

Registration number: 2743900

# UK Power Networks (South East Services) Limited

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021



## **UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED**

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## **UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED**

### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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## UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED

### STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Directors present their Strategic Report for the year ended 31 March 2021.

#### Principal activity

The principal activity of UK Power Networks (South East Services) Limited (the "Company") is to provide groundworks contracting services to the UK Power Networks group (the "Group") which owns and operates electricity distribution networks in London, the South East and East of England serving over eight million connected homes and businesses. In addition, the Company allows mobile phone operators to site their masts on land owned by the Company in return for a monthly rental fee.

#### Review of the business

The results for the year amounted to a loss before taxation of £102,000 (2020: profit of £77,000) and a loss after taxation of £142,000 (2020: profit of £67,000). No dividends were paid during the year (2020: £nil).

#### Key performance indicators (KPI's)

The key performance indicators used by the Board of Directors in their monitoring of the Company include:

	2021	2020
<b>Financial performance</b>		
Turnover (£000)	33,706	34,423
EBITDA ((Loss)/profit before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation) (£000)	(105)	43
<b>Non-financial performance</b>		
<b>Lost time incidents (LTIs)</b>		
LTIs - Injuries at work resulting in lost time of one day or more	-	-

#### Financial performance

Financial performance indicators represent the key financial metrics that reflect the financial health of the business. Turnover has decreased by £717,000 to £33,706,000. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") has reduced from a marginal profit of £43,000 to a marginal loss of £105,000. The Company's business model is to charge other members of the Group for groundworks services provided, at cost.

Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") excludes the effect of interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation from earnings and thus reflects the operational performance of the business. The Company has no depreciation or amortisation. Therefore EBITDA is equivalent to the operating loss of £105,000 (2020: profit of £43,000) presented in the profit and loss statement.

The COVID-19 pandemic has not materially affected the operational and financial performance of the Company during the year. Through business resilience and adjusting to new ways of working the Company has maintained its groundworks services to the Group throughout the disruption created by the pandemic.

## **UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED**

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#### **Non-financial performance**

The key non-financial performance indicator relates to safety. Working with heavy equipment in the vicinity of electrical cables and installations is potentially a dangerous activity. A lost time incident is recorded if an employee or contractor suffers an injury at work which results in lost time of one day or more. In order to reinforce the importance which the Group places on safety, a comprehensive safety awareness campaign is regularly ongoing for all operational staff. Safety procedures and training have been updated and adapted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to protect employees in the workplace and where they come into contact with members of the public or contractors. No lost time incidents occurred during the current or prior year.

#### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

As well as the opportunities the Company has to grow and develop its business, certain risks and uncertainties are faced in achieving its objectives.

There are a variety of mechanisms in place to minimise these risks, which are implemented on a Group wide basis. The Group has an embedded risk awareness culture to understand and manage significant business risks. The risk management framework sets out policies, procedures and responsibilities designed to assess, mitigate, monitor and report risks. A sub-committee of the Group Board, the Risk Management and Compliance committee, oversees the risk management function and makes annual assessments of changes to significant risks and the effectiveness of the risk management processes.

The Company's principal risks and uncertainties are set out below.

#### **COVID-19**

The Company's response to the pandemic is discussed in the context of the Group as a whole because strategies have been developed and applied on a Group-wide basis. The Group has closely monitored the evolving pandemic situation and followed Government guidelines to minimise risks to customers and members of the public and to safeguard staff in their role as key workers operating critical infrastructure. Measures taken to mitigate the risks arising from the pandemic include:

- Business resilience and continuity plans with scenario planning to provide a framework for the response. The changing risk profile of the pandemic and the Group's response is under constant review by senior management in three main forums: the Incident Leadership team, the Organisational Resilience Leadership team and the Strategic Operational team.
- Clear regular communications to inform staff of the latest developments and guidelines.
- Providing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment ("PPE") and adapting work practices, safety procedures and training to protect employees in the workplace and where they come into contact with customers, contractors or members of the public.
- Social distancing arrangements, temperature checks and hygiene practices to create "COVID secure" work environments at operational and office sites.
- Monitoring by senior management of key performance areas which could be impacted by COVID-19 e.g. employee health and absenteeism, PPE allocation, adherence to new policies and procedures, review and reprioritisation of work in response to the changing risks, financial impacts.

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### STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### Principal risks and uncertainties continued

##### *Health and Safety*

There is a risk that a fatality or serious injury occurs involving a member of staff, a contractor, a member of the public or a third party. Such an incident could lead to prosecution or a fine and have an adverse impact on the reputation of the Company.

The Group aims to create and foster a culture in which safety is the highest priority in the minds of all of its employees. The Company actively monitors, measures and investigates safety incidents, including near misses, and seeks to learn from each one.

##### *Information Technology (IT)*

A cyber security breach or failure of the Group's core systems, applications or associated IT processes could have a significant impact on the Company's ability to operate. Data breaches could result in legislative non-compliance with resulting financial penalties and reputational damage.

The Company benefits from the Group's Cyber Security Improvement Programme which operates to reduce risks, strengthen controls and maintain compliance with changes in standards and legislation. Activities are focused across three domains: operating a cyber security management system; maintaining cyber hygiene; and proactive testing of resilience. All security policies and standards are closely aligned to ISO 27001 and are compliant with the requirements of applicable legislation.

The Group operates a training programme to see that all its staff are aware of cyber risks and know how to minimise and manage those risks, as well as how to respond in the event of a suspected breach.

#### **Financial risk management**

The Company is exposed to financial risk through its financial assets and liabilities. The Group observes formal risk management policies and procedures and promotes a robust control environment at all levels of the organisation, to manage financial risk.

The key financial risk is that the proceeds from financial assets are not sufficient to fund financial obligations as they fall due. Due to the nature of the Company's business and the assets and liabilities contained within the Company's balance sheet, the most relevant financial risks are credit and liquidity risk.

The Company's exposure to credit and liquidity risk is reduced as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of the UK Power Networks Holdings Group of companies. Credit risk is mitigated by the nature of the debtor balances owed, with these being due from other Group companies of strong financial standing. In addition, the liquidity risk is mitigated by the strong financial standing of the parent company UK Power Networks Holdings Limited.

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#### **Future developments**

The Directors expect the Company to maintain a consistent level of performance in the future.

There is still uncertainty in predicting the full extent and duration of the COVID-19 impact on the economy. The Directors' consider the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic to be a temporary disruption which will not have a material effect on the future financial position and prospects of the Company. However COVID-19 continues to be monitored as principal risk, as discussed on page 3.

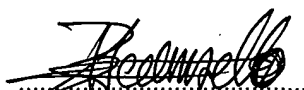
#### **Going concern**

The Company incurred a loss after tax of £142,000 for the year ended 31 March 2021. The Directors do not consider this to represent a going concern risk because the Company had net current assets at 31 March 2021 of £2,892,000, a strong liquidity position with cash reserves of £4,543,000 and overall net assets amounting to £3,552,000.

The Company has maintained its services to the Group during the year despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. While there remains uncertainty, the Directors' assessment is that the pandemic is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's future financial position and prospects.

The Company's forecasts and projections, taking into account reasonably possible changes in trading performance including having considered the impacts of COVID-19, show that the Company has adequate resources to meet its obligations as they fall due in the twelve month period following the approval of these financial statements and to continue operating for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Approved by the Board on 3 August 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Basil Scarsella  
**Director**

## **UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

The Directors present their Annual Report including the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Details of the Company's risk management objectives and policies and future developments and going concern are included in the Strategic Report and form part of this report by cross reference.

#### **Political contributions**

The Company made no political donations in the current or prior year.

#### **Directors of the Company**

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Andrew John Hunter

Basil Scarsella

Loi Shun Chan

None of the Directors had a service contract with the Company in the current or prior year.

The Company has made qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its directors which were made during the year and remain in force at the date of this report.

#### **Employment of disabled persons**

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the abilities of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the Group continues and that appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the Group that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical to that of other employees.

#### **Employee involvement**

The Group places considerable value on the engagement and involvement of its employees and has continued to keep them informed on matters affecting them as employees and on the various factors affecting the performance of the Group. This is achieved through formal and informal meetings, various media channels and publications. Employee representatives are consulted regularly on a wide range of matters affecting the current and future interests of employees.

#### **Disclosure of information to Auditor**

Each of the persons who is a director of the Company at the date of approval of this Annual Report confirms that:

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

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.




**UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED**

**DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**Auditor**

The Auditor, Deloitte LLP, is deemed reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 3 August 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Basil Scarsella', written over a dotted line.

Basil Scarsella  
**Director**

## **UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED**

### **STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities 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). 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 apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to 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.

## **UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED**

#### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

##### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements of UK Power Networks (South East Services) Limited (the "Company"):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the Profit and Loss Account;
- the Statement of Comprehensive Income;
- the Balance Sheet;
- the Statement of Changes in Equity; and
- the related notes 1 to 16 including a summary of significant accounting policies.

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

##### **Basis for opinion**

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

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the "FRC's") Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## **UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED**

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Our evaluation of the directors' assessment of the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included:

- Obtaining and assessing Management's going concern assessment;
- Assessing and challenging Management's forecasted cash flows;
- Obtaining and assessing all the intercompany loan arrangements and reviewing the key terms and ensuring consistency with the going concern forecasts;
- Assessing the recoverability of intercompany loans, including determining the recoverability of the loans with counterparties within the group; and
- Performing a sensitivity analysis on intercompany dividend income and forecasted cash flows.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 8, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

## UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

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

#### **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

We considered the nature of the company's industry and its control environment, and reviewed the company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management and internal audit about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the company operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These included UK Companies Act, pensions legislation, and tax legislation; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

We discussed among the audit engagement team and relevant internal specialists such as financial instruments, valuations, pensions and IT specialists regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

## **UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED**

#### **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud continued**

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management and legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, and reviewing internal audit reports, and reviewing correspondence with HMRC.

#### **Report on other legal and regulatory requirements**

##### **Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report.

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

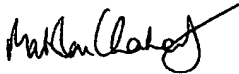
We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

**UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED**

**Use of our report**

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



**Makhan Chahal (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP,  
Statutory Auditor

1 New Street Square  
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3 August 2021

# UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
Turnover	4	33,706	34,423
Cost of sales		<u>(26,252)</u>	<u>(26,712)</u>
Gross profit		7,454	7,711
Other operating expenses		<u>(7,559)</u>	<u>(7,668)</u>
Operating (loss)/profit	5	(105)	43
Other interest receivable and similar income	8	<u>3</u>	<u>34</u>
(Loss)/profit before tax		(102)	77
Taxation	9	<u>(40)</u>	<u>(10)</u>
(Loss)/profit for the year		<u><u>(142)</u></u>	<u><u>67</u></u>

The above results were derived from continuing operations.

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
(Loss)/profit for the year	<u>(142)</u>	<u>67</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u><u>(142)</u></u>	<u><u>67</u></u>

The notes on pages 17 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.



# UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	10	660	660
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors falling due within one year	11	159	83
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>4,543</u>	<u>6,263</u>
		4,702	6,346
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	<u>(1,810)</u>	<u>(3,312)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>2,892</u>	<u>3,034</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>3,552</u>	<u>3,694</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	13	660	660
Profit and loss account	13	<u>2,892</u>	<u>3,034</u>
<b>Total shareholders' funds</b>		<u>3,552</u>	<u>3,694</u>

The financial statements of UK Power Networks (South East Services) Limited, registered number 2743900, were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 3 August 2021. They were signed on its behalf by:



Basil Scarsella  
Director

The notes on pages 17 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Called up share capital £ 000	Profit and loss account £ 000	Total £ 000
At 1 April 2019	660	2,967	3,627
Profit for the year	-	67	67
Total comprehensive income	-	67	67
At 31 March 2020	660	3,034	3,694

	Called up share capital £ 000	Profit and loss account £ 000	Total £ 000
At 1 April 2020	660	3,034	3,694
Loss for the year	-	(142)	(142)
Total comprehensive income	-	(142)	(142)
At 31 March 2021	660	2,892	3,552

The notes on pages 17 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## **UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

#### **1 General information**

UK Power Networks (South East Services) Limited (the "Company") is incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act. The Company is a private company limited by shares and is registered in England and Wales.

The principal activities of the Company and the nature of the Company's operations are set out in the Strategic Report on pages 2 to 5.

The address of its registered office is:

Newington House  
237 Southwark Bridge Road  
London  
SE1 6NP  
United Kingdom

#### **2 Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Company are set out below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the current and prior year.

##### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC). The functional currency of the Company is pounds sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates.

The Company has taken advantage of certain exemptions in its financial statements on the basis that it meets the definition of a "qualifying entity" under FRS 102 being:

"a member of a group where the parent of that Group (UK Power Networks Holdings Limited) prepares publicly available consolidated financial statements which are intended to give a true and fair view and the member (the Company) is included in the consolidation."

The Company has therefore chosen not to present a cash flow statement and not to disclose related party transactions with other wholly owned members of the Group.

##### **Going concern**

As discussed in the Strategic Report the Directors have, at the time of approving the financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. Therefore they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

## UK POWER NETWORKS (SOUTH EAST SERVICES) LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### 2 Accounting policies (continued)

##### **Tangible assets**

Freehold land is stated at cost and is not depreciated. The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

##### **Tax**

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except that a change attributable to an item of income or expense recognised as other comprehensive income is also recognised directly within the same component of other comprehensive income.

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 substantively 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 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 that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is provided for gains on disposal of fixed assets that have been rolled over into replacement assets only where, at the balance sheet date, there is a commitment to dispose of the replacement assets with no likely subsequent rollover or available capital losses. Provision is made for gains on re-valued fixed assets only where there is a commitment to dispose of the re-valued assets and the attributable gain can neither be rolled over nor eliminated by capital losses.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

##### **Revenue recognition**

Turnover is stated net of VAT and is recognised when the significant risks and rewards are considered to have been transferred to the customer. Turnover from the supply of services represents the value of services provided under contracts to the extent that there is a right to consideration and is recorded at the value of the consideration due. Where a contract has only been partially completed at the balance sheet date turnover represents the value of the service provided to date based on a proportion of the total contract value. Where payments are received from customers in advance of services provided, the amounts are recorded as deferred Income and included as part of creditors due within one year.

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#### 2 Accounting policies (continued)

##### Leases

Rental income from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### 3 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, which are described in note 2, the Directors may be required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience or other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results might differ from these estimates.

In the Directors' opinion there are no critical judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in these financial statements.

#### 4 Turnover

Turnover, which is stated net of value added tax, arises entirely in the United Kingdom and is attributable to the continuing activities of the groundworks contracting business and rental income from mobile phone operators in return for siting their masts on the Company's land.

#### 5 Operating (loss)/profit

Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
Operating lease rentals receivable on land	(367)	(436)
Staff costs (Note 6)	<u>32,956</u>	<u>33,778</u>

The amount payable to Deloitte LLP was £7,000 (2020: 7,700) in respect of audit services and £Nil (2020: £Nil) in respect of non-audit services. Auditor's remuneration was borne in both years by another group company.

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### 6 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
Wages and salaries	27,886	28,747
Social security costs	3,437	3,445
Pension costs, defined contribution scheme	1,623	1,584
Redundancy costs	10	2
	<u>32,956</u>	<u>33,778</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year, was as follows:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Average monthly number of employees	<u>575</u>	<u>605</u>

### 7 Directors' remuneration

The Directors are not employed by the Company and did not receive any remuneration for services to the Company during the current or prior year.

### 8 Other interest receivable and similar income

	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
Other interest receivable	<u>3</u>	<u>34</u>

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### 9 Taxation

Tax charged/(credited) to the profit and loss account

	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
<b>Current taxation</b>		
UK corporation tax	36	(7)
Adjustments in respect of prior years	<u>(3)</u>	<u>21</u>
Total current taxation	<u>33</u>	<u>14</u>
<b>Deferred taxation</b>		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	4	21
Effect of increase in tax rate on opening balance	-	(6)
Adjustments in respect of prior years	<u>3</u>	<u>(19)</u>
Total deferred taxation	<u>7</u>	<u>(4)</u>
Total tax charge	<u>40</u>	<u>10</u>

The total tax assessed for the year was higher (2020: lower) than the standard rate of 19% (2020: 19%) applied to profit before tax. The differences are reconciled below:

(Loss)/profit before tax	<u>(102)</u>	<u>77</u>
Corporation tax at standard rate	(19)	15
Income not taxable in determining taxable profit	(11)	(84)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	70	83
Deferred tax credit relating to changes in tax rates	-	(6)
Adjustments to current tax in respect of prior years	(3)	21
Adjustments to deferred tax in respect of prior years	<u>3</u>	<u>(19)</u>
Total tax charge	<u>40</u>	<u>10</u>

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#### 9 Taxation (continued)

##### Tax rate changes

The current tax rate applied during the year was 19% (2020: 19%) and deferred tax was calculated at 19% (2020: 19%) based on the standard rate of corporation tax substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Within the Finance Bill 2021 published on 11 March 2021, the standard rate of corporation tax is set to increase from 19% to 25% with effect from 1 April 2023. This rate increase was not yet substantively enacted at the reporting date 31 March 2021 and therefore has no effect on these financial statements. The enactment took place in the third reading of the Finance Bill 2021 on 24 May 2021 and as such is a non-adjusting post balance sheet event. Remeasuring the 31 March 2021 deferred tax asset at the new rate of 25% will result in a credit of £9,000 to the profit and loss account in the next financial year ended 31 March 2022.

#### 10 Tangible assets

	Land £ 000
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2020	660
<b>At 31 March 2021</b>	<b>660</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	
<b>At 31 March 2021</b>	<b>660</b>
At 31 March 2020	660

Tangible assets comprise freehold land at £660,000 (2020 : £660,000).

#### 11 Debtors

	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	-	46
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	129	-
Deferred tax assets	30	37
	<b>159</b>	<b>83</b>



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#### 12 Creditors

	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	-	86
Corporation tax	445	1,613
Other creditors	9	9
Accruals and deferred income	1,356	1,604
	<u>1,810</u>	<u>3,312</u>

Amounts owed to Group undertakings are interest free and repayable on demand.

#### 13 Called up share capital and reserves

	2021 £ 000	2020 £ 000
<b>Share capital: Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
660,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>660</u>	<u>660</u>

#### Reserves

The profit and loss reserve represents cumulative profits or losses, net of dividends paid.

#### 14 Related party transactions

The Company has taken an exemption under FRS 102 (section 33 2.2) not to disclose transactions with other wholly owned members of the Group. The Company qualifies for this exemption on the basis that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of a parent which prepares publicly available consolidated financial statements intended to give a true and fair view of the financial position and results of the group, and the Company is included within the consolidation.

No other related party transactions were entered into during the current or prior year.

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#### 15 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking

The Company's immediate parent is UK Power Networks Holdings Limited, incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales at the following address:

Newington House  
237 Southwark Bridge Road  
London  
SE1.6NP

UK Power Networks Holdings Limited is the parent of both the smallest and largest Group in which the Company's financial statements are consolidated. Copies of the financial statements of UK Power Networks Holdings Limited may be obtained from the Company Secretary at Energy House, Carrier Business Park, Hazelwick Avenue, Three Bridges, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 1EX.

UK Power Networks Holdings Limited is owned by a consortium comprising:

- CK Infrastructure Holdings Limited <sup>1</sup> (40% shareholding);
- Power Assets Holdings Limited <sup>2</sup> (40% shareholding); and
- Li Ka-Shing Foundation Limited <sup>2</sup> (20% shareholding) until 21 May 2021. Subsequent to that date, this share was held by CK Asset Holdings Limited <sup>3</sup> (as disclosed in note 16).

<sup>1</sup> Incorporated in Bermuda

<sup>2</sup> Incorporated in Hong Kong

<sup>3</sup> Incorporated in the Cayman Islands

In the Directors' opinion UK Power Networks Holdings Limited has no single controlling party as it is jointly controlled by the consortium.

#### 16 Subsequent events

##### Change in ownership

On 21 May 2021 the 20% share of the Group held by Li Ka-Shing Foundation Limited (as disclosed in note 15 above) was transferred to CK Asset Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands.

##### Tax rate changes

The corporation tax rate increase from 19% to 25%, with effect from 1 April 2023, was substantively enacted in the third reading of the Finance Bill 2021 on 24 May 2021. Remeasuring the 31 March 2021 deferred tax asset at the new rate of 25% will result in a credit of £9,000 to the profit and loss account in the next financial year ended 31 March 2022. The rate increase has no effect on the tax charge for the year ended 31 March 2021.