,125	1.81
10 BOLIVIANOS PTY LTD	5,562,935	1.62
SNZSH INVESTMENTS PTY LTD <GROVER FAMILY 2 A/C>	5,261,484	1.53
DR JOHN ALOIZOS & MRS MURIEL PATRICIA ALOIZOS <SUPERANNUATION FUND NO 2 A/C>	4,500,000	1.31
MR JONATHON DAVID MCLAUCHLAN	4,000,000	1.16
PSSA CASTLEVIEW PTY LTD <CASTLEVIEW SUPER FUND A/C>	3,698,236	1.08
HARBER PTY LTD <SUPERANNUATION A/C>	3,500,000	1.02
MR FRANK LEVIN	3,200,000	0.93
MR REX FRANCIS BEVAN	3,200,000	0.93
DR JOHN ALOIZOS & MRS MURIEL PATRICIA ALOIZOS <PARTNERSHIP A/C>	2,700,000	0.79
PHILLIP ROGER DAVIS	2,368,452	0.69
MRS PENELOPE MARGARET SIEMON	2,145,435	0.62
MR DAVID MORDECHAI LEVY	2,112,744	0.61
MR GEORGE CHIEN HSUN LU & MRS JENNY CHIN PAO LU	2,076,000	0.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>217,200,997</b>	<b>63.19</b>

## Optionholders (ASX: MPRO)

### Spread of optionholders

Range	Number of optionholders	Percentage
1-1,000	–	–
1,001-5,000	–	–
5,001-10,000	–	–
10,001-100,000	1	0.14
100,001 and over	60	99.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### Twenty largest optionholders

Name	Number of options	Percentage
TAG PRIVATE NOMINEES PTY LTD <ANTHONY AUSTRALIA SUPER A/C>	7,222,222	12.20
SL & YN PTY LTD <THE S & Y SUPER FUND A/C>	5,000,000	8.44
CNM HOLDINGS PTY LTD <MALTZ SUPER FUND A/C>	5,000,000	8.44
HARBER PTY LTD <SUPERANNUATION A/C>	4,631,553	7.82
ABN AMRO CLEARING SYDNEY NOMINEES PTY LTD <CUSTODIAN A/C>	3,550,000	5.99
HARBER PTY LIMITED	3,500,000	5.91
TAG PRIVATE PTY LIMITED	3,333,333	5.63
PLASPAC PTY LTD ATF THE EDSNALL PROVIDEN <THE EDSNALL PROVIDENT FU A/C>	3,333,000	5.63
MR TIMOTHY DEAN FISCHER	1,875,000	3.17
MR GLEN GEOFFREY WALLACE	1,805,555	3.05
SIMMO ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	1,288,889	2.18
PKT SPRINGBROOK PTY LTD <SPRINGBROOK FAMILY A/C>	1,111,111	1.88
MS HIEN VO BALDI	1,111,111	1.88
MR DARRYL GREGOR ABOTOMEY	833,333	1.41
CORNUCOPIA ASSETS PTY LTD <THE CORNUCOPIA S/F A/C>	666,667	1.13
GREEN MOUNTAINS INVESTMENTS LTD	608,889	1.03
ICADER NOMINEES PTY LTD <ICADER INVESTMENTS A/C>	565,446	0.95
SNZSH INVESTMENTS PTY LTD <GROVER FAMILY 2 A/C>	555,556	0.94
MRS VANESSA RUBEN	555,555	0.94
MR RHETT ANTHONY JOHN MORSON	555,555	0.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,102,775</b>	<b>79.54</b>

### Voting rights

At meetings of members each member may vote in person or by proxy, attorney or (if the member is a body corporate) corporate representative. On a show of hands every person present who is a member or a representative of a member has one vote and on a poll every member present in person or by proxy or attorney has one vote for each fully paid ordinary share held.

### On-market buy-back

MPower Group Limited has an on-market buy-back facility in place for up to 10% of its issued shares and operating with no fixed duration. A total of 1,532,983 shares have been purchased by the company under the on-market buy-back for an amount of \$368,541.

### Stock exchange listing

Fully paid ordinary shares issued by MPower Group Limited are quoted on the Australian Securities Exchange (under the code MPR). Options issued by MPower Group Limited are quoted on the Australian Securities Exchange (under the code MPRO).

# Corporate directory

## **Directors**

Peter Wise AM (Chairman)  
Nathan Wise (CEO)  
Amy Kean  
Robert Constable  
Robert Moran

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