



21st July 2022

Company Announcement

The following is a Company Announcement issued by Busy Bee Finance Plc (the “Company”) bearing company registration number C87631, in terms of the rules of Prospects MTF, a market regulated as a multi-lateral trading facility and operated by the Malta Stock Exchange.

Quote

Approval and Publication of Interim Financial Statements

The Company hereby announces that during the meeting of its Board of Directors held on the 21st July 2022, the Company’s interim financial statements for the six-month financial period ending 31st May 2022, were approved.

A copy of the approved interim financial statements are being enclosed herewith and can be accessed on the Company’s website via: <https://busybee.com.mt/investor-relations/>

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Jean Carl Farrugia
Company Secretary



Busy Bee
FINANCE PLC

INTERIM
REPORT

2022

Six months ended
31 May 2022

INTERIM DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present the unaudited consolidated interim results of Busy Bee Finance plc.

This Half-Yearly Report is being published in terms of the Prospectus MTF Rules and the Prevention of Financial Markets Abuse Act, (Chapter 476 of the Laws of Malta). The condensed set of financial statements included in this report has been extracted from the Busy Bee Finance plc's unaudited financial information for the period commencing 1 December 2021 to 31 May 2022 prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards adopted for use in the EU for interim financial statements (International Accounting Standard 34, 'Interim Financial Reporting'). This Half-Yearly report has not been audited or reviewed by the Company's auditors.

Business Overview/Directors Report

Busy Bee Finance Limited ('the Company') was incorporated on 31 July 2018 as a private limited liability company and subsequently converted into a public limited liability company on the 31 January 2019.

Principal activities

The company's principal activity is to act as a finance and investment company, in particular the financing or re-financing of the funding requirements of related companies within the Busy Bee Group ('the Group').

Financial performance

During the six months ending 31 May 2022, the Group registered a profit before tax of €194K, a substantial increase when compared to the €124K registered in the prior six months. This movement is mainly attributable to the increased activity during the period under review, mainly the new outlet in Sliema, which was opened in early December, and the outside catering events which have resumed following the removal of the COVID-19 restrictions in early 2022.

Financial position

Total assets as at 31 May 2022 stood at €18 million, while equity attributable to the shareholders amounted to €9 million. The company's gearing after taking into consideration the €5,000,000 Unsecured Bonds 2029 on 28th June 2019, stood at 36%.

Outlook

In the coming months, the Company will continue striving to re-establish operating activity levels to those registered pre-COVID. In line with the company's expansion plans, the Group will be carrying out an assessment on the growth of the network of shops and the refurbishment of the iconic shop in Msida.

Whilst focusing on increasing revenues, the monitoring of expenditure remains at the forefront of management's focus, giving particular attention to the rise in raw material prices, mostly due to global increase in the price of wheat and vegetable oils driven primarily by continued tension in global commodity prices, along with wage increases, labor shortages, supply chain issues and transportation cost.

The elimination of restrictions, particularly the limited capacity measures earlier on in April, has improved the outside catering business stream. In the prior period, with such restrictions in place, the rate of growth was limited, and such benefits will start to be seen over the course of 2022. Wedding and private event bookings have changed with shorter term planning seen when compared to medium term outlooks in the past.

The outlet in Sliema is another strategic step towards increasing the Group's retail outreach in the local market. Whilst still in its early stages, the revenue generated is promising and the momentum is expected to be maintained across the rest of the year.

Dividends

No interim dividends are being proposed.

Going concern

As required by Listing Rule 5.62, upon due consideration of the Company's



Mr Charles Scerri, Chairman

profitability and statement of financial position, the Directors confirm the Company's ability to continue operating as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

Listing Statement

Approved by the Board of Directors on the 21 July 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Registered Office

Busy Bee Group,
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Birkirkara CBD 4010



Mr Geoffrey Friggieri, Director

CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MAY 2022

	Note	Group 31-May-22 (unaudited) €'000	Group 31-May-21 (unaudited) €'000	Company 31-May-22 (unaudited) €'000	Company 31-May-21 (unaudited) €'000
Continuing operations:					
Revenue	7	2,896	1,731	-	-
Gross profit		807	483	-	-
Operating profit/(loss)		273	(26)	(304)	(279)
Other income	8	351	569	272	294
Depreciation		(271)	(258)	-	-
Net finance (costs)/income		(159)	(161)	10	10
Profit / (Loss) before tax		194	124	(22)	25
Taxation	9	6	26	8	(13)
Profit / (loss) for the period		200	150	(14)	12
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period		200	150	(14)	12
EPS*		€4.00	€ 3.00	€(0.28)	€ 0.24
Adjusted EPS		€2.28	€ (3.27)	€(1.06)	€ (0.84)

*EPS – Earnings Per Share

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MAY 2022

	Group 31-May-22 (unaudited) €'000	Group 31-May-21 (unaudited) €'000	Company 31-May-22 (unaudited) €'000	Company 31-May-21 (unaudited) €'000
ASSETS				
Non-current assets	14,530	14,518	5,489	5,562
Current assets	3,467	1,697	604	525
Total assets	17,997	16,215	6,093	6,087
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Capital and reserves	8,995	8,342	647	653
Non-current liabilities	6,090	6,072	4,854	4,839
Current liabilities	2,912	1,801	592	595
Total liabilities	9,002	7,873	5,446	5,434
Total equity and Liabilities	17,997	16,215	6,093	6,087

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MAY 2022

	Group 31-May-22 (unaudited) €'000	Group 31-May-21 (unaudited) €'000	Company 31-May-22 (unaudited) €'000	Company 31-May-21 (unaudited) €'000
Net cash generated from operating activities	601	486	203	53
Net cash used in investing activities	(16)	(55)	-	-
Net cash (used in) / generated from financing activities	(131)	(7)	7	93
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	454	424	210	146
Opening cash and cash equivalents	245	147	95	110
Closing cash and cash equivalents	699	571	305	256

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MAY 2022

	Share Capital (unaudited) €'000	Share premium (unaudited) €'000	Shareholders Loans (unaudited) €'000	Revaluation Reserve (unaudited) €'000	Retained earnings (unaudited) €'000	Total (unaudited) €'000
Group (unaudited)						
Period ended 31 May 2022:						
At 1 December 2021	50	51	4,331	2,238	2,125	8,795
Comprehensive income						
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	200	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners						
Shareholders Loans	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total transactions with owners	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 May 2022	50	51	4,331	2,238	2,325	8,995

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MAY 2022

	Share Capital (unaudited) €'000	Share premium (unaudited) €'000	Shareholders Loans (unaudited) €'000	Revaluation Reserve (unaudited) €'000	Retained earnings (unaudited) €'000	Total (unaudited) €'000
Group (unaudited)						
Period ended 31 May 2021:						
At 1 December 2020	50	51	4,357	1,680	2,068	8,206
Comprehensive income						
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	150	150
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	150	150
Transactions with owners						
Shareholders Loans	-	-	(14)	-	-	(14)
Total transactions with owners	-	-	(14)	-	-	(14)
At 31 May 2021	50	51	4,343	1,680	2,218	8,342

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MAY 2022

	Share Capital (unaudited) €'000	Share premium (unaudited) €'000	Shareholders Loans (unaudited) €'000	Revaluation Reserve (unaudited) €'000	Accumulated losses (unaudited) €'000	Total (unaudited) €'000
Company (unaudited)						
Period ended 31 May 2022:						
At 1 December 2021	50	51	600	-	(40)	661
Comprehensive income						
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(14)	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with owners						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 May 2022	50	51	600	-	(54)	647

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MAY 2022

	Share Capital (unaudited) €'000	Share premium (unaudited) €'000	Shareholders Loans (unaudited) €'000	Revaluation Reserve (unaudited) €'000	Accumulated losses (unaudited) €'000	Total (unaudited) €'000
Company (unaudited)						
Period ended 31 May 2021:						
At 1 December 2020	50	51	600	-	(60)	641
Comprehensive income						
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	12	12
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	12	12
Transactions with owners						
					-	
At 31 May 2021	50	51	600	-	(48)	653

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of preparation

The published figures have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting'. The condensed Group financial statements have been extracted from Busy Bee Finance plc's unaudited group management accounts for the six months ended 31 May 2022. The interim results are being published in terms of the Prospects MTF Rules. In terms of Rule 4.11.12, this interim report has not been audited by the Group's independent auditors.

These interim financial statements are presented using the Euro, being the currency that reflects the economic substance of the underlying events and circumstances relevant to the company.

They are prepared under the historical cost convention.

2. Accounting policies

The accounting policies applied in these interim financial statements are in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, with the provisions of the Maltese Companies Act, 1995, and the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU ("IFRS").

3. Use of judgements and estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies.

In preparing these interim financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and

assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income, and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In the opinion of the directors, the accounting estimates and judgements made in the course of preparing these financial statements are not difficult, subjective, or complex to a degree which would warrant their description as critical.

4. New standards effective during the period

A number of new standards became applicable for the current reporting period and the Group has adopted the following standards:

- IFRS 16 – Covid 19 Related Rent Concession

5. Revised standards not yet effective during the period

Certain new standards, amendments or interpretations to existing standards which are to be applied prospectively for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022, have not been adopted early by the Group and Company. The Group will be obliged to adopt these standards, amendments or interpretations in the Financial year starting 1 December 2022.

The directors do not expect that the adoption of the amended standards will have a material impact on the financial statements of the company.

6. Earnings per share

Earnings per share (EPS) is calculated as the Group/Company's profit after tax attributable to the ordinary shares of Busy Bee Finance plc divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

Adjusted EPS adjusts for extraordinary items included in other income, being COVID-19: Government support

7. Segment Reporting

The Group's operations consist of cafeterias and gelateria, outside catering and other income. The Groups business segments operate in the local market. An analysis by segment of the group's turnover and profitability is set out:

SEGMENT ANALYSIS

SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MAY 2022

	Cafeterias & Gelateria (unaudited) €'000	Outside Catering (unaudited) €'000	Group (unaudited) €'000
Period ended 31 May 2022			
Revenue	2,282	614	2,896
Segment results	216	57	273
Operating Loss			273
Other income (note 8)			351
Depreciation			(271)
Net finance costs			(159)
Profit before tax			194
Taxation			6
Profit for the period			200
Period ended 31 May 2021			
Revenue	1,459	272	1,734
Segment results	407	76	483
Unallocated costs			(509)
Operating Loss			(26)
Other income (note 8)			569
Depreciation			(258)
Net finance costs			(161)
Profit before tax			124
Taxation (note 9)			26
Profit for the period			150

8. Other income

	Group 31-May-22 (unaudited) €'000	Group 31-May-21 (unaudited) €'000
Government COVID Supplements	86	313
Rent receivable	76	75
Services provided to other related parties	162	169
Other income	27	12
	351	569

9. Taxation

The resultant, deferred tax is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method in respect of temporary differences arising from differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.