

Notes to the annual financial statements continued

for the year ended 31 March 2025

6. Financing structure and commitments continued

6.4 Interest-bearing debt continued

	Group		Company	
	31 March 2025 Rm	31 March 2024 Rm	31 March 2025 Rm	31 March 2024 Rm
Total interest-bearing debt is made up as follows:	11 617	14 217	11 617	14 217
(a) Local debt	11 617	14 217	11 617	14 217
Telkom debt instruments	11 617	14 217	11 617	14 217
<i>Name, maturity, rate p.a., nominal value</i>				
TL25, 2024, 9.52% (fixed)	—	835	—	835
TL26, 2024, 10.37%	—	400	—	400
TL28, 2025, 9.28% (fixed)	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
TL29, 2025, 9.56%	500	500	500	500
TL30, 2024, 9.81%	—	877	—	877
TL31, 2026, 9.23%	623	623	623	623
TL32, 2027, 9.21%	1 000	1 000	1 000	1 000
TL33, 2033, 9.61%	700	700	700	700
TL34, 2027, 9.05%	345	—	345	—
TL35, 2029, 9.28%	405	—	405	—
Export Credit Agency (ECA) loan, 2029 - 2033, 9.43% - 10.54%	2 533	3 667	2 533	3 667
Export Credit Risk Agreement - insurance premium (unamortised cost)	(94)	(167)	(94)	(167)
Other loans, 2025 - 2030, 9.12% - 9.51%	4 480	4 613	4 480	4 613
Accrued interest	125	169	125	169
Total interest-bearing debt is made up of R11 617 million debt at amortised cost (31 March 2024: R14 217 million) for the Group and for the Company. Finance costs accrued on debt are included in interest-bearing debt.				
Other loans have maturities ranging from 2025 to 2030. The ECA loan is repayable quarterly and will be maturing in 2033.				
The floating debts are priced based on the three-month JIBAR plus a margin.				

During the year, R4 276 million (31 March 2024: R9 363 million) debt was raised for the Group and the Company, and R6 905 million (31 March 2024: R9 513 million) debt was repaid for the Group and for the Company.

The Group may issue or reissue locally registered debt instruments in terms of the Post Office Amendment Act, 85 of 1991. The borrowing powers of the Company are set out as per [note 4.4](#).

Interest-bearing debt

Interest-bearing debt is at amortised cost, and finance costs accrued on debt are included in interest-bearing debt. The debt is unsecured but limits the Group's ability to create encumbrances on revenue or assets and secure any indebtedness without securing the outstanding debts equally and rateably with such indebtedness.

Debt covenants applicable to Telkom loans require the following for the Group:

- Net debt to EBITDA of 3:1
- EBITDA to finance charges of at least 3.5:1

As at 31 March 2025, Telkom's net debt to EBITDA ratio was 0.7x (31 March 2024: 1.7x) and finance charges cover 6.6x (31 March 2024: 5.2x). As at 31 March 2025, Telkom's net debt to EBITDA ratio, excluding lease liabilities, was 0.1x.

Telkom has complied with the financial covenants of its borrowing facilities during the 2025 reporting period.

Repayments/refinancing of the current portion of interest-bearing debt

The repayment of the current portion of interest-bearing debt of R2 249 million (31 March 2024: R2 682 million) for the Company and for the Group as at 31 March 2025 is expected to be repaid from available cash, operational cash flow or the issue of new debt instruments. Management believes that sufficient funding facilities will be available at the date of repayment.