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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2006

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements of Centrica Brigg Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2006

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company is the operation of a combined cycle gas turbine power station at Brigg, North Lincolnshire

Review of business and future developments

During the year the Company continued the operation of Glanford Brigg Power Station There are no plans to change the nature of activity in the foreseeable future. The Company operates under a capacity tolling arrangement with British Gas Trading Limited who are responsible for energy procurement for the Centrica group

Trading for the year is in line with directors' expectations and a similar trading profile is expected in the coming year

Financial results and dividends

The profit for the financial year was £1,740,000 (2005 £2,796,000) The retained profit for the financial year of £1,740,000 (2005 £2,796,000) will be added to the reserves

No dividends were paid for the year ended 31 December 2006 (2005 £nil)

Principal risks and uncertainties

The management of the business and the execution of the company's strategy are subject to a number of risks

The key business risks and uncertainties affecting the company are considered to relate to exposure to counterparty credit risk and liquidity risk. Further discussion of these risks and uncertainties, in the context of the group as a whole, is provided on pages 21-23 of the group's annual report which does not form part of this report

Key performance indicators ("KPIs")

Given the straightforward nature of the business, the company's directors are of the opinion that analysis using KPIs is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business

Directors

The directors who held office during the year are given below

Alan Bennett Jonathan Bradley Michael Garstang Simon Goodwin

Amanda King Benedict Wright

(resigned 1 August 2006) (appointed 14 August 2006)

Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard 8 "Related Party Transactions" not to disclose transactions with other Centrica group companies on the grounds that the voting rights of the company are wholly controlled within the group. There have been no other disclosable related party transactions duning the year (2005 £nil)

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2006 (continued)

Financial risk management

The directors have established objectives and policies for managing financial risks to enable the Company to achieve its long-term shareholder value growth targets within a prudent risk management framework These objectives and policies are regularly reviewed and are under central control

Exposure to counterparty credit risk and liquidity risk arises in the normal course of the Company's business

Counterparty credit exposures are monitored by individual counterparty and by category of credit rating, and are subject to approved limits Credit risk is predominantly limited to exposures with other Centrica Group companies

Cash forecasts identifying the liquidity requirements of the Company are produced frequently and reviewed regularly to ensure there is sufficient financial headroom for at least a 12 month period

Political and charitable donations

The Company made no political or chantable donations during the year (2005 £nil)

Directors' and officers' liability

Directors' and officers' liability insurance has been purchased by the ultimate parent company, Centrica plc, and was in place throughout the year under review

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Annual Report and the financial

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) 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 penod

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,
- prepare the financial statements on the going 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 confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements

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 irregulanties

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2006 (continued)

Auditor information

As far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware

The directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

Auditors

In accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 1985, the Company has elected to dispense with the obligation to reappoint auditors annually, and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will therefore continue in office

This report was approved by the Board on 26 October 2007

For and on behalf of

Gentrica Secretaries Limited

Company Secretary

Registered office

Millstream Maidenhead Road Windsor Berkshire SL4 5GD

Independent Auditors' report to the members of Centrica Brigg Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Centrica Brigg Limited for the year ended 31 December 2006 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, 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 United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) 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 are 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 irregulantly or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2006 and of its profit 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
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Hull

30 October 2007

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Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2006

	Note	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
Turnover Cost of sales	3	13,461 (11,036)	13,748 (11,136)
Gross Profit	•	2,425	2,612
Distribution costs Administration expenses Other income		(981) (3,973) 3,648	(1,014) (2,243) 2,812
Operating profit	4	1,119	2,167
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(27)	(35)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	•	1,092	2,132
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	648	664
Retained profit for the financial year	16	1,740	2,796

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented

There is no difference between the results disclosed in the profit and loss account above and the results on an unmodified historical cost basis

All results relate to continuing operations

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2006

	Note	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
Fixed assets Tangible assets	9	63,202	68,170
Current assets	10	3,418	3,008
Stock Debtors	11	17,837 28	13,152
Cash at bank and in hand	•	21,283	16,160
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,411)	(2,388)
Net current assets	•	19,872	13,772
Total assets less current liabilities		83,074	81,9 4 2
Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(35,579)	(35,579)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	14	(16,808)	(17,416)
Net Assets		30,687	28,947
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss reserve	15 16	35,310 (4,623)	35,310 (6,363)
Total shareholders' fund - equity interests	17	30,687	28,947

The financial statements on pages 5 to 13 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on **26 October 2007** and were signed on its behalf by

Director

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006

1 Statement of accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards and the Companies Act 1985 The principal accounting policies are set out below

Turnover

Turnover is recognised on an accruals basis and principally relates to the sale of power generation capacity to a fellow Group undertaking during the year in accordance with the capacity tolling arrangement

Tangible Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on all fixed assets, other than freehold land and gas turbine components in the course of a major overhaul and assets in the course of construction. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write-off the cost of each asset on a straight line basis over its expected useful life as follows for these asset classes

- Power Station assets

20 years

- Other plant and machinery

3-6 years

For gas turbine components depreciation is provided to write off the cost of the assets over their operating lives on an equivalent operating hours basis

Overhaul Costs

Contract work involved in replacing gas turbine components are capitalised and depreciated over their expected economic life, typically over the period to the next overhaul. Repairs and other costs that are not of a capital nature are charged directly to the profit and loss account as incurred

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost incurred in bringing each item to its present location and condition and net realisable value. Provision is made where necessary for obsolete, slow moving and defective stocks

Deferred taxation

Current tax, including UK corporation tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the years in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 **December 2006 (continued)**

Statement of accounting policies (continued)

Deferred taxation (continued)

Deferred tax losses relating to the carry forward of unused tax losses are recognised to the extent that it can be regarded as more likely than not that future taxable profits will be available against which the unused tax losses can be utilised

Decomissioning provision

Provision is made for the net present value of the estimated cost of decommissioning the power station at the end of its useful life, based on price levels and technology at the balance sheet date

Changes in these estimates and changes to the discount rates are dealt with prospectively. When this provision gives access to future economic benefits, a decommissioning asset is recognised and amortised on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the facility. The unwinding of the discount on the provision is included in the Profit and Loss Account within interest expense

Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term

2 Cash flow statements and related party disclosures

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GB Gas Holdings Limited and is included in the consolidated financial statements of Centrica plc, which are publicly available. Consequently, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash Flow Statements" The Company is also exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 8 "Related Party Disclosures" from disclosure of transactions with other companies that are part of the Centrica plc group

Segmental reporting

All turnover relates to the principal activity of the business and occurs wholly in the United Kingdom

Operating profit

	2006	2005
	£'000	£'000
Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets (note 9)	5,120	5,082
Operating lease charges – plant and machinery	5	2
Services provided by the company's auditor:		
- fees payable for the audit	7	16
Other income – carbon emission credits	(3,648)	(2,812)

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006 (continued)

5 Directors' emoluments

The directors received no emoluments as they are employed by other Centrica group companies (2005 £nil)

All of the directors are members of the ultimate parent company's defined benefit pension scheme

6 Employee information

Origination and reversal of timing differences

Adjustments in respect of prior years

Tax on profit on ordinary activities

The Company has no direct employees (2005 nil) However, costs amounting to £2,002,000 (2005 £2,097,000) were incurred during the year in respect of an average of 48 (2005 44 staff providing services to Centrica Brigg Limited under an employee services agreement with a Centrica group company

7 Interest payable and similar charges		
• •	2006	2005
	£'000	£'000
Other interest payable	27	35
8 Tax on profit on ordinary activities	2006	2005
	£,000	£'000
Current tax UK corporation tax on the profit for the year		-
Deferred tax.		

The tax assessed for the year differs from that calculated at the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (30%). The differences are explained below

(641)

(23)

(664)

(900)

252 (648)

	2006	2005
	£'000	£'000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	1,092	2,132
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate in the UK of		
30% (2005 30%)	328	640
Effects of		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1	12
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	900	641
Timing differences not recognised	18	-
Group relief for nil consideration	(852)	(735)
UK UK transfer pricing adjustments	(395)	(558)
Current tax charge for the year	•	<u> </u>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006 (continued)

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Power station assets	Turbine Components, other plant and machinery	Decommissioning asset	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or valuation			747	140.015
At 1 January 2006	127,574	11,724	717	140,015
Additions	134	-	18	152
Disposals	(54,071)			<u>(54,071)</u>
As at 31 December 2006	73,637	11,724	735	<u>86,096</u>
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 January 2006	67,473	4,334	38	71,845
Charge for the year	3,773	1,308	39	5,120
Disposals	(54,071)	-	•	(54,07 <u>1)</u>
At 31 December 2006	17,175	5,642	77	22,894
Net book value At 31 December 2006	56,462	6,082	658	63,202
At 31 December 2005	60,101		679	68,170

Write off of assets held at nil net book value has reduced cost and depreciation by £54,071,000

10 Stocks

	2006	2005
	£'000	£'000
Consumables	3,418	3,008

11 Debtors

	2006	2005
	£'000	£'000
Amounts owed by fellow group undertakings	17,454	12,713
Other debtors	214	232
Prepayments and accrued income	169	207
	17,837	13,152

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006 (continued)

12 Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	2006	2005
	£'000	£,000
Doub overdrefts	-	150
Bank overdrafts	681	202
Trade creditors		322
Amounts owed to group undertakings	18	363
Other creditors Accruals and deferred income	712	1,351
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Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand The bank overdraft is part of a group facility and no interest is recharged to the Company

13 Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year

2006	2005
£'000	£,000
35,579	35,579
	£'000

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand. The group undertaking concerned has indicated that it will not seek repayment within 12 months of the balance sheet date.

14 Provisions for liabilities and charges

	Deferred taxation £'000	Decomissioning provision £'000	Total £'000
As at 1 January 2006	16,677	739	17,416
(Credited) /charged to the profit and loss account	(648)	40	(608)
As at 31 December 2006	16,029	779	16,808

Deferred tax is provided at 30% (2005–30%) Full provision has been made for deferred taxation arising from accelerated capital allowances

A number of changes to the UK Corporation tax system were announced in the March 2007 Budget Statement and have been enacted in the 2007 Finance Act or are expected to be enacted in the 2008 Finance Act. The changes had not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date and, therefore, are not included in these financial statements. The effect of the changes to be enacted in the Finance Act 2007 would be to reduce the deferred tax liability provided at 31 December 2006 by £495,000 and would increase profits for the year by the same amount. This decrease in deferred tax is due to the reduction in the corporation tax rate from 30 per cent to 28 per cent with effect from 1 April 2008. The other changes to be enacted would have no further effects on the deferred tax provided at 31 December 2006.

The decomissioning provision represents the future expected costs of decomissioning the station at the end of its useful economic life, discounted to its present value (note 1)

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006 (continued)

15	Called	up	share	capital
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•	2006	2005
	£'000	£'000
Authorised 37,300,000 ordinary shares of £1 each (2005 37,300,000 ordinary shares of £1 each)	37,300	37,300
Allotted and fully paid 35,310,000 ordinary shares of £1 each (2005 35,310,000 ordinary shares of £1 each)	35,310	35,310

16 Profit and loss reserve

	£'000
At 1 January 2006 - deficit	(6,363)
Retained profit for the year	1,740_
At 31 December 2006 - deficit	(4,623)

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17 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2006	2005
	£'000	£'000
Profit for the financial year	1,740	2,796
Opening shareholders' funds	28,947	26,151
Closing shareholders' funds	30,687	28,947

18 Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2006 the Company had annual commitments under non-canceable operating leases expring as follows

	Plant and machinery	
	2006	2005
	£'000	£'000
Within one year	5	-
Within two to five years	14	5
After five years	<u> </u>	

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006 (continued)

19 Pension commitments

The charge to the profit and loss account represents the amount of contributions payable to defined contribution pension schemes in respect of the accounting period for the employees that are recharged to the Company Differences between contributions payable and contributions actually paid in the period are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet. The total cost recharged to the Company for pension costs under the service level agreement with another group Company was £135,260 (2005 £140,790)

20 Commitments and contingent liabilities

Capital expenditure

Contracted future capital expenditure as at 31 December 2006 was £49,049 (2005 £nil)

21 Ultimate parent undertaking

The company's immediate parent undertaking is GB Gas Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales

The company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Centrica plc, a company registered in England and Wales Copies of the Centrica plc consolidated financial statements can be obtained from the Company Secretary at Centrica plc, Millstream, Maidenhead Road, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 5GD