DIRECTORS' REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 December 2007

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# **DIRECTORS AND REGISTERED OFFICE**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

L Lusuriello M Talamonti J Michell

# **SECRETARY AND REGISTERED OFFICE**

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# **AUDITORS**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP 32 Albyn Place ABERDEEN AB10 1YL

**REGISTERED IN ENGLAND NO. 1452037** 

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2007

# **Principal activity**

The company holds a bank account with Banque Eni S A. The directors do not anticipate the company to trade in the foreseeable future.

# Results for the year

The results for the year are set out on page 6 of the financial statements. A loss for the year to 31 December 2007 of £1,000 (2006 loss - £1,000) was transferred from reserves

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The management of the business and the execution of the company's strategy are subject to a number of risks set out in the notes. The company and its subsidiaries have adopted the most stringent standards, in accordance with Eni S p A group requirements, for the evaluation and management of industrial and environmental risks.

### Key performance indicators

Key Performance Indicators are established each year in a business plan which covers a number of strategic, operational, HSE and finance objectives for the operations of the Eni Group in the United Kingdom. The business plan is approved at Eni Group level, and Key Performance Indicators of the Eni Group are disclosed in the Group annual report, which is publicly available.

#### **Directors**

The present directors of the company are listed on page 1 and have held office throughout the year, with the following exception

- On 9 November 2007, V Di Lorenzo resigned as a director
- On 9 November 2007, L Lusuriello was appointed as a director

### Statement of directors' responsibilities respect of the Annual Report and the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union. The financial statements are required by law to 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 financial statements, the directors are required to

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- State that the financial statements comply with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that
the company will continue in business, in which case there should be supporting assumptions or
qualifications as necessary

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each director, as at the date of this report, has confirmed that insofar as they are aware there is no relevant audit information (that is, information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

### **Elective Regime**

An elective resolution to dispense with the obligation to appoint auditors on an annual basis pursuant to Section 386 of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended) was passed on 28 October 2003 and as this election was in force before 1 October 2007, under the Companies Act 2006 PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is deemed reappointed as the company's auditors for the next financial year

In addition, the company dispensed with the requirement to hold Annual General Meetings or to lay accounts before the company in General Meeting pursuant to Sections 366A and 252 of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended) respectively Although these sections were repealed under the Companies Act 2006 from 1 October 2007, the provisions of the company prior to this date are not affected

By order of the Board

Røal Bello Secretary

10 March 2008

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

### Independent auditors' report to the members of Eni Forties Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Eni Forties Limited for the year ended 31 December 2007 which comprise the Income Statement, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement, the Statement of Change in Shareholder's Equity and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies. Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and whether the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it

### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, 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 financial statements 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 financial statements.

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

# Opinion

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2007 and of its loss and cash flows for the year then ended,
- · the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Tricewaterhane Cooper LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Aberdeen

10 March 2008

# INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Notes	2006 £ '000	2007 £ '000
Other operating charges	3	(1)_	(1)
Operating loss	4	(1)	(1)
Taxation	5	<u> </u>	****
Loss for the year		(1)	(1)

The results above have been derived wholly from continuing activities

# CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Share Capital £ '000	Retained Earnings £ '000	Shareholder's Equity £ '000
Balance at 1 January 2006	11	(1)	10
Net loss for 2006		(1)	(1)_
Balance at 31 December 2006	11	(2)	9
Net loss for 2007	-	(1)	(1)
Balance at 31 December 2007	11	(3)	8

# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007

Assets	Notes <sup>-</sup>	2006 £ '000	2007 £ '000
Current assets Cash and cash equivalents	6 _	9	8_
Total assets	-	9	8_
Shareholder's equity Ordinary shares Retained deficit	7 8	11 (2)	11 (3)
Total equity shareholder's funds	-	9	8
Total equity and liabilities	-	9	8

The financial statements from page 6 to 13 were approved by the Board on 10 March 2008 On behalf of the Board  $\,$ 

M Talamonti Director

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Notes	2006 £ '000	2007 £ '000
Cash flow from operating activities			
Net loss		(1)	(1)
Cash generated from continuing operations		(1)	(1)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(1)	(1)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		10	9
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	6	9	8

### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below

#### Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and IFRIC Interpretations endorsed by the European Union (EU) and with those parts of the Companies Act, 1985 applicable to companies reporting under IFRS. The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention.

### Amendments to published standards effective in 2007

IFRS 7, 'Financial instrument Disclosures' and the complementary amendment to IAS 1 'Presentation of financial statements – capital disclosures, was adopted in 2007 IFRS introduces new disclosures relating to financial instruments. This standard does not have any impact on the classification and valuation of the financial instruments.

Standards, amendments and interpretations effective in 2007 but not relevant

The following standards, amendments and interpretations to published standards are mandatory for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2007 but they are not relevant to the company's operations

- IFRS 4,' Insurance contracts',
- IFRIC 7,' Applying the restatement approach under IAS 29, Financial reporting in hyper-inflationary economies', and
- IFRIC 9," Re-assessment of embedded derivates"
- Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the company

The following standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been published and are mandatory for the company's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2008 or later periods, but the company has not early adopted them

- IAS 23 (Amendment), 'Borrowing costs',
- IFRIC 14, 'IAS 19 The limit on a defined benefit asset, minimum funding requirements and their interaction'
- Interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and not relevant for the company's operations

The interpretations to existing standards have been published and are mandatory for the company's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2008 or later periods, but they are not relevant for the group's operations

- IFRIC 12, 'Service concessions arrangements',
- o IFRIC 13, 'Customer Loyalty programmes'.
- o IFRS 8, 'Operating segments',

### **Cash flow statements**

The requirement to prepare a cash flow statement in accordance with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 7 – Cash flow statements, in particular the definition of cash and cash equivalents

# STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Taxation**

The tax expense represents the tax currently payable. The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

# Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include the company's current bank accounts and short term deposits

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1 Parent undertakings

The company's immediate parent undertaking is Eni UKCS Limited

The company's ultimate parent undertaking, Eni SpA, a company incorporated in Italy, will produce consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 which will be available from Eni SpA – Exploration & Production Division, Direzioni e Uffici, Via Emilia 1, 20097, San Donato Milanese, PO Box 12069, (20100) Milano

The parent company of the largest and smallest group into which the company is consolidated is Eni SpA

# 2 Directors and employees

None of the directors received any emoluments in respect of their services to the company during the year (2006 - £nil) and the company had no employees (2006 - none)

# 3 Other operating charges

	2006	2007
	£ '000	000° £
Bank charges		
Banque Eni S A	-	1
Eni International Bank	1	-
	1_	1

# 4 Operating loss

The audit fee of the company for the current and previous year has been borne by the intermediate parent company, Eni UK Limited For the purpose of disclosure, a fair allocation of the audit fee to the company would be £ 1,000 (2006 £ 800)

#### 5 Taxation

	2006 £ '000	2007 £ '000
Corporation tax at 30% (2006 – 30%)	·	
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	2006 £ '000	2007 £ '000
Loss before taxation	(1)	(1)
Taxation on loss before taxation @ 30% (2006 - 30%)	-	-
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Total taxation	<u> </u>	

As the company is no longer carrying on a trade it can no longer surrender any taxation losses under Section 402 Taxes Act 1988

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6	Cash and cash equivalents		
	Cash at bank and in hand Banque Eni S A Eni International Bank	2006 £ '000	2007 £ '000 8
		9	8
7	Share capital		
		2006 £ '000	2007 £ '000
	Authorised £1 ordinary equity shares	20	20
	Allotted and fully paid £1 ordinary equity shares	11	11

The company's objective when managing capital are to safeguard the company's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for the shareholder and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the company may adjust the amount of dividends paid to its shareholder.

The company regularly reviews its capital structure on the basis of its expected capital requirements in order to achieve the defined strategic objectives and manages its capital accordingly

The company's capital structure fully satisfies its capital requirements and has no necessity or intention of altering the current position

# 8 Retained deficit

	£ '000	£ '000
At 1 January Loss for the year	(1) (1)	(2) (1)
At 31 December	(2)	(3)