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CEC RENEWABLES LIMITED ("CEC Renewables")

[Incorporated in the Republic of Zambia]

Company registration number: 120220041135 ISIN: ZM2000001171

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CEC RENEWABLES RELEASES AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Financial Indicators

Revenue	EBITDA	Cash from Ops	Profit After Tax	Capex	Net Debt
USD 2.533m	USD 2.166m	USD 2.290m	USD 0.218m	USD 19.955m	USD 28.586m

Commenting on the 2023 results, Assets Manager Hilton Fulele said:

"I am delighted to present the financial and operational results for our inaugural year of operations. On February 15, 2023, His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Zambia, Mr. Hakainde Hichilema, commissioned our maiden 34 MW Riverside Solar PV Plant (RSP). This aligns with our green agenda, which emphasizes developing and integrating renewables into the country's energy mix. It also underscores our commitment to playing a crucial role in transitioning to a cleaner future and contributing to the government's target of achieving an appropriate energy mix for the country. In 2023, RSP generated 46.6 GWh, resulting in the avoidance of over 22,000 tons of CO2 equivalent emissions.

Strategically, to finance our solar pipeline, we registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and listed a USD 200 million Green Bond on the Lusaka Securities Exchange. The first tranche of USD 53.538 million was fully subscribed. This Green Bond marked Zambia's first non-recourse project financing and was locally issued under the International Capital Market Association Green Bond Principles. It provides the necessary flexibility and scalability for further drawdowns. The drawdown from the Green Bond was used to refinance RSP and fund the 60 MW Itimpi (1) Solar PV Plant (ISP).

We made progress with the development and construction of the 60 MW ISP, scheduled for commissioning in the first quarter of 2024.

Our priorities for 2024 include commissioning ISP, advancing the development and construction of the 126 MW Itimpi (2) Solar Plant, and securing necessary debt financing."

Summary statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
	USD'000	USD'000
Revenue	2,533	-
Gross profit	1,737	_
Operating expenses	(359)	(6)
Profit/(loss) before interest and tax	1,378	(6)
Net finance costs	(902)	_
Income tax expense	(258)	_
Profit/(loss) after tax	218	(6)
Other comprehensive income		
Total comprehensive income/(loss)	218	(6)

Summary statement of financial position

As at 31 December 2023	As at 31 December 2022
USD'000	USD'000
54,631	35,464
26,022	-
80,653	35,464
18,584	2,994
54,306	-
7,763	32,470
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Summary of statement of cash flows

	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
	USD'000	USD'000
Net cash flows from operating activities	(424)	
Net cash flows from investing	(14,885)	_
Net cash flows from financing activities	40,258	_
Net decrease/increase in cash and cash equivalents	24,949	_
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2023		_
Net (decrease)/increase	24,949	
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2023	24,949	



Summary of statement of changes in Equity

	Share Capital	Share Premium	Accumulated profits/(losses)	Total
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
Year ended 31 December 2022				
At start of the year				_
Profit/(loss) for the year			(6)	(6)
Other comprehensive income				_
Total comprehensive income/(loss)			(6)	(6)
Transactions with owners:				
Share capital	6	_	_	6
Share premium		2,994		2,994
Total transactions with owners	6	2,994		3,000
At the end of the year	6	2,994	(6)	2,994
Year ended 31 December 2023				
At the start of the year	6	2,994	(6)	2,994
Profit/(loss) for the year			218	218
Transactions with owners:				
Transfer of project development land		958		958
Shareholder loan converted to equity		14,414		14,414
Total transactions with owners		15,372		15,372
At the end of the year	6	18,366	212	18,584

Financial Highlights

Revenue amounted to USD 2.533 million, with operating profit at USD 1.378 million, resulting in a profit after tax of USD 0.218 million (2022: (USD 0.006 million)).

Capital expenditures for the year totaled USD 19.955 million, with USD 6.458 million allocated to payments for RSP and the remaining USD 13.497 million for Itimpi. These investments contributed to a significant increase in total assets, reaching USD 80.653 million (2022: USD 35.464 million), representing a 127% increase.

The Green Bond secured during the year, of USD 53.538 million increased the gearing ratio to 70%. The Green Bond has a 15-year tenor and an 18-month principal repayment grace period. The uses of funds raised follow the International Capital Market Association Green Bond Principles. It prioritises eligible renewable energy generation projects that offer significant social and economic benefits.

Cautionary on Forward-looking Information

This Summary Results announcement contains financial and non-financial forward-looking statements about the Company's performance and position. We believe that while all forward-looking information contained herein is realistic at the time of publishing this report, actual results in future may differ from those anticipated. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause CEC Renewables' actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from the anticipated results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Although CEC Renewables believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, no assurance can be given that such expectations will prove to have been correct.

About the Company

CEC Renewables Limited was incorporated in October 2022 as a platform for renewable energy expansion, designed to scale up the deployment of renewable energy across the Zambian grid. The Company is a 100% subsidiary of Copperbelt Energy Corporation PLC mandated to develop renewable assets. The Company has in operation the Riverside Solar PV Plant (34 MW) and currently under construction is its 60 MW Itimpi Solar PV Plant, set for commissioning in early 2024.

By Order of the Board Eric M. Hanziba **Company Secretary**

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