

6 EQUITY

6.1 SHARE CAPITAL

Ordinary shares are classified as equity and the shares are fully paid up.

Shares acquired by Blu Label Unlimited Group Limited for its own employees' equity compensation benefit scheme, as well as the shares procured by the subsidiaries in terms of this scheme, are accounted for as treasury shares in the Group statement of financial position.

	2026 Number of shares	2025 Number of shares
AUTHORISED		
Total authorised share capital of ordinary shares (no par value)	2 000 000 000	2 000 000 000
ISSUED		
BALANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	899 156 506	896 332 570
Shares acquired during the year	(9 057)	(190 765)
Shares vested during the year	8 782 239	3 014 702
Balance at the end of the year	907 929 688	899 156 506
Total number of shares in issue	913 655 873	913 655 873
Treasury shares	(5 726 185)	(14 499 367)

The Group acquired 9 057 shares from associate companies for R57k in the current year that were forfeited in terms of the equity-settled conditional share plan, at which point the shares became treasury shares of the Group. In the prior year, the Group acquired 190 765 shares from associate companies for R1.2 million that were forfeited in terms of the equity-settled conditional share plan, at which point the shares became treasury shares of the Group.

Refer to note 5.1 for details on the conditional shares.

6.2 OTHER RESERVES

	2026 R'000	2025 R'000
BALANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	(2 835 093)	(2 883 438)
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(2 836)	538
Equity compensation benefit scheme shares vested	(53 500)	(17 812)
Equity compensation benefit movement	20 242	65 619
Transaction with non-controlling interest reserve movement*	(414 128)	–
BALANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR	(3 285 315)	(2 835 093)
Consisting of:		
Restructuring reserve	(1 843 913)	(1 843 913)
Foreign currency translation reserve	33 089	35 925
Non-distributable reserve	7 771	7 771
Transactions with non-controlling interest reserve	(1 559 328)	(1 145 200)
Equity compensation benefit reserve	77 066	110 324
	(3 285 315)	(2 835 093)

* The movement in transactions with NCI reserve related mainly to TPC transferring a 4.5% stake in Cell C to Cell C Executive Management involved in the turn-around of Cell C, for no consideration. The shares were sold while TPC had control of Cell C, which meant that the transaction was with equity participants and was therefore accounted for within equity as an allocation between the transaction with NCI reserve and NCI of the fair value of the shares of R405 million.

The restructuring reserve arose as a result of the restatement of Group comparatives, as required in terms of the principles of predecessor accounting. This reserve represents the difference between the fair value of the entities under the Group's control and their respective net asset values, as at the assumed restructure date of 1 June 2006.

The non-distributable reserve arose as a result of BLU's share of share premium issued by associate companies pre-2010.