ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 1996



Board of Directors:-

C J Moorhouse M G Baker J Sherrard-Smith

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 1996.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the Company for the period 1 January 1996 to 31 October 1996 was to act as agent for BP Oil UK Limited in the operation of Llandarcy refinery. With effect from 1 November 1996 the agency agreement with BP Oil UK Limited was terminated and the Company ceased to trade from that date. It is not anticipated that the Company will trade in the foreseeable future.

From 1 November 1996 all employees of the Company were transferred to Mobil Oil Company Limited.

Results

The profit for the year of £4,500 when added to the retained profit brought forward at 1 January 1996 of £22,500 gives a total retained profit of £27,000. The Directors propose payment of a final dividend of £27,000 in respect of 1996 (1995 - Nil).

Directors

Mr M G Baker and Mr J Sherrard-Smith served as Directors of the Company throughout the financial year. Mr C J Moorhouse was appointed a Director with effect from 15 October 1996 in place of Mr J R W Orange who resigned as a Director with effect from 14 October 1996. In accordance with the Articles of Association Mr C J Moorhouse retires and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

Directors' interests

The interests of the Directors holding office at 31 December 1996 and their families, in the 25p ordinary shares of The British Petroleum Company p.l.c. were as set out below:

	31 December 1996	1 January 1996 or date of appointment
C J Moorhouse	8,240	8,240
M G Baker	3,250	2,773
J Sherrard-Smith	4,792	7,757
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (Continued)

Directors' interests (continued)

In addition, rights to subscribe for 25p ordinary shares in The British Petroleum Company p.l.c. were granted to, or exercised by, the Directors between 1 January 1996, or date of appointment, and 31 December 1996 as follows:-

	<u>Granted</u>	Exercised
C J Moorhouse	Nil	Nil
M G Baker	4,800	6,000
J Sherrard-Smith	421	1,425

None of the Directors had any interest in shares or debentures of subsidiary companies of The British Petroleum Company p.l.c. at 31 December 1996.

Policy with respect of suppliers

It is the Company's policy to follow the CBI's prompt payment code of practice for all suppliers to the Company. A copy of the code of practice may be obtained from the CBI.

Disabled Employees

The Company gives full consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons where the requirements of the job can be adequately fulfilled by a handicapped or disabled person.

Where existing employees become disabled, it is the Company's policy wherever practicable to provide continuing employment under normal terms and conditions and to provide training and career development and promotion wherever appropriate.

Employee involvement

Employee involvement in the Company's affairs continued to be encouraged.

The Llandarcy Employee Forum, covering all employees, continued to provide a focus for two way communication between management and employees giving the opportunity to debate such items as company performance and business strategies. The Forum met monthly and issues were taken to the BP Oil UK Employee Forum for discussion if this was felt appropriate. The BP Oil UK Employee Forum met twice a year and issues from this Forum, in turn, may be taken to the Oil Europe Employee Forum as appropriate.

An ongoing programme of dialogues involving all employees, hosted by the OPU manager, provided opportunities for staff to discuss issues and factors affecting them and the Company's performance. Communication briefs and a Report to Employees were also produced.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (Continued)

Employee involvement (continued)

A number of site wide cross-functional Quality Improvement Teams were established with the aim of improving performance in the areas of safety, quality and customer responsiveness.

Once again the opportunity to participate in the BP Group share schemes was offered to eligible employees.

Employees were also encouraged to direct the Company's donations to UK charities. The Company again agreed to match employee contributions up to a limit of £1000 subject to certain criteria. Employee fund raising activities were similarly encouraged and matched.

Involvement with local schools on behalf of the Company continues to be encouraged and some employees have volunteered as Link Officers. Further employees are also encouraged to take up roles as School Governors.

Auditors

Ernst & Young have expressed their willingness to continue as auditors and their re-appointment at the Annual General Meeting is proposed in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985. It is also proposed that the Directors be given authority to fix the auditors remuneration.

By order of the Board

Assistant Secretary

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Witan Gate House 500/600 Witan Gate Central Milton Keynes MK9 1ES

2 September

1997

$\frac{\textbf{STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE}}{\textbf{ACCOUNTS}}$

Company law requires the Directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those accounts, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Directors are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors confirm that they have complied with these requirements and having a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BP OIL LLANDARCY REFINERY LIMITED

We have audited the accounts on pages 6 to 9 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described on page 4 the company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Directors in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at 31 December 1996 and of the profit of the Company for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

London

2 September. 1997

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

	Note	<u>1996</u> £	1995 £
Turnover	2	5,000	5,000
Administration expenses	3	500	500
Profit before taxation	-	4,500	4,500
Taxation	4	-	-
Profit for the year	-	4,500	4,500
Dividend		(27,000)	-
Retained (deficit)/profit for the year	- -	(22,500)	4,500

Statement of total recognised gains and losses for the year ended 31 December 1996

There are no recognised gains or losses attributable to the shareholders of the Company other than the profit of £4,500 for the year ended 31 December 1996 (1995 profit - £4,500).

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 1996

	Note	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Current assets			
Debtor due within one year:			
Parent undertaking		200,000	222,500
Represented by			
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	6	200,000	200,000
Reserves	7		22,500
		200,000	222,500

Director

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Accounting Policies

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

As the ultimate parent undertaking has published a group cash flow statement in compliance with Financial Reporting Standard No.1, a cash flow statement is not presented in these accounts.

2 Turnover

Turnover represents managing agency fees after recoveries of all reimbursable expenditure.

3 Administration expenses

	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £	
Auditors' remuneration - audit fees	500	500	

4 Taxation

The Company is a member of a group for the purposes of relief under Section 402 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Owing to the availability of group relief, no provision for corporation tax has been made in the accounts of this Company. The group's current corporation tax liability has been provided in the accounts of BP International Limited, a parent undertaking.

Provision for deferred taxation is not required.

5 Directors and employees

Remuneration of Directors

None of the Directors received any fees from the Company during the year. (1995 - Nil). Other emoluments paid to one Director were £104,428 (1995 - paid to two Directors, for part periods, £105,006). There were no contributions to the pension fund in 1996.

The remaining Directors were Directors of, and were remunerated by other subsidiaries of The British Petroleum Company p.l.c. and received no remuneration for services to this Company. Pensions to past and present Directors are paid from a funded BP Group Pension Scheme.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

5 Directors and employees (continued)

Employee costs

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	<u>1996</u> £'000	<u>1995</u> £'000	
Wages and salaries	7,016	6,007	
Social security costs	537	547	
Pension costs	-	-	
	7,553	6,554	
Average number of employees during the	*		
	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	
Operations	153	150	
Maintenance	74	75	
Others	53	53	
	280	278	
Called up share capital			
	<u>1996</u>	<u> 1995</u>	
	£	£	
Authorised, allotted and fully paid:			
200,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	200,000	200,000	
Reconciliation of shareholder's funds and movements on reserves			

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	Share capital £	<u>Reserves</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
At 1 January 1995	200,000	18,000	218,000
Profit for the year	-	4,500	4,500
At 1 January 1996	200,000	22,500	222,500
Profit for the year	-	4,500	4,500
Dividend	-	(27,000)	(27,000)
At 31 December 1996	200,000	-	200,000

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

8 Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemptions contained within FRS 8, and does not disclose transactions with group companies.

9 Pensions

The Company was a participating employer in the BP Group's principal UK pension plan (the BP Pension Fund). The BP Pension Fund is separately funded and provides defined benefits that are computed based on an employee's years of service and final pensionable salary. Contributions are made to the BP Pension Fund on the basis of advice from independent actuaries, using actuarial methods the objective of which is to provide adequate funds to meet pension obligations as they fall due, and are based on pension costs in respect of all members of the Fund. Actuarial surpluses and deficiencies are amortised over the expected remaining service lives of members and charged or credited to income as appropriate in the accounts of BP International Limited, a parent undertaking, having regard to the overall position of the Fund.

Particulars of the most recent actuarial valuation of the BP Pension Fund as at 1 January 1996 are included within the financial statements of the ultimate parent undertaking.

There was no pension charge in 1996 (1995 - £Nil).

10 Ultimate parent undertaking

The ultimate parent undertaking of the group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up, and of which the Company is a member, is The British Petroleum Company p.l.c.. Copies of the accounts of The British Petroleum Company p.l.c. may be obtained from Britannic House, 1 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7BA.