INEOS Investments International Limited

Annual report and financial statements Registered number 3938607 31 December 2018



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Strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2018

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Business overview

The principal activity of the company is the management activities of a financial holding company. The company has a branch located in France. There has been no change from the prior year.

Business review

The result for the year ended 31 December 2018 was a loss of €336,403,000 (2017 loss of: €47,625,000). This was largely due to a net loss from loans waived to/from group undertakings.

Objectives and strategy

The directors do not expect any change in the company's activities during the next financial year as the company will continue to act as a financial holding company.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The management of the business and execution of the company's strategy are subject to a number of risks. The key business risks and uncertainties affecting the company are considered to relate to local and national competition factors which would cause a decline in the market. Further discussion of these risks and uncertainties in the context of the group as a whole, is provided in the annual report of parent company INEOS Group Holdings S.A., which does not form part of this report.

Key Performance Indicators

The directors of INEOS Group Holdings S.A. manage the group's operations on a divisional basis. For this reason, the company's directors believe that analysis using performance indicators of the company is not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of INEOS Investments International Limited. The development, performance and position of the group, including this company, are discussed in the group's annual report which does not form part of this report.

Approved and signed by order of the board:

V Ali

Company Secretary

25 July 2019

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2018

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Directors

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

G Leask

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Future developments

The directors do not expect any change in the company's activities during the next financial year.

Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of an interim or final dividend (2017: €nil).

Going concern

The directors believe that preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis is appropriate due to the continued financial support of INEOS Holdings Limited. The directors have received confirmation that INEOS Holdings Limited intends to support the company for at least one year after these financial statements are signed.

Financial risk management

The company is funded internally by the INEOS Group and therefore has no direct exposure to liquidity or debt market risk. Interest rate exposures are managed on a group basis and are fully disclosed in the consolidated financial statements of INEOS Group Holdings S.A..

Statement of directors' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

The directors 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.

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

Disclosure of information to auditors

The directors confirm that as far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware and that they have taken all steps necessary as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

Independent auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP are deemed to be reappointed in accordance with an elective resolution made under section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved and signed by order of the Board:

Y S Ali

Company Secretary INEOS Investments International Limited, Hawkslease, Chapel Lane, Lyndhurst, SO43 7FG

Independent auditors' report to the members of INEOS Investments International Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion, INEOS Investments International Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual report and financial statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018; the Profit and Loss Account, the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We remained independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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.

Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

Independent auditors' report to the members of INEOS Investments International Limited (continued)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

With respect to the Strategic report and Directors' report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on the responsibilities described above and our work undertaken in the course of the audit, ISAs (UK) require us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

Strategic report and Directors' report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic report and Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2018 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Strategic report and Directors' report.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also responsible for such internal control as they 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.

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

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

Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Independent auditors' report to the members of INEOS Investments International Limited (continued)

Other required reporting

Companies Act 2006 exception reporting

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Ian Marsden (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Newcastle upon Tyne

25 July 2019

Profit and Loss Account for year ended 31 December 2018

	Note		
		2018	2017
		€000	€000
Administrative expenses		(1)	_
Amounts waived from loans due from group undertakings	5	(557,232)	-
Amounts waived from loans due to group undertakings	5	257,680	-
Interest receivable and similar income	6	38,613	42,173
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(80,308)	(93,516)
Loss before taxation	·	(341,248)	(51,343)
Tax on loss	8	4,845	3,718
Loss for the financial year		(336,403)	(47,625)
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All activities of the company relate to continuing operations.

The company has no recognised other comprehensive income and therefore no separate statement of comprehensive income has been presented.

Balance Sheet At 31 December 2018

Fixed assets Investments	Note 9	2018 €000	2018 €000 58,393	2017 €000	2017 €000 58,393
Current assets Debtors (including <i>Enil (2017: 6231,377,000)</i> due after more than one year) Cash at bank and in hand	10	606,564 53		1,154,557	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	606,617 (1,076,536)		1,154,590 (146,430)	
Net current liabilities			(469,919)		1,008,160
Total assets less current liabilities			(411,526)		1,066,553
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12		(198,556)		(1,340,232)
Net liabilities			(610,082)		(273,679)
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss account	13		(610,082)		(273,679)
Total shareholders' deficit			(610,082)		(273,679)

These financial statements on pages 9 to 19 were approved by the board of directors on 25 July 2019 and were signed on its behalf by:

G Leask Director

Company registered number: 3938607

Statement of Changes in Equity for year ended 31 December 2018

	Called up Share capital €000	Profit and loss account €000	Total shareholders' deficit €000
Balance at 1 January 2017	-	(226,054)	(226,054)
Loss for the financial year	-	(47,625)	(47,625)
Balance at 31 December 2017		(273,679)	(273,679)
	Called up Share capital €000	Profit and loss account £000	Total shareholders' deficit £000
Balance at 1 January 2018	-	(273,679)	(273,679)
Loss for the financial year	-	(336,403)	(336,403)
Balance at 31 December 2018		(610,082)	(610,082)

Notes (forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

INEOS Investments International Limited (the "Company") is a private company, limited by shares, incorporated, registered and domiciled in England, UK.

The Company is exempt by virtue of s400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

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

In preparing these financial statements, the Company applies the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU ("Adopted IFRSs"), but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with Companies Act 2006 and has set out below where advantage of the FRS 101 disclosure exemptions has been taken.

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

- a Cash Flow Statement and related notes;
- Comparative period reconciliations for share capital;
- Disclosures in respect of transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries;
- Disclosures in respect of capital management;
- The effects of new but not yet effective IFRSs;
- Disclosures in respect of the compensation of Key Management Personnel.

As the consolidated financial statements of INEOS Group Holdings S.A. include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 101 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- IFRS 2 Share Based Payments in respect of group settled share based payments;
- Certain disclosures required by IAS 36 *Impairment of assets* in respect of the impairment of goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets;
- Disclosures required by IFRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations in respect of the cash flows of discontinued operations;
- Certain disclosures required by IFRS 3 Business Combinations in respect of business combinations undertaken by the Company
- Certain disclosures required by IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement and the disclosures required by IFRS 7 Financial Instrument Disclosures

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently on the going concern basis, to all periods presented in these financial statements and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies using FRS 101.

Impact of new standards and interpretations

IFRS 9 is a new accounting standard that is effective for the year ended 31 December 2018 and has an impact on the Company (note 1.4). There are no other amendments to accounting standards that are effective for the year ended 31 December 2018 which have had a material impact on the Company. IFRS 15 became effective in the year however, given the entity does not have any revenue, it is not relevant and as such does not apply IFRS 15.

1.1 Measurement convention

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.2 Going concern

The directors believe that preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis is appropriate due to the continued financial support of INEOS Holdings Limited. The directors have received confirmation that INEOS Holdings Limited intends to support the company for at least one year after these financial statements are signed.

1.3 Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the Company's functional currencies at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are retranslated to the functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was determined. Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognised in the profit and loss account.

1.4 Non-derivative financial instruments

Non-derivative financial instruments comprise investments in equity and debt securities, trade and other debtors, cash and cash equivalents, loans and borrowings, and trade and other creditors.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue. Subsequent to initial recognition they are tested for classification as per IFRS 9. If the trade debtors satisfy the criteria for cash flow characteristics test and business model test as per IFRS 9, then they are recognised at amortised cost. If they do not qualify for being recognised at amortised cost they are recognised at fair value through profit or loss.

Trade and other creditors

Trade and other creditors are recognised initially at fair value less transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Interest-bearing borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at fair value less attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

1.5 Provisions

A provision is recognised in the balance sheet when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, that can be reliably measured and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects risks specific to the liability.

1.6 Expenses

Interest receivable and Interest payable

Interest payable includes interest payable, finance charges on shares classified as liabilities and finance leases recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method, unwinding of the discount on provisions, and foreign exchange losses that are recognised in the profit and loss account (see foreign currency accounting policy). Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset that takes a substantial time to be prepared for use, are capitalised as part of the cost of that asset. Other interest receivable and similar income include interest receivable on funds invested and net foreign exchange gains.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Interest income and interest payable is recognised in profit or loss as it accrues, using the effective interest method. Dividend income is recognised in the profit and loss account on the date the entity's right to receive payments is established. Foreign currency gains and losses are reported on a net basis.

1.7 Taxation

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The following temporary differences are not provided for: the initial recognition of goodwill; the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit other than in a business combination, and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that they will probably not reverse in the foreseeable future. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary difference can be utilised.

1.8 Impairment excluding inventories and deferred tax assets

The carrying amounts of the Company's assets are assessed at the end of the reporting period to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. A financial asset is considered to be impaired if objective evidence indicates that one or more events have had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the profit and loss account.

1.9 Investments in subsidiaries

Investments are stated in the balance sheet at cost less any provisions for impairment.

2 Auditors' remuneration

Fees receivable by the Company's auditors' and their associates in respect of services to the Company and its associates, are disclosed on a consolidated basis in the consolidated financial statements of INEOS Group Holdings S.A..

3 Staff numbers and costs

The Company had no employees during the year (2017: nil).

4 Directors' remuneration

No directors received any fees or remuneration in respect of their services as directors of the Company during the financial year (2017: none).

5 Amounts waived from loans due from/(due to) group undertakings

During the year the company waived loans receivable of €557,232,000 and loans payable of €257,680,000 with group undertakings, resulting in a net loss of €299,552,000.

6 Interest receivable and similar income

	2018 €000	2017 €000
Interest receivable from group undertakings	38,613	42,173
		
7 Interest payable and similar charges		
	2018 €000	2017 €000
Interest payable to group undertakings Exchange losses	68,349 11,959	69,838 23,678
Total interest payable and similar charges	80,308	93,516

8 Tax on loss

Recognised in the profit and loss account UK corporation tax Current tax on loss for the year Adjustments in respect of prior periods Total tax credit	2018 €000 (6,249) 1,404	2018 €000	2017 €000 (8,238) 4,520	2017 €000
Reconciliation of effective tax rate				(5,710)
			2018 €000	2017 €000
Total tax credit			(4,845)	(3,718)
Loss before taxation			(341,248)	(51,343)
Loss before taxation multiplied by the standard rate (2017: 19.25%)	of tax in the UK of	of 19%	(64,837)	(9,883)
Non deductible expenses			1,673	1,645
Income not taxable Adjustments in respect of prior periods			56,915 1,404	4,520
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Total tax credit			(4,845)	(3,718)
9 Investments				
Shares in group undertakings			2018 €000	2017 €000
Cost			E0 202	50 303
At 1 January and 31 December			58,393	58,393

9 Investments (continued)

The directors believe the carrying value of the investments is supported by the underlying net assets and earnings of the subsidiaries.

The Company has the following investments in subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities:

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Subsidiaries	Country of incorporation	Class of share	2018	2017
INEOS Fluor Holdings Limited*(a)	England	Ordinary	100%	100%
INEOS Silicas Holdings Limited*(b)	England	Ordinary	100%	100%
INEOS France SAS*(c)	France	Ordinary	100%	100%
INEOS Technologies France SAS*(c)	France	Ordinary	100%	100%
INEOS Investments Partnership(d)	England	Preference	2%	2%
INEOS Silicas Limited(b)	England	Ordinary	100%	100%
INEOS Healthcare Holdings Limited(b)	England	Ordinary	20%	20%
INEOS Healthcare Limited(b)	England	Ordinary	20%	20%
INEOS Silicas Trustees Limited(a)	England	Ordinary	100%	100%
INEOS Fluor Limited(a)	England	Ordinary	100%	100%
INEOS Fluor International Ltd(a)	England	Ordinary	100%	100%
INEOS Fluor Trustees Limited(b)	England	Ordinary	100%	100%

^{*}Held directly by the company.

During the year, INEOS Silicas Netherlands BV was liquidated, and deregistered from the Dutch Chamber of Commerce.

The Company has a non-voting preferred partnership interest in Ineos Investments Partnership, an entity held under common control by the Company's ultimate shareholders, which owns 24% of the share capital of the PQ Corporation, a silicas business incorporated in the USA, and listed on the New York stock exchange.

The registered office addresses of the investments disclosed in this note are:

Reference Registered office address

- (a) Runcorn Site HQ, South Parade, PO Box 9, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 4JE, United Kingdom
- (b) Hawkslease, Chapel Lane, Lyndhurst, Hampshire, SO43 7FG, United Kingdom
- (c) Avenue de la Bienfaisance, BP6 13117, Lavera, France
- (d) 3 Avenue des Uttins, 1180 Rolle, Vaud, Switzerland

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Notes (forming part of the financial statements) (continued)

10 Debtors

	2018 €000	2017 €000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	606,564	1,154,557
Due within one year	606,564	923,180
Due after more than one year	-	231,377

Amounts owed by group undertakings due within one year are unsecured, attract interest at commercial rates, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2018 €000	
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,076,536	146,430

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, attract interest at commercial rates, have no fixed repayment and are repayable upon demand.

12 Creditors: amounts falling after more than one year

	2018 €000	2017 €000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	198,556	1,340,232

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, attract interest at commercial rates and are repayable between 2 and 5 years.

13 Called up share capital

	€000	€000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
1 (2017: 1) Ordinary share of £1	-	-

As the reporting currency of the Company is euros, share capital has been converted to euros at the effective rate of exchange ruling at the date of issuance.

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

14 Contingencies

The Company is party to a Senior Secured Term Loans agreement dated 27 April 2012 (as amended). The total outstanding indebtedness under the Senior Secured Term Loans agreement at 31 December 2018 was €3,476.7 million (2017: €3,450.5 million). The Company is a guarantor under the Senior Secured Term Loans agreement. These obligations are secured by fixed and floating charges over the assets of the Company.

The Company is party to the Senior Secured Notes due 2023 Indenture dated 05 May 2015 and the Senior Secured Notes due 2025 Indenture dated 03 November 2017. The total outstanding indebtedness under the Senior Secured Notes at 31 December 2018 was €1,320.0 million (2017: €1,320.0 million). The Company is a guarantor under the Senior Secured Notes Indentures. These obligations are secured by fixed and floating charges over the assets of the Company. In April 2019 the Group issued €770 million Senior Secured Notes due 2026. The proceeds of the refinancing along with cash on hand were used to redeem in full the Senior Secured Notes due 2023 on 1 May 2019.

The Company is party to the Senior Notes due 2024 Indenture dated 9 August 2016. The total outstanding indebtedness under the Senior Notes at 31 December 2018 was €1,087.3 million (2017: €1,068.8 million). The Company is a guaranter under the Senior Notes Indentures. These guarantees are on an unsecured senior subordinated basis.

15 Controlling parties

As at 31 December 2018 the immediate parent undertaking was INEOS Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

The ultimate parent company at 31 December 2018 was INEOS Limited, a company incorporated in Isle of Man. INEOS Group Holdings S.A. is the parent undertaking of the only group of undertakings to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the financial statements of INEOS Group Holdings S.A. can be obtained from the Company Secretary, 58, rue Charles Martel, Luxembourg, L-2134, Luxembourg.

The directors regard Mr J A Ratcliffe to be the ultimate controlling party by virtue of his majority shareholding in the ultimate parent undertaking INEOS Limited.

16 Accounting estimates and judgements

Taxation

All the Company's operation are in the UK. Management is required to estimate the tax payable and this involves estimating the actual current tax charge or credit together with assessing temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which may be included on the balance sheet of the Company. Management have performed an assessment as to the extent to which future taxable profits will allow the deferred asset to be recovered. The calculation of the Company's total tax charge necessarily involves a significant degree of estimation in respect of certain items whose tax treatment cannot be finally determined until resolution has been reached with the relevant tax authority, or, as appropriate, through a formal legal process.

The Company has, from time to time, contingent tax liabilities arising from trading and corporate transactions. After appropriate consideration, management makes provision for these liabilities based on the probable level of economic loss that may be incurred and which is reliably measurable.

Details of amounts recognised with regard to taxation are disclosed in Note 8.

Impairment of debtors

The Company makes an estimate of the recoverable value of trade and other debtors. When assessing impairment of trade and other debtors, management considers factors including the current credit rating of the debtor, the ageing profile of debtors and historical experience. See Note 10 for the net carrying amount of the debtors and associated impairment provision.