Mitie Environmental Services Limited

Annual report and financial statements

Registered number 03306668

31 March 2023



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Company information

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Secretary

Mitie Company Secretarial Services Limited

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Directors' report

The directors of the Company (the "Directors") present the annual report and audited financial statements of Mitie Environmental Services Limited for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The Company is an indirect subsidiary of Mitie Group plc. Mitie Group plc, together with its subsidiaries, comprise the "Group".

Strategic report

The Directors have taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 414B of the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 from preparing a strategic report.

Review of the business

The principal activity of the Company is that of asbestos management services to the public and private sector. There have not been any significant changes in the Company's principal activities in the year under review.

As shown in the income statement on page 8, the Company's revenue was £3,481,000 (2022: £3,387,000) and the profit for the year was £830,000 (2022: £647,000). Trading performance in the 2023 financial year was consistent with the prior year.

Going concern

The Company's business activities have been described above and the factors likely to affect its future development and position have been set out below. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. See Note 1c to the financial statements.

Directors

The Directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were:

Date of resignation

P J G Dickinson S Johnston J M Williams

21 September 2023

Directors' indemnity

A qualifying third-party indemnity provision as defined in Section 234 of the Companies Act 2006 is in force for the benefit of certain of the Directors listed above in respect of liabilities incurred as a result of their office to the extent permitted by law.

Dividends

There were no dividends during the year (2022: £nil).

Financial risk management

The Company does not enter into any hedging instruments, or any financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Appropriate trade terms are negotiated with suppliers and customers. Management reviews these terms and the relationships with suppliers and customers and manages any exposure on normal trade terms. The Company's requirement for additional funding is managed as part of the Group's financing arrangements.

Subsequent events

There have been no significant events since the balance sheet date.

Future developments

The Directors expect the general level of activity to remain consistent in the forthcoming year.

Directors' report (continued)

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each Director in office at the date of approval of these financial statements 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 ought to have been taken as a director to be 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 Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Auditor

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, BDO LLP have been appointed as the auditor.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

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J M Williams

Director

11th December 2023

Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the Annual report and financial statements

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual report and 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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; 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 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 for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Mitie Environmental Services Limited

Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 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.

We have audited the financial statements of Mitie Environmental Services Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Income statement, the Statement of comprehensive income, the Balance sheet, the Statement of changes in equity, and the Notes to the financial statements, 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).

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

Independence

We remain 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 FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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.

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 Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report and financial statements other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. 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.

Other Companies Act 2006 reporting

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.

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.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Mitie Environmental Services Limited (continued)

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 exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the Annual report and financial statements, 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.

Extent to which the audit was 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.

Non-compliance with laws and regulations

Based on:

- our understanding of the Company and the industry in which it operates;
- discussion with Management, in-house legal counsel and those charged with governance; and
- obtaining an understanding of the Company's policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

We considered the significant laws and regulations to be Companies Act 2006, FRS 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Bribery Act 2010 and tax legislations.

The Company is also subject to laws and regulations where the consequence of non-compliance could have a material effect on the amount or disclosures in the financial statements, for example through the imposition of fines or litigations. We identified such laws and regulations to be the health and safety legislation, UK data protection regulations and employment laws.

Our procedures in respect of the above included:

- review of minutes of meetings of those charged with governance for any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- review of internal audit reports for any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- review of financial statement disclosures and agreeing to supporting documentation;
- involvement of tax specialists in the audit;
- review of legal expenditure accounts to understand the nature of expenditure incurred; and
- remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Mitie Environmental Services Limited (continued)

Fraud

We assessed the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- enquiry with Management, in-house legal counsel and internal audit regarding any known or suspected instances of fraud;
- obtaining an understanding of the Company's policies and procedures relating to:
 - o detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and
 - internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- review of minutes of meeting of the Board for any known or suspected instances of fraud;
- discussion amongst the engagement team as to how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements;
- involved forensic specialists in the audit during engagement team fraud discussions;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud; and
- considering remuneration incentive schemes and performance targets and the related financial statement areas impacted by these.

Based on our risk assessment, we considered the area's most susceptible to fraud to be management override in respect of manual journal entries and manipulation of accounting estimates and aged accrued income.

Our procedures in respect of the above included:

- testing a sample of journal entries throughout the year, which met a defined risk criteria, by agreeing to supporting documentation;
- testing a sample of accrued income at year-end by examining the contractual terms, obtaining evidence of proof and timing of service delivery, and reviewing subsequent invoicing and customer correspondence.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members who were all deemed to have appropriate competence and capabilities and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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.

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Yames Eastell

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James Eastell (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of BDO LLP, Statutory Auditor Bristol

11 December 2023

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

Income statement

	Note	2023 £000	2022 £000
Revenue Cost of sales	2	3,481 (2,046)	3,387 (1,996)
Gross profit Administrative expenses		1,435 (635)	1,391 (747)
Operating profit	3	800	644
Finance income Finance costs	7 8	224 -	216 (9)
Net finance income		224	207
Profit before tax		1,024	851
Тах	9	(194)	(204)
Profit for the year		830	647

The notes on pages 12 to 33 form an integral part of the financial statements.

The results for the year are wholly attributable to the continuing operations of the Company.

Statement of comprehensive income

	Note	2023 £000	2022 £000
Profit for the year		830	647
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent years			
Remeasurement of net defined benefit pension schemes	15	-	20
Tax on items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	14	-	(4)
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	16
Total comprehensive income for the year		830	663

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Balance sheet

	Note	2023 £000	2022 £000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	11	85	2
Deferred tax assets	14	14	15
Total non-current assets		99	17
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	12	7,409	5,546
Cash and cash equivalents		522	1,293
Total current assets		7,931	6,839
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	13	(1,050)	(712)
Current tax payable		(193)	(273)
Lease liabilities	16	(18)	-
Total current liabilities		(1,261)	(985)
Net current assets		6,670	5,854
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	16	(67)	-
Total non-current liabilities		(67)	
Net assets		6,702	5,871
Parities			
Equity	47		
Share capital	17	- 6 703	- - 071
Retained earnings	17	6,702	5,871
Total equity		6,702	5,871

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The financial statements of Mitie Environmental Services Limited, company number 03306668, were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 11th December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Jereny Williams
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J M Williams

Director

Statement of changes in equity

	Share capital £000	Retained earnings £000	Total equity £000
At 1 April 2021	-	5,208	5,208
Profit for the year Other comprehensive income		647 16	647 16
Total comprehensive income	-	663	663
At 31 March 2022		5,871	5,871
Profit for the year		830	830
Total comprehensive income		830	830
Share-based payments		1	1
Total transactions with owners		1	1
31 March 2023	-	6,702	6,702

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Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies, judgements and estimates

a) General information

Mitie Environmental Services Limited (the "Company") is a private company limited by shares and is incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom. Details of the Company's activities are set out in the Directors' report. The Company's financial statements are presented in pounds sterling, which is the Company's functional and presentational currency. All amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand pounds, unless otherwise indicated.

b) Statement of compliance with FRS 101

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with FRS 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework ("FRS 101").

In preparing these financial statements, the Company applies the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of UK-adopted International Accounting Standards, but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with the Companies Act 2006 and to take advantage of FRS 101 disclosure exemptions.

c) Basis of preparation

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Company participates in the centralised treasury arrangements and shared banking arrangements of Mitie Group plc, its ultimate parent, and of its fellow subsidiaries (together the "Group"). The Directors have received a letter of support from the directors of Mitie Group plc to confirm the provision of adequate financial resources to the Company for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of approval of the Company's statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 to ensure that the Company can meet its liabilities as they fall due.

The directors of Mitie Group plc have carried out an assessment of the Group's ability to continue as a going concern for the period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements (the "Going Concern Assessment Period"). This assessment was based on the latest medium-term cash forecasts from the Group's cash flow model (the "Base Case Forecasts"), which is based on the Group's board approved budget. These Base Case Forecasts indicate that the debt facilities currently in place are adequate to support the Group over the Going Concern Assessment Period.

The Group's principal debt financing arrangements as at 30 September 2023 were a £250m Revolving Credit Facility ("RCF"), which was undrawn as at 30 September 2023, and £150m of US private placement ("USPP") notes. These financing arrangements are subject to certain financial covenants which are tested every six months on a rolling 12-month basis.

The RCF was put in place in October 2021, and matures in October 2027. In September 2023, the Group increased the RCF from £150m to £250m and its maturity date was extended for one year to October 2027, with an option to extend for a further one year period.

Of the USPP notes, £120.0m were issued in December 2022 under a delayed funding agreement to avoid any overlap with the £121.5m (being the repayment amount after taking account of the cross-currency interest rate swaps) of notes that matured in the same month. The new notes are split equally between 8, 10 and 12 year maturities, and were issued with an average coupon of 2.94% that is significantly below the coupon of the maturing notes. The Base Case Forecasts assume that the remaining £30.0m of USPP notes, which are due to mature in December 2024, will not be replaced.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

1 Accounting policies, judgements and estimates (continued)

The Group currently operates within the terms of its agreements with its lenders, with consolidated net cash (i.e. net cash adjusted for covenant purposes, primarily by the exclusion of lease liabilities) of £23.8m as at 30 September 2023. The Base Case Forecasts indicate that the Group will continue to operate within these terms and that the headroom provided by the Group's debt facilities currently in place is adequate to support the Group over the Going Concern Assessment Period.

The directors of Mitie Group plc have also completed a reverse stress test using the Group cash flow model to assess the point at which the financial covenants, or facility headroom, would be breached. The sensitivities considered have been chosen after considering the Group's principal risks and uncertainties.

The primary financial risks related to adverse changes in the economic environment and/or a deterioration in commercial or operational conditions are listed below. These risks have been considered in the context of any further UK budgetary changes, political uncertainty and the continued impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine as well as an inflationary and potential recessionary economic environment:

- a downturn in revenues—this reflects the risks of not being able to deliver services to existing customers, or contracts being terminated or not renewed;
- a deterioration of gross margin—this reflects the risks of contracts being renegotiated at lower margins, or planned cost savings not being delivered;
- an increase in costs—this reflects the risks of a shortfall in planned overhead cost savings, including margin enhancement initiatives not being delivered, or other cost increases such as sustained higher cost inflation; and
- a downturn in cash generation—this reflects the risks of customers delaying payments due to liquidity constraints, the removal of ancillary debt facilities or any substantial one-off settlements related to commercial issues.

As a result of completing this assessment, the directors of Mitie Group plc concluded that the likelihood of the reverse stress scenarios arising was remote. In reaching the conclusion of remote, the directors of Mitie Group plc considered the following:

- all stress test scenarios would require a very severe deterioration compared to the Base Case Forecasts. Revenue is considered to be the key risk, as this is less within the control of management. Revenue would need to decline by approximately 40% by 30 September 2024 (half year FY25), compared to the Base Case Forecasts, which is considered to be very severe given the high proportion of the Group's revenue that is fixed in nature and the fact that even in a COVID-hit year ended 31 March 2021, the Group's revenue excluding Interserve declined by only 1.6%; and
- in the event that results started to trend significantly below those included in the Base Case Forecasts, additional mitigation
 actions have been identified that would be implemented, which are not factored into the stress test scenarios. These include
 the short-term scaling down of capital expenditure, overhead efficiency/reduction measures including cancellation of
 discretionary bonuses and reduced discretionary spend, asset disposals and reductions in cash distributions and share
 buybacks.

Based on these assessments, the directors of Mitie Group plc have a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of no less than 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. In addition, the directors of Mitie Group plc have concluded that the likelihood of the reverse stress scenarios arising is remote and therefore no material uncertainty exists.

Based on this assessment, and their enquiries of the directors of Mitie Group plc, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of no less than 12 months from the date of approval of the Company's financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

1 Accounting policies, judgements and estimates (continued)

FRS 101 exemptions

In these financial statements, the Company has applied the exemptions available under FRS 101 in respect of the following disclosures:

- a cash flow statement and related notes;
- comparative period reconciliations for intangible assets, property, plant and equipment, and share capital;
- the statement of compliance with UK-adopted International Accounting Standards;
- certain disclosures required by IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("IFRS 15");
- disclosures in respect of capital management;
- the effects of new but not yet effective UK-adopted International Accounting Standards;
- disclosures in respect of the compensation of Key Management Personnel; and
- disclosures in respect of 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.

As the consolidated financial statements of Mitie Group plc include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 101 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- IFRS 2 Share-based Payment in respect of Group settled share-based payments; and
- certain disclosures required by IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement and the disclosures required by IFRS 7 Financial Instruments:
 Disclosures.

Accounting standards that are newly effective in the current year

The following amendments became effective during the year ended 31 March 2023.

Amendment to IAS 37 Onerous Contracts - Cost of Fulfilling a Contract

The Company adopted the amendment to IAS 37 Onerous Contracts – Cost of Fulfilling a Contract on 1 April 2022. The amendment clarifies that costs to fulfil a contract comprises both incremental costs of fulfilling a contract (for example, direct labour and materials) and an allocation of other direct costs that relate to fulfilling contracts. Although this has resulted in a change in accounting policy for performing an onerous contracts assessment, the amendment has not had an impact on the financial statements.

Amendments to IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before Intended Use

In May 2020 the IASB published amendments to IAS 16 *Property, Plant and Equipment* which requires amounts received from selling items produced while the company is preparing the asset for its intended use to be recognised in profit or loss, and not as an adjustment to the cost of the asset as was previously the case. The Company has not recognised any such amounts within property, plant and equipment and thus the amendment has not had an impact on the financial statements.

Amendments to IFRS 3 Business Combinations - Reference to the Conceptual Framework

The amendments replace a reference to a previous version of the IASB's Conceptual Framework with a reference to the current version issued in March 2018 without significantly changing its requirements. The amendments add an exception to the recognition principle of IFRS 3 Business Combinations to avoid the issue of potential 'day 2' gains or losses arising for liabilities and contingent liabilities that would be within the scope of IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets or IFRIC 21 Levies, if incurred separately. This amendment has not had an impact on the financial statements.

Measurement convention

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

1 Accounting policies, judgements and estimates (continued)

d) Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

Revenue recognition

The Company operates contracts with a varying degree of complexity across its service lines, so a range of methods is used for the recognition of revenue based on the principles set out in IFRS 15. Revenue represents income recognised in respect of services provided during the year based on the delivery of performance obligations and an assessment of when control is transferred to the customer.

IFRS 15 provides a single, principles based five-step model to be applied to all sales contracts as outlined below. It is based on the transfer of control of goods and services to customers and replaces the separate models for goods, services and construction contracts.

Step 1 - Identify the contract(s) with a customer

For all contracts with customers, the Company determines if the arrangement creates enforceable rights and obligations. This assessment results in certain Framework arrangements or Master Service Agreements ("MSAs") not meeting the definition of contracts under IFRS 15 unless they specify the minimum quantities to be ordered. Usually the work order and any change orders together with the Framework or MSA will constitute the IFRS 15 contract.

Duration of contract

The Company frequently enters into contracts with customers which contain extension periods at the end of the initial term, automatic annual renewals, and/or termination for convenience and break clauses that could impact the actual duration of the contract. Judgement is applied to assess the impact that such clauses have in determining the relevant contract term. The term of the contract affects the period over which amortisation of contract assets and revenue from performance obligations is recognised. In forming this judgement, management considers certain influencing factors including the amount of discount provided, the presence of significant termination penalties in the contract, and the relationship, experience and performance of contract delivery with the customer and/or the wider industry, in understanding the likelihood of extension or termination of the contract.

Contract modifications

Where the Company's contracts are amended for changes to customer requirements, such as change orders and variations, a contract modification takes place when the amendment creates new enforceable rights and obligations or changes the existing price or scope (or both) of the contract, and the modification has been approved. Contract modifications can be approved in writing, by oral agreement, or implied by customary business practices.

If the parties to the contract have not approved a contract modification, revenue is recognised in accordance with the existing contractual terms. If a change in scope has been approved but the corresponding change in price is still being negotiated, change to the total transaction price is estimated.

Contract modifications, including contract renewals, are accounted for as a separate contract if the contract scope changes due to the addition of distinct goods or services and the change in contract price reflects the standalone selling price of the distinct goods or services. If the price of additional distinct goods or services is not commensurate with the stand-alone selling prices for those goods or services, then this is considered a termination of the original contract and the creation of a new contract which is accounted for prospectively from the date of modification. Where new goods or services are not distinct from those in the original contract, then these are considered to form part of the original contract with any update to pricing recognised as a cumulative catch up to revenue. The facts and circumstances of any modification are considered in isolation as these are specific to each contract and may result in different accounting outcomes.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

1 Accounting policies, judgements and estimates (continued)

Step 2 - Identify the performance obligations in the contract

Performance obligations are the contractual promises by the Company to transfer distinct goods or services to a customer. For arrangements with multiple components to be delivered to customers, judgement is applied to consider whether those promised goods or services are:

- distinct and accounted for as separate performance obligations;
- combined with other promised goods or services until a bundle is identified that is distinct; or
- part of a series of distinct goods or services that are substantially the same and have the same pattern of transfer over time
 i.e. where the customer is deemed to have simultaneously received and consumed the benefits of the goods or services over
 the life of the contract, the Company treats the series as a single performance obligation.

Step 3 - Determine the transaction price

At contract inception, the total transaction price is determined, being the amount to which management expects the Company to be entitled and has rights under the contract. This includes the fixed price stated in the contract and an assessment of any variable consideration. Variability in revenue can arise from a number of factors, including discounts, rebates or service penalties. Variable consideration is typically estimated based on the expected value method and is only recognised to the extent it is highly probable that a subsequent change in its estimate would not result in a significant revenue reversal.

Certain contracts incorporate indexation related adjustments to consideration, whereby pricing is adjusted based on an external metric (such as CPI or RPI). Variable consideration related to indexation adjustments are only recognised once these are confirmed.

Step 4 - Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract

The Company allocates the total transaction price to the identified performance obligations based on their relative stand-alone selling prices. This is predominantly based on an observable price or a cost plus margin arrangement. It is necessary to estimate the stand-alone selling price when the Company does not sell equivalent goods or services in similar circumstances on a stand-alone basis. When estimating the stand-alone selling price, the Company maximises the use of external inputs by observing the stand-alone selling prices for similar goods and services using an industry recognised price list or cost indices in applying a cost-plus reasonable margin approach.

Step 5 - Recognise revenue when or as the entity satisfies its performance obligations

For each performance obligation, management determines if revenue will be recognised over time or at a point in time. Where revenue is recognised over time, the Company applies the relevant output or input revenue recognition method for measuring progress that depicts the Company's performance in transferring control of the goods or services to the customer.

Certain long-term contracts use output methods based upon surveys of performance completed, appraisals of results achieved, or milestones reached which allow the Company to recognise revenue on the basis of direct measurements of the value to the customer of the goods or services transferred to date relative to the remaining goods or services under the contract.

Under the input method, measured progress and revenue are recognised in direct proportion to costs incurred where the transfer of control is most closely aligned to the Company's efforts in delivering the service.

Where deemed appropriate, the Company will utilise the practical expedient within IFRS 15, allowing revenue to be recognised at the amount which the Company has the right to invoice, where that amount corresponds directly with the value to the customer of the Company's performance obligations completed to date.

If performance obligations do not meet the criteria to recognise revenue over time, revenue is recognised at the point in time when control of the goods or services passes to the customer. This may be at the point of physical delivery of goods and acceptance by a customer or when the customer obtains control of an asset or service in a contract with customer-specified acceptance criteria. Sales of goods are recognised when goods are delivered and control has passed to the customer.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

1 Accounting policies, judgements and estimates (continued)

Repeat service-based contracts (single and bundled contracts)

The Company operates a number of single or joint-service line arrangements where repeat services meet the definition of a series of distinct services that are substantially the same. They have the same pattern of transfer of value to the customer as the series constitutes core services provided in distinct time increments (e.g. monthly or quarterly). The Company therefore treats the series of such services as one performance obligation.

Short-term service-based arrangements

The Company delivers a range of other short-term service-based performance obligations and professional services work for which revenue is recognised at the point in time when control of the service has transferred to the customer. This may be at the point when the customer obtains control of the service in a contract with customer-specified acceptance criteria e.g. the delivery of a strategic operating model or report.

Accrued income and deferred income

The Company's customer contracts include a diverse range of payment schedules which are often agreed at the inception of long-term contracts under which it receives payments throughout the term of the arrangement. Payments for goods and services transferred at a point in time may be at the delivery date, in arrears or part payment in advance.

Where revenue recognised at the year end date is more than amounts invoiced, the Company recognises accrued income for the difference. Where revenue recognised at the year end date is less than amounts invoiced, the Company recognises deferred income for the difference.

Where price step-downs are required in a contract and output is not decreasing, revenue is deferred from initial periods to subsequent periods in order for revenue to be recognised on a consistent basis.

Providing the option for a customer to obtain extension periods or other services at a significant discount may lead to a separate performance obligation where a material right exists. Where this is the case, the Company allocates part of the transaction price from the original contract to deferred income which is then amortised over the discounted extension period or recognised immediately when the extension right expires.

Finance income

Finance income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount.

Finance costs

Finance costs consist of interest and other costs that are incurred in connection with the borrowing of funds. Finance costs are recognised in the income statement in the year in which they are incurred, using the effective interest method.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

1 Accounting policies, judgements and estimates (continued)

Taxation

Tax in the income statement represents the sum of current tax and deferred tax.

Current tax is based on taxable profit or loss for the year. Taxable profit or loss differs from the accounting profit or loss as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. Current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit or loss and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised, based upon tax rates and legislation that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the income statement, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities, when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Company intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Intangible assets

Software and development expenditure is capitalised as an intangible asset if the asset created can be identified, if it is probable that the asset created will generate future economic benefits and if the development cost of the asset can be measured reliably.

Following initial recognition, the carrying amount of an intangible asset is its cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Intangible assets are reviewed for impairment annually, or more frequently when there is an indication that they may be impaired. Amortisation expense is charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

1 Accounting policies, judgements and estimates (continued)

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment in value. Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost less expected residual value of the assets over their estimated useful lives and is calculated on a straight-line basis as follows.

Plant and vehicles:

3-10 years

The Company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of any impairment loss.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use. In assessing value-in-use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised as income immediately.

Financial instruments

Classification and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the Company's balance sheet when the Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The Company derecognises financial assets and liabilities only when the contractual rights and obligations are transferred, discharged or expire.

Financial assets comprise cash and cash equivalents, and trade and other receivables. The classification of financial assets is generally based on the business model in which a financial asset is managed and its contractual cash flow characteristics.

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, demand deposits and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Cash where access is constrained is classified as restricted cash. Bank transactions are recorded on their settlement date. All of the Company's cash flows from customers are solely payments of principal and interest, and do not contain a significant financing component. Financial assets generated from all of the Company's revenue streams are therefore initially measured at their transaction price and are subsequently remeasured at amortised cost.

Financial liabilities comprise trade and other payables, and financing liabilities. These are measured at initial recognition at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost.

Equity instruments issued by the Company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

1 Accounting policies, judgements and estimates (continued)

Impairment of financial assets

The Company recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses ("ECLs") on all receivable balances from customers subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the simplified approach. Under this approach, the Company recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. ECLs are calculated on the basis of historic and forward-looking data on default risk which is applied to customers with common risk characteristics such as sector type.

Foreign currency

The financial statements are prepared in the functional currency applicable to the Company. Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date. Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items, and on the retranslation of monetary items, are included in the income statement for the year.

Non-monetary items are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Leases

The Company has various lease arrangements. At inception of a lease contract, the Company assesses whether the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a certain period of time and whether it obtains substantially all the economic benefits from the use of that asset, in exchange for consideration. The Company recognises a lease liability and a corresponding right-of-use asset with respect to all lease arrangements in which it is a lessee, except low-value leases and short-term leases of 12 months or less, costs for which are recognised as an operating expense within the income statement as they are incurred.

A right-of-use asset is capitalised on the balance sheet at cost which comprises the present value of future lease payments determined at the inception of the lease adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred in addition to an estimate of costs to remove or restore the underlying asset. Where a lease incentive is receivable, the amount is offset against the right-of-use asset at inception. Right-of-use assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the shorter of the estimated life of the asset or the lease term and are reviewed for impairment to account for any loss when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be fully recoverable.

The lease liability is initially measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method to calculate the present value of future lease payments and is subsequently increased by the associated interest cost and decreased by lease payments made. The effective interest rate is based on the rate implicit in the lease or, where not available, estimates of relevant incremental borrowing costs. Lease payments made are apportioned between an interest charge and a capital repayment amount. Lease payments comprise fixed lease rental payments only, with the exception of property leases for which the associated fixed service charge is also included. Lease liabilities are classified between current and non-current on the balance sheet.

The lease term comprises the non-cancellable period in addition to the determination of the enforceable period which is covered by an option to extend the lease, where it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised, and the period covered by the option to terminate the lease to a point in time where no more than an 'insignificant penalty' is incurred. The Company assesses an insignificant penalty with reference to the wider economics of the lease including any investment in non-transferable leasehold improvements which may result in an impairment charge should the lease be terminated.

A modification to a lease which changes the lease payment amount (e.g. due to a renegotiation or market rent review) or amends the term of the lease, results in a reassessment of the lease liability with a corresponding adjustment to the right-of-use asset.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

1 Accounting policies, judgements and estimates (continued)

Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Where management expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, for example under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in the income statement net of any reimbursement.

If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. Where discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

No provisions are recognised and only a disclosure in the financial statements is made for contingent liabilities. Contingent liabilities are possible obligations dependent on whether some uncertain future event occurs, or where a present obligation exists but payment is not probable, or the amount of payment cannot be measured reliably.

Retirement benefit costs

The Company operates defined contribution retirement benefit schemes for all qualifying employees. Payments to the defined contribution and stakeholder pension schemes are charged as an expense as the related service is provided.

In addition, the Company participates in defined benefit schemes. The Company accounts for its legal and constructive obligations over the period of its participation which is for a fixed period only.

For the defined benefit pension schemes, the cost of providing benefits is determined using the projected unit credit method, with actuarial valuations being carried out at each balance sheet date by qualified actuaries. Actuarial gains and losses on obligations, the return on scheme assets (excluding interest) and the effect of the asset ceiling (if applicable, excluding interest) are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they occur.

Defined benefit pension costs (including curtailments) are recognised in the income statement, in administrative expenses, whilst the net interest cost is recognised in finance costs. The retirement benefit obligation recognised in the balance sheet represents the present value of the defined benefit obligation, as reduced by the fair value of scheme assets. Any asset resulting from this calculation is limited to the present value of available refunds and reductions in future contributions to the plan.

The Company's net obligation in respect of defined benefit schemes is calculated separately for each scheme by estimating the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in the current and prior periods, discounting that amount using market yield on a high-quality corporate bond and deducting the fair value of any scheme assets. When the calculation results in a potential asset for the Company, the recognised asset is limited to the present value of economic benefits available in the form of any future refunds from the plan, where the Company has the unconditional right to the surplus, or reductions in future contributions to the plan. Any asset recognised is net of tax as the associated tax is not considered to be an income tax.

Share-based payments

The Company participates in a number of Group executive and employee share option schemes. Equity-settled share-based payments to employees are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments at the grant date. The fair value excludes the effect of non-market based vesting conditions. For grants of share options and awards, the fair value as at the date of grant is calculated using the Black-Scholes model or the share price at grant date, and the corresponding expense is recognised on a straight-line basis over the vesting period based on the Company's estimate of shares that will eventually vest. Further details of the Group's share option schemes are contained in the Mitie Group plc annual report and accounts.

Dividends

Dividends are recognised in the financial statements in the year in which the shareholder's right to receive payment of the dividend becomes unconditional.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

1 Accounting policies, judgements and estimates (continued)

e) Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements under FRS 101 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect amounts recognised for assets and liabilities at the reporting date and the amounts of revenue and expenses incurred during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from these judgements, estimates and assumptions.

Critical judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies

The following are the critical judgements, made by management in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies, that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the Company's financial statements.

Revenue recognition

The Company's revenue recognition policies, which are set out under Revenue recognition in Note 1d are central to how the Company measures the work it has performed in each financial year.

Due to the size and complexity of the Company's contracts, management is required to form a number of key judgements in the determination of the amount of revenue and profits to record, and related balance sheet items such as contract assets, accrued income and deferred income to recognise. This includes an assessment of the costs the Company incurs to deliver the contractual commitments and whether such costs should be expensed as incurred or capitalised. These judgements are inherently subjective and may cover future events such as the achievement of contractual performance targets and planned cost savings or discounts.

Some of the Company's contracts include variable consideration where management assesses the extent to which revenue is recognised. For certain contracts, key judgements were made on whether it is considered highly probable that a significant reversal of revenue will not occur when the associated uncertainty with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved.

Recoverability of trade receivables and accrued income

The Company has material amounts of billed and unbilled work outstanding at 31 March 2023. Receivables are recognised initially at cost (being the same as fair value) and subsequently at amortised cost less any allowance for impairment, to ensure that amounts recognised represent the recoverable amount. The Company recognises a loss allowance for ECLs on all receivable balances from customers using a lifetime credit loss approach and includes specific allowance for impairment where there is evidence that the Company will not be able to collect amounts due from customers, subsequent to initial recognition. Management applies judgement on specific allowances for impairment based on the information available at each reporting date which includes information about past events, current conditions and forecasts of the future economic condition of customers.

IFRS 16 – Determining the lease term of contracts with renewal and termination options

The Company determines the lease term as the non-cancellable term of the lease, together with any periods covered by an option to extend the lease if it is reasonably certain to be exercised, or any period covered by an option to terminate the lease, if it is reasonably certain not to be exercised.

The Company has several lease contracts that include extension and termination options. Management applies judgement in evaluating whether it is reasonably certain whether or not to exercise the option to renew or terminate the lease. That is, it considers all relevant factors that create an economic incentive for the Company to exercise either the renewal or termination option. After the commencement date, the Company reassesses the lease term if there is a significant event or change in circumstances that is within its control and affects its ability to exercise or not to exercise the option to renew or to terminate the lease.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date, that may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Measurement of defined benefit pension obligations

The net pension liability as at 31 March 2023 was £nil (2022: £nil). The measurement of defined benefit obligations requires judgement. It is dependent on material key assumptions including discount rates, life expectancy rates and future contribution rates. See Note 15 for further details and a sensitivity analysis for the key assumptions.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

2 Revenue

The Company derives all of its revenue from the provision of services to customers based in the United Kingdom.

3 Operating profit

Operating profit is stated after charging:

2023	2022
£000	£000
4	2

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (Note 11 and Note 16)

4 Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration was borne by Mitie Group plc (2022: Mitie Group plc) and no allocation or recharge (2022: £nil) was made to the Company.

Fees paid to the Company's auditor and its associates in respect of services other than the statutory audit of the Company have not been disclosed as the information is required to be disclosed on a consolidated basis in the consolidated financial statements of the Company's ultimate parent, Mitie Group plc.

5 Staff numbers and costs

There were no persons employed by the Company (including Directors) during the year ended 31 March 2023 (2022: 26). However, 30 employees worked for the Company but were employed by another Group company and the associated costs were allocated to the Company for cost recharging purposes (2022: nil). The aggregate payroll costs incurred by the Company for allocated employees were as follows.

	2023	2022
	£000	£000
Wages and salaries	1,231	1,034
Share-based payments	1	-
Social security costs	126	103
Pension costs	33	48
	1,391	1,185

Disclosed by

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

6 Directors' remuneration

Director

The following Directors were also directors or employees of another Group company. They were remunerated by the company shown. It is not practicable to allocate their remuneration between their services as Directors of this company and as directors or employees of other Group companies.

Remunerated by

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P J G Dickinson	Mitie Limited	Mitie Limited	
S Johnston	Mitie Limited	Mitie FM Limited	
J M Williams	Mitie Limited	Mitie FM Limited	
7 Finance income			
		2023	2022
		£000	£000
Interest receivable from Grou	up undertakings	224	216
			•
		224	216
8 Finance costs			
		2023	2022
		£000	£000
Net interest on defined bene	fit pension schemes (Note 15)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	9
		•	9

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

9 Tax

	2023 £000	2022 £000
Analysis of charge/(credit) in the year	1000	1000
UK corporation tax at 19% (2022: 19%)		
Current tax on profit for the year	194	164
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(1)	44
Total current tax charge	193	208
Deferred tax (see Note 14)		
Origination and reversal of temporary timing differences	1	(1)
Change in statutory tax rate	1	(3)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(1)	-
Total deferred tax charge/(credit)	1	(4)
Total charge for the year	194	204
Tax reconciliation		
Profit before tax	1,024	851
Tax using the UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2022: 19%)	195	162
Items not deductible for tax purposes	-	1
Change in statutory tax rate	1	(3)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(2)	44
Total tax charge	194	204

The UK corporation tax rate has increased from 19% to 25% from 1 April 2023. This change has been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date and has therefore been incorporated into the deferred tax balances contained in these financial statements.

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10 Intangible assets		
Solution in the second second		Software £000
Cost At 1 April 2022 Disposals		23 (22)
At 31 March 2023		1
Amortisation At 1 April 2022 Disposals		23 (22)
At 31 March 2023		1
Net book value At 1 April 2022		-
At 31 March 2023		
11 Property, plant and equipment		
Property, plant and equipment comprises owned and leased assets.		
	2023 £000	2022 £000
Owned property, plant and equipment Right-of-use assets (Note 16)	- 85	2
		2
The table below relates to owned property, plant and equipment.	·	
The table below relates to owned property, plant and equipment.		
		Plant and vehicles £000
Cost At 1 April 2022		147
At 31 March 2023		147
Accumulated depreciation and impairment		
At 1 April 2022 Charge for the year		145 2
At 31 March 2023		147
Net book value		
At 1 April 2022		2
At 31 March 2023	•	

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

12 Trade and other receivables

	2023	2022
	£000	£000
Trade receivables	8	49
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	7,123	5,477
Accrued income	198	20
Other receivables	80	-
	7,409	5,546

Management considers that the carrying amount of trade and other receivables approximates their fair value. Trade and other receivables are interest-free except as noted below.

Amounts owed by Group undertakings are repayable on demand. Included within these amounts are £5,600,000 (2022: £4,300,000) relating to interest-bearing loans at 5% per annum (2022: 5% per annum).

13 Trade and other payables

	2023	2022
	0003	£000
	•	
Trade payables	71	126
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	544	282
Other taxes and social security	32	14
Accruals	390	280
Other payables	13	10
	1,050	712

Trade and other payables are interest-free.

Amounts owed to Group undertakings are repayable on demand.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

14 Deferred tax assets

	Accelerated capital allowances £000	Retirement benefit liabilities £000	Short-term timing differences £000	Total £000
At 1 April 2021	15	-	-	15
Recognised in income statement	(1)	4	1	4
Recognised in other comprehensive income	-	(4)	-	(4)
At 31 March 2022	14		1	15
Recognised in income statement	(1)	-	-	(1)
At 31 March 2023	13	-	1	14

Deferred tax has been calculated using tax rates that were substantively enacted at the balance sheet date (see Note 9).

15 Retirement benefit schemes

THK Insulation Limited Retirement Benefits Scheme

The Company is the sponsoring employer of the THK Insulation Limited Retirement Benefits Scheme ("THK"). The Company operates a defined benefit scheme for eligible employees.

This pension commitment has been valued for the purposes of FRS 101 by Lane Clark & Peacock LLP, independent actuaries, using information projected from the pension scheme's triennial valuation as at 30 June 2021.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised in full in the period in which they occur. As permitted by FRS 101, actuarial gains and losses are recognised outside profit or loss and presented in other comprehensive income. The amounts recognised in the balance sheet represents the Company's share of the scheme's assets less the present value of its defined benefit obligations in the fund. The cost of providing benefits is determined using the projected unit credit method.

The Company made no contributions to the THK scheme (2022: £nil) in the year and does not expect to make contributions for the year ending 31 March 2024. The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting year is around 18 years (2022: 18 years).

Scheme member benefits are exactly matched by a qualifying insurance policy such that the movement in defined benefit obligation is equal to a buy-in insurance asset. As such, the Company is not exposed to volatile movements in the defined benefit obligation as a result of changes to actuarial assumptions.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

15 Retirement benefit schemes (continued)

Principal accounting assumptions at the balance sheet date

Key assumptions used for IAS 19 valuation	2023	2022
	%	%
Discount rate	4.80	2.80
Expected rate of pensionable pay increases	3.40	3.70
Retail price inflation	3.40	3.70
Consumer price inflation	2.90	3.30
Future pension increases	3.70	3.90
Post-retirement life expectancy	2023	2022
	Years	Years
Male currently aged 65	86.7	87.4
Female currently aged 65	89.3	89.4
Male aged 65 in 20 years time	88.6	89.2
Female aged 65 in 20 years time	91.4	91.2

Sensitivity of defined benefit obligations to key assumptions

The sensitivity of defined benefit obligations to changes in principal actuarial assumptions is shown below.

Change in assumption

	2023	2022
	Increase/	Increase/
	(decrease)	(decrease)
	£000	£000
0.5% increase in price inflation	62	88
0.5% increase in discount rate	(73)	(113)
1 year increase in life expectancy	9	56

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

15 Retirement benefit schemes (continued)

Amounts recognised in the financial statements

Income statement before tax

	2023 £000	2022 £000
Current service cost Net interest cost		(11) (9)
		(20)
Statement of comprehensive income before tax		
	2023 £000	2022 £000
Actuarial gain from changes in financial assumptions	431 123	93
Actuarial gain from liability experience Actuarial loss from changes in demographic assumptions	(5)	-
Loss on scheme assets, excluding interest income	(549)	(73)
		20
Balance sheet		
	2023	2022
•	£000	£000
Fair value of scheme assets	822	1,357
Present value of defined benefit obligations	(822) ———	(1,357)
Net pension liability	-	-

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

15 Retirement benefit schemes (continued)

Movements in the present value of defined benefit obligations

	£000	£000
At 1 April 2022/2021	1,357	1,429
Current service cost	•	11
Interest cost	38	30
Actuarial gain from changes in financial assumptions	(431)	(93)
Actuarial gains from liability experience	(123)	-
Actuarial loss from changes in demographic assumptions	5	-
Benefits paid	(24)	(20)
At 31 March 2023/2022	822	1,357
·		
Movements in the fair value of scheme assets		
	£000	£000
At 1 April 2022/2021	1,357	1,429
Interest income	38	21
Actuarial loss on assets	(549)	(73)
Benefits paid	(24)	(20)
At 31 March 2023/2022	822	1,357
·		
Fair values of assets		
	2023	2022
	£000	£000
Insurance contract	822	1,357
	822	1,357

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

16 Leases

Right-of-use assets		Properties £000
At 1 April 2022 Additions Depreciation		- 87 (2)
At 31 March 2023		85
Lease liabilities		£000
At 1 April 2022 Additions		- 87
Repayment of lease liabilities (including interest)		(2)
At 31 March 2023		85
Current Non-current		18 67
Maturity analysis-contractual undiscounted cash flows	2023 £000	2022 £000
Less than one year Between one to five years	21 71	-
	92	-
Amount managing the blook in a constant and	2023 £000	2022 £000
Amounts recognised in the income statement Depreciation	(2)	
Operating profit impact	(2)	
Profit before tax impact	<u>(2)</u>	

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

17 Equity

Share capital	2023	2022	2023	2022
	Number	Number	£000	£000
Ordinary shares of £1 each	1	1	_	

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company.

Retained earnings

This comprises the retained profits and losses of the Company, less amounts distributed to the Company's shareholder.

18 Contingent liabilities

Contractual disputes

The Company is, from time to time, party to contractual disputes that arise in the ordinary course of business. Management does not anticipate that the outcome of any of these disputes will have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, other than as already provided for in these financial statements. In appropriate cases, a provision is recognised based on best estimates and management judgement but there can be no guarantee that these provisions (which may be subject to potentially material revision from time to time) will result in an accurate prediction, due to the uncertainty of the actual costs and liabilities that may be incurred.

Employment claims

The Company is, from time to time, party to employment disputes, claims, and other potential liabilities which arise in the ordinary course of business. Management does not anticipate that any of the current matters will give rise to settlements, either individually or in aggregate, which will have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position.

19 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 within the Group.

20 Subsequent events

There were no material post balance sheet events that require adjustment or disclosure.

21 Ultimate parent company and parent company of larger group

The Company is a subsidiary undertaking of Mitie Specialist Services (Holdings) Limited which is the immediate parent company incorporated in the United Kingdom. The ultimate controlling party is Mitie Group plc, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom with its registered office at 35 Duchess Road, Rutherglen, Glasgow, G73 1AU. Mitie Group plc is the parent company of the largest and smallest groups into which the accounts of the Company are consolidated. The consolidated financial statements of Mitie Group plc are available to the public and may be obtained from the Company Secretary at Level 12, The Shard, 32 London Bridge Street, London, SE1 9SG or from www.mitie.com.