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# Independent auditor's report to the Board of Directors of Dubai Electricity and Water Authority

#### **Report on the financial statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Dubai Electricity and Water Authority ("the Authority") which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as of 31 December, 2012, and the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with internationally acceptable accounting principles as set out in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we comply with the ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

# Independent auditor's report to the Board of Directors of Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (continued)

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with internationally acceptable accounting principles as set out in Note 2 of the consolidated financial statements.

Amin Nasser

Registered Auditor Number 307 Dubai, United Arab Emirates

# Consolidated balance sheet

| Consolidated valance sheet                         |        |  | 1               |
|--|--------|--|-----------------|
|  | Note   | and the second s | t 31 December   |
|  | Note   | 2012<br>AED'000  | 2011<br>AED'000 |
| ASSETS<br>Non-current assets                       |        | AED 000  | AED 000         |
| Property, plant and equipment                      | E      | 87,727,806   | 85,646,483      |
| Intangible assets                                  | 5<br>6 | 13,589   | 19,821          |
| Investment in joint ventures                       | 7      | 53,020   | 53,020          |
| Total non-current assets                           | ,      | 87,794,415   | 85,719,324      |
|  |        |  |                 |
| Current assets                                     |        |  |                 |
| Trade and other receivables                        | 8      | 3,548,875  | 3,514,934       |
| Inventories  | 9      | 3,036,867  | 2,814,264       |
| Cash and bank balances                             | 10     | 768,353  | 768,979         |
| Total current assets                               |        | 7,354,095  | 7,098,177       |
| Total assets                                       |        | 95,148,510   | 92,817,501      |
| EOUTTV   |        |  |                 |
| EQUITY Capital and reserves attributable to equity |        |  |                 |
| holders  |        |  |                 |
| Government of Dubai account                        |        | 29,817,517   | 29,492,113      |
| General reserve                                    |        | 21,570,616   | 17,815,123      |
|  |        |  |                 |
|  |        | 51,388,133   | 47,307,236      |
| Non-controlling interests                          |        | 538,800  | 481,221         |
| Total equity                                       |        | 51,926,933   | 47,788,457      |
| LIABILITIES  |        | ( Table 1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1  |                 |
| Non-current liabilities                            |        |  |                 |
| Borrowings   | 11     | 16,942,000   | 21,407,806      |
| Retirement benefit obligations                     | 12     | 368,693  | 328,251         |
| Government grant                                   | 13     | 408,778  | 429,550         |
| Other liabilities and charges                      | 14     | 14,678,822   | 13,246,315      |
| Total non-current liabilities                      |        | 32,398,293   |                 |
| Total non-current habilities                       |        | 32,396,293   | 35,411,922      |
| Current liabilities                                |        |  |                 |
| Trade and other payables                           | 15     | 6,605,541  | 7,597,066       |
| Borrowings   | 11     | 4,214,971  | 2,017,284       |
| Government grant                                   | 13     | 2,772  | 2,772           |
| Total current liabilities                          |        | 10,823,284   | 9,617,122       |
| Total equity and liabilities                       |        | 95,148,510   | 92,817,501      |
|  |        |  |                 |

These consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on The FEBRUARY 2013 and signed on its behalf by:

Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer

Chief Financial Officer

Chairman

Director

# Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

|   | Note | Year ended 31 Decemb |                     |
|---|------|----------------------|---------------------|
|   |      | 2012<br>AED'000      | 2011<br>AED'000     |
|   |      | AED 000              | AED 000             |
| Revenue   | 16   | 15,714,673           | 14,704,045          |
| Cost of sales   | 17   | (9,110,399)          | (8,397,749)         |
| Gross profit  |      | 6,604,274            | 6,306,296           |
| Other income  | 20   | 594,624              | 618,785             |
| Administrative expenses   | 18   | (949,108)            | (726,661)           |
| Operating profit  |      | 6,249,790            | 6,198,420           |
| Finance income  |      | 8,259                | 85,926              |
| Finance costs   |      | (1,607,215)          | (1,910,223)         |
| Finance costs – net   | 21   | (1,598,956)          | (1,824,297)         |
| Profit for the year   |      | 4,650,834            | 4,374,123           |
| <b>Other comprehensive income</b> Other comprehensive income for the year   |      | -                    | -                   |
| Total comprehensive income for the year   |      | 4,650,834            | 4,374,123           |
| Profit for the year and total comprehensive income for the year attributable to - Government of Dubai - Non-controlling interests |      | 4,595,705<br>55,129  | 4,337,504<br>36,619 |
| Profit and total comprehensive income for the year  |      | 4,650,834            | 4,374,123           |

# **Consolidated statement of changes in equity**

|   | Government<br>of Dubai<br>account<br>AED'000 | General<br>reserve<br>AED'000 | Retained<br>earnings<br>AED'000 | Non-controlling<br>interests<br>AED'000 | Total<br>AED'000 |
|---|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|------------------|
| At 1 January 2011                             | 29,448,511                                   | 14,322,716                    | -                               | 419,602                                 | 44,190,829       |
| Profit for the year                           | =  | -                             | 4,337,504                       | 36,619                                  | 4,374,123        |
| Transfer to general reserve                   | -  | 3,492,407                     | (3,492,407)                     | -                                       | -                |
| Transfer to Government of Dubai account*      | 845,097                                      | -                             | (845,097)                       | -                                       | -                |
| Other movements during the year               | (845,097)                                    | -                             | -                               | -                                       | (845,097)        |
| Capital contribution by Government of Dubai – |  |                               |                                 |   |                  |
| value of land                                 | 43,602                                       | =                             | -                               | <del>-</del>                            | 43,602           |
| Transactions with non-controlling interests   | -  | -                             | -                               | 25,000                                  | 25,000           |
| At 31 December 2011                           | 29,492,113                                   | 17,815,123                    |                                 | 481,221                                 | 47,788,457       |
| At 1 January 2012                             | 29,492,113                                   | 17,815,123                    | <del></del>                     | 481,221                                 | 47,788,457       |
| Profit for the year                           | -  | -                             | 4,595,705                       | 55,129                                  | 4,650,834        |
| Transfer to general reserve                   | _  | 3,755,493                     | (3,755,493)                     | =                                       | =                |
| Transfer to Government of Dubai account*      | 840,212                                      | -                             | (840,212)                       | -                                       | -                |
| Other movements during the year               | (840,212)                                    | -                             | -                               | -                                       | (840,212)        |
| Capital contribution by Government of Dubai – |  |                               |                                 |   |                  |
| value of land ( net)                          | 325,404                                      | -                             | -                               | -                                       | 325,404          |
| Transactions with non-controlling interests   | -  | -                             | -                               | 2,450                                   | 2,450            |
| At 31 December 2012                           | 29,817,517                                   | 21,570,616                    | -                               | 538,800                                 | 51,926,933       |

<sup>\*</sup>The Authority transfers an amount to the Government of Dubai account, as an appropriation of retained earnings, which is equivalent to the amount owed by the Government of Dubai to the Authority.

# **Consolidated statement of cash flows**

|  | Notes           | <u>Year ended 3</u><br>2012<br>AED'000              | <u>31 December</u><br>2011<br>AED'000                        |
|--|-----------------|---|--|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b> Cash generated from operations   | 22              | 7,490,967   | 7,396,291  |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>  |                 |   |  |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment, net<br>of movement in retentions, trade payables for<br>capital projects and adjustments<br>Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and<br>equipment<br>Purchase of intangibles | 5,14,15<br>5,20 | (3,649,854)<br>415<br>(1,069)                       | (4,988,512)<br>18,906<br>(6,071)                             |
| Investment in a joint venture<br>Interest received   |                 | 8,030   | (3,020)<br>124,299   |
| Net cash used in investing activities  |                 | (3,642,478)   | (4,854,398)  |
| Cash flows from financing activities Capital contribution from non-controlling interests Proceeds from term loans Repayment of term loans Fixed Deposit with maturity of more than three months Interest paid                |                 | 2,450<br>593,650<br>(2,546,820)<br>-<br>(1,523,205) | 25,000<br>1,608,843<br>(9,775,256)<br>406,045<br>(1,913,930) |
| Net cash used in from financing activities   |                 | (3,473,925)   | (9,649,298)  |
| Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equiva  | alents          | 374,564   | (7,107,405)  |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year   | •               | 241,201   | 7,348,606  |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year   | 10              | 615,765   | 241,201  |

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

### 1 Establishment and operations

Dubai Electricity and Water Authority ("DEWA" or "the Authority") was incorporated on 1 January 1992 in the Emirate of Dubai by a decree ("the Original Decree") issued by H.H., the Ruler of Dubai, effective 1 January 1992, as an independent public authority having the status of a body corporate, and financially and administratively independent from the Government.

In accordance with the Original Decree, all rights, property and assets of Dubai Electricity Company ("the Company") and Dubai Water Department ("the Department") belonging to the Government, were vested in the Authority, and the Authority was held responsible for all liabilities and debts of the Company and the Department, of any kind whatsoever. Together, the Company and the Department formed DEWA from the effective date of the original decree.

The Authority is wholly owned by the Government of Dubai. The principal activities of the Authority, in accordance with the Original Decree and Decree No. 13 of 1999 which amended some of the provisions of the Original Decree, comprise water desalination and distribution and the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity, throughout the Emirate of Dubai. The registered address of the Authority is P.O. Box 564, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Emirates Central Cooling Systems Corporation ("EMPOWER") was established on 23 November 2003 as a corporate entity in accordance with Article 3 of Law No. (10) "Emirates Central Cooling Systems Corporation Incorporation Law for the year 2003" and commenced commercial operations on 15 February 2004. EMPOWER was initially established as a joint venture between the Authority and the Technology Electronic Commerce and Media Free Zone ("TECOM"). On 23 November 2009, the Authority acquired the majority shareholding of EMPOWER.

The principal activities of EMPOWER are provision of district cooling services by acquisition, management, operation and maintenance of central cooling plants and related distribution networks. The registered address of EMPOWER is PO Box 8081, Dubai Health Care City, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Empower Logstor LLC is registered as a limited liability company under UAE Federal Law No. (8) of 1984, as amended. Its principal activity is manufacturing of preinsulated pipes, mainly for district cooling. The Authority has acquired significant control in Empower Logstor LLC through EMPOWER.

In 2011, the Authority and EMPOWER incorporated a joint venture named Utility Management Company (L.L.C) ("UMC"). The principal activity of which is the operation and maintenance of district cooling services, desalination and sewage treatment plant operations and maintenance.

In 2009, the Authority invested in a 25% equity stake in Ducab HV Cable Systems("Ducab HV"), established by Law No. (17) of the year issued by His highness, The ruler of Dubai. In 2010 the Authority invested an additional AED 25 million in Ducab HV.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

## **1 Establishment and operations** (continued)

The Authority has incorporated special purpose entities ("SPE") for the purpose of facilitating its borrowings programme. In 2007, the Authority incorporated a SPE named Thor Assets Purchase Company Limited in the Cayman Islands for the purpose of its securitisation programme. In 2008, the Authority incorporated a SPE named DEWA Funding Limited in the Cayman Islands for the purpose of its Sukuk bonds issue and listing of the bonds in Dubai International Financial Exchange ("DIFX"). As the SPEs are incorporated for the benefit of the Authority, they are consolidated in the financial statements of the Authority. On 26 October, 2011 the Authority incorporated a SPE named Thor II Asset Purchase Company Limited in the Cayman Islands for the purpose of its securitisation programme.

DEWA, its subsidiaries and SPE's are collectively referred to as "the Group".

### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

### 2.1 Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with Internationally Acceptable Accounting Principles ("DEWA GAAP").

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with DEWA GAAP requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates and assumptions require management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. Where such judgements are made, they are indicated within the accounting policies below. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to these consolidated financial statements are disclosed in Note 4.

#### 2.2 Consolidation

#### (a) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities (including special purpose entities) over which the Authority has the power to govern the financial and operating policies generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one half of the voting rights. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Authority controls another entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Authority. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases. The Authority applies the acquisition method of accounting to account for business combinations.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

## **2 Summary of significant accounting policies** (continued)

#### **2.2 Consolidation** (continued)

#### (a) Subsidiaries (continued)

The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary is the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the Group. The consideration transferred includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. The Group recognises any non-controlling interest in the acquiree on an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the recognised amounts of acquiree's identifiable net assets.

Acquisition related costs are expensed as incurred.

Goodwill is initially measured as the excess of the aggregate of the consideration transferred and the fair value of non-controlling interest over the net identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed. If this consideration is lower than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognised in profit or loss.

Inter-company transactions, balances, income and expenses on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Profits and losses resulting from intercompany transactions that are recognised in assets are also eliminated. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Authority.

The principal subsidiaries that are consolidated in these financial statements are as follows:

|   | Country of Incorporation | Effective<br>% of<br>Holding |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Emirates Central Cooling Systems Corporation</b> | UAE                      | 70%                          |
| Empower Logstor LLC                                 | UAE                      | 67.90%                       |
| Utilities Management Company                        | UAE                      | 85%                          |

EMPOWER has 97% equity stake in Empower Logstor LLC. The Authority has significant control in Empower Logstor LLC through EMPOWER while the beneficial interest is 67.90%. Hence, Empower Logstor LLC is consolidated in these consolidated financial statements.

#### (b) Transactions with non-controlling interests

The Authority applies a policy of treating transactions with non-controlling interests as transactions with parties external to the Authority.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

### **2 Summary of significant accounting policies** (continued)

#### 2.3 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment, other than land and capital work in progress, are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any provisions for impairment. The initial cost of an asset comprises its purchase price or construction cost and any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset into operation. The purchase price or construction cost is the aggregate amount paid and the fair value of any other consideration given to acquire the asset. Cost of assets acquired under contracts is reduced by the amount of any liquidated damages recovered on the purchase of such assets during the year.

Subsequent expenditure incurred to replace a component of an item of property, plant and equipment that is accounted for separately, or to improve its operational performance is included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset as appropriate when it is probable that future economic benefits in excess of the originally assessed standard of performance of the existing asset will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced asset is subsequently derecognised.

Cost of other repairs and renewals are charged to the statement of comprehensive income as incurred. Expenditure to improve safety or in order to meet increased regulatory standards is also capitalised. Expenditure on major inspection and overhauls of production plant is capitalised, within other plant and equipment, when it meets the asset recognition criteria and is depreciated over the period until the next outage. All other repair and maintenance costs are charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Generation and desalination plants, supply lines and substation equipment are capitalised from the date noted on the take-over certificate issued by an independent consulting or supervising engineer on the specific project, after satisfactory completion of trial and reliability runs.

Capital work in progress is stated at cost. When commissioned, capital work in progress is transferred to the appropriate property, plant and equipment category and depreciated in accordance with the Group's policies.

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation is calculated using the straight line method at rates calculated to reduce the cost of assets to their estimated residual values over their estimated useful lives. The useful lives of property, plant and equipment are as follows:

**Description** Years

| Buildings                              | 10 to 30 years |
|--|----------------|
| Generation and desalination plants     | 10 to 30 years |
| Transmission and distribution networks | 30 years       |
| Others                                 | 2 to 20 years  |

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance sheet date. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if it is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

### 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.3 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Gains and losses on disposals are included in operating profit and determined as the difference between proceeds and asset's carrying amount.

## 2.4 Intangible assets

The costs of acquired computer software are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring into use the specific software. These costs are amortised using the straight line method over their estimated useful lives (3 to 5 years). Costs directly associated with the development of computer software programmes that are expected to generate economic benefits over a period in excess of one year are also capitalised and amortised over their estimated useful lives. Costs associated with maintaining computer software programmes are recognised as an expense as incurred.

#### 2.5 Leases

Leases in which a significant proportion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### 2.6 Research costs

Expenditure on research activities is written off to the statement of comprehensive income in the year in which it is incurred. Other than software development noted above, the Group does not carry out any other development activity that would give rise to an intangible asset.

#### 2.7 Investment in joint ventures

A joint venture is an entity jointly controlled by two or more parties by means of contractual arrangement. The results of operations, assets and liabilities of the Authority's joint ventures are incorporated in these consolidated financial statements using the equity method of accounting except when classified as held for sale. Under the equity method, investments in jointly controlled entities are carried at cost plus subsequent changes in the Authority's share of net assets of the jointly controlled entity, net of any accumulated impairment losses.

The consolidated statement of comprehensive income reflects the Authority's share of the results of operations of the jointly controlled entity (based on the equity method). Losses of a joint venture in excess of the Authority's interest in that joint venture are not recognised unless the Authority has a legal or constructive obligation to fund those losses.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

## **2 Summary of significant accounting policies** (continued)

#### 2.8 Inventories

Inventories comprise of consumables and repair spares, operating stock of fuel and goods in transit.

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined using the weighted average method. Cost comprises of direct materials, and where applicable, direct labour and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less applicable variable selling expenses.

#### 2.9 Trade receivables

Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value, which is the original invoice amount, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account, and the amount of the loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income within administrative expenses.

When a trade receivable is uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account for trade receivables. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against administrative expenses in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### 2.10 Advance received for new connections and security deposits

#### (a) New Connections

The Authority receives the advances from customers in respect of construction and installation of equipment at customer's project site. These advances are received on the basis of an estimate of total expense to be incurred on the respective jobs and will be recognised as deferred revenue to the extent of cost incurred by the Authority on the respective jobs.

#### (b) Security Deposits

The Authority receives security deposits against the new electricity and water consumer accounts. These deposits are refunded only at the time of disconnection.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

## **2 Summary of significant accounting policies** (continued)

#### 2.11 Deferred revenue

#### (a) New Connections

Deferred revenue represents amounts billed to customers towards costs incurred to provide them with new connections. Deferred revenue on new connections is credited to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the related assets.

#### (b) Inventory

Deferred revenue represents the fair value of inventory received free of cost on release of future contractual rights. Deferred revenue on inventories is credited to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income when the inventory is consumed.

#### 2.12 Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the balance sheet when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions on the instrument.

#### 2.13 Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments are accounted on a cash basis.

#### 2.14 Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets that suffered impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

#### 2.15 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and cheques on hand, current and call accounts with the banks and deposits held with banks with original maturities of three months or less excluding bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

## 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.16 Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortised cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method. Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

Since 1 January 2009, the Group capitalises borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset as part of the cost of that asset. The Group previously recognised all borrowing costs as an expense immediately.

#### 2.17 Retirement benefit obligations

#### (a) Pension obligations

Prior to 1 January 2003, the Authority operated a defined benefit pension scheme to provide benefits to eligible UAE national employees. The cost of providing pensions was charged to the statement of comprehensive income on the basis of actuarial advice. Actuarial valuations are performed every three years and any resultant difference is charged to the statement of comprehensive income.

Effective 1 January 2003, the Authority joined the pension scheme operated by the Federal Pension General and Social Security Authority. The contributions for eligible UAE National employees are made in accordance with the provisions of Federal Law No. 7 of 1999 relating to Pension and Social Security Law and charged to the statement of comprehensive income.

#### (b) Other post-employment obligations

A provision is made for the full amount of end of service benefits, using actuarial techniques, due to expatriate employees in accordance with the Dubai Government Human Resource Management Law No. (220) 2006 for their period of service up to the balance sheet date. This provision is disclosed under non-current liabilities. Actuarial valuations are performed every three years and any resultant difference is charged to the statement of comprehensive income.

#### (c) Accrual for staff benefits

Accrual for staff benefits comprise of annual leave entitlement. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave for services rendered by eligible employees as at the balance sheet date. This provision is disclosed as a current liability within other payables.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

## 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.18 Trade payables

Trade payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 2.19 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, that has been reliably measured, and it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are measured at the Group's best estimate of the outflow of resources required to settle the obligation at the balance sheet date, and are discounted to present value where the effect is material.

#### 2.20 Revenue recognition

Revenue comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for services provided in the ordinary course of business, net of discounts and rebates.

The Group recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the Group and when specific criteria have been met for each of the Group's activities as described below. The Group bases its estimates to recognise revenue on historical results, taking into consideration the type of customer, the type of transaction and the specifics of each arrangement.

#### (a) Electricity and water supply

Revenue from the supply of electricity and water is recognised on the basis of electricity and water supplied during the period on an accruals basis with reference to meter readings of electricity and water supplied. A management estimate is included for the value of units supplied to customers between the date of their last meter reading and the accounting period end. The estimate is calculated using historical consumption patterns and is included in trade receivables.

The additional cost incurred on the fuel compared to the cost incurred in 2010 is billed to the customers as fuel surcharge.

Other revenue includes income from new connections which is recognised on completion of the installation of the necessary equipment for the supply of electricity and water.

#### (b) Meter rental

Meter rental income is recognised on a time proportion basis over the period during which the meter is provided to the customer.

#### (c) Interest income

Interest income is recognised on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest method.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

## 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

### 2.21 Foreign currencies

#### (a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in these consolidated financial statements of the Group are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group operates ('the functional currency'). The consolidated financial statements are presented in United Arab Emirates Dirham ('AED'), which is the Group's functional and presentation currency.

#### (b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

#### 2.22 Financial assets

The Group classifies its financial assets as loans and receivables. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. These are initially measured at fair value and carried at amortised cost less provision for impairment. The amortised cost is computed using the effective interest method. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than twelve months after the balance sheet date. These are classified as non-current assets. The Group's loans and receivables comprises of 'trade and other receivables' and 'cash and bank balances'.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

The Group assesses at each balance sheet date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or a Group of financial assets is impaired.

## 3 Financial risk management

#### 3.1 Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency risk, price risk and cash flow and fair value interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Group's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

## 3 Financial risk management (continued)

#### **3.1 Financial risk factors** (continued)

- (a) Market risk
- (i) Foreign exchange risk

The Group's foreign currency exposure arises mainly from borrowings made in Euro. As at 31 December 2012, if the AED had weakened/strengthened by 1% against Euro with all other variables held constant, the profit for the year would have been higher/lower by AED 21 million (2011: AED 20 million). Foreign exchange risk also arises from future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities in foreign currencies. To manage this foreign exchange risk, the Group either purchases the relevant foreign currency or enters into forward exchange contracts.

#### (ii) Price risk

The Group has no exposure to equity securities price risk as the Group holds no such investments. The Group is not exposed to commodity price risk.

#### (iii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The Group's interest rate risk arises from long term borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk. Borrowings issued at fixed rates expose the Group to fair value interest rate risk.

The interest bearing assets of the Group include bank deposits which are exposed to interest rate risk earned on these. The interest rates on these deposits range from 0.5% to 2% (2011: 0.50% to 5.07%) per annum, for periods of one week or more (2011: one week or more).

#### (b) Credit risk

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, derivative financial instruments and deposits with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to the customers, including outstanding receivables and committed transactions.

The Group has a wide customer base in the Emirate of Dubai with no significant concentration of credit risk in relation to consumer and other receivables. The cash deposits are held with local and international banks of strong credit ratings and therefore does not expose to any credit risk.

The maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of the financial assets in the statement of financial position.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

### **3 Financial risk management** (continued)

#### 3.1 Financial risk factors (continued)

#### (c) Liquidity risk

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.

Management monitors a rolling forecast of the Group's liquidity reserve (comprising undrawn borrowing facilities and cash and cash equivalents on the basis of the Group's expected cash flows).

Summarised below is the maturity profile of financial liabilities based on the remaining period at the end of reporting period to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed are the contractual undiscounted cash flows representing principal amounts.

|   | Less than 1<br>year<br>AED'000 | 2 to 5 years<br>AED'000 | Over 5 years<br>AED'000 | Total<br>AED'000        |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2012<br>Borrowings<br>Trade and other payables* | 4,232,643<br>5,895,225         | 9,940,074<br>1,452,508  | 7,197,177<br>-          | 21,369,894<br>7,347,733 |
|   | 10,127,868                     | 11,392,582              | 7,197,177               | 28,717,627              |
| 2011<br>Borrowings<br>Trade and other payables* | 2,040,681<br>6,473,329         | 14,593,238<br>1,381,016 | 7,041,756               | 23,675,675<br>7,854,345 |
|   | 8,514,010                      | 15,974,254              | 7,041,756               | 31,530,020              |

<sup>\*</sup> Deferred borrowing costs, advances for new connections, discount factor of retention, security deposits, retirement benefit obligations and deferred revenue are non-financial liabilities.

#### 3.2 Capital risk management

The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide adequate returns to its owners and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

The Group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. This ratio is calculated as net debt divided by total capital. Net debt is calculated as total borrowings (including 'current and non-current borrowings' as shown in the balance sheet) less cash and cash equivalents. Total capital is calculated as 'equity' as shown in the balance sheet plus net debt.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

### 3 Financial risk management (continued)

#### 3.2 Capital risk management (continued)

The net debt to total capital at the reporting date was as follows:

|   | 2012<br>AED'000 | 2011<br>AED'000 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| D   |                 |                 |
| Borrowings (Note 11)                      | 21,369,894      | 23,675,675      |
| Less: Cash and cash equivalents (Note 10) | (768,353)       | (768,979)       |
| Net debt                                  | 20,601,541      | 22,906,696      |
| Total equity                              | 51,926,933      | 47,788,457      |
| Total capital                             | 72,528,474      | 70,695,153      |
|   |                 |                 |
| Net debt to total capital ratio           | 28.40%          | 32.40%          |

#### 3.3 Fair value estimation

All financial assets and liabilities, except derivative financial instruments, are initially measured at cost, which is the fair value of the consideration given and received respectively. These financial assets and liabilities are subsequently measured at fair value or amortised cost, as the case may be.

The carrying value of financial assets and financial liabilities approximates their fair value.

## 4 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimating uncertainty at the balance sheet date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are discussed below:

#### (a) Revenue recognition – unread electricity and water meters

Revenue for electricity and water supply activities includes an assessment of electricity and water supplied to customers between the date of the last meter reading and the year end (unread). Unread electricity and water supplied is estimated by using historical consumption patterns by customer. Management applies judgement to the measurement of the estimated electricity and water supplied to customers and to the valuation of that electricity and water consumption. The judgements applied, and the assumptions underpinning these judgements are considered to be appropriate. However, a change in these assumptions would impact the amount of revenue recognised.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

# 5 Property, plant and equipment

|                                |             | Generation   | Transmission |             |              |              |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                | Land        | and          | and          | Other       | Capital      |              |
|                                | and         | desalination | distribution |             | work in      |              |
|                                | buildings   | plants       |              | and assets  | progress     | Total        |
|                                | AED'000     | AED'000      | AED'000      | AED'000     | AED'000      | AED'000      |
| At 31 December 2010            |             |              |              |             |              |              |
| Cost or valuation              | 24,705,583  | 21,511,896   | 27,630,303   | 2,151,012   | 23,747,135   | 99,745,929   |
| Accumulated depreciation       | (1,436,822) | (8,266,399)  | (7,323,910)  | (841,031)   | -            | (17,868,162) |
| Net book amount                | 23,268,761  | 13,245,497   | 20,306,393   | 1,309,981   | 23,747,135   | 81,877,767   |
| Year ended 31<br>December 2011 |             |              |              |             |              |              |
| Opening net book amount        | 23,268,761  | 13,245,497   | 20,306,393   | 1,309,981   | 23,747,135   | 81,877,767   |
| Additions                      | 51,925      | 1,012,627    | 434,374      | 84,500      | 4,416,072    | 5,999,498    |
| Transfers                      | 96,622      | 8,211,484    | 3,465,635    | 17,631      | (11,791,372) |              |
| Net disposals                  | -           | (13,527)     | (56,844)     |             | -            | (70,526)     |
| Depreciation charge            | (90,264)    | (1,086,408)  | (865,543)    | (118,041)   | -            | (2,160,256)  |
| Closing net book amount        | 23,327,044  | 21,369,673   | 23,284,015   | 1,293,916   | 16,371,835   | 85,646,483   |
| At 31 December 2011            |             |              |              |             |              |              |
| Cost or valuation              | 24,854,130  | 30,722,480   | 31,456,861   | 2,241,614   | 16,371,835   | 105,646,920  |
| Accumulated depreciation       | (1,527,086) | (9,352,807)  | (8,172,846)  | (947,698)   | -            | (20,000,437) |
| Net book amount                | 23,327,044  | 21,369,673   | 23,284,015   | 1,293,916   | 16,371,835   | 85,646,483   |
| Year ended 31<br>December 2012 |             |              |              |             |              |              |
| Opening net book amount        | 23,327,044  | 21,369,673   | 23,284,015   | 1,293,916   | 16,371,835   | 85,646,483   |
| Additions                      | 309,468     | 195,953      | 926,946      | 78,134      | 3,099,924    | 4,610,425    |
| Transfers                      | 75,717      | 2,701,306    | 3,262,545    | 37,696      | (6,077,264)  |              |
| Net disposals                  |             | -            | (767)        | (152)       | -            | (919)        |
| Depreciation charge            | (91,595)    | (1,056,849)  | (1,303,329)  | (76,410)    | -            | (2,528,183)  |
| Closing net book amount        | 23,620,634  | 23,210,083   | 26,169,410   | 1,333,184   | 13,394,495   | 87,727,806   |
|                                |             |              |              |             |              |              |
| At 31 December 2012            |             |              |              |             |              |              |
| Cost or valuation              | 25,239,315  | 33,619,739   | 35,637,637   |             | 13,394,495   | 110,252,731  |
| Accumulated depreciation       | (1,618,681) | (10,409,656) | (9,468,227)  | (1,028,361) | -            | (22,524,925) |
| Net book amount                | 23,620,634  | 23,210,083   | 26,169,410   | 1,333,184   | 13,394,495   | 87,727,806   |

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

## 5 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

- a) The Authority has an interest in jointly controlled assets pertaining to the Emirates National Grid Corporation ("ENGC"). The Authority's share in the carrying amount of ENGC's net assets as at 31 December 2012 is AED 241 million (2011: AED 241 million) and is included under transmission and distribution networks.
- During 2008, by way of Decree issued by H.H., the Ruler of Dubai, all existing b) land held by the Authority was transferred to the Authority and is considered as its assets. Any future land to be held by the Authority will also be transferred to the name of the Authority. Based on the decree, up to 31 December 2012, the Authority has capitalised certain plots of land amounting to AED 21,256 million (31 December 2011: AED 20,953 million), on the basis of valuations obtained from the Land Department of Dubai and the same amount is treated as a capital contribution by the Government of Dubai. The total number of plots valued up to 31 December 2012 was 2,666 comprising a total of 72.93 million Sq.m (2011: 3,494 plots comprising a total of 31.90 million Sq.m) out of a total estimated 3,137 plots totalling 73.13 million sq.m. Capitalisation of the remaining plots of land is pending renewal of site affection plans and subsequent valuations from the Land Department of Dubai. As at the year end, the Authority was in the process of obtaining the title deeds of the plots of land which have been capitalised and for the remaining plots, the process will be undertaken based on renewal of site affection plans and valuations.
- c) The carrying value of property, plant and equipment, pledged as collateral on borrowings, amounts to AED 4,635 million (2011: AED 4,635 million) (Note 11).
- d) Capital work in progress as at 31 December 2012 mainly comprises construction of additional electricity generation and water desalination facilities and distribution networks.
- e) During the year, the Authority capitalised interest costs relating to specific borrowings on construction of capital projects of AED 71 million (2011: AED 87 million). Further, deferred borrowing costs of AED 20 million (2011: 22 million) have also been capitalised.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

# 6 Intangible assets

|                             | Computer<br>software<br>AED'000 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| At 31 December 2010         | ALD 000                         |
| Cost                        | 33,330                          |
| Accumulated amortisation    | (13,766)                        |
| Net book amount             | 19,564                          |
| Year ended 31 December 2011 |                                 |
| Opening net book amount     | 19,564                          |
| Additions                   | 6,071                           |
| Amortisation charge         | (5,814)                         |
| Closing net book amount     | 19,821                          |
| At 31 December 2011         | <del></del>                     |
| Cost                        | 39,401                          |
| Accumulated amortisation    | (19,580)                        |
| Net book amount             | 19,821                          |
| Year ended 31 December 2012 |                                 |
| Opening net book amount     | 19,821                          |
| Additions                   | 1,069                           |
| Amortisation charge         | (7,301)                         |
| Closing net book amount     | 13,589                          |
| At 31 December 2012         |                                 |
| Cost                        | 40,470                          |
| Accumulated amortisation    | (26,881)                        |
| Net book amount             | 13,589                          |
|                             |                                 |

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

# 7 Investment in joint ventures

|  | 2012<br>AED'000                           | 2011<br>AED'000                                     |
|--|---|---|
| At 1 January<br>Additions during the year  | 53,020                                    | 50,000<br>3,020                                     |
| As at 31 December  | 53,020                                    | 53,020  |
| 8 Trade and other receivables  |   |   |
|  | 2012<br>AED'000                           | 2011<br>AED'000                                     |
| Consumer receivables<br>Less: provision for impairment of receivables  | 3,189,371<br>(96,004)                     | 3,043,950<br>(83,240)                               |
| Consumer receivables – net Other receivables and advances Loan to suppliers Due from related parties Prepayments | 3,093,367<br>272,550<br>163,179<br>19,779 | 2,960,710<br>296,564<br>63,625<br>181,490<br>12,545 |
|  | 3,548,875                                 | 3,514,934   |

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

### 8 Trade and other receivables (continued)

As at 31 December 2012, trade receivables of AED 1,329 million (2011: AED 1,160 million) were fully performing. Trade receivables of AED 1,569 million (2011: AED 1,642 million) were past due but not impaired. These balances relate to a number of independent customers for whom there is no history of default. Trade receivables which are past due by more than 12 months are considered for impairment and are reviewed by management and provided for accordingly. The ageing analysis of trade receivables along with the respective provision for impairment is as follows:

| 2012      | 2011  |
|-----------|---|
| AED'000   | AED'000   |
| 1.329.593 | 1,160,306   |
| 1,093,614 | 933,800   |
| 475,375   | 708,193   |
| 194,785   | 158,411   |
| 96,004    | 83,240  |
| 3,189,371 | 3,043,950   |
|           | AED'000  1,329,593 1,093,614 475,375 194,785 96,004 |

Movement in the provision for impairment of trade receivables are as follows:

|                                     | 2012<br>AED'000  | 2011<br>AED'000  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| At 1 January<br>Charge for the year | 83,240<br>12,764 | 55,666<br>27,574 |
| At 31 December                      | 96,004           | 83,240           |

The other classes within trade and other receivables do not contain impaired assets.

The receivables amounting to AED 124 million (2011: 204 million) are pledged as collateral security under the securitisation programme (Note 11).

The carrying amount of the Group's trade and other receivables are primarily denominated in AED and approximates its fair value.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying value of each class of receivable mentioned above. The Group holds security deposits of AED 1,339 million (2011: AED 1,200 million) as collateral against consumer receivables.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### 9 Inventories

|  | 2012<br>AED'000 | 2011<br>AED'000 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Consumables and repair spares                          | 2,255,968       | 2,125,494       |
| Less: provision for slow moving and obsolete inventory | (255,767)       | (183,604)       |
|  | 2,000,201       | 1,941,890       |
| Fuel   | 672,219         | 638,210         |
| Goods in transit                                       | 364,447         | 234,164         |
|  | 3,036,867       | 2,814,264       |
|  |                 |                 |

The cost of inventory recognised as expense and included in the cost of sales amounts to AED 272 million (2011: AED 229 million). Impairment charge of AED 72 million (2011: AED 5.8 million) is charged to administrative expenses.

### 10 Cash and cash equivalents

|   | 2012      | 2011      |
|---|-----------|-----------|
|   | AED'000   | AED'000   |
| Term deposits with banks                              | 367,234   | 469,985   |
| Current and call accounts with banks                  | 400,629   | 298,494   |
| Cash and cheques on hand                              | 490       | 500       |
| _   | 768,353   | 768,979   |
| Less:   | (470 700) | (         |
| Bank overdraft (Note 11)                              | (152,588) | (527,778) |
| Cash and cash equivalents for statement of cash flows | 615,765   | 241,201   |

Current / call accounts with banks include AED 7 million (2011: AED 18 million) in foreign currencies held for settlement of existing and anticipated liabilities denominated in foreign currencies.

Cash at bank in current/call accounts and term deposits are held with reputed local and international banks.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

| 11 Borrowings  | 2012<br>AED'000  | 2011<br>AED'000  |
|--|--|--|
| Non-current  |  |  |
| GMTN Loan Securitisation of receivables Export Credit Agency loans ("ECA") Syndication loan Other loans Sukuk bond Less: Deferred borrowing cost         | 11,019,000<br>3,122,435<br>2,644,456<br>351,360<br>(195,251)<br>————————————————————————————————————   | 11,019,000<br>4,168,886<br>2,694,694<br>518,695<br>33,719<br>3,200,000<br>(227,188)<br>——————————————————————————————————— |
| Current  |  |  |
| Sukuk bond Securitisation of receivables Export Credit Agency loans Bank overdrafts (Note 10) Syndication loan Other loans Less: Deferred borrowing cost | 3,200,000<br>413,213<br>289,521<br>152,588<br>167,321<br>10,000<br>(17,672)<br>4,214,971<br>21,156,971 | 1,045,892<br>265,971<br>527,778<br>167,321<br>33,719<br>(23,397)<br>2,017,284<br>23,425,090                                |
| Borrowings are denominated in the following currencies   | :  |  |
| US Dollars<br>UAE dirham<br>Euro   | 15,943,934<br>3,218,722<br>1,994,315<br>21,156,971   | 17,157,312<br>4,230,647<br>2,037,131<br>23,425,090   |

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

### **11 Borrowings** (continued)

#### (i) GMTN loan

In 2010, DEWA set up a Global Medium Term Note programme for an amount of USD 3 billion (AED 11.02 billion). On 22 April 2010, DEWA issued notes amounting to USD 1 billion (AED 3.673 billion) which will be due for repayment in 2015. On 21 October 2010, DEWA issued notes amounting to USD 0.5 billion (AED 1.836 billion) repayable in 2016 and USD 1.5 billion (AED 5.51 billion) repayable in 2020. The notes carry a fixed interest rate.

#### (ii) Securitisation of receivables

In 2007, the Authority established a USD 4 billion (AED 14.69 billion) 29 year commercial paper securitisation programme ("the programme"), pursuant to which it has sold and undertaken to assign utility receivables resulting from certain identified customer accounts to a SPE, to fund the Authority's expanding capital expenditures programme. As part of the structure, the Authority holds a seller note issued by the SPE which entitles the Authority to receive part of the collections from the sold and transferred receivables during the first nine years of the transaction. The first nine years represent interest payments on the principal amount. The remaining period until maturity comprises repayment of both principal and interest.

Pursuant to certain amendments initiated by the Authority and agreed by the lenders on 11 July 2011, the entire principal amount is now repayable in 5 equal annual instalments starting from 2011. During 2012, the Authority repaid USD 535 million (AED 1,965 million) under the programme (2011: USD 268 million (AED 982 million)). In January 2013, the Authority pre paid the last instalment amounting to USD 268 million (AED 982 million) under the same programme.

The programme bears an interest rate calculated on the basis of the conduit banks' monthly commercial paper interest rate plus a fixed margin. At 31 December 2012, the carrying amount of the assigned receivables that has been pledged as collateral amounts to AED 83 million (2011: AED 160 million).

In October 2011, the Authority entered into another securitization program, pursuant to which it has sold and undertaken to assign utility receivables resulting from certain identified customer accounts to SPE, to fund the Authority's capital expenditure programme. The Authority received loans of USD 350 million (AED 1,286 million) during 2011 and USD 100 million (AED 367 million) during 2012. The loan is repayable in equal monthly instalments and bears interest at one month LIBOR plus a fixed margin.

At 31 December 2012, the carrying amount of assigned receivables that has been pledged as collateral amounted to AED 41 million (2011: AED 44 million)

Under the securitisation program USD 113 million (AED 413 million) is repayable in 2013.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

### 11 Borrowings (continued)

#### (iii) Export credit agency loan

On 14 May 2009, the Authority entered into a framework agreement, with a consortium of banks and export credit agencies to finance certain eligible capital expenditure. The facility is for an aggregate amount of USD 1 billion (AED 3.673 billion) with a tenure of 13 years. Up to 31 December 2012, the Authority had received an amount of USD 301 million (AED 1,106 million) and EUR 488 million (AED 2,345 million) under the facility. The facility carries interest at LIBOR/EURIBOR plus a fixed margin and is repayable in 24 equal instalments, after six months from the commencement of credit.

On 27 March 2012, the Authority entered into another framework agreement, with a consortium of banks and export credit agencies to finance certain eligible capital expenditure. The facility is for an aggregate amount of USD 500 million (AED 1.387 billion) with a tenure of 13 years. Up to 31 December 2012, the Authority had received an amount of EUR 31 million (AED 145 million) under the facility. The facility carries interest at EURIBOR plus a fixed margin and is repayable in 24 equal instalments, after six months from the commencement of credit.

Under the ECA loan, USD 25 million (AED 92 million) and EUR 41 million (AED 197 million) is repayable during 2013.

#### (iv) Syndication loan

On 6 December 2010, EMPOWER refinanced a three year syndicated revolving facility amounting to AED 642.8 million with a long term syndication loan with a tenure of 5 years, which will be amortised over the tenure of 5 years starting from December, 2011 until December, 2015. In 2012 EMPOWER repaid USD 45 million (AED 167 million). The loan is a conventional loan facility which carries an interest rate at LIBOR plus a fixed margin.

#### (v) Others

Others comprise loans which are repayable over two to five years. These loans bear an interest rate of three months EIBOR/DIBOR plus margin.

#### (vi) Sukuk bond

On 16 September 2008, the Authority received an amount of AED 3.2 billion from DEWA Funding Ltd ("DFL"), a SPE funded through trust certificates that are listed on the Dubai Stock Exchange ("DIFX"). The trust certificates were issued by way of a Shari'a compliant Ijara (sale and leaseback of certain fixed assets owned by the Authority aggregating to AED 4.6 billion) agreement between DEWA and DFL. The total lease period is 5 years and carries varying lease rental for each lease period at EIBOR plus a fixed margin payable semi annually. The carrying value of property, plant and equipment, pledged as collateral on Sukuk bond, amounts to AED 4,635 million (2011: AED 4,635 million) (Note 5).

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

### **11 Borrowings** (continued)

(vii) Overdraft

The bank overdraft of AED 152 million carries an interest rate of EIBOR/LIBOR/EURIBOR plus an increasing margin based on the outstanding overdraft amount. (Note 10)

#### Interest rate risk exposure

In 2007, the Authority entered into interest rate swap contracts with notional amounts aggregating to AED 5.51 billion. In 2008 the contracts were restructured to a notional value aggregating to AED 5.55 billion to give quarterly/semi annual interest settlements linked to 3/6 month USD LIBOR and other variable swap rate resets. In 2009, the contracts were further restructured to align with changes in the market and have semi annual settlement terms linked to 3/6 months USD LIBOR and other variable swap rate resets. As at 31 December 2012, the interest rate swap contracts had a negative fair value of AED 877 million (2011: AED 1,156 million) which the Authority will endeavour to mitigate in future by monitoring and renegotiating the swap contracts, if so necessitated by market conditions, on terms to be mutually agreed by the individual counter parties.

### 12 Retirement benefit obligations

|  | 2012<br>AED'000 | 2011<br>AED'000 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Non-current  | 368,693         | 328,251         |
| Current (Note 15)  | 7,159           | 5,945           |
|  | 375,852         | 334,196         |
| Provision for employees' end of service benefits (Note 12.1) | 346,561         | 302,673         |
| Provision for pension (Note 12.2)                            | 29,291          | 31,523          |
|  | 375,852         | 334,196         |

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

### **12 Retirement benefit obligations** (continued)

#### 12.1 Provision for end of service benefits

In 2010 an actuarial valuation was performed to ascertain the present value of the obligation relating to the end of service benefits payable to expatriate employees in accordance with the Dubai Government Human Resources Management Law No. 220 of 2006. The principal actuarial assumptions used were as follows:

- expected salary increase to be 4% per annum
- the average rate of mortality and withdrawal is not significantly different from the trends noted at the valuation date.

The actuarial valuation indicated that the present value of the existing obligation for the end of service benefits was not significantly different from the provision existing at the valuation date.

Movements in the provision for end of service benefits are analysed below:

|  | 2012<br>AED'000 | 2011<br>AED'000 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| At 1 January                             | 302,673         | 278,182         |
| Provision made during the year (Note 19) | 56,320          | 48,734          |
| Payments made during the year            | (12,432)        | (24,243)        |
| At 31 December                           | 346,561         | 302,673         |

#### 12.2 Provision for pension

On 1 January 2003, the Authority joined the Federal General Pension and Social Security fund. Effective from that date, pension contributions for eligible UAE National employees are made in accordance with the provisions of Federal Law No. 7 of 1999 relating to Pension and Social Security Law.

For eligible employees who resigned before 31 December 2002, the Authority funds the pension cost based on the previous defined pension plan scheme.

In 2010 an actuarial valuation was performed to ascertain the present value of the obligation relating to the pension cost for the eligible employees who resigned before 31 December 2002.

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

## **12 Retirement benefit obligations** (continued)

#### **12.2 Provision for pension** (continued)

Movements in the provision for the pension are analysed below:

|  | 2012<br>AED'000 | 2011<br>AED'000   |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| As at 1 January<br>Adjustment for actuarial valuation<br>Pensions paid | 31,523 (2,232)  | 34,008<br>(2,485) |
| As at 31 December  | 29,291          | 31,523            |

The above provision includes both past service cost that the Authority has to contribute under the Federal General Pension and Social Security Law and the pension cost for the eligible employees who resigned before 31 December 2002 which the Authority contributed based on the previous defined pension plan scheme.

### 13 Government grant

|                          | 2012        | 2011    |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------|
|                          | AED'000     | AED'000 |
| At 1 January             | 432,322     | 435,094 |
| Released during the year | (20,772)    | (2,772) |
| At 31 December           | 411,550     | 432,322 |
| Less: current portion    | (2,772)     | (2,772) |
| Non-current portion      | 408,778     | 429,550 |
|                          | <del></del> |         |

Government grant is recognized as income over the useful life of plant constructed on granted land.

## 14 Other liabilities and charges

|                                      | 2012<br>AED'000 | 2011<br>AED'000 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Advance for new connections          | 6,461,411       | 6,403,233       |
| Deferred revenue                     | 5,791,950       | 4,598,440       |
| Retentions payable – non-current     | 1,343,914       | 1,272,422       |
| Consumer security deposits (Note 15) | 1,081,547       | 972,220         |
|                                      | 14,678,822      | 13,246,315      |
|                                      |                 |                 |

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

# 15 Trade and other payables

|   | 2012<br>AED'000 | 2011<br>AED'000 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Retentions payable - current                            | 2,218,379       | 2,862,441       |
| Capital projects payables and accruals                  | 1,337,944       | 1,578,732       |
| Trade payables  | 1,068,325       | 1,093,441       |
| Advances for new connections                            | 717,935         | 711,472         |
| Consumers' security deposits – current                  | 257,125         | 227,633         |
| Deferred revenue  | 226,545         | 178,677         |
| Accrual for staff benefits                              | 57,146          | 33,280          |
| Due to related parties                                  | 3,764           | 3,737           |
| Provision for pension                                   | 7,159           | 5,945           |
| Other payables  | 711,219         | 901,708         |
|   | 6,605,541       | 7,597,066       |
| Movement in consumers' security deposits is analysed be | low:            |                 |
|   | 2012            | 2011            |
|   | AED'000         | AED'000         |
| At 1 January  | 1,199,853       | 1,062,780       |
| Net deposits received during the year                   | 138,819         | 137,073         |
| At 31 December  | 1,338,672       | 1,199,853       |
| Less: Consumers' security deposits - current            | (257,125)       | (227,633)       |
| Consumers' security deposits - non current              | 1,081,547       | 972,220         |
| 16 Revenue  |                 |                 |
| Electricity   | 11,561,625      | 10,930,582      |
| Water   | 3,451,246       | 3,103,939       |
| District cooling charges                                | 701,802         | 669,524         |
|   | 15,714,673      | 14,704,045      |

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

|   | 2012<br>AED'000   | 2011<br>AED'000   |
|---|---|---|
| 17 Cost of sales  |   |   |
| Purchase of water<br>Generation and desalination expenditure (Note 17.1)<br>Transmission and distribution expenditure (Note 17.2)                           | 28,813<br>7,206,194<br>1,875,392  | 27,270<br>6,655,333<br>1,715,146  |
|   | 9,110,399   | 8,397,749   |
| 17.1 Generation and desalination expenditure  |   |   |
| Fuel costs Depreciation (Note 5) Staff costs (Note 19) Repairs and maintenance Others   | 5,345,189<br>1,312,204<br>337,617<br>160,967<br>50,217<br>7,206,194   | 4,975,324<br>1,118,650<br>327,817<br>157,968<br>75,574<br>6,655,333             |
| 17.2 Transmission and distribution expenditure  |   |   |
| Depreciation (Note 5) Staff costs (Note 19) Repairs and maintenance Others  | 1,189,477<br>603,086<br>55,132<br>27,697<br>  | 1,027,417<br>597,267<br>71,493<br>18,969<br>——————————————————————————————————— |
| 18 Administrative expenses  | =======================================   |   |
| Staff costs (Note 19) Insurance Depreciation (Note 5) Amortization (Note 6) Provision for slow moving and obsolete inventory Repairs and maintenance Others | 581,962<br>39,981<br>26,502<br>7,301<br>72,163<br>56,223<br>164,976<br>———————————————————————————————————— | 461,296<br>38,880<br>14,189<br>5,814<br>5,753<br>22,489<br>178,240<br>726,661   |

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### 19 Staff costs

|  | 2012<br>AED'000                          | 2011<br>AED'000                          |
|--|--|--|
| Salaries<br>Bonus<br>Employees' end of service indemnity (Note 12)<br>Other benefits | 1,163,375<br>66,700<br>56,320<br>236,270 | 1,063,702<br>62,700<br>48,734<br>211,244 |
|  | 1,522,665                                | 1,386,380                                |

In addition to the above costs, eligible employees of the Authority are provided with free electricity and water in accordance with their employment contracts.

#### 20 Other income

|   | 2012    | 2011    |
|---|---------|---------|
|   | AED'000 | AED'000 |
|   |         |         |
| Amortisation of deferred income                     | 225,146 | 160,894 |
| Net income from consumer installations              | 148,981 | 131,633 |
| Meter rental  | 62,056  | 57,415  |
| Meter reconnection, testing and service charges     | 26,875  | 30,194  |
| Reversal of provision for bonus                     | -       | 73,466  |
| Sale of scrap                                       | 54,344  | 27,305  |
| Income from damage claims                           | 4,814   | 7,324   |
| Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment | (504)   | 7,513   |
| Miscellaneous                                       | 72,912  | 123,041 |
|   | 594,624 | 618,785 |
|   |         |         |

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

## 21 Finance costs – net

|  | 2012<br>AED'000 | 2011<br>AED'000 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Interest expense:                              | ALD 000         | ALD 000         |
| - Bank borrowings                              | (1,163,462)     | (1,397,052)     |
| - On settlement of interest rate SWAP deals    | (383,118)       | (369,767)       |
| - Amortisation of borrowing cost               | (38,057)        | (101,047)       |
| - Foreign currency translation loss            | (22,578)        | -               |
| - Amortisation impact of financial liabilities | -               | (42,357)        |
| Total finance cost                             | (1,607,215)     | (1,910,223)     |
| Finance income:                                |                 |                 |
| - Foreign currency translation gain            | -               | 9,730           |
| - Interest income on short term bank deposits  | 8,259           | 76,196          |
| Total finance income                           | 8,259           | 85,926          |
| Net finance costs                              | (1,598,956)     | (1,824,297)     |
|  |                 |                 |

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

# 22 Cash generated from operations

|  |       | Year ended 3 | 1 December |
|--|-------|--------------|------------|
|  |       | 2012         | 2011       |
|  | Notes | AED'000      | AED'000    |
| Cash generated from operations   |       |              |            |
| Profit for the year  |       | 4,650,834    | 4,374,123  |
| Adjustments for:   |       | 4,000,004    | 4,574,125  |
| Depreciation   | 17,18 | 2,528,183    | 2,160,256  |
| Amortisation of intangible assets  | 17,18 | 7,301        | 5,814      |
| Provisions for:  | 10    | 7,501        | 5,014      |
| Slow moving and obsolete inventory   | 9,18  | 72,163       | 5,753      |
| Impairment of receivables  | 8     | 12,764       | 27,574     |
| Employees' end of service benefits   | 19    | 56,320       | 48,734     |
| Employees end of service benefits  | 10    | 00,020       | 10,701     |
| Exchange loss/(gain) on foreign currency loans                                       | 21    | 22,578       | (9,730)    |
| Amortization impact of financial liabilities   | 21    | ,<br>-       | 42,357     |
| Interest income  | 21    | (8,259)      | (76,196)   |
| Loss/ (profit) on disposal of property, plant and                                    |       |              | ` , , ,    |
| equipment  | 20    | 504          | (7,513)    |
| Deferred income  | 20    | (225,146)    | (160,894)  |
| Interest expenses  | 21    | 1,163,462    | 1,397,052  |
| Amortization of borrowing cost   | 21    | 38,057       | 101,047    |
| Government grant   |       | (2,772)      | (2,772)    |
| Interest expense on settlement of swap deals   | 21    | 383,118      | 369,767    |
| Operating cash flows before changes in operating                                     |       |              |            |
| assets and liabilities   |       | 8,699,107    | 8,275,372  |
| Dayment of ampleyees' and of service handits   | 10 1  | (19.429)     | (94.942)   |
| Payment of employees' end of service benefits  | 12.1  | (12,432)     | (24,243)   |
| Payment of employees' pension plan   | 12.2  | (2,232)      | (2,485)    |
| Net consumers' security deposits received during the year                            | 15    | 138,819      | 137,073    |
| Movement in Govt. of Dubai Account   | 13    | (840,212)    | (845,097)  |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:   |       | (040,212)    | (043,037)  |
| Trade and other receivables before provision for                                     |       |              |            |
| impairment and amounts written off   |       | (46,476)     | (147,825)  |
| Inventories before movement in provision   |       | (294,766)    | 450,289    |
| Trade payable and accruals excluding trade payable for capital projects, retentions, |       | (,,          |            |
| consumers' security deposits and deferred revenue                                    |       | (150,841)    | (446,793)  |
| Cash generated from operations   |       | 7,490,967    | 7,396,291  |
|  |       |              |            |

# Notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### 23 Commitments

|  | 2012<br>AED'000 | 2011<br>AED'000 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Future commitments including capital expenditure authorised by the management net of amounts already provided for on continuing projects | 4,658,891       | 5,165,000       |

## 24 Financial instruments by category

The accounting policies for financial instruments have been applied to the line items below:

| below.   | Loans and receivables |                   |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|
|  | 2012                  | 2011              |
|  | AED'000               | AED'000           |
| Assets   |                       |                   |
| Trade and other receivables (excluding prepayments)  | 3,529,096             | 3,502,389         |
| Cash and bank balances   | 768,353               | 768,979           |
|  | 4,297,449             | 4,271,368         |
|  | Other fina            | ncial liabilities |
|  | 2012                  | 2011              |
|  | AED                   | AED               |
| <b>Liabilities as per balance sheet</b> Trade and other payables (excluding advances for     |                       |                   |
| new connections, security deposits, retirement<br>benefit obligations, retention payable and |                       |                   |
| deferred revenue)  | 7,347,733             | 7,854,345         |
| Borrowings   | 21,369,894            | 23,675,675        |
|  | 28,717,627            | 31,530,020        |
|  |                       |                   |

# 25 Comparatives

The following corresponding figures have been reclassified to conform the current year presentation:

The value of completed consumer jobs, against which deposits from customers have been received, has been classified as part of capital work in progress amounting to AED 1,862,559,000 which was previously offset against advances from new connections as at 31 December 2011.

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## 26 Proposed dividend

A dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2012, amounting to AED 500,000,000, has been approved by the Board of Directors at their annual meeting on 7 February 2013. These financial statements do not reflect this dividend payable.