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# LETSHEGO GHANA SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC (LETSHEGO)-

## AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

LETSHEGO has released its Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, as per the attached.

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**LETSHEGO GHANA** 

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## LETSHEGO GHANA SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC

### AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

| Statement of Comprehensive Income                                             | Dec 2023            | Dec 2022         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Income                                                                        | GHS <sup>'000</sup> | GHS '000         |
| Interest income                                                               | 552,014             | 443,280          |
| Interest expense                                                              | (407,299)           | (374,834)        |
| Net interest income<br>Other income                                           | 144,715<br>35,714   | 68,446<br>68,430 |
| Income from lending activities                                                | 180,429             | 136,876          |
| Net expense on financial liabilities at fair-<br>value through profit or loss | (3,286)             | -                |
| Credit loss expense on loans and advances                                     | 18,104              | (47,832)         |
| Credit loss expense on investment securities                                  | 6,666               | (30,943)         |
| Net operating income                                                          | 201,916             | 58,101           |
| Total Operating expenses                                                      | (118,380)           | (78,537)         |
| Personnel Expenses                                                            | (24,150)            | (16,516)         |
| Depreciation and Amortisation                                                 | (5,579)             | (6,057)          |
| Administration and other expenses                                             | (88,805)            | (55,964)         |
| Profit from operations before taxation                                        | 83,382              | (20,436)         |
| Income tax expense                                                            | (17,207)            | (16,686)         |
| Profit for the Year                                                           | 66,175              | (37,122)         |

| Statement of Financial Position              | 31 Dec 2023 | Restated<br>31 Dec 2022 | Restated<br>1 Jan 2022 |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Assets                                       | GHS '000    | GHS '000                | GHS '000               |
| Cash and cash equivalents                    | 84,975      | 58,283                  | 141,300                |
| Investment securities                        | 203,081     | 183,165                 | 257,803                |
| Loans and advances to customers              | 1,121,442   | 818,439                 | 866,247                |
| Other assets                                 | 64,437      | 15,696                  | 28,042                 |
| Deferred income tax asset                    | 5,925       | 5,972                   | 11,954                 |
| Property and equipment                       | 4,953       | 3,333                   | 3,104                  |
| Right of use assets                          | 2,466       | 4,250                   | 3,430                  |
| Intangible assets                            | 1,316       | 985                     | 1,053                  |
| Total assets                                 | 1,488,596   | 1,090,122               | 1,312,933              |
| Liabilities                                  |             |                         |                        |
| Customer deposits                            | 185,003     | 16,708                  | 129,855                |
| Financial Iiabilities at fair value through- |             |                         |                        |
| profit or loss                               | 3,184       | -                       | -                      |
| Collateral security deposit                  | 399,252     | 266,239                 | 364,410                |
| Other liabilities                            | 20,573      | 17,360                  | 36,776                 |
| Lease liability                              | 85          | 17                      | 66                     |
| Current income tax                           | 10,828      | 11,770                  | 13,247                 |
| Borrowings                                   | 596,145     | 652,175                 | 654,832                |
| Total liabilities                            | 1,215,070   | 964,271                 | 1,199,187              |
| Equity                                       |             |                         |                        |
| Stated capital                               | 162,046     | 80,546                  | 30,546                 |
| Retained earnings                            | 22,244      | (6,016)                 | 31,106                 |
| Statutory reserves                           | 84,409      | 51,321                  | 51,321                 |
| Credit risk reserves                         | 4,827       | -                       | -                      |
| Share based payment reserve                  | -           | -                       | 773                    |
| Total shareholders' equity                   | 273,526     | 125,851                 | 113,747                |
| Total liabilities and equity                 | 1,488,596   | 1,090,122               | 1,312,933              |

 During the financial year under review, the Company corrected a prior period error related to the computation of expected credit losses. Refer to Note 2 for the accounting implications resulting from the restatement of the Company's previously reported financial statements as a result of the error.

| Statement of Cash Flow                                          | 2023      | 2022      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Operating Activities                                            | GHS '000  | GHS '000  |
|                                                                 |           |           |
| Profit before taxation                                          | 83,382    | (20,436)  |
| Adjustments for:                                                | 57.050    | (42.200)  |
| Interest earn on treasury bonds and forex movement              | 57,059    | (43,299)  |
| Amortisation, depreciation, right of use assets and disposals   | 5,504     | 5,822     |
| Impairment and write off charge                                 | (13,893)  | 95,169    |
| Interest expense on borrowing and leases                        | 115,609   | 118,344   |
| Movement in working capital and other changes                   | (40,000)  | (220,512) |
| Cash from operations                                            | 207,660   | (64,912)  |
| Interest received                                               | 1,643     | 12,227    |
| Interest paid                                                   | (127,665) | (118,516) |
| Income tax paid                                                 | (18,102)  | (12,181)  |
| Net cash flows from / (used in) operating activities            | 63,536    | (183,382) |
| Investing Activities                                            |           |           |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets | (5,012)   | (2,346)   |
| Purchase of Treasury Bonds                                      |           | (4,915)   |
| Proceeds from the sale of Investment securities                 | 24.240    | 145.135   |
| Redemption of Treasury Bonds                                    |           | 7,000.00  |
|                                                                 | -         | 7,000.00  |
| Net cash flows from investing activities                        | 19,228    | 144,874   |
| Financial Activities                                            |           |           |
| Drawdown from borrowings                                        | 165,806   | 134,564   |
| Repayment of principal portion of borrowings                    | (220,387) | (174,975) |
| Repayment of principal portion of lease liabilities             | (1,492)   | (4,099)   |
| Net cash flows generated from financing activities              | (56,072)  | (44,509)  |
| Net movement in cash and cash equivalents                       | 26,692    | (83,017)  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year          | 58,283    | 141,300   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year                | 84,975    | 58,283    |

#### Statement of Changes in Equity

|                                      | Stated<br>Capital | Income<br>Surplus | Statutory<br>Reserve | Credit risk<br>reserve | Total<br>Shareholder<br>Funds |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                      | GHS '000          | GHS '000          | GHS '000             | GHS '000               | GHS '000                      |
| For The Year Ended 31st December 202 | 3                 |                   |                      |                        |                               |
| Balance as at 1st Jan 2023           | 80,546            | (6,016)           | 51,321               | -                      | 125,851                       |
| Movements during the year:           |                   |                   |                      |                        |                               |
| Additional capital injection         | 81,500            | -                 | -                    | -                      | 81,500                        |
| Profit for the year                  | -                 | 66,175            | -                    | -                      | 66,175                        |
| Transfer to Statutory reserve        | -                 | (33,088)          | 33,088               |                        |                               |
| Transfer to credit risk reserve      | -                 | (4,827)           | -                    | 4,827                  | -                             |
| Balance as at 31st December 2023     | 162,046           | 22,244            | 84,409               | 4,827                  | 273,526                       |

#### 2. Correction of prior period expected credit losses error

During the financial years 2019 to 2022, the calculation of the Expected Credit Loss Allowance at the previous reporting dates incorrectly included a discount factor to Stage 3 exposures at default. Since the default date for Stage 3 exposures has already occurred, no discount factor should therefore be applied to Stage 3 exposures at default to calculate the Expected Credit Loss Allowance at a reporting date.

This error was corrected retrospectively in accordance with IAS 8 Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors as follows:

### Impact on Statement of Financial Position

|                       | 31 December 2022,<br>as previously reported | Effect of restatement | 31 December 2022,<br>as restated | 31 December 2021,<br>as previously reported | Effect of restatement | 1 January 2022,<br>as restated |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Advances to customers | 852,877                                     | (34,439)              | 818,439                          | 872,728                                     | (6,482)               | 866,247                        |
| Total assets          | 1,124,561                                   | (34,439)              | 1,090,122                        | 1,319,415                                   | (6,482)               | 1,312,933                      |
|                       | -                                           | -                     | -                                | -                                           | -                     | -                              |
| Retained earnings     | 11,173                                      | (17,189)              | (6,016)                          | 37,587                                      | (6,482)               | 31,106                         |
| Credit risk reserve   | 17,250                                      | (17,250)              | -                                | -                                           | -                     | -                              |
| Total equity          | 160,290                                     | (34,439)              | 125,851                          | 120,228                                     | (6,482)               | 113,747                        |

## Impact on Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

|                                           | 31 December 2022, as previously reported | Effect of restatement | 31 December 2022, as restated |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Credit loss expense on loans and advances | (19,875)                                 | (27,957)              | (47,832)                      |
| Net operating income                      | 51,397                                   | (27,957)              | 23,440                        |
|                                           |                                          |                       |                               |
| Profit / (loss) before tax                | 7,521                                    | (27,957)              | (20,436)                      |
|                                           |                                          |                       |                               |
| Loss for the year                         | (9,165)                                  | (27,957)              | (37,122)                      |

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LETSHEGO GHANA SAVINGS AND LOANS PLC OPINION

## Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, and cash flow statements for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of Letshego Ghana Savings and Loan PLc for the year ended 31 December 2023.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, in accordance with the basis of preparation described in the notes.

#### Summary financial statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board including the IAS29 Hyperinflation Directive issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants Ghana and the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992). Reading the summary financial statements and the Auditor's report thereon, therefore is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the Auditor's report thereon. The summary financial statements and the audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial statements.

### The audited financial statements and our report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated 30th April 2024. That report also includes the communication of other key matters. Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the basis of preparation described in the notes.

### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), Engagement to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

The Engagement Partner on the audit resulting in this independent Auditors' report is Pamela Des Bordes (ICAG/P/1329).



Ernst & Young (ICAG/F/2022/126) Chartered Accountants Accra, Ghana

## SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee. Additional information required by the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992) and the Banks and Specialised Deposit–Taking Institutions Act, 2016 (Act 930) have been included, where appropriate. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The condensed financial statements have been extracted from the audited financial statements of the company in accordance with Bank of Ghana Guide for Publication for banks & Bank of Ghana Licensed Financial Institutions.

## **Qualitative Disclosures**

- 1. The company's risk management framework defines the approach to risk management.
- 2. The scope of risks that are directly managed by the Company is as follows: Investing activities Credit Risk, Operational Risk, Market and Liquidity Risk, Legal and Compliance Risk, Reputational Risk and Capital Risk

The risks inherent in the company's activities are managed through an ongoing process of identification, measurement and monitoring, subject to risk limits and other controls. The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the company's risk management framework. Oversight of risk management is the responsibility of the Audit and Finance Committee and Risk and Compliance Committee. The committees monitor risks associated with financial reporting, accounting policies, internal control and IT governance. The committees are responsible for risk management including setting the risk management framework, setting risk appetite and monitoring the company's management of risk

| Quantitative Disclosures  | Dec   | Dec    |
|---------------------------|-------|--------|
|                           | 2023  | 2022   |
| Capital adequacy ratio    | 20.7% | 14.3%  |
| Cost to income            | 69.0% | 90.0%  |
| Non performing loan ratio | 8.5%  | 9.9%   |
| Liquidity ratio           | 41.2% | 254.5% |
| Tier 1 ratio              | 21.2% | 15.3%  |
| Leverage ratio            | 19.2% | 13.6%  |
|                           |       |        |

Blaise Mankwa Board Chairman

