



**Vhembe District Municipality
Annual financial statements
for the year ended June 30, 2022**

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General Information

Legal form of entity

District Municipality Category C

Nature of business and principal activities

Providing municipal services to communities in a sustainable manner, to promote social and economic development, and to promote a safe and healthy environment.

Grading of the municipality

Four (4)

Municipal Council

Executive Mayor

Speaker

Chief Whip

Councillor DA Nenguda - (Returned)

Councillor TF Nkondo - (Returned)

Councillor RS Ndou- (Term ended 02 12 2021)

Councillor R Ludere - (New 02 12 2021)

Members of the Mayoral Committee

2020/2021 List

1. Councillor TS Mbedzi - (Term ended 02 12 2021)
2. Councillor NC Radamba - (Term ended 02 12 2021)
3. Councillor PJ Chavani - (Term ended 02 12 2021)
4. Councillor MR Magada - (Term ended 02 12 2021)
5. Councillor NR Mathukha - Returned
6. Councillor MS Machethe - Returned
7. Councillor S Magada - (Term ended 02 12 2021)
8. Councillor J Mukwevho - (Term ended 02 12 2021)
9. Councillor MP Temba until May 2021

2021/2022 List

1. Councillor NR Mathukha - Returned
2. Councillor MG Chauke - (New 02 12 2021)
3. Councillor AM Mamedzi - (New 02 12 2021)
4. Councillor ADV. NA Mudunungu (New 02 12 2021)
5. Councillor SM Sinyosi - (New 02 12 2021)
6. Councillor T Mundalamo - (New 02 12 2021)
7. Councillor RG Nkanyane/Machobane - (New 02 12 2021)
8. Councillor T Padelane - (New 02 12 2021)
9. Councillor AS Tshifhango (New 02 12 2021)

2020/2021 List

1. Councillor MJ Mariba (term ended 02 12 2021)
2. Councillor O Netshisaulu (term ended 02 12 2021)
3. Councillor LR Rambuwani (returned)
4. Councillor MP Mathoma (term ended 02 12 2021)
5. Councillor AJ Davhana (Returned)
6. Councillor P Mashau (term ended 02 12 2021)
7. Councillor SE Makhomisane (term ended 02 12 2021)
8. Councillor AJ Masitha (term ended 02 12 2021)
9. Councillor DE Tshishonge (term ended 02 12 2021)
10. Councillor R Raliphada (term ended 02 12 2021)
11. Councillor TS Padelane (returned as MMC)
12. Councillor PE Mawela (term ended 02 12 2021)
13. Councillor NE Ngobeni (term ended 02 12 2021)
14. Councillor FN Madzhiga (term ended 02 12 2021)
15. Councillor LR Maluleke
16. Councillor SC Kwindu (term ended 02 12 2021)
17. Councillor MJ Mpashe (returned)

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18. Councillor MS Tshilambyana (term ended 02 12 2021)
19. Councillor TC Mamafha (term ended 02 12 2021)
20. Councillor MS Matamela returned)
21. Councillor MG Furumele (term ended 02 12 2021)
22. Councillor CE Tshiredo (term ended 02 12 2021)
23. Councillor NL Baloyi (term ended 02 12 2021)
24. Councillor G Tshililo (term ended 02 12 2021)
25. Councillor N Kutama (term ended 02 12 2021)
26. Councillor NJ Matumba (term ended 02 12 2021)
27. Councillor R Ludere (returned as chief whip)
28. Councillor NG Mawela (term ended 02 12 2021)
29. Councillor TG Mokwena (term ended 02 12 2021)
30. Councillor TG Nethengwe (term ended 02 12 2021)
31. Councillor AE Nekhunguni (term ended 02 12 2021)
32. Councillor NM Malume (term ended 02 12 2021)
33. Councillor RL Gadabeni (term ended 02 12 2021)
34. Councillor GN Machobane (term ended 02 12 2021)
35. Councillor TF Chauke (term ended 02 12 2021)
36. Councillor MD Tharaga (term ended 02 12 2021)
37. Councillor W Mabasa (term ended 02 12 2021)
38. Councillor E Madzunya (Returned)
39. Councillor RT Maingo/Makhubele (Term ended 02 12 2021)
40. Councillor TA Maraga (term ended 02 12 2021)
41. Councillor SFL Ndhlovu (Returned)
42. Councillor TA Nelushi (term ended 02 12 2021)
43. Councillor A Nemudzivhadi (Term ended 02 12 2021)
44. Councillor LH Netshipise (Term ended 01 12 2021)
45. Councillor MM Rambau (Term ended 02 12 2021)
46. Councillor HB Ramulifho (returned)
47. Councillor TT Tuwani (Term ended 02 12 2021)

2021/2022 List

1. Councillor FM Begwa (New)
2. Councillor TJ Bila (New)
3. Councillor FT Dau (New)
4. Councillor AJ Davhana (New)
5. Councillor L Davhana (New)
6. Councilor TL Hlabangwani (New)
7. Councillor AV Kotane (New)
8. Councillor HG Mabudu (New)
9. Councillor MC Mabunda (New)
10. Councillor E Madzunya (New)
11. Councillor NG Mahosi (New)
12. Councillor TN Makumbane (New)
13. Councillor M Makwala (New)
14. Councillor MRT Marole (New)
15. Councillor GD Masangu (New)
16. Councillor ML Mathalise (New)
17. Councillor TT Matshomo (New)
18. Councillor C Mhangwani (New)
19. Councillor MJ Mpashe (returned)

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20. Councillor S Muavha (New)
21. Councillor ET Muedi (New)
22. Councillor ME Muhlope (New)
23. Councillor AJ Mukhaha (New)
24. Councillor R Mukhuba (New)
25. Councillor M Mukosi (New)
26. Councillor NJ Mukwevho (New)
27. Councillor R Munyai (New)
28. Councillor M Mulauddzi (New)
29. Councillor HP Mulovhedzi (New)
30. Councillor M Muligwe (New)
31. Councillor A Nekhunguni (New)
32. Councillor K Nemaranzhe (New)
33. Councillor SFL Ndlovu (New)
34. Councillor MJ Nkuna (New)
35. Councillor R Rabambukwa (New)
36. Councillor RG Ramabulana (New)
37. Councillor HB Ramulifho (New)
38. Councillor CM Tshamano (New)
39. Councillor TP Rivombo (New)
40. Councillor M Selapyana (New)
41. Councillor JN Simangwe (New)
42. Councillor IA Tshidavhu (New)
43. Councillor AS Tshifhango (New)
44. Councillor T Yingwani (New)
45. Councillor FJ Rikhotso (New)
46. Councillor MS Machethe (Returned)
47. Councillor MS Matamela (Returned)

Accounting Officer

T. S. Ndou

Chief Finance Officer (CFO)

M. Thangavhuelelo

Registered office

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Thohoyandou
0950

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Bankers

First National Bank

Auditors

Auditor General South Africa

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Audit Committee

Ms. F.S Tshikhudo (CIA)(CRMA) E-MBA BCOMM (HONS) PGD RISK
MAN PGD ACC SCIENCES Chairperson

Mr. T.G Nevhutalu CA(SA) PGD ACCOUNTING BCOMM
ACCOUNTING Member

Mr. F.O Ndou CRM Prac (SA), BAP (SA, GTP (SA) Member (01 June
2021-January 2022) Currently Appointed Chairperson of the Risk
Management Committee

Mr. P. Rambuda CA(SA) BCOMM (HONS) Member

Dr. D. Konar CA(SA) DOCTOR OF COMMERCE MASTER OF
COMMERCE MASTER OF ACCOUNTING PAAg CERTIFIED Member

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Abbreviations used:

AC	Audit Committee
AGSA	Auditor General South Africa International
AO	Accounting Officer
APB	Accounting Practice Board
ASB	Accounting Standard Board
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
DBSA	Development Bank of Southern Africa
DoRA	Division of Revenue Act
EPWP	Extended Public Works Programme
FAR	Fixed Assets Register
FMG	Local Government Financial Management Grant
FNB	First National Bank

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GRAP	Generally Recognised Accounting Practice
IAS	International Accounting Standards
IPSAS	Public Sector Accounting Standards
MFMA	Municipal Finance Management Act
MIG	Municipal Infrastructure Grant
MPAC	Municipal Public Accounts Committee
mSCOA	Municipal Standard Chart of Accounts
NT	National Treasury
PAYE	Pay As You Earn
PTNG	Public Transport Network Grant
RBIG	Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant
RRAMS	Rural Road Asset Management Systems Grant
UIF	Unemployment Insurance Fund
VAT	Value Added Tax
VBS	Venda Building Society
WIP	Work in Progress
WSIG	Water System Improvement Grant

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Accounting Officer's Responsibilities and Approval

The accounting officer is required by the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003), to maintain adequate accounting records and is responsible for the content and integrity of the annual financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is the responsibility of the accounting officer to ensure that the annual financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the municipality as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended.

I am responsible for the preparation of these annual financial statements, which are set out on pages 5 to 71, in terms of Section 126(1) of the Municipal Finance Management Act and which I have signed on behalf of the Municipality. The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP) including any interpretations, guidelines and directives issued by the Accounting Standards Board.

The annual financial statements are based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

I acknowledge that I am ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the municipality and place considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable me to meet these responsibilities, the municipality sets standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or deficit in a cost effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the municipality and all employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the municipality's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach. The focus of risk management in the municipality is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the municipality. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the municipality endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

I am of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the annual financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or deficit.

I have reviewed the municipality's cash flow forecast for the year to June 30, 2023 and, in the light of this review and the current financial position, I am satisfied that the municipality has or has access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The municipality is wholly dependent on the government for continued funding of operations. The annual financial statements are prepared on the basis that the municipality is a going concern and that the municipality has neither the intention nor the need to liquidate or curtail materially the scale of the municipality.

Although the council is primarily responsible for the financial affairs of the municipality, they are supported by the municipality's external auditors.

The external auditors are responsible for independently reviewing and reporting on the municipality's annual financial statements. The annual financial statements have been examined by the municipality's external auditors and their report is presented on page 9-10.

The annual financial statements set out on page 11-81, which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the council on 31 August 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Accounting Officer

TS NDOU

Date: _____

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Accounting Officer's Report

The accounting officer submits her report for the year ended June 30, 2022.

1. Review of activities

Main business and operations

Net surplus of the municipality was R 1,072,513,517 (2021: surplus R 272,531,723).

2. Going concern

We draw attention to the fact that at June 30, 2022, the municipality had an accumulated surplus (deficit) of R 4,341,745,983 and that the municipality's total assets exceed its liabilities by R 4,341,745,983.

The municipality is substantially dependent on the government for continued funding of operations. We draw attention to the fact that at 30 June 2022, the municipality had an accumulated surplus (deficit) of R 418 596 845 and that the municipality's total assets exceed its liabilities by R 466 304 415.

The ability of the municipality to continue as a going concern is dependent on a number of factors. The following factors support going concern assumption:

There is no intention to cease operation and municipal budget for MTERF period is support this.

The municipality has a healthy solvency and liquidity ration.

The municipality continue to achieve net surplus for 2022 and 2021 financial year

There are no material commitments or litigation at balance sheet date that threatens the going concern assumption.

The annual financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies applicable to a going concern. This basis presumes that funds will be available to finance future operations and that the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of business

3. Subsequent events

The accounting officer is not aware of any matter or circumstance arising since the end of the financial year.

4. Accounting Officers' interest in contracts

The accounting officer has no interests in contracts awarded.

5. Accounting policies

The annual financial statements prepared in accordance with the prescribed Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practices (GRAP), including any interpretations of such Statements issued by the Accounting Practices Board, and in accordance with the prescribed Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practices (GRAP) issued by the Accounting Standards Board as the prescribed framework by National Treasury:

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6. Corporate governance

The Council

The Council:

- retains full control over the municipality, its plans and strategy;
- acknowledges its responsibilities as to strategy, compliance with internal policies, external laws and regulations, effective risk management and performance measurement, transparency and effective communication both internally and externally by the municipality;

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Accounting Officer's Report

. Corporate governance (continued)

Audit Committee

The audit committee was established in terms of section 166 of the MFMA . Ms. F.S Tshikhudo was the chairperson of the audit committee for the year under review.

National Treasury policy requires that municipalities should appoint other members of the municipality's audit committees who are not councillors of the municipality onto the audit committee of which the municipality has complied with.

Internal Audit

In terms of section 165 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, each municipality and each municipal entity must have an internal audit unit of which it was in compliance with.

7. Bankers

The municipality has its primary bank account with First National Bank.

8. Auditors

Auditor General South Africa will continue in office for the next financial period.

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Statement of Financial Position as at June 30, 2022

Figures in Rand	Note(s)		Restated*
Assets			
Current Assets			
Inventories	2	37,436,774	43,917,125
Receivables from exchange transactions	3	2,641,612	10,991,943
Receivables from non-exchange transactions	4	11,093,903	-
Statutory receivables- VAT	5	270,921,541	277,135,453
Cash and cash equivalents	8	131,872,853	100,928,864
		453,966,683	432,973,385
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	6	5,502,932,412	5,106,255,101
Intangible assets	7	7,270,181	9,182,978
		5,510,202,593	5,115,438,079
Total Assets		5,964,169,276	5,548,411,464
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Other financial liabilities	10	69,881,800	72,000,000
Payables from exchange transactions	12	444,203,017	316,220,002
Taxes and transfers payable (non-exchange)	13	2,086,000	45,096,952
Consumer deposits	14	4,409,170	4,409,170
Unspent conditional grants and receipts	9	12,962,122	47,999,695
Provisions	11	68,123,712	68,941,365
		601,665,821	554,667,184
Non-Current Liabilities			
Other financial liabilities	10	1,013,153,230	934,733,850
Provisions	11	7,604,242	8,124,820
		1,020,757,472	942,858,670
Total Liabilities		1,622,423,293	1,497,525,854
Net Assets		4,341,745,983	4,050,885,610
Accumulated surplus		4,341,745,983	4,050,885,610
Total Net Assets		4,341,745,983	4,050,885,610

* See Note 40

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Statement of Financial Performance

Figures in Rand	Note(s)		Restated*
Revenue			
Revenue from exchange transactions			
Service charges	15	515,078,064	309,284,653
Rental of facilities and equipment	16	-	298
Sale of goods and rendering of services		976,434	2,889,246
Licence and permits	17	5,945	3,737
Operational revenue	18	1,277,071	545,232
Interest revenue	19	59,041,464	29,019,360
Gain on disposal of assets and liabilities	20	2,029,996	-
Total revenue from exchange transactions		578,408,974	341,742,526
Revenue from non-exchange transactions			
Taxation revenue			
Licences and Permits (Non-exchange)	31	371,517	171,310
Reversal of VBS impairment provision	33	22,146,983	-
Transfer revenue			
Government grants and subsidies	22	1,718,756,825	1,815,730,244
Total revenue from non-exchange transactions		1,741,275,325	1,815,901,554
Total revenue		2,319,684,299	2,157,644,080
Expenditure			
Employee related costs	23	(672,593,084)	(650,725,726)
Remuneration of councillors	35	(13,939,919)	(14,423,276)
Depreciation and amortisation	24	(192,564,684)	(196,236,474)
Impairments loss	25	(602,497,965)	(340,112,938)
Finance costs	26	(93,425)	(141,480)
Lease rentals on operating lease	32	(3,297,931)	-
Contracted services	27	(254,541,370)	(297,657,041)
Transfers and Subsidies	34	(888,396)	-
Loss on disposal of assets and liabilities		-	(13,189,473)
Inventories losses/write-downs		(1,061,073)	-
Inventory consumed	21	(114,202,760)	(109,640,762)
General Expenses	28	(173,154,544)	(156,686,170)
Total expenditure		(2,028,835,151)	(1,778,813,340)
Surplus for the year		290,849,148	378,830,740

* See Note 40

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Figures in Rand	Accumulated surplus / deficit	Total net assets
Opening balance as previously reported	3,433,400,889	3,433,400,889
Adjustments		
Correction of errors - Current assets 40	238,653,981	238,653,981
Balance at July 1, 2020 as restated*	3,672,054,870	3,672,054,870
Changes in net assets		
Surplus for the year	378,830,740	378,830,740
Total changes	378,830,740	378,830,740
Restated* Balance at July 1, 2021	4,050,896,835	4,050,896,835
Changes in net assets		
Surplus for the year	290,849,148	290,849,148
Total changes	290,849,148	290,849,148
Balance at June 30, 2022	4,341,745,983	4,341,745,983
Note(s)		

* See Note 40

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Cash Flow Statement

Figures in Rand	Note(s)	Restated*
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts		
Other receipts		8,844,879 198,347
Sale of goods and services		22,051,886 138,893,111
Grants		1,710,783,446 1,660,366,033
Interest income		10,505,963 13,615,273
		<u>1,752,186,174 1,813,072,764</u>
Payments		
Employee costs		(687,971,158) (665,770,573)
Suppliers		(496,191,785) (714,933,241)
Finance costs		(93,425) (392,729)
Other payments (Taxes & Musina)		(39,746,886) -
		<u>(1,224,003,254) (1,381,096,543)</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities	29	<u>528,182,920 431,976,221</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	6	(595,687,094) (561,367,010)
Withdrawal VBS Investment		22,146,983 -
Purchase of other intangible assets	7	- (675,000)
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>(573,540,111) (562,042,010)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
(Repayment of other financial liabilities)/Addition of other financial liabilities		76,301,180 (36,928,213)
Net cash flows from financing activities		<u>76,301,180 (36,928,213)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		<u>30,943,989 (166,994,002)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		100,928,864 267,922,866
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	8	<u>131,872,853 100,928,864</u>

The accounting policies on pages 16 to 46 and the notes on pages 47 to 84 form an integral part of the annual financial statements.

* See Note 40

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Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts

Budget on Cash Basis

	Approved budget	Adjustments	Final Budget	Actual amounts on comparable basis	Difference between final budget and actual	Reference
Figures in Rand						
Statement of Financial Performance						
Revenue						
Revenue from exchange transactions						
Sale of goods and rendering of services	8,675,000	(5,479,547)	3,195,453	976,434	(2,219,019)	
Service Charges	353,275,000	173,840,541	527,115,541	515,078,064	(12,037,477)	
Licences and permits	455,000	(315,453)	139,547	5,945	(133,602)	
Operational revenue	600,000	42,701,097	43,301,097	1,277,071	(42,024,026)	
Interest received - investment	47,794,000	(6,755,121)	41,038,879	59,041,464	18,002,585	
Total revenue from exchange transactions	410,799,000	203,991,517	614,790,517	576,378,978	(38,411,539)	
Revenue from non-exchange transactions						
Taxation revenue						
Licences and Permits (Non-exchange)	290,000	149,000	439,000	371,517	(67,483)	
Other taxation revenue	-	-	-	22,146,983	22,146,983	
Transfer revenue						
Government grants & subsidies	1,876,075,100	(35,755,300)	1,840,319,800	1,718,756,825	(121,562,975)	
Total revenue from non-exchange transactions	1,876,365,100	(35,606,300)	1,840,758,800	1,741,275,325	(99,483,475)	
Total revenue	2,287,164,100	168,385,217	2,455,549,317	2,317,654,303	(137,895,014)	
Expenditure						
Employee related costs	(680,808,978)	(10,710,632)	(691,519,610)	(672,593,084)	18,926,526	
Remuneration of councillors	(17,682,195)	(625,540)	(18,307,735)	(13,939,919)	4,367,816	
Depreciation and amortisation	(165,827,576)	(7,305,542)	(173,133,118)	(192,564,684)	(19,431,566)	
Impairment loss/ Reversal of impairments	(123,867,953)	-	(123,867,953)	(602,497,965)	(478,630,012)	
Finance costs	(468,394)	263,143	(205,251)	(93,425)	111,826	
Lease rentals on operating lease	(4,800,000)	800,319	(3,999,681)	(3,297,931)	701,750	
Bad debts written off	(15,304,344)	-	(15,304,344)	-	15,304,344	
Contracted Services	(268,185,577)	46,225,273	(221,960,304)	(254,541,370)	(32,581,066)	
Transfers and Subsidies	(600,000)	(300,000)	(900,000)	(888,396)	11,604	
Inventory consumed	(103,916,323)	(1,708,342)	(105,624,665)	(114,202,760)	(8,578,095)	
General Expenses	(178,772,157)	2,530,050	(176,242,107)	(173,154,544)	3,087,563	
Total expenditure	(1,560,233,497)	29,168,729	(1,531,064,768)	(2,027,774,078)	(496,709,310)	
Operating surplus	726,930,603	197,553,946	924,484,549	289,880,225	(634,604,324)	
Inventory write down/NRV	-	-	-	(1,061,073)	(1,061,073)	
Gain on disposal of assets and liabilities	500,000	-	500,000	2,029,996	1,529,996	
	500,000	-	500,000	968,923	468,923	
Surplus before taxation	727,430,603	197,553,946	924,984,549	290,849,148	(634,135,401)	

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Accounting Policies

Figures in Rand	Note(s)
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1. Presentation of Annual Financial Statements

The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Standards of Generally Recognised Accounting Practice (GRAP), issued by the Accounting Standards Board in accordance with Section 122(3) of the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act 56 of 2003).

These annual financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting and are in accordance with historical cost convention as the basis of measurement, unless specified otherwise. They are presented in South African Rand.

A summary of the significant accounting policies, which have been consistently applied in the preparation of these annual financial statements, are disclosed below.

1.1 Presentation currency

These annual financial statements are presented in South African Rand, which is the functional currency of the municipality.

1.2 Going concern assumption

These annual financial statements have been prepared based on the expectation that the municipality will continue to operate as a going concern for at least the next 12 months.

1.3 Significant judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing the annual financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts represented in the annual financial statements and related disclosures. Use of available information and the application of judgement is inherent in the formation of estimates. Actual results in the future could differ from these estimates which may be material to the annual financial statements. Significant judgements include:

Trade receivables

The municipality assesses its trade receivables for impairment at the end of each reporting period. In determining whether an impairment loss should be recorded in surplus or deficit, the municipality makes judgements as to whether there is observable data indicating a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a financial asset.

The impairment for trade receivables is calculated on a portfolio basis, based on historical loss ratios, adjusted for national and industry-specific economic conditions and other indicators present at the reporting date that correlate with defaults on the portfolio. These annual loss ratios are applied to loan balances in the portfolio and scaled to the estimated loss emergence period.

Allowance for slow moving, damaged and obsolete stock

An allowance for stock to write stock down to the lower of cost or net realisable value. Management have made estimates of the selling price and direct cost to sell on certain inventory items. The write down is included in the operation surplus note.

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1.3 Significant judgements and sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)

Impairment testing

The recoverable amounts of cash-generating units and individual assets have been determined based on the higher of value-in-use calculations and fair values less costs to sell. These calculations require the use of estimates and assumptions.

Value in use of cash generating assets.

The municipality reviews and tests the carrying value of assets when events or changes in circumstances suggest that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. In addition, goodwill is tested on an annual basis for impairment. Assets are grouped at the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows are largely independent of cash flows of other assets and liabilities. If there are indications that impairment may have occurred, estimates are prepared of expected future cash flows for each group of assets. Expected future cash flows used to determine the value in use of goodwill and tangible assets are inherently uncertain and could materially change over time. They are significantly affected by a number of factors, together with economic factors such as inflation and interest.

Value in use of non- cash generating assets.

The municipality reviews and tests the carrying value of assets when events or changes in circumstances suggest that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. If there are indications that impairment may have occurred, the remaining service potential of the asset is determined. The most appropriate approach selected to determine the remaining service potential is dependant on the availability of data and the nature of the impairment

Provisions

Provisions were raised and management determined an estimate based on the information available. Additional disclosure of these estimates of provisions are included in note 11 - Provisions.

Effective interest rate

The municipality used the prime interest rate to discount future cash flows.

Allowance for doubtful debts

On receivables, an impairment loss is recognised in surplus and deficit when there is objective evidence that it is impaired. The impairment is measured as the difference between the debtors carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate, computed at initial recognition. The recoverability percentage on receivables is calculated annual per receivables category.

Useful lives of waste and water network and other assets

The municipality's management determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation charges for the waste water and water networks. This estimate is based on industry norm. Management will increase the depreciation charge where useful lives are less than previously estimated useful lives.

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1.4 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are tangible non-current assets (including infrastructure assets) that are held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, rental to others, or for administrative purposes, and are expected to be used during more than one period.

The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised as an asset when:

- it is probable that future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the municipality; and
- the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Property, plant and equipment is initially measured at cost.

The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment is the purchase price and other costs attributable to bring the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Trade discounts and rebates are deducted in arriving at the cost.

Where an asset is acquired through a non-exchange transaction, its cost is its fair value as at date of acquisition.

Where an item of property, plant and equipment is acquired in exchange for a non-monetary asset or monetary assets, or a combination of monetary and non-monetary assets, the asset acquired is initially measured at fair value (the cost). If the acquired item's fair value was not determinable, it's deemed cost is the carrying amount of the asset(s) given up.

When significant components of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

Costs include costs incurred initially to acquire or construct an item of property, plant and equipment and costs incurred subsequently to add to, replace part of, or service it. If a replacement cost is recognised in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment, the carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised.

The initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located is also included in the cost of property, plant and equipment, where the entity is obligated to incur such expenditure, and where the obligation arises as a result of acquiring the asset or using it for purposes other than the production of inventories.

Recognition of costs in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment ceases when the item is in the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Items such as spare parts, standby equipment and servicing equipment are recognised when they meet the definition of property, plant and equipment.

Major inspection costs which are a condition of continuing use of an item of property, plant and equipment and which meet the recognition criteria above are included as a replacement in the cost of the item of property, plant and equipment. Any remaining inspection costs from the previous inspection are derecognised.

Property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

Property, plant and equipment is carried at revalued amount, being the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Revaluations are made with sufficient regularity such that the carrying amount does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair value at the end of the reporting period.

When an item of property, plant and equipment is revalued, any accumulated depreciation at the date of the revaluation is restated proportionately with the change in the gross carrying amount of the asset so that the carrying amount of the asset after revaluation equals its revalued amount.

When an item of property, plant and equipment is revalued, any accumulated depreciation at the date of the revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Any increase in an asset's carrying amount, as a result of a revaluation, is credited directly to a revaluation surplus. The increase is recognised in surplus or deficit to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in surplus or deficit.

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1.4 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Any decrease in an asset's carrying amount, as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in surplus or deficit in the current period. The decrease is debited directly to a revaluation surplus to the extent of any credit balance existing in the revaluation surplus in respect of that asset.

The revaluation surplus in equity related to a specific item of property, plant and equipment is transferred directly to retained earnings when the asset is derecognised.

The revaluation surplus in equity related to a specific item of property, plant and equipment is transferred directly to retained earnings as the asset is used. The amount transferred is equal to the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount and depreciation based on the original cost of the asset.

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated on the straight line basis over their expected useful lives to their estimated residual value.

The useful lives of items of property, plant and equipment have been assessed as follows:

Item	Depreciation method	Average useful life
Land	Straight line	indefinite
Buildings	Straight line	65 years
Plant and machinery	Straight line	5-21 years
Furniture and fixtures	Straight line	3-26 years
Transport assets	Straight line	4-40 years
Office equipment	Straight line	2-30 years
Computer equipment	Straight line	2-12 years
Infrastructure	Straight line	5-80 years
Community assets	Straight line	30 years
Other property, plant and equipment	Straight line	3-27 years

The depreciable amount of an asset is allocated on a systematic basis over its useful life.

Each part of an item of property, plant and equipment with a cost that is significant in relation to the total cost of the item is depreciated separately.

The depreciation method used reflects the pattern in which the asset's future economic benefits or service potential are expected to be consumed by the municipality. The depreciation method applied to an asset is reviewed at least at each reporting date and, if there has been a significant change in the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits or service potential embodied in the asset, the method is changed to reflect the changed pattern. Such a change is accounted for as a change in an accounting estimate.

The municipality assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that the municipality expectations about the residual value and the useful life of an asset have changed since the preceding reporting date. If any such indication exists, the municipality revises the expected useful life and/or residual value accordingly. The change is accounted for as a change in an accounting estimate.

The depreciation charge for each period is recognised in surplus or deficit unless it is included in the carrying amount of another asset.

Items of property, plant and equipment are derecognised when the asset is disposed of or when there are no further economic benefits or service potential expected from the use of the asset.

The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of property, plant and equipment is included in surplus or deficit when the item is derecognised. The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds, if any, and the carrying amount of the item.

Assets which the municipality holds for rentals to others and subsequently routinely sell as part of the ordinary course of activities, are transferred to inventories when the rentals end and the assets are available-for-sale. Proceeds from sales of these assets are recognised as revenue. All cash flows on these assets are included in cash flows from operating activities in the cash flow statement.

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1.4 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

The municipality separately discloses expenditure to repair and maintain property, plant and equipment in the notes to the financial statements (see note).

The municipality discloses relevant information relating to assets under construction or development, in the notes to the financial statements (see note).

1.5 Intangible assets

An asset is identifiable if it either:

- is separable, i.e. is capable of being separated or divided from an entity and sold, transferred, licensed, rented or exchanged, either individually or together with a related contract, identifiable assets or liability, regardless of whether the entity intends to do so; or
- arises from binding arrangements (including rights from contracts), regardless of whether those rights are transferable or separable from the municipality or from other rights and obligations.

A binding arrangement describes an arrangement that confers similar rights and obligations on the parties to it as if it were in the form of a contract.

An intangible asset is recognised when:

- it is probable that the expected future economic benefits or service potential that are attributable to the asset will flow to the municipality; and
- the cost or fair value of the asset can be measured reliably.

The municipality assesses the probability of expected future economic benefits or service potential using reasonable and supportable assumptions that represent management's best estimate of the set of economic conditions that will exist over the useful life of the asset.

Where an intangible asset is acquired through a non-exchange transaction, its initial cost at the date of acquisition is measured at its fair value as at that date.

Expenditure on research (or on the research phase of an internal project) is recognised as an expense when it is incurred.

An intangible asset arising from development (or from the development phase of an internal project) is recognised when:

- it is technically feasible to complete the asset so that it will be available for use or sale.
- there is an intention to complete and use or sell it.
- there is an ability to use or sell it.
- it will generate probable future economic benefits or service potential.
- there are available technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the asset.
- the expenditure attributable to the asset during its development can be measured reliably.

After initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at revalued amount, being fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated amortisation and any subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Revaluations are made with sufficient regularity such that at the reporting date the carrying amount of the asset does not differ materially from its fair value.

Any increase in the carrying amount of an intangible asset, as a result of a revaluation, is credited directly to a revaluation surplus. The increase is recognised in surplus or deficit to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in surplus or deficit.

Any decrease in the carrying amount of an intangible asset, as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in surplus or deficit in the current period. The decrease is debited to a revaluation surplus to the extent of any credit balance existing in the revaluation surplus in respect of that asset.

An intangible asset is regarded as having an indefinite useful life when, based on all relevant factors, there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which the asset is expected to generate net cash inflows or service potential. Amortisation is not provided for these intangible assets, but they are tested for impairment annually and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired. For all other intangible assets amortisation is provided on a straight line basis over their useful life.

The amortisation period and the amortisation method for intangible assets are reviewed at each reporting date.

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1.5 Intangible assets (continued)

Reassessing the useful life of an intangible asset with a finite useful life after it was classified as indefinite is an indicator that the asset may be impaired. As a result the asset is tested for impairment and the remaining carrying amount is amortised over its useful life.

Internally generated brands, mastheads, publishing titles, customer lists and items similar in substance are not recognised as intangible assets.

Internally generated goodwill is not recognised as an intangible asset.

Amortisation is provided to write down the intangible assets, on a straight line basis, to their residual values as follows:

Item	Useful life
Computer software, other	3-20 years

1.6 Financial instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or a residual interest of another entity.

The amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount, and minus any reduction (directly or through the use of an allowance account) for impairment or uncollectibility.

A concessionary loan is a loan granted to or received by an entity on terms that are not market related.

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

Derecognition is the removal of a previously recognised financial asset or financial liability from an entity's statement of financial position.

A derivative is a financial instrument or other contract with all three of the following characteristics:

- Its value changes in response to the change in a specified interest rate, financial instrument price, commodity price, foreign exchange rate, index of prices or rates, credit rating or credit index, or other variable, provided in the case of a non-financial variable that the variable is not specific to a party to the contract (sometimes called the 'underlying').
- It requires no initial net investment or an initial net investment that is smaller than would be required for other types of contracts that would be expected to have a similar response to changes in market factors.
- It is settled at a future date.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or a financial liability (or group of financial assets or financial liabilities) and of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, an entity shall estimate cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument (for example, prepayment, call and similar options) but shall not consider future credit losses. The calculation includes all fees and points paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate (see the Standard of GRAP on Revenue from Exchange Transactions), transaction costs, and all other premiums or discounts. There is a presumption that the cash flows and the expected life of a group of similar financial instruments can be estimated reliably. However, in those rare cases when it is not possible to reliably estimate the cash flows or the expected life of a financial instrument (or group of financial instruments), the entity shall use the contractual cash flows over the full contractual term of the financial instrument (or group of financial instruments).

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

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1.6 Financial instruments (continued)

A financial asset is:

- cash;
- a residual interest of another entity; or
- a contractual right to:
 - receive cash or another financial asset from another entity; or
 - exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another entity under conditions that are potentially favourable to the entity.

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the original or modified terms of a debt instrument.

A financial liability is any liability that is a contractual obligation to:

- deliver cash or another financial asset to another entity; or
- exchange financial assets or financial liabilities under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the entity.

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

Liquidity risk is the risk encountered by an entity in the event of difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

A financial asset is past due when a counterparty has failed to make a payment when contractually due.

A residual interest is any contract that manifests an interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. A residual interest includes contributions from owners, which may be shown as:

- equity instruments or similar forms of unutilised capital;
- a formal designation of a transfer of resources (or a class of such transfers) by the parties to the transaction as forming part of an entity's net assets, either before the contribution occurs or at the time of the contribution; or
- a formal agreement, in relation to the contribution, establishing or increasing an existing financial interest in the net assets of an entity.

Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of a financial asset or financial liability. An incremental cost is one that would not have been incurred if the entity had not acquired, issued or disposed of the financial instrument.

Financial instruments at amortised cost are non-derivative financial assets or non-derivative financial liabilities that have fixed or determinable payments, excluding those instruments that:

- the entity designates at fair value at initial recognition; or
- are held for trading.

Financial instruments at cost are investments in residual interests that do not have a quoted market price in an active market, and whose fair value cannot be reliably measured.

Financial instruments at fair value comprise financial assets or financial liabilities that are:

- derivatives;
- combined instruments that are designated at fair value;

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1.6 Financial instruments (continued)

- instruments held for trading. A financial instrument is held for trading if:
 - it is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near-term; or
 - on initial recognition it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short term profit-taking;
 - non-derivative financial assets or financial liabilities with fixed or determinable payments that are designated at fair value at initial recognition; and
 - financial instruments that do not meet the definition of financial instruments at amortised cost or financial instruments at cost.

Classification

The entity has the following types of financial assets (classes and category) as reflected on the face of the statement of financial position or in the notes thereto:

Class

Receivables from exchange transactions
Receivables from non-exchange transactions
Cash and cash equivalents

Category

Financial asset measured at amortised cost
Financial asset measured at amortised cost
Financial asset measured at amortised cost

The entity has the following types of financial liabilities (classes and category) as reflected on the face of the statement of financial position or in the notes thereto:

Class

Payable from exchange transactions
Finance lease obligation

Category

Financial liability measured at amortised cost
Financial liability measured at amortised cost

Initial recognition

The entity recognises a financial asset or a financial liability in its statement of financial position when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

The entity recognises financial assets using trade date accounting.

Initial measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities

The entity measures a financial asset and financial liability initially at its fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability.

The entity measures a financial asset and financial liability initially at its fair value [if subsequently measured at fair value].

The entity first assesses whether the substance of a concessionary loan is in fact a loan. On initial recognition, the entity analyses a concessionary loan into its component parts and accounts for each component separately. The entity accounts for that part of a concessionary loan that is:

- a social benefit in accordance with the Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements, where it is the issuer of the loan; or
- non-exchange revenue, in accordance with the Standard of GRAP on Revenue from Non-exchange Transactions (Taxes and Transfers), where it is the recipient of the loan.

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1.6 Financial instruments (continued)

Subsequent measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities

The entity measures all financial assets and financial liabilities after initial recognition using the following categories:

- Financial instruments at fair value.
- Financial instruments at amortised cost.
- Financial instruments at cost.

All financial assets measured at amortised cost, or cost, are subject to an impairment review.

Reclassification

The entity does not reclassify a financial instrument while it is issued or held unless it is:

- combined instrument that is required to be measured at fair value; or
- an investment in a residual interest that meets the requirements for reclassification.

Where the entity cannot reliably measure the fair value of an embedded derivative that has been separated from a host contract that is a financial instrument at a subsequent reporting date, it measures the combined instrument at fair value. This requires a reclassification of the instrument from amortised cost or cost to fair value.

If fair value can no longer be measured reliably for an investment in a residual interest measured at fair value, the entity reclassifies the investment from fair value to cost. The carrying amount at the date that fair value is no longer available becomes the cost.

If a reliable measure becomes available for an investment in a residual interest for which a measure was previously not available, and the instrument would have been required to be measured at fair value, the entity reclassifies the instrument from cost to fair value.

Gains and losses

A gain or loss arising from a change in the fair value of a financial asset or financial liability measured at fair value is recognised in surplus or deficit.

For financial assets and financial liabilities measured at amortised cost or cost, a gain or loss is recognised in surplus or deficit when the financial asset or financial liability is derecognised or impaired, or through the amortisation process.

Impairment and uncollectibility of financial assets

The entity assess at the end of each reporting period whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

Financial assets measured at amortised cost:

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on financial assets measured at amortised cost has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced directly or through the use of an allowance account. The amount of the loss is recognised in surplus or deficit.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed directly OR by adjusting an allowance account. The reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised at the date the impairment is reversed. The amount of the reversal is recognised in surplus or deficit.

Financial assets measured at cost:

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred on an investment in a residual interest that is not measured at fair value because its fair value cannot be measured reliably, the amount of the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount of the financial asset and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset. Such impairment losses are not reversed.

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1.6 Financial instruments (continued)

Derecognition

Financial assets

The entity derecognises financial assets using trade date accounting.

The entity derecognises a financial asset only when:

- the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, are settled or waived;
- the entity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset; or
- the entity, despite having retained some significant risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, has transferred control of the asset to another party and the other party has the practical ability to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party, and is able to exercise that ability unilaterally and without needing to impose additional restrictions on the transfer. In this case, the entity :
 - derecognise the asset; and
 - recognise separately any rights and obligations created or retained in the transfer.

The carrying amounts of the transferred asset are allocated between the rights or obligations retained and those transferred on the basis of their relative fair values at the transfer date. Newly created rights and obligations are measured at their fair values at that date. Any difference between the consideration received and the amounts recognised and derecognised is recognised in surplus or deficit in the period of the transfer.

If the entity transfers a financial asset in a transfer that qualifies for derecognition in its entirety and retains the right to service the financial asset for a fee, it recognise either a servicing asset or a servicing liability for that servicing contract. If the fee to be received is not expected to compensate the entity adequately for performing the servicing, a servicing liability for the servicing obligation is recognised at its fair value. If the fee to be received is expected to be more than adequate compensation for the servicing, a servicing asset is recognised for the servicing right at an amount determined on the basis of an allocation of the carrying amount of the larger financial asset.

If, as a result of a transfer, a financial asset is derecognised in its entirety but the transfer results in the entity obtaining a new financial asset or assuming a new financial liability, or a servicing liability, the entity recognise the new financial asset, financial liability or servicing liability at fair value.

On derecognition of a financial asset in its entirety, the difference between the carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received is recognised in surplus or deficit.

If the transferred asset is part of a larger financial asset and the part transferred qualifies for derecognition in its entirety, the previous carrying amount of the larger financial asset is allocated between the part that continues to be recognised and the part that is derecognised, based on the relative fair values of those parts, on the date of the transfer. For this purpose, a retained servicing asset is treated as a part that continues to be recognised. The difference between the carrying amount allocated to the part derecognised and the sum of the consideration received for the part derecognised is recognised in surplus or deficit.

If a transfer does not result in derecognition because the entity has retained substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the transferred asset, the entity continue to recognise the transferred asset in its entirety and recognise a financial liability for the consideration received. In subsequent periods, the entity recognises any revenue on the transferred asset and any expense incurred on the financial liability. Neither the asset, and the associated liability nor the revenue, and the associated expenses are offset.

Financial liabilities

The entity removes a financial liability (or a part of a financial liability) from its statement of financial position when it is extinguished — i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled, expires or waived.

An exchange between an existing borrower and lender of debt instruments with substantially different terms is accounted for as having extinguished the original financial liability and a new financial liability is recognised. Similarly, a substantial modification of the terms of an existing financial liability or a part of it is accounted for as having extinguished the original financial liability and having recognised a new financial liability.

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1.6 Financial instruments (continued)

The difference between the carrying amount of a financial liability (or part of a financial liability) extinguished or transferred to another party and the consideration paid, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognised in surplus or deficit. Any liabilities that are waived, forgiven or assumed by another entity by way of a non-exchange transaction are accounted for in accordance with the Standard of GRAP on Revenue from Non-exchange Transactions (Taxes and Transfers).

1.7 Statutory receivables

Identification

Statutory receivables are receivables that arise from legislation, supporting regulations, or similar means, and require settlement by another entity in cash or another financial asset.

Recognition

The municipality recognises statutory receivables as follows:

- if the transaction is a non-exchange transaction, using the policy on Revenue from non-exchange transactions (Taxes and transfers); or;

Initial measurement

The municipality measures statutory receivables after initial recognition using the cost method. Under the cost method, the initial measurement of the receivable is changed subsequent to initial recognition to reflect any:

- interest or other charges that may have accrued on the receivable (where applicable);
- impairment losses; and
- amounts derecognised.

Subsequent measurement

The municipality measures statutory receivables after initial recognition using the cost method. Under the cost method, the initial measurement of the receivable is changed subsequent to initial recognition to reflect any:

- impairment losses; and
- amounts derecognised.

Impairment losses

The municipality assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that a statutory receivable, or a group of statutory receivables, may be impaired.

If there is an indication that a statutory receivable, or a group of statutory receivables, may be impaired, the municipality measures the impairment loss as the difference between the estimated future cash flows and the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount is higher than the estimated future cash flows, the carrying amount of the statutory receivable, or group of statutory receivables, is reduced, either directly or through the use of an allowance account.

The amount of the losses is recognised in surplus or deficit.

Any previously recognised impairment loss is adjusted either directly or by adjusting the allowance account. The adjustment does not result in the carrying amount of the statutory receivable or group of statutory receivables exceeding what the carrying amount of the receivable(s) would have been had the impairment loss not been recognised at the date the impairment is revised. The amount of any adjustment is recognised in surplus or deficit.

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1.7 Statutory receivables (continued)

1.8 Leases

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. A lease is classified as an operating lease if it does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership.

When a lease includes both land and buildings elements, the entity assesses the classification of each element separately.

Finance leases - lessor

The municipality recognises finance lease receivables as assets on the statement of financial position. Such assets are presented as a receivable at an amount equal to the net investment in the lease.

Finance revenue is recognised based on a pattern reflecting a constant periodic rate of return on the municipality's net investment in the finance lease.

Finance leases - lessee

Finance leases are recognised as assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the statement of financial position as a finance lease obligation.

The discount rate used in calculating the present value of the minimum lease payments is the municipality's incremental borrowing rate.

Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and reduction of the outstanding liability. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of on the remaining balance of the liability.

Any contingent rents are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Operating leases - lessee

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The difference between the amounts recognised as an expense and the contractual payments are recognised as an operating lease asset or liability.

1.9 Inventories

Inventories are initially measured at cost except where inventories are acquired through a non-exchange transaction, then their costs are their fair value as at the date of acquisition.

Subsequently inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and current replacement cost where they are held for;

- distribution at no charge or for a nominal charge; or
- consumption in the production process of goods to be distributed at no charge or for a nominal charge.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of operations less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale, exchange or distribution.

Current replacement cost is the cost the municipality incurs to acquire the asset on the reporting date.

The cost of inventories comprises of all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

The cost of inventories of items that are not ordinarily interchangeable and goods or services produced and segregated for specific projects is assigned using specific identification of the individual costs.

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1.9 Inventories (continued)

The cost of inventories is assigned using the weighted average cost formula. The same cost formula is used for all inventories having a similar nature and use to the municipality.

When inventories are sold, the carrying amounts of those inventories are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised. If there is no related revenue, the expenses are recognised when the goods are distributed, or related services are rendered. The amount of any write-down of inventories to net realisable value or current replacement cost and all losses of inventories are recognised as an expense in the period the write-down or loss occurs. The amount of any reversal of any write-down of inventories, arising from an increase in net realisable value or current replacement cost, are recognised as a reduction in the amount of inventories recognised as an expense in the period in which the reversal occurs.

1.10 Impairment of cash-generating assets

Cash-generating assets are assets used with the objective of generating a commercial return. Commercial return means that positive cash flows are expected to be significantly higher than the cost of the asset.

Impairment is a loss in the future economic benefits or service potential of an asset, over and above the systematic recognition of the loss of the asset's future economic benefits or service potential through depreciation (amortisation).

Carrying amount is the amount at which an asset is recognised in the statement of financial position after deducting any accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses thereon.

A cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets used with the objective of generating a commercial return that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

Costs of disposal are incremental costs directly attributable to the disposal of an asset, excluding finance costs and income tax expense.

Depreciation (Amortisation) is the systematic allocation of the depreciable amount of an asset over its useful life.

Fair value less costs to sell is the amount obtainable from the sale of an asset in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties, less the costs of disposal.

Recoverable amount of an asset or a cash-generating unit is the higher its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Useful life is either:

- the period of time over which an asset is expected to be used by the municipality; or
- the number of production or similar units expected to be obtained from the asset by the municipality.

Judgements made by management in applying the criteria to designate assets as cash-generating assets or non-cash-generating assets, are as follows:

Identification

When the carrying amount of a cash-generating asset exceeds its recoverable amount, it is impaired.

The municipality assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that a cash-generating asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the municipality estimates the recoverable amount of the asset.

Irrespective of whether there is any indication of impairment, the municipality also test a cash-generating intangible asset with an indefinite useful life or a cash-generating intangible asset not yet available for use for impairment annually by comparing its carrying amount with its recoverable amount. This impairment test is performed at the same time every year. If an intangible asset was initially recognised during the current reporting period, that intangible asset was tested for impairment before the end of the current reporting period.

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1.10 Impairment of cash-generating assets (continued)

Value in use

Value in use of a cash-generating asset is the present value of the estimated future cash flows expected to be derived from the continuing use of an asset and from its disposal at the end of its useful life.

When estimating the value in use of an asset, the municipality estimates the future cash inflows and outflows to be derived from continuing use of the asset and from its ultimate disposal and the municipality applies the appropriate discount rate to those future cash flows.

Basis for estimates of future cash flows

In measuring value in use the municipality:

- base cash flow projections on reasonable and supportable assumptions that represent management's best estimate of the range of economic conditions that will exist over the remaining useful life of the asset. Greater weight is given to external evidence;
- base cash flow projections on the most recent approved financial budgets/forecasts, but excludes any estimated future cash inflows or outflows expected to arise from future restructuring's or from improving or enhancing the asset's performance. Projections based on these budgets/forecasts covers a maximum period of five years, unless a longer period can be justified; and
- estimate cash flow projections beyond the period covered by the most recent budgets/forecasts by extrapolating the projections based on the budgets/forecasts using a steady or declining growth rate for subsequent years, unless an increasing rate can be justified. This growth rate does not exceed the long-term average growth rate for the products, industries, or country or countries in which the entity operates, or for the market in which the asset is used, unless a higher rate can be justified.

Composition of estimates of future cash flows

Estimates of future cash flows include:

- projections of cash inflows from the continuing use of the asset;
- projections of cash outflows that are necessarily incurred to generate the cash inflows from continuing use of the asset (including cash outflows to prepare the asset for use) and can be directly attributed, or allocated on a reasonable and consistent basis, to the asset; and
- net cash flows, if any, to be received (or paid) for the disposal of the asset at the end of its useful life.

Estimates of future cash flows exclude:

- cash inflows or outflows from financing activities; and
- income tax receipts or payments.

The estimate of net cash flows to be received (or paid) for the disposal of an asset at the end of its useful life is the amount that the municipality expects to obtain from the disposal of the asset in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties, after deducting the estimated costs of disposal.

Discount rate

The discount rate is a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money, represented by the current risk-free rate of interest and the risks specific to the asset for which the future cash flow estimates have not been adjusted.

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1.10 Impairment of cash-generating assets (continued)

Recognition and measurement (individual asset)

If the recoverable amount of a cash-generating asset is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. This reduction is an impairment loss.

An impairment loss is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit.

Any impairment loss of a revalued cash-generating asset is treated as a revaluation decrease.

When the amount estimated for an impairment loss is greater than the carrying amount of the cash-generating asset to which it relates, the municipality recognises a liability only to the extent that is a requirement in the Standard of GRAP.

After the recognition of an impairment loss, the depreciation (amortisation) charge for the cash-generating asset is adjusted in future periods to allocate the cash-generating asset's revised carrying amount, less its residual value (if any), on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

Cash-generating units

If there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the recoverable amount is estimated for the individual asset. If it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of the individual asset, the municipality determines the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs (the asset's cash-generating unit).

If an active market exists for the output produced by an asset or group of assets, that asset or group of assets is identified as a cash-generating unit, even if some or all of the output is used internally. If the cash inflows generated by any asset or cash-generating unit are affected by internal transfer pricing, the municipality use management's best estimate of future price(s) that could be achieved in arm's length transactions in estimating:

- the future cash inflows used to determine the asset's or cash-generating unit's value in use; and
- the future cash outflows used to determine the value in use of any other assets or cash-generating units that are affected by the internal transfer pricing.

Cash-generating units are identified consistently from period to period for the same asset or types of assets, unless a change is justified.

The carrying amount of a cash-generating unit is determined on a basis consistent with the way the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is determined.

An impairment loss is recognised for a cash-generating unit if the recoverable amount of the unit is less than the carrying amount of the unit. The impairment is allocated to reduce the carrying amount of the cash-generating assets of the unit on a pro rata basis, based on the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. These reductions in carrying amounts are treated as impairment losses on individual assets.

In allocating an impairment loss, the entity does not reduce the carrying amount of an asset below the highest of:

- its fair value less costs to sell (if determinable);
- its value in use (if determinable); and
- zero.

The amount of the impairment loss that would otherwise have been allocated to the asset is allocated pro rata to the other cash-generating assets of the unit.

Where a non-cash-generating asset contributes to a cash-generating unit, a proportion of the carrying amount of that non-cash-generating asset is allocated to the carrying amount of the cash-generating unit prior to estimation of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit.

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1.10 Impairment of cash-generating assets (continued)

Reversal of impairment loss

The municipality assess at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognised in prior periods for a cash-generating asset may no longer exist or may have decreased. If any such indication exists, the entity estimates the recoverable amount of that asset.

An impairment loss recognised in prior periods for a cash-generating asset is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount. The increase is a reversal of an impairment loss. The increased carrying amount of an asset attributable to a reversal of an impairment loss does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of depreciation or amortisation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior periods.

A reversal of an impairment loss for a cash-generating asset is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit.

Any reversal of an impairment loss of a revalued cash-generating asset is treated as a revaluation increase.

After a reversal of an impairment loss is recognised, the depreciation (amortisation) charge for the cash-generating asset is adjusted in future periods to allocate the cash-generating asset's revised carrying amount, less its residual value (if any), on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

A reversal of an impairment loss for a cash-generating unit is allocated to the cash-generating assets of the unit pro rata with the carrying amounts of those assets. These increases in carrying amounts are treated as reversals of impairment losses for individual assets. No part of the amount of such a reversal is allocated to a non-cash-generating asset contributing service potential to a cash-generating unit.

In allocating a reversal of an impairment loss for a cash-generating unit, the carrying amount of an asset is not increased above the lower of:

- its recoverable amount (if determinable); and
- the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of amortisation or depreciation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior periods.

The amount of the reversal of the impairment loss that would otherwise have been allocated to the asset is allocated pro rata to the other assets of the unit.

Redesignation

The redesignation of assets from a cash-generating asset to a non-cash-generating asset or from a non-cash-generating asset to a cash-generating asset only occur when there is clear evidence that such a redesignation is appropriate.

1.11 Impairment of non-cash-generating assets

Cash-generating assets are assets used with the objective of generating a commercial return. Commercial return means that positive cash flows are expected to be significantly higher than the cost of the asset.

Non-cash-generating assets are assets other than cash-generating assets.

Impairment is a loss in the future economic benefits or service potential of an asset, over and above the systematic recognition of the loss of the asset's future economic benefits or service potential through depreciation (amortisation).

Carrying amount is the amount at which an asset is recognised in the statement of financial position after deducting any accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses thereon.

A cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets managed with the objective of generating a commercial return that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

Costs of disposal are incremental costs directly attributable to the disposal of an asset, excluding finance costs and income tax expense.

Depreciation (Amortisation) is the systematic allocation of the depreciable amount of an asset over its useful life.

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1.11 Impairment of non-cash-generating assets (continued)

Fair value less costs to sell is the amount obtainable from the sale of an asset in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties, less the costs of disposal.

Recoverable service amount is the higher of a non-cash-generating asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Useful life is either:

- the period of time over which an asset is expected to be used by the municipality; or
- the number of production or similar units expected to be obtained from the asset by the municipality.

Identification

When the carrying amount of a non-cash-generating asset exceeds its recoverable service amount, it is impaired.

The municipality assesses at each reporting date whether there is any indication that a non-cash-generating asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, the municipality estimates the recoverable service amount of the asset.

Irrespective of whether there is any indication of impairment, the entity also test a non-cash-generating intangible asset with an indefinite useful life or a non-cash-generating intangible asset not yet available for use for impairment annually by comparing its carrying amount with its recoverable service amount. This impairment test is performed at the same time every year. If an intangible asset was initially recognised during the current reporting period, that intangible asset was tested for impairment before the end of the current reporting period.

Value in use

Value in use of non-cash-generating assets is the present value of the non-cash-generating assets remaining service potential.

The present value of the remaining service potential of a non-cash-generating assets is determined using the following approach:

Depreciated replacement cost approach

The present value of the remaining service potential of a non-cash-generating asset is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of the asset. The replacement cost of an asset is the cost to replace the asset's gross service potential. This cost is depreciated to reflect the asset in its used condition. An asset may be replaced either through reproduction (replication) of the existing asset or through replacement of its gross service potential. The depreciated replacement cost is measured as the current reproduction or replacement cost of the asset, whichever is lower, less accumulated depreciation calculated on the basis of such cost, to reflect the already consumed or expired service potential of the asset.

The replacement cost and reproduction cost of an asset is determined on an "optimised" basis. The rationale is that the municipality would not replace or reproduce the asset with a like asset if the asset to be replaced or reproduced is an overdesigned or overcapacity asset. Overdesigned assets contain features which are unnecessary for the goods or services the asset provides. Overcapacity assets are assets that have a greater capacity than is necessary to meet the demand for goods or services the asset provides. The determination of the replacement cost or reproduction cost of an asset on an optimised basis thus reflects the service potential required of the asset.

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1.11 Impairment of non-cash-generating assets (continued)

Recognition and measurement

If the recoverable service amount of a non-cash-generating asset is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable service amount. This reduction is an impairment loss.

An impairment loss is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit.

Any impairment loss of a revalued non-cash-generating asset is treated as a revaluation decrease.

When the amount estimated for an impairment loss is greater than the carrying amount of the non-cash-generating asset to which it relates, the municipality recognises a liability only to the extent that is a requirement in the Standards of GRAP.

After the recognition of an impairment loss, the depreciation (amortisation) charge for the non-cash-generating asset is adjusted in future periods to allocate the non-cash-generating asset's revised carrying amount, less its residual value (if any), on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

Reversal of an impairment loss

The municipality assess at each reporting date whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognised in prior periods for a non-cash-generating asset may no longer exist or may have decreased. If any such indication exists, the municipality estimates the recoverable service amount of that asset.

An impairment loss recognised in prior periods for a non-cash-generating asset is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable service amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable service amount. The increase is a reversal of an impairment loss. The increased carrying amount of an asset attributable to a reversal of an impairment loss does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of depreciation or amortisation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior periods.

A reversal of an impairment loss for a non-cash-generating asset is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit.

Any reversal of an impairment loss of a revalued non-cash-generating asset is treated as a revaluation increase.

After a reversal of an impairment loss is recognised, the depreciation (amortisation) charge for the non-cash-generating asset is adjusted in future periods to allocate the non-cash-generating asset's revised carrying amount, less its residual value (if any), on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

Redesignation

The redesignation of assets from a cash-generating asset to a non-cash-generating asset or from a non-cash-generating asset to a cash-generating asset only occur when there is clear evidence that such a redesignation is appropriate.

1.12 Share capital / contributed capital

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an municipality after deducting all of its liabilities.

1.13 Employee benefits

Employee benefits are all forms of consideration given by an entity in exchange for service rendered by employees.

A qualifying insurance policy is an insurance policy issued by an insurer that is not a related party (as defined in the Standard of GRAP on Related Party Disclosures) of the reporting entity, if the proceeds of the policy can be used only to pay or fund employee benefits under a defined benefit plan and are not available to the reporting entity's own creditors (even in liquidation) and cannot be paid to the reporting entity, unless either:

- the proceeds represent surplus assets that are not needed for the policy to meet all the related employee benefit obligations; or
- the proceeds are returned to the reporting entity to reimburse it for employee benefits already paid.

Termination benefits are employee benefits payable as a result of either:

- an entity's decision to terminate an employee's employment before the normal retirement date; or

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1.13 Employee benefits (continued)

- an employee's decision to accept voluntary redundancy in exchange for those benefits.

Other long-term employee benefits are employee benefits (other than post-employment benefits and termination benefits) that are not due to be settled within twelve months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service.

Vested employee benefits are employee benefits that are not conditional on future employment.

Composite social security programmes are established by legislation and operate as multi-employer plans to provide post-employment benefits as well as to provide benefits that are not consideration in exchange for service rendered by employees.

A constructive obligation is an obligation that derives from an entity's actions where by an established pattern of past practice, published policies or a sufficiently specific current statement, the entity has indicated to other parties that it will accept certain responsibilities and as a result, the entity has created a valid expectation on the part of those other parties that it will discharge those responsibilities.

Short-term employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits are employee benefits (other than termination benefits) that are due to be settled within twelve months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service.

Short-term employee benefits include items such as:

- wages, salaries and social security contributions;
- short-term compensated absences (such as paid annual leave and paid sick leave) where the compensation for the absences is due to be settled within twelve months after the end of the reporting period in which the employees render the related employee service;
- bonus, incentive and performance related payments payable within twelve months after the end of the reporting period in which the employees render the related service; and
- non-monetary benefits (for example, medical care, and free or subsidised goods or services such as housing, cars and cellphones) for current employees.

When an employee has rendered service to the entity during a reporting period, the entity recognise the undiscounted amount of short-term employee benefits expected to be paid in exchange for that service:

- as a liability (accrued expense), after deducting any amount already paid. If the amount already paid exceeds the undiscounted amount of the benefits, the entity recognise that excess as an asset (prepaid expense) to the extent that the prepayment will lead to, for example, a reduction in future payments or a cash refund; and
- as an expense, unless another Standard requires or permits the inclusion of the benefits in the cost of an asset.

The expected cost of compensated absences is recognised as an expense as the employees render services that increase their entitlement or, in the case of non-accumulating absences, when the absence occurs. The entity measure the expected cost of accumulating compensated absences as the additional amount that the entity expects to pay as a result of the unused entitlement that has accumulated at the reporting date.

The entity recognise the expected cost of bonus, incentive and performance related payments when the entity has a present legal or constructive obligation to make such payments as a result of past events and a reliable estimate of the obligation can be made. A present obligation exists when the entity has no realistic alternative but to make the payments.

Post-employment benefits

Post-employment benefits are employee benefits (other than termination benefits) which are payable after the completion of employment.

Post-employment benefit plans are formal or informal arrangements under which an entity provides post-employment benefits for one or more employees.

Multi-employer plans are defined contribution plans (other than state plans and composite social security programmes) or defined benefit plans (other than state plans) that pool the assets contributed by various entities that are not under common control and use those assets to provide benefits to employees of more than one entity, on the basis that contribution and benefit levels are determined without regard to the identity of the entity that employs the employees concerned.

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1.13 Employee benefits (continued)

Post-employment benefits: Defined contribution plans

Defined contribution plans are post-employment benefit plans under which an entity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity (a fund) and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employee benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

When an employee has rendered service to the entity during a reporting period, the entity recognise the contribution payable to a defined contribution plan in exchange for that service:

- as a liability (accrued expense), after deducting any contribution already paid. If the contribution already paid exceeds the contribution due for service before the reporting date, an entity recognise that excess as an asset (prepaid expense) to the extent that the prepayment will lead to, for example, a reduction in future payments or a cash refund; and
- as an expense, unless another Standard requires or permits the inclusion of the contribution in the cost of an asset.

Where contributions to a defined contribution plan do not fall due wholly within twelve months after the end of the reporting period in which the employees render the related service, they are discounted. The rate used to discount reflects the time value of money. The currency and term of the financial instrument selected to reflect the time value of money is consistent with the currency and estimated term of the obligation.

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1.13 Employee benefits (continued)

Post-employment benefits: Defined benefit plans

Defined benefit plans are post-employment benefit plans other than defined contribution plans.

Actuarial gains and losses comprise experience adjustments (the effects of differences between the previous actuarial assumptions and what has actually occurred) and the effects of changes in actuarial assumptions. In measuring its defined benefit liability the entity recognise actuarial gains and losses in surplus or deficit in the reporting period in which they occur.

Assets held by a long-term employee benefit fund are assets (other than non-transferable financial instruments issued by the reporting entity) that are held by an entity (a fund) that is legally separate from the reporting entity and exists solely to pay or fund employee benefits and are available to be used only to pay or fund employee benefits, are not available to the reporting entity's own creditors (even in liquidation), and cannot be returned to the reporting entity, unless either:

- the remaining assets of the fund are sufficient to meet all the related employee benefit obligations of the plan or the reporting entity; or
- the assets are returned to the reporting entity to reimburse it for employee benefits already paid.

Current service cost is the increase in the present value of the defined benefit obligation resulting from employee service in the current period.

Interest cost is the increase during a period in the present value of a defined benefit obligation which arises because the benefits are one period closer to settlement.

Past service cost is the change in the present value of the defined benefit obligation for employee service in prior periods, resulting in the current period from the introduction of, or changes to, post-employment benefits or other long-term employee benefits. Past service cost may be either positive (when benefits are introduced or changed so that the present value of the defined benefit obligation increases) or negative (when existing benefits are changed so that the present value of the defined benefit obligation decreases). In measuring its defined benefit liability the entity recognise past service cost as an expense in the reporting period in which the plan is amended.

Plan assets comprise assets held by a long-term employee benefit fund and qualifying insurance policies.

The present value of a defined benefit obligation is the present value, without deducting any plan assets, of expected future payments required to settle the obligation resulting from employee service in the current and prior periods.

The return on plan assets is interest, dividends or similar distributions and other revenue derived from the plan assets, together with realised and unrealised gains or losses on the plan assets, less any costs of administering the plan (other than those included in the actuarial assumptions used to measure the defined benefit obligation) and less any tax payable by the plan itself.

The entity account not only for its legal obligation under the formal terms of a defined benefit plan, but also for any constructive obligation that arises from the entity's informal practices. Informal practices give rise to a constructive obligation where the entity has no realistic alternative but to pay employee benefits. An example of a constructive obligation is where a change in the entity's informal practices would cause unacceptable damage to its relationship with employees.

The amount recognised as a defined benefit liability is the net total of the following amounts:

- the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the reporting date;
- minus the fair value at the reporting date of plan assets (if any) out of which the obligations are to be settled directly;
- plus any liability that may arise as a result of a minimum funding requirement

The amount determined as a defined benefit liability may be negative (an asset). The entity measure the resulting asset at the lower of:

- the amount determined above; and
- the present value of any economic benefits available in the form of refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan. The present value of these economic benefits is determined using a discount rate which reflects the time value of money.

Any adjustments arising from the limit above is recognised in surplus or deficit.

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1.13 Employee benefits (continued)

The entity determine the present value of defined benefit obligations and the fair value of any plan assets with sufficient regularity such that the amounts recognised in the annual financial statements do not differ materially from the amounts that would be determined at the reporting date.

The entity recognises the net total of the following amounts in surplus or deficit, except to the extent that another Standard requires or permits their inclusion in the cost of an asset:

- current service cost;
- interest cost;
- the expected return on any plan assets and on any reimbursement rights;
- actuarial gains and losses;
- past service cost;
- the effect of any curtailments or settlements; and
- the effect of applying the limit on a defined benefit asset (negative defined benefit liability).

The entity uses the Projected Unit Credit Method to determine the present value of its defined benefit obligations and the related current service cost and, where applicable, past service cost. The Projected Unit Credit Method (sometimes known as the accrued benefit method pro-rated on service or as the benefit/years of service method) sees each period of service as giving rise to an additional unit of benefit entitlement and measures each unit separately to build up the final obligation.

In determining the present value of its defined benefit obligations and the related current service cost and, where applicable, past service cost, an entity shall attribute benefit to periods of service under the plan's benefit formula. However, if an employee's service in later years will lead to a materially higher level of benefit than in earlier years, an entity shall attribute benefit on a straight-line basis from:

- the date when service by the employee first leads to benefits under the plan (whether or not the benefits are conditional on further service); until
- the date when further service by the employee will lead to no material amount of further benefits under the plan, other than from further salary increases.

Actuarial valuations are conducted on an annual basis by independent actuaries separately for each plan. The results of the valuation are updated for any material transactions and other material changes in circumstances (including changes in market prices and interest rates) up to the reporting date.

The entity recognises gains or losses on the curtailment or settlement of a defined benefit plan when the curtailment or settlement occurs. The gain or loss on a curtailment or settlement comprises:

- any resulting change in the present value of the defined benefit obligation; and
- any resulting change in the fair value of the plan assets.

Before determining the effect of a curtailment or settlement, the entity re-measure the obligation (and the related plan assets, if any) using current actuarial assumptions (including current market interest rates and other current market prices).

When it is virtually certain that another party will reimburse some or all of the expenditure required to settle a defined benefit obligation, the right to reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset. The asset is measured at fair value. In all other respects, the asset is treated in the same way as plan assets. In surplus or deficit, the expense relating to a defined benefit plan is [OR is not] presented as the net of the amount recognised for a reimbursement.

The entity offsets an asset relating to one plan against a liability relating to another plan when the entity has a legally enforceable right to use a surplus in one plan to settle obligations under the other plan and intends either to settle the obligations on a net basis, or to realise the surplus in one plan and settle its obligation under the other plan simultaneously.

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1.13 Employee benefits (continued)

Actuarial assumptions

Actuarial assumptions are unbiased and mutually compatible.

Financial assumptions are based on market expectations, at the reporting date, for the period over which the obligations are to be settled.

The rate used to discount post-employment benefit obligations (both funded and unfunded) reflect the time value of money. The currency and term of the financial instrument selected to reflect the time value of money is consistent with the currency and estimated term of the post-employment benefit obligations.

Post-employment benefit obligations are measured on a basis that reflects:

- estimated future salary increases;
- the benefits set out in the terms of the plan (or resulting from any constructive obligation that goes beyond those terms) at the reporting date; and
- estimated future changes in the level of any state benefits that affect the benefits payable under a defined benefit plan, if, and only if, either:
 - those changes were enacted before the reporting date; or
 - past history, or other reliable evidence, indicates that those state benefits will change in some predictable manner, for example, in line with future changes in general price levels or general salary levels.

Assumptions about medical costs take account of estimated future changes in the cost of medical services, resulting from both inflation and specific changes in medical costs.

Other post retirement obligations

The municipality provides post-retirement health care benefits, housing subsidies and gratuities upon retirement to some retirees.

The entitlement to post-retirement health care benefits is based on the employee remaining in service up to retirement age and the completion of a minimum service period. The expected costs of these benefits are accrued over the period of employment. Independent qualified actuaries carry out valuations of these obligations. The municipality also provides a gratuity and housing subsidy on retirement to certain employees. An annual charge to income is made to cover both these liabilities.

The amount recognised as a liability for other long-term employee benefits is the net total of the following amounts:

- the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the reporting date;
- minus the fair value at the reporting date of plan assets (if any) out of which the obligations are to be settled directly.

The entity shall recognise the net total of the following amounts as expense or revenue, except to the extent that another Standard requires or permits their inclusion in the cost of an asset:

- current service cost;
- interest cost;
- the expected return on any plan assets and on any reimbursement right recognised as an asset;
- actuarial gains and losses, which shall all be recognised immediately;
- past service cost, which shall all be recognised immediately; and
- the effect of any curtailments or settlements.

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1.13 Employee benefits (continued)

Termination benefits

The entity recognises termination benefits as a liability and an expense when the entity is demonstrably committed to either:

- terminate the employment of an employee or group of employees before the normal retirement date; or
- provide termination benefits as a result of an offer made in order to encourage voluntary redundancy.

The entity is demonstrably committed to a termination when the entity has a detailed formal plan for the termination and is without realistic possibility of withdrawal. The detailed plan includes [as a minimum]:

- the location, function, and approximate number of employees whose services are to be terminated;
- the termination benefits for each job classification or function; and
- the time at which the plan will be implemented.

Implementation begins as soon as possible and the period of time to complete implementation is such that material changes to the plan are not likely.

Where termination benefits fall due more than 12 months after the reporting date, they are discounted using an appropriate discount rate. The rate used to discount the benefit reflects the time value of money. The currency and term of the financial instrument selected to reflect the time value of money is consistent with the currency and estimated term of the benefit.

In the case of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy, the measurement of termination benefits shall be based on the number of employees expected to accept the offer.

1.14 Provisions and contingencies

Provisions are recognised when:

- the municipality has a present obligation as a result of a past event;
- it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential will be required to settle the obligation; and
- a reliable estimate can be made of the obligation.

The amount of a provision is the best estimate of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date.

Where the effect of time value of money is material, the amount of a provision is the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation.

The discount rate is a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

Where some or all of the expenditure required to settle a provision is expected to be reimbursed by another party, the reimbursement is recognised when, and only when, it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received if the municipality settles the obligation. The reimbursement is treated as a separate asset. The amount recognised for the reimbursement does not exceed the amount of the provision.

Provisions are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. Provisions are reversed if it is no longer probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits or service potential will be required, to settle the obligation.

Where discounting is used, the carrying amount of a provision increases in each period to reflect the passage of time. This increase is recognised as an interest expense.

A provision is used only for expenditures for which the provision was originally recognised.

Provisions are not recognised for future operating surplus (deficit).

If an entity has a contract that is onerous, the present obligation (net of recoveries) under the contract is recognised and measured as a provision.

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1.14 Provisions and contingencies (continued)

A constructive obligation to restructure arises only when an entity:

- has a detailed formal plan for the restructuring, identifying at least:
 - the activity/operating unit or part of a activity/operating unit concerned;
 - the principal locations affected;
 - the location, function, and approximate number of employees who will be compensated for services being terminated;
 - the expenditures that will be undertaken; and
 - when the plan will be implemented; and
- has raised a valid expectation in those affected that it will carry out the restructuring by starting to implement that plan or announcing its main features to those affected by it.

A restructuring provision includes only the direct expenditures arising from the restructuring, which are those that are both:

- necessarily entailed by the restructuring; and
- not associated with the ongoing activities of the municipality

No obligation arises as a consequence of the sale or transfer of an operation until the municipality is committed to the sale or transfer, that is, there is a binding arrangement.

After their initial recognition contingent liabilities recognised in entity combinations that are recognised separately are subsequently measured at the higher of:

- the amount that would be recognised as a provision; and
- the amount initially recognised less cumulative amortisation.

Contingent assets and contingent liabilities are not recognised. Contingencies are disclosed in note 37.

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the original or modified terms of a debt instrument.

Loan commitment is a firm commitment to provide credit under pre-specified terms and conditions.

The municipality recognises a provision for financial guarantees and loan commitments when it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits and service potential will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the obligation can be made.

Determining whether an outflow of resources is probable in relation to financial guarantees requires judgement. Indications that an outflow of resources may be probable are:

- financial difficulty of the debtor;
- defaults or delinquencies in interest and capital repayments by the debtor;
- breaches of the terms of the debt instrument that result in it being payable earlier than the agreed term and the ability of the debtor to settle its obligation on the amended terms; and
- a decline in prevailing economic circumstances (e.g. high interest rates, inflation and unemployment) that impact on the ability of entities to repay their obligations.

Where a fee is received by the municipality for issuing a financial guarantee and/or where a fee is charged on loan commitments, it is considered in determining the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at reporting date. Where a fee is charged and the municipality considers that an outflow of economic resources is probable, an municipality recognises the obligation at the higher of:

- the amount determined using in the Standard of GRAP on Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets; and
- the amount of the fee initially recognised less, where appropriate, cumulative amortisation recognised in accordance with the Standard of GRAP on Revenue from Exchange Transactions.

1.15 Revenue from exchange transactions

Revenue is the gross inflow of economic benefits or service potential during the reporting period when those inflows result in an increase in net assets, other than increases relating to contributions from owners.

An exchange transaction is one in which the municipality receives assets or services, or has liabilities extinguished, and directly gives approximately equal value (primarily in the form of goods, services or use of assets) to the other party in exchange.

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1.15 Revenue from exchange transactions (continued)

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

Measurement

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of trade discounts and volume rebates.

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when all the following conditions have been satisfied:

- the municipality has transferred to the purchaser the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods;
- the municipality retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the municipality; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

Rendering of services

When the outcome of a transaction involving the rendering of services can be estimated reliably, revenue associated with the transaction is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date. The outcome of a transaction can be estimated reliably when all the following conditions are satisfied:

- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the municipality;
- the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date can be measured reliably; and
- the costs incurred for the transaction and the costs to complete the transaction can be measured reliably.

When services are performed by an indeterminate number of acts over a specified time frame, revenue is recognised on a straight line basis over the specified time frame unless there is evidence that some other method better represents the stage of completion. When a specific act is much more significant than any other acts, the recognition of revenue is postponed until the significant act is executed.

When the outcome of the transaction involving the rendering of services cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent of the expenses recognised that are recoverable.

Service revenue is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date. Stage of completion is determined by .

Interest, royalties and dividends

Revenue arising from the use by others of entity assets yielding interest, royalties and dividends or similar distributions is recognised when:

- It is probable that the economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the municipality, and
- The amount of the revenue can be measured reliably.

Interest is recognised, in surplus or deficit, using the effective interest rate method.

Royalties are recognised as they are earned in accordance with the substance of the relevant agreements.

Dividends or similar distributions are recognised, in surplus or deficit, when the municipality's right to receive payment has been established.

Service fees included in the price of the product are recognised as revenue over the period during which the service is performed.

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1.16 Revenue from non-exchange transactions

Revenue comprises gross inflows of economic benefits or service potential received and receivable by a municipality, which represents an increase in net assets, other than increases relating to contributions from owners.

Conditions on transferred assets are stipulations that specify that the future economic benefits or service potential embodied in the asset is required to be consumed by the recipient as specified or future economic benefits or service potential must be returned to the transferor.

Control of an asset arises when the municipality can use or otherwise benefit from the asset in pursuit of its objectives and can exclude or otherwise regulate the access of others to that benefit.

Exchange transactions are transactions in which one entity receives assets or services, or has liabilities extinguished, and directly gives approximately equal value (primarily in the form of cash, goods, services, or use of assets) to another entity in exchange.

Non-exchange transactions are transactions that are not exchange transactions. In a non-exchange transaction, a municipality either receives value from another municipality without directly giving approximately equal value in exchange, or gives value to another municipality without directly receiving approximately equal value in exchange.

Taxes are economic benefits or service potential compulsorily paid or payable to entities, in accordance with laws and or regulations, established to provide revenue to government. Taxes do not include fines or other penalties imposed for breaches of the law.

Transfers are inflows of future economic benefits or service potential from non-exchange transactions, other than taxes.

Recognition

An inflow of resources from a non-exchange transaction recognised as an asset is recognised as revenue, except to the extent that a liability is also recognised in respect of the same inflow.

As the municipality satisfies a present obligation recognised as a liability in respect of an inflow of resources from a non-exchange transaction recognised as an asset, it reduces the carrying amount of the liability recognised and recognises an amount of revenue equal to that reduction.

Measurement

Revenue from a non-exchange transaction is measured at the amount of the increase in net assets recognised by the municipality.

When, as a result of a non-exchange transaction, the municipality recognises an asset, it also recognises revenue equivalent to the amount of the asset measured at its fair value as at the date of acquisition, unless it is also required to recognise a liability. Where a liability is required to be recognised it will be measured as the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date, and the amount of the increase in net assets, if any, recognised as revenue. When a liability is subsequently reduced, because the taxable event occurs or a condition is satisfied, the amount of the reduction in the liability is recognised as revenue.

1.17 Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are interest and other expenses incurred by an entity in connection with the borrowing of funds.

Borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

1.18 Comparative figures

Where necessary, comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to changes in presentation in the current year.

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1.19 Unauthorised expenditure

Unauthorised expenditure is defined in section 1 of MFMA as follows: "unauthorised expenditure", in relation to a municipality, means any expenditure incurred by a municipality otherwise than in accordance with section 15 or 11(3), and includes-

- (a) overspending of the total amount appropriated in the municipality's approved budget;
- (b) overspending of the total amount appropriated for a vote in the approved budget;
- (c) expenditure from a vote unrelated to the department or functional area covered by the vote;
- (d) expenditure of money appropriated for a specific purposes, otherwise than for that specific purpose;
- (e) spending of an allocation referred to in paragraph (b), (c) or (d) of the definition of "allocation" otherwise than in accordance with any conditions of the allocation; or
- (f) a grant by the municipality otherwise than in accordance with this Act.

All expenditure relating to unauthorised expenditure is recognised as an expense in the statement of financial performance in the year that the expenditure was incurred. The expenditure is classified in accordance with the nature of the expense, and where recovered, it is subsequently accounted for as revenue in the statement of financial performance.

1.20 Fruitless and wasteful expenditure

Fruitless expenditure means expenditure which was made in vain and would have been avoided had reasonable care been exercised.

All expenditure relating to fruitless and wasteful expenditure is recognised as an expense in the statement of financial performance in the year that the expenditure was incurred. The expenditure is classified in accordance with the nature of the expense, and where recovered, it is subsequently accounted for as revenue in the statement of financial performance.

1.21 Irregular expenditure

Irregular expenditure is expenditure that is contrary to the Municipal Finance Management Act (Act No.56 of 2003), the Municipal Systems Act (Act No.32 of 2000), and the Public Office Bearers Act (Act No. 20 of 1998) or is in contravention of the economic entity's supply chain management policy.

Irregular expenditure is accounted for in line with all relating requirements, including, but not limited to, ruling Legislation, Regulations, Frameworks, Circulars, Instruction Notes, Practice Notes, Guidelines etc (as applicable).

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1.21 Irregular expenditure (continued)

Irregular expenditure is defined in section 1 of the MFMA as follows:

“irregular expenditure”, in relation to a municipality or municipal entity, means

—
(a) expenditure incurred by a municipality or municipal entity in contravention of, or that is not in accordance with, a requirement of this Act, and which has not been condoned in terms of section 170

(b) expenditure incurred by a municipality or municipal entity in contravention of, or that is not in accordance with, a requirement of the Municipal Systems Act, and which has not been condoned in terms of that Act;

(c) expenditure incurred by a municipality in contravention of, or that is not in accordance with, a requirement of the Public Office-Bearers Act, 1998 (Act No. 20 of 1998); or

(d) expenditure incurred by a municipality or municipal entity in contravention of, or that is not in accordance with, a requirement of the supply chain management policy of the municipality or entity or any of the municipality's by-laws giving effect to such policy, and which has not been condoned in terms of such policy or by-law, but excludes expenditure by a municipality which falls within the definition of “unauthorised expenditure”.

Irregular expenditure that was incurred and identified during the current financial and which was condoned before year end and/or before finalisation of the financial statements must also be recorded appropriately in the irregular expenditure register. In such an instance, no further action is also required with the exception of updating the note to the financial statements. Irregular expenditure that was incurred and identified during the current financial year and for which condonement is being awaited at year end must be recorded in the irregular expenditure register. No further action is required with the exception of updating the note to the financial statements.

Where irregular expenditure was incurred in the previous financial year and is only condoned in the following financial year, the register and the disclosure note to the financial statements must be updated with the amount condoned.

Irregular expenditure that was incurred and identified during the current financial year and which was not condoned by the National Treasury or the relevant authority must be recorded appropriately in the irregular expenditure register. If liability for the irregular expenditure can be attributed to a person, a debt account must be created if such a person is liable in law. Immediate steps must thereafter be taken to recover the amount from the person concerned. If recovery is not possible, the accounting officer or accounting authority may write off the amount as debt impairment and disclose such in the relevant note to the financial statements. The irregular expenditure register must also be updated accordingly. If the irregular expenditure has not been condoned and no person is liable in law, the expenditure related thereto must remain against the relevant programme/expenditure item, be disclosed as such in the note to the financial statements and updated accordingly in the irregular expenditure register.

1.22 Commitments

Items are classified as commitments where the municipality commits itself to future transactions that will normally result in the outflow of resources.

Commitments are not recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability, but are included in the disclosure notes in the following cases:

- approved and contracted commitments;
- where the expenditure has been approved and the contract has been awarded at the reporting date; and
- where disclosure is required by a specific standard of GRAP.

1.23 Use of estimates

The preparation of annual financial statements in conformity with Standards of GRAP requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the municipality's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the annual financial statements are disclosed in the relevant sections of the annual financial statements. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions they may undertake in the future, actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates.

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1.24 Budget information

Municipality are typically subject to budgetary limits in the form of appropriations or budget authorisations (or equivalent), which is given effect through authorising legislation, appropriation or similar.

General purpose financial reporting by municipality shall provide information on whether resources were obtained and used in accordance with the legally adopted budget.

The approved budget is prepared on a accrual basis and presented by economic classification linked to performance outcome objectives.

The approved budget covers the fiscal period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

The budget for the economic entity includes all the entities approved budgets under its control.

The annual financial statements and the budget are on the same basis of accounting therefore a comparison with the budgeted amounts for the reporting period have been included in the Statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts.

1.25 Related parties

A related party is a person or an entity with the ability to control or jointly control the other party, or exercise significant influence over the other party, or vice versa, or an entity that is subject to common control, or joint control.

Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

Joint control is the agreed sharing of control over an activity by a binding arrangement, and exists only when the strategic financial and operating decisions relating to the activity require the unanimous consent of the parties sharing control (the venturers).

Related party transaction is a transfer of resources, services or obligations between the reporting entity and a related party, regardless of whether a price is charged.

Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of an entity, but is not control over those policies.

Management are those persons responsible for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the municipality, including those charged with the governance of the municipality in accordance with legislation, in instances where they are required to perform such functions.

Close members of the family of a person are considered to be those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by, that management in their dealings with the municipality.

The municipality is exempt from disclosure requirements in relation to related party transactions if that transaction occurs within normal supplier and/or client/recipient relationships on terms and conditions no more or less favourable than those which it is reasonable to expect the municipality to have adopted if dealing with that individual entity or person in the same circumstances and terms and conditions are within the normal operating parameters established by that reporting entity's legal mandate.

Where the municipality is exempt from the disclosures in accordance with the above, the municipality discloses narrative information about the nature of the transactions and the related outstanding balances, to enable users of the entity's financial statements to understand the effect of related party transactions on its annual financial statements.

1.26 Events after reporting date

Events after the reporting date that are classified as adjusting events have been accounted for in the financial statements.

Events after the reporting date that are classified as non-adjusting events have been disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

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1.27 Value-added tax

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amounts of value added tax. Value added tax is accounted for using the payment basis.

The net amount of value added tax recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position

The report on the Value added tax in the Annual Financial Statements is accounted for using the accrual basis.

1.28 Segment reporting

Segment Information

A segment is an activity of an entity:

- that generates economic benefits or service potential (including economic benefits or service potential relating to transactions between activities of the same entity);
- whose results are regularly reviewed by Management to make decisions about resources to be allocated to that activity and in assessing its performance; and
- for which separate financial information is available.

Based on the definition above, the district municipality functions are structured per department based on service delivery objectives. Each department performs its responsibilities per determined objective and individual indicators are set to measure performance of service delivery objectives. The reporting of performance is not done per geographic location of the communities serviced, consolidated budget vs actual is reported in the financial statement to evaluate performance of the municipality. Performance reporting is done per designed service delivery objectives.

The Departments are centralised to provide service delivery function to all the geographical areas within the district per Local Municipality namely Musina, Makhado, Thulamela and Collins Chabane, on implementation of infrastructure requirements of the municipality. Based on how the budget of the District Municipality is determined annually the from all the Local Municipality & Communities consultation on their needs through the integrated development plan processes. This information is then used to allocate resources available to implement these needs. Resources are not allocated based on how the unit has performed or the activity within the unit has performed but based on the need's priorities and the available funds at the time that the District Municipality holds.

District Municipal revenue, expenditure and assets are not reviewed as per geographical area, these are presented as a consolidated figure. The service provided to communities are the same for all Local Municipalities, therefore the level of information of each Local Municipality within the municipal jurisdiction may not be relevant for decision making purposes, as such reporting of segments is deemed not applicable.

The cost to develop the information in line with the requirements of GRAP 18 will be excessive and not provide any additional information/benefit to the user as other reports i.e., predetermine objectives and comparison of budget and actual. are already presented.

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2. Inventories

Maintenance materials	29,124,558	34,282,925
Water for distribution	1,157,301	2,965,654
Consumable stores	8,215,988	6,668,546
	38,497,847	43,917,125
Inventories (write-downs)	(1,061,073)	-
	37,436,774	43,917,125

Water for distribution

Opening balance	2,965,654	2,319,375
System input volume	657,899,542	894,324,606
Authorised consumption	(659,707,895)	(893,678,327)
Water losses	-	-
Data transfer and management errors	-	-
Unavoidable annual real losses	-	-
Non-revenue water	-	-
Closing balance	1,157,301	2,965,654

3. Receivables from exchange transactions

Consumer debtors	1,159,098,068	611,876,649
Allowance for impairment	(1,156,456,456)	(600,884,706)
	2,641,612	10,991,943
Non-current assets	-	-
Current assets	2,641,612	10,991,943
	2,641,612	10,991,943

Net balance

Consumer debtors	1,159,093,850	611,876,649
Provision for debt impairment	(1,156,452,238)	(600,884,706)
	2,641,612	10,991,943

Water

Current	38,459,087	27,613,988
30 Days	39,140,285	19,775,374
60 Days	56,583,449	22,356,125
90 Days	39,401,133	41,855,628
120 Days	46,809,129	21,811,491
150 Days	25,777,894	23,247,142
180 Days	54,124,091	27,743,202
210 Days to over a year	858,798,782	427,473,699
	1,159,093,850	611,876,649

Provision for debt impairment	(1,156,452,238)	(600,884,706)
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Total receivables from exchange transactions	2,641,612	10,991,943
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3. Receivables from exchange transactions (continued)

Reconciliation of provision for impairment of trade and other receivables

Balance at beginning of the year	(600,884,706)	(285,363,547)
Contributions to allowance	(565,458,702)	(315,521,159)
	(1,166,343,408)	(600,884,706)

4. Receivables from non-exchange transactions

RBIG Receivable	11,093,901	-
Debtors - Musina Local Municipality	338,969,210	310,316,225
Other receivables	28,386	28,386
Impairments for Debtors - Musina Local Municipality and other debtors	(338,997,594)	(310,344,611)
	11,093,903	-

Department of Water and Sanitation

The balance is money paid to service providers on behalf of DWS

Musina Local Municipality

The payment owed by Musina Municipality relates to services and/cash collected on behalf of Vhembe District Municipality. The total amount was provided for impairment because it is doubtful that it will be received

5. Statutory receivables - VAT

Statutory receivables - VAT	270,921,541	277,135,453
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Refer to prior period error for restatement: Note 39

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6. Property, plant and equipment

	2022			2021		
	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment	Carrying value	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment	Carrying value
Land	17,870,000	-	17,870,000	17,870,000	-	17,870,000
Buildings	122,647,885	(46,710,525)	75,937,360	122,572,885	(42,629,971)	79,942,914
Plant and machinery	20,597,058	(8,775,871)	11,821,187	16,620,273	(7,691,398)	8,928,875
Furniture and fixtures	14,005,973	(10,015,507)	3,990,466	12,617,908	(7,892,112)	4,725,796
Transport assets	117,109,360	(60,516,130)	56,593,230	103,893,372	(52,403,215)	51,490,157
Computer equipment	12,942,373	(7,851,182)	5,091,191	12,869,069	(6,839,600)	6,029,469
Infrastructure	3,987,753,351	(1,023,916,521)	2,963,836,830	3,691,570,261	(843,197,785)	2,848,372,476
Community assets	26,144,597	(6,081,945)	20,062,652	24,444,595	(5,466,078)	18,978,517
Other property, plant and equipment	26,015,580	(20,761,348)	5,254,232	29,097,168	(21,692,598)	7,404,570
Leased assets	2,876,352	(2,876,354)	(2)	2,876,352	(2,876,354)	(2)
Work in progress	2,342,475,266	-	2,342,475,266	2,062,512,329	-	2,062,512,329
Total	6,690,437,795	(1,187,505,383)	5,502,932,412	6,096,944,212	(990,689,111)	5,106,255,101

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6. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - 2022

	Opening balance	Additions	Transfers	Depreciation	Impairment loss	Total
Land	17,870,000	-	-	-	-	17,870,000
Buildings	79,942,914	75,000	-	(4,080,554)	-	75,937,360
Plant and machinery	8,928,875	3,976,785	-	(922,913)	(161,560)	11,821,187
Furniture and fixtures	4,725,796	304,814	-	(1,002,942)	(37,202)	3,990,466
Transport assets	51,490,157	13,215,988	-	(7,927,906)	(185,009)	56,593,230
Computer equipment	6,029,469	73,304	-	(977,450)	(34,132)	5,091,191
Infrastructure	2,848,372,476	306,026	295,877,064	(172,327,811)	(8,390,925)	2,963,836,830
Community assets	18,978,517	1,700,000	-	(615,865)	-	20,062,652
Other property, plant and equipment	7,404,570	195,176	-	(2,287,332)	(58,182)	5,254,232
Leased Assets	(2)	-	-	-	-	(2)
Work in progress	2,062,512,329	575,840,001	(295,877,064)	-	-	2,342,475,266
	5,106,255,101	595,687,094	-	(190,142,773)	(8,867,010)	5,502,932,412

Reconciliation of property, plant and equipment - 2021

	Opening balance	Additions	Disposals	Transfers received	Transfers	Prior year errors	Depreciation	Impairment loss	Total
Land	17,870,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,870,000
Buildings	83,494,467	-	-	-	-	557,374	(4,108,927)	-	79,942,914
Plant and machinery	2,262,984	7,488,160	-	-	-	-	(672,346)	(149,923)	8,928,875
Furniture and fixtures	4,639,168	1,289,599	(6,065)	-	-	-	(1,141,713)	(55,193)	4,725,796
Transport assets	43,237,339	15,741,207	(3)	-	-	-	(7,382,652)	(105,734)	51,490,157
Computer equipment	1,593,905	5,641,033	(5,992)	-	-	-	(1,192,550)	(6,927)	6,029,469
Infrastructure	2,875,492,031	42,053,552	(1)	108,891,189	-	-	(174,890,341)	(3,173,954)	2,848,372,476
Community assets	32,005,735	1,304,154	-	-	(13,177,380)	-	(1,153,992)	-	18,978,517
Other property, plant and equipment	10,274,969	630,515	(32)	-	-	(557,374)	(2,884,149)	(59,359)	7,404,570
Leased Assets	325,044	-	-	-	-	-	(325,046)	-	(2)
Work in progress	1,672,546,167	498,857,351	-	-	(108,891,189)	-	-	-	2,062,512,329
	4,743,741,809	573,005,571	(12,093)	108,891,189	(122,068,569)	-	(193,751,716)	(3,551,090)	5,106,255,101

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6. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Reconciliation of Work-in-Progress (WIP) 2022

	Included within WIP	Total
Opening balance	2,062,512,329	2,062,512,329
Additions/capital expenditure	575,840,003	575,840,003
Transferred to completed items	(295,877,064)	(295,877,064)
	2,342,475,268	2,342,475,268

Reconciliation of Work-in-Progress 2021

	Included within WIP	Total
Opening balance	1,672,546,167	1,672,546,167
Additions/capital expenditure	498,857,351	498,857,351
Transferred to completed items	(108,891,189)	(108,891,189)
	2,062,512,329	2,062,512,329

Expenditure incurred to repair and maintain property, plant and equipment

Expenditure incurred to repair and maintain property, plant and equipment included in Statement of Financial Performance

Maintenance of Buildings and Facilities	1,099,569	1,897,133
Maintenance of Equipment	174,125,326	210,527,062
Maintenance of Unspecified Assets	2,202,697	7,729,998
	177,427,592	220,154,193

Projects with significant delays

Delayed Project

Makhado West Bulk Water Supply	This is multi-year project and it is managed by DWS	324,686,873	395,689,372
Increasing the capacity of vondo WTW & upgrade of water related infrastructure	Limited Budget to resume with construction	278,056,313	225,085,278
Thohoyandou - Construction of 10M reservoir at R3 site (Miluwani/Tshidaulu)	Contractor and Engineer has been terminated due to poor workmanship	33,673,274	20,628,123
Malonga Water Reticulation (Makhado)	several stages in this project were completed in the current year.	42,381,298	182,633,989
Mutshedzi RWS : Tshirolwe Surrounding villages	A project has been completed in the current year.	438,881,405	232,340,899

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6. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Construction of Bulk pipeline from Vuwani to Vyeboom and construction of reservoir (Makhado)	There has been progress in the current year yet the project is not yet completed.	170,167,787	139,495,005
Mashau and Surrounding villages Bulk Water Supply and Reticulation	several stages in this project were completed in the current year.	101,720,491	188,972,212
Damani RWS	There has been progress in the current year yet the project is not yet completed.	80,305,303	57,084,642
Stalled Project			
Nandoni RWS: Construction of bulk pipeline from vuwani to middle letaba and Tender is advertised.	There have been challenges with regard to the release of the retention quarantee and this causes the project to be on hold	218,635,783	218,635,783
Mutale RWS: Upgrading of purification works and tender is advertised	The project has been uploaded on the MIG MIS for budget maintainance	30,027,019	30,027,019
Malamulele East Jerome water (Xigalo Villages)	Contractor has been terminated due to poor workmanship	8,681,732	8,681,732
Thohoyandou Block R & K extension water reticulation	Project has been delayed due to heavy rainfall and due to lockdown by COVID-19	5,594,009	5,594,009
Upgrading and construction of water reticulation system at Maungani East Villgae	Project has been delayed due to heavy rainfall and due to lockdown by COVID-19	5,963,685	5,963,685
		1,738,774,972	1,710,831,748

Maintenance of property, plant and equipment

Nandoni RWS: Construction of bulk pipe line from Vuwani to Middle Letaba, Xikundu Mhinga Bulk Water supply
Saselamani, Botsoleni Mphophe, Mutale RWS: Upgrading of purification Works

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7. Intangible assets

	2022			2021		
	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment	Carrying value	Cost / Valuation	Accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment	Carrying value
Computer software, other	19,478,892	(12,208,711)	7,270,181	19,478,892	(10,295,914)	9,182,978

Reconciliation of intangible assets - 2022

	Opening balance	Amortisation	Total
Computer software, other	9,182,978	(1,912,797)	7,270,181

Reconciliation of intangible assets - 2021

	Opening balance	Additions	Amortisation	Total
Computer software, other	10,992,736	675,000	(2,484,758)	9,182,978

8. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of:

Bank balances	131,559,120	100,615,095
Short-term deposits	313,733	313,769
	131,872,853	100,928,864

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8. Cash and cash equivalents (continued)

Investment in VBS

Investment in VBS	295,235,974	317,382,956
Impairment provision	(295,235,974)	(317,382,956)
Net Balance	-	-

Impairment provision recon

Opening balance	(317,382,956)	(317,382,956)
Reversal of Provision as a result of refund from investment in VBS	22,146,982	-
	(295,235,974)	(317,382,956)

The municipality had an investment with VBS Mutual Bank. The municipality has not withdrawn all of the money invested prior to VBS being placed under curatorship on 11 March 2018 amounting R 317 382 956. The amount was fully impaired in the 2017/2018 financial year. An impairment assessment was done during the current financial year (2021/2022) and there was a refund of R22 146 982 requiring adjustment to the impairment was identified and disclosed as follows:

The municipality had the following bank accounts

Account number / description	Bank statement balances			Cash book balances		
	30 June 2022	30 June 2021	30 June 2020	30 June 2022	30 June 2021	30 June 2020
FNB BANK - Current account (main) - 62021931458	119,988,955	10,824,995	95,356,219	119,902,710	5,340,419	84,426,853
FNB BANK - Thulamela water - 62370162733	1,634,369	43,418,999	140,676,704	543,448	42,415,109	140,331,453
FNB BANK - Makhado water - 62387689668	9,010,344	50,895,314	41,159,883	8,906,446	50,907,474	41,196,273
FNB BANK - Mutale water - 62407577131	2,469,655	2,179,150	1,914,613	2,469,155	2,226,901	1,932,851
FNB BANK - Call Account - 62036334803	260,715	-	-	320,048	313,732	-
Total	133,364,038	107,318,458	279,107,419	132,141,807	101,203,635	267,887,430

9. Unspent conditional grants and receipts

Unspent conditional grants and receipts comprises of:

Unspent conditional grants

Municipal Infrastructure Grant	-	29,291,939
Municipal Water Infrastructure Grant	12,847,110	16,226,307
Local Government Financial Management Grant	-	250,181
Expanded Public Works Programme Integrated Grant	(1)	145,268
Disaster Relief Grant	-	2,086,000
Rural Road Asset Management Systems Grant	115,013	-
	12,962,122	47,999,695

The nature and extent of government grants recognised in the annual financial statements and an indication of other forms of government assistance from which the municipality has directly benefited; and

Unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to government assistance that has been recognised.

See note 22 for reconciliation of grants from National/Provincial Government.

These amounts are invested in a ring-fenced investment until utilised.

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10. Other financial liabilities

At amortised cost

Department of Water Affairs	739,978,868	678,637,909
Makhado Local Municipality	33,881,800	45,881,800
Musina Local Municipality	309,174,358	282,206,886
	1,083,035,026	1,006,726,595

Total other financial liabilities

1,083,035,026 1,006,726,595

Non-current liabilities

Department of Water Affairs	703,978,869	642,645,164
Makhado Local Municipality	-	9,881,800
Musina Local Municipality	309,174,361	282,206,886
	1,013,153,230	934,733,850

Current liabilities

Department of Water Affairs	36,000,000	36,000,000
Makhado Local Municipality	33,881,800	36,000,000
	69,881,800	72,000,000

Defaults and breaches

The municipality has entered in an arrangement with both Department of Water and Sanitation and Makhado Local Municipality for payment of R3 million per month respectively towards the servicing of debt.

The total payments for both parties of R3 million per month is amounting to R36 million per annum, of which to total balance of Makhado Local Municipality is less than expected payment to be made within the next 12 months (Current liabilities)

Vhembe District Municipality is engaging with Musina Local Municipality on resolving the inter-municipal balances as per **notes 10** and **33** above.

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11. Provisions

Reconciliation of provisions - 2022

	Opening Balance	Additions	Utilised during the year	Change in discount factor	Reduction due to re- measurement or settlement without cost to entity/Net Change	Total
Leave Provision	67,607,472	2,397,231	(3,357,486)	-	-	66,647,217
Performance Bonus Provision	91,138	-	-	-	-	91,138
Long Service Award Provision	9,367,575	3,779,367	(4,169,023)	604,362	(592,682)	8,989,599
	77,066,185	6,176,598	(7,526,509)	604,362	(592,682)	75,727,954

Reconciliation of provisions - 2021

	Opening Balance	Additions	Utilised during the year	Reduction due to re- measurement or settlement without cost to entity	Total
Leave Provision	60,580,333	9,470,985	(2,443,846)	-	67,607,472
Performance Bonus Provision	91,138	-	-	-	91,138
Long Service Award Provision	9,179,424	1,280,215	-	(1,092,064)	9,367,575
	69,850,895	10,751,200	(2,443,846)	(1,092,064)	77,066,185

Leave Pay Provisiion	-	-
Long service awards provision	7,604,242	8,124,820
Performance bonus provision	-	-
Leave Pay Provisiion	66,647,217	67,607,472
Long service awards provision	1,385,357	1,242,755
Performance bonus provision	91,138	91,138
	75,727,954	77,066,185

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11. Provisions (continued)

Leave provision

Employee entitlement to annual leave is recognised when it accrues. A provision is made on the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employees up on the amount of the obligations. Provisions at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. Provisions are reversed if it no longer probable that an outflow of resources embodying economics benefits or services potential will be required to settle the obligation.

Performance Bonus provision

The provision relate to performance bonuses that were provided for in prior years based on performance agreements for which it is still probable that there will be economic outflows for the municipality as at current financial year end.

Long Service Award provisions

Benefits are awarded in the form of a number of leave days awarded once an employee has completed a certain number of years in service. The leave days awarded have been converted to a percentage of annual salary to the next interval by allowing for future growth. The key assumptions used are the discount rate of 6.91%, CPI of 3.89%, salary increase rate of 4.89% which gave us a net discount rate of 1.93%, average retirement age of 63, withdrawal rates and ill health and other early termination rates were determined according to age groups.

12. Payables from exchange transactions

Trade payables	128,529,467	22,652,039
Payments received in advanced Retention	33,268,843	27,613,322
Accrued bonus	203,491,821	166,873,677
Accrued expense	12,808,623	12,908,546
Differed revenue from water connections	30,594,636	56,645,487
Sundry deposits	11,059,773	10,429,192
Other Payables	22,059,353	20,780,941
	2,390,501	(1,683,202)
	444,203,017	316,220,002

13. Taxes and transfers payable (non-exchange)

Transfers payable	2,086,000	45,096,952
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The roll-over amount that was not approved by National Treasury for 2016/2017 financial year was offset from municipality's 2021/2022 equitable share.

14. Consumer deposits

Water	4,409,170	4,409,170
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15. Service charges

Water and Waste management	515,078,064	309,284,653
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The movement was as a result of an annual CPI increase and increased billing.

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16. Rental of facilities and equipment

Premises

Premises	-	298
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17. Licences and permits

Licences and permits	5,945	3,737
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18. Operational revenue

Water connections and sanitation	1,277,071	545,232
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19. Interest revenue

Interest revenue

Bank accounts	10,505,963	13,316,280
Interest on receivables	48,535,501	15,703,080
	59,041,464	29,019,360

The reason for movement is due to increased debtor balance and lower billing.

20. Gain (Loss) on sale of assets

Gain or losses from sale of assets	2,029,996	(13,189,473)
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21. Inventory Consumed

Inventory consumed	14,009,398	14,587,556
Water (Bulk purchases)	100,193,362	95,053,206
	114,202,760	109,640,762

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22. Government grants and subsidies

Operating grants

Equitable share	1,134,220,947	1,227,876,000
Rural Road Asset Management Systems Grant	2,183,987	2,268,000
Expanded public works programme grant	2,245,001	936,090
Financial management grant	2,900,000	2,449,819
	1,141,549,935	1,233,529,909

Capital grants

Water Service Infrastructure Grant (WSIG)	31,152,890	23,946,085
Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG)	546,054,000	558,254,250
	577,206,890	582,200,335
	1,718,756,825	1,815,730,244

Conditional and Unconditional

Included in above are the following grants and subsidies received:

Conditional grants received	584,535,878	654,068,789
Unconditional grants received	1,134,220,947	1,227,876,000
	1,718,756,825	1,881,944,789

Equitable Share

In terms of the Constitution, this grant is used to subsidise the provision of basic services to indigent community members.

All registered indigents receive a monthly subsidy of 6 kilo litres (2021: 6 kilo litres), which is funded from the grant.

Municipal Infrastructure Grant

Balance unspent at beginning of year	29,291,939	82,725,189
Current-year receipts	546,054,000	504,821,000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(546,054,000)	(558,254,250)
Offset by National Treasury	(29,291,939)	-
	-	29,291,939

Conditions still to be met - remain liabilities (see note 9).

Municipal Infrastructure Grant is used for the provision of capital finance for the eradication of basic municipal infrastructure backlogs for poor households and social infrastructure servicing the poor and provide funding for the development of asset management plans for infrastructure servicing the poor.

Water Services Infrastructure Grant

Balance unspent at beginning of year	16,226,307	27,422,392
Current-year receipts	44,000,000	12,750,000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(31,152,890)	(23,946,085)
Offset by National Treasury	(16,226,307)	-
	12,847,110	16,226,307

Conditions still to be met - remain liabilities (see note 9).

Water Service Infrastructure Grant facilitates the planning and implementation of various water and sanitation projects to accelerate backlog reduction and enhance the sustainability of services.

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22. Government grants and subsidies (continued)

Financial Management Grant

Balance unspent at beginning of year	250,181	-
Current-year receipts	2,900,000	2,700,000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(2,900,000)	(2,449,819)
Offset by National Treasury	(250,181)	-
	-	250,181

Conditions still to be met - remain liabilities (see note 9).

Local Government Finance Management Grant is used to promote and support reforms in financial management by building capacity in municipalities to implement the Municipal Finance Management act.

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22. Government grants and subsidies (continued)

Expanded Public Works Programme

Balance unspent at beginning of year	145,268	313,358
Current-year receipts	2,245,000	768,000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(2,245,000)	(936,090)
Offset by National Treasury	(145,269)	-
	(1)	145,268

Conditions still to be met - remain liabilities (see note 9).

Expanded Public Works Programme is used to expand work creation efforts through the use of labour-intensive delivery methods.

Rural Roads Asset Management Systems Grant

Current-year receipts	2,299,000	2,268,000
Conditions met - transferred to revenue	(2,183,987)	(2,268,000)
	115,013	-

Conditions still to be met - remain liabilities (see note 9).

Rural Roads Asset Management Systems Grant assists the district municipalities to set-up rural roads and asset management systems and collect road, bridges and traffic data on municipal road networks

Municipal Disaster Relief Grant

Balance unspent at beginning of year	2,086,000	2,086,000
Transferred to taxes and transfers payable (non-exchange)	(2,086,000)	-
	-	2,086,000

This grant relates to disaster relief funds of which the roll over application was not approved by National Treasury in 2021/2022 financial year and must be paid back to National Treasury. This was transferred to taxes and transfers payables (non exchange), refer to note 13

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23. Employee related costs

Basic	417,923,849	400,042,553
Bonus	32,075,992	32,033,410
Medical aid - company contributions	19,592,392	17,664,115
UIF	3,146,703	2,795,490
Leave pay provision charge	2,397,231	9,470,987
Social contributions: Bargaining Council	170,191	180,452
Social contributions: Pension	70,633,944	71,374,903
Travel, motor car, accommodation, subsistence and other allowances	1,136,105	1,232,342
Overtime payments	72,323,209	64,121,131
Long-service awards	3,791,047	5,944,297
Car allowance	33,622,276	32,933,156
Housing benefits and allowances	7,283,221	8,352,848
Allowance standby	1,393,680	2,622,532
Uniform and protective clothing	84,905	-
Cellphone allowance	334,600	1,826,501
In kind allowance	-	131,009
	665,909,345	650,725,726

Remuneration of Municipal Manager

Annual Remuneration	923,280	846,340
13th Cheque Bonus	76,940	-
Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds	237,591	220,255
Travel and Car allowance	301,116	276,023
Accommodation and travelling allowance	31,499	20,392
Cellphone Allowance	-	27,500
	1,570,426	1,390,510

Remuneration of Chief Finance Officer

Annual Remuneration	754,736	600,000
13th Cheque Bonus	62,895	47,171
Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds	203,228	202,886
Travel and Car allowance	233,806	233,807
Cellphone Allowance	24,000	24,000
	1,278,665	1,107,864

Remuneration of General Manager Technical Services

Annual Remuneration	691,842	-
Acting Allowance	-	36,878
Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds	196,689	-
Travel and Car allowance	203,613	-
Accommodation and travelling allowance	4,442	-
Cellphone Allowance	2,000	-
	1,098,586	36,878

in 2021 the remuneration of General Manager Technical Services included the remuneration of employees who were acting the vacant position. This resulted to overstatement of the disclosed amount by R2 420 459. Refer to the prior period error note.

Remuneration of General Manager Corporate Services

Annual Remuneration	924,498	251,579
13th Cheque Bonus	62,895	-
Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds	168,167	58,922

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23. Employee related costs (continued)

Travel and Car allowance	222,121	74,040
Accommodation and travelling allowance	1,022	-
Cellphone Allowance	-	6,000
Acting Allowance	-	49,992
	1,378,703	440,533

Remuneration of General Manager Economic And Development Planning

Annual Remuneration	754,736	754,736
13th Cheque Bonus	115,307	62,895
Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds	139,978	60,560
Accommodation and travelling allowance	32,203	5,322
Cellphone Allowance	92,860	240,281
Subsistence Allowance	24,000	22,000
Housing Benefits	198,098	-
Car Tax	-	1,925
	1,357,182	1,147,719

General Manager Community Services

Annual Remuneration	-	754,736
13th Cheque Bonus	-	62,895
Contributions to UIF, Medical and Pension Funds	177	60,560
Cellphone Allowance	-	22,000
Subsistence Allowance	-	5,322
Car Allowance	-	240,281
Car Tax	-	1,925
	177	1,147,719

The contract of General Manager Community Services ended 30 June 2021.

24. Depreciation and amortisation

Property, plant and equipment	190,651,887	193,751,716
Intangible assets	1,912,797	2,484,758
	192,564,684	196,236,474

25. Impairment loss

Impairments

Property, plant and equipment	8,357,894	3,551,089
Trade and other receivables	594,140,071	336,561,849
	602,497,965	340,112,938

26. Finance costs

Service concession arrangements	93,425	141,480
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27. Contracted services

Outsourced Services

Administrative and Support Staff	2,597,001	475,762
Business and Advisory	13,895,321	15,372,914
Call Centre	-	13,082
Personnel and Labour	12,353,450	8,445,386
Transport Services	258,531	-

Consultants and Professional Services

Business and Advisory	12,494,815	11,587,365
Infrastructure and Planning	886,105	380,145
Laboratory Services	2,478,335	2,734,835
Legal Cost	29,555,018	34,265,432

Contractors

Catering Services	2,462,915	14,700
Employee Wellness	-	3,731,043
Event Promoters	-	482,184
Maintenance of Buildings and Facilities	1,099,569	1,897,133
Maintenance of Equipment	174,125,326	210,527,062
Maintenance of Unspecified Assets	2,334,984	7,729,998

254,541,370	297,657,041
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Some maintenance work was done internally by employees of the municipality after having returned to work after Covid-19 protocols. Due to many cases being dormant, there was reduction on the usage of legal services.

28. General expenses

Audit Fees	6,822,660	7,519,813
Advertising	2,172,588	1,488,502
Assessment rates and municipal charges	92,323,567	86,118,560
Bank charges	458,343	378,397
Licences	1,249,286	848,170
Entertainment	16,763	999
Copyright fees	-	4,275
Lease rentals on operating lease	-	2,315,931
Hire and events charges	234,910	-
Insurance	2,843,099	2,577,250
Conferences and seminars	1,577,664	80,646
Computer expenses	1,577,238	1,420,643
Skills development fund	5,597,717	5,400,465
Fuel and oil	13,964,281	10,781,315
Postage and courier	4,188	6,990
Printing and stationery	244,113	118,476
Licences	651,151	-
Protective clothing	3,107,560	2,180,265
Subscriptions and membership fees	6,813,494	6,694,632
Telephone and fax	5,787,199	3,457,381
Planning forums	414,445	-
Travel - local	24,324	113,375
Assets expensed (Asset less than Capitalisation)/ Small assets	182,271	-
Water services expenditure	23,449,976	23,827,854
Utilities - Other	-	177,300
Accommodation	1,833,786	408,308
Mayor's bursary fund	1,803,921	492,043
Marketing	-	274,580

173,154,544	156,686,170
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29. Cash generated from operations

Surplus	290,849,148	378,830,740
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation	192,564,684	196,236,474
(Loss) gain on sale of assets and liabilities	(2,029,996)	13,189,473
Reversal of VBS investment	(22,146,983)	-
Provisions	(817,653)	-
Impairment of PPE	8,357,894	340,112,938
Debt impairment	594,140,071	-
Movements in provisions	-	7,215,290
Inventory losses or write-downs	1,061,073	-
Changes in working capital:		
Inventories	6,480,352	(13,712,339)
Receivables from exchange transactions	(547,217,201)	(512,698,224)
Other receivables from non-exchange transactions	(39,746,886)	28,386
Vat Receivable	-	26,784,061
VAT Payables	6,213,912	132,822,805
Other financial liabilities	(2,118,200)	-
Payables from exchange transactions	120,641,230	(58,372,344)
Taxes and transfers payable (non-exchange)	(43,010,952)	-
Unspent conditional grants and receipts	(35,037,573)	(41,532,826)
Other liability	-	(36,928,213)
	528,182,920	431,976,221

30. New standards and interpretations

30.1 Standards and interpretations issued, but not yet effective

The municipality has not applied the following standards and interpretations, which have been published and are mandatory for the municipality's accounting periods beginning on or after July 1, 2022 or later periods:

Standard/ Interpretation:	Effective date: Years beginning on or after	Expected impact:
• GRAP 25 (as revised): Employee Benefits	Unknown	Unlikely there will be a material impact
• Guideline: Guideline on the Application of Materiality to Financial Statements	Unknown	Unlikely there will be a material impact
• GRAP 104 (as revised): Financial Instruments	April 1, 2025	Unlikely there will be a material impact
• iGRAP 21: The Effect of Past Decisions on Materiality	April 1, 2023	Unlikely there will be a material impact
• GRAP 2020: Improvements to the standards of GRAP 2020	April 1, 2023	Unlikely there will be a material impact
• GRAP 1 (amended): Presentation of Financial Statements	April 1, 2023	Unlikely there will be a material impact

31. Licences and permits (non-exchange)

Licences and Permits (Non-Exchange)	371,517	171,310
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32. Lease rentals on operating lease

Premises		
Lease of premises	2,025,409	-
Equipment		
Leasing of printers	1,272,522	-
	3,297,931	-

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33. Reversal of VBS impairment provision

Reversal of VBS impairment provision	22,146,983	-
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The municipality had an investment with VBS Mutual Bank. The municipality has not withdrawn all of the money invested prior to VBS being placed under curatorship on 11 March 2018 amounting R 317 382 956. The amount was fully impaired in the 2017/2018 financial year. An impairment assessment was done during the current financial year (2021/2022) and there was a refund of R22 146 982 requiring adjustment to the impairment was identified and disclosed as follows:

34. Transfer and subsidies

Transfer and subsidies

Transfers and subsidies	888,396	-
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35. Remuneration of councillors

Executive Mayor	903,190	934,650
Chief Whip	687,132	711,187
Mayoral Committee Members	1,493,099	3,613,791
Speaker	730,219	755,878
Councillors	10,126,279	8,407,770
	13,939,919	14,423,276

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36. Commitments

Authorised capital expenditure

Already contracted for but not provided for

• Property, plant and equipment	525,613,558	1,341,421,354
• Prior year error	-	(200,735,412)
	525,613,558	1,140,685,942

Total capital commitments

Already contracted for but not provided for	525,613,558	1,140,685,942
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Authorised operational expenditure

Already contracted for but not provided for

• Office Software	-	3,450,747
• Virtual Private Network (VPN)	522,679	811,991
• Provision of CCTV assessment, reinstate and installation	-	49,886
• Provision of Lan upgrade for fire station	-	9,273,399
• Provision of Quarterly Newsletter	-	81,000
• Refurbishment, Testing, Drilling and Cleaning of Boreholes and Water Pumps	-	2,140,359
• ICT	15,353,325	-
• Repairs of office equipment, plant, and transport assets	-	6,545,298
• Site demarcation	1,024,219	-
• Accommodation and meals	57,464	-
• Office equipment	781,593	-
• Repairs and maintenance	6,044,711	-
• Provision of vehicles	1,934,967	-
• Training census	2,052,355	-
• Supply of uniforms and protective clothes	3,234,730	3,304,073
• Provision of Advertisements	41,400	251,066
• Supply of material	1,049,760	14,427,294
• Provision of professional services	6,446,085	5,963,735
• Provision of PPE verification	-	11,387,760
• Supply of trucks and tractors	-	6,989,709
• Prior year error - Repairs and maintenance	-	120,163,152
	38,543,288	184,839,469

Total operational commitments

Already contracted for but not provided for	38,543,288	184,839,469
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Total commitments

Total commitments

Authorised capital expenditure	525,613,558	1,140,685,942
Authorised operational expenditure	38,543,288	184,839,469
	564,156,846	1,325,525,411

This committed expenditure relates to property and will be financed by grants subsidies and internally generated funds.

Operating leases - as lessee (expense)

Minimum lease payments due

- within one year	3,722,675	3,435,609
- in second to fifth year inclusive	5,897,079	9,525,385
	9,619,754	12,960,994

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36. Commitments (continued)

Operating lease payments represent rentals payable by the municipality for certain of its office properties. Leases are negotiated for an average term of seven years and rentals are fixed for an average of three years. No contingent rent is payable.

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37. Contingencies

Contingent Liabilities:

Capstain Trading 215 CC	608,660	608,660
Getrusburg Community Property Association	17,375,599	17,375,599
Tshifaro Mukhethwa Andy	-	222,000
Mmbudzeni Given mavhunga	1,350,000	-
Generic Core/Debrob Business Enterprises	-	904,924
Tricks Wrought Iron Services (Pty) Ltd	1,419,871	1,419,871
Luvhengo LV OBO Minors	490,000	-
Stricking Force	7,697,711	-
Sharon Pipeline Specialists	-	2,488,975
Nevondo Azwihangwisi Andries	2,000,000	2,000,000
Tinyiko Manganyi OBO Manganyi Andile	4,100,000	1,000,000
Mudalamo Madala (Mandiwana Tshifhiwa)	-	33,318
Tshwane Trading	595,650	595,650
Konani Trading	-	783,864
K. T. Ntsikazi	3,708,956	3,708,956
Minister of Water and Sanitation	-	267,397,882
Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)	318,531,623	263,101,486
Stan South Financial and Investment Services cc	11,644,558	11,644,558
Hermans Truck Accident Repairs (Pty) Ltd	142,843	142,843
Risimati Christopher Mabasa	35,708	35,108
BMK Electronics	3,899,782	3,899,782
Johan Van Der Horst	514,158	514,158
Tshavhungwe Tshambiluni Godfrey	780,000	780,000
Phuluwa Thinashaka Reuben	3,500,000	3,500,000
Babusekile Business Enterprises	-	2,312,958
RYM Construction Enterprise	-	2,033,290
Advocate Nemugomoni	-	178,524
Molozzi Trust	703,756	703,756
Farisani Nditwani	-	151,500
Simunye Vehicles and asset Management	81,183	-
Thivhakoni Rosina Modau	570,000	-
Joyce and Tiny Sibongile Madala	3,500,000	-
Ndwakhulu Victor Ramabulana	1,000,000	-
Kurima JV Projects	1,034,335	-
	385,284,393	587,537,662

Litigation is the process against the municipality relating to a dispute with a plaintiff who alleges that the municipality has infringed his or her rights and is seeking recourse. The municipality's lawyers and management consider the likelihood of the action against the municipality being successful as unlikely, and the case should be resolved within the next two years.

The Minister contingencies for comparative (2021), was restated to R267 397 882.00 of which it is dormant in the current year.

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37. Contingencies (continued)

1. Capstain Trading

Capstain Trading is litigating against the Municipality and is disputing the validity of a cession that is purported to have been signed between the Capstain as the ceder and the third party. On the strength of the cession agreement the Municipality paid the third party an amount of R608, 660.42. The Municipality is defending the case. Attorney = In-house.

The case is still pending, and the estimated claim is R608 660 (2021: R608 660)

2. Getrusburg Community Property Association

The Association is suing the Makhado Municipality for R17,375,599.00 (2021: R17,375,599.00) for drawing borehole water from its premises without consent.

Makhado Municipality has joined VDM as a Water Services Authority. The Municipality is defending the case.

3. Tshifaro Mukethwa Andy

Tshifaro Mukethwa Andy has instituted a claim against the Municipality of R0.00 (2021: R222,000) in that his vehicle was involved in an accident which he claims was caused by a vehicle belonging to the Municipality. The plaintiff is claiming that the Municipal vehicle was the sole cause of that accident. The Municipality is defending the matter.

3. Mmbudzeni Given Mavhunga

Mmbudzeni Given Mavhunga is alleging that he fell into a ditch that was not covered and he has sustained some injuries. He is therefore suing the Municipality an amount of R1 350 000.00 for negligence. The Municipality is defending the matter.

2021. Generic Core/Denrob Business Enterprises

Generic Core, a sub-contractor, is suing Denrob Business Enterprises for R 904,924.10 for work performed. The Municipality is, a joinder due to a contractual relationship with Denrob Enterprises as the main contractor. The estimated disbursement is R904,924.10 (2021: R904,924.10) and the case is still pending.

4. Tricks Wrought Iron Services (Pty) Ltd

Tricks Wrought instituted a claim of R1,419,871.00 (2021: R 1,419,871.00) for not honouring a cession agreement. The Municipality contracted Ratekuwa who subsequently entered into a cession agreement with Tricks Wrought, the plaintiff, which cession was approved by the Municipality. Tricks Wrought provided the service and the municipality paid the main contractor, Ratekuwa. Tricks Wrought is claiming that the money for the service rendered should have been paid directly to them and not to the main contractor, Ratekuwa. The Municipality is disputing the claim.

6. LUVHENGU LV OBO MINORS

Ms Luvhengo Lydia Vhonani has instituted action against the Municipality in that the biological father of her two minor children has passed away due to the negligence of the Vhembe District Municipality. Ms Luvhengo is suing for R490 000.00. The alleged biological father was killed when a water tank fell on him. The Municipality is defending the case.

7. Sharon Pipeline Specialists

Sharon Pipeline is litigating against the municipality as they are alleging that they provided services and have not been paid. Sharon is suing the municipality for an amount of R0.00 (2021: R 2 488 975.00) The municipality is defending the case. The case is still pending.

8. Nevondo Azwihangwisi Andries

Mr. Nevondo Azwihangwisi is claiming that the Municipality is owing him an amount of R2 000 000.0 (2021: R2,000,000.00) for pension. The municipality is defending the matter.

9. Tinyiko Manganyi OBO Manganyi Andile

Tinyiko has instituted a claim against the municipality alleging that there were bodily injuries sustained due to negligence by

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37. Contingencies (continued)

the municipality. She is suing the municipality for an amount of R4 100 000 (2021: R1 000 000.00).

10. Tshwane Trading

Tshwane has instituted a claim against the Municipality as they alleged that they have suffered damages because of the Municipality failing to comply with the training agreement that was concluded. The claim amount is R595 650.00 (2021: R595 650.00). The case is still in house.

11. Mundalamo Madala (Mandiwana Tshifhiwa)

Tshifhiwa has instituted a claim against the Municipality as he alleges that there was an accident between his car and the Municipality's car which was being driven by Mundalamo A at the time of the accident. He claims an amount of R33 318 (2021: R33 318) being damages suffered in repair of the car. The Municipality is defending the case.

12.1. Minister of Water and Sanitation

The Minister of Water and Sanitation is suing the Municipality for R0.0, 112.67 (2021: 263 101 486) for water that has not been paid by the District.

The court has appointed a master who will assist both parties to reach an agreement.

12.2. Department of water and Sanitation

The Department of Water and Sanitation charged the Municipality interest for R 318, 531, 623 (2021: 263 101 486 restated) of which municipality applied for waiver of interest, the parties are still having an ongoing engagement to reach agreement and resolve the matter.

13. Stan South Financial and Investment Services CC

Stan South Financial and Investment Services CC was appointed by the Municipality to assist in VAT recoveries from South African Revenue Authority (SARS). The Plaintiff is claiming an amount of R 11 644 558 (2021: R 11 644 558) for the services rendered. The Municipality is defending the case.

14. Hermans Truck Accident Repairs (Pty) Ltd

Hermans Truck Accident Repairs (PTY) LTD has instituted a claim against Vhembe District Municipality for not paying them an amount of R 142 843 (2021: R 142 843). This amount is for towing and storage.

15. Risimati Christopher Mabasa

Risimati Christopher Mabasa has instituted a claim against the Municipality for R 35 108 (2021: R 35 108) in that his vehicle was involved in an accident which he claims was caused by a vehicle belonging to the Municipality. The Municipality is defending the matter.

16. BMK Electronics

The plaintiff is suing the municipality for unpaid invoices for services rendered, the total estimated claim is R 3 899 782 (2021: R3 899 782). The Municipality is defending the case.

17. Johan Van Der Horst

The plaintiff is litigating against the municipality as he alleges that he has lost his house due to fire as a result of negligence by municipality fire officials and their non-response on this case. He is claiming an amount of R 514 158 (2021: R514 158) as the value of the burnt house, furniture and clothing. The municipality is defending the case.

18. Tshavhungwe Tshambiluni Godfrey

The plaintiff is suing the municipality for an amount of R 780 000 (2021: R780 000) for damages in respect of pain and emotional suffering. The plaintiff is claiming that the Municipality exhumed the graves and the remains found in the Davhana Traditional area. The municipality was installing water pipelines. The Municipality is defending the matter.

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37. Contingencies (continued)

19. Phuluwa Thinashaka Reuben

The plaintiff is suing the municipality for injuries sustained while using the municipal vehicle, which did not have seat belts.

The plaintiff is employed by the municipality and is alleging that the injuries could have been avoided had the seat belt been in place. The estimated claim amounts to R 3 500 000 (2021: R 3 500 000). The Municipality is defending the matter.

20. Molozi Trust

Molozi Trust is claiming that there is an agreement that the Vhembe District Municipality will pay for the servitude that is in the name of the trust. They are requesting payment of R703, 755.57 (2021: R703, 755.57)

21. Farisani Nditwani

She issued summons to the tune of R0.00 (2021: R151, 500.00) in that her car sustained damages as a result of a pothole on the road. Attorney In-house

22. Simunye vehicles and asset management

The Simunye vehicle was in an accident as a result of a pothole and the applicant is suing the Municipality for the amount of R81, 183.55 (2021: R81, 183.55) excluding interest and cost of suit.

23. Thivhakoni Rosina Modau

Rosina Modau is instituting an action in that her son was involved in an accident which allegedly caused his death due to the apparent negligence of the Vhembe District Municipality that did not repair the road that was cut. He lost control and overturned his car and sustained injuries. The applicant is claiming R570, 000.00. (2021: R570, 000.00) The Municipality is defending the matter.

24. Joyce and Tiny Sibongile Madala

The applicants are claiming R3, 500, 000.00 for emotional shock in that there has been a sewer blockage causing leaks in their house. The Municipality is defending the matter.

25. Ndwakhulu Victor Ramabulana

The applicant is alleging that he fell into the ditch and sustained a fracture on his leg and he is now claiming R1, 000, 000.00. The Municipality is defending the matter.

26. Kurima JV Projects CC

The company is claiming an amount of R1, 034, 335. 41 for the work done. The Municipality is defending the matter

27. Konani Trading

Konani has instituted a claim against the municipality as they alleged that they have suffered damages as a result of the municipality failing to comply with the training agreement that was concluded. The claim amount is R 783,864.00. The case is still in house

28. K. T. Nsikazi.Com

Nsikazi is litigating against the municipality as they allege that they had leased the municipality IT hardware materials which upon expiry of the contract were never returned to them. They are claiming an amount of R3,708,956.36 being the value of items in possession of the municipality. The municipality is defending the case.

29. Babusekile Business Enterprises

Babusekile Business Enterprises is litigating against the Municipality as they are alleging that the Municipality is owing them R0.00 (2021: R2,312,958.06) for services rendered. The Municipality is defending the matter. Technical acknowledges that

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37. Contingencies (continued)

they owe and
therefore they will pay

30. RHYM Construction Enterprises

Rhym Construction Enterprises is litigating against the Municipality as they are alleging that the Municipality is owing them R2,033,290 for Retention. The Municipality is defending the matter.

31. Advocate Nemugumoni

The plaintiff Advocate Nemugomoni is suing the municipality, alleging that he was underpaid during his course of employment. Advocate Nemugomoni was an audit committee member of the municipality and he is alleging that the municipality used to compensate him based on an incorrect rate since March 2012. The municipality used to use the rate that was linked to the plaintiff's qualification as opposed to the rate that was linked to the title. The plaintiff wishes to be compensated in a fair rate.

The case is still pending, and the estimated claim is R178,524.00.

32. Stricking Force Company

Stricking Force company was appointed to do maintenance work in the Makhado Municipal area. The company submitted invoices to the Municipality and they were not paid as per their expectation. Their invoices amounted to R7 697 711.00. The engagements are still going on as to finalise the matter.

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38. Related parties

Relationships

Accounting Officer

Members of key management

Refer to accounting officers' report note

Ndou TS- Municipal Manager appointed (December 2019 to date)

Thangavhuelelo M- Chief Financial Officer

Tshikovha NC - General Manager TStrategic

Planning and Development

Nthambeleni TG - Acting General Manager

Community Services (July 2021 to March 2022)

Mukwevho NM - Acting General Manager Community Services (April 2022 to June 2022)

Maluleke W - General Manager Technical Services

Tshivinda M - General Manager Corporate Services

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Councillor TS Mbedzi

Councillor NC Radamba

Councillor PJ Chavani

Councillor MR Magada

Councillor NR Mathukha

Councillor MS Machethe

Councillor S Magada

Councillor J Mukwevho

Councillor MP Temba

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Councillor NR Mathukha

Councillor MG Chauke

Councillor AM Mamedzi

Councillor ADV. NA Mudunungu

Councillor SM Sinyosi

Councillor T Mundalamo

Councillor RG Nkanyane/Machobane

Councillor T Padelane

Councillor AS Tshifhango

Members of Meyoral Committee

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38. Related parties (continued)

Remuneration of management

Management class: Councillors

2022

	Basic salary	Cellphone Allowance	Subsistence Travel Allowance	Sitting Allowance	Arrears	Total
Name						
Mayoral Committee Members	304,169	154,548	979,826	9,929	44,627	1,493,099
Other Councillors	7,707,399	118,584	1,590,903	687,315	22,078	10,126,279
Executive Mayor	839,677	63,513	-	-	-	903,190
Speaker	608,087	57,351	64,853	-	-	730,291
Chief Whip	655,605	31,527	-	-	-	687,132
	10,114,937	425,523	2,635,582	697,244	66,705	13,939,991

2021

	Basic salary	Cellphone Allowance	Subsistence Travel Allowance	Sitting Allowance	Total
Name					
Mayoral Committee Members	2,531,402	416,254	666,136	-	3,613,792
Councillors	5,531,663	474,546	1,492,871	908,692	8,407,772
Executive Mayor	893,850	40,800	-	-	934,650
Speaker	536,309	40,800	178,769	-	755,878
Chief Whip	670,387	40,800	-	-	711,187
	10,163,611	1,013,200	2,337,776	908,692	14,423,279

Mayoral Committee members

2022

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38. Related parties (continued)

Name	Basic salary	Subsistence and travel	Sitting Allowance	Cellphone Allowance	Arears	Total
Chavani Phahlela Joe	103,484	36,516	-	-	-	140,000
Machete Mahlomola Sylvia	169,056	53,064	-	26,273	-	248,393
Magada M Robert	103,484	49,255	-	-	-	152,739
Magada T Samuel	99,871	33,290	-	14,527	-	147,688
Mathuka Ntsundeni Rose	30,536	10,179	-	5,873	-	46,588
Mbedzi Thinawanga Selina	179,023	71,011	-	14,527	-	264,561
Mukwevho Josephine	137,979	2,042	-	-	-	140,021
Radamba Ndivhuwo Calvin	179,024	59,674	-	14,528	-	253,226
Chauke MG	145,319	114,841	1,103	-	-	261,263
Mamedzi AM	165,088	90,715	-	26,273	-	282,076
Adv. Mudunungu NA	145,319	63,640	-	-	11,040	219,999
Sinyosi SM	281,932	137,032	-	26,273	11,040	456,277
Mundalamo T	170,782	79,892	-	26,273	3,542	280,489
Machovani RG	199,050	78,347	-	-	3,542	280,939
Padelane T	45,559	34,771	7,723	-	4,422	92,475
Tshifhango AS	145,319	65,557	1,103	-	11,040	223,019
	2,300,825	979,826	9,929	154,547	44,626	3,489,753

2021

Name	Basic salary	Subsistence and Travel	Sitting allowance	Backpay	Cellphone Allowance	Reimbursment	Total
Chavani Phahlela Joe	169,539	73,071	6,619	16,513	-	-	265,742
Machete Mahlamola Sylvia	91,118	28,857	-	-	-	-	119,975
Magada M Robert	169,539	75,228	4,413	16,513	-	836	266,529
Magada Samuel	252,017	90,804	-	3,883	40,800	-	387,504
Makhutha Ntsundeni Rose	502,790	239,353	-	-	40,800	-	782,943
Mbedzi Thinawanga Selina	502,790	231,704	-	-	40,800	-	775,294
Mukwevho Josephine	387,517	14,994	-	29,467	-	21,564	453,542
Radamba Ndivhuwo Calvin	88,397	-	-	-	17,000	-	105,397
	2,163,707	754,011	11,032	66,376	139,400	22,400	3,156,926

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39. Change in estimate

Property, plant and equipment

During the year, the useful life of certain property, plant and equipment had been re-estimated at the beginning of the current periods to reflect the actual pattern of service potential derived from the assets.

The effect of the current and future periods will be a decrease in the depreciation charge of R14 561 153.06 in the current period and an equal increase in the depreciation charge of R14 561 153.06 over the remaining periods.

40. Prior-year adjustments

Presented below are those items contained in the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance and cash flow statement that have been affected by prior-year adjustments:

Receivables from exchange transactions

In the previous years, not all customers were billed. Methodology for estimated revenue could not be relied on because data used was not complete. Most of the meters were not read in the previous years.

Management estimated revenue of R1 150 116 181.68 (VAT inclusive) in 2021. The cumulative estimated revenue from 2019 – 2020 was R1 660 536 512 (VAT inclusive). The total overstatement on gross amount of receivables was R2 810 652 694.07 (R1 150 116 181.68 + R1 660 536 512).

The total overstatement of R2 810 652 694.07 on gross amount and impairment of R2 810 652 694.07 were reversed.

The net effect is R0 on receivables from exchange transactions on the face of financial position, however the note and reconciliation of impairment was affected by same amounts. The effect on the note for impairment loss reconciliation is decrease in current year movement by R1 150 116 181.68 and opening balance by R1 660 536 512, respectively.

Service charges

In the previous years, not all customers were billed. Methodology for estimated revenue could not be relied on because data used was not complete. Most of the meters were not read in the previous years.

This resulted in overstatement of service charges by R977 598 754.43 in 2021

Statutory receivables

In the previous years, not all customers were billed. Management estimated billing amounts and incorrectly charged VAT on estimated amounts.

This resulted in overstatement of VAT liability by R 132 822 805 and understatement of VAT receivables by total amount of R 288 775 099.

In 2021, municipality received R89 228 964 from Department of Water affairs for RBIG Project (Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant). Municipality incorrectly capitalised costs of R66 214 544 and recognised revenue (Grant income) of R66 214 544, VAT input of R11 638 560.49 and deferred income/unspent grant of R23 014 420.

The total adjustment on VAT is R409 959 344 (i.e 2021: R172 517 427, 2020: R101 453 152, 2019: R147 627 324)

Impairment loss

In the previous years, not all customers were billed. Methodology for estimated revenue could not be relied on because data used was not complete. Most of the meters were not read in the previous years.

This resulted in overstatement of impairment loss by R1 150 116 181.68 in 2021.

Accumulated Surplus (Excluding movement in statement of financial performance in 2021)

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40. Prior-year adjustments (continued)

In the previous years, not all customers were billed. Methodology for estimated revenue could not be relied on because data used was not complete. Most of the meters were not read in the previous years.

Management estimated revenue of R1 411 456 035.53 (excluding VAT) from 2019 – 2020. This resulted in overstatement of opening balance for accumulated surplus of R1 411 456 035.53.

Management recognised impairment loss of R1 660 536 512 from 2019 – 2020. This resulted in understatement of opening balance for accumulated surplus of R1 660 536 512.

The total understatement on opening balance of accumulated surplus is R249 080 476.86.

Government Grants

As per signed funding agreement between Department of Water Affairs and Vhembe District Municipality, municipality spent on the project and claim all costs from the Department.

Infrastructure belongs to Department and will only be transferred to Municipality when the project is complete.

In 2021, municipality received R89 228 964 from Department of Water affairs for RBIG Project (Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant). Municipality incorrectly capitalised costs of R66 214 544 and recognised revenue (Grant income) of R66 214 544 and deferred income/unspent grant of R23 014 420.

This led to overstatement of government grants by R66 214 544.

Unspent conditional grants

As per signed funding agreement between Department of Water affairs and Vhembe District Municipality, municipality spent on the project and claims all costs from the Department.

Infrastructure belongs to Department and will only be transferred to Municipality when the project is complete.

In 2021, municipality received R89 228 964 from Department of Water affairs for RBIG Project (Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant). Municipality incorrectly capitalised costs of R66 214 544 and recognised revenue (Grant income) of R66 214 544 and deferred income/unspent grant of R23 014 420.

This led to overstatement of unspent conditional grants by R23 014 420.

Property, Plant and equipment

As per signed funding agreement between Department of Water Affairs and Vhembe District Municipality, municipality spent on the project and claims all costs from the Department.

Infrastructure belongs to Department and will only be transferred to Municipality when the project is complete.

In 2021, municipality received R89 228 964 from Department of Water affairs for RBIG Project (Regional Bulk Infrastructure Grant). Municipality incorrectly capitalised costs of R66 214 544 and recognised revenue (Grant income) of R66 214 544, VAT input of R11 638 560.49 and deferred income/unspent grant of R23 014 420.

This led to overstatement of property, plant and equipment by R77 590 403.

Commitments

In 2021, auditors could not obtain sufficient evidence on completeness of commitments.

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40. Prior-year adjustments (continued)

Management investigated and updated (increased) the commitment register by R120 163 152.39 (Operational) & R 200 735 412 (Capital)

Contingent liabilities

In 2021, Management had disclosed a balance of R267 391 882 of which there was an adjustment of R4 290 397, resulted in an overstated in previous year balance which was restated to R263 101 486.

Employee related cost disclosures.

In 2021 the remuneration of General Manager Technical Services included the remuneration of employees who were acting the vacant position. This resulted to overstatement of the disclosed amount by R2 420 459. Refer to the prior period error note.

Other financial liabilities

During, 2020 financial year there was an error made made by the Department of Water and Sanitation. The error was a results of adjustment resulting in an understatement of the other financial liabilities and accumulated surplus respectively, by R 11 185 274.

Accumulated surplus

During, 2020 financial year there was an error made made by the Department of Water and Sanitation. The error was a results of adjustment resulting in an understatement of the other financial liabilities and accumulated surplus respectively, by R 11 185 274

VAT liability relating to VAT was incorrectly accounted and led to misstatement of accumulated surplus by R249 080 476

Inventory

In 2021, Management had made an inaccurate calculation of inventory, the error resulted to an understatement of inventory and overstatement of water consumed respectively, by R 646 279.

Inventory Consumed

In 2021, Management had made an inaccurate calculation of inventory, the error resulted to an understatement of inventory and overstatement of water consumed respectively, by R 646 279.

Statement of financial position

2021

	Note	As previously reported	Correction of error	Restated
Property Plant and Equipment		5,183,845,505	(77,590,403)	5,106,255,102
Inventory		43,270,846	646,279	43,917,125
Unspent conditional grants		(71,014,113)	23,014,418	(47,999,695)
Payables from exchange transactions		(316,336,977)	116,975	(316,220,002)
Statutory receivable - VAT		-	277,135,453	277,135,453
Statutory Payables - VAT		(132,822,805)	132,822,805	-
Trade and other receivables from exchange transactions		10,991,943	-	10,991,943
Other financial liabilities		(995,541,321)	(11,192,529)	(1,006,733,850)
Accumulated surplus		(3,705,932,612)	(238,007,702)	(3,943,940,314)
		16,460,466	106,945,296	123,405,762

Statement of financial performance

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40. Prior-year adjustments (continued)

2021

	Note	As previously reported	Correction of error	Re-classification	Restated
Impairment loss		1,490,229,120	(1,150,116,182)	-	340,112,938
Government Grant and Subsidies		(1,881,944,788)	66,214,544	-	(1,815,730,244)
Service charges		(1,286,883,407)	977,598,754	-	(309,284,653)
Employee cost		650,721,859	3,867	-	650,725,726
Bulk purchases		95,053,206	-	(95,053,206)	-
Inventory consumed		14,587,556	(646,279)	95,053,206	108,994,483
Surplus for the year		(918,236,454)	(106,945,296)		-(1,025,181,750)

Cash flow statement

2021

	Note	As previously reported	Correction of error	Restated
Cash flow from operating activities				
Suppliers		1,402,157,428	(687,224,187)	714,933,241
Cash flow from investing activities				
PPE		(651,270,974)	89,228,964	(562,042,010)
Cash flow from financing activities				
Investing activity		(650,295,974)	613,367,761	(36,928,213)

41. Risk management

Financial risk management

The municipality's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest rate risk, cash flow interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the municipality will encounter in raising funds to cover future commitments. The municipality manages the liquidity risk through an ongoing review of future commitments and credit facilities.

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities, the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to close out market positions. Due to the dynamic nature of the underlying businesses, municipality treasury maintains flexibility in funding by maintaining availability under committed credit lines.

The municipality's risk to liquidity is a result of the funds available to cover future commitments. The municipality manages liquidity risk through an ongoing review of future commitments and credit facilities.

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41. Risk management (continued)

Credit risk

Credit risk consists mainly of cash deposits, cash equivalents, derivative financial instruments and trade debtors. The municipality only deposits cash with major banks with high quality credit standing and limits exposure to any one counter-party.

Trade receivables comprise a widespread customer base. Management evaluated credit risk relating to customers on an ongoing basis. If customers are independently rated, these ratings are used. Otherwise, if there is no independent rating, risk control assesses the credit quality of the customer, taking into account its financial position, past experience and other factors. Individual risk limits are set based on internal or external ratings in accordance with limits set by the Council. Sales to residents are settled in cash or using major credit cards.

Financial assets exposed to credit risk at year end were as follows:

Financial instrument	2022	2021
Inventories	37,436,774	43,917,125
Receivables from exchange transactions	2,641,612	10,991,943
Receivables from non-exchange transactions	11,093,903	-
Statutory receivables- VAT	270,921,541	277,135,453
Cash and Cash equivalent	131,872,853	100,928,864
Payables from exchange transaction	(444,203,017)	(316,220,002)
Taxes and transfers payable (non-exchange)	(2,086,000)	(45,096,952)
Consumer deposits	(4,049,170)	(4,049,170)

Market risk

42. Going concern

We draw attention to the fact that at June 30, 2022, the municipality had an accumulated surplus (deficit) of 4,341,745,983 and that the municipality's total assets exceed its liabilities by 4,341,745,983.

The municipality is substantially dependent on the government for continued funding of operations. We draw attention to the fact that at 30 June 2022, the municipality had an accumulated surplus (deficit) of R 4 430 580 000 and that the municipality's total assets exceed its liabilities by R 4430 580 000.

The ability of the municipality to continue as a going concern is dependent on a number of factors. The following factors support going concern assumption:

There is no intention to cease operation and municipal budget for MTERF period is support this.

The municipality has a healthy solvency and liquidity ration.

The municipality continue to achieve net surplus for 2022 and 2021 financial year

There are no material commitments or litigation at balance sheet date that threatens the going concern assumption.

The annual financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies applicable to a going concern. This basis presumes that funds will be available to finance future operations and that the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of business.

43. Events after the reporting date

Contract for Municipal Manager ended on the 8th November 2022. General Manager Corporate was appointed to act as Municipal Manger until Municipal Manager is appointed.

44. Unauthorised expenditure

Opening balance as previously reported	1,430,908,837	725,149,957
Add: Expenditure identified - current	539,220,738	1,430,908,837
Less: written-off by council	(1,392,164,900)	(725,149,957)
Closing balance	577,964,675	1,430,908,837

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44. Unauthorised expenditure (continued)

The over expenditure incurred by municipal departments during the year is attributable to the following categories:

Non-cash	498,061,578	1,387,763,363
Cash	41,159,160	43,145,474
	539,220,738	1,430,908,837

Analysed as follows: non-cash

Employee related cost	-	18,973,410
Depreciation and amortisation	19,431,566	-
Provision of impairment	478,630,012	1,368,789,950
	498,061,578	1,387,763,360

Analysed as follows: cash

Inventory consumed	8,578,094	2,582,592
Contracted services	32,581,066	38,743,937
General expenditure	-	1,818,945
	41,159,160	43,145,474

45. Fruitless and wasteful expenditure

Opening balance as previously reported	8,917	255,148
Add: Fruitless and wasteful expenditure identified - current	93,425	150,397
Less: Amount recovered - current	(4,165)	(5,827)
Less: Amount written off	(14,159)	(390,801)
Closing balance	84,018	8,917

Fruitless and wasteful expenditure is presented inclusive of VAT

46. Irregular expenditure

Opening balance as previously reported	140,565,426	208,341,072
Less: Irregular Expenditure - current	105,183,314	83,283,154
Less: Amount written off	(201,995,641)	(151,058,800)
Closing balance	43,753,099	140,565,426

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46. Irregular expenditure (continued)

Incidents/cases identified/reported in the current year include those listed below:

Appointment of service providers after expiry of validity period	3,141,405	10,079,256
Award made to supplier of which the partner is in the service of the municipality	3,494,534	4,910,953
Award made to Supplier with low functionality points	-	867,461
Bids without local content declaration	12,359,529	-
Employees or relative employed by state	8,195,639	17,898,856
Evaluation criteria not consistent with the Preferential Procurement Regulation	44,827,807	17,989,251
No competitive bidding process done	-	6,588,089
Non-compliance with Tax Matters	16,288,006	-
Supply Chain Management Process were not followed	15,100,790	17,846,870
Wrong application of Contract RT57-2019	1,775,605	7,102,418
	105,183,315	83,283,154

47. Additional disclosure in terms of Municipal Finance Management Act

SALGA

Current year subscription / fee	6,700,409	6,254,030
Amount paid - current year	(6,700,409)	(6,254,030)
	-	-

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47. Additional disclosure in terms of Municipal Finance Management Act (continued)

Material losses

Opening balance as previously reported	457,328,431	-
Current year movements	30,401,094	457,328,431
Opening balance as restated	487,729,525	457,328,431

Water

Water losses are caused by leakage on transmission and distribution mains, leakage on service connections up to the point of customer meter.

Water losses percentages are 52.1% (2021/2022) and 41.5% (2020/21).

Audit fees

Current year subscription / fee	6,796,505	5,155,603
Amount paid - current year	(6,796,505)	(5,155,603)
	-	-

PAYE and UIF

Opening balance	7,891,033	7,891,033
Current year subscription / fee	108,414,077	74,845,071
Amount paid - current year	(108,414,077)	(74,845,071)
Amount paid - previous years	(7,891,033)	-
	-	7,891,033

The balance represents PAYE and UIF deducted from the June 2022 payroll.

Pension and Medical Aid Deductions

Opening balance	43,831,475	10,605,734
Current year subscription / fee	22,366,827	66,220,789
Amount paid - current year	(22,366,827)	(32,995,048)
Amount paid - previous years	(43,831,475)	-
	-	43,831,475

48. Deviation from supply chain management regulations

In terms of section 36 of the Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations any deviations from the supply chain management policy needs to be approved/condoned by the accounting officer and noted by council. The expenses incurred as listed hereunder have been approved by the accounting officer and noted by council.

Incident

Repairs and maintenance of vehicles and equipment	4,934,725	2,655,941
Advertising and Marketing	1,443,217	676,766
Staff Training and development	991,908	585,967
IT services	459,934	728,609
Professional Fees	70,409	57,428
Printing Services	-	45,034
Accommodation and conference	-	58,179
Event Management	178,270	-
Stationery	120,215	-
	8,198,678	4,807,924

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Appendix E(1)

June 2022

Actual versus Budget for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Current year 2022 Act. Bal.	Forecast # 2 2022 Adjusted budget Rand	Variance Rand	Var	Explanation of Significant Variances greater than 10% versus Budget
	Rand	Rand	Rand		
Revenue					
Sale of goods and rendering of services	976,434	3,195,453	(2,219,019)	(69.4)	This is due to less sale of tender documents than expected as a results of tender documents now being available online.
Service Charges	515,078,064	527,115,541	(12,037,477)	(2.3)	Not material
Licences and permits	5,945	139,547	(133,602)	(95.7)	The amount collected was significantly less than budgeted, revenue from health certificates depends on demand from new business requiring health certificates, less health certificates than anticipated were issued due to slow down in new business activity as a result the current economic climate.
Operational revenue	1,277,071	43,301,097	(42,024,026)	(97.1)	The actual income received has not being budgeted as this is additional income that the municipality did not anticipate to receive.
	-	-	-	-	The actual income received has not being budgeted as this is additional income that the municipality did not anticipate to receive.
Interest received - investment	59,041,464	41,038,879	18,002,585	43.9	This is due to low collection and resulted with lot of debtors charged interest in the current year
Government grants and subsidies	1,718,756,825	1,840,319,800	(121,562,975)	(6.6)	Not material
Licences and permits - (Non- exchange)	371,517	439,000	(67,483)	(15.4)	Collections from licences and permits are less than budgeted, the revenue from licences and permits is depended on demand from customers
VBS investment withdrawal	22,146,983	-	22,146,983	100.0	The VBS was fully provided for in 2017/18 and the movement in provision was not expected.
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
	2,317,654,303	2,455,549,317	(137,895,014)	(5.6)	
Expenses					
Employee related cost	(672,593,083)	(691,519,610)	18,926,527	(2.7)	Not material

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June 2022

Actual versus Budget for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Current year 2022 Act. Bal.	Forecast # 2 2022 Adjusted budget	Variance		Explanation of Significant Variances greater than 10% versus Budget
Remuneration of councillors	(13,939,919)	(18,307,735)	4,367,816	(23.9)	The budget for the remuneration of councillors include possible increase of 4% which was not granted therefore contributing to the underperformance of 17%. The remainder is due to movement in total headcount of the of the councillors which is not reflected in the budget as it cannot reasonably be forecast.
Depreciation and amortisation	(192,564,684)	(173,133,118)	(19,431,566)	11.2	Not material
Impairment loss/ Reversal of impairments	(602,497,965)	(123,867,953)	(478,630,012)	386.4	There were no bad debts written off during the year under review 2019/2020 financial year
Bad debts written off	-	(15,304,344)	15,304,344	(100.0)	Sale of goods/inventory shows underperformance of 15%. This is related to inventory consumed in the normal process of the municipality's activities, less inventory was consumed than budgeted therefore indicating efficient use of resources by the municipality in carrying out normal business.
Inventory consumed	(114,202,760)	(105,624,665)	(8,578,095)	8.1	Not Material
Finance costs	(93,425)	(205,251)	111,826	(54.5)	Finance charges are less than budgeted due to improvement in the timely payments of creditors by the municipality resulting in less interest charged on overdue invoices.
Lease rentals on operating lease	(3,297,931)	(3,999,681)	701,750	(17.5)	This is due to maintenance which is required as and when which was less than expected.
Contracted Services	(254,541,370)	(221,960,304)	(32,581,066)	14.7	Some maintenance work was done internally by employees of the municipality after having returned to work after Covid-19
Transfers and Subsidies	(888,396)	(900,000)	11,604	(1.3)	Not Material
General Expenses	(173,154,545)	(176,242,107)	3,087,562	(1.8)	Not Material
	(2,027,774,078)	(1,531,064,768)	(496,709,310)	32.4	
Gain or loss on disposal of assets and liabilities	2,029,996	500,000	1,529,996	306.0	The gain on disposal of assets and liabilities is more than budgeted. gain on disposal is depended on the nature and condition of the assets disposed, the proceeds recieved on disposal. The assets disposed were aged and reached the end of the useful lifes nd little or no proceeds were received on their write-off.
Inventory write down/NRV	(1,061,073)	-	(1,061,073)	-	

Actual versus Budget for the year ended 30 June 2022

Current year 2022 Act. Bal.	Forecast # 2 2022 Adjusted budget	Variance	Explanation of Significant Variances greater than 10% versus Budget
968,923	500,000	468,923	93.8
290,849,148	924,984,549	(634,135,401)	(68.6)