

South Staffordshire Water PLC

**Interim Accounts
For the Period Ended 31 January 2011**

Company Registration No: 2662742



PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the ten month period ended 31 January 2011

1 April 2010 to
31 January 2011

	Note	£'000
Turnover		72,878
Operating costs (net)		(55,771)
Operating profit		17,107
Finance charges (net)	3	(7,475)
Exceptional profit on disposal of fixed assets		1,469
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		11,101
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	4	(2,009)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		9,092

The results above are derived from continuing operations

A statement of movement in reserves is given in note 10 to the financial statements

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

For the ten month period ended 31 January 2011

1 April 2010 to
31 January 2011
£'000

Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	9,092
Movement in hedging reserve (net of deferred tax)	51
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the period	9,143

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 January 2011

	Note	31 January 2011 £'000
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets		188,774
Current Assets		
Stocks		1,711
Debtors - amounts recoverable within one year	6	15,829
Debtors - amounts recoverable in more than one year	6	44,409
Cash at bank and in hand		138
		62,087
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	7	(29,713)
Net current assets		32,374
Total assets less current liabilities		221,148
Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year	8	(198,376)
Accruals and deferred income		(6,466)
Provisions for liabilities		(11,853)
Net Assets		4,453
Capital and Reserves		
Called-up share capital	9	2,123
Share premium account	10	495
Capital redemption reserve	10	4,450
Hedging reserve	10	(5,173)
Profit and loss account	10	2,558
Shareholders' Funds	11	4,453

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The financial statements of South Staffordshire Water PLC, registered number 2662742, were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 4 March 2011



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the period.

a) Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, for the purposes of Section 838 of the Companies Act 2006. The accounts have been prepared for the period from 1 April 2010 to 31 January 2011.

b) Turnover

Turnover comprises the value of sales (excluding VAT and similar taxes) of goods and services in the normal course of business and includes amounts billed for water together with an estimation of amounts unbilled at the period end.

c) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets comprise infrastructure assets (consisting of water mains, impounding and pumped raw water storage reservoirs and dams), operational structures (being pumping stations, treatment stations, boreholes and service reservoirs) and other assets.

Infrastructure Assets

Infrastructure assets comprise a network of systems that, as a whole, is intended to be maintained in perpetuity at a specified level of serviceability by the continuing replacement and refurbishment of its components. Expenditure on infrastructure assets relating to increases in capacity or enhancements of the networks and on maintaining the operating capability of the network in accordance with defined standards of service is treated as additions which are capitalised at cost.

The depreciation charge for infrastructure assets is the level of annual expenditure required to maintain the operating capability of the network which is based on the Company's independently certified asset management plan.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Operational Structures and Other Assets

Operational structures and other assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and provisions for impairment. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, over the estimated useful lives of the assets, with the exception of land, which is not depreciated. The estimated useful lives of the assets are as follows:

Buildings and Service Reservoirs	50-80 years
Boreholes	100 years
Fixed Plant	20-30 years
Meters	15 years
Mobile Plant	5 years
Motor Vehicles	3-7 years
Office Equipment	5-7 years

d) Capital Contributions

Capital contributions are treated as deferred income and amortised over the useful lives of the assets concerned, except in the case of contributions towards the cost of infrastructure assets, which are not amortised. This departure from the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 is, in the opinion of the Directors, necessary for the financial statements to show a true and fair view, as it is not possible to amortise contributions to the profit and loss account over the lives of the fixed assets concerned, as infrastructure assets do not have determinable finite lives.

e) Leased Assets

Assets financed by leasing agreements, which transfer substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership to the Company, are included within fixed assets, and the net obligation to pay future rentals is included in creditors. Rentals are apportioned between finance charges and a reduction of the outstanding liability for future rentals so as to produce a constant charge to the profit and loss account based upon the capital outstanding.

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f) Stocks

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes materials and an appropriate element of overheads. Provision is made for obsolete, slow-moving or defective items where appropriate.

g) Pensions

The Company is required to account for pension schemes in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 17 'Retirement Benefits' (FRS 17). For the defined contribution scheme, the amount charged to the profit and loss account is the contributions payable in the period. The defined benefit scheme is a multi-employer scheme and the Company is not able to identify its share of the scheme's assets and liabilities on a reasonable and consistent basis. Therefore, in accordance with FRS 17, the scheme is accounted for as if it were a defined contribution scheme with the amount charged to the profit and loss account being the contributions payable in the period.

h) Research and Development

Research and Development is charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which it is incurred.

i) Taxation

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

Deferred taxation is provided in respect of capital allowances in excess of depreciation and all other timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date using the current rate of tax. The liability is discounted, using the yield to maturity on government gilts, to reflect the time value of money over the period between the balance sheet date and the date on which the timing differences are expected to reverse.

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j) Index-Linked Debt

Index-linked debt is carried in the balance sheet at amortised cost. The premium/discount and costs of issue are amortised over the life of the instrument with the amortisation being included in the effective interest rate of the instrument which is included in finance charges (net) in the profit and loss account.

k) Dividends

Dividends are accrued in the profit and loss account if they have been paid or approved by the Company's Board and shareholder before the period end.

2. Staff Costs

	1 April 2010 to 31 January 2011 £'000
Wages and salaries	10,512
Social security costs	868
Pension costs	2,643
	14,023
	Number
Average number of employees	405

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

3. Finance Charges (net)

1 April 2010 to
31 January 2011

£'000

Interest payable and similar charges	
Index-linked debt	9,277
Bank overdraft and other interest	55
Finance charges in respect of finance leases	91
Debenture interest	56
	<u>9,479</u>

Interest receivable	
Bank interest receivable	(39)
Loans to parent undertakings	(2,134)
	<u>7,306</u>

Other finance charges (net)	
Amounts recycled from hedging reserve	169
	<u>7,475</u>

4. Taxation on Profit on Ordinary Activities

1 April 2010 to
31 January 2011

£'000

The tax charge for the period comprises	
Current tax - current year	2,508
Deferred tax - origination and reversal of timing differences	(62)
Deferred tax - change in future tax rates	(437)
	<u>2,009</u>

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5. Dividends

1 April 2010 to
31 January 2011
£'000

Interim ordinary dividends paid of 624 9p per share	13,268
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6. Debtors

31 January
2011
£'000

Amounts recoverable within one year	
Trade debtors	8,455
Other debtors	511
Amounts due from other Group undertakings	666
Amounts due from parent undertakings	364
Prepayments and accrued income	5,833
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	15,829
Amounts recoverable in more than one year	
Loans receivable from parent undertakings	40,000
Other amounts owed by parent undertakings	4,341
Other debtors	68
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	44,409
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	60,238

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

7. Creditors – amounts falling due within one year

	31 January 2011 £'000
Obligations under finance leases	1,048
Payments received in advance	13,737
Trade creditors	7,113
Other creditors	2,507
Amounts owed to other Group undertakings	2,771
Corporation tax payable	2,138
Other taxation and social security	399
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Obligations under finance leases are secured on the assets to which they relate

8. Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year

	31 January 2011 £'000
Irredeemable debenture stock (unsecured)	1,633
Obligations under finance leases	
payable between one and two years	410
payable between two and five years	197
Retail Price Index-linked debt (unsecured)	184,198
Other creditors	11,938
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

9. Share Capital

	31 January 2011 £'000
Authorised 8,800,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	8,800
Allotted, called-up and fully-paid 2,123,210 Ordinary shares of £1 each	2,123

10. Reserves

	Share Premium Account £'000	Capital Redemption Reserve £'000	Profit & Loss Account £'000	Hedging Reserve £'000
Balance at 1 April 2010	495	4,450	6,734	(5,224)
Profit for the financial period	-	-	9,092	-
Dividends (Note 5)	-	-	(13,268)	-
Impact of change in future tax rates	-	-	-	(73)
Amounts recycled to profit and loss (net of deferred tax)	-	-	-	124
Balance at 31 January 2011	495	4,450	2,558	(5,173)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

11. Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds

1 April 2010 to
31 January 2011
£'000

Profit for the financial period	9,092
Dividends (Note 5)	(13,268)
Movement on hedging reserve (net of tax)	51
Net reduction to shareholders' funds	(4,125)
Opening shareholders' funds	8,578
Closing shareholders' funds	4,453

12. Ultimate Controlling Party

The immediate parent company is South Staffordshire Plc, which is registered in England and Wales. The ultimate parent company in the United Kingdom is Hydrades IV Limited. The ultimate controlling party is Alinda Capital Partners LLC, a company registered in the United States.