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Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 July 2020

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Company Information for the Year Ended 31 July 2020

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 July 2020

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements of Lancaster University Energy Services Ltd (the company) for the year ended 31 July 2020.

Principal activities

The company's principal activity is the provision of energy supply to Lancaster University.

Business review and future developments

The company was established in 2012 to provide energy services to Lancaster University through the operation of a single wind turbine which generates and supplies electricity to the University, with any excess capacity being available for resale to the national grid. The wind turbine became operational in November 2012 and electricity generation since the date of commissioning has been ahead of the original business plan assumption.

For 2019/20 total output from the wind turbine totalled 4,406 megawatt hours against the budget assumption of 3,800 megawatt hours. Clearly, for a project of this nature, future performance of the turbine will be dictated primarily by weather conditions which will inevitably vary on an annual basis.

Lancaster University has declared a climate emergency and the University aims to be carbon net zero for carbon emissions from electricity and heating by 2030 and net zero from all other emissions by 2035. Lancaster University is the highest producer of renewable energy of all UK universities according to figures published by the Higher Education Statistics Agency and already has reduced its electricity and heating emissions by 50% since 2005.

As a wholly owned subsidiary company of the University, Lancaster University Energy Services will continue to consider and evaluate alternative methods of energy production and storage in order to help the University achieve these ambitious targets. An example of such potential initiatives includes the current evaluation of constructing a large-scale solar farm as part of the drive towards low carbon energy solutions.

Results and dividends

Turnover for the year was £767,705 (2019: £630,787) and profit for the year was £483,493 (2019: £349,254).

A Gift Aid payment of £362,186 has been made in respect of the year ended 31 July 2019. In accordance with FRS 102, Gift Aid is shown in the statement of changes in equity on page 11.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2019: £nil).

Directors' report for the year ended 31 July 2020 (continued)

Risks, uncertainties & key performance indicators - See also Note 2 (Accounting Policies)

The key risks facing the company are in relation to average wind speeds, turbine availability and government policy in respect of feed-in tariffs. With regards to average wind speeds, actual experience to-date has been significantly in excess of the original business plan assumptions and electricity generation is monitored on a daily basis. The Board of Directors receive regular reports providing energy production statistics together with reports of any wind turbine down-time.

The key performance indicator for the company is the volume of electricity generated in MWh. This is subject to wind speed and weather patterns which can be difficult to predict but the wind turbine has once again begun exceeding its forecast generation following repairs to fix a major bearing fault in January 2020.

Financial year	Forecast Generation MWh	Actual Generation MWh
2019/20	3800	4409
2018/19	4000	4066
2017/18	4700	3220
2016/17	4694	4215
2015/16	3630	4799

The Directors have considered the operations of Lancaster University Energy Services Limited in the current circumstances of the global pandemic of covid-19, and note that if these were to decrease then they would look to their parent entity, Lancaster University, for continued support. The Directors have considered the current position of Lancaster University, and note that during the year, in response to the pandemic, the University took immediate and significant steps to quantify the potential financial impact in the current and future years, to constrain both in-year and future revenue and capital expenditure plans and to assess forecast liquidity under different scenarios. Furthermore, the University has secured a £30 million increase to its existing revolving credit facility which runs to 2023, with potential extension for a further two years. The Directors also note that the University's Council has considered all these measures and has concluded that it has a reasonable expectation that the University has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and thus, it continues to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of its financial statements.

The Board has considered the implications of Brexit, particularly as the supplier of the wind turbine which provides the on-going maintenance is based in Germany. The Board notes that the supplier company has established a UK subsidiary to mitigate supply chain risk and is confident that the impact of Brexit will be minimal.

Therefore, the Directors, after making enquiries and considering the circumstances described above, have a reasonable expectation that Lancaster University Energy Services Limited has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For these reasons, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in respect of this component of the group.

Directors' report for the year ended 31 July 2020 (continued)

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were as follows:

N Banfield

P Morris

S Randall-Paley

Directors' indemnities

As permitted by the Articles of Association, the directors have the benefit of an indemnity which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision as defined by Section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. The indemnity was in force throughout the last financial year and is currently in force. The company also purchased and maintained throughout the financial year Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance in respect of itself and its directors.

Statement of disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Independent auditor

In early 2020, Lancaster University's Audit Committee led a procurement exercise for the tendering of external audit services for the University and all of its subsidiary companies. The Council at its meeting of 13 March 2020, appointed Binder Dijker Otte (BDO) to be the University's independent external auditors for three years starting with the accounts for 2020/21 (replacing Deloitte).

Small companies' provisions

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption. Accordingly, no separate strategic report is required or presented.

Approved by the Board and signed by its order by

G P Fielding

Company Secretary

7 April 2021

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

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 United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 these financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and 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 2006. 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.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Lancaster University Energy Services Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of Lancaster University Energy Services Limited (the 'company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 July 2020 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the income statement;
- the statement of financial position;
- the statement of changes in equity; and
- the related notes 1 to 13.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the directors' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and,

except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the directors' report.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Paul Hewitson (Senior statutory auditor)

For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

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Statutory Auditor

Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom

9 April 2021

Income statement for the year ended 31 July 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Turnover	2	767,705	630,787
Cost of sales	3	. (227,221)	(226,638)
Gross profit		540,484	404,149
Administrative expenses		(50,119)	(45,834)
Operating profit		490,365	358,315
Interest payable and similar expenses	4	(6,872)	(9,061)
Profit before taxation	6	483,493	349,254
Tax on profit	7	-	-
Profit for the financial year		483,493	349,254

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the results above, and therefore no separate statement of other comprehensive income has been presented.

There is no material difference between the profit before taxation and the profit for the financial year stated above, and their historical cost equivalents.

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Statement of financial position as at 31 July 2020

	Note		2020 £		2019 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		1,265,825		1,368,484
Current assets Debtors: amounts falling due					
within one year	10	9,138,636		8,985,848	
Cash at bank and in hand		4,201		6,387	
		9,142,837		8,992,235	
Creditors: amounts falling due					
within one year	11	(21,335)		(94,699)	
Net current assets			9,121,502		8,897,536
Total assets less current liabilities		-	10,387,327	•	10,266,020
Net assets		•	10,387,327	•	10,266,020
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	12		9,256,143		9,256,143
Profit and loss account	•-		1,131,184		1,009,877
Total shareholders' funds			10,387,327		10,266,020

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime, were approved by the board of directors and signed on its behalf by:

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S Randall-Paley **Director** 7 April 2021

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 July 2020

	Note	Share capital £	Retained earnings £	Total £
At 1 August 2018		9,256,143	880,810	10,136,953
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year		-	349,254	349,254
Gift Aid payment to Lancaster University	7	-	(220,187)	(220,187)
At 1 August 2019		9,256,143	1,009,877	10,266,020
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year		-	483,493	483,493
Gift Aid payment to Lancaster University	7	-	(362,186)	(362,186)
At 31 July 2020		9,256,143	1,131,184	10,387,327

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2020

1 Company information

Lancaster University Energy Services Ltd is a private company limited by shares, registered in England & Wales. The registered office is University House, Lancaster University, Lancaster, LA1 4YW.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These financial statements are presented in the company's functional currency, Pound Sterling (GBP).

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historic cost convention, and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 – 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland' ('FRS 102'), and with the Companies Act 2006. The principal accounting policies which have been applied consistently throughout the year and the prior year are as follows.

Going concern

The Directors have considered the operations of Lancaster University Energy Services Limited in the current circumstances of the global pandemic of covid-19, and note that if these were to decrease then they would look to their parent entity, Lancaster University, for continued support. The Directors have considered the current position of Lancaster University, and note that during the year, in response to the pandemic, the University took immediate and significant steps to quantify the potential financial impact in the current and future years, to constrain both in-year and future revenue and capital expenditure plans and to assess forecast liquidity under different scenarios. Furthermore, the University has secured a £30 million increase to its existing revolving credit facility which runs to 2023, with potential extension for a further two years. The Directors also note that the University's Council has considered all these measures and has concluded that it has a reasonable expectation that the University has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and thus, it continues to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of its financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2020 (continued)

Significant accounting estimates and judgements

The Directors discuss accounting estimates and judgements in the context of the budget setting process and during its periodic review of the management accounts at Board meetings.

Management has not made any accounting estimates or judgements that would have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements in the year.

Cash flow statement

Under FRS 102, the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement as it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Lancaster University, and its cash flows are included within the consolidated cash flow statement of that entity which are publicly available.

Related party transactions exemption

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption permitted by FRS 102 and have not disclosed related party transactions with parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings. There are no other related party transactions which require specific disclosure.

Current taxation

Corporation tax payable is provided on taxable profits at the current rate.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Plant is capitalised at cost on initial recognition. After initial recognition, plant is subsequently measured at cost or deemed cost less accumulated depreciation and accoumulated impairment losses.

Asset revaluations

Plant was revalued to fair value on the date of transition to FRS 102 as at 31 July 2014 and is now measured on the basis of deemed cost, being the revalued amount at the date of that revaluation.

If the plant was still being carried under the cost model then the net book value at 31 July 2020 would be as follows:

Original cost	1,822,464
Depreciation to 31 July 2020	698,611
Net book value	1,123,853

Plant is now carried at deemed cost with a carrying value at 31 July 2020 as follows:

Deemed cost	1,881,779
Depreciation to 31 July 2020	615,954
Net book value	1,265,825

Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable (excluding VAT) for services provided during the year, and consists of sales made in the United Kingdom. Revenue is recognised in the period in which energy is generated and supplied.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2020 (continued)

Interest payable

Interest payable wholly comprises amounts payable to its parent, Lancaster University. Interest is paid on the inter-company balance at a rate of Base Rate plus 0.25%.

Amounts owed by group undertakings

Amounts owed by or owed to Group undertakings are repayable on demand. However, neither the University nor the Company will seek repayment of these amounts in the foreseeable future.

Grants

The Company operates a Community Benefit Scheme to provide grants to enable local community organisations to develop projects which will benefit the local community and environment. All grant applications undergo due diligence by a Community Benefit Fund Steering Group which assess all valid applications against key criteria, including community, environment, energy and carbon factors. Any grants awarded are recognised as expenditure in the year in which the grant is formally approved and has been communicated to the recipient.

Basic financial instruments

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account. Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Creditors and provisions are recognised where the company has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

3	Cost of sales	2020	2019
		£	£
	Plant and equipment depreciation	102,659	102,659
	Rent payable	75,000	75,000
	Infrastructure maintenance costs	42,436	41,980
	Ecology monitoring costs	7,126_	6,999
		227,221	226,638

4 Interest payable and similar expenses

Interest payable wholly comprises amounts payable to its parent, Lancaster University. Interest is paid on the inter-company balance at a rate of Base Rate plus 0.25%.

5 Gift Aid

The charitable giving rules allow for a Gift Aid payment no later than nine months after the end of the financial year. A Gift Aid payment of £362,186 has been made in respect of the year ended 31 July 2019. The tax computation shown in note 8 includes the qualifying charitable donation for the year ended 31 July 2020.

In accordance with FRS 102, Gift Aid is shown in the statement of changes in equity on page 11.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2020 (continued)

6	Profit before taxation	2020	2019
		£	£
	Profit is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	102,659	102,659
	Auditor's remuneration for the auditing of the financial statements	2,510	2,450

7 Tax on profit

No charge to taxation arises on the profit for the financial year (2019: £nil). This is calculated as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Profit before taxation	483,493	349,254
Tax on profit at the standard rate of 19% (2019:		
19%)	91,863	66,358
Less capital allowances in excess of depreciation		•
Add depreciation in excess of capital allowances	13,786	3,630
Add non deductible expenses		7,335
Deduct group loss relief	(1,028)	(8,508)
Less qualifying charitable donations	(104,621)	(68,815)
Tax charge for the year	-	_

As the company is making a Gift Aid payment equal to its taxable profits to its parent Lancaster University, no charge to taxation arises on the profit for the financial year (2019: £nil). There is no potential deferred taxation liability.

Finance Act 2020, which received Royal Assent on 22 July 2020, set the corporation tax rate to remain at 19% from 1st April 2020. Accordingly these rates have been applied when calculating deferred tax assets and liabilities as at 31 July 2020.

There is no expiry date on timing differences, unused tax losses or tax credits.

8 Directors' remuneration and employee costs

In the current and prior period, no remuneration was paid to the directors in respect of services to the company. The directors of the company are employed by Lancaster University, which pays them for services they provide to the University. The services they provide for the company are incidental to this role, and as such the remuneration receivable by the directors in respect of qualifying services to the company is £nil (2019: £nil)

The company has no employees (2019: nil). Administrative expenses include management charges of £7,162 in respect of part time duties of staff employed by Lancaster University (2019: £6,883).

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2020 (continued)

9 Tangible fixed assets

		Plant £	Total £
	Cost or valuation	~	~
	At 1 August 2019	1,881,779	1,881,779
	Disposal		
	At 31 July 2020	1,881,779	1,881,779
	Accumulated depreciation		
	At 1 August 2019	513,295	513,295
	Charge for the year	102,659	102,659
	At 31 July 2020	615,954	615,954
	Net book value		
	At 31 July 2020	1,265,825	1,265,825
	At 31 July 2019	1,368,484	1,368,484
10	Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
10	Deptors, amounts failing due within one year	£	£
	Trade debtors	82,744	-
	Accrued income	51,904	69,706
	Amounts owed by group undertakings *	8,971,485	8,899,132
	Prepayments Value Added Tax	32,503	17,010 -
		9,138,636	8,985,848
	* The balance is repayable on demand however, the company will amount from Lancaster University in the foreseeable future.	Il not seek repa	syment of this
11	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020	2019
		£	£
	Trade creditors	4,632	19,912
	Value Added Tax	4,625	4,947
	Accruals	12,078	69,840
		21,335	94,699

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2020 (continued)

12	Called up share capital	2020	2019
	Authorised	£	£
	19,000,100 (2019: 19,000,100) ordinary shares of £1 each	19,000,100	19,000,100
	Allotted and called up		
	9.256,141 (2019: 9,256,141) ordinary shares of £1 each	9,256,143	9,256,143

13 Ultimate parent company

The immediate parent undertaking is Lancaster University Enterprises Ltd.

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Lancaster University, which is incorporated by Royal Charter in Great Britain.

Lancaster University is the parent undertaking of the largest and smallest group of undertakings to consolidate these financial statements at 31 July 2020. The consolidated financial statements can be obtained from:

Lancaster University University House Bailrigg Lancaster Lancashire LA1 4YW

This address is also the registered office of the company.