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# **EQUANS BUILDINGS LIMITED**

# ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022



# **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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#### STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### INTRODUCTION

The Directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The Company changed its name from ENGIE Buildings Limited to Equans Buildings Limited on 4 April 2022.

On 4 October 2022, Bouygues S.A. became the Company's ultimate controlling parent following the sale of Equans S.A.S. by ENGIE S.A. to Bouygues S.A.

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of Equans Buildings Limited ("the Company") is the provision of facilities management in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

The Company's vision is to be recognised as the undisputed leader in accelerating its customers' transitions to a low carbon resilient world. Its mission is to serve the energy, digital and industrial transition of its customers by providing a high level of expertise and technology with the ambition of making a significant contribution to a low carbon world.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

Turnover for the financial year under review was £104,363,000 (2021: £97,945,000) and the loss before tax for the financial year under review was £1,118,000 (2021: profit of £8,209,000).

The Company had cash at bank and in hand of £128,000 at 31 December 2022 (2021: £469,000) and £60,027,000 (2021: £47,745,000) held in a group cash pool arrangement.

The Company continues to have a strong statement of financial position with total equity of £11,514,000 (2021: £17,890,000).

The results for the business, excluding exceptional items, show a robust and profitable ongoing business. The portfolio of the Company consists largely of long-term service contracts that provide a strong platform for the Company for future years.

Operational performance across the Company's main contracts was generally strong and consistent with the prior year, however the results were impacted by exceptional items and some isolated issues for which provision has been made in the financial statements for 2022.

Profit before tax, excluding exceptional items, was £1,205,000 (2021: £8,209,000). In 2022, exceptional items related to the impairment of both intangible assets and tangible assets totalling £2,323,000 (2021: £nil), specifically assets under construction for projects that were delayed during the Covid-19 pandemic and have since become unviable.

The Company's primary medium-term strategy remains unchanged, to retain and develop long-term relationships and build upon the existing contract base with a commitment to technical excellence, delivered inhouse by dedicated people to exceed customer expectations.

The Directors have considered the effects of the conflict in Ukraine and have not identified any material impact on the Company's business or operations. The Company's business and operations are not directly exposed to activities in either Ukraine or Russia. All tumover arose within the United Kingdom and Ireland.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The identification, assessment, pursuit and management of opportunities and the associated risks is an integral part of the management and processes of the Company. The Company has rigorous processes in place for managing the exposure within a specified opportunity and risk management framework that applies to all activities of the Company, including:

#### **External risks**

The Company continually addresses the impact of the external business environment, updating as appropriate, its strategy and medium-term planning.

#### Strategic risks

In pursuit of business opportunities, the Company is particularly aware of the potential for importing risk, whether by way of winning contracts, forming joint ventures, or acquiring businesses or investments. Rigorous processes are therefore in place for managing such exposure within a specified opportunity and risk management framework.

### Organisation and management risks

The retention and recruitment of staff is a challenge faced by the Company and the sector in which it operates.

The Company is conscious of the reliance placed on IT systems as a platform for efficient delivery of day-to-day operational activities and continues to develop and deliver further improvements. The Company has implemented ten cyber security "Golden Rules" in recognition of the fact that cyber security, as well as safety and ethics, is considered to be one of the Company's three absolute "must haves".

These risks are carefully and regularly reviewed.

# **Delivery and operational risks**

In delivering contracts and business improvement initiatives, robust processes are in place for managing the potential risk exposure.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### Health, safety and environmental risks

The UK & Ireland Business Unit ("UK BU"), of which the Company is a part, launched its ambitious Net Zero Carbon commitments in 2022 and committed to setting a Green House Gas (GHG) emissions reduction target with the Science Based Target Initiative (SBTi). The UK BU also continued to maintain the focus on improving the health and safety culture and performance through its Safety First strategy. The effects of increased home working and virtual meetings since COVID-19 remained visible in a continued reduction in commuting and business travel GHG emissions.

Key achievements from 2022 included:

- The delivery of the 2022 Responsible Business ("RB") and Safety, Health, Environment and Quality ("SHEQ") Action Plan, which addressed the high-risk activities identified;
- The issuing of clear SHEQ communications to ensure lessons learnt and best practices are shared across the whole of the UK BU;
- The continued implementation of online Aspects & Impacts Registers to manage environmental risks with a pilot of climate risk profiling for agreed sites;
- The expansion of tools to highlight and record biodiversity opportunities and risks within the business;
- The development of digital dashboards to view environmental aspects, impacts, incidents and near misses, to improve the ability to monitor environmental risks;
- The establishment of environmental drop-in sessions to make it easier for all staff to access advice and information on environmental topics and issues;
- The continued delivery of the Safety First strategy, with a successful International Safety Week
  implementing the Pre-Shift Briefing initiative and the delivery of bespoke Safety First e-learning;
- The launch of the Equans branded Equans Management System holding over 4,000 documents;
- The issue of the Safety Culture survey and analysis of the results to help shape the UK BU's 2023 strategy;
- The implementation of the Leadership Health & Safety training which reinforces the UK BU's commitment to Safety First;
- The adoption of the Fair & Just policy to ensure the UK BU fairly rewards positive behaviours and sanctions appropriately poor behaviours;
- The establishment of a consistent approach to Root Cause Analysis to ensure the UK BU implements appropriate and effective control measures to continually improve performance and prevent reoccurrence of issues; and
- The demonstration of Leadership Health and Safety behaviours with nearly 10,000 Leadership & Managerial Safety visits undertaken.

The Company operates by the twelve "Golden Rules" related to Health and Safety, which are regularly communicated to all employees.

In 2022 a target for the Lost Time Incident Frequency Rate ("LTIFR") of 3.10 was set for the UK BU: This was achieved during the year with a LTIFR of 2.68 being recorded.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### Responsible business

As an industry leader, the Equans group takes all aspects of Responsible Business ("RB") seriously. The business has a unique opportunity to draw on its capabilities in energy, services and regeneration to develop new sustainable services delivering low-carbon, energy-efficient places and spaces. All this with the focus on supporting the UK transition to zero carbon.

The Equans group believe that acting responsibly across the business will help it to achieve financial sustainability. Indeed, the performance of the business is measured not just in terms of financial metrics, but also through wider non-financial indicators.

The IMPACT Charter further underlines the UK BU's commitment to operate to the highest economic, social and environmental standards. The IMPACT Charter ensures transparency and accountability on critical issues including speed of supplier payments, environmental and social responsibility, diversity and inclusion, ethics and health and safety. Together these commitments help the UK BU to enhance the positive impacts and mitigate the negative impacts, of its activities.

The IMPACT Charter is governed at the very highest level within the Equans group at the Executive Board. The IMPACT Charter details the objectives and targets to measure performance and there is an internal quarterly reporting cycle to report on progress.

All employees in the UK BU are also expected to include a mandatory goal relating to Health & Safety, Diversity & Inclusion and Responsible Business as part of the annual objective setting exercise. This ensures that employees think about how to embed responsible business practices in their roles.

The Equans group release an annual report on performance against the IMPACT Charter, which can be downloaded from its website at https://www.equans.co.uk/responsible-business.

The Equans group adopts and promotes "Our Fundamentals", which outline key managerial principles, anchored in three absolute must have of safety, ethics, and cyber security, with principles to apply to each part of the business, supported by a vision, mission statement, and key values

### FINANCIAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The key performance indicators relevant to the Company's performance and prospects are as follows:

#### Operating profit

The Company's operating loss for the year totals £2,038,000 (2021: profit of £8,058,000), a decrease of £10,096,000 (125.3%) on the previous year.

#### **Net assets**

The Company's net assets at the year end stand at £11,514,000 (2021: £17,890,000), a decrease of £6,376,000 (35.6%) on the previous year. This decrease is a result of the Company's loss for the financial year, in conjunction with a dividend payment of £5,000,000.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### OTHER KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Company also reports the following other key performance indicator relevant to the Company's performance and prospects, however this is managed on a divisional basis across the UK BU and therefore the figures given are in respect of the UK BU as a whole:

#### Safety

The UK BU's Lost Time Incident Frequency Rate stands at 2.68 (2021: 2.60) lost time injuries per one million hours worked.

# DIRECTORS' STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH DUTY TO PROMOTE THE SUCCESS OF THE COMPANY (UNDER SECTION 172 (1) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006)

### Long-term consequences of decisions made in year

The Company's key stakeholders have been determined to be the Company's parent undertaking and other companies within the Equans group, as well as its customers, suppliers and employees.

There have been no material decisions made during the year that would impact on the future performance of the Company, other than those as disclosed in the business review.

# **Employee involvement and engagement**

The Company places considerable value on the involvement of its employees and systematically provides employees with information on matters of concern to them, consulting them or their representatives regularly, in order that their views may be considered where decision making may affect their interests. This is achieved through regular meetings between management and elected employee representatives through Employee Forums, Company-wide webcast presentations, specialist employee networks and committees, intranet news articles, emails and letters sent to employees' home addresses. Employee involvement in the Company is encouraged through regular employee surveys and focus groups. Achieving a common awareness on the part of all employees of the financial and economic factors affecting the Company plays a role in improving its performance. The Company also encourages the involvement of employees to optimise a variety of other benefits via the myEquans benefits scheme that covers items such as insurances, health and financial wellbeing, flexible holiday, health and medical care and retail vouchers.

The UK BU of Equans offers and actively promotes development opportunities at all levels. There are focussed development programmes at both a global and local level, targeted programmes for diverse groups and tailored treatments for high potential talent aligned to the organisation's succession planning process. This year the Learning & Talent team also launched a brand-new, role specific skills academy offering to employees, which is a digital portal housing a complete competency framework, example career pathways and role relevant training channels for the operational teams.

In 2022, the Equans UK BU invested over £3 million in training and development and the Learning Experience team facilitated, delivered and coordinated over 40,330 training days (comprising 20,000 apprentice off-the-job days, 5,000 digital learning days and 15,000 classroom-based learning days).

In order to meet current and future workforce demands, the UK BU has an Early Careers programme to create a sustainable talent pipeline, providing opportunities to young people through pre-employment, apprenticeship, trainee and graduate programmes. There are over 630 apprentices across the organisation studying a wide range of qualifications from level 2 new entrants to level 7 senior leaders.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The UK BU contributes to Equans' global skills academies reporting process, which provides an understanding of current skill trends and gaps requiring attention. This enables the Company to establish a clear understanding of the short, medium and long-term focus areas. A revised inclusive talent and performance cycle was launched at the end of 2021 and has been embedded in 2022. The cycle supports managers in delivering effective people performance management, succession and workforce planning activities. Regular talent reviews are undertaken and are used to identify business-critical roles and high potential individuals, who have personal development plans and dedicated one-to-one learning and development support, to ensure a sustainable pipeline of talent is retained.

#### Fostering business relationships with suppliers, customers and other stakeholders

The Company's commitments are governed by the IMPACT Charter. The Charter is in itself underpinned by standards such as the ISO 20400 Sustainable Procurement Standard for responsible procurement which guides engagement with key stakeholders.

The Charter also contains performance indicators that hold the Company accountable for delivering operational excellence by adhering to prompt payment code and responsible procurement principles and engaging in the community's development by targeting social enterprise spend and maintaining spend with small and micro enterprises.

Equans continues to identify innovative solutions and new ways of working that enable us to support its customers in achieving their goals. The UK BU partners with large and small organisations through its open innovation programme, working externally with universities, start-ups, government agencies and industrial partners, to expand its capabilities, develop markets and provide leading edge customer solutions.

The UK BU continues its focus towards a zero-carbon future, working with suppliers through the Supply Chain Sustainability School and engaging suppliers directly through its supplier relationship management programme. As part of our partnership with Supply Chain Sustainability School, the UK BU supports its suppliers in understanding the challenges of decarbonisation through the launch of a series of webinars directed to suppliers on various topics related to decarbonisation. Equans UK has an established Supplier Charter which it requires all suppliers to sign up to. The Charter includes principles of the IMPACT Charter that demonstrates the Company's commitment to operate to the highest ethical, social and environmental standards. Additionally, the Supplier Charter requires suppliers to commit to the UK BU's highest quality, health and safety standards and continuous improvement.

Both the Supplier Charter and supplier collaborative working continue to drive positive change and help to identify opportunities to embed zero carbon products and services across the Company's operations. In 2022 the UK BU committed to Net Zero carbon across its supply chain by 2045. As a first step in this journey, the Company is engaging with its SME suppliers to help them to understand their emissions.

The Company participates in the Buy Social Challenge with Social Enterprise UK to positively impact on society through engaging with innovative suppliers whilst embedding corporate responsibility and diversity across the business and supply chain. In 2022 the Company continued to engage with social enterprises by identifying areas where they can be included in its operations to improve the level of expenditure with social enterprises where possible.

# Impact of the Company's operations on the community and environment

The ambition of the UK BU is to maximise the social, economic and environmental benefits to the communities where it operates, by supporting the development of its communities (promoting local skills and employment and supporting vulnerable groups into independent living), supporting growth of responsible business and delivering on its Net Zero purpose.

The Company also works with clients to identify opportunities for social value, as well as with its operational teams and supply chains to deliver on its commitments, whilst seeking further opportunities to expand the social value delivered within the communities in which it operates.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Its bespoke social value reporting tool, the Social Value App, enables the Company to track and report on financial social value. In 2022, the UK BU delivered over £28.3 million of social and local economic value, through broader social value activities to support its communities, including:

- Over £307,000 in donations and in-kind gifts to local community and environmental projects;
- 11,168 hours supporting young and unemployed people into work;
- Over 9,700 weeks of apprenticeships and work placements; and
- 2,029 hours on school and college visits.

At Equans UK, the importance of data validation, review and auditing is recognised and, as such, all relevant data is submitted for external validation by the Social Value Portal, in order to ensure the UK BU is accurately claiming the social value it generates as a business. Alongside this the UK BU has continued to improve its internal social value reporting tool, focusing on data integrity and the quality of social value data uploaded by its contracts.

In addition to social value, the UK BU has continued its broader focus on responsible business. Equans UK was awarded a Gold EcoVadis rating in 2022, demonstrating its commitment to sustainability management.

Equans UK also maintained its current Platinum ranking in the Sustainable FM Index recognising its leadership in a wide range of criteria, across environmental, social and governance areas, in assessing the overall sustainability performance of FM service providers.

During the year the UK BU continued to work towards its plan to reach net zero. In 2022, the roll out of its electric vehicle fleet continued, with over 28% of the fleet now converted to EVs. In line with the commitment to 'Making Zero Carbon Happen', the UK BU has reduced Scope 1 and 2 corporate carbon intensity by 30.9% since 2019. The effects of increased home working and virtual meetings since COVID-19 remained visible, with a continued reduction in commuting and business travel related GHG emissions.

In addition, in 2022, the UK BU saw a slight decrease in emissions from its energy generation assets compared to 2021 and it maintains its commitment to achieving net zero from its energy generating assets by 2035.

Apart from the focus on decarbonisation, the UK BU continues to broaden its offer to support customers both in the private and public sector. The Homes Zero, School Zero, NHS Zero and Destination Zero propositions, which were launched in 2021, have been joined by the Local Authority Zero and Industry Zero propositions. These propositions combine sustainable energy expertise with facilities management capabilities to help organisations save energy, increase sustainability and cut carbon emissions.

#### The maintenance of high standards of conduct

The UK Directors maintain high standards of business conduct by ensuring that activities of the UK BU companies of Equans are in line with the Equans Ethics Charter, policies and codes of conduct. The overarching Ethics Charter includes a zero tolerance for all forms of corruption and is supplemented with a range of more specific policies and practical guidelines, which deal with areas such as supplier relationships, conflicts of interest and gifts and hospitality. All Board members have received training in this respect. The Directors' actions are also guided by the Equans core values: Accountibility, Respect, Team Spirit, Service Focused and Everyday Leadership, which help define the UK BU companies' strategies and targets. Additionally the UK BU has issued an Impact Charter, which aims to ensure that Equans operates to the highest economic, social and environmental standards while building and maintaining public trust.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Summary of methods used by the Directors to engage with stakeholders and understanding issues relevant to key decisions

The Directors utilise a full range of communication channels managed at the UK BU level to engage with stakeholders. These include face to face meetings (virtual and in person), forums and events, reports and other written materials, as well as through public relations activity, targeted digital content and social media.

#### **GOING CONCERN**

The Directors have, at the time of approving the financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the period to 28 February 2025. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

On 4 October 2022, Bouygues S.A. bought Equan S.A.S. from ENGIE, through the purchase of the entire share capital of Equans S.A.S.

Following the transfer of cash pooling arrangements from the ENGIE Treasury Management to Equans S.A.S. on 25 April 2022, as well as the sale of Equans S.A.S. to Bouygues S.A., the Company has no ongoing cash funding relationship with ENGIE. Equans S.A.S. has the ability to provide continuing support to the Company.

The impact on the Company's funding arrangements, arising from the acquisition of Equans S.A.S. and its subsidiaries by Bouygues, has been minimal. Existing working capital facilities provided by the cash pool have continued to be made available by Equans S.A.S., and which the Directors consider is sufficient even under a plausible downside in results. The Company does not have third party borrowings (external to the Equans group).

Equans S.A.S. is not dependent on Bouygues S.A. for its future funding, and it has sufficient equity and liquidity to support the Company.

The budgeted cash flows for the Company, which show sufficient headroom even after considering a reasonably plausible downside, positive post year-end results, available liquidity through positive cash balances and an undrawn negative balance facility with the cash pool, all allow the Directors to have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the period to 28 February 2025 and therefore apply the going concern basis of preparation for the statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

This report was approved by the Board on 23 February 2024 and signed on its behalf.

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M Gallacher Director

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The loss for the year, after taxation, amounted to £1,376,000 (2021: profit of £6,624,000).

The Directors have paid a dividend of £5,000,000 for the year ended 31 December 2022 (2021: £10,000,000), amounting to £5,000,000 per share (2021: £10,000,000).

#### **DIRECTORS**

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

A Pollins (resigned 1 February 2023)

S Hockman (resigned 28 February 2022)

J-P Loiseau

R Longobardi (appointed 27 January 2022, resigned 28 January 2022)

B Lala (appointed 1 March 2022, resigned 30 April 2023)

M Gallacher (appointed 1 February 2023)

E Peeke (appointed 1 May 2023)

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The Directors are confident that the Company will be able to build on its current portfolio of contracts and grow the business with existing clients in the future.

# **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Company monitors its exposure to risk on an ongoing basis. The Company's activities do not expose it to any material price risk, cash flow risk or foreign exchange risk. Owing to the nature of the Company's business and the assets and liabilities contained within the statement of financial position, the financial risks the Directors consider relevant to the Company are credit risk and liquidity risk. The Company has not used financial instruments to manage its exposure to these risks.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk arises on the Company's principal financial assets, which are cash and cash equivalents, trade and other debtors and amounts owed by group undertakings. The credit risk associated with cash is limited, as the Company uses financial institutions with a high credit rating for banking requirements and the majority of the Company's cash balances relate to amounts held in the Equans group cash pool arrangement with Equans S.A.S., which has a strong statement of financial position and liquidity position. All customers are credit checked prior to any sales and only customers with an appropriate credit rating are offered credit terms. The Company has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of customers. The credit risk on amounts owed by group undertakings is not considered to be significant, given that all companies within the Equans group also have access to the the cash pooling arrangements with Equans S.A.S. and therefore the benefit of access to both short-term liquidity and longer-term financing support from the Equans group.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### Liquidity risk

The Company is exposed to liquidity risk on its financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors, lease liabilities and amounts owed to group undertakings. In order to maintain liquidity to ensure sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the Company benefits from access to both short-term liquidity and longer-term financing support from the Equans group.

During 2022, the centralised cash pooling activities of the Equans group were transferred to Equans S.A.S., replacing the activities previously performed by ENGIE Treasury Management ("ETM"). This cash pooling enables efficient use of available liquidity to manage the Company's working capital requirements. The previous current account agreements and agreed credit limits, as well as associated cash or negative balances, for all Equans UK entities were transferred from ETM to Equans S.A.S. on 25 April 2022. The credit limits provided under the current account agreements have not changed. There are no covenants associated with the provision of negative balances under the current account agreements.

The Company does not have any external non-trade debt financing. Although the UK business has been offered or could obtain several financial support arrangements from the banking industry, these have been deemed unnecessary.

#### **ENGAGEMENT WITH EMPLOYEES**

The information in respect of employee involvement and engagement has been disclosed in the strategic report.

# **ENGAGEMENT WITH SUPPLIERS, CUSTOMERS AND OTHERS**

The information in respect of business relationships has been disclosed in the strategic report.

# **DISABLED EMPLOYEES**

The Company is committed to employment policies, which follow best practice, based on equal opportunities for all employees, irrespective of sex, race, colour, disability or marital status. The Company gives full and fair consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons, having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities. Appropriate arrangements are made for the continued employment and training, career development and promotion of disabled persons employed by the Company. If a member of staff becomes disabled the Company continues employment, either in the same or an alternative position, with appropriate retraining being given if necessary.

# STREAMLINED ENERGY AND CARBON REPORTING (SECR)

The Company meets SECR qualification criteria and has opted to use the Operational Control boundary to define its UK carbon footprint reporting. The current reporting period for compliance is 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022. Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with SECR requirements and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard and they use the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting. Included within that boundary are Scope 1 and 2 emissions from gas, on-site fuels, electricity and company vehicle fleet, as well as Scope 3 emissions from grey vehicle fleet. Where data for the UK BU is not collected at a legal entity level, it has been apportioned using an equity share approach.

The results show that the Company's total energy use and total gross Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions amounted to 902,976 kWh and 214.2 tonnes of CO2e respectively in the 2022 reporting period. The Company has chosen Tonnes of CO2e per Million Turnover (m£) as an appropriate intensity metric, as this in an appropriate metric for the business. The intensity metric for 2022 was 2.05 tCO2e/m£ compared to 1.96 tCO2e/m£ in 2021, representing an increase of 4.6% since the prior year.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Below is the energy consumption and GHG emissions summary table outlining the 2022 results and the year-on-year comparison to 2021 results.

				As restated	As restated	
Type of emissions	Activity	2022	2022	2021	2021	tCO₂e
		kWh	tCO₂e	kWh	tCO <sub>2</sub> e	% Change
Direct Scope 1	Natural Gas	222,645	40.6	215,050	39.4	3.0%
	Company Fleet	365,102	92.0	332,819	82.9	11.0%
	Site Fuels	25,945	6.8	20,707	5. <i>4</i>	25.9%
	Subtotal	613,692	139.4	568,576	127.7	9.2%
Indirect Scope 2	Electricity	107,300	20.7	99,439	21.1	(1.9%)
(Location Based)	Fleet Electricity	20,348	3.9	14,030	3.0	30.0%
	Subtotal	127,648	24.6	113,469	24.1	2.1%
Indirect Scope 3	Grey Fleet	161,636	50.2	123,943	39.8	26.1%
	Subtotal ,	161,636	50.2	123,943	39.8	26.1%
	Total kWh	902,976	-	805,988		12.0%
	Total tCO₂e	_	214.2		191.6	11.8%
	Turnover (m£)		104.4		97.9	6.6%
	Intensity tCO₂e / m£		2.05		1.96	4.6%

The Company continues to improve its carbon accounting methodology in line with the latest best practice, as well as any structural changes in the business reporting boundary. These improvements are applied to both current and prior year data to ensure that the Company's emissions inventory provides an accurate reflection of its carbon emissions over time. The comparative data has therefore been restated accordingly.

In 2022 the UK BU continued to work towards our plan to reach net zero carbon emissions. UK BU has set three targets:

- 2030: Net Zero for offices, site energy and fleet
- 2035: Net Zero for energy generation
- 2045: Net Zero for Scope 3 emissions

The UK BU has committed to the Science Based Targets initiative to keep global temperature rise to no more than 1.5oC above pre-industrial levels in accordance with the Paris Agreement. In 2021 the UK BU achieved the milestone of 28% of its fleet being electric vehicles, supporting the longer-term commitment to deliver zero tailpipe emissions by 2028. The organisation has launched a project to transition all of its electricity contracts onto renewable electricity tariffs and are trialling low carbon plant on sites.

In recognition of the efforts of the organisation, Equans UK was awarded a Gold EcoVadis rating. The award is an independent endorsement that demonstrates the UK BU's commitment to sustainability management and gives confidence to its current and future partners that the organisation continues to lead the way and has the expertise and experience to add value to its performance. The UK BU also continued with its previous Platinum ranking in the Sustainable FM Index, recognising its leadership in a wide range of criteria, across environmental, social and governance areas, in assessing the overall sustainability performance of FM service providers.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

As well as focusing on the decarbonisation of the UK BU, the organisation has continued to broaden its offer to support customers both in the private and public sector. The UK BU has an extensive range of net zero carbon propositions, combining its sustainable energy expertise with its facilities management capabilities to help organisations save energy, increase sustainability and cut carbon emissions.

### **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR**

Each of the persons who are Directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

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

This report was approved by the Board on 23 February 2024 and signed on its behalf.

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Mark Gallactur

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#### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The Directors are responsible for preparing the strategic report, the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

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

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EQUANS BUILDING LIMITED

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Equans Building Limited for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise Income Statement, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 28, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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

## 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 to 28 February 2025.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EQUANS BUILDING LIMITED (Continued)

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 the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

## Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 13, 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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EQUANS BUILDING LIMITED (Continued).

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. 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 or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the company and determined that the most significant are:
  - Companies Act 2006 and FRS101
  - Tax legislation (governed by HM Revenue & Customs)
  - · Health and Safety legislation
- We understood how the Company is complying with those frameworks by reading internal policies
  and codes of conduct and assessing the entity level control environment. We made enquiries of
  the Company's legal counsel and senior management of known instances of non-compliance or
  suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations, including any matters raised in
  whistleblowing. We also considered the oversight procedures of the Company's parent entity at a
  UK level through the "Executive Board".
- We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by making enquiries of senior management, including the UK Chief Financial Officer, the UK Group Financial Controller. We obtained details of incidents and allegations of fraud raised internally and investigated by the Company's ethics and compliance team. We planned our audit to identify risks of management override or bias by agreeing journal entries in the areas involving significant estimation and judgement, recognition of revenue and profits on contracts, to supporting documentation.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify noncompliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved a review of board meetings and other committee minutes, including the Risk Management Committee, and incident registers to identify any non-compliance with laws and regulations. Our procedures also involved journal entry testing and data analytics, as set out above. Our testing also included consideration of compliance of employees with policies and codes of conduct at a contract level, for a sample of contracts, based on their size and complexity.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located 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.

Caroline Mulley (Senior statutory auditor)

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for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor

Newcastle upon Tyne

23 February 2024

# INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £000	2021 £000
Turnover	4	104,363	97,945
Cost of sales		(76,992)	(62,154)
Gross profit	•	27,371	35,791
Administrative expenses		(27,086)	(27,733)
Exceptional administrative expenses	9	(2,323)	-
Operating (loss)/profit	5	(2,038)	8,058
Interest receivable and similar income	. 10	1,029	492
Interest payable and similar expenses	11	(109)	(341)
(Loss)/profit before tax	•	(1,118)	8,209
Tax on (loss)/profit	12	(258)	(1,585)
(Loss)/profit for the financial year	•	(1,376)	6,624
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There were no recognised gains and losses for 2022 or 2021 other than those included in the income statement and therefore no statement of comprehensive income has been presented.

The notes on pages 20 to 47 form part of these financial statements.

# **EQUANS BUILDINGS LIMITED REGISTERED NUMBER: 03810466**

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £000	2021 £000
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	13	-	1,000
Tangible assets	14	625	1,862
	•	625	2,862
Current assets			
Stocks	15	759	867
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16	15,000	15,000
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	16	41,774	87,531
Cash at bank and in hand	17	60,155	<b>469</b>
	-	117,688	103,867
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(84,345)	(81,746)
Net current assets	-	33,343	22,121
Total assets less current liabilities	•	33,968	24,983
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(254)	(189)
	-	33,714	24,794
Provisions for liabilities			
Deferred taxation	22	(10)	(2)
Other provisions	23	(22,190)	(6,902)
	-	(22,200)	(6,904)
Net assets	•	11,514	17,890
Capital and reserves	=	<u> </u>	
Called up share capital	24	-	-
Profit and loss account	25	11,514	17,890
Total equity	-	11,514	17,890

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and were signed on its behalf on 23 February 2024.

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Mark Gallacher

M Gallacher

Director

The notes on pages 20 to 47 form part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Called up share capital £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity
At 1 January 2021	-	21,266	21,266
Comprehensive income for the year			
Profit for the financial year	-	6,624	6,624
Total comprehensive income for the year	· .	6,624	6,624
Contributions by and distributions to owners			
Dividends paid (note 26)	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
Total transactions with owners	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
At 1 January 2022	•	17,890	17,890
Comprehensive loss for the year			
Loss for the financial year	-	(1,376)	(1,376)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	(1,376)	(1,376)
Contributions by and distributions to owners			
Dividends paid (note 26)	•	(5,000)	(5,000)
Total transactions with owners	-	(5,000)	. (5,000)
At 31 December 2022	<u>.</u>	11,514	11,514

The notes on pages 20 to 47 form part of these financial statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The financial statements of Equans Buildings Limited for the year ended 31 December 2022 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 23 February 2024 and the statement of financial position was signed on the Board's behalf by M Gallacher.

The Company changed its name from ENGIE Buildings Limited to Equans Buildings Limited on 4 April 2022.

The Company is a private limited liability company, incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom. The address of its registered office is Equans Q10 Office, Quorum Business Park, Benton Lane, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne and Wear, NE12 8BU.

The results and net assets of the Company, which are not eliminated on consolidation, have been included in the consolidated financial statements of Bouygues S.A. prepared since 4 October 2022 and as at 31 December 2022 (and the consolidated financial statements of ENGIE S.A. prepared between 1 January 2022 and 3 October 2022).

The consolidated financial statements of Bouygues S.A. are available from Bouygues, 32 Avenue Hoche, 75008, Paris, France.

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# 2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The functional and presentation currency of the Company is Pounds sterling ("£") and all values in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest thousand pounds ("£'000") except when otherwise indicated.

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

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

# 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.2 FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD 101 - REDUCED DISCLOSURE EXEMPTIONS

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

- the requirements of IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures
- the requirements of paragraphs 91-99 of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement
- the requirements of the second sentence of paragraph 110 and paragraphs 113(a), 114, 115, 118, 119(a) to (c), 120 to 127 and 129 of IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers
- the requirements of paragraph 52, the second sentence of paragraph 89, and paragraphs 90, 91 and 93 of IFRS 16 Leases. The requirements of paragraph 58 of IFRS 16, provided that the disclosure of details in indebtedness relating to amounts payable after 5 years required by company law is presented separately for lease liabilities and other liabilities, and in total
- the requirement in paragraph 38 of IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements' to present comparative information in respect of:
  - paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1;
  - paragraph 73(e) of IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment;
  - paragraph 118(e) of IAS 38 Intangible Assets;
- the requirements of paragraphs 10(d), 10(f), 16, 38A, 38B, 38C, 38D, 40A, 40B, 40C, 40D, 111 and 134-136 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements
- the requirements of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows
- the requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- the requirements of paragraph 17 and 18A of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures
- the requirements in IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures to disclose related party transactions
  entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary which is
  a party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of Bouygues S.A. as at 31 December 2022 and these financial statements may be obtained from Bouygues, 32 Avenue Hoche, 75008, Paris, France.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.3 GOING CONCERN

The Directors have, at the time of approving the financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the period to 28 February 2025. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

On 4 October 2022, Bouygues S.A. bought Equan S.A.S. from ENGIE, through the purchase of the entire share capital of Equans S.A.S.

Following the transfer of cash pooling arrangements from the ENGIE Treasury Management to Equans S.A.S. on 25 April 2022, as well as the sale of Equans S.A.S. to Bouygues S.A., the Company has no ongoing cash funding relationship with ENGIE. Equans S.A.S. has the ability to provide continuing support to the Company.

The impact on the Company's funding arrangements, arising from the acquisition of Equans S.A.S. and its subsidiaries by Bouygues, has been minimal. Existing working capital facilities provided by the cash pool have continued to be made available by Equans S.A.S., and which the Directors consider is sufficient even under a plausible downside in results. The Company does not have third party borrowings (external to the Equans group).

Equans S.A.S. is not dependent on Bouygues S.A. for its future funding, and it has sufficient equity and liquidity to support the Company.

The budgeted cash flows for the Company, which show sufficient headroom even after considering a reasonably plausible downside, positive post year-end results, available liquidity through positive cash balances and an undrawn negative balance facility with the cash pool, all allow the Directors to have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the period to 28 February 2025 and therefore apply the going concern basis of preparation for the statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

# 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.4 FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

#### Functional and presentation currency

The Company's functional and presentation currency is Pounds Sterling.

# Transactions and balances

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

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

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the income statement within 'interest receivable or payable'. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the income statement within 'administrative expenses'.

#### 2.5 REVENUE

For all contracts with customers the Company recognises revenue when performance obligations have been satisfied. For most of the Company's facilities management contracts revenue is recognised over time as the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Company.

IFRS 15 provides a five step-model which the Company has applied to all sales contracts with customers to identify the revenue which can be recognised. The model is applied at contract inception and on the assumption that the contract will operate as defined in the contract and that the contract will not be cancelled, renewed or modified. After contract inception a change in the scope or price (or both) of a contract that is approved by the parties to the contract is a contract modification.

# Step 1 - Identify the contract with the customer

First, the Company determines if a contract exists and whether it is in scope of IFRS 15. The arrangement must create enforceable rights and obligations. Typically, this will be a signed contract with the customer. The Company and customer must be committed to perform their respective obligations, each party's rights regarding the goods or services to be transferred should be identifiable, the payment terms for the goods or services to be transferred should be identifiable, the arrangement must have commercial substance and it must be probable that the Company will collect the consideration to which it will be entitled in exchange for the goods or services that will be transferred to the customer. This assessment is completed on a case by case basis in line with IFRS 15.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

# 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 2.5 REVENUE (continued)

Sometimes the Company's contracts are revised for changes to customer requirements. A contract modification is a change in the scope or price (or both) of a contract that is approved by the parties to the contract and exists when the parties to a contract approve a modification that either creates new or changes existing enforceable rights and obligations of the parties to the contract. A contract modification 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. Judgment is applied in relation to the accounting for contract modifications where the final terms or legal contracts have not been agreed prior to the period end as management needs to determine if a modification has been approved and if it either creates new or changes existing enforceable rights and obligations of the parties. Depending upon the outcome of such negotiations, the timing and amount of revenue recognised may be different in the relevant accounting periods.

Contract modifications are accounted for as a separate contract if the scope of the contract changes due to the addition of promised goods or services that are distinct and the price of the contract changes by an amount of consideration that reflects the stand-alone selling price of the additional promised goods or services and any appropriate adjustments to that price to reflect the circumstances of the particular contract.

#### Step 2 - Identify the performance obligations in the contract

At contract inception the Company assesses the goods or services promised in a contract with a customer. It identifies the performance obligations and contractual promises to transfer distinct goods or services to a customer. For facilities management contracts with several components, judgment is necessary to determine the performance obligations by considering whether those promised goods or services are:

- a) a good or service (or bundle of goods or services) that is distinct; or
- b) a series of distinct goods or services that are substantially the same and that have the same pattern of transfer to the customer.

For core services provided under most facilities management contracts entered into by the Company, management has applied the principles of IFRS 15 and concluded that the promises are not distinct within the context of the contract and as such there is one performance obligation.

# Step 3 - Determine the transaction price

The transaction price is defined as the amount of consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring promised goods or services to a customer.

The Company estimates the transaction price at contract inception, including any variable consideration, and updates the estimate each reporting period for any changes in circumstances.

When determining the transaction price, the Company assumes that the goods or services will be transferred to the customer based on the terms of the existing contract and does not take into consideration the possibility of a contract being cancelled, renewed or modified.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 2.5 REVENUE (continued)

Variable payments include discounts, rebates, refunds, bonuses, performance bonuses or charges for the occurrence (or lack of occurrence) of a future event and are recognised as revenue (adjusted upwards or downwards) only when it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the revenue recognised will not occur when the associated uncertainty is subsequently resolved. The Company considers highly probable to mean being able to evidence with 80-90% certainty.

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

The Company allocates the total transaction price to each of the identified performance obligations based on their relative stand-alone selling prices. The Company typically applies an observable price or a cost-plus margin approach.

Step 5 - Recognise revenue when the entity satisfies a performance obligation

For each performance obligation, the Company recognises revenue when (or as) the performance obligation is satisfied. For each performance obligation identified, the Company determines at the contract inception whether it satisfies the performance obligation and recognises revenue over time or at a point in time. For core services provided under most facilities management contracts revenue is recognised over time, as the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the Company.

For each performance obligation satisfied over time, the Company recognises revenue over time by measuring progress towards complete satisfaction of that performance obligation. The objective when measuring progress is to reflect an entity's performance in transferring control of goods or services promised to a customer (i.e. the satisfaction of an entity's performance obligation). The nature of the good or service that the entity promised to transfer to the customer determines the appropriate method for measuring progress. The Company uses input methods and output methods.

Under the input method the Company recognises revenue based on its efforts or inputs to the satisfaction of a performance obligation (for example, resources consumed, labour hours expended or costs incurred) relative to the total expected inputs to the satisfaction of that performance obligation. If the entity's efforts or inputs are expended evenly throughout the performance period, it may be appropriate for the entity to recognise revenue on a straight-line basis.

The Company applies output methods to specific long-term contracts. These include methods such as surveys of performance completed to date, appraisals of results achieved or milestones reached.

However, if the contract is in its early stages and it is not possible to reasonably measure progress, but the Company expects to recover the costs incurred during this phase, revenue is recognised to the extent of the costs incurred until such a time that it can measure the progress made.

If a performance obligation is not satisfied over time, revenue is recognised at the point in time when control of the goods or services passes to the customer. This may be when the Company has the right to payment of the asset, at the point the Company has transferred physical possession of the asset, or the customer has accepted the asset. Management applies judgment to determine when a customer obtains control of a promised asset and the Company has satisfied a performance obligation.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

# 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### 2.5 REVENUE (continued)

# Long-term service contracts

For certain PFI contracts, there are two principal distinct performance obligations:

- The first is related to the management of the assets. The Company is required to provide facilities management services. Revenue is recognised as the performance obligation is satisfied. The transaction price was pre-determined at contract award and is indexed annually.
- The second revenue stream relates to lifecycle maintenance activities. Cash is received from the PFI project entities based on a predetermined billing schedule at contract award (indexed to RPI annually). These cash flows are for the replacement of component parts of the assets over the entire period of the contract. The timing of cash inflows from billings in most cases do not match the costs incurred for lifecycle maintenance. Revenue is recognised by reference to the stage of completion of lifecycle activities based on the proportion of work completed to date compared with estimated total work. The excess cash received in advance of fulfilling the performance obligation is recognised as deferred income and any work done in excess of cash received is recognised as accrued income in the statement of financial position.

# Costs to obtain a contract

The incremental costs to obtain a contract with a customer are recognised within contract assets if it is expected that those costs will be recoverable. Costs to obtain a contract that would have been incurred regardless of whether the contract was obtained are recognised as an expense in the period.

## Costs to fulfil a contract

Costs incurred to ensure that a contract is appropriately mobilised and transformed to enable the delivery of full services under the contract target operating model, are contract fulfilment costs. Only costs which meet all three of the criteria below are included within contract assets on the statement of financial position:

- a) the costs relate directly to the contract or to a specific anticipated contract;
- b) the costs generate or enhance resources of the Company that will be used in satisfying performance obligations in the future; and
- c) the costs are expected to be recovered.

For costs incurred in fulfilling a contract with a customer that are within the scope of another IFRS, the Company accounts for these in accordance with those other IFRSs.

#### Amortisation and impairment of contract assets

The Company amortises contract assets (costs to obtain a contract and costs to fulfil a contract) on a systematic basis that is consistent with the transfer to the customer of the related goods or services to which the asset relates.

#### Accrued income and deferred income

At the reporting date the Company recognises accrued income or deferred income when revenue recognised is cumulatively higher or lower than the amounts invoiced to the customer.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

# 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 2.6 LEASES

### The Company as a lessee

The Company assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease, at inception of a contract. The Company recognises a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease agreements in which it is the lessee, except for short-term leases (defined as leases with a lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets (such as tablets and personal computers, small items of office furniture and telephones). For these leases, the Company recognises the lease payments as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless another systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leased asset are consumed.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate. This rate is calculated based on the Equans group's incremental borrowing rate adjusted in accordance with IFRS 16, taking into account:

- a) the economic environment of the Company, and in particular its credit risk;
- b) the currency in which the contract is concluded; and
- c) the duration of the contract at inception (or the remaining duration for contracts existing upon the initial application of IFRS 16).

The methodology applied to determine the incremental borrowing rate reflects the profile of the lease payments (duration method).

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise:

- fixed lease payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date;
- the amount expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees;
- the exercise price of purchase options, if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the
  options; and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the exercise of an option to terminate the lease.

The lease liability is included in 'creditors' on the statement of financial position.

The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability (using the effective interest method) and by reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.6 LEASES (continued)

The Company remeasures the lease liability (and makes a corresponding adjustment to the related right-of-use asset) whenever:

- the lease term has changed or there is a significant event or change in circumstances
  resulting in a change in the assessment of exercise of a purchase option, in which case the
  lease liability is remeasured by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised
  discount rate;
- the lease payments change due to changes in an index or rate or a change in expected
  payment under a guaranteed residual value, in which cases the lease liability is remeasured
  by discounting the revised lease payments using the initial discount rate (unless the lease
  payments change is due to a change in a floating interest rate, in which case a revised
  discount rate is used); or
- a lease contract is modified and the lease modification is not accounted for as a separate
  lease, in which case the lease liability is remeasured based on the lease term of the modified
  lease by discounting the revised lease payments using a revised discount rate at the effective
  date of the modification.

The Company did not make any such adjustments during the periods presented.

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability, lease payments made at or before the commencement day, less any lease incentives received and any initial direct costs. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Whenever the Company incurs an obligation for costs to dismantle and remove a leased asset, restore the site on which it is located or restore the underlying asset to the condition required by the terms and conditions of the lease, a provision is recognised and measured under IAS 37. The costs are included in the related right-of-use asset, unless those costs are incurred to produce inventories.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter period of lease term and useful life of the underlying asset. If a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Company expects to exercise a purchase option, the related right-of-use asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset. The depreciation starts at the commencement date of the lease.

The right-of-use assets are included in the 'tangible assets' line in the statement of financial position.

The Company applies IAS 36 to determine whether a right-of-use asset is impaired and accounts for any identified impairment loss as described in note 2.15.

Variable rents that do not depend on an index or rate are not included in the measurement of the lease liability and the right-of-use asset. The related payments are recognised as an expense in the period in which the event or condition that triggers those payments occurs and are included in profit or loss.

As a practical expedient, IFRS 16 permits a lessee not to separate non-lease components, and instead account for any lease and associated non-lease components as a single arrangement. The Company has not used this practical expedient.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.7 INTEREST INCOME

Interest income is recognised in the income statement using the effective interest method.

#### 2.8 FINANCE COSTS

Finance costs are charged to profit or loss over the term of the debt using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount. Issue costs are initially recognised as a reduction in the proceeds of the associated capital instrument.

#### 2.9 PENSIONS

# Defined contribution pension plan

The Company operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Company has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the income statement when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the statement of financial position. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Company in independently administered funds.

#### 2.10 TAXATION

The tax for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss except that an expense attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the reporting date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits; and
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met.

Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

# 2.11 EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

Exceptional items are transactions that fall within the ordinary activities of the Company but are presented separately due to their size or incidence.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

#### 2.12 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment

The estimated useful lives range as follows:

Assets under construction

No depreciation charged

#### 2.13 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

The Company adds to the carrying amount of an item of fixed assets the cost of replacing part of such an item when that cost is incurred, if the replacement part is expected to provide incremental future benefits to the Company. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. Repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Right-of-use assets:

- Over the term of the lease

- land and buildings

- motor vehicles

Plant and machinery

Fixtures and fittings

- 33% - At appropriate rates varying from 10% to 33% - 20%

Office equipment

- At appropriate rates varying from 10% to 33%

Computer equipment Assets under construction

- No depreciation charged

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the income statement.

#### 2.14 ASSETS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Assets under construction include those costs incurred on assets which are not yet fully commissioned. Assets under construction are not depreciated until they are ready for use, when they are transferred to the relevant asset class and depreciated over their useful economic lives.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.15 IMPAIRMENT OF FIXED ASSETS

Assets that are subject to depreciation or amortisation are assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication that the assets are impaired. Where there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the carrying value of the asset (or cash-generating unit to which the asset has been allocated) is tested for impairment. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's (or CGU's) fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (CGUs). Non-financial assets that have been previously impaired are reviewed at each reporting date to assess whether there is any indication that the impairment losses recognised in prior periods may no longer exist or may have decreased.

#### **2.16 STOCKS**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, being the estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is based on the cost of purchase on a first in, first out basis. Work in progress and finished goods include labour and attributable overheads.

At each reporting date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stock is impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell. The impairment loss is recognised immediately in the income statement.

#### 2.17 DEBTORS

Short-term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, plus transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

# 2.18 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value. Cash and cash equivalents are placed with either financial institutions or Equans S.A.S. as the centralising entity for the Equans group cash pool.

# 2.19 CREDITORS

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers.

Creditors are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.20 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company recognises financial instruments when it becomes a party to the contractual arrangements of the instrument. Financial instruments are de-recognised when they are discharged or when the contractual terms expire. The Company's accounting policies in respect of financial instruments transactions are explained below:

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value in accordance with IFRS 9.

#### Financial assets

All recognised financial assets are subsequently measured in their entirety at amortised cost.

#### Debt instruments at amortised cost

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost where they are financial assets held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets, and the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. Amortised cost is calculated using the effective interest method and represents the amount measured at initial recognition less repayments of principal plus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between the initial amount and the maturity amount, adjusted for any loss allowance.

#### Impairment of financial assets

The Company assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit losses (ECL) associated with its debt instruments carried at amortised cost. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk. For receivables, the Company requires expected lifetime losses to be recognised from initial recognition of the receivables. Lifetime ECL represents the expected credit losses that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

#### **Financial liabilities**

#### At amortised cost

Financial liabilities which are neither contingent consideration of an acquirer in a business combination, held for trading, nor designated as at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or where appropriate a shorter period, to the amortised cost of a financial liability.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

# 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# 2.21 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Company a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to profit or loss in the year that the Company becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the reporting date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the statement of financial position.

### 2.22 DIVIDENDS

Equity dividends are recognised when they become legally payable. Interim equity dividends are recognised when paid. Final equity dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders at an annual general meeting.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

## 3. JUDGMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the statement of financial position date and the amounts reported for income and costs during the year. However, the nature of estimation means the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates.

The following judgments, estimates and assumptions have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements:

#### Revenue recognition

The Company determines if a contract exists and whether it is in scope of IFRS 15. The arrangement must create enforceable rights and obligations. Typically, this will be a signed contract with the customer. The Company and customer must be committed to perform their respective obligations, each party's rights regarding the goods or services to be transferred should be identifiable, the payment terms for the goods or services to be transferred should be identifiable, the arrangement must have commercial substance and it must be probable that the Company will collect the consideration to which it will be entitled in exchange for the goods or services that will be transferred to the customer. This assessment is completed on a case-by-case basis in line with IFRS 15.

At contract inception the Company assesses the goods or services promised in a contract with a customer. It identifies the performance obligations and contractual promises to transfer distinct goods or services to a customer. For facilities management contracts with several components, judgment is necessary to determine the performance obligations by considering whether those promised goods or services are:

- a) a good or service (or bundle of goods or services) that is distinct; or
- b) a series of distinct goods or services that are substantially the same and that have the same pattern of transfer to the customer.

For core services provided under most facilities management contracts entered into by the Company, management has applied the principles of IFRS 15 and concluded that the promises are not distinct within the context of the contract and as such there is one performance obligation.

The Company recognises revenue on a contract-by-contract basis based on the satisfaction of performance obligations. Where contracts include multiple performance obligations, the transaction price will be allocated to each performance obligation based on the stand-alone selling prices. Where these are not directly observable, they are estimated based on expected cost plus margin.

Profit on long-term contracts is taken as the work is carried out if the final outcome can be assessed with reasonable certainty. The profit included is calculated on a prudent basis to reflect the proportion of the work carried out at the year end, by recording turnover and related costs as contract activity progresses. Turnover is calculated as that proportion of total contract value which costs incurred to date bear to total expected costs for that contract. Revenues derived from variations on contracts are recognised only when they have been accepted by the customer. Full provision is made for losses on all contracts in the year in which they are first foreseen.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

## 3. JUDGMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Provisions and accruals for liabilities

Management estimation is required to determine the appropriate amounts of provisions (including provisions for bad and doubtful debts), customer rebates and accruals for certain administrative expenses. The judgments, estimates and associated assumptions necessary to calculate these provisions are based on historical experience and other relevant factors.

## 4. TURNOVER

All turnover arose within the United Kingdom and Ireland from the Company's principal activity, which is the provision of facilities management.

## 5. OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT

The operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging:

		2022 £000	2021 £000
	Depreciation of tangible assets	233	186
	Impairment of tangible assets	1,323	-
	Loss on disposal of tangible assets	140	-
	Impairment of intangible assets	1,000	-
	Defined contribution pension cost	851	966
	Net provision charge	15,282	4,278
6.	AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION		
		2022 £000	2021 £000
	Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's		
	annual financial statements	135	66

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### 7. EMPLOYEES

Staff costs were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Wages and salaries	12,575	14,127
Social security costs	1,169	1,228
Cost of defined contribution scheme	851	966
	14,595	16,321
		-

The staff costs comprise those who have a contract of employment with the Company and do not take into account any recharges made to or from other Equans group companies in respect of work undertaken by employees for another entity. The net total of staff costs recharged from other Equans group companies amounted to £1,858,000 (2021: £135,000).

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Operations and administration	510	710

## 8. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

All Directors' remuneration is paid in respect of their services to Equans in the UK & Ireland. As Equans' activities in the UK are extensive, involving a large number of companies, it is not practicable to make an accurate assessment of the qualifying services provided in respect of each Equans company in the UK.

### 9. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Impairment of tangible assets	1,323	-
Impairment of intangible assets	1,000	-
	2,323	
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The impairment of £2,323,000 (2021: £nil) for both intangible assets and tangible assets, specifically assets under construction, relates to projects that were delayed during the Covid-19 pandemic and have since become unviable.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

10.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		
		2022	2021
		0003	£000
	Interest receivable from group undertakings	1,022	492
	Exchange differences	7	•
		1,029	492
11.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR EXPENSES		
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		2022 £000	2021 £000
	Interest payable to group undertakings	39	-
	Exchange differences	-	41
	Unwinding of discount on provisions	63	295
	Interest on lease liabilities	7	5
		109	341
12.	TAXATION		
	•	2022 £000	2021
	Corporation tax	2000	£000
	Current tax on (loss)/profit for the year	248	1,538
	Adjustments in respect of previous periods	2	(141)
	Total current tax	250	1,397
	Deferred tax		
	Origination and reversal of timing differences	8	29
	Changes to tax rates	-	(7,
	Adjustments in respect of previous periods	-	166
	Total deferred tax	8	188
	Tax on (loss)/profit		 1,585

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 12. TAXATION (CONTINUED)

### **FACTORS AFFECTING TAX EXPENSE FOR THE YEAR**

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2021: higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00% (2021: 19.00%). The differences are explained below:

	2022 £000	2021 £000
(Loss)/profit before tax	(1,118)	8,209
(Loss)/profit multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00% (2021: 19.00%)  Effects of:	(212)	1,560
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1	-
Fixed asset differences	465	-
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	2	25
Changes to tax rates	2	-
Total tax expense for the year	258	1,585

### **FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE TAX EXPENSES**

Legislation introduced in the Finance Act 2020 (enacted on 22 July 2020) repealed a planned reduction of the main rate of UK corporation tax, thereby maintaining the current rate of 19%. The Finance (No. 2) Bill 2019-2021 (enacted 10 June 2021) included measures to support economic recovery as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. These included an increase to the UK's main corporation tax rate to 25%, which came into effect on 1 April 2023. Deferred taxes on the statement of financial position have been measured at the substantively enacted corporation tax rate that will be effective when they are expected to be realised.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

## 13. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Assets under construction £000
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	1,000
At 31 December 2022	1,000
Amortisation	
At 1 January 2022	•
Impairment charge	1,000
At 31 December 2022	1,000
Net book value	
At 31 December 2022	<u> </u>
At 31 December 2021	1,000

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

## 14. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Right-of-use assets - land and buildings £000	Right-of-use assets - motor vehicles £000	Plant and machinery £000	Office equipment £000	Fixtures and fittings £000
Cost					
At 1 January 2022	98	501	242	-	-
Additions	-	343	8	21	7
Disposals	-	(29)	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	98	815	250	21	7
Depreciation		•			
At 1 January 2022	58	209	219	-	-
Charge for the year on owned assets	-	-	13	4	2
Charge for the year on right-of- use assets	20	191	-	-	-
Disposals	-	(29)	•	•	-
Impairment charge	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	78	371	232	4	2
Net book value					
At 31 December 2022	20	444	18	17	5
At 31 December 2021	40	292	23		-

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

## 14. TANGIBLE ASSETS (CONTINUED)

		Computer equipment £000	Assets under construction £000	Total £000
	Cost			
	At 1 January 2022	23	1,504	2,368
	Additions	•	80	459
	Disposals	-	(140)	(169)
	At 31 December 2022	23	1,444	2,658
	Depreciation			
	At 1 January 2022	20	-	506
	Charge for the year on owned assets	3	-	22
	Charge for the year on right-of-use assets	-	-	211
	Disposals	-	-	(29)
	Impairment charge	•	1,323	1,323
	At 31 December 2022	23	1,323	2,033
	Net book value			
	At 31 December 2022		121	625
	At 31 December 2021	3	1,504	1,862
15.	STOCKS			
			2022 £000	2021 £000
	Raw materials and consumables		759	867
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## Replacement costs of stock

The difference between purchase price of stocks and their replacement cost is not material.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

16.	DEBTORS		
		2022	2021
	Due after more than one year	000£	£000
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	Amounts owed by group undertakings	15,000	15,000
		2022	2021
		£000	£000
	Due within one year		
	Trade debtors	20,477	29,144
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	3,040	47,901
	Other debtors	263	316
	Prepayments and accrued income	17,994	10,170
		41,774	87,531
17.	CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		
		2022	2021
		£000	£000
	Cash at bank and in hand	128	469
	Cash held in the group cash pool	60,027	-
		60,155	469

The Company is a participant in the Equans group cash pool arrangements in which Equans S.A.S., a parent of the Company, acts as the centralising entity. Cash of the Company, as well as other subsidiaries of Equans Holding UK Limited in the UK, is pooled daily. Negative bank balances are also extinguished. This is achieved through a zero balance end of day automated cash pooling process operated by Barclays Bank plc and centralised at the Equans S.A.S. header account level.

The cash pool arrangements between Equans S.A.S. as the centralising entity and each member as a participating company are set out in a legally binding Current Account Agreement. Any cash required by a participating company can be withdrawn without notice and without penalty, subject to intra-day and negative balance limits.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

18.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2022 £000	2021 £000
	Trade creditors	6,095	3,211
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	4,003	1,719
	Group relief payable to group undertakings	1,973	5,535
	Other taxation and social security	3,110	1,370
	Lease liabilities	208	143
	Other creditors	317	241
	Accruals and deferred income	68,639	69,527
		84,345	81,746
	Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured and interest free.		
19.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year		
		2022 £000	2021 £000
	Lease liabilities	254	189

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

### 20. LEASES

### Company as a lessee

The Company has lease contracts for buildings and motor vehicles used in its operations. Leases of buildings generally have lease terms between 3 and 10 years, whilst leases of motor vehicles generally have lease terms between 3 and 5 years. The Company's obligations under its leases are secured by the lessor's title to the leased assets.

Lease liabilities are due as follows:

	£000	£000
Not later than one year	208	143
Between one year and five years	235	189
Later than five years	19	-
	462	332

The following amounts in respect of leases, where the Company is a lessee, have been recognised in profit or loss:

	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Interest expense on lease liabilities	7	5

The cash outflows in respect of lease payments for the year ended 31 December 2022 amounted to £217,000 (2021: £158,000).

The information in respect of the right-of-use assets has been included in note 14.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

21.	FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS		
		2022 £000	2021 £000
	Financial assets		
	Financial assets measured at amortised cost	114,919 ———————————————————————————————————	105,437
	Financial liabilities		
	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	(22,196)	(16,377)

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise cash and cash equivalents, trade debtors, amounts owed by group undertakings, other debtors and accrued income.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, amounts owed to group undertakings, group relief payable to group undertakings, lease liabilities, other creditors and accruals.

### 22. DEFERRED TAXATION

	2022 £000	2021 £000
At beginning of year	(2)	186
Charged to the income statement	(8)	(188)
At end of year	(10)	(2)
The provision for deferred taxation is made up as follows:		
	2022 £000	2021 £000
(Accelerated capital allowances)/depreciation in advance of capital		_
allowances	(9)	6
Short-term timing differences	(1)	(8)
	(10)	(2)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### 23. PROVISIONS

	Onerous contract provision £000	Risk reserve provision £000	Defects reserve provision £000	Total £000
At 1 January 2022	1,921	387	4,594	6,902
Charged to the income statement	2,191	-	13,286	15,477
Released during the year	(195)	-	-	(195)
Unwinding of discount	63	-	-	63
Utilised in year		(57)		(57)
At 31 December 2022	3,980	330	17,880	22,190

#### **Onerous contract provision**

The onerous contract provision is based on the extent that the life-cycle funding over the remaining life of the project is considered to be insufficient to cover the costs associated with maintaining the assets at the required condition. The provision of £3,980,000 at 31 December 2022 is expected to be utilised over the life of the contracts.

## Risk reserve provision

The risk reserve provision is a provision for commercial contract issues identified, including rectification works, legal costs and other liabilities. The provision of £330,000 at 31 December 2022 is expected to be fully utilised in the coming year.

## Defects reserve provision

The defects reserve provision is a provision for works to be undertaken on PFI contracts to correct construction related issues post-handover of the asset to operation. The provision of £17,880,000 at 31 December 2022 is expected to be fully utilised in the next three years.

## 24. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2022	2021
	£	£
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
1 (2021: 1) Ordinary share of £1.00	1	1
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#### 25. RESERVES

## Profit and loss account

The profit and loss account records the cumulative amount of profits and losses less any cumulative distribution of dividends.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### 26. DIVIDENDS

2022 2021 £000 £000

Dividends paid of £5m per share (2021: £10m per share)

**5,000** *10,000* 

#### 27. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amounted to £851,000 (2021: £966,000). There were outstanding contributions totalling £54,000 (2021: £38,000) payable to the scheme at the year end, which are included within other creditors.

#### 28. CONTROLLING PARTY

The immediate parent company of Equans Buildings Limited is Equans Holding UK Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. The Directors regard Bouygues S.A. as the ultimate parent company and controlling party of Equans Buildings Limited. Bouygues S.A. is registered in France.

The parent undertaking of the largest group which includes the Company for which consolidated financial statements are prepared is Bouygues S.A.

Copies of the group's consolidated financial statements may be obtained from Bouygues, 32 Avenue Hoche, 75008, Paris, France.