

Group statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2024	Note	2024 \$m	2023 \$m	2022 \$m
Profit for the year		628	750	376
Adjustments reconciling profit for the year to cash flow from operations	25	521	469	585
Cash flow from operations		1,149	1,219	961
Interest paid		(170)	(119)	(126)
Interest received		57	36	22
Deferred purchase consideration paid	24	(3)	-	-
Tax paid	8	(309)	(243)	(211)
Net cash from operating activities		724	893	646
Cash flow from investing activities				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(29)	(28)	(54)
Purchase of intangible assets		(49)	(54)	(45)
Investment in associates and joint ventures		(6)	(3)	(1)
Investment in other financial assets		(32)	(60)	-
Deferred purchase consideration paid	24	(10)	-	-
Disposal of property, plant and equipment		9	-	3
Repayments of other financial assets		11	8	13
Finance lease receipts		4	-	-
Other investing cash flows		3	-	6
Net cash from investing activities		(99)	(137)	(78)
Cash flow from financing activities				
Repurchase of shares, including taxes and transaction costs	28	(804)	(790)	(482)
Purchase of own shares by employee share trusts		(27)	(8)	(1)
Dividends paid to shareholders	9	(259)	(245)	(233)
Dividend paid to non-controlling interest		-	(3)	-
Issue of long-term bonds, including effect of currency swaps	22	834	657	-
Repayment of long-term bonds	22	(547)	-	(209)
Settlement of currency swaps	22	(45)	-	-
Principal element of lease payments	22	(46)	(28)	(36)
Net cash from financing activities		(894)	(417)	(961)
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(269)	339	(393)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	17	1,278	921	1,391
Exchange rate effects		(18)	18	(77)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	17	991	1,278	921

 Accounting policies and notes on pages 197 to 256 form an integral part of these Group Financial Statements.