

# **CLPE Holdings Limited**

# Report and financial statements

for the year ended 30 June 2020

Registered number: 03720212





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# **Directors and advisers**

# **Directors**

P S Latham M G Setchell E J Wilkinson

# Company secretary

Octopus Company Secretarial Services Limited

# **Bankers**

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# Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2020

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the company for the year ended 30 June 2020. This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Principal activities and business review

CLPE Holdings Limited is owned by Melton LG Energy Limited, an indirect subsidiary of Fern Trading Limited (an English limited company with its registered office at 6th Floor, 33 Holborn, London EC1N 2HT).

The sole activity of CLPE Holdings Limited is that of a holding company, the principal activity of the Melton LG Holding Limited group is the generation of electricity from landfill methane gas together with the associated operations and maintenance activity. The group operates from 20 sites across the United Kingdom. The results for the year and financial position at the year end were in line with expectations.

#### Results and dividends

The results of the company show a profit for the financial year of £6,989,000 (2019: 77,000 loss). Dividend income from shares in group undertakings of £7,050,000 was received in the year (2019: £nil). Excluding dividend income the company's loss for the financial year was £61,000 (2019: £77,000 loss).

Ordinary dividends of £6,950,000 were paid during the year (2019: £nil) and as a result a profit of £39,000 (2019: £77,000 loss) was transferred to reserves.

#### Covid-19

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic in respect of the outbreak of Covid-19. Governments in affected areas have imposed a number of measures designed to contain the outbreak, including business closures, travel and work restrictions, stay at home orders and cancellations of gatherings and events. The spread of Covid-19 and governmental responses to it have resulted in an economic downturn in the UK and the global economy more widely, as well as causing declines and increased volatility in financial and electricity markets. If the pandemic outbreak is prolonged, or further diseases emerge that give rise to similar effects, the adverse impact on the global economy could be deepened and result in further declines in financial and electricity markets.

Onsite operational and maintenance activities are undertaken at 20 sites across the UK. This consists of regular planned maintenance, servicing, plant condition monitoring and unplanned repairs. On a daily basis this generally requires minimum manpower and can usually be undertaken whilst observing social distancing rules and other precautionary measures. By minimising the number of staff required on sites at any time we believe it will enable normal operations and availability to be maintained.

Consequently, at this point we believe that the Covid-19 pandemic will not impact upon the company's ability to continue as a going concern or its balance sheet. Further, we believe that there will be only a limited impact upon the company's operational activities, income statement and cash flows in the upcoming 12 months.

### **Directors**

The directors of the company, who held office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements, are given below:

P S Latham M G Setchell E J Wilkinson

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#### Directors' third-party indemnity provision

A qualifying third-party indemnity provision as defined in section 234 of the Companies Act 2006 was in force throughout the financial year and at the date of approval of the financial statements for the benefit of each of the directors in respect of liabilities incurred as a result of their office, to the extent permitted by law. In respect of those liabilities for which directors may not be indemnified, the company maintained a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy throughout the financial year and up to the date of approval of the financial statements.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

From the perspective of the company, the principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with those of the group and are not managed separately. The group has an agreed formal risk management policy and framework that covers identification, mitigation, control, monitoring and review of risks on a regular basis. Further discussion of group wide risks is provided within the directors' report of Melton Renewable Energy UK Limited which does not form part of this report.

#### Financial risk management

Given that the status of the company is that of a small holding company providing services to Melton LG Energy Limited, its parent company, it is exposed to limited financial risks. Those financial risks the group faces have been disclosed within the financial statements of Melton Renewable Energy UK Limited for the year ended 30 June 2020. Given the size of the company, the directors have not delegated the responsibility of monitoring financial risk management to a sub-committee of the board. The policies set by the board of directors are implemented by the finance department of Melton Renewable Energy UK Limited.

# Statement by the directors in performance of their statutory duties in accordance with s172(1)(a) to (f) Companies Act 2006

The directors of Melton Renewable Energy UK Limited manage the group's operations on a group wide basis From the perspective of the company's directors, the matters that it is responsible for considering under Section 172 (1) of the Companies Act 2006 ('s172') have been considered to an appropriate extent by the directors of Melton Renewable Energy UK Limited in relation to both the group and the company. An explanation of how the group has considered the matters relating to s172 is included within the group's report and financial statements which does not form part of this report.

#### Key performance indicators

Given the group wide approach to the management of operations, the company's directors believe that analysis using key performance indicators for the company is not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of CLPE Holdings Limited. The key performance indicators used by the group's directors to assess the development, performance and position of Melton Renewable Energy UK Limited which includes this wholly owned UK subsidiary, are discussed in the group's report and financial statements which does not form part of this report.

# Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2020

### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the group and company financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and company and of the profit or loss of the group and company for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- · make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group and company will continue in business.

The directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the group and company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

### Audit exemption

The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. Accordingly no auditors have been appointed. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

On behalf of the board

E J Wilkinson Director

19/10/2020

# Statement of income and retained earnings

for the year ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Income from shares in group companies	8	7,050	-
Profit on ordinary activities before interest and taxation		7,050	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(61)	(77)
Profit / (loss) for the financial year	12	6,989	(77)
Retained earnings brought forward	12	50	127
Dividends	7	(6,950)	-
Retained earnings carried forward	12	89	50

All items dealt with in the statement of income and retained earnings above relate to continuing operations.

There is no material difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit / (loss) for the financial year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

The company has no other comprehensive income other than the results above and therefore no separate statement of comprehensive income has been prepared.

# **Balance sheet**

as at 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Fixed assets			
Investments	8 -	2,258	2,258
Current assets			
Debtors	9	16,351	16,319
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(9,369)	(9,376)
Net current assets	_	6,982	6,943
Total assets less current liabilities and net assets	-	9,240	9,201
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	11	9,151	9,151
Retained earnings	12	89	50
Total shareholders' funds	13	9,240	9,201

For the year ending 30 June 2020 the directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 5 to 16 were approved by the board of directors and were signed on its behalf by:

P S Latham

Director

19/10/2020

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#### 1. General information

The sole activity of CLPE Holdings Limited is that of a holding company, the principal activity of the group is the generation of electricity from landfill methane gas together with the associated operations and maintenance activity. The group operates from 20 sites across the United Kingdom.

The company is a private company limited by shares and is incorporated and registered in England. The address of its registered office is 6th Floor, 33 Holborn, London, EC1N 2HT.

#### 2. Statement of compliance

The financial statements of CLPE Holdings Limited have been prepared in compliance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Companies Act 2006.

#### 3. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102").

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 4.

#### Exemptions for qualifying entities under FRS 102

FRS 102 allows a qualifying entity certain disclosure exemptions, subject to certain conditions, which have been complied with, including notification of, and no objection to, the use of exemptions by the company's shareholders.

The company has taken advantage of the following exemptions:

- (i) from preparing a statement of cash flows, on the basis that it is a qualifying entity and the consolidated statement of cash flows, included in the parent company financial statements, includes the company's cash flows;
- (ii) from disclosing the company key management personnel compensation, as required by FRS 102 paragraph 33.7;
- (iii) from the financial instrument disclosures, required under FRS 102 paragraphs 11.39 to 11.48A and paragraphs 12.26 to 12.29 as the information is provided in the consolidated financial statement disclosures.

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### 3. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Related parties

The company is exempt from disclosing transactions with related entities, these being other 100% owned subsidiaries of Fern Trading Limited, as required by FRS 102 paragraph 33.1.

#### Group financial statements

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available under section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare consolidated financial statements, on the basis that the company's intermediate parent company is Melton Renewable Energy UK Limited, a company established under UK law that prepares consolidated financial statements.

#### Investments

The company's investment in subsidiary undertakings is stated at cost less, where applicable, impairments. Amounts relating to purchase costs of the investments are being amortised over a period of 15 years, being the duration of the initial power purchase agreements entered into by the subsidiary companies.

#### Current tax

Current tax is the amount of corporation tax payable in respect of the taxable profit for the year or prior periods. Tax is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year end.

Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more, tax, with the following exception:

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely
than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying
timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date.

#### Group relief

Amounts receivable/payable in respect of tax losses surrendered to/by group companies are recognised in the year in which the losses are surrendered.

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#### 3. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Financial instruments

The group has chosen to adopt Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in respect of financial instruments.

#### Financial assets

Basic financial assets, including trade and other receivables are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

At the end of each reporting period financial assets measured at amortised cost are assessed for objective evidence of impairment. If an asset is impaired the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in the statement of income and retained earnings.

Financial assets are derecognised when (a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or (b) substantially all the risks and rewards of the ownership of the asset are transferred to another party or (c) control of the asset has been transferred to another party who has the practical ability to unilaterally sell the asset to an unrelated third party without imposing additional restrictions.

#### Financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and loans from fellow group companies are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the liability is extinguished, that is when the contractual obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amounts presented in the financial statements when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle to liability simultaneously.

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# 4. Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

(a) Critical judgements in applying the company's accounting policies

The directors consider that there are no critical judgements in the application of the company's accounting policies which would have a material impact on the financial statements.

(b) Key accounting estimates and assumptions

The directors consider that there are no significant accounting estimates or assumptions which would have a material impact on the financial statements.

### 5. Employee information

The company paid no remuneration or wages to its directors during the financial year (2019: £nil) and had no other employees during the financial year (2019: nil). The emoluments of E J Wilkinson are paid by other group companies and recharged to CLP Envirogas Limited as part of a management charge. This management charge also includes a recharge of administration costs borne by the parent companies on behalf of the company and it is not possible to identify separately the amount of directors' emoluments.

P S Latham and M G Setchell did not receive any payment for services to the Melton Renewable Energy UK Limited group.

# 6. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

a) Analysis of charge in the year

	2020	2019
Current tax	£'000	£'000
Group relief receivable	61	77
Total current tax charge	61	77
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	61	77

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### Tax on profit on ordinary activities (continued)

#### b) Reconciliation of tax charge

The tax assessed on the loss on ordinary activities before taxation for the year is lower than (2019: higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2019: 19%). The differences are explained below:

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	7,050	-
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by		
standard rate of corporation tax of 19% (2019: 19%)	1,339	=
Effect of:		
Other permanent differences	61	77
Non taxable income	(1,339)	=
Tax charge for the year	61	77

### c) Factors that may affect future charges

Changes to UK corporation tax rates were substantively enacted on 17 March 2020 under a UK Budget resolution which has statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968. This resolution cancelled the previously enacted reduction to 17%, such that the UK corporation tax main rate applicable from 1 April 2020 remains at 19%.

### 7. Dividends

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
2020: £0.76 per ordinary share (2019: £nil)	6,950	

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### 8. Investments

	Subsidiary undertaking £'000
Cost: At 30 June 2020	9,993
Accumulated amortisation: At 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020	7,735
Net book value: At 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020	2,258

Included in the investments balance are amounts relating to purchase costs of the investments with a cost of £643,977 (2019: £643,977) and a net book value of £nil (2019: £nil). These costs have been fully amortised over a period of 15 years, being the duration of the initial power purchase agreements entered into by the subsidiary companies.

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# 8. Investments (continued)

The subsidiary companies at 30 June 2020, which are all wholly owned and incorporated in Great Britain, are listed below.

Name of company	Holding	Proportion of voting rights and shares held	Nature of business
CLP Envirogas Limited+	Ordinary shares	100%	Provision of operation and maintenance services
CLP Developments Limited+	Ordinary shares	100%	Non trading
CLP Services Limited+	Ordinary shares	100%	Non trading
CLPE 1999 Limited+	Ordinary shares	100%	Holding company
CLPE 1991 Limited+	Ordinary shares	100%	Dormant company
CLPE Projects 1 Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Holding company
CLPE Projects 2 Limited+	Ordinary shares	100%	Holding company
CLPE Projects 3 Limited+	Ordinary shares	100%	Holding company
CLPE ROC - 1 Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
CLPE ROC - 2 Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
CLPE ROC - 3 Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
CLPE ROC - 4 Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Bellhouse Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Chelson Meadow Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Summerston Energy Limited*	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
United Mines Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Whinney Hill Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Beighton Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Cotesbach Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Queen's Park Road Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Skelbrooke Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Wetherden Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Auchencarroch Energy Limited*	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Bolam Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Colsterworth Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Connon Bridge Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Feltwell Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Garlaff Energy Limited *	Ordinary shares	100%	Dormant company
Jameson Road Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
March Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Todhills Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Beetley Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Cathkin Energy Limited *	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
Cilgwyn Energy Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Dormant company
Stoneyhill Energy Limited *	Ordinary shares	100%	Dormant company
CLPE ROC – 3A Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas
CLPE ROC – 4A Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Generation of electricity from landfill gas

<sup>+</sup> held directly

The registered office of the companies listed above is 6th Floor, 33 Holborn, London, EC1N 2HT, except \* which are incorporated in Scotland with the registered office as Pinsent Masons LLP, Princes Exchange, 1 Earl Grey Street, Edinburgh, Midlothian, EH3 9AQ.

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

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# 8. Investments (continued)

During the year the company received dividends from CLPE 1999 Limited.

		2020 £'000	2019 £'000
	Income from shares in group undertakings	7,050,000	-
9.	Debtors		
		2020	2019
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	£'000 16,351	£'000 16,319
		16,351	16,319

Amounts owed by parent and group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and are repayable on demand.

# 10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£'000	£.000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	9,231	9,299
Amounts owned to group undertakings for group relief	138	77
	9,369	9,376

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and are repayable on demand.

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# 11. Called up share capital

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Authorised		
14,576,972 (2019: 14,576,972) ordinary shares of £1 each	14,577	14,577
Allotted and fully paid		
9,151,150 (2019: 9,151,150) ordinary shares of £1 each	9,151	9,151

# 12. Retained earnings

	£'000
At 1 July 2019	50
Profit for the financial year	6,989
Dividends (note 7)	(6,950)
At 30 June 2020	89

### 13. Reconciliation of movement in total shareholders' funds

	2020	2019
	£'000	£'000
Opening total shareholders' funds	9,201	9,278
Profit / (loss) for the financial year	6,989	(77)
Dividends (note 7)	(6,950)	-
Closing total shareholders' funds	9,240	9,201

### 14. Contingent liabilities

At 30 June 2020 the company was guarantor with other group companies of a bank loan facility provided by the group's financiers. The outstanding loan balance as at 30 June 20 was £125,505,000 (2019: £140,496,000).

The company has no other off balance sheet arrangements.

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# 15. Ultimate parent undertaking

Melton LG Energy Limited is the immediate parent undertaking. The ultimate parent undertaking as at the year ended 30 June 2020 was Fern Trading Limited, a company incorporated in the UK. On 10 July 2020, the ultimate parent undertaking changed to Fern Trading Group Limited, also a company incorporated in the UK following the insertion of a new top company to the existing Fern group.

Melton Renewable Energy UK Limited is the holding company of the smallest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are drawn up and Fern Trading Limited is the holding company of the largest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are drawn up. Copies of these financial statements are available from the address above.