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## Independent Practitioner's Report on the Special Purpose Financial Statements

To the Board of Managers of EPL America, LLC

### Opinion

1. We have audited the accompanying special purpose financial statements of **EPL America, LLC** ('the Entity'), which comprise the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023, the Statement of Profit and Loss (including Other Comprehensive Income) and the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended, and a summary of the significant accounting policies and other explanatory information (hereinafter referred to as the 'Special Purpose Financial Statements'). The Special Purpose Financial Statements has been prepared by the management in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 2 to these Special Purpose Financial Statements.
2. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the accompanying Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in Note 2 to these Special Purpose Financial Statements.

### Basis for Opinion

3. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing (SAs) and other applicable authoritative pronouncements issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India ('the ICAI'). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by the ICAI together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Special Purpose Financial Statements in India and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting and Restriction on distribution and use

4. We draw attention to Note 2 to the accompanying Special Purpose Financial Statements, which describes the basis of accounting used by the Entity's management for the preparation of the accompanying Special Purpose Financial Statements, which is a special purpose financial reporting framework. These Special Purpose Financial Statements have been prepared by the Entity's management solely to enable the management of the EPL Limited, the Intermediate Holding Company, in the preparation of its consolidated financial statements for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2023 and accordingly, these Special Purpose Financial Statements may not be suitable for any other purpose. This report is issued solely for the aforementioned purpose, and accordingly, should not be used, referred to or distributed for any other purpose or to any other party without our prior written consent. Further, we do not accept or assume any liability or any duty of care for any other purpose for which or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come without our prior consent in writing. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



**Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Special Purpose Financial Statements**

5. The Entity's Board of Managers is responsible for the preparation of these Special Purpose Financial Statements in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 2 to the Special Purpose Financial Statements. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records for safeguarding of the assets of the Entity and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the Special Purpose Financial Statements that, in all material respects, in accordance with the basis of accounting specified in aforementioned Note 2 and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
6. In preparing the Special Purpose Financial Statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so
7. Those Board of Managers are also responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Statements**

8. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Special Purpose Financial Statements as a whole are 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 SAs issued by ICAI 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 these Special Purpose Financial Statements.
9. As part of an audit in accordance with SAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:
  - Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. 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.
  - Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on whether the Entity has in place an adequate internal financial controls with reference to financial statements and the operating effectiveness of such controls.
  - Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
  - Conclude on the appropriateness of management's 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 Entity'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 statements 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 Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.



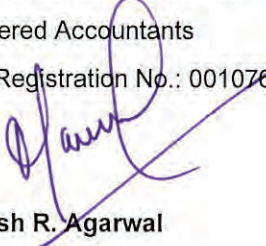
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10. We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

For **Walker Chandiook & Co LLP**

Chartered Accountants

Firm Registration No.: 001076N/N500013



**Rakesh R. Agarwal**

Partner

Membership No.: 109632

**UDIN: 23109632BGXEAE1024**

**Place:** Mumbai

**Date:** 11 May 2023

EPL America, LLC (Formerly known as EsselPropack America, LLC)  
 Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023  
 Amount in USD "000", unless otherwise stated

Particulars	Note No.	As at 31 March 2023	As at 31 March 2022
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
(a) Property, plant and equipment	4a	37,215	34,339
(b) Capital work-in-progress	4b	1,309	4,357
(c) Other intangible assets	5	1,558	1,989
(d) Other non-current assets	6	908	909
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>40,990</b>	<b>41,594</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
(a) Inventories	7	14,753	14,964
(b) Financial assets			
(i) Trade receivables	8	11,820	8,738
(ii) Cash and cash equivalents	9	1,901	1,433
(iii) Loans	10	17,352	16,752
(iv) Others	11	420	401
(c) Other current assets	12	159	700
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>46,405</b>	<b>42,989</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>87,395</b>	<b>84,583</b>
<b>Equity and Liabilities</b>			
<b>Equity</b>			
(a) Member's equity	13	10,000	10,000
(b) Other equity	14	49,336	49,782
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>59,336</b>	<b>59,782</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
(a) Borrowings	15	6,100	5,683
(b) Deferred tax liabilities (net)	16	5,403	4,900
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>11,503</b>	<b>10,583</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
(a) Financial liabilities			
(i) Borrowings	17	5,964	5,730
(ii) Trade payables	18	8,283	4,937
(iii) Others	19	1,201	2,339
(b) Other current liabilities	20	1,108	1,212
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>16,556</b>	<b>14,218</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>87,395</b>	<b>84,583</b>

This is the Balance Sheet referred to in our audit report.

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For and on behalf of EPL America, LLC  
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Maura Catopodis  
 President

Anindya Bagchi  
 Senior Director of Finance

Place : Danville, VA  
 Date : 10 May 2023



EPL America, LLC (Formerly known as EsselPropack America, LLC)  
 Statement of Profit and Loss for the year ended 31 March 2023  
 Amount in USD "000", unless otherwise stated

Particulars	Note No.	Year ended 31 March 2023	Year ended 31 March 2022
<b>Income</b>			
Revenue from operations	21	82,113	77,000
Other income	22	487	41
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>82,600</b>	<b>77,041</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Cost of materials consumed	23	39,133	36,147
Purchase of traded goods	24	579	333
Changes in inventories of finished goods and goods-in-process	25	(691)	(2,133)
Employee benefits expense	26	21,768	21,100
Finance costs	27	1,394	386
Depreciation and amortisation expense	28	5,631	4,740
Other expenses	29	12,731	11,230
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>80,545</b>	<b>71,803</b>
<b>Profit before tax</b>		<b>2,055</b>	<b>5,238</b>
<b>Tax expense / (credit)</b>	30		
Current tax		146	423
Taxes related to earlier years		(149)	84
Deferred tax		503	827
<b>Total tax expense</b>		<b>500</b>	<b>1,334</b>
<b>Net Profit for the year</b>		<b>1,555</b>	<b>3,904</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income / (loss) for the year</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>1,555</b>	<b>3,904</b>
<b>Earnings per unit of equity of USD 1 each</b>	31		
Basic (USD)		0.16	0.39
Diluted (USD)		0.16	0.39

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**EPL America, LLC (Formerly known as EsselPropack America, LLC)**  
**Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 March 2023**  
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**A. Paid in capital (Refer Note 13)**

	Equity	
	No. of shares	Amount
Balance as at 1 April 2021	10,000,000	10,000
Movement during the year	-	-
Balance as at 31 March 2022	10,000,000	10,000
Movement during the year	-	-
Balance as at 31 March 2023	10,000,000	10,000

**B. Other Equity (Refer Note 14)**

	Retained earnings	Total
Balance as at 1 April 2021	48,878	48,878
Distribution of Surplus Earnings	(3,000)	(3,000)
Profit during the year	3,904	3,904
Balance as at 31 March 2022	49,782	49,782
Distribution of Surplus Earnings	(2,001)	(2,001)
Profit during the year	1,555	1,555
Balance as at 31 March 2023	49,336	49,336

Retained earnings represents the accumulated profits / losses made by the Company over the years as reduced by dividends or other distributions paid to the shareholders

This is the Statement of Changes in Equity referred to in our audit report.

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**EPL America, LLC (Formerly known as EsselPropack America, LLC)**  
**Summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information as at and for the year ended 31 March 2023**  
**Amount in USD "000", unless otherwise stated**

**1 Company Information**

EPL America, LLC (formerly known as Essel Propack America, LLC) (the 'Company') is a wholly owned subsidiary of Arista Tubes, Inc. (the 'Parent'), whose majority stockholder is EPL Limited (formerly known as Essel Propack Limited), a publicly traded company headquartered in India. The Company was organized on 8 May, 2002, in Delaware, and its manufacturing facilities are located in Danville, Virginia. The Company is principally engaged in the manufacture of laminated tubes.

Effective 6 November 2020, the Company changed its name from EsselPropack America, LLC to EPL America, LLC.

The special purpose financial statements (hereinafter referred to as "Financial Statements") of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023 were authorised for issue by the Board of Managers at their meeting held on 10 May 2023.

**2 Basis of preparation**

The Company is a step down subsidiary of EPL Limited (the "Intermediate Holding Company"). The special purpose financial statements are prepared and presented only for the limited purpose to assist EPL Limited to prepare its consolidated financial statements for the quarter and year ended 31 March 2023. The accounting framework applicable to EPL Limited is Indian Accounting Standards ("Ind AS") prescribed under section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other accounting principles generally accepted in India.

The Company has complied with the recognition and measurement principles of Ind AS prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act 2013. The disclosure and presentation requirements as specified under Ind AS have not been complied with. Accordingly, these financial statements cannot be considered as Ind AS compliant financial statements.

The financial statements are presented in United States Dollar (USD) with values rounded off to the nearest thousand (000), except otherwise indicated.

Assets and liabilities are classified as current if expected to realize or settle within twelve months after the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are classified as non-current assets and liabilities.

**3 Summary of significant accounting policies**

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

- i) Acquisitions of property and equipment are recorded at cost. Leasehold improvements and replacements of property and equipment are capitalized. Maintenance and repairs that do not improve or extend the lives of property and equipment are charged to expense as incurred. When assets are sold or retired, their cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is reported in the profit and loss account. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful life of each class of depreciable assets and is computed using the straight-line method for financial statement purposes as follows:

	Useful life
Building	30 - 39 years
Machinery and equipment	5 - 10 years
Office equipment	3 - 5 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 7 years

- ii) Capital work-in-progress comprises cost of property, plant and equipment and related expenses of assets that are not yet ready for their intended use at the reporting date.

**(b) Intangible assets**

- i) Intangible assets are stated at cost of acquisition less accumulated amortization. Intangible assets with finite lives are amortized on a straight-line basis over the useful economic life and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired. The amortization expense on intangible assets with finite lives is recognized in the statement of profit and loss.

- ii) Intangibles assets with finite lives are amortized as follows:

	Useful life
- Softwares : ERP software	3 - 5 years
- Patents	10 years

- iii) The expenditure incurred towards the development of intangibles are grouped under "Intangibles under development" to the extent such expenditure meet the criteria of intangible asset.

**(c) Impairment of non-financial assets**

The carrying amounts of non-financial assets are reviewed at each balance sheet date if there is any indication of impairment based on internal/external factors. An asset is treated as impaired when the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable value. The recoverable amount is the greater of the asset's net selling price and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to the present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and risks specific to the assets. An impairment loss is charged to the statement of profit and loss in the year in which an asset is identified as impaired. After impairment, depreciation/amortization is provided on the revised carrying amount of the asset over its remaining useful life. The impairment loss recognized in prior accounting periods is reversed by crediting the statement of profit and loss if there has been a change in the estimate of recoverable amount.

**(d) Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs that are attributable to the acquisition or construction of qualifying assets are capitalized as part of the cost of such assets. A qualifying asset is one that necessarily takes substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use. Ancillary costs incurred in connection with the arrangement of borrowings are amortized over the tenure of such borrowings. All other borrowing costs are charged to the statement of profit and loss as finance costs. Borrowing costs also include exchange differences to the extent regarded as an adjustment to the borrowing costs under Ind AS 23. Debt issuance costs associated with loan agreements are being amortized over the term of the loans and is included in other current assets on the balance sheets.



(e) Financial assets

i) Recognition and measurement

The Company at initial recognition measures a financial asset at its fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition. However, transaction costs relating to financial assets to be subsequently valued at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) are expensed in the statement of profit and loss for the year.

The Company subsequently recognizes its financial assets either at FVTPL, fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) or at amortized cost, based on the Company's business model for managing the financial assets and their contractual cash flows. This has been explained below separately for debt instruments and equity instruments.

**Debt Instruments**

**Amortized cost:** Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortized cost. A gain or loss on such instruments is recognized in the statement of profit and loss when the asset is derecognized or impaired. Interest income from these financial assets is included in interest income using the effective interest rate method (EIR).

**Equity instruments**

The Company subsequently measures all equity instruments (other than investments in subsidiaries) at fair value. Where the Company's management has elected to present fair value gains and losses on equity instruments in other comprehensive income, there is no subsequent reclassification of fair value gains and losses to the statement of profit and loss in the event of de-recognition. Dividends from such instruments are recognized in the statement of profit and loss as other income when the Company's right to receive payments is established. Changes in the fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are recognized in the statement of profit and loss. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) on equity instruments measured at FVOCI are not reported separately from other changes in fair value.

ii) Impairment of financial assets

The Company applies expected credit loss model for recognising impairment loss on financial assets measured at amortised cost. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

iii) De-recognition of financial assets

A financial asset is derecognized only when

- the Company has transferred the rights to receive cash flows from the financial asset or
- retains the contractual rights to receive the cash flows of the financial asset, but assumes a contractual obligation to pay the cash flows to one or more recipients.

Where the entity has transferred an asset, the Company evaluates whether it has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset. In such cases, the financial asset is derecognized. Where the entity has not transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, the financial asset is not derecognized.

Where the entity has neither transferred a financial asset nor retains substantially all risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, the financial asset is derecognized if the Company has not retained control of the financial asset. Where the Company retains control of the financial asset, the asset is continued to be recognized to the extent of continuing involvement in the financial asset.

(f) Borrowings and other financial liabilities

i) Borrowings and other financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value net of transaction costs incurred that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial liability.

ii) Subsequently recognition is done at amortized cost using the effective interest rate (EIR) method. Gains and losses are recognized in the statement of profit and loss when the liabilities are derecognized as well as through the EIR amortization process. The EIR amortization is included in finance costs in the statement of profit and loss.

iii) Borrowings and other financial liabilities are derecognized when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expired. The difference between the carrying amount of a financial liability that has been extinguished or transferred to another party and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognized in the statement of profit and loss.

iv) The Company uses the bill discounting facility for discounting some of its receivables which is on a non-recourse basis. Accordingly, the Company is not liable to repay to the banks/financial institutions in event of default by the customer. The discounting charges are treated as a finance cost.

(g) Employee benefits

Liability on account of short term employee benefits is recognized on an undiscounted and accrual basis during the period when the employee renders service/ vesting period of the benefit.

**Defined contribution plans**

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged to the statement of profit and loss of the year when the contribution to the respective funds are due. There are no other obligations other than the contribution payable to the fund. The Contributions are recognized as employee benefit expense in the statement of profit and loss to the year it pertains.

The Company has a safe harbour 401k savings plan which covers substantially all employees. Effective 01 January 2021, the Company contributes 100% of 3% of the employee's salary, regardless of the participation of the plan.

(h) Revenue recognition

The Company derives its revenues primarily from the manufacture of laminated tubes and caps.

i) Revenue from contract with customers

Ind AS 115 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" establishes principles for reporting information about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenues and cash flows arising from the contracts with the customers.

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognized when control of the goods or services is transferred to the customer at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

Due to the short nature of credit period given to customers, there is no financing component in the contract.



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- ii) **Revenue from sale of goods**  
Revenue from sale of goods is recognized at the point in time when control of the goods is transferred to the customer involving single performance obligation, which is generally at the time of delivery as per the contract. In case of exports, the control is deemed to be transferred when the goods are shipped. There is no continuing management involvement with the goods, and the amount can be measured reliably. It is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable net of returns, trade discounts, volume rebates and indirect taxes.
- iii) **Revenue from service charges**  
Revenue from services are recognized over period of time on performance of obligation as per the terms of the agreement, for which input method is used to measure the progress. The Company determines the input method on the basis of direct measurements of the value of the services transferred to the customer till date relative to the remaining services promised under the agreement. However, revenue from services comprising of development of art work and such other services, involving single performance obligation, are recognised at a point in time.
- iv) **Variable consideration**  
If the consideration promised in a contract includes a variable amount, the Company estimates the amount of consideration to which the Company will be entitled in exchange for transferring the promised goods or services to the customer. Where customers are provided with discounts, rebates etc., such discounts and rebates will give rise to variable consideration. The Company follows the 'most likely amount' method in estimating the amount of variable consideration.
- v) **Trade receivables**  
A receivable represents the Company's right to an amount of consideration under the contract with a customer that is unconditional and realizable on the due date. The Company provides for expected credit losses based on the probability of defaults that are possible over the life of the asset. Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and credit terms are generally 30 to 180 days. All trade receivables are pledged towards working capital loan.  
For the largest customer, which comprise of 60% of the total revenue, the company has entered into a supply chain financing program. The company normally discounts all the invoices of these customer within 15-30 days of the invoice date.
- vi) Other Income is recognized as and when due or received, whichever is earlier.
- (l) **Grants**  
Grants from the government are recognized at their fair value where there is a reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the Company will comply with all attached conditions. Government grants relating to income are recognized in the statement of profit and loss over the period necessary to match them with the costs that they are intended to compensate and presented within other income.
- (j) **Inventories**  
i) Inventories include raw materials, packing material, stores and spares, finished goods and semi finished goods, and are valued at lower of cost and estimated net realizable value.  
ii) Cost are assigned to items of inventory on the basis of moving weighted average cost method.  
iii) Cost of inventory comprises all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs including overheads incurred in bringing the inventory to the present location and condition.  
iv) Inventory related rebate is recognised when it is probable that the Company will receive it and is treated as an adjustment to the cost of inventory.
- (k) **Foreign currency transactions**  
i) The functional currency of the Company is US dollars (USD or \$) which is also the presentation currency. All other currencies are accounted for as foreign currency.  
ii) Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are initially recorded in the functional currency at the exchange rate prevailing at the date of transaction.  
iii) Monetary items denominated in foreign currencies at the year-end are restated at the closing rates. Non-monetary items which are carried in terms of historical cost denominated in a foreign currency are reported using the exchange rate at the date of transaction.
- (i) **Income taxes**  
The Company files consolidated income tax returns with the Parent. Accordingly, any taxes due will be paid to the Parent and any tax benefits will be received by the Parent. It is the Parent's policy to allocate taxes to the Company by applying the federal and state tax rates to income (loss) reported in the financial statements as adjusted for permanent differences between book and taxable income. Income taxes are provided for the tax effects of transactions reported in the financial statements.  
  
Deferred income taxes are provided for the estimated tax effects of differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax bases of recognized assets and liabilities.  
  
Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Interest and penalties related to income tax assessments, if any, are reflected in interest expense and other income, respectively.  
  
Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using substantively enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which the temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled.
- (m) **Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets**  
i) Provisions are recognized when there is a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events and it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognized for future operating losses. Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period. The discount rate used to determine the present value is a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognized as interest expense.  
ii) A contingent liability is a possible obligation that arises from past events whose existence will be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events beyond the control of the Company or a present obligation that is not recognized because it is not probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation or the amount of the obligation cannot be measured with sufficient reliability. If the Company does not recognize a contingent liability but discloses its existence in the financial statements.  
iii) A contingent asset is a possible asset that arises from past events and whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Company. Contingent assets are not recognized. If its existence is disclosed in the financial statements.

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- (n) **Cash and cash equivalents**  
Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at bank and on hand and short-term deposit with original maturity upto three months, which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.
- (o) **Exceptional Items**  
Certain occasions, the size, type, or incidences of the item of income or expenses pertaining to the ordinary activities of the Company is such that its disclosure improves the understanding of the performance of the Company, such income or expenses is classified as an exceptional item and accordingly, disclosed in the financial statements.
- (p) **Earnings per share**  
Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the net profit or loss (excluding other comprehensive income) for the year attributable to equity shareholders by the weighted average number of equity shares outstanding during the year. The weighted average number of equity shares outstanding during the year is adjusted for events such as bonus issue, bonus element in a right issue, shares split and reserve share splits (consolidation of shares) that have changed the number of equity shares outstanding, without a corresponding change in resources. For the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share, the net profit or loss (excluding other comprehensive income) for the year attributable to equity share holders and the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year are adjusted for the effects of all dilutive potential equity shares.
- 3.1 Significant estimates, judgements and assumptions**  
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Ind AS requires the management to make estimates, assumptions and exercise judgement in applying the accounting policies that affect the reported amount of assets, liabilities and disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the year.  
The Management believes that these estimates are prudent and reasonable and are based on the Management's best knowledge of current events and actions. Actual results could differ from these estimates and differences between actual results and estimates are recognized in the periods in which the results are known or materialized.
- i) **Revenue Recognition**  
Refer note (h) above
- ii) **Useful life of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets**  
The charge in respect of periodic depreciation is derived after determining an estimate of an asset's expected useful life and the expected residual value at the end of its life. The useful lives and residual values of assets are determined by the management at the time of acquisition of asset and reviewed periodically, including at each financial year. The lives are based on historical experience with similar assets as well as anticipation of future events, which may impact their life, such as changes in technology.
- iii) **Fair value of financial instruments**  
The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. In applying the valuation techniques, management makes maximum use of market inputs and uses estimates and assumptions that are, as far as possible, consistent with observable data that market participants would use in pricing the instrument. Where applicable data is not observable, management uses its best estimate about the assumptions that market participants would make. These estimates may vary from the actual prices that would be achieved in an arm's length transaction at the reporting date.
- iv) **Impairment of non-financial assets**  
Impairment exists when the carrying value of an asset or class of assets exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. There is significant estimation uncertainty in determining recoverable value. Recoverable value is taken as higher of value in use and fair value less costs to sell.
- v) **Impairment of financial assets**  
The impairment provisions for financial assets disclosed are based on assumptions about risk of default and expected loss rates. The Company uses judgement in making these assumptions and selecting the inputs to the impairment calculation, based on the Company's past history, existing market conditions as well as forward looking estimates at the end of each reporting period.
- vi) **Taxes**  
The Company periodically assesses its liabilities and contingencies related to income taxes for all years open to scrutiny based on latest information available. The Company records its best estimates of the tax liability in the current tax provision. The management believes that they have adequately provided for the probable outcome of these matters.  
Deferred tax assets are recognized for unused tax losses to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the losses can be utilized. Significant management judgement is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognized, based upon the likely timing and the level of future taxable profits.
- vii) **Contingencies**  
In the normal course of business, contingent liabilities may arise from litigation and other claims against the Company. Potential liabilities that are possible but not probable of crystallizing or are very difficult to quantify reliably are treated as contingent liabilities. Such liabilities are disclosed in the notes but are not recognized.
- viii) The Company does not foresee any material impact that may result from the COVID-19 pandemic, in the preparation of these financial statements including recoverability of the carrying value of financial and non-financial assets..



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4 (a) Property, plant and equipment

Description of assets	Gross carrying amount				Depreciation / Amortization				Net carrying amount As at 31 March 2023
	As at 1 April 2022	Additions	Disposals	As at 31 March 2023	Up to 31 March 2022	For the year	Disposals	Up to 31 March 2023	
Buildings	12,469	-	-	12,469	4,330	323	-	4,653	7,816
Plant and machinery	77,148	8,042	2,655	82,535	51,087	4,811	2,655	53,243	29,292
Office equipment	465	35	-	500	427	28	-	455	45
Furniture and fixtures	658	-	-	658	557	39	-	596	62
<b>Total</b>	<b>90,740</b>	<b>8,077</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>96,162</b>	<b>58,401</b>	<b>5,201</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>58,847</b>	<b>37,215</b>

Property, plant and equipment

Description of assets	Gross carrying amount				Depreciation / Amortization				Net carrying amount As at 31 March 2022
	As at 1 April 2021	Additions	Disposals	As at 31 March 2022	Up to 31 March 2021	For the year	Disposals	Up to 31 March 2022	
Buildings	12,336	133	-	12,469	4,009	321	-	4,330	8,139
Plant and machinery	68,182	8,956	-	77,148	47,162	3,925	-	51,087	26,061
Office equipment	428	37	-	465	403	24	-	427	38
Furniture and fixtures	639	19	-	658	519	38	-	557	101
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,585</b>	<b>9,155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,740</b>	<b>52,093</b>	<b>4,368</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,401</b>	<b>34,339</b>

Refer note 15 and note 16 for details on assets given as security against borrowings.

4(b) Capital work-in-progress

As at 31 March 2023	As at 31 March 2022
1,309	4,357
<b>1,309</b>	<b>4,357</b>

4(b) (i) Movement of Capital work-in-progress

Particulars	Amount
Opening balance as at 01 April 2021	1,712
Additions	11,800
Capitalisations during the year	(8,155)
<b>Closing balance as at 31 March 2022</b>	<b>4,357</b>
Additions	6,029
Capitalisations during the year	(6,077)
<b>Closing balance as at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>1,309</b>



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4(b) (2) As at 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2023, there were no projects, the completion of which was overdue or exceeded cost compared to the original plan except for below:

As at 31 March 2023					
Name of the Project	Project to be completed in				Total
	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	
AMS and THT Retrofit of Complete Electronic System	722	-	-	-	722

As at 31 March 2022					
Name of the Project	Project to be completed in				Total
	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	
Not Applicable	-	-	-	-	-

4(b) (3) Refer note 15 and note 16 for details on assets given as security against borrowings.

4(b) (4) CWIP ageing schedule as on 31 March 2023

CWIP	Amount in CWIP for the period of				Total
	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	
Projects in progress	557	29	-	724	1,309

CWIP ageing schedule as on 31 March 2022

CWIP	Amount in CWIP for the period of				Total
	Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	More than 3 years	
Projects in progress	3,101	74	1,181	1	4,357

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Intangible assets

Description of assets	Gross carrying amount				Depreciation / Amortization				Net carrying amount
	As at 1 April 2022	Additions	Disposals	As at 31 March 2023	Up to 31 March 2022	For the year	Disposals	Up to 31 March 2023	
Software	849	-	-	849	804	42	-	846	3
Patents	3,890	-	-	3,890	1,946	389	-	2,335	1,555
Total	4,739	-	-	4,740	2,750	431	-	3,181	1,558

Intangible assets

Description of assets	Gross carrying amount				Depreciation / Amortization				Net carrying amount
	As at 1 April 2021	Additions	Disposals	As at 31 March 2022	Up to 31 March 2021	For the year	Disposals	Up to 31 March 2022	
Software	849	0	-	848	762	42	-	804	45
Patents	3,890	-	-	3,890	1,557	389	-	1,946	1,944
Total	4,739	0	-	4,738	2,319	431	-	2,750	1,989

Note: '0' indicates amounts less than USD 500.



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	As at 31 March 2023	As at 31 March 2022
<b>6 Other non-current assets</b>		
Capital advances	907	903
Others	1	5
<b>Total other non-current assets</b>	<u>908</u>	<u>908</u>
<b>7 Inventories</b>		
Raw materials (includes goods in transit) (net)	7,234	6,501
Semi finished goods (net)	2,690	2,035
Finished goods (net)	1,481	1,426
Stores and spares (includes goods in transit) (net)	2,732	2,653
Packing materials	836	850
<b>Total Inventories</b>	<u>14,753</u>	<u>14,984</u>

7 (a) Inventory disclosed above include goods in transit amounting to USD 2,145 thousand (31 March 2022 : USD 1,052 (thousand) towards raw materials and USD 5 thousand (31 March 2023 : USD 6 thousand) towards stores and spares.

7 (b) Refer note 15 and note 17 for details on assets given as security against borrowings.

<b>8 Trade receivables (Unsecured)</b>		
Receivables from:		
Related party	1,690	869
Others	10,124	7,819
Considered doubtful	15	30
Less: Allowance for bad and doubtful debts	11,835	8,768
<b>Total trade receivables</b>	<u>11,820</u>	<u>8,738</u>

8 (a) Break up of security details

Trade receivables considered good - secured	-	-
Trade receivables considered good - unsecured	11,820	8,738
Trade receivables which have significant increase in credit risk	-	-
Trade receivables - credit impaired	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>15</u>	<u>30</u>
Less: Loss allowance	11,835	8,768
<b>Total trade receivables</b>	<u>(15)</u>	<u>(30)</u>
	<u>11,820</u>	<u>8,738</u>

8 (b) Movement of allowances for credit losses are as follows:

Balance at the beginning of the year	30	51
Charge to the statement of profit and loss (Refer note 21)	-	-
Allowances written back	-	-
<b>Balance at the closing of the year</b>	<u>(15)</u>	<u>(21)</u>
	<u>15</u>	<u>30</u>

8 (c) Trade Receivables Ageing

As at 31 March 2023

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment						Total
	Not Due	Less than 6 months	6 months to 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	Above 3 years	
(i) Undisputed trade receivables - considered good	10,764	1,058	-	-	-	-	11,820
(ii) Undisputed trade receivables - considered doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iii) Undisputed trade receivables - credit impaired	-	-	-	2	3	10	15
(iv) Disputed trade receivables - considered good	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(v) Disputed trade receivables - considered doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(vi) Disputed trade receivables - credit impaired	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>10,764</u>	<u>1,058</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11,835</u>
<b>Less : Provision for doubtful receivables</b>							<u>(15)</u>
<b>Total</b>							<u>11,820</u>

As at 31 March 2022

Particulars	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment						Total
	Not Due	Less than 6 months	6 months to 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	Above 3 years	
(i) Undisputed trade receivables - considered good	7,537	1,001	140	-	-	-	8,738
(ii) Undisputed trade receivables - considered doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(iii) Undisputed trade receivables - credit impaired	-	-	-	2	10	18	30
(iv) Disputed trade receivables - considered good	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(v) Disputed trade receivables - considered doubtful	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(vi) Disputed trade receivables - credit impaired	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<u>7,537</u>	<u>1,001</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>8,768</u>
<b>Less : Provision for doubtful receivables</b>							<u>(30)</u>
<b>Total</b>							<u>8,738</u>

8 (d) Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and credit terms are generally 30 to 180 days. Refer note 15 and note 16 for details on assets given as security against borrowings.

9 Cash and cash equivalents

Balance with banks in current accounts	1,846	1,399
Restricted cash (Refer note 9 (a))	54	33
Cash on hand	1	1
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>1,901</u>	<u>1,433</u>

9 (a) The Company's restricted cash consists of an imprest cash account the Company is required to maintain by their health insurance provider for payment of insurance claims.



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	As at 31 March 2023	As at 31 March 2022
<b>10 Loans (Unsecured, considered good)</b>		
Related party	17,352	16,752
<b>Total loans</b>	<u>17,352</u>	<u>16,752</u>
<b>10 (a)</b> The loan has been extended to the Holding Company and is interest free and recoverable on demand.		
<b>10 (b) Breakup of security details</b>		
Loans considered good - secured	-	-
Loans considered good - unsecured	17,352	16,752
Loans which have significant increase in credit risk	-	-
Loans - credit impaired	-	-
<b>11 Other current financial assets</b>		
Government grants receivable (Refer note 11 (a))	180	391
Related Parties	150	-
Others*	90	10
<b>Total other current financial assets</b>	<u>420</u>	<u>401</u>
* pertains to vendor rebates, apartment rent deposits, etc		
<b>11 (a)</b> In 2019, the Company formally announced their plan to expand their operations at their Danville facility. As an incentive for this expansion, the City of Danville, Virginia and Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission provided an Industrial Enhancement Grant for USD 300 thousand and USD 330 thousand respectively under the condition that the Company fulfills certain criteria around new capital investments and new full time jobs during a 30 month performance period ending 30 June 2021.		
On the date of deadline of the grant, based on the evaluation of the criteria fulfilled, an aggregate grant of USD 301 thousand was sanctioned by both the authorities.		
During the year ended 31 March 2023, the Company has received USD 211 thousand (31 March 2022: Nil) and is in the process of complying with the administrative formalities (submission of paperwork etc. to the relevant authorities) to recover the balance amount. Based on independent assessment, backed by opinion from expert consultants, management is confident that the balance amount will be recovered once the formalities are completed.		
<b>12 Other current assets</b>		
Advances for suppliers	86	645
Prepaid expenses	73	55
<b>Total other current assets</b>	<u>159</u>	<u>700</u>
<b>13 Member's Equity</b>		
Equity shares		
Issued, subscribed, paid in capital		
10,000,000 Equity Shares of USD 1 each	10,000	10,000
(31 March 2022: 10,000,000 equity shares of USD 1 each)	10,000	10,000
<b>Total issued equity share capital</b>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>Total equity shares</b>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Notes:		
100% equity shares have been issued, subscribed and paid up by Holding Company i.e. Arieta Tubes, Inc.		
<b>14 Other equity</b>		
Retained earnings		
Opening balance	49,782	49,876
Add: Profit for the year	1,555	3,004
Less: Distribution of surplus	(2,001)	(3,000)
<b>Total retained earnings</b>	<u>49,336</u>	<u>49,782</u>
<b>Total other equity</b>	<u>49,336</u>	<u>49,782</u>
<b>14 (a)</b> Vide approval of board dated 17 October 2022, the Company has paid dividend on equity shares to its sole member i.e. Arieta Tubes, Inc. amounting to USD 2,001 thousand. Vide approval of board dated 26 July 2021, the Company paid dividend on equity shares to its sole member i.e. Arieta Tubes, Inc. amounting to USD 3,000 thousand.		
<b>14 (b)</b> Retained earnings represents the accumulated profits / losses made by the Company over the years as reduced by dividends or other distributions paid to the shareholders.		
<b>15 Long term borrowings</b>		
Secured		
Term loan from bank (Refer note 15 (a))	8,064	6,513
Less: Current maturities (Refer note 16)	(1,964)	(830)
<b>Total</b>	<u>6,100</u>	<u>5,683</u>
<b>15 (a) Details of borrowings</b>		

Particulars	Nature of lender	Outstanding Amount 31 March 2023	Outstanding Amount 31 March 2022	Tenure	Repayment terms	Interest Rate	Assets secured
Term Loan 1	Bank	1,990	2,572	5 years from date of disbursement	Quarterly fixed principal repayments in addition to interest accrued	2.39%	Plant & Machinery (Automatic tube body making machines and PSG machines purchased from the funds drawn out of borrowings.
Term Loan 2	Bank	4,869	2,268				
Term Loan 3	Bank	1,405	1,653				
		<u>8,064</u>	<u>6,513</u>				



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	As at 31 March 2023	As at 31 March 2022						
<b>16 Deferred income taxes are comprised of the following:</b>								
<b>Deferred tax assets:</b>								
Allowance for doubtful accounts	4	7						
Section 283A inventory adjustment	417	442						
Intangible amortization	196	158						
Obsolete Inventory Provision	378	109						
Other	36	23						
<b>Total deferred tax assets</b>	<u>1,031</u>	<u>740</u>						
<b>Deferred tax liabilities:</b>								
Accelerated methods of depreciation used for income taxes	6,434	5,641						
<b>Total deferred tax liabilities</b>	<u>6,434</u>	<u>5,641</u>						
<b>Net deferred tax liability</b>	<u>5,403</u>	<u>4,900</u>						
<b>17 Short term borrowings</b>								
Secured								
Current maturities	1,954	830						
Working capital loan from banks (Refer note 17 (a))	4,000	4,900						
	<u>5,954</u>	<u>5,730</u>						
<b>17 (a)</b> Working capital loan of USD 4,000 thousand (31 March 2022 : USD 4,900 thousand) carrying an interest rate of 1 month SOFR rate + 1.8% (31 March 2022 : 1 monthly LIBOR rate + 1.5%). Working capital loan Limit of USD 10,000 thousand has been secured via first charge over all assets (fixed and current) of the company, except the assets used for securing the Term Loans.								
<b>17 (b)</b> The Company has received approval from HSBC USA bank for standby letter of credits (SBLCs) for two related parties, secured by same pledge agreement as for working capital loan availed by Company amounting to USD 5,750 thousand and USD 2,000 thousand respectively. Against this limit, the related parties have utilized USD 4,658 thousand and USD 1,038 thousand as of 31 March 2023 (31 March 2022: USD 4,621 thousand and USD 1,501 thousand).								
<b>18 Trade payables</b>								
Dues of creditors								
Related parties	2,905	317						
Others	5,318	4,819						
	<u>8,283</u>	<u>4,937</u>						
<b>18(b) Trade Payable Aging</b>								
<b>As at 31 March 2023</b>	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment							
Particulars	Unbilled	Not due	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	Above 3 years	Total	
(i) Undisputed trade payables	447	0,407	1,337	1	-	-	6,282	
(ii) Disputed trade payables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total</b>	<u>447</u>	<u>0,407</u>	<u>1,337</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,282</u>	
<b>As at 31 March 2022</b>	Outstanding for following periods from due date of payment							
Particulars	Unbilled	Not due	Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	Above 3 years	Total	
(i) Undisputed trade payables	803	3,466	482	156	30	-	4,937	
(ii) Disputed trade payables	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total</b>	<u>803</u>	<u>3,466</u>	<u>482</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,937</u>	
<b>19 Other current financial liabilities</b>								
Payable for capital goods								
Interest accrued but not due on borrowings							31	
Employee benefits payable							92	
Other payables							1,056	
<b>Total other current financial liabilities</b>							<u>23</u>	
							<u>25</u>	
							<u>1,201</u>	
							<u>2,339</u>	
<b>20 Other current liabilities</b>								
Statutory dues								
Advance from customers							59	
<b>Total other current liabilities</b>							<u>1,049</u>	
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	For the year ended 31 March 2023	For the year ended 31 March 2022
<b>21 Revenue from operations</b>		
Sale of finished products	81,076	76,046
<b>Other operating revenues</b>		
- Sale of traded goods	680	366
- Service charges	252	283
- Sale of scrap	90	91
- Excess provision written back	15	31
- Other Service Fees	-	183
<b>Total revenue from operations</b>	<u>82,113</u>	<u>77,000</u>
<b>22 Other income</b>		
Government grants	-	37
Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	487	-
Miscellaneous income	-	4
<b>Total other income</b>	<u>487</u>	<u>41</u>
<b>23 Cost of materials consumed</b>		
Inventories at the beginning of the year (Refer note 7)	8,501	4,290
Add: Purchases (net)	<u>37,866</u>	<u>40,358</u>
	46,367	44,648
Less: Inventories at the end of the year (Refer note 7)	<u>7,234</u>	<u>8,501</u>
<b>Total cost of materials consumed</b>	<u>39,133</u>	<u>36,147</u>
<b>23 (a)</b> Cost of materials consumed includes inventories aggregating to USD 1,053 thousand (31 March 2022: USD 449 thousand) that were written down to net realisable value on account of old ageing and realisability; and the same have been recognized as expense in the current year.		
<b>24 Purchase of traded goods</b>		
Purchases	579	333
<b>Total purchase of traded goods</b>	<u>579</u>	<u>333</u>
<b>25 Changes in inventories of finished goods and goods-in-process</b>		
Inventories at the end of the year (Refer note 7)	4,151	3,460
Inventories at the beginning of the year (Refer note 7)	<u>3,460</u>	<u>1,327</u>
<b>Total changes in inventories of finished goods and goods-in-process</b>	<u>(691)</u>	<u>(2,133)</u>
<b>26 Employee benefits expense</b>		
Salaries, wages and bonus	17,499	17,078
Contribution to Retirement Plan (401k) (Refer note 26 (a))	451	419
Staff welfare expenses	<u>3,818</u>	<u>3,603</u>
<b>Total employee benefits expense</b>	<u>21,768</u>	<u>21,100</u>
<b>26 (a)</b> The Company has a Safe Harbor 401(k) savings plan which covers substantially all employees. The company contributes 3% of the employee's salary, regardless of employee participation in the plan.		
<b>27 Finance costs</b>		
Interest expense on borrowings	1,377	331
Other finance costs (including bank charges)	17	55
<b>Total finance costs</b>	<u>1,394</u>	<u>386</u>
<b>28 Depreciation and amortisation expense</b>		
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment [Refer note 4(a)]	5,200	4,308
Amortisation of intangible assets (Refer note 5)	<u>431</u>	<u>431</u>
<b>Total depreciation and amortisation expense</b>	<u>5,631</u>	<u>4,740</u>



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	For the year ended 31 March 2023	For the year ended 31 March 2022
<b>29 Other expenses</b>		
Packing Material	6,145	5,021
Freight on transport	963	962
Power and Fuel	945	798
Stores and Spares	1,386	1,159
Other Manufacturing Expenses	754	808
Repairs and Maintenance - Building	249	160
Repairs and maintenance - Plant and Machinery	750	754
Travel and Conveyance	266	180
Rates and Taxes	244	215
Insurance	173	160
Professional and Consultancy Charges	390	425
IT Consultancy Charges	179	197
Communication Charges	39	37
Selling and Distribution expenses	56	74
Payment to Auditors	22	29
Rent	3	3
Other expenses	160	198
Exchange Difference (net)	7	52
<b>Total other expenses</b>	<b>12,731</b>	<b>11,230</b>
<b>30 Tax expense</b>		
Current tax	146	423
Taxes related to earlier years	(149)	84
Deferred tax	503	827
<b>Total tax expense</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,334</b>
Profit / (Loss) before Tax	2,055	5,238
Federal income tax rate	21.00%	21.00%
State income tax rate	5.31%	4.25%
Less: State tax effect on Federal Tax Rate	-1.11%	-0.89%
<b>Tax rate</b>	<b>25.19%</b>	<b>24.36%</b>
Computed expected tax expense / (credit)	517	1,276
Effect of expenses not allowed for tax purpose	292	289
Effect of expenses allowed for tax purpose	(663)	(1,142)
Effect of items on which deferred tax liabilities has been created	503	827
Taxes related to earlier years	(149)	84
<b>Current Tax</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,334</b>

(Refer notes 2 (l) of significant accounting policies on income tax and deferred tax)



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EPL America, LLC (Formerly known as EsselPropack America, LLC)  
 Summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information for the year ended 31 March 2023  
 Amount in USD "000", unless otherwise stated

	For the year ended 31 March 2023	For the year ended 31 March 2022
<b>31 Earnings per share</b>		
Profit after tax	1,555	3,904
Weighted average number of basic equity shares (Nos.)	10,000,000	10,000,000
Weighted average number of diluted equity shares (Nos.)	10,000,000	10,000,000
Basic earnings per share (USD)	0.16	0.39
Diluted earnings per share (USD)	0.16	0.39

**32 Commitments**

During the year ended 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022, the Company entered into a commercial supply and consignment arrangement with third parties whereby the third parties purchase raw material laminate inventory. The third parties charge a logistics fee for their services and such fee does not include an interest or financing component. Under these arrangements, the Company had a purchase commitment of approximately USD Nil as at 31 March 2023 (31 March 2022 : USD 4,926 thousand).

**33** The Company had received a warning letter dated 06 April 2022 from US Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") for non-compliance of certain provisions of Virginia Hazardous Waste Management Regulations, viz. timely submission of Biennial report and having an adequate hazardous waste management training program. The Company, in turn, has submitted its response towards the above and have received a confirmation from USEPA that no financial penalty has been levied. The Board of Managers, in consultation with experts, believes that no adjustments are required to the financial statements.

**34** Figures for the previous year have been regrouped/reclassified wherever necessary to conform to current year's presentation.

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