

AQUILA PART PROD COM S.A.

PRELIMINARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS

As at and for the year ended

31 December 2023

AQUILA, leader in integrated distribution and logistics services for the consumer goods market in Romania and the Republic of Moldova, with 30 years of experience in this industry, concludes 2023 with a business growth and a net profit of RON 97 million, 14% higher than previous year. The preliminary net profit is the highest since the establishment of the Company.

The financial results have been achieved in the context of the Group's revenue increase of 14%, up to RON 2,510 million, supported by the distribution segment, especially by sales through the HoReCa and proximity channels (petrol stations and convenience stores), as well as by its own brands and by consolidation of Trigor AVD from the Republic of Moldova, respectively.

"In 2023 we continued organic growth as well as made steps towards new acquisitions to expand the business. Focusing on higher-growth distribution channels, diversifying the product portfolio and developing own brands contributed to historical financial results recorded in 2023. Regarding the M&A component, we completed the transaction with Romtec and we are in advanced discussions for the acquisition of the Parmafood companies for which we received shareholder's approval in February 2024. Operational excellence through efficiency, together with a digitalization and sustainability component, will continue to be a priority for AQUILA. Through the adopted strategic approach, we are heading to doubling of EBITDA by 2026, with 2021 as the benchmark", said Cătălin Vasile, CEO of Aquila.

In the revenue structure by business segments, there were increases in distribution 14% and logistics 11% and a small decrease in transportation of 4%, related to lower km of routes. The revenues related to the own brands, Gradena and La Masă, had a growth of 31% in 2023 vs 2022, up to RON 88 million.

The Group's gross margin increased with RON 52 million, being 21%, driven by the mix of products sold and the focus on the best performing channels.

P&L	2023DecYTD	2022DecYTD	2023vs2022
	RON	RON	%
Revenues	2,510,015,417	2,210,325,473	14%
Distribution	2,357,205,006	2,063,204,737	14%
Logistics	87,603,416	78,868,663	11%
Transport	65,206,995	68,252,073	-4%
Other income	9,972,308	8,334,406	20%
Cost of goods sold	(1,865,729,621)	(1,623,920,847)	15%
Gross Profit	491,475,386	439,283,890	12%
% Gross Profit margin	20.8%	21.3%	
EBITDA	154,553,590	146,928,314	5%
% EBITDA margin	6.2%	6.6%	-0 , 4pp
Depreciation and amortisation	(47,895,792)	(50,098,657)	-4%
Net finance (cost)/income	9,637,064	3,733,914	158%
Profit before tax	116,294,862	100,563,571	16%
Income tax expense	(19,369,574)	(15,331,547)	26%
Net profit	96,925,288	85,232,024	14%
Net profit margin	3.9%	3.9%	

Consolidated statement of financial position

-	31.Dec.23	31.Dec.22
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	238,647,508	176,907,989
Investment property	13,804,884	13,717,978
Intangible assets	832,125	1,204,593
Goodwill	5,011,706	5,011,706
Loans to related parties	17,155,649	33,633,554
Deferred tax assets	5,655,698	3,817,873
Other non-current assets	542,696	585,416
Total non-current assets	281,650,266	234,879,109
Current assets		
Inventories	170,979,496	158,430,373
Trade receivables	286,415,011	247,816,687
Short term portion of loans to related parties	2,934,588	3,591,648
Other receivables	9,323,661	1,398,818
Prepayments	46,492,274	28,902,646
Short term deposits	185,000,000	160,000,000
Cash and cash equivalents	20,366,734	18,863,042
Total current assets	721,511,764	619,003,214
Total assets	1,003,162,030	853,882,323
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Share capital	180,590,088	180,590,088
Share premium	195,699,121	195,699,121
Own shares	(991,972)	(991,972)
Legal reserves	14,782,375	9,397,735
Translation reserve	657,836	(11,315)
Retained earnings	141,360,956	98,707,569
Total equity attributable to the owners of the Companies	532,098,404	483,391,226
Non-controlling interests	437,486	430,291
Total equity	532,535,890	483,821,517

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	31.Dec.23	31.Dec.22
LIABILITIES		
Non-current liabilities		
Lease liabilities	148,817,148	90,131,640
Trade payables	17,063	59,667
Contract liability	585,093	247,519
Deferred tax liabilities	1,497,471	1,036,563
Total non-current liabilities	150,916,775	91,475,389
Current liabilities		
Current portion of long-term bank borrowings	-	2,050,922
Short-term bank borrowings	9,883,898	-
Lease liabilities	32,927,398	32,949,238
Trade payables	229,509,059	193,879,745
Employee benefits	30,310,697	26,558,415
Current tax liabilities	4,076,828	5,022,422
Contract liabilities	52,838	52,140
Provisions	-	132,113
Other payables	12,948,647	17,940,422
Total current liabilities	319,709,365	278,585,417
Total liabilities	470,626,140	370,060,806
Total equity and liabilities	1,003,162,030	853,882,323

Chief Executive Officer Vasile Constantin Catalin Chief Financial Officer Bascau Sorin

Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

	31.Dec.23	31.Dec.22
Revenues	2,510,015,417	2,210,325,473
Other income	9,972,308	8,334,406
Cost of goods sold	(1,865,729,621)	(1,623,973,263)
Cost of fuel and transport services	(73,337,419)	(76,972,277)
Salaries and other employee benefits	(258,519,989)	(225,237,381)
Repairs, maintenance and materials cost	(24,202,986)	(24,060,430)
Depreciation and amortization	(47,895,792)	(50,098,657)
Reversal of Expected credit losses/(Expected credit losses)	(25,567,898)	(19,782,564)
Other operating expenses	(118,076,223)	(101,705,650)
Operating profit	106,657,797	96,829,657
Finance income – interest income	17,463,317	7,570,113
Finance costs	(7,826,253)	(3,836,199)
Net finance income	9,637,064	3,733,914
Profit before tax	116,294,861	100,563,571
Income tax expense	(19,369,574)	(15,331,547)
Profit for the year	96,925,287	85,232,024
Profit for the year attributable to:		
- owners of the Group	96,918,092	85,222,554
- non-controlling interests	7,195	9,470
Profit for the year	96,925,287	85,232,024
Earnings per share		
Basic and diluted earnings per share	0.081	0.071

	31.Dec.23	31.Dec.22
Other comprehensive income		
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Foreign operations - foreign currency translation difference	669,151	(251,327)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	669,151	(251,327)
Total comprehensive income	96,594,438	84,980,697
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		
- owners of the Group	97,587,243	84,971,227
- non-controlling interests	7,195	9,470
Total comprehensive income	97,594,438	84,980,697

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