

Centrica Brigg Limited

Annual report  
For the year ended 31 December 2007

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# **Centrica Brigg Limited**

## **Annual report for the year ended 31 December 2007**

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# **Centrica Brigg Limited**

## **Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2007**

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

### **Principal activities**

The company's principal activity during the year was the operation of a combined cycle gas turbine power station at Brigg, North Lincolnshire

### **Business review**

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

Trading for the year is in line with directors' expectations.

### **Financial results**

The results of the company are set out on page 6.

During the year the company made a profit of £7,115,000 (2006 £1,740,000).

### **Dividends**

No dividends were paid or declared on the ordinary shares for the year ended 31 December 2007 (2006 £nil).

### **Principal risks and uncertainties and financial risk management**

The principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with the principal risks of the Centrica plc group ("the group") and are not managed separately. The principal risks of the group are set out on pages 25-27 of the Annual Report and Accounts of the group which does not form part of this report.

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

Exposure to counterparty credit risk and liquidity risk arises in the normal course of the company's business and is managed within parameters set by the directors.

Counterparty credit exposures are monitored by individual counterparty and by category of credit rating, and are subject to approved limits. Exposure to credit risk is limited predominantly to exposures with other Centrica group companies or exposure to credit risk arises in the normal course of operations as a result of the potential for a customer defaulting on their payable balance. In the case of business customers credit risk is managed by checking a company's creditworthiness and financial strength both before commencing to trade and during a business relationship. For residential customers, creditworthiness is ascertained normally before commencing to trade by reviewing an appropriate mix of internal and external information. An ageing of receivables is monitored and used to manage the exposure to credit risk.

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## Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2007 (continued)

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

### Key performance indicators

The directors of the group use a number of key performance indicators to monitor progress against the group's strategy. The development, performance and position of the group, which includes the company, are discussed on pages 14 of the annual report and accounts of the group which does not form part of this report.

### Future developments

There are no plans to change the nature of activities in the foreseeable future. A similar trading profile to 2007 is expected in the coming year.

### Directors

The directors who held office during the year are given below

Alan Bennett	(resigned 31 October 2007)
Jonathan Bradley	(resigned 11 March 2008)
Michael Garstang	(resigned 30 June 2008)
Simon Goodwin	(resigned 31 October 2007)
Sarwjit Sambhi	(appointed 11 March 2008)
James Spence	(appointed 31 October 2007)
John Watts	(appointed 31 October 2007)
Benedict Wright	(resigned 31 October 2007)

At no time during the year ended 31 December 2007, did any director have any interests in the shares of the company or any other company within the group, except for interests in and options over the shares of the ultimate parent company, Centrica plc.

There were no contracts of significance during or at the end of the financial year to which the company or any subsidiary and associated undertakings is a party and in which any director is or was materially interested.

### Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemptions within financial reporting standard No. 8 "Related Party Disclosures" from disclosure of transactions with other Centrica group companies. There have been no other disclosable related party transactions during the year (2006 Nil).

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## **Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2007 (continued)**

### **Creditor payment policy**

It is the company's policy to pay all of its creditors in accordance with the policies set out below. Special contractual terms apply for gas and electricity supplies. For all other trade creditors, it is the company's policy to

- i) agree the terms of payment in advance with the supplier,
- ii) ensure that suppliers are aware of the terms of payment, and
- iii) pay in accordance with contractual and other legal obligations

### **Political and charitable donations**

The company made no political or charitable donations during the year (2006: £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 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 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 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 whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- 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 irregularities.

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## Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2007 (continued)

### Statement of disclosure of information to auditors

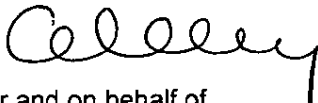
In accordance with Section 234ZA(2), in the case of each director in office at the date the directors' report is approved, that

- (a) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- (b) he 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 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 30 October 2008



For and on behalf of  
Centrica Secretaries Limited  
**Company Secretary**

Registered office

Millstream  
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Berkshire  
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# Centrica Brigg Limited

## 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 2007 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 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

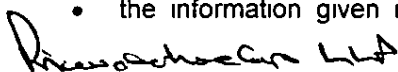
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the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

### 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 2007 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

31 October 2008

# Centrica Brigg Limited

## Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2007

	Note	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
<b>Turnover</b>	3	<b>21,985</b>	13,461
Cost of sales		<b>(11,419)</b>	(11,036)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>10,566</b>	2,425
Distribution costs		<b>(1,060)</b>	(981)
Administration expenses		<b>(4,342)</b>	(3,973)
Other income		<b>3</b>	3,648
<b>Operating profit</b>	4	<b>5,167</b>	1,119
Interest payable and similar charges	7	<b>(23)</b>	(27)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>5,144</b>	1,092
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	<b>1,971</b>	648
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>	16	<b>7,115</b>	1,740

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 are no material differences between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents

All results relate to continuing operations




# Centrica Brigg Limited

## Balance sheet as at 31 December 2007

	Note	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	9	59,070	63,202
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stock	10	3,164	3,418
Debtors	11	26,938	17,837
Cash at bank and in hand		134	28
		<u>30,236</u>	<u>21,283</u>
<b>Creditors – amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	(795)	(1,411)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>29,441</u>	<u>19,872</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		88,511	83,074
Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(35,578)	(35,579)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	14	(15,131)	(16,808)
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>37,802</u>	<u>30,687</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	15	35,310	35,310
Profit and loss reserve	16	2,492	(4,623)
<b>Total shareholders' funds</b>	17	<u>37,802</u>	<u>30,687</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 16 were approved by the board of directors on 30 October 2008 and were signed on its behalf by



James Spence  
Director

# Centrica Brigg Limited

## Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

### 1 Statement of accounting policies

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and the applicable accounting standards. 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.

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 (continued)

### 1 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

#### Decommissioning 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.

### 3 Segmental reporting

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

### 4 Operating profit

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
<b>Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):</b>		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets (note 9)	4,595	5,120
Operating lease charges – plant and machinery	5	5
<b>Services provided by the company's auditor.</b>		
Fees payable for the audit	6	7
<b>Other income</b>		
Carbon emission credits	-	(3,648)
Other	3	-

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 (continued)

Auditors' remuneration relates to fees for the audit of the UK GAAP statutory accounts of Centrica Brigg Limited. In line with Tech 6/06, 'Disclosure of auditor remuneration', issued by the ICAEW, it excludes fees in relation to the audit of the IFRS group consolidation schedules for the purpose of the Centrica group audit, which are borne by Centrica Plc.

### 5 Directors' emoluments

The directors received no emoluments as they are employed by other Centrica group companies (2006: £nil).

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

### 6 Employee information

The Company has no direct employees (2006: nil). However, costs amounting to £1,931,000 (2006: £2,002,000) were incurred during the year in respect of an average of 34 (2006: 48) staff providing services to Centrica Brigg Limited under an employee services agreement with a Centrica group company.

### 7 Interest payable and similar charges

	2007	2006
	£'000	£'000
Other interest payable	<u>23</u>	<u>27</u>

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 (continued)

### 8 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
<b>Current tax</b>		
UK corporation tax on the profits of the period	-	-
<b>Deferred tax:</b>		
Change in tax rate - impact on deferred tax liabilities	(1,004)	-
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(967)	(900)
Adjustment in respect of previous periods	-	252
<b>Tax on profit on ordinary activities</b>	<b>(1,971)</b>	<b>(648)</b>

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

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before tax</b>	<b>5,144</b>	<b>1,092</b>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate in the UK of 30% (2005 30%)	<b>1,543</b>	<b>328</b>
Effects of		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	17	1
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	907	900
Timing differences not recognised	7	18
Group relief for nil consideration	(2,174)	(852)
UK UK transfer pricing adjustments	(300)	(395)
<b>Current tax charge for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 (continued)

### 9 Tangible fixed assets

	Power station assets	Turbine Components, other plant and machinery	Decommissioning asset	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<b>Cost or valuation</b>				
At 1 January 2007	73,637	11,724	735	86,096
Additions	132	241	272	645
Disposals	-	(400)	-	(400)
<b>At 31 December 2007</b>	<b>73,769</b>	<b>11,565</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>86,341</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>				
At 1 January 2007	17,175	5,642	77	22,894
Charge for the year	3,633	908	54	4,595
Disposals	-	(218)	-	(218)
<b>At 31 December 2007</b>	<b>20,808</b>	<b>6,332</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>27,271</b>
<b>Net book amount</b>				
<b>At 31 December 2007</b>	<b>52,961</b>	<b>5,233</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>59,070</b>
At 31 December 2006	56,462	6,082	658	63,202

### 10 Stock

	2007	2006
	£'000	£'000
Consumables	<b>3,164</b>	<b>3,418</b>

### 11 Debtors

	2007	2006
	£'000	£'000
Amounts owed by fellow group undertakings	<b>26,640</b>	17,454
Other debtors	<b>139</b>	214
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>159</b>	169
	<b>26,938</b>	<b>17,837</b>

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

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 (continued)

### 12 Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Trade creditors	71	681
Amounts owed to group undertakings	84	-
Other creditors	75	18
Accruals and deferred income	565	712
	<u>795</u>	<u>1,411</u>

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

### 13 Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	<u>35,578</u>	<u>35,579</u>

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

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 (continued)

### 14 Provisions for liabilities and charges

	Deferred taxation £'000	Decommissioning provision £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2007	16,029	779	16,808
Revisions and additions	-	272	272
Change to UK rate	(1,004)	-	(1,004)
(Credited) /charged to the profit and loss account	(967)	22	(945)
<b>As at 31 December 2007</b>	<b>14,058</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>15,131</b>

#### Deferred taxation

	As at 1 January 2007 £'000	Profit and loss charge/(credit) £'000	As at 31 December 2007 £'000
Deferred tax			
- accelerated capital allowances	16,029	(1,916)	14,113
- other timing differences	-	(55)	(55)
	<u>16,029</u>	<u>(1,971)</u>	<u>14,058</u>

Deferred tax provision at 28% ( 31 December 2006 30%) is analysed as follows

	Provided This Period £'000	Last Period £'000	Unprovided This Period £'000	Last Period £'000
Deferred corporation tax				
- accelerated capital allowances	14,113	16,029	-	-
- other timing differences	(55)	-	-	36
	<u>14,058</u>	<u>16,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36</u>

The proposed reduction in the rate of UK Corporation tax from 30% to 28% as per the 2007 budget was substantively enacted on 26 June 2007. As a result deferred tax reversing after 1 April 2008 is calculated at the rate of 28%.

### 15 Called up share capital

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
<b>Authorised</b>		
37,300,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>37,300</u>	<u>37,300</u>
<b>Allotted and fully paid</b>		
35,310,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>35,310</u>	<u>35,310</u>



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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 (continued)

### 16 Profit and loss reserve

	2007 £'000
At 1 January 2007 - deficit	(4,623)
Retained profit for the year	7,115
At 31 December 2007	<u>2,492</u>

### 17 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Profit for the financial year	7,115	1,740
Opening shareholders' funds	30,687	28,947
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>37,802</u>	<u>30,687</u>

### 18 Financial commitments

At 31 December 2007 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases expiring as follows

	Plant and machinery	
	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Within one year	-	5
Within two to five years	5	14
After five years	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

### 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 £141,120 (2006 £135,260).

### 20 Capital and other commitments

Contracted future capital expenditure as at 31 December 2007 was £20,000 (2006 £49,000).

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## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 (continued)**

### **21 Ultimate parent undertaking**

The immediate parent undertaking is GB Gas Holdings Limited

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Centrica plc, which is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. 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