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## **Contact Energy Limited – 2024 Interim Results**

Please find attached the following documents relating to Contact Energy Limited's (Contact) half year results for the six months ended 31 December 2023.

- (a) Media Release
- (b) 2024 Interim Financial Statements
- (c) Financial Results Announcement (NZX form)
- (d) Distribution Notice (NZX form)

The 2024 Interim Results Presentation is being loaded separately on ASX online.

Dividend information filed on Appendix 3A.1 will follow.

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## Contact Energy performance demonstrates underlying business health; Focus on asset delivery

	Six months ended 31 December 2023 1H24		Six months ended 31 December 2022 1H23	
	Underlying <sup>i</sup>	Reported	Against underlying	
EBITDAF <sup>ii</sup>	\$325m	\$354m	↑	26% from \$257m
Profit	\$134m	\$153m	↑	70% from \$79m
Profit per share	17.2 cps	19.5 cps	↑	70% from 10.1 cps
Operating free cash flow <sup>iii</sup>	\$187m		↑	163% from \$71m
Stay-in-business capital expenditure (cash)	\$64m		↑	16% from \$55m
Growth capital expenditure (cash)	\$233m		↑	7% from \$217m

### Financial performance

Contact Energy has reported net profit of \$153m in 1H24 and operating earnings (EBITDAF) of \$354m. Reported figures include a net provision release relating to the Ahuroa Gas Storage facility (AGS) onerous contract of \$29m within EBITDAF (\$19m within net profit after tax and interest). Excluding the provision release, underlying net profit was up 70% on 1H23 to \$134m and EBITDAF was up 26% to \$325m.

The improved operating result was driven by closer alignment of channel pricing to the wholesale market and greater thermal efficiency, partially offset by lower hydro generation, reduced steam revenue following the closure of Te Rapa and one-off write-offs of \$8m relating to damage to Peaker assets and the CRM system upgrade programme not continuing as originally planned.

Hydro volatility characterised operating conditions throughout the period, with flow-on impacts to wholesale pricing from more thermal generation. Contact increased contracted sales volumes in anticipation of Tauhara coming online in 4Q 2023 and with the delay to 3Q 2024 applied some mitigations to meet this position. At the same time, Contact has executed well on its channel mix and pricing strategies.

“The result has been a demonstration of strength in our underlying performance, setting us up well for the year ahead and we now expect to deliver underlying EBITDAF of \$620m in FY24,” says Chief Executive Mike Fuge.

Operating free cash flow of \$187m was up 163% on the prior year on the improved operating result, relatively lower levels of working capital due to higher thermal generation and lower tax paid on FY23 profit, partially offset by accelerated stay in business capex. The Board declared an interim dividend of 14 cents per share, in line with 1H23.

## **Demand**

Negotiations with Rio Tinto have been constructive and have re-enforced Contact's long-held view that the New Zealand Aluminium Smelter (NZAS) appears likely to stay. Contact is expecting a new agreement to be long-term, at a fair price materially above the current pricing, and including demand response (mitigating dry-year risk).

"A new long-term agreement would de-risk investment in new renewable generation, contribute to energy security and help to preserve an important export industry, supporting growth and decarbonisation of the New Zealand economy," said Mr Fuge.

## **Renewable development**

Remediation works got underway at Contact's Tauhara geothermal development in November and re-construction of the steam separation plant is near complete. Tauhara is expected to come online in Q3 2024 at the initial design capacity of around 152MW (expecting 174MW from the first planned outage in 2025), and Te Huka 3 is on track to follow in Q4 2024<sup>iv</sup>.

"I'm extremely proud of the team that has worked hard over the summer to get Tauhara back into the full swing of commissioning. Both Tauhara and Te Huka will join Contact's renewable generation fleet in 2024 and will add 1.9TWh per annum of baseload renewable output once full capacity is reached."

Drilling, advanced steamfield design and tendering have progressed to prepare for a final investment decision in 2024 on GeoFuture, the replacement of Contact's 65-year-old Wairākei geothermal plant. Final investment decisions are also expected in 2024 on a 100MW North Island battery and the Kōwhai Park solar development.

"These investments in new renewable technologies will contribute to security of supply as New Zealand decarbonises, said Mr Fuge".

## **Decarbonising the portfolio**

Emissions intensity from thermal generation was down ~30% on 1H23 driven largely by the closure of Te Rapa on 30 June 2023. Portfolio decarbonisation is just one aspect of Contact's broader commitment to sustainability, which in December saw Contact win both the Sustainability Leadership award in the Deloitte Top 200 and move into the number one ranking of participating New Zealand companies in the DJSI Asia Pacific.

Contact expects to decommission its combined cycle gas generation plant (TCC) at the end of 2024. A planned outage at TCC was brought forward and completed in December with additional operating hours approved. Contact has also worked to accelerate the return of its spare peaker engine and is expecting GT22 to be in service for winter 2024.

## **Retail**

Retail electricity net price has improved in light of rising energy and pass-through costs. Total connections were up 20,000 on 1H23, driven primarily by broadband. Contact also expanded its telecommunication offering with the introduction of Contact Mobile and boosted its time of use offerings with the introduction of Good Weekends. Contact remains focused on supporting our customers in energy hardship through ERANZ, with offerings like ConnectMe and EnergyMate, and directly with community groups like Women's Refuge and Good Shepherd. Over the last twelve months Contact has provided in excess of one million dollars to directly support customers in energy hardship.

## Outlook

Looking ahead, Mr Fuge said the next six months will see Contact reaching significant milestones in the delivery of its strategy to lead the decarbonisation of New Zealand.

“We are excited about the future. We have a clear strategy, strong balance sheet with supportive shareholders and stand ready to deliver on the opportunities in front of us to lead the decarbonisation of the New Zealand economy over the next decade.”

## 1/ MORE INFORMATION

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## 2/ CONFERENCE CALL

A conference call to support the interim results announcement will be held at 10am, NZ (New Zealand) time on 19 February 2024.

If you would like to attend the live presentation, please see the details below to view the webcast off your chosen device:

Click here to enter the webcast: [LIVE EVENT LINK](#)

Or access this link via our website: <https://contact.co.nz/aboutus/investor-centre>

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<sup>i</sup> The onerous contract provision for AGS is assessed every 6 months in line with NZ IAS 37. In 1H24 there has been a net provision release resulting in impacts of \$29m EBITDAF and \$19m profit. Underlying performance excludes these impacts. All variances and commentary reflect movements in underlying performance.

<sup>ii</sup> Refer to slide 38 of the 2024 interim results presentation for a definition and reconciliation between statutory profit and the non-GAAP profit measure earnings before net interest expense, tax, depreciation, amortisation, change in fair value of financial instruments (EBITDAF). Contact has made reclassifications to better align with IFRIC guidance on IFRS 9 resulting in realised gains/losses from market derivatives not in a hedge relationship (includes market making activity) no longer being reported in operating income (EBITDAF). 1H23 figures restated accordingly.

<sup>iii</sup> Refer to Note A3 of the interim financial statements for a definition and reconciliation between cash flow from operating activities and the non-GAAP measure operating free cash flow. Operating free cash flow represents cash available to repay debt, to fund distributions to shareholders and growth capital expenditure.

<sup>iv</sup> Calendar year references.

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**Interim Financial  
Statements**



## About these financial statements

### FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

These interim financial statements are for Contact, a group made up of Contact Energy Limited, its subsidiaries and its interests in associates and joint arrangements.

Contact Energy Limited is registered in New Zealand under the Companies Act 1993. It is listed on the New Zealand stock exchange (NZX) and the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) and has bonds listed on the NZX debt market. Contact is an FMC reporting entity under the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013.

Contact's interim financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2023 provide a summary of Contact's performance for the period and outline any significant changes to information reported in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 (2023 Integrated Report). The interim financial statements should be read with the [2023 Integrated Report](#).

Contact's interim financial statements are prepared:

- in accordance with New Zealand generally accepted accounting practice (GAAP) and comply with NZ IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* and IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.
- in millions of New Zealand dollars (NZD) unless otherwise noted.
- using the same accounting policies and significant estimates and critical judgments disclosed in the 2023 Annual Report unless otherwise noted.
- with certain comparative amounts reclassified to conform to the current period's presentation.

The interim financial statements were authorised on behalf of the Contact Energy Limited Board of Directors on 16 February 2024:



**Robert McDonald**  
Chair



**Sandra Dodds**  
Chair, Audit & Risk Committee

## Statement of comprehensive income

### FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

\$m	Note	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2023	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2022	Audited Year ended 30 June 2023
Revenue	A2	1,306	994	2,118
Operating expenses	A2	(950)	(832)	(1,613)
Net interest	B4	(20)	(19)	(41)
Depreciation and amortisation	C1	(126)	(111)	(224)
Change in fair value of financial instruments	D1	3	(42)	(63)
<b>Profit/(loss) before tax</b>		<b>213</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>177</b>
Tax expense		(60)	2	(50)
<b>Profit/(loss)</b>		<b>153</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>Items that may be reclassified to profit/(loss):</b>				
Change in hedge reserves (net of tax)	D1	(125)	(30)	73
<b>Comprehensive income</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>(37)</b>	<b>200</b>
Profit/(loss) per share (cents) - basic and diluted		19.5	(0.9)	16.3

## Statement of cash flows

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

\$m	Note	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2023	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2022	Audited Year ended 30 June 2023
Receipts from customers		1,353	1,034	2,117
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,027)	(820)	(1,592)
Interest paid		(9)	(12)	(25)
Tax paid		(66)	(76)	(105)
<b>Operating cash flows</b>		<b>251</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>395</b>
Purchase and construction of assets		(262)	(272)	(541)
Capitalised interest		(35)	(17)	(44)
Realised gains/losses on market derivatives		(2)	(11)	(27)
Investment in associates		(2)	(4)	(11)
Proceeds from sale of assets		-	4	16
Deferred consideration for acquisition of subsidiaries		-	(11)	(11)
<b>Investing cash flows</b>		<b>(301)</b>	<b>(311)</b>	<b>(618)</b>
Dividends paid	B2	(150)	(146)	(243)
Proceeds from borrowings		526	643	1,092
Repayment of borrowings		(191)	(315)	(650)
Financing costs		(1)	(2)	(4)
<b>Financing cash flows</b>		<b>184</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>195</b>
<b>Net cash flow</b>		<b>134</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>(28)</b>
Add: cash at the beginning of the period		140	168	168
<b>Cash at the end of the period</b>		<b>274</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>140</b>

## Statement of financial position

AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

\$m	Note	Unaudited 31 Dec 2023	Unaudited 31 Dec 2022	Audited 30 June 2023
Cash and cash equivalents		274	163	140
Trade and other receivables		219	211	249
Inventories		44	39	48
Intangible assets	C1	116	72	33
Derivative financial instruments	D1	40	59	123
Assets held for sale		-	5	-
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>692</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>593</b>
Property, plant and equipment	C1	4,771	4,293	4,615
Intangible assets	C1	202	197	202
Inventories		37	36	37
Goodwill		214	214	214
Investment in associates		32	24	31
Derivative financial instruments	D1	111	95	116
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>5,367</b>	<b>4,859</b>	<b>5,215</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>6,059</b>	<b>5,408</b>	<b>5,808</b>
Trade and other payables		290	252	275
Tax payable		26	1	33
Borrowings	B3	356	415	384
Derivative financial instruments	D1	125	121	83
Provisions		5	6	5
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>802</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>780</b>
Borrowings	B3	1,539	985	1,172
Derivative financial instruments	D1	191	197	159
Provisions		256	183	277
Deferred tax		542	563	589
Other non-current liabilities		45	26	27
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>2,573</b>	<b>1,953</b>	<b>2,224</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>3,375</b>	<b>2,748</b>	<b>3,004</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>2,684</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>2,804</b>
Share capital	B1	2,008	1,976	1,988
Retained earnings		802	788	813
Hedge reserves		(134)	(113)	(9)
Share-based compensation reserve		8	9	11
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>		<b>2,684</b>	<b>2,660</b>	<b>2,804</b>

# Statement of changes in equity

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

\$m	Note	Share capital	Retained earnings	Hedge reserves	Share-based compensation reserves	Shareholders' equity
<b>Balance at 1 July 2022</b>		<b>1,955</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>(82)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,840</b>
Profit/(loss)	A2	-	(7)	-	-	(7)
Change in hedge reserves (net of tax)		-	-	(30)	-	(30)
Change in share capital	B1	21	-	-	-	21
Dividends paid	B2	-	(164)	-	-	(164)
<b>Unaudited balance at 31 December 2022</b>		<b>1,976</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>(112)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,660</b>
Profit/(loss)	A2	-	134	-	-	134
Change in hedge reserves (net of tax)		-	-	103	-	103
Change in share-based compensation reserve		-	-	-	3	3
Change in share capital	B1	12	-	-	-	12
Dividends paid	B2	-	(108)	-	-	(108)
<b>Audited balance at 30 June 2023</b>		<b>1,988</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2,804</b>
Profit/(loss)	A2	-	153	-	-	153
Change in hedge reserves (net of tax)		-	-	(125)	-	(125)
Change in share-based compensation reserve		-	-	-	(3)	(3)
Change in share capital	B1	20	-	-	-	20
Dividends paid	B2	-	(165)	-	-	(165)
<b>Unaudited balance at 31 December 2023</b>		<b>2,008</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>(134)</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2,684</b>

# A. Our performance

Notes to the interim financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2023

## A1. SEGMENTS

Contact reports activities under the Wholesale segment and the Retail segment. There have been no significant changes to Contact's operating segments in the current period.

The Wholesale segment includes revenue from the sale of electricity to the wholesale electricity market, to Commercial & Industrial (C&I) customers, and to the Retail segment, less the cost to generate and/or purchase the electricity and costs to serve and distribute electricity to C&I customers.

The results of Simply Energy Limited and Western Energy Services Limited are included in the Wholesale segment. The results of Contact Energy Risk Limited have been allocated across the operating segments based on fixed asset values, revenues, and headcount.

The Retail segment includes revenue from delivering electricity, natural gas, broadband, mobile and other products and services to mass market customers less the cost of purchasing those products and services, and the cost to serve and distribute electricity to customers.

'Unallocated' includes corporate functions not directly allocated to the operating segments.

The Retail segment purchases electricity from the Wholesale segment at a fixed price in a manner similar to transactions with third parties.

## A2. EARNINGS

The table below provides a breakdown of Contact's revenue, expenses and earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation and changes in fair value of financial instruments (EBITDAF) by segment, and a reconciliation from EBITDAF to profit/(loss) reported under NZ GAAP. EBITDAF is used to monitor performance and is a non-GAAP profit measure. Change in fair value of financial instruments in the Statement of Comprehensive Income includes both 'realised gains/(losses) on risk management derivatives not in a hedge relationship' and, 'change in fair value of financial instruments' from the table below.

\$m	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2023					Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2022					Audited year ended 30 June 2023				
	Wholesale	Retail	Unallocated	Eliminations	Total	Wholesale	Retail	Unallocated	Eliminations	Total	Wholesale	Retail	Unallocated	Eliminations	Total
Mass market electricity	-	524	-	(1)	523	-	482	-	-	482	-	937	-	(1)	936
C&I electricity - fixed price	112	-	-	-	112	126	-	-	-	126	243	-	-	-	243
C&I electricity - pass through	18	-	-	-	18	9	-	-	-	9	23	-	-	-	23
Wholesale electricity, net of hedging	545	-	-	-	545	260	-	-	-	260	685	-	-	-	685
Electricity-related services revenue	2	-	-	-	2	6	-	-	-	6	12	-	-	-	12
Inter-segment electricity sales	280	-	-	(280)	-	241	-	-	(241)	-	482	-	-	(482)	-
Gas	7	51	-	-	58	3	48	-	-	51	5	90	-	-	95
Steam	2	-	-	-	2	19	-	-	-	19	35	-	-	-	35
Geothermal services	3	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	3	6	-	-	-	6
Broadband	-	39	-	-	39	-	32	-	-	32	-	66	-	-	66
Other income	-	4	-	-	4	-	6	-	-	6	8	9	-	-	17
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(281)</b>	<b>1,306</b>	<b>667</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(241)</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>1,499</b>	<b>1,102</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(483)</b>	<b>2,118</b>
Electricity purchases, net of hedging	(375)	-	-	-	(375)	(190)	-	-	-	(190)	(479)	-	-	-	(479)
Electricity purchases - pass through	(13)	-	-	-	(13)	(5)	-	-	-	(5)	(16)	-	-	-	(16)
Electricity related services cost	(3)	-	-	-	(3)	(3)	-	-	-	(3)	(6)	-	-	-	(6)
Inter-segment electricity purchases	-	(280)	-	280	-	-	(241)	-	241	-	-	(482)	-	482	-
Gas and diesel purchases	(60)	(13)	-	-	(74)	(29)	(15)	-	-	(44)	(53)	(26)	-	-	(79)
Gas storage costs	15	-	-	-	15	(132)	-	-	-	(132)	(139)	-	-	-	(139)
Carbon emissions costs	(29)	(4)	-	-	(33)	(12)	(6)	-	-	(18)	(26)	(11)	-	-	(37)
Generation transmission & levies	(14)	-	-	-	(14)	(14)	-	-	-	(14)	(27)	-	-	-	(27)
Electricity networks, levies & meter costs - fixed price	(31)	(225)	-	-	(256)	(32)	(218)	-	-	(250)	(59)	(423)	-	-	(482)
Electricity networks, levies & meter costs - pass through	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	(2)	-	-	-	(2)
Gas networks, transmission, meter & service costs	(3)	(26)	-	-	(29)	(3)	(24)	-	-	(27)	(5)	(45)	-	-	(50)
Geothermal service costs	(2)	-	-	-	(2)	(2)	-	-	-	(2)	(3)	-	-	-	(3)
Broadband costs	-	(34)	-	-	(34)	-	(28)	-	-	(28)	-	(60)	-	-	(60)
Other operating expenses	(68)	(37)	(27)	1	(131)	(61)	(35)	(22)	-	(118)	(121)	(69)	(44)	1	(233)
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>(584)</b>	<b>(619)</b>	<b>(27)</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>(950)</b>	<b>(484)</b>	<b>(567)</b>	<b>(22)</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>(832)</b>	<b>(936)</b>	<b>(1,116)</b>	<b>(44)</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>(1,613)</b>
Realised gains/(losses) on risk management derivatives not in a hedge relationship	(2)	-	-	-	(2)	(24)	-	-	-	(24)	(45)	-	-	-	(45)
<b>EBITDAF</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(27)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(22)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>(14)</b>	<b>(44)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>460</b>
Depreciation and amortisation					(126)					(111)					(224)
Net interest expense					(20)					(19)					(41)
Change in fair value of financial instruments					5					(17)					(18)
Tax expense					(60)					2					(50)
<b>Profit/(loss)</b>					<b>153</b>					<b>(7)</b>					<b>127</b>

### A3. FREE CASH FLOW

Free cash flow is a non-GAAP cash measure that shows the amount of cash Contact has available to distribute to shareholders, reduce debt or reinvest in growing the business. A reconciliation from EBITDAF to NZ GAAP operating cash flows and to free cash flow is provided below.

\$m	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2023	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2022	Audited Year ended 30 June 2023
<b>EBITDAF</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>460</b>
Tax paid	(66)	(76)	(105)
Change in working capital, net of investing and financing activities	(10)	(43)	(55)
Non-cash items included in EBITDAF	(18)	120	120
Net interest paid, excluding capitalised interest	(9)	(12)	(25)
<b>Operating cash flows</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>395</b>
Stay-in-business capital expenditure	(64)	(55)	(113)
<b>Operating free cash flow</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>282</b>
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	4	16
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>298</b>
<b>Operating free cash flow per share (cents)</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>36.0</b>

### A4. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Contact's related parties include its Directors, the Leadership Team (LT), Drylandcarbon One Limited Partnership, Forest Partners Limited Partnership, Kowhai Park I GP Limited, Kowhai Park I LP, Glorit Solar I GP Limited and Glorit Solar I LP.

\$m	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2023	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2022	Audited Year ended 30 June 2023
<b>Forest Partners Limited Partnership</b>			
Capital contributions	(2)	(4)	(12)
<b>Key management personnel</b>			
Directors' fees	(1)	(1)	(1)
LT - salary and other short-term benefits	(4)	(4)	(7)
LT - share-based compensation expense	(1)	(1)	(2)

LT salary and other short-term benefits are the cash amount paid in the year. Members of the Directors and LT purchase goods and services from Contact for domestic purposes. For members of the LT this includes the staff discount available to all eligible employees.

### A5. AGS ONEROUS CONTRACT PROVISION

In FY23, Contact recognised an onerous contract provision relating to the Ahuroa Gas Storage (AGS) contract as the value of the contract is expected to be less than total contract payments. Contact continues ongoing discussions with Flexgas in relation to the capacity and operations of the AGS facility.

Contact has reassessed the provision to be \$90 million at 31 December 2023. Below table shows the movement of the provision during the period.

\$m	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2023	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2022	Audited Year ended 30 June 2023
Opening provision balance	<b>116</b>	-	-
Created/reassessment (impacts EBITDAF)	(35)	120	114
(Released)/increased (impacts EBITDAF)	7	-	(1)
Unwind of discount (impacts Interest)	3	-	3
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>116</b>

There is a significant level of judgement involved in estimating the value Contact will obtain from access to AGS storage for the remainder of the contract term. Key drivers include the total storage capacity of AGS, Contact's gas storage requirements, hydrology, future gas and carbon prices, the level of Contact's contracted sales, and the market supply/demand balance. There is interrelation between these assumptions. Any changes in one of these assumptions would not occur in isolation and would drive other changes which could also impact the estimated value.

#### Sensitivity – AGS onerous contract

Key input	Sensitivity	Impact on provision \$m
Estimated value received	+10%	(16)
	-10%	16
Pre-tax discount rate (4.4%)	+0.5%	3
	-0.5%	(3)
Estimated available storage	+0.6PJs	(9)
	-0.6PJs	15

### A6. CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of business, Contact is subject to inquiries, claims and investigations. There are no material matters to disclose at 31 December 2023.

## B. Our funding

Notes to the interim financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2023

### B1. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number	\$m
Balance at 1 July 2022	780,638,303	1,955
Share capital issued	2,619,193	21
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>783,257,496</b>	<b>1,976</b>
Share capital issued	1,705,958	12
<b>Balance at 30 June 2023</b>	<b>784,963,454</b>	<b>1,988</b>
Share capital issued	2,542,748	20
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>787,506,202</b>	<b>2,008</b>

### B2. DIVIDENDS PAID

\$m	Cents per share	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2023	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2022	Audited Year ended 30 June 2023
2022 Final dividend	21	-	164	164
2023 Interim dividend	14	-	-	109
2023 Final dividend	21	165	-	-
		<b>165</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>273</b>
Comprising:				
Cash dividends		150	146	243
Dividend reinvestment plan		15	18	30

On 16 February 2023 the Board declared an interim dividend of 14 cents per share to be paid on 18 March 2024.

### B3. BORROWINGS

\$m	Unaudited 31 Dec 2023	Unaudited 31 Dec 2022	Audited 30 June 2023
Lease obligations	46	26	49
Drawn bank facilities	-	139	-
Commercial paper	250	230	190
Retail bonds	650	350	650
Capital bonds	225	225	225
Export credit agency facility	29	36	32
USPP notes	224	376	377
Australian medium term notes	434	-	-
<b>Face value of borrowings</b>	<b>1,858</b>	<b>1,382</b>	<b>1,523</b>
Deferred financing costs	(10)	(8)	(9)
Fair value adjustment on hedged borrowings	47	26	43
<b>Carrying value of borrowings</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,556</b>
Current	356	415	384
Non-current	1,539	985	1,172

All borrowings other than leases and bank overdraft are Green Debt Instruments under Contact's Green Borrowing Programme, which has been certified by the Climate Bonds Initiative. At 31 December 2023 Contact remains compliant with the requirements of the programme. Further information is available on the [Sustainability](#) section of Contact's website.

### B4. NET INTEREST EXPENSE

\$m	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2023	Unaudited 6 months ended 31 Dec 2022	Audited Year ended 30 June 2023
Interest expense on borrowings	(50)	(32)	(76)
Interest expense on finance leases	(1)	(1)	(1)
Unwind of discount on provisions	(7)	(3)	(8)
Unwind of deferred financing costs	(1)	(1)	(2)
Other interest	(1)	-	(2)
Capitalised interest	35	17	44
Interest income	5	1	4
<b>Net interest expense</b>	<b>(20)</b>	<b>(19)</b>	<b>(41)</b>

## C. Our assets

Notes to the interim financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2023

### C1. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Property, plant and equipment	Unaudited 31 Dec 2023	Unaudited 31 Dec 2022	Audited 30 June 2023
<b>\$m</b>			
Opening balance	4,615	4,095	4,095
Additions	273	293	723
Disposals	(4)	(2)	(13)
Depreciation charge	(113)	(93)	(189)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>4,771</b>	<b>4,293</b>	<b>4,615</b>

The useful economic life of the Stratford Peaker assets have been reduced for accounting purposes following a review of expected future availability as a result of recent unexpected outages. This has been applied as a change in accounting estimate from 1 July 2023, and results in a \$9 million increase to depreciation in the six months ended 31 December 2023.

Contact is in the process of assessing any impact of the Tauhara delay on costs capitalised to the project. Contact will assess the enduring economic benefit of all such costs prior to finalisation of the FY24 annual financial statements. Any impact would be immaterial in the context of the cost of the Tauhara project.

Included within property, plant and equipment is \$51 million (31 December 2022: \$30 million, 30 June 2023: \$53 million) of lease assets with a depreciation charge of \$3 million for the six months ended 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: \$2 million, 30 June 2023: \$4 million).

Included within additions is capitalised interest of \$35 million (31 December 2022: \$17 million, 30 June 2023: \$44 million) in relation to, Tauhara, Te Huka Unit 3, and GeoFuture power stations and associated steamfields.

Intangibles	Unaudited 31 Dec 2023	Unaudited 31 Dec 2022	Audited 30 June 2023
<b>\$m</b>			
Opening balance	235	227	227
Additions	102	75	115
Disposals	(6)	(15)	(72)
Amortisation charge	(13)	(18)	(35)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>235</b>
Current	116	72	33
Non-current	202	197	202

During the period, Contact wrote off:

- \$4 million of assets relating to one of the Peaker engines due to recent damage within Property, Plant and Equipment; and
- \$4 million of capital work in progress within intangible assets, relating to a Customer Relationship Management system project which is no longer continuing in the form originally planned.

Contracted capital commitments	Unaudited 31 Dec 2023	Unaudited 31 Dec 2022	Audited 30 June 2023
<b>\$m</b>			
Contracted capital expenditure	252	479	300
Carbon forward contracts	89	119	124
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>424</b>
Due within 12 months	257	478	300
Due beyond 12 months	84	120	124

# D. Financial risks

Notes to the interim financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2023

## D1. SUMMARY OF DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

A summary of derivatives and the impact on Contact's financial position is provided below grouped by type of hedge relationship. There were no changes in the valuation processes, valuation techniques, and types of inputs used in the fair value measurements during the period. Refer to the [2023 Integrated Report](#) for information about fair value hierarchy of our inputs.

Sm	Unaudited at 31 December 2023							Unaudited at 31 December 2022							Audited at 30 June 2023						
	Fair value & fair value hedge	Cash flow & fair value hedge	Cash flow hedge			No hedge relationship		Fair value & fair value hedge	Cash flow & fair value hedge	Cash flow hedge			No hedge relationship		Fair value & fair value hedge	Cash flow & fair value hedge	Cash flow hedge			No hedge relationship	
			IRS	CCIRS	IRS	Electricity price derivatives	Foreign exchange contracts			Electricity price derivatives	Total	IRS	CCIRS	IRS			Electricity price derivatives	Foreign exchange contracts	Electricity price derivatives	Total	IRS
Notional amount of derivatives	875	658	1,835	15,253 GWh	137	1,799 GWh		575	376	1,225	14,188 GWh	216	1,741 GWh		875	376	1,585	14,128 GWh	176	1,953 GWh	
Maturity years	2025-29	2026-31	2024-31	2024-39	2024-26	2024-28		2025-29	2024-28	2023-29	2023-39	2023-26	2023-28		2025-29	2024-28	2024-31	2024-39	2024-26	2024-28	
Average rate/price	(P) 5.6%	Below	(P) 3.6%	(F) \$107/MWh	Below	(F) \$152/MWh		(P) 6.3%	Below	(P) 2.9%	(F) \$101/MWh	Below	(F) \$146/MWh		(P) 6.1%	Below	(P) 3.5%	(F) \$104/MWh	Below	(F) \$144/MWh	
	(R) 5.3%	Below	(R) 4.1%	(S) \$131/MWh	Below	(S) \$165/MWh		(R) 5.1%	Below	(R) 4.8%	(S) \$126/MWh	Below	(S) \$178/MWh		(R) 5.4%	Below	(R) 4.6%	(S) \$122/MWh	Below	(S) \$134/MWh	
Fair value of derivatives - asset	15	58	37	17	-	24	151	-	57	57	4	2	34	154	2	74	55	78	3	26	239
Fair value of derivatives - liability	(20)	(9)	(27)	(218)	(4)	(37)	(316)	(26)	(8)	-	(207)	(3)	(74)	(318)	(29)	(7)	(2)	(152)	(4)	(46)	(242)
Carrying value of hedged borrowings	(867)	(708)	-	-	-	-	(1,575)	(545)	(252)	-	-	-	-	(797)	(845)	(445)	-	-	-	-	(1,290)
Fair value adjustments to borrowings	4	(51)	-	-	-	-	(47)	26	(52)	-	-	-	-	(26)	26	(69)	-	-	-	-	(43)
Unrealised gains/(losses) below EBITDAF	-	2	2	-	-	4	7	-	-	5	-	-	(11)	(6)	(1)	-	8	-	-	-	9
Realised gains/(losses) below EBITDAF	-	-	-	-	-	(2)	(2)	-	-	-	-	-	(11)	(11)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(27)
Realised gains/(losses) within EBITDAF	-	-	-	-	-	(2)	(2)	-	-	-	-	-	(24)	(24)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(45)
<b>Total change in fair value of financial instruments recognised in profit/(loss)</b>	-	2	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	5	-	-	(47)	(42)	(1)	-	8	-	-	-	(70)
Hedge effectiveness recognised in OCI	-	(2)	(44)	(98)	(4)	-	(148)	-	(2)	19	(77)	(1)	-	(61)	-	-	12	14	(1)	-	25
Amounts reclassified from OCI to profit/(loss) or balance sheet	-	-	-	(29)	1	-	(28)	-	-	-	26	1	-	27	-	-	-	61	2	-	63
Amortisation of hedge reserve balance	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	(5)	-	-	(5)	-	-	-	11	-	-	11
Deferred tax	-	1	12	21	-	13	47	-	1	(5)	16	-	(3)	9	-	-	(4)	4	-	-	(26)
<b>Total change in hedge reserves</b>	-	(1)	(32)	(102)	(3)	13	(125)	-	(1)	14	(40)	-	(3)	(30)	-	-	8	90	1	-	(26)
<b>Initial premium recognised in trade and other receivables</b>	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	(20)	(20)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(13)

Key: (P) – pay interest, (R) – receive interest, (F) – fixed price, (S) – spot price

### CCIRS inputs

	Unaudited 31 Dec 2023		Unaudited 31 Dec 2022		Audited 30 June 2023	
	USD	AUD	USD	AUD	USD	AUD
Pay interest	NZ 6.5%	NZ 5.7%	NZ 7.2%	-	NZ 7.2%	-
Pay principal	USD 0.75	AUD 0.92	USD 0.75	-	USD 0.75	-
Receive interest	US 4.3%	AUD 6.4%	US 4.2%	-	US 4.2%	-
Receive principal	USD 0.61	AUD 0.92	USD 0.61	-	USD 0.61	-

### Foreign exchange contract inputs

Currency	Unaudited 31 Dec 2023		Unaudited 31 Dec 2022		Audited 30 June 2023		Unaudited 30 June 2023	
	Average fixed rate	Spot rate	Average fixed rate	Spot rate	Average fixed rate	Spot rate	Average fixed rate	Spot rate
AUD	0.92	0.93	0.91	0.93	0.91	0.92	0.91	0.92
USD	0.61	0.61	0.63	0.64	0.62	0.61	0.62	0.61
EUR	0.56	0.57	0.57	0.59	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.56
JPY	83.07	89.22	79.10	83.27	79.51	88.42	79.51	88.42

# Independent Auditor's review report

To the shareholders of Contact Energy Limited  
Report on the review interim financial statements

## Conclusion

We have reviewed the interim financial statements of Contact Energy Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (together "the Group") on pages 2 to 17 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the six month period ended on that date, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information. Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying interim financial statements on pages 2 to 17 of the Group do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the six month period ended on that date, in accordance with New Zealand Equivalent to International Accounting Standard 34: *Interim Financial Reporting*.

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body. Our review has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in a review report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's shareholders as a body, for our review procedures, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

## Basis for conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with NZ SRE 2410 (Revised) *Review of Financial Statements Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*. Our responsibilities are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements in New Zealand relating to the audit of the annual financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these ethical requirements.

Ernst & Young provides services to the Group in relation to trustee reporting, market remuneration surveys and other assurance services relating to the Company's Global Reporting Initiative disclosures, greenhouse gas emissions reporting and Green Borrowings Programme reporting. Partners and employees of our firm may deal with the Group on normal terms within the ordinary course of trading activities of the business of the Group. We have no other relationship with, or interest in, the Group.



## Directors' responsibility for the interim financial statements

The directors are responsible, on behalf of the Company, for the preparation and fair presentation of the interim financial statements in accordance with New Zealand Equivalent to International Accounting Standard 34: *Interim Financial Reporting* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the interim financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the interim financial statements

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the interim financial statements based on our review. NZ SRE 2410 (Revised) requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial statements, taken as a whole, are not prepared in all material respects, in accordance with New Zealand Equivalent to International Accounting Standard 34: *Interim Financial Reporting*.

A review of interim financial statements in accordance with NZ SRE 2410 (Revised) is a limited assurance engagement. We perform procedures, consisting of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) and consequently do not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on those interim financial statements.

The engagement partner on the review resulting in this independent auditor's review report is Grant Taylor.

Chartered Accountants  
Wellington  
16 February 2024

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NEW ZEALAND'S EXCHANGE  
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## Results announcement



Results for announcement to the market		
Name of issuer	Contact Energy Limited	
Reporting Period	6 months to 31 December 2023	
Previous Reporting Period	6 months to 31 December 2022	
Currency	NZD	
	Amount (000s)	Percentage change
Revenue from continuing operations	1,306,309	31.4%
Total Revenue	1,306,309	31.4%
Net profit/(loss) from continuing operations	153,463	2232.8%
Total net profit/(loss)	153,463	2232.8%
Interim/Final Dividend		
Amount per Quoted Equity Security	\$0.14000000	
Imputed amount per Quoted Equity Security	\$0.04666667	
Record Date	27/02/2024	
Dividend Payment Date	18/03/2024	
	Current period	Prior comparable period
Net tangible assets per Quoted Equity Security	\$2.74	\$2.78
A brief explanation of any of the figures above necessary to enable the figures to be understood		
Authority for this announcement		
Name of person authorised to make this announcement	Kirsten Clayton, General Counsel & Company Secretary	
Contact person for this announcement	Shelley Hollingsworth, Investor Relations & Strategy Manager	
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Date of release through MAP	19/02/2024	

Unaudited financial statements accompany this announcement.



NEW ZEALAND'S EXCHANGE  
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## Distribution Notice



Section 1: Issuer information				
Name of issuer	Contact Energy Limited			
Financial product name/description	Ordinary shares			
NZX ticker code	CEN			
ISIN (If unknown, check on NZX website)	NZCENE0001S6			
Type of distribution (Please mark with an X in the relevant box/es)	Full Year		Quarterly	
	Half Year	X	Special	
	DRP applies	X		
Record date	27/02/2024			
Ex-Date (one business day before the Record Date)	26/02/2024			
Payment date (and allotment date for DRP)	18/03/2024			
Total monies associated with the distribution	\$110,250,868 (787,506,202 shares @ \$0.14 / share)			
Source of distribution (for example, retained earnings)	Operating Free Cash Flow			
Currency	NZD			
Section 2: Distribution amounts per financial product				
Gross distribution	\$0.18666667			
Gross taxable amount	\$0.18666667			
Total cash distribution	\$0.14000000			
Excluded amount (applicable to listed PIEs)	N/A			
Supplementary distribution amount	\$0.02117647			
Section 3: Imputation credits and Resident Withholding Tax				
Is the distribution imputed	Fully imputed			
	Partial imputation			
	No imputation			
If fully or partially imputed, please state imputation rate as % applied	25%			
Imputation tax credits per financial product	\$0.04666667			
Resident Withholding Tax per financial product	\$0.01493333			
Section 4: Distribution re-investment plan (if applicable)				
DRP % discount (if any)	0% - No discount			

Start date and end date for determining market price for DRP	26/02/2024	01/03/2024
Date strike price to be announced (if not available at this time)	07/03/2024	
Specify source of financial products to be issued under DRP programme (new issue or to be bought on market)	New issue	
DRP strike price per financial product	Not available at this time	
Last date to submit a participation notice for this distribution in accordance with DRP participation terms	28/02/2024	
<b>Section 5: Authority for this announcement</b>		
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