



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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Commodities

Gains and losses recognized in the hedging reserve on commodity contracts are recognized in the income statement in the period or periods during which the hedged transaction affects the income statement. If the hedged transaction subsequently results in the recognition of non-financial assets (such as inventory, asset under construction) or non-financial liability, the gain or loss is included in the initial cost or other carrying amount of the asset. In such case, this amount is recognized in profit or loss at the same time as the hedged item affects profit or loss.

LOSS ALLOWANCE ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AND CONTRACT ASSETS

The movement of loss allowance during the year 2024 is summarized as follows:

	Finance lease receivable		Contract assets		Trade receivables		Other financial assets	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Opening loss allowance as at 1 January	(0)	(0)	(1)	(1)	(5)	(2)	(123)	(95)
Increase in loss allowance recognized in profit or loss during the year	(0)	-	(2)	(1)	(1)	(3)	(5)	(28)
Receivables written off during the year as uncollectible	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unused amount reversed	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0
At 31 December	(0)	(0)	(0)	(1)	(4)	(5)	(128)	(123)

FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, market risks (including currency risk, interest rate risk and commodity risk), credit risks and liquidity risk. The Company's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance. The Company uses derivative financial instruments to hedge certain risk exposures. The Company buys and sells derivatives in the ordinary course of business and also incurs financial liabilities in order to manage market risks. All such transactions are carried out within the guidelines set in the Company policy. Generally, the Company seeks to apply hedge accounting in order to manage volatility in the income statement and statement of comprehensive income. The purpose is to manage the interest rate, currency and commodity price risk arising from the Company's operations and its sources of finance. Derivatives are only used to hedge closely correlated underlying business transactions.

The Company's principal financial instruments, other than derivatives, comprise trade debtors and creditors, bank loans, short-term facilities and overdrafts, cash and cash equivalents (including short-term deposits) and financial guarantees. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to finance the Company's operations. Trade debtors and creditors result directly from the business operations of the Company.

Financial risk management is carried out by a central treasury department under policies approved by the Management Board. Treasury identifies, evaluates and hedges financial risks in close co-operation with the subsidiaries and the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) during the quarterly Asset and Liability Committee. The Management Board provides written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, such as foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, use of derivative financial instruments and non-derivative financial instruments, and investment of excess liquidity. It is, and has been throughout the year under review, the Company's policy that no speculation in financial instruments shall be undertaken. The main risks arising from the Company's financial instruments are market risk, liquidity risk and credit risk.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices, will affect the Company's income or the value of its holding of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimizing the return on risk.

Foreign exchange risk

The Company operates internationally and is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from transactional currency exposures, primarily with respect to the euro, Singapore dollar, Chinese Yuan and Brazilian real. The exposure arises from