23. Related parties *(continued)*

23.4 Transactions with the Glencore–Merafe Chrome Venture

The Venture resulted in Glencore and Merafe Ferrochrome pooling and sharing their ferrochrome assets. The Venture's head-office is located at Portion 27, Farm Waterval 306 JQ, Rustenburg, 0302. While Merafe Ferrochrome's assets form part of the Venture, Merafe Ferrochrome retains ownership of its assets and is closely involved in the Venture's operations through the Chrome Executive Committee, Joint board and sub–committees (Treasury, Transformation, Sustainable Development and Health and Safety) formed to oversee the combined operation of both companies. The group receives 20.5% of the Venture's earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) and owns 20.5% of the Venture's working capital.

Included in the consolidated financial statements are the following items that represent the group's share of the working capital and EBITDA of the Venture.

	Year ended 31 December 2018 R'000	Year ended 31 December 2017 R'000
Inventories	**2 042 621**	1 487 330
Trade and other receivables	**963 307**	884 373
Net cash	**11 782**	207 650
Finance leases	**(11 112)**	(12 138)
Long-term provisions	**(145 123)**	(157 104)
Trade and other payables	**(578 582)**	(517 764)
Net working capital	**2 282 893**	1 892 347
Revenue	**5 606 324**	5 888 861
Foreign exchange (losses)/gains	**141 491**	(73 354)
Operating expenses: the Venture	**(4 338 390)**	(4 110 034)
EBITDA	**1 409 425**	1 705 473

24. Contingencies

To the best of our knowledge and belief, other than as set out elsewhere in this report, there are no contingencies in both the current and prior year which may materially affect the financial position of the group.

	Group		**Company**	
	2018 R'000	2017 R'000	**2018 R'000**	2017 R'000
25. Operating leases				
Non–cancelable operating lease rentals are payable as follows:				
Less than one year	**(1 101)**	(1 715)	-	-
Between one and five years	**(3 214)**	(1 038)	-	-
Greater than five years	**(257)**	(533)	-	-
	(4 572)	(3 286)	-	-