Ceylon Beverage Holdings PLC

Interim Condensed Financial Statements for the Nine Months ended 31 st December 2023

Review

The quarter under review was extremely challenging. As highlighted in the Q2 review, extreme weather conditions in all parts of the country caused an impact on volumes, compounded by the pressure on disposables income due to negative economic growth and the 44% increase in Excise Duty during the year. Total alcoholic beverage volumes during the quarter contracted by 20%, which is a clear indication of the context discussed earlier.

Total Government revenues from Excise Duty was approximately Rs. 178 Bn from the industry, which was a 5% growth for the calendar year 2023. It is clear that the 44% increase in Excise Duty rate has not had the desired effect as the volumes have eroded rapidly. The illicit trade in alcohol has exploded in all areas, consumers move into this category as a cheaper alternative, and the limited access to legal alcohol has amplified the same. The Group paid Rs. 53.9 Bn in total taxes for three quarters of fiscal year 2023-24.

Taking into account the pressure on consumer incomes, Lion Brewery introduced new pack sizes to reduce the incidence of consumers down trading to the illicit category. Gross margins were under pressure as the full impact of Excise Duty increases could not be passed down to the already price pressured consumer as well as fixed cost deleverage due to lower volumes.

Our export business continues to grow by 16% vs last year. A more geographically focused approach has been adopted which should further spur growth in this vertical. Lion Brewery is by far the largest exporter of alcoholic beverages from Sri Lanka. The current Excise Duty rebate system and tax stamps need to be reconsidered for alcoholic beverages exports, as these costs make our products uncompetitive in the foreign markets thereby capping growth potential.

It should be noted that in January 2024 there was another 14% increase in Excise Duty along with the 3% hike in the VAT rate. As such, Lion Brewery's domestic business performance took a significant step down in January. The Excise Duty increase further pressured our export business financial performance. The combination of lower volumes and gross margin compression will adversely impact 4th quarter financial results.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Mr. D. A. Cabraal (Chairman)

Mr. H. Selvanathan (Deputy Chairman)

Mr. M. Selvanathan (Ceased to be an Alternate Director to Mr. H. Selvanathan w.e.f. 31/12/2023)

Mr. R. H. Meewakkala (CEO/Director)

Mr. D. C. R. Gunawardena

Mr. S. Clini

Mrs. S. J. F. Evans

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION Company Group As at 31st December 2023 31st March 2023 31st December 2023 31st March 2023 In Rs. '000s (Audited) (Audited) ASSETS Non-current assets 25,063,875 22,996,451 Property, plant and equipment Investment properties 810,200 810,200 810,200 810,200 Right of use assets 205,966 209,947 Intangible assets 772,113 458,843 43,708 26,378 Deferred tax assets Investment in subsidiaries 2,150,630 2,060,084 **Total non-current assets** 2,960,830 2,870,284 26,895,862 24,501,819 **Current assets** 9,493,040 7,451,345 Inventories Trade and other receivables 24,178 5,530,902 7.614 5,858,190 Amounts due from related companies 115,354 175,000 Current tax assets 639 Cash and cash equivalents 11,027 20,368 11,504,202 11,348,046 26,855,432 24,330,932 **Total current assets** 150,559 202,982 3,111,389 53,751,294 48,832,751 Total assets 3,073,266 **EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Equity** Stated capital 533,384 533,384 533,384 533,384 Capital reserves 19,924 19,924 1,103,358 1,103,358 11,609,173 1,352,682 Revenue reserves 1,750,368 10,345,024 Translation reserve 168 13,246,083 11,981,766 Equity attributable to equity holders of the Company 2,303,676 1,905,990 Non controlling interest 11,919,238 11,090,491 23,072,257 **Total equity** 2,303,676 1,905,990 25,165,321 Non-current liabilities Loans and borrowings 1,949,965 1,924,442 Lease liabilities (Note 5) 220,618 216,501 **Employee benefits** 220,779 257,730 Deferred tax liabilities 143.682 143.682 6.143.834 5.687.986 Total non-current liabilities 143,682 143,682 8,086,659 8,535,196 **Current liabilities** Trade and other payables 26,962 27,968 4,512,733 4,829,899 Amounts due to related companies 425,049 372,791 93,929 76,041 Refundable deposits 2,742,490 2,794,751 Current tax liabilities 75,051 26,244 5.053.126 2.855.295 Loans and borrowings 400,000 3,303,448 5,080,158 Lease liabilities (Note 5) 46,573 45,054 Bank overdraft 147,784 185.776 4,246,217 2,044,898 **Total current liabilities** 664.031 1,023,594 20,050,777 17,673,835 **Total liabilities** 25.760.494 807.713 1.167.276 28.585.973 Total equity and liabilities 48,832,751 3,111,389 3,073,266 53,751,294 Net assets per ordinary share (Rs.) 109.76 90.81 631.13 570.89

The above figures are provisional and subject to audit.

CEYLON BEVERAGE HOLDINGS PLC

These financial statements are in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.

(Sgd.)

J.N. Goonaratne

Chief Financial Officer

The Board of Directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Managers

Approved and signed on behalf of the Board

(Sgd.)
V. R. Wijesinghe
Director
Carsons Management Services (Private) Ltd.
12th February 2024

(Sgd.)

M.Selvanathan

Director

(Sgd.) **R.H. Meewakkala** Director

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME - COMPANY

		Quarter Ended		Nir	ne Months End	led	Year Ended
As at	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	Change %	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	Change %	31-Mar-23
In Rs.'000s							(Audited)
Revenue	1,146,725	615,315	86	2,244,231	1,444,053	55	1,491,410
Cost of sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross profit	1,146,725	615,315	86	2,244,231	1,444,053	55	1,491,410
Net gains arising from changes in fair value of investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	-	163,100
	1,146,725	615,315	86	2,244,231	1,444,053	55	1,654,510
Administrative expenses	(10,139)	(8,105)	25	(27,536)	(16,786)	64	(34,363)
Reversal/(provision) of impairment for intercompany receivable	44,403	-	-	44,403	-	-	(44,403)
Provision of impairment for investments in subsidiaries	(44,403)	-	-	(44,403)	-	-	(175,000)
Profit Before Finance Cost	1,136,586	607,210	87	2,216,695	1,427,267	55	1,400,744
Finance income	7,371	11,155	(34)	29,478	27,234	8	39,833
Finance costs	(20,631)	(26,527)	(22)	(95,563)	(68,037)	40	(97,124)
Net finance costs	(13,260)	(15,372)	(14)	(66,085)	(40,803)	62	(57,291)
Profit before taxation	1,123,326	591,838	90	2,150,610	1,386,464	55	1,343,453
Income tax expenses	(15,869)	(96,319)	(84)	(47,851)	(219,999)	(78)	(228,781)
Deferred taxation	-	(63,168)	-	-	(63,168)	-	(112,098)
Profit after taxation	1,107,457	432,351	156	2,102,759	1,103,297	91	1,002,574
Earnings per ordinary share (Rs.)	52.77	20.60		100.19	52.57		47.77

The above figures are provisional and subject to audit.

Figures in brackets indicate deductions.

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME - GROUP

	Qı	uarter Ended		Nine	Months Ended		Year Ended	
As at	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	Change %	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	Change %	31-Mar-23	
In Rs.'000s							(Audited)	
Revenue	27,556,644	24,467,956	13	80,576,966	71,693,912	12	96,938,522	
Cost of sales	(21,121,850)	(18,324,157)		(61,167,519)	(54,544,789)	12	(73,755,671)	
Gross profit	6,434,794	6,143,799	5	19,409,447	17,149,123	13	23,182,851	
Net gains arising from changes in fair value of investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	-	304,414	
Other income	259,231	93,866	176	420,135	227,458	85	163,100	
	6,694,025	6,237,665	7	19,829,582	17,376,581	14	23,650,365	
Distribution expenses	(1,739,342)	(1,656,060)	1	(5,159,649)	(4,129,750)	25	(6,017,299)	
Administrative expenses	(993,334)	(867,172)	1 1	(2,861,675)	(2,112,128)	35	(3,099,889)	
Other expenses	(104,635)	(191,934)	(45)	(314,436)	(696,959)	(55)	(715,125)	
Reversal/(provision) of impairment for intangible assets	-	-	-	291,063	(353,229)	-	(353,229)	
Profit before finance cost	3,856,714	3,522,499	9	11,784,885	10,084,515	17	13,464,823	
Finance income	309,729	408,693	(24)	914,809	1,013,924		1,411,521	
Finance costs	(510,310)	(1,094,269)	(53)	(1,981,397)	(2,038,757)	(3)	(3,615,441)	
Net finance income/(costs)	(200,581)	(685,576)	(71)	(1,066,588)	(1,024,833)	4	(2,203,920)	
Profit before taxation	3,656,133	2,836,923	29	10,718,297	9,059,682	18	11,260,903	
Income tax expenses	(1,503,495)	(952,176)	58	(4,209,726)	(3,553,770)	18	(4,091,422)	
Deferred taxation	(117,115)	(115,447)	1	(445,496)	59,464	(849)	(423,377)	
Profit after taxation	2,035,523	1,769,300	15	6,063,075	5,565,376	9	6,746,104	
Other comprehensive income								
Items that will never be reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-					
Re-measurement of employee benefit obligation	-	-	-	-	-	-	(50,899)	
Deferred tax adjustment on employee benefit obligation	-	_	_	-	-	_	20,360	
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss						_		
Foreign currency translation gain/(loss) from foreign operation	(477)	-	_	322	-	_	_	
Total other comprehensive income for the period net of tax	(477)	-	-	322	-	-	(30,539)	
Total comprehensive income for the period	2,035,046	1,769,300	15	6,063,397	5,565,376	9	6,715,565	
Profit attributable to								
- Equity holders of the company	1,003,086	781,783	28	2,969,222	2,747,866	8	3,407,614	
- Non - controlling interest	1,032,437	987,517	5	3,093,853	2,817,510	10	3,338,490	
Profit available for appropriation	2,035,523	1,769,300	15	6,063,075	5,565,376	9	6,746,104	
Total comprehensive income attributable to								
- Equity holders of the company	1,002,837	781,783	28	2,969,390	2,747,866	8	3,391,657	
- Non - controlling interest	1,032,209	987,517	5	3,094,007	2,817,510	10	3,323,908	
Profit available for appropriation	2,035,046	1,769,300	15	6,063,397	5,565,376	9	6,715,565	
Earnings per ordinary share (Rs.)	47.79	37.25		141.47	130.93		162.36	
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The above figures are provisional and subject to audit. Figures in brackets indicate deductions.

CEYLON BEVERAGE HOLDINGS PLC CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

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Profit for the period -	_	533,384	1,083,434	19,924	601,227		-			18,641,865
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rofit for the period	ransfers	-	- 1,005,454	-			-			10,041,003
State Comprehensive income for the period - - - - (15,957) - (15,957) (14,582) (30, 15)			_	-	51.002	3,356.612		3,407.614	3,338.490	6,746,104
ransactions with owners, recorded directly in equity ontribution by and distribution to owners orfeiture of unclaimed dividends	Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	(15,957)		(15,957)	(14,582)	(30,539
orteitution by and distribution to owners orfeiture of unclaimed dividends 1	otal comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	51,002	3,340,655	-	3,391,657	3,323,908	6,715,565
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Total comprehensive income for the period Profit for the period Pr	Balance as at 31st March 2023	533,384	1,083,434	19,924	652,229	9,692,795	-	11,981,766	11,090,491	23,072,257
refit for the period 2,969,222 - 2,969,222 3,093,853 6,063, 20 ther comprehensive loss for the period	Balance as at 1st April 2023	533,384	1,083,434	19,924	652,229	9,692,795	-	11,981,766	11,090,491	23,072,257
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contribution by and distribution to owners confeiture of unclaimed dividends -	otal comprehensive income for the period	•	•	-	•	2,969,222	168	2,969,390	3,094,007	6,063,397
	ontribution by and distribution to owners orfeiture of unclaimed dividends	-	-		-	<u>-</u>	-		-	-
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CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Comp	any	Gr	oup
For the period ended	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
In Rs. '000s				
Cash flows from operating activities				
Profit before taxation	2,150,610	1,386,464	10,718,297	9,059,682
Adjustments for:				
Finance costs (excluding exchange gain)	95,563	68,037	2,086,995	2,427,308
Depreciation on right of use assets	-	-	39,789	47,349
Gain on de-recognition of right of use assets	-	-	-	(1,841
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment	-	-	1,669,518	1,276,547
Amortization of intangible assets	-	-	10,275	9,011
Net inventory provision/(reversal) Provision for retirement benefit obligation	-	-	(80,463) 27,543	(27,896 21,525
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	_	_	27,545	175,752
Provision/(Reversal) of impairment for intangible assets	_	_	(285,360)	354,579
Impairment of doubtful debtors	_	_	(283,300)	-
Provision/(Reversal) of Impairment provision for intercompany receivable	(44,403)		_	
Impairment provision for investments in subsidiary	44,403	_	_	_
Finance income	(29,478)	(27,234)	(914,809)	(1,013,924
Net gain arising from changes in fair value of investment properties	-	(=: ,== :,	-	-
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	_	10,859	34,397
Loss on disposal of intangible asset	-		3,037	•
Lease interest expense	-	_	31,264	27,155
Unrealised foreign exchange gain	-	_	(242,040)	(709,901
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	2,216,695	1,427,267	12,881,500	11,679,743
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	-	-	(1,961,232)	(2,972,370
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(16,564)	63	(252,282)	(9,634,866
(Increase)/decrease in amounts due from related companies	(30,900)	(30,716)	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in amounts due to related companies	(454)	(18,203)	17,888	(110,759
Increase/(decrease) in tax payable/receivable	971	2,339	1,321,846	49,884
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(899)	(355)	(317,040)	3,652,946
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	2,168,849	1,380,395	11,690,679	2,664,578
Finance expenses paid	(42,851)	(26,697)	(2,036,101)	(2,207,569
Tax paid	(97,629)	(115,261)	(2,968,235)	(2,775,414
Surcharge tax paid	-	(35,754)	-	(1,230,756
Retirement benefits paid	-	-	(64,494)	(8,220
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	2,028,369	1,202,683	6,621,849	(3,557,381
Cash flows from investing activities				
Purchase and construction of property, plant and equipment	-	-	(3,747,801)	(2,023,603
Purchase of intangible assets	-	-	(41,222)	(1,475
Agent deposits received	-	-	245,667	376,581
Interest received	29,478	-	914,809	1,013,924
Investment in subsidiaries	-	-	-	-
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities	29,478	-	(2,628,547)	(634,573
Cash flows from financing activities				
Proceeds from loans and borrowings	-	-	1,741,667	4,000,000
Repayment of loans and borrowings	(400,000)	-	(3,543,750)	(856,150
Repayment of lease rentals	-	-	(61,435)	(70,545
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Forfeiture of unclaimed dividends			(4,342,366)	(1,803,048
Dividends paid net of tax	(1,705,180)	(624,545)	(4,342,300)	
	(1,705,180) (2,105,180)	(624,545) (624,545)	(6,205,884)	1,270,257
Dividends paid net of tax				
Dividends paid net of tax Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	(2,105,180)	(624,545)	(6,205,884)	(2,921,697
Dividends paid net of tax Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(2,105,180)	(624,545) 578,138	(6,205,884) (2,212,582)	(2,921,697
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The above figures are provisional and subject to audit.

NOTES TO THE INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 CORPORATE INFORMATION

Ceylon Beverage Holdings PLC is a public limited liability Company incorporated and domiciled in Sri Lanka and listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange. The parent company of Ceylon Beverage Holdings PLC is Carson Cumberbatch PLC "(CCPLC)" and the ultimate parent company is Bukit Darah PLC. The registered office of the Company is situated at No 61, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01 and the principal place of business is situated at No 254, Colombo Road, Biyagama.

The interim condensed financial statements comprise of the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group" and individually Group entities). The Subsidiaries of the Company are set out below.

Subsidiary	Controlling interest	Note
Lion Brewery (Ceylon) PLC	52.25%	"LBCPLC"
Lion Beer (Ceylon) Pte Ltd, Singapore	52.25%	wholly owned Subsidiary of "LBCPLC"
Millers Brewery Limited	52.25%	wholly owned Subsidiary of "LBCPLC"
Pubs 'N Places (Private) Limited	99.9%	
Retail Spaces (Private) Limited	100%	
Luxury Brands (Private) Limited	100%	

The principal activities of the Group is brewing and marketing of high quality beers for both local & export markets and retailing of beer & alcohol products locally through its owned/managed wine shops & pubs. The Group is also engaged in the import & marketing of globally renowned high quality beer and spirits brands.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

2.1 Statement of Compliance

The interim condensed financial statements of the Company and Group have been prepared in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standard - LKAS 34 (Interim Financial Reporting). These interim condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the last annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023, as the same accounting policies have been applied consistently.

The presentation and classification of the financial statements of the previous period have been amended, where relevant, for better presentation and to be comparable with those of the current period.

2.2 Going Concern

Based on currently available information the management is satisfied that the Company and its subsidiaries would continue its operations in the foreseeable future.

2.3 Basis of measurement

- **2.3.1** The interim condensed Financial Statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis and applied consistently with no adjustments being made for inflationary factors affecting the financial statements, except for the following;
 - Freehold Land and buildings are measured at cost at the time of acquisition and construction and subsequently at revalued amounts, which are the fair values at the date of revaluation less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, if any.
 - Employee benefits are measured at present value of the obligation.
 - Investment properties are measured at fair value.

2.4 Functional Currency and Presentation Currency

All values presented in the Financial Statements are in Sri Lankan Rupees Thousands (Rs.'000s) which is the Group's functional currency, unless otherwise indicated.

NOTES TO THE INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3 FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

3.1 Financial Commitments

Lion Brewery (Ceylon) PLC

Document credits established for foreign purchases of the Company as at 31st December 2023 amounts to Rs.1,317 Mn (2022 - Rs.1,793 Mn).

3.2 Capital Commitments

Lion Brewery (Ceylon) PLC

Capital expenditure committed by the Company for which a provision has not been made in the Financial Statements amounts to Rs. 2,899 Mn as at 31st December 2023 (2022 - Rs. 2,936 Mn).

3.3 Contingencies

Following legal matters are outstanding against the Group and no provision has been made in the Financial Statements in this regard.

(i) Company

In 2008 the Customs Department instituted a prosecution in the Fort Magistrate's Court (MC) in Case No. S/65898/07/B against the Company and its Directors for the recovery of Rs. 48,121,634/29 comprising of Rs.23,062,080/43 being the amount of Excise (Special Provision) Duty (the 'duty') purportedly in arrears during the period 1998 to 2001 and Rs.25,059,553/86 as its penalty. The Company and the Directors filed a Writ an application in the Court of Appeal (CA) to quash the Certificate of Excise Duty in Default issued to the Company and obtained a Stay Order in respect of the proceedings of the Fort MC Case. A sum of Rs. 23,062,080/43 being the duty amount in dispute was paid to Sri Lanka Customs by the Company as required before submitting its appeal. No provision has been made for the payment of penalty amounting to Rs.25,059,553/86.

Subsequently the CA Application was dismissed and the Company appealed against the Order to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court also ordered the staying of all further proceedings in the MC Case until final hearing and determination of the Appeal. Supreme Court Judgment was delivered in December 2022 where the Company's Appeal was upheld and Certificate of Excise Duty in default issued by the Director General of Customs and Excise Duty in the Magistrates' Court of Fort was quashed.

The Director General of Excise was directed to consider the representations made by the Company and make a determination under section 9(2) of the said Act, pursuant to an inquiry which was to be concluded within six months from the date of the judgment. Despite the lapse of six months, inquiry is still pending.

(ii) Lion Brewery (Ceylon) PLC

Contingent liabilities as at 31st December 2023 amounts to Rs. 885 Mn (2022 - Rs. 360 Mn), being bank guarantees given to Government bodies and foreign suppliers for operational purposes.

Apart from the above there were no other material contingent liabilities which would require adjustments to or disclosure in the Financial Statements.

4 STATED CAPITAL

The Company's stated capital consists of 20,988,090 ordinary shares.

NOTES TO THE INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

5 LEASE LIABILITIES

	Company		Group		
In Rs. 000's	31-Dec-23	31-Mar-23	31-Dec-23	31-Mar-23	
Balance as at beginning of the period	-	-	261,555	253,608	
Leases obtained	-	-	35,807	76,046	
Lease rentals paid	-	-	(61,435)	(102,316)	
Interest expenses for the period	-	-	31,264	43,670	
Derecognition of lease liability	-	-	-	(9,453)	
Balance as at end of the period	-	-	267,191	261,555	

6 SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

The Group does not distinguish its products into significant components for different Geographical/Business segments as the differentiations are insignificant.

7 EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There have been no events subsequent to the reporting date, which required adjustment to or disclosure in these Financial Statements.

8 INVESTOR INFORMATON

Investor Information	Quarter	ended	Nine Mo	Year ended	
	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	31-Mar-23
Share Information					
Last traded share price/closing price (Rs.)	1,330.00	900.00	1,240.50	900.00	900.00
Highest price (Rs.)	1,450.00	1,000.00	1,470.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Lowest price (Rs.)	1,177.50	655.00	903.00	531.00	531.00
Trading Statistics					
No of Transactions	113	82	307	198	198
No of Shares traded	3,960	3,619	14,569	6,771	6,771
Value of all shares traded (Rs. Mn.)	5.40	3.22	17.95	5.55	5.55

NOTES TO THE INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9 DIRECTORS' SHAREHOLDINGS

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023	No. of Shares
Mr. D. A. Cabraal (Chairman)	1,500
Mr. H. Selvanathan (Deputy Chairman)	690
Mr. M. Selvanathan (Ceased to be an Alternate Director to Mr. H. Selvanathan w.e.f. 31/12/2023)	690
Mr. R. H. Meewakkala (CEO/Director)	-
Mr. D.C.R. Gunawardena	15
Mr. S. Clini	-
Mrs. S. J. F. Evans	-

10 TWENTY MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

#	Name	Total Shares	%
1	CARSON CUMBERBATCH PLC A/C NO. 02	15,726,912	74.93
1	CARSON CUMBERBATCH PLC A/C NO. 01	144,423	0.69
2	GF CAPITAL GLOBAL LIMITED	2,096,858	9.99
3	CARLSBERG A/S	1,676,440	7.99
4	SERENDIP INVESTMENTS LIMITED	644,000	3.07
5	DEUTSCHE BANK AG SINGAPORE A/C 2 (DCS CLT ACC FOR DEUTSCHE BANK AG SINGAPORE- PWMWM CLIENT)	128,833	0.61
6	TRANZ DOMINION,L.L.C.	81,000	0.39
7	MRS. J.K.P. SINGH	31,485	0.15
8	GUINNESS MORISON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	20,953	0.10
9	SAMPATH BANK PLC/MRS.PRIYANI DHARSHINI RATNAGOPAL	13,650	0.07
	MRS. P. D. RATNAGOPAL	212	0.00
10	MISS A. RADHAKRISHNAN	12,239	0.06
11	MISS M.P. RADHAKRISHNAN	10,257	0.05
12	MR. N.J. GAMADIA	8,786	0.04
13	MR. L.R.Y. WAIDYARATNE	8,499	0.04
14	MR. R. MAHESWARAN (DECEASED)	8,134	0.04
15	ADMIN OF A. C. ABDEEN (DECD)	7,725	0.04
16	MRS. M.C. ABEYSEKERA	7,622	0.04
17	MRS. C.S. THENABADU	7,370	0.04
18	MRS. M.L. PAIVA	6,006	0.03
19	MR. N.J.H.M. COORAY	6,000	0.03
20	EST. OF LATE S. MAHADEVA	5,660	0.03

11 PUBLIC HOLDING

The Company is in compliance with the Minimum Public Holding requirements for Companies listed on the Diri Savi Board as per Rule 7.13.1 (i) (b) of the Listing Rules of the Colombo Stock Exchange, under Option 1, i.e. Float-Adjusted Market Capitalization of Rs.1 Billion with 200 Public Shareholders and a Public Holding percentage of 7.5%.

The Company's Public Holding as at 31st December 2023

Market Capitalization of the Public Holding
Percentage of ordinary shares held by the public
Number of Public Shareholders

Rs.6.78 Billion 24.29%

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NOTES TO THE INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

12 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Company carried out transactions in the ordinary course of its business with parties who are defined as related parties in Sri Lanka Accounting Standard LKAS 24 - 'Related Party Disclosures', the details of which are reported below.

12.1 Transactions with related parties/subsidiaries

In Rs.'000s	Comp	any	Group	р
For the period ended 31st December	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
Royalty income	137,364	154,560	-	-
Royalty expenses	-	-	291,868	195,427
Dividend income	2,106,868	1,289,493	-	-
Intercompany interest income	29,478	27,234	-	-
Intercompany interest expense	52,712	41,340	-	-
Beer and spirits sales income	-	-	9,013	4,167
Rent expenses	-	-	3,645	9,362
Support services fees expenses	464	455	701,934	464,919
Other service fee expenses	389	433	85,760	83,796
Outstanding balances				
Amounts due from related companies	115,354	192,041	-	-
Amounts due to related companies	425,049	360,878	93,929	44,998

CEYLON BEVERAGE HOLDINGS PLC Corporate Information

NAME OF THE COMPANY

Ceylon Beverage Holdings PLC (A Carson Cumberbatch Company)

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER

PQ 35

LEGAL FORM

A Public Quoted Company with Limited Liability incorporated in Sri Lanka in 1910 Official listing of the Colombo Stock Exchange was obtained in April 1991

SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

Lion Brewery (Ceylon) PLC Pubs 'N Places (Private) Limited Retail Spaces (Private) Limited Luxury Brands (Private) Limited Millers Brewery Limited Lion Beer (Ceylon) Pte Ltd

PARENT AND CONTROLLING ENTITY

Carson Cumberbatch PLC is the Parent Company of Ceylon Beverage Holdings PLC and Bukit Darah PLC is the Ultimate Parent and Controlling Entity of Ceylon Beverage Holdings PLC.

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BANKERS

Citibank

Commercial Bank Deutsche Bank

DECC Bank

Hatton National Bank

Nations Trust Bank

National Development Bank

Peoples' Bank

Standard Chartered Bank

Sampath Bank

Bank of China Limited

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