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Symbol: **BWHL**

Current Price: PKR 126.50 Market Cap (PKR bn): 1.687 Total Shares (mn): 13.334 Free Float (mn): 7.333 52 Week Low: PKR 55.67 52 Week High: PKR 170.00

Baluchistan Wheels Limited (BWHL)

In FY23, the Company's profitability experienced a substantial decline, dropping by 34% to PKR 136.406 million (EPS: PKR 10.23), compared to PKR 208.238 million (EPS: PKR 15.62) in SPLY. This decline in net income can be attributed to several factors, including reduced demand for automobiles due to higher prices, an interest rate hike, and the shortening of financing terms mandated by SBP.

The top-line performance of Baluchistan Wheels also suffered, with a 40% decrease in revenue, falling to PKR 1.675 billion in FY23 from PKR 2.778 billion in the corresponding period of the previous year.

Gross profit for FY23 was reported at PKR 325.932 million, marking a 47% YoY decrease compared to PKR 611.652 million in SPLY. The Company's finance costs rose to PKR 5.559 million, reflecting a 40% increase over the same period in the previous year.

Throughout FY23, BWHL's product sales consisted of car wheels (81.2%), tractor wheels (14.9%), and truck/bus wheels (3.9%), with production shares of 82.6%, 14.3%, and 3%, respectively, during the same period. Unfortunately, the sale of passenger cars fell by 55%, trucks by 41%, and tractors by 48%, resulting in an overall decline in total vehicle sales of 50% to 161,656 units in FY23, compared to 344,692 units in SPLY.

The management pointed out three main factors contributing to the lower sales of automobiles: (i) restrictions on LC opening, (ii) PKR devaluation, and (iii) reduced purchasing power among customers.

In terms of sales composition, local sales accounted for 94% (PKR 1.577 billion) of the total sales, while exports represented a mere 0.2% (PKR 2.9 million), and scrap sales contributed 5.71% (PKR 95.7 million) in FY23.



The Company operated at only 39% capacity utilization during FY23, compared to 76% in the corresponding period the previous year.

The acquisition of Baluchistan Wheels is contingent on regulatory approvals, and any updates on this matter will be communicated to shareholders.

Going forward, BWHL anticipates that the demand for automobiles will continue to face pressure in FY24. However, there is potential for improvement in demand if SBP lifts restrictions on the import of CKD Kits and if the rupee appreciates in the long term.

Financial Highlights							
PKR (000)	2023	2022	YoY	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net Revenue	1,675,857	2,778,192	-40%	1,574,822	912,820	1,587,558	1,882,640
Cost of Slaes	(1,349,925)	(2,166,540)	-38%	(1,331,759)	(795,406)	(1,341,776)	(1,612,676)
Gross Profit	325,932	611,652	- 47 %	243,063	117,414	245,782	269,964
Admin Exp	(120,601)	(116,612)	3%	(91,246)	(82,148)	(92,595)	(92,075)
Other Exp	101,101	52,514	93%	(10,496)	(1,784)	(12,541)	(8,284)
Other Income	201,752	425,374	-53%	55,940	27,990	5,045	180
Finance Cost	(5,559)	(3,976)	40 %	(4,216)	(2,353)	(6,791)	(1,927)
PBT	201,752	425,374	-53%	141,568	23,695	93,955	107,742
Taxation	(65,346)	(217,136)	-70%	(40,882)	(4,775)	(22,443)	(19,953)
PAT	136,406	208,238	-34%	100,686	18,920	71,512	87,789

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