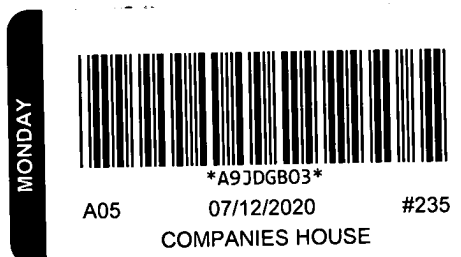


**VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**



## **VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED**

### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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## **VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

#### **Introduction**

The principal activity of Veolia ES Energy Performance (UK) Limited ("the Company") is to provide energy services to third party customers. In 2011, the Company commissioned a project for the Natural History Museum ("NHM"), currently its only customer, which consists of a finance lease and a maintenance agreement over a 15 year period.

The Company is registered and domiciled in the United Kingdom.

The Company is part of the Veolia Group ("the Group"), which is defined as all companies under the control of the ultimate parent company, Veolia Environnement S.A., headquartered in Paris. The Company is also a member of the "UK&I group", a division of the Group, based in the UK and Ireland and involved in the provision of waste, water and energy services, and directly or indirectly under the ownership of Veolia UK Limited ("VUK").

#### **Business review**

The Company continued to provide energy services to NHM and is expected to continue to do so in the foreseeable future in line with the agreed contract.

Revenue for the year ended 31 December 2019 of £156k (2018: £157k) was broadly consistent with the prior year in line with the agreed contract. There have been slight increases in cost of sales and administrative expenses, resulting in a decrease in profit for the year to £86k (2018: £109k).

#### **Results and dividends**

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £86k (2018: £109k).

There were no dividends paid in the year under review (2018: £nil).

#### **Directors**

The Directors who served during the year and to the date of this report were:

Christophe Bellynck  
David Andrew Gerrard  
Celia Rosalind Gough  
Kevin Anthony Hurst  
Richard Kirkman (resigned 21 July 2020)  
Nicholas Julian Ray (resigned 5 June 2020)

No Director has, or has had, a material interest in the Company, directly or indirectly at any time during the year.

#### **Directors' indemnity**

The Directors are entitled to be indemnified by the Company to the extent permitted by law in respect of losses arising out of, or in connection with, the execution of their powers, duties and responsibilities. Veolia Environnement S.A., the Company's ultimate parent company, maintains Directors' and Officers' liability insurance for the Directors in respect of their duties as directors. Such qualifying third party indemnity provision was in place throughout the period and remains in force as at the date of approving the Directors' report. Neither the indemnities nor the insurance provide cover in the event that the Director is proved to have acted fraudulently.

## **VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

#### **Going concern**

The Company's Balance Sheet shows net assets of £2,072k (2018: £1,986k), and at year end reported net current assets of £2,072k (2018: £1,986k). The Company participates in the Group centralised treasury arrangements and so shares banking and intercompany loan arrangements with the Group, VUK and other UK based fellow subsidiaries. The Company is managed as part of the UK&I group and budgets and forecasts are prepared at that level. The UK&I group's forecasts and budgets identify that the UK&I group is expected to meet its liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved. A key assumption in the UK&I group's forecasts is the continuing availability of funds that are swept into the Group Treasury cash pooling arrangements and the intercompany loans provided by the Group to VUK and other UK based fellow subsidiaries.

VUK has received a letter of financial support from the UK&I group's ultimate parent company, Veolia Environnement S.A., which confirms that the Group, if required, will provide financial support to VUK for the period ending 31 December 2021. VUK has in turn provided a letter of support to the Company to confirm that VUK will, if required, provide financial support to the Company for the same duration as provided by the Group to VUK.

The Directors of VUK have considered information regarding the Group's ability to provide support to VUK. This information included the issuing of €700m mid-term notes on 8 April 2020 and a further €500m mid-term notes on 8 June 2020, and the Group's H1 2020 results released on 3 August 2020, which showed that the Group had total cash and cash equivalents of €7.9billion and undrawn facilities of €4.2billion as at 30 June 2020.

The Directors of the Company have made enquiries of the Directors of VUK to confirm that VUK has the ability to provide financial support, noting the financial position of the Group as described above.

Whilst there remains uncertainty regarding the impact of COVID-19, the Directors of the Company have concluded that, if required, the Group will be able to provide financial support to VUK, who in turn will be able to provide financial support to the Company, for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Accordingly, the Directors are satisfied that they have a reasonable basis upon which to conclude that the Company is able to meet its liabilities as they fall due in the foreseeable future and that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

#### **Future developments**

The Directors have considered the impact of the outbreak of COVID-19 and remain confident of the ability of the Company to continue to meet its customer's demands.

Competition in this sector is expected to remain tough and cost controls are expected to continue into the future. The Directors consider the Company, along with other members of the UK&I group, to be well placed in all aspects of the environmental, and energy management industry.

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

In common with all businesses, the Company recognises certain risk factors that are both external and internal to the Company. The Directors consider the principal risks and uncertainties to which the Company is exposed are intrinsic to the business it operates and its ability to provide the service for which it is contracted.

The following highlights some of the particular risks, but is not intended to be an extensive analysis of all risks affecting the business. Some risks may be unknown to the Company and other risks, currently regarded as immaterial, could turn out to be material. All of them have a potential to impact the Company's business, revenue, profits, assets, liquidity and capital resources adversely. The Board has approved that the Company manages the majority of these risks by utilising the resources and processes developed and operated within the UK&I group as whole. The Board has also considered the impact of COVID-19 on each of the Company's principal risks as set out below.

## **VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

#### **Contractual risk**

The Company's business is predominantly contract-based; hence the business may be adversely affected by failure to perform to the level agreed within the relevant contract. The UK&I group has a structured formal project authorisation and review procedure which aims at ensuring legal, operational, technical and commercial risks are properly considered before the initial exchange of contracts, or significant contract alterations, with its clients.

In the normal course of business, risks associated with meeting the contractual terms of the contract are mitigated through the ongoing day to day management of the operations of the contract including tracking performance against budget and targets identified in the contract and monthly reviews by operational management and members of the Board. The approach across the UK&I group is that contracts that are identified as being at particular risk during these reviews are the subject of specific initiatives to improve contract performance. Larger contracts and business units are separately reviewed at a UK&I group level on a monthly basis.

The Company is working with its main customer to ensure that all required aspects of the contract can continue to be delivered during the COVID-19 outbreak. Given the management of energy facilities has been designated by the government as an essential service it is expected that all material services within the contract will continue to be delivered.

#### **Business continuity**

The UK&I group is accredited with ISO 22301 (Business Continuity Management) and the Company maintains a business continuity plan for each area of its operations, including the associated IT infrastructure, so should the unexpected happen, there is a predetermined plan in place to allow the business to recover and to continue servicing its customer with as little disruption as possible. These plans include sharing of site infrastructure within the UK&I group, the use of external suppliers who specialise in disaster recovery scenarios and leveraging other group relationships.

In response to COVID-19, the UK&I group's primary focus is to continue delivery of the essential services which the Company provides to its customer and the local community, whilst looking after the health and safety of the workforce, including through providing appropriate protective equipment to front line workers and reinforcing the importance of good hygiene.

The key operational workstreams of the UK&I group (Waste disposal, Energy supply, and Water and Wastewater sectors) have been designated by the government as essential services.

The response has included considering the business impact from both an operational and financial perspective, and monitoring the impact on the workforce. The Company has considered the employees needed in order to continue to deliver the contract and, based on the current levels of absences, continues to have sufficient levels of resource available to the Company. In terms of workforce, in case of potential shortages of staff, the UK&I group is considering which staff-intensive activities could be deferred, for example, outages for maintenance that can be deferred to later in the year, and also considering in the first instance where redeployment is possible from other areas of the UK&I group, where services may have been reduced, and use of agency staff. The UK&I group will continue to monitor the situation as it progresses to ensure a continued safe working environment, in conjunction with continued delivery of the contract in line with the customer's requirements. There is also a key focus on good internal communication, with a dedicated intranet site, which is updated frequently.

In relation to supply chain, the response has included focus on procuring additional hand sanitiser and masks, as well as ensuring there are sufficient levels of spare parts and chemicals required for continued operations. Given the ongoing Brexit preparations, the supply chain was geared up to hold more stock within the UK. At this stage, the Company believes that it has access to supplies necessary to maintain its operations.

## **VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

#### **Health and safety, quality and environment**

The Company has no employees but remains fully committed to respecting the UK&I group's corporate, legal and social responsibilities for health and safety, quality and the environment. It looks to continuously improve its systems and performance with specific year on year targets which are monitored and reviewed monthly.

The UK&I's Active Risk Strategy continued into 2019 with the 'ThinkSafe' programme remaining a key focus. By the end of 2019 the 'ThinkSafe' for leaders workshop was delivered to all operational business lines and regions through their regional conferences throughout 2018 and 2019. The Safety Conversations programme has been delivered to more than 700 front line managers and supervisors in 2019.

The focus on lessons learnt continues to be supported by 'ThinkSafe' communications campaigns including Safety Week. In 2019, the UK&I group has covered 'SleepSafe' (awareness of people sleeping in bins), Leptospirosis (how to protect against the disease and awareness of the symptoms), Safe Chemical Handling and Reversing. The 2019 Safety Week campaign also included activity specific behavioural commitment boards which employees signed up to. In adopting these safe behaviours the aim is to stop serious accidents from happening.

The UK&I group has also implemented a new reporting system 'Ava by Airsweb' during 2019, which will capture all event reporting (including accidents, incidents, environmental events, abuse, regulator communications and close calls), investigations and audits. The system will enable consistent and improved quality of reporting, investigations and trend analysis.

The UK&I group has seen a 2% reduction in combined days lost in 2019 versus the same period in 2018. There has been an increase in near miss / safety concern (close call) reporting by 10%. Reporting of near miss / safety concerns (close calls) supports a proactive culture. By learning from these events the UK&I group can stop accidents from happening in the future.

Although not directly related to the Company, tragically, on 17 October 2019, a plant operator from the decommissioning team based at Great Yarmouth was involved in a fatal accident. Another member of staff was also seriously injured. At this time both the police and the Health and Safety Executive ("HSE") are investigating the circumstances of the accident and the UK&I group is providing them with full cooperation and assistance with this.

The UK&I group and the Company have an open relationship and maintain regular communication with all regulatory bodies, including the various Environment Agency bodies across the UK and Ireland. The UK&I group is committed to a sustainable future by protecting and conserving the natural environment, helping customers to gain value by the circular economy and closed loop thinking. By being a manufacturer of green products and energy, the UK&I group helps its customers to meet their environmental challenges. Veolia is externally certified to ISO 9001 (Quality), ISO 14001 (Environmental) and ISO 45001 (Health and Safety) and has an 'in-house' team of QHSE professionals with broad knowledge and experience of the field that provide the business with support on a day to day basis. The Directors monitor the performance and therefore consider the risk associated with health and safety, quality and environment to be acceptable.

## VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED

### DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### Financial risks

It is the Company's objective to manage its financial risks so as to minimise the adverse effects of fluctuations in the financial markets on its profits and cash flows. The Company utilises the resources of the UK&I group to implement risk controls and loss mitigation plans to manage exposure to these risks. The VUK Board, which certain of the Company's Directors are members of, reviews and agree policies for managing risks and they are summarised below:

- Credit risk

The Company is exposed to counterparty risk in various areas of its operating activities and treasury activities. Credit risk therefore arises primarily on the Company's operating financial assets and operating receivables, much of which is with other undertakings of the Group. The carrying amount of trade and other debtors, and cash and cash equivalents represent the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk.

The risk of major financial loss would occur if the Company's customer failed to honour its obligations under the contract. The Company trades with a large well-established client, and so the likelihood of this is considered low and is considered to continue to be such in the current environment.

The Company participates in Group centralised treasury arrangements, with the UK&I group being in a net deposit position, and so shares banking and intercompany loan arrangements with the Group, VUK and other UK based Group fellow subsidiaries, which are also provided with support from VUK. As set out in the going concern section, the Company has assessed the credit risk of the Group and VUK and considers that they are well placed to provide support and facilitate the repayment of any debts as they fall due.

Given the above, the Directors consider the Company's exposure to credit risk to be acceptable.

- Interest rate risk

The Company principally lends funds to the UK&I group, via VUK, at floating rates of interest, priced according to a GBP index based on London Interbank Overnight Rates ("LIBOR") or Sterling Overnight Interbank Average Rates ("SONIA"). In light of the recent decline in interest rates, there is an increased risk that interest income levels may be lower than originally anticipated for the coming year.

- Liquidity risk

The Company is party to cash pooling arrangements where each member deposits its cash excesses in a current account with VUK and may borrow money in the form of short-term advances. VUK monitors the balances of all parties to the cash pooling arrangements to ensure the facility stays in a net surplus position. Cash forecasts are undertaken regularly to ensure payment profiles can be honoured in full at the appropriate date.

The cash pool arrangements are centrally managed by the Group with the UK&I group being in a net deposit position. The Group has confirmed that the UK&I group will have access to these balances as required for their activities.

- Foreign exchange risk

The Company has limited exposure to foreign currency risk in its normal trading activities as it operates in the UK and all of its trade and most of its purchases are procured in pound sterling. At each reporting date all financial assets and financial liabilities are denominated in pound sterling.



## **VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

#### **Other risks**

Following the 2016 referendum, the UK left the European Union on 31 January 2020 and entered into a transitional phase which is currently due to end on 31 December 2020. Negotiations between the UK government and the European Union on trading and other structures are ongoing.

The UK&I group have analysed the potential impact of the various options following the end of the transitional phase and are confident that there are plans and contingencies in place to avoid the business being unduly affected. The effect on employees has been at the forefront of the UK&I group's plans, with the UK&I group continuing to maintain both formal and informal communication with affected employees. The UK&I group continues to monitor developments.

The Group continues to develop its business in the UK and monitor the effects of the decision in line with the Group statement released in Paris on 24 June 2016: "Veolia will, of course, continue its journey in the UK. That means that we will continue to invest both in terms of financial and human resources to ensure we remain competitive and innovative". Whilst making no formal statements on the subject since, the Group have continued with its plans to manage, develop and support the UK business in line with this statement.

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

Each of the persons who are Directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed 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 ought to have been taken as a Director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

#### **Auditor**

Under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, Ernst & Young LLP will be deemed to have been reappointed as the auditor 28 days after these financial statements were sent to members or 28 days after the latest date prescribed for filing the accounts with the registrar, whichever is earlier.

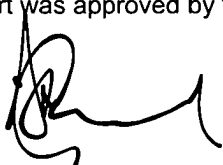
#### **Post balance sheet events**

As noted throughout the report and accounts, the outbreak of COVID-19 has had certain impacts on the Company. Further details are included in note 15. Given the unprecedented situation in the UK and Ireland, there remains significant uncertainty as to the length and extent of the impact on individuals, communities and the economy as whole. However, due to the nature of the Company's contract, the fact that the management of energy facilities is designated an essential service, and based on the Company's current assessment of risks, no material impacts or uncertainties have been identified which require adjustment in the financial statements and it is not at this stage expected to have a material impact on the Company's ongoing business.

#### **Small companies note**

The Company has taken advantage of the small companies exemption provided under Companies Act 2006, section 414B not to prepare a Strategic report and section 415A allowing reduced disclosures in the preparation of the Directors' report.

This report was approved by the board on 29 October 2020 and signed on its behalf.



**David Andrew Gerrard**  
Director

## **VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. 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 judgments 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 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.

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED**

## **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Veolia ES Energy Performance (UK) Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2019, which comprise 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 FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 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.

## **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 below. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

## **Emphasis of matter - Effects of COVID-19**

We draw attention to note 15 of the financial statements, which describes the economic and social consequences the Company is facing as a result of COVID-19 which may impact upon the availability of the workforce, appropriate protective equipment and critical supplies, and therefore the Company's ability to perform obligations in accordance with the contract with the main customer. Our opinion is not modified in this respect.

## **Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

## **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. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

### **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 Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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; or
- the Directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

### **Responsibilities of Directors**

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement on page 7, 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.

### **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 Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Company's members 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 for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Ernst & Young LLP*

Helen Hemming (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

**Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory auditor**

Birmingham

30 October 2020

**VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

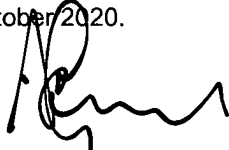
	<b>Note</b>	<b>2019 £000</b>	<b>2018 £000</b>
Revenue	4	156	157
Cost of sales		(136)	(111)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>46</b>
Administrative expenses		(10)	-
<b>Operating profit</b>	5	<b>10</b>	<b>46</b>
Interest receivable	8	96	90
<b>Profit before tax</b>		<b>106</b>	<b>136</b>
Tax on profit	9	(20)	(27)
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>		<b>86</b>	<b>109</b>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>86</b>	<b>109</b>

**VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED**  
**REGISTERED NUMBER:03157676**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	Note	2019 £000	2018 £000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	1,213	1,368
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	10	1,026	875
		<u>2,239</u>	<u>2,243</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(167)	(257)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>2,072</u>	<u>1,986</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>2,072</u>	<u>1,986</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>2,072</u>	<u>1,986</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	13	625	625
Profit and loss account		1,447	1,361
		<u>2,072</u>	<u>1,986</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 29 October 2020.



**David Andrew Gerrard**  
Director

**VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	<b>Called up share capital £000</b>	<b>Profit and loss account £000</b>	<b>Total equity £000</b>
<b>At 1 January 2018</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>1,877</b>
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>			
Profit for the year	-	109	109
<b>At 1 January 2019</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>1,986</b>
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>			
Profit for the year	-	86	86
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>2,072</b>

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements.



## **VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

#### **1. General information**

Veolia ES Energy Performance (UK) Limited is a private company limited by shares, incorporated in England and Wales.

#### **2. Accounting policies**

##### **2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' and the Companies Act 2006.

The Company's financial statements are presented in pound sterling and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand pound sterling (£000) except when otherwise indicated.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 101 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies (see note 3).

On 1 January 2019, the Company adopted IFRS 16 'Leases' on a fully retrospective basis, resulting in the recalculation of the asset and associated debt as if the standard had been applied from the inception of the lease. As the Company has no leases, there have been no material impacts on the Company's financial statements from adopting this standard.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

##### **2.2 Financial reporting standard 101 - reduced disclosure exemptions**

The Company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions under FRS 101:

- the requirements of IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures
- the requirements of paragraphs 91-99 of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement
- the requirements of the second sentence of paragraph 110 and paragraphs 113(a), 114, 115, 118, 119(a) to (c), 120 to 127 and 129 of IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers
- the requirement in paragraph 38 of IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements' to present comparative information in respect of:
  - paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1;
- the requirements of paragraphs 10(d), 10(f), 16, 38A, 38B, 38C, 38D, 40A, 40B, 40C, 40D, 111 and 134-136 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements
- the requirements of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows
- the requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- the requirements of paragraph 17 and 18A of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures
- the requirements in IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary which is a party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member
- the requirements of paragraphs 130(f)(ii), 130(f)(iii), 134(d)-134(f) and 135(c)-135(e) of IAS 36 Impairment of Assets.

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.3 Ultimate controlling party

The Company is consolidated in the consolidated financial statements of its ultimate parent company and controlling entity, Veolia Environnement S.A. (incorporated in France). Copies of the consolidated financial statements for Veolia Environnement S.A. are available from the registered office at 21 rue La Boétie, 75008 Paris, France.

In addition, the Company is also consolidated in the consolidated financial statements of Veolia Environmental Services (UK) Plc, an intermediate parent undertaking. Copies of the consolidated financial statements for Veolia Environmental Services (UK) Plc are available from the registered office at 210 Pentonville Road, London, N1 9JY.

##### 2.4 Going concern

The Company's Balance Sheet shows net assets of £2,072k (2018: £1,986k), and at the year end reported net current assets of £2,072k (2018: £1,986k). The Company participates in the Group centralised treasury arrangements and so shares banking and intercompany loan arrangements with the Group, VUK and other UK based fellow subsidiaries. The Company is managed as part of the UK&I group and budgets and forecasts are prepared at that level. The UK&I group's forecasts and budgets identify that the UK&I group is expected to meet its liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved. A key assumption in the UK&I group's forecasts is the continuing availability of funds that are swept into the Group Treasury cash pooling arrangements and the intercompany loans provided by the Group to VUK and other UK based fellow subsidiaries.

VUK has received a letter of financial support from the UK&I group's ultimate parent company, Veolia Environnement S.A., which confirms that the Group, if required, will provide financial support to VUK for the period ending 31 December 2021. VUK has in turn provided a letter of support to the Company to confirm that VUK will, if required, provide financial support to the Company for the same duration as provided by the Group to VUK.

The Directors of VUK have considered information regarding the Group's ability to provide support to VUK. This information included the issuing of €700m mid-term notes on 8 April 2020 and a further €500m mid-term notes on 8 June 2020, and the Group's H1 2020 results released on 3 August 2020, which showed that the Group had total cash and cash equivalents of €7.9billion and undrawn facilities of €4.2billion as at 30 June 2020.

The Directors of the Company have made enquiries of the Directors of VUK to confirm that VUK has the ability to provide financial support, noting the financial position of the Group as described above.

Whilst there remains uncertainty regarding the impact of COVID-19, the Directors of the Company have concluded that, if required, the Group will be able to provide financial support to VUK, who in turn will be able to provide financial support to the Company, for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Accordingly, the Directors are satisfied that they have a reasonable basis upon which to conclude that the Company is able to meet its liabilities as they fall due in the foreseeable future and that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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#### **2. Accounting policies (continued)**

##### **2.5 Revenue**

Revenue is recognised in line with the achievement of performance obligations to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes.

With the exception of revenue under IFRS 16, Leases, the Company does not expect to have any contracts where the period between the transfer of the promised goods or services to the customer and payment by the customer exceeds one year. As a consequence, the Company does not adjust any of the transaction prices for the time value of money.

The following criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

- revenue from providing services is recognised in the accounting period in which the services are rendered.

The Company applies the practical expedient in paragraph 121 of IFRS 15 and does not disclose information about the remaining performance obligations that have original expected durations of one year or less.

##### **2.6 Foreign currency translation**

###### **Functional and presentation currency**

The Company's functional and presentation currency is pound sterling.

###### **Transactions and balances**

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

##### **2.7 Interest receivable**

Interest receivable consists of income from amounts owed by Group fellow subsidiaries.

##### **2.8 Taxation**

Tax is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the Balance Sheet date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.9 Financial instruments**

The Company recognises financial instruments when it becomes a party to the contractual arrangements of the instrument. Financial instruments are derecognised when they are discharged or when the contractual terms expire. Financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Loans receivable or payable on demand are classed as short-term and hence are not discounted.

The Company's accounting policies in respect of financial instruments transactions are explained below:

**Financial assets**

The Company classifies all of its financial assets as financial assets subsequently measured at amortised cost.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

**Financial assets subsequently measured at amortised cost**

These comprise loans and debtors which are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise principally through the provision of goods and services to customers (e.g. trade debtors), but also incorporate other types of contractual monetary asset. They are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to their acquisition or issue, and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less provision for impairment.

**Impairment of financial assets**

The Company recognises an allowance for expected credit losses ("ECLs") for all financial assets subsequently measured at amortised cost. The Company calculates ECLs by applying a provision matrix that takes into account the expected life of trade debtors and default rates for different customers. The amount of expected credit losses is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition of the respective financial instrument. ECLs are recognised in two stages:

- for credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12 months (a 12 month ECL);
- for those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

**Derecognition of financial assets**

The Company derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or when it transfers the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset in a transaction under which nearly all the rights and obligations inherent to ownership of the financial asset are transferred. Any interest created or retained by the Company in a financial asset is recognised separately as an asset or liability.

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### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

#### **2. Accounting policies (continued)**

##### **2.9 Financial instruments (continued)**

###### **Financial liabilities**

The Company classifies all of its financial liabilities as liabilities at amortised cost.

###### **At amortised cost**

Financial liabilities at amortised cost including bank borrowings are initially recognised at fair value net of any transaction costs directly attributable to the issue of the instrument. Such interest bearing liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, which ensures that any interest expense over the period to repayment is at a constant rate on the balance of the liability carried into the Balance Sheet.

###### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

A liability is derecognised when the contract that gives rise to it is settled, sold, cancelled or expires.

Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability, such that the difference in the respective carrying amounts together with any costs or fees incurred are recognised in profit or loss.

##### **2.10 Finance leased assets: the Company as lessor**

Where assets leased to a third party give rights approximating to ownership (finance lease), the lessor recognises as a receivable an amount equal to the net investment in the lease i.e. the minimum lease payments receivable under the lease discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease. This receivable is reduced as the lessee makes capital payments over the term of the lease.

A finance lease gives rise to two types of income: profit or loss equivalent to the profit or loss resulting from outright sale of the asset being leased, at normal selling prices, reflecting any applicable discounts, and finance income over the lease term.

#### **3. Judgment in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be appropriate under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making judgments about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The Company has considered the impact of COVID-19 on potential material risks in note 15 and have not made any material estimates or judgments that may result in a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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#### 4. Revenue

An analysis of revenue by class of business is as follows:

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Rendering of services	156	157

All revenue arose within the United Kingdom.

#### Contract balances

The following table provides information about receivables, contract assets and contract liabilities from contracts with customers:

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Receivables (included within trade debtors)	79	2

#### 5. Operating profit

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Auditor's remuneration for audit of the financial statements (the Company)	10	-

Auditor's remuneration of £10k was borne by a Group fellow subsidiary in the prior year.

#### 6. Staff costs

The Company has no employees other than the Directors (see note 7).

#### 7. Directors' remuneration

The Directors are paid by, and perform services for, other companies within the Group alongside their services to this Company. Whilst not being paid by the Company, in 2019, the Directors' costs have been apportioned to the principal companies they serve within the UK&I group. Had the Directors' costs been recharged to all the companies those Directors serve, the Company would have incurred £17k (2018: £11k) of Directors emoluments, including £2k (2018: £1k) of pension contributions.

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### 8. Interest receivable

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Interest receivable from Group fellow subsidiaries	7	3
Interest receivable from asset under finance leases	89	87
	<u>96</u>	<u>90</u>

### 9. Taxation

	2019 £000	2018 £000
<b>Corporation tax</b>		
Current tax on profit for the year	20	26
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	-	1
<b>Total current tax</b>	<u>20</u>	<u>27</u>
 <b>Taxation on profit on ordinary activities</b>	 <u>20</u>	 <u>27</u>

#### Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is the same as (2018 - higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2018: 19%). The differences are explained below:

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u>106</u>	<u>136</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2018: 19%)	20	26
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	-	1
<b>Total tax charge for the year</b>	<u>20</u>	<u>27</u>

#### Factors that may affect future tax charges

There were no factors that may affect future tax charges.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### 10. Debtors

		2019 £000	2018 £000
<b>Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>			
Long-term finance lease asset receivable	11	<u>1,213</u>	<u>1,368</u>
		2019 £000	2018 £000
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Trade debtors		79	-
Short-term loans to Group fellow subsidiaries		792	717
Other taxation debtor		-	10
Prepayments		-	6
Finance lease asset receivable	11	<u>155</u>	<u>142</u>
		<u>1,026</u>	<u>875</u>

### 11. Finance lease asset receivables

The finance lease asset receivable is recoverable in instalments over the term of the contract which is 15 years in length, ending in 2026. The capital portion of rentals received is offset against the lease asset receivable, and the interest portion is credited to the profit or loss in the period to which it relates over the term of the contract.

Future minimum lease repayments receivable:

	2019 £000	2018 £000
Within one year	228	222
After one year but no more than five years	968	945
After five years	476	727
Less finance charges allocated to future periods	(304)	(384)
	<u>1,368</u>	<u>1,510</u>



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### 11. Finance lease asset receivables (continued)

Present value of minimum lease payments is analysed as follows:	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Within one year	<b>155</b>	<b>142</b>
After one year but no more than five years	<b>770</b>	<b>709</b>
After five years	<b>443</b>	<b>659</b>
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	<b>1,368</b>	<b>1,510</b>
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The interest rate inherent in the lease is fixed at the contract date for the entire lease term. The average effective interest rate contracted is approximately 5.26% (2018: 5.26%) per annum.

The finance lease asset receivable at the end of the reporting period are neither past due nor impaired.

### 12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Trade creditors	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>
Amounts owed to Group fellow subsidiaries	<b>82</b>	<b>64</b>
Corporation tax	<b>47</b>	<b>50</b>
Other taxation and social security	<b>18</b>	<b>51</b>
Accruals	<b>15</b>	<b>70</b>
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	<b>167</b>	<b>257</b>
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### 13. Share capital

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
625,000 (2018: 625,000) ordinary shares of £1.00 each	<b>625</b>	<b>625</b>
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### 14. Related party transactions

During the year the Company entered into transactions, in the ordinary course of business, with related parties. The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under paragraph 8(k) of FRS 101 not to disclose transactions with fellow wholly owned subsidiaries.

Balances outstanding as at 31 December 2019 with all related parties are disclosed in notes 10 and 12.

There were no trading transactions entered into during the year to 31 December 2019 with other related parties.

## VEOLIA ES ENERGY PERFORMANCE (UK) LIMITED

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#### 15. Post balance sheet events

The Company has considered the impact of COVID-19 on the Company's financial statements, noting that there remains significant uncertainty as to the length and extent of the impact on individuals, communities and the economy as whole, and therefore it is not possible to accurately estimate the potential impacts at this stage. Due to the nature of the Company's contract, the fact that the management of energy facilities is designated an essential service, and based on the Company's current assessment of risks, no material impacts or uncertainties have been identified which require adjustment in the financial statements and it is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's ongoing business.

The Company is working with its main customer to ensure that all required aspects of the contract can continue to be delivered during the COVID-19 outbreak. Given the management of energy facilities has been designated by the government as an essential service, it is expected that all material services within the contract will continue to be delivered.

The Directors have considered the areas of the accounts that could have been potentially impacted by this, noting that, as COVID-19 is considered a non-adjusting post balance sheet event, any impact would be reflected in the results for 31 December 2020, and assessed that in respect of the balances as at 31 December 2019:

- accounts receivable included in the Balance Sheet have been recovered post year end;
- no adverse material impact is expected on the carrying value of the finance lease asset receivable;
- no other estimates or judgments would require reassessment as a result of COVID-19.

The Directors have also considered potential impacts to the future performance of the Company, and note the following potential risks arising as a result of the impacts of COVID-19:

- contractual impacts, as noted above, as well as the availability of the workforce, appropriate protective equipment and critical supplies, including spare parts and chemicals, which will be key to the continued delivery of the contractual obligations to the Company's main customer. At this stage, the Company believes that it has access to the supplies and workforce necessary to maintain its operations, but there is a risk this could change as the situation develops.
- in light of the recent decline in interest rates, there is an increased risk that interest income levels may be lower than originally anticipated for the coming year.

#### 16. Immediate parent and controlling party

The immediate parent company is Veolia ES Resource Efficiency (UK) Limited, a company incorporated in the UK.

Veolia Environmental Services (UK) Plc is an intermediate parent undertaking that prepares consolidated financial statements, including Veolia ES Energy Performance (UK) Limited, that are publicly available. Copies of the consolidated financial statements for Veolia Environmental Services (UK) Plc are available from the registered office at 210 Pentonville Road, London, N1 9JY.

The ultimate parent and controlling company is Veolia Environnement S.A., a company incorporated in France. Consolidated financial statements are prepared by Veolia Environnement S.A. Copies of the consolidated financial statements for Veolia Environnement S.A. are available from the registered office at 21 rue La Boétie, 75008 Paris, France.