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**Centrica SHB Limited** 

Annual report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2012

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# Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2012

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements of Centrica SHB Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2012

#### Principal activities

The Company's principal activity during the year was the operation of a 1285 MW combined cycle gas turbine power station at Stallingborough, North Lincolnshire ("South Humber Bank Power Station")

#### **Business review**

During the year the Company continued the operation of the South Humber Bank Power Station The Company operates under a capacity tolling arrangement with British Gas Trading Limited, which is responsible for energy procurement for the Centrica plc group ("the Group")

#### **Future developments**

There are no plans to change the nature of activities in the foreseeable future

## Principal risks and uncertainties and financial risk management

The principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with the principal risks of the Group and are not managed separately. The principal risks of the Group are set out on pages 44-50 of the 2012 annual report and financial statements of the Group which does not form part of this report.

#### 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 and performance of the Group, which includes the Company, are discussed on pages 18-19 of the 2012 annual report and financial statements of the Group which does not form part of this report.

#### Results and dividends

The results of the Company are set out on page 4

During the year the Company made a profit for the financial year of £112,704,000 (2011 £55,618,000)

No dividends were paid or declared on the ordinary shares for the year ended 31 December 2012 (2011 £nil) The Directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2011 £nil)

#### Financial position

The financial position of the Company is presented in the balance sheet on page 5 The shareholders' funds at 31 December 2012 were £202,565,000 (2011 £89,861,000)

#### Directors

The following served as Directors during the year and up to the date of signing this report

Graeme Collinson Sarwjit Sambhi John Watts Thomas Hinton

#### 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

- 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

# Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### 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. The insurance does not provide cover in the event that the Director is proved to have acted fraudulently

#### Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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 prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) 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,
- 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

#### Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' report confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware and they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Directors to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information

#### Auditors

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditors will be deemed to be reappointed and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will therefore continue in office

This report was approved by the Board on 27 June 2013

For and on behalf of Centrica Secretaries Limited

Company Secretary

Company registered in England and Wales No 02571241

Registered office Millstream Maidenhead Road Windsor Berkshire SL4 5GD

# Independent auditors' report to the members of Centrica SHB Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Centrica SHB Limited for the year ended 31 December 2012 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

#### Respective responsibilities of Directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' responsibilities set out on page 2 the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, 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

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report and financial statements to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report

### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2012 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and.
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you 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

Mark King (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
London
27 June 2013

# Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 £000	2011 £000
Turnover	3	162,260	163,265
Cost of sales		(56,329)	(55,333)
Gross profit	_	105,931	107,932
Administrative expenses	4	(9,464)	(10,177)
Other income	4	50,001	18
Operating profit	4	146,468	97,773
Interest receivable and similar income	7	16,750	8,601
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(49,392)	(50,422)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		113,826	55,952
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	9	(1,122)	(334)
Profit for the financial year	19 _	112,704	55,618

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 profit for the years stated above and their historical cost equivalents

All results relate to continuing operations

The notes on pages 6 to 16 form part of these financial statements

# Balance sheet as at 31 December 2012

		2012	2011
	Note	£000	£000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	348,368	347,387
Investments	11	<u>-</u> _	-
		348,368	347,387
Current assets			
Stocks	12	7,646	8,160
Debtors	13	636,850	472,212
Cash at bank and in hand		-	150
		644,496	480,522
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	14	(317,848)	(253,945)
Bank loans and overdrafts		(52)	-
Net current assets		326,596	226,577
Total assets less current liabilities		674,964	573,964
Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(469,606)	(483,823)
Provisions for liabilities	16	(2,793)	(280)
Net assets		202,565	89,861
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	18	20,000	20,000
Share premium account	19	8,436	8,436
Profit and loss account	19	174,129	61,425
Total shareholders' funds	20	202,565	89,861

The notes on pages 6 to 16 form part of these financial statements

The financial statements on pages 4 to 16 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 27 June 2013 and were signed on its behalf by

**Thomas Hinton** 

Director

Registered Number: 02571241

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

## 1. Statement of accounting policies

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently throughout the year, 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 assets

Tangible assets are stated at historic cost less accumulated depreciation. Cost includes the original purchase price of the asset and the costs attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use. 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 to its residual value on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life as follows for these asset classes.

- Power station assets 30 years
- Turbine components, 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 is 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. Cost is determined on an average cost basis.

#### Finance leases

Assets held under the finance lease arrangements have been capitalised and are included in fixed assets at their fair value at the inception of the lease. The obligations relating to finance leases, net of finance charges in respect of future years, are included as appropriate under creditors due within or after more than one year. The interest element of the lease rental is allocated to accounting years during the lease on an accruals basis. The interest charge is based on the outstanding finance lease creditor.

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

### 1. Statement of accounting policies (continued)

#### 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

Deferred tax assets 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.

#### Financial instruments

The Company has entered into forward contracts to economically hedge its foreign exchange exposure on milestone payments made to foreign suppliers. Changes in the derivatives' fair value are not recognised, but they are disclosed in note 17.

#### Impairment

At each balance sheet date, the Company reviews the carrying amounts of its fixed assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of any impairment. Recoverable amount is the higher of net realisable value and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised as an expense immediately

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

## 1. Statement of accounting policies (continued)

#### **EU Emissions Trading Scheme**

Granted CO<sub>2</sub> emissions allowances received in a period are initially recognised at nominal value (nil value). A liability is recognised when the level of emissions exceeds the level of allowances granted. As part of the tolling arrangement, the tollee must provide the Company with sufficient allowances to meet any shortfall on the settlement date. The liability is measured at the cost of allowances purchased by the tollee, up to the level of purchased allowances physically held, and then at the market price of allowances ruling at the balance sheet date. A matching receivable from the tollee is recognised at the same time.

#### Community Energy Savings Programme

The Community Energy Savings Programme (CESP) requires certain licensed electricity generators to meet a carbon reduction obligation. As part of the tolling agreement, the tollee must perform qualifying carbon reduction actions in order to discharge the CESP obligation. Where a liability exists at the balance sheet date (because the qualifying actions have not fully discharged the obligation), the liability is measured at the estimated future cost of discharging the obligation. A matching receivable from the tollee is recognised at the same time.

### 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 (revised 1996) "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. Turnover

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

## 4. Operating profit

	2012	2011
	£000	£000
Operating profit is stated after charging / (crediting):		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets (note 10)	14,436	16,456
Depreciation of leased tangible fixed assets (note 10)	15,880	15,880
Other income	(50,001)	(18)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	152	7
Operating lease charges - plant and machinery	124	118
Statutory audit	8	8

Other income includes £50,000,000 interim dividend paid on 21 December 2012

Auditors' remuneration totalling £8,000 (2011 £7,600) relates to fees for the audit of the UK GAAP statutory financial statements of Centrica SHB Limited

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### 5. Directors' emoluments

The aggregate emoluments paid to Directors in respect of their qualifying services were £136,099 (2011 £126,697) and the aggregate value of company contributions paid to a pension scheme in respect of Directors' qualifying services were £8,967 (2011 £8,872)

There were 4 Directors (2011 4) to whom retirement benefits are accruing under a defined benefit pension scheme 4 Directors (2011 2) received shares in the ultimate parent company in respect of their qualifying services under a long-term incentive scheme and no Directors (2011 1) exercised share options relating to the ultimate parent company Some of these costs were borne by other Centrica group companies

## 6. Employee information

The Company has no direct employees (2011 nil) However, payroll costs amounting to £4,749,000 (2011 £3,979,000) were incurred through a recharge during the year in respect of an average of 67 (2011 70) staff providing services to Centrica SHB Limited under an employee services agreement with a Centrica plc group company Also under this agreement additional pension costs of £1,059,000 (2011 £548,000) have been incurred from the Centrica plc group company

#### 7. Interest receivable and similar income

	2012	2011
	£000	£000
Other interest receivable	•	45
Interest receivable from Group undertakings	16,750	8,556
	16,750	8,601
8. Interest payable and similar charges		
	2012	2011
	£000	£000
Decommissioning provision notional interest	119	4
Other interest payable	-	61
Interest payable to Group undertakings	49,273	50,357
	49,392	50,422

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

## 9. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

	2012 £000	2011 £000
(a) Analysis of tax charge in the period		
The tax charge comprises		
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax at 24 5% (2011 26 5%)	-	-
Adjustments in respect of prior years	-	(367)
Deferred tax:		
Effect of change to deferred tax rate	7	87
Origination and reversal of timing differences	1,115	608
Adjustments in respect of prior years		6
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	1,122	334

### (b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the period

The differences between the total current tax shown above and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax to the profit before tax is as follows

	2012	2011
	£000	£000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	113,826	55,952
Tax on profit on ordinary activities at standard UK corporation tax rate of		
24 5% (2011 26 5%)	27,887	14,827
Effects of		
Depreciation on non-qualifying assets	2	2
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	-	-
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	(1,177)	(490)
Timing differences	62	(118)
Group relief for nil consideration	(12,431)	(13,058)
UK UK transfer pricing adjustment	(2,093)	(1,163)
Income not subject to tax	(12,250)	•
Adjustment to tax charge in respect of prior years	<u> </u>	(367)
Current tax charge for the period		(367)

The main rate of corporation tax was reduced from 26% to 24% from 1 April 2012 and to 23% from 1 April 2013, enacted under Finance Act 2012 Further reductions to the main rate were proposed in the Autumn Statement 2012 and the Budget Statement 2013 to respectively reduce the rate to 21% by 1 April 2014 and to 20% by 1 April 2015 Beyond a reduction to 23% from 1 April 2013, the changes had not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date and, therefore, are not included in these financial statements. The impact of the proposed changes to the financial statements would be a £23,000 reduction to the deferred tax liability

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

# 10. Tangible assets

	Power station assets	Turbine components and other plant and machinery £000	Decommissioning asset £000	Total £000
Cost or valuation				
At 1 January 2012	516,877	173,379	(17)	690,239
Additions	7,775	21,407	-	29,182
Disposals	-	(380)	-	(380)
Revision of abandonment estimate			2,292	2,292
As at 31 December 2012	524,652	194,406	2,275	721,333
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 January 2012	252,375	90,494	(17)	342,852
Charge for the year	23,010	7,171	135	30,316
Disposals		(203)		(203)
As at 31 December 2012	275,385	97,462	118	372,965
Net book amount:				
As at 31 December 2012	249,267	96,944	2,157	348,368
As at 31 December 2011	264,502	82,885	<del>-</del>	<u>347,387</u>

The cost of assets held under finance leases as at 31 December 2012 was £581,599,000 (2011 £581,599,000) with accumulated depreciation of £347,007,000 (2011 £331,128,000)

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### 11. Investments

The Company owns 100% of the ordinary issued shares of Humberland Limited, a company registered in England and Wales The principal activity of Humberland Limited is the development of and investment in the South Humber Bank Power Station The cost of investment in the subsidiary undertaking at 31 December 2012 and 31 December 2011 amounted to £100

The Directors believe that the carrying value of the investments is supported by their underlying net assets

Consolidated financial statements are not required because Centrica SHB Limited and Humberland Limited have been consolidated in the financial statements of Centrica plc, which is a UK-registered company for which financial statements are publicly available

#### 12. Stocks

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Strategic spares and consumables	7,646	8,160
13. Debtors		
	2012 £000	2011 £000
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	635,346	465,547
Value Added Tax	259	608
Other debtors	708	395
Deferred tax (note 16)	-	943
Prepayments and accrued income	537	4,719
	636,850	472,212

The amounts receivable from Group undertakings include £571,357,000 (2011 £456,098,000) that bears interest at a quarterly rate determined by Group Treasury and linked to the Group cost of funds. The quarterly rates ranged between 3 28 and 3 51% per annum during 2012 (2011 1 71 and 2 71%). The other amounts payable to Group undertakings are interest-free. All amounts payable to and receivable from Group undertakings are unsecured and repayable on demand.

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

# 14. Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

	2012	2011
	£000	£000
Trade creditors	881	958
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	300,729	237,544
Emissions obligation	465	242
Community Energy Savings Programme	700	1,924
Accruals and deferred income	855	552
Obligations under intra-Group finance lease (note 15)	14,218	12,725
	317,848	253,945

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

## 15. Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year

	2012	2011
	£000	£000
Obligations under intra-Group finance lease	469,606	483,823
Maturity of finance lease liabilities	2012	2011
	€000	000£
Less than one year (note 14)	14,218	12,725
Between one and five years	73,452	66,423
Over five years	396,154	417,400
	483,824	496,548

The finance lease obligations represent amounts owing to Humberland Limited, the Company's subsidiary undertaking

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

## 16. Provisions for liabilities

	Deferred taxation £000	Decommissioning provision £000	Other provision £000	Total £000
As at 1 January 2012	-	204	76	280
Transfer from debtors	(943)	-	-	(943)
Additions and revisions	-	2,291	-	2,291
Utilised	-	-	(14)	(14)
Unused and reversed Charged to the profit and loss	-	-	(62)	(62)
account	1,122	119		1,241
As at 31 December 2012	179	2,614	<del>_</del>	2,793

## Decommissioning provision

The revision to decommissioning provision reflects a change to the estimate of the cost of decommissioning the facility. The decommissioning is expected to occur in 2028

#### Deferred taxation

	As at 1 January 2012 £000	Profit and loss charge / (credit) £000	As at 31 December 2012 £000
Deferred corporation tax			
- accelerated capital allowances	(1,115)	1,228	113
- other timing differences	172	(106)	66
	(943)	1,122	179

The deferred corporation tax provision / (asset) at 23% (2011 25%) is analysed as follows

	Provided		Unprovided	
	This period £000	Last period £000	This period £000	Last period £000
Deferred corporation tax - accelerated capital allowances	113	(1,115)	_	_
- other timing differences	66	172	<u>-</u>	
	179	(943)		-

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

# 17. Financial instruments

In accordance with Statutory Instrument 2008/410 of the Companies Act 2006, the fair values of the Company's financial instruments are analysed below

		2012 £000	2011 £000
Derivative financial instruments			
Foreign exchange derivatives - liabilities			(54)
18. Called up share capital			
		2012	2011
		£000	£000
Allotted and fully paid:			
20,000,000 (2011 20,000,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	2	20,000	20,000
19. Reserves			
	Share	Profit and	
	premium	loss	<b>77</b> 4 <b>1</b>
	account	account	Total
	£000	£000	£000
As at 1 January 2012	8,436	61,425	69,861
Profit for the financial year		112,704	112,704
At 31 December 2012	8,436	174,129	182,565
20. Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds			
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		2012	2011
		£000	£000
Profit for the financial year		112,704	55,618
Opening shareholders' funds		89,861	34,243
Closing shareholders' funds		202,565	89,861

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### 21. Financial commitments

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

	2012	2011
Plant and machinery	£000	£000
Leases which expire		
Within one year	-	2
Within two to five years	•	-
After five years	49	116

### 22. Capital and other commitments

Contracted future capital expenditure as at 31 December 2012 was £15,260 (2011 £23,044,000)

## 23. Composite debenture

The Company and its subsidiary company, Humberland Limited, have entered into a composite debenture, whereby they each created security in favour of three Centrica pension schemes over all of their assets and undertakings. The composite debenture creates a fixed and floating charge over all of the assets of the Company and Humberland Limited (effectively the Humber Power Station), whereby the trustees of the pension funds can, in the event of a defined event of default by Centrica plc and certain other Centrica group companies, enforce their security, ultimately through taking over the operation of the Humber Power Station and selling it as a going concern. The composite debenture charges the real property which constitutes the Humber Power Station and all its fixtures and fittings, the benefit of certain contractual interests held by the Company and Humberland Limited (such as insurance policies, intra-group company loans and key operational and commercial contracts) and the shares which GB Gas Holdings Limited holds in the Company, and the shares which the Company holds in Humberland Limited

#### 24. 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, which is the only company to include these financial statements in its consolidated financial statements. Copies of the Centrica plc consolidated financial statements may be obtained from www centrica com