



## **CNOOC ETTRICK U.K. LIMITED**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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## **CNOOC ETTRICK U.K. LIMITED**

### **Officers and professional advisors**

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L. Kuang  
J.D. Doyle  
H. Liu  
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# CNOOC ETTRICK U.K. LIMITED

## Strategic Report

The Directors of CNOOC Ettrick U.K. Limited (the Company or “CNOOC”) present the strategic report on the affairs of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019.

### Business review

The Company made a profit after taxation of US\$231 thousand for the year ended 31 December 2019 (2018: US\$2,610 thousand).

### United Kingdom - North Sea

CNOOC’s primary decommissioning liabilities relate to a 16.86% working interest in the Ettrick field and a 19.40% working interest in the Blackbird field.

The Ettrick field was discovered in 1981, while the Blackbird field was discovered during 2008 and brought on stream in 2009. The fields ceased production in 2016 with an approved Oil and Gas Authority (OGA) decommissioning strategy in compliance with the legislative decommissioning process. The Floating Production Storage Offloading (FPSO) disconnect and sail away was executed in 2016 and all subsea scopes were completed in 2017. Blackbird well plug and abandonment programme completed in 2018. Ettrick well plug and abandonment programme is expected to be completed in 2020.

### Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

The Company had no KPIs during the year.

In early 2020, affected by the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, demand for commodities decreased. In early March, international oil prices fell sharply. Looking ahead in 2020, with trade frictions, financial turmoil and the elevation of geopolitical tensions, etc., the downward risks of the global economy are expected to increase, and international oil price movement will continue to be uncertain. To this end, the Company will closely monitor changes in the external environment and the movement of international oil prices. We will adjust our decommissioning strategy in a timely manner, implement more stringent cost controls, maintain prudent investment decisions and strengthen cash flow management in an effort to ensure the Company’s steady operation.

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The field abandonment activities in the oil and gas industry involve a high degree of risk. The Directors monitor and manage these risks relating to the operations of the Company in conjunction with those of the group of which it is part and steps are taken

where necessary to ensure these risks are appropriately managed.

*Health, Safety and Environment (HSE):* The Company is exposed to blowout, fire and spillage risks arising from decommissioning operations. Any accident which may lead to casualties, property damage and environmental pollution may have an impact on the Company’s operational and financial conditions.

*Joint Venture:* Operations in the oil and gas industry are conducted in a joint venture environment. There is a risk that co-venturers either do not have the financial capacity or are not aligned in their objectives and this may lead to additional costs, inefficiencies and delays.

Prices for crude oil, natural gas and oil products may fluctuate widely in response to relative changes in the supply and demand for crude oil and natural gas, market uncertainty and various other factors beyond our control, including but not limited to overall economic conditions, political instability, armed conflict and acts of terrorism, economic conditions and actions of major oil-producing countries, the prices and accessibility of other energy sources, domestic government regulations, natural disasters, weather conditions and major public health emergencies (e.g., the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak at the beginning of 2020). Changes in oil and gas prices could have a material effect on the business, cash flows and earnings of our co-venturers and their financial capacity.

*Brexit:* In the wake of the U.K.’s exit from the European Union on 31 January 2020 (“Brexit”), it remains unclear how Brexit will affect the fiscal, monetary and regulatory landscape within the United Kingdom, the European Union and globally before further negotiations are concluded.

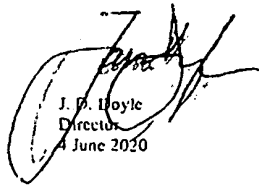
*Credit risk:* The carrying amounts of the Company’s cash and cash equivalents and other receivables except for prepayments represent the Company’s maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to its financial assets.

*Currency risk:* Our operations are sensitive to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, particularly between the US dollar and the British Pound. A portion of our activities are transacted in, or referenced to, British Pounds, including decommissioning costs and operating expenses.

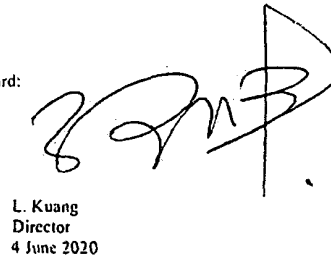
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**Strategic Report (continued)**

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board:



J. D. Doyle  
Director  
4 June 2020



L. Kuang  
Director  
4 June 2020

# CNOOC ETTRICK U.K. LIMITED

## Directors' Report

The Directors of the Company present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

### Future prospects

Looking forward into 2020, the company will continue activities on the United Kingdom Continental Shelf (UKCS) relating to the ongoing decommissioning campaigns for the Ettrick and Blackbird fields. The Company has now ceased considering opportunities to acquire additional exploration and production acreage.

### Dividends

The Directors approved and paid a dividend of US\$80,000 thousand during the year (2018: US\$50,000 thousand).

### Going concern

The Directors have, at the time of approving these financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in Note 2 to the financial statements.

### Directors

The Directors of the Company during the year and since the year end were as listed below:

Directors	Date of Appointment	Date of Resignation
B.C. Tilford	25 Jan 2017	27 Nov 2019
I.M. Smale*	21 Jan 2014	27 Nov 2019
J.D. Doyle	16 Oct 2014	
R.C. J. Riddoch	09 Jun 2015	06 Mar 2020
Z. Fang	17 Feb 2014	16 May 2019
H. Liu	16 May 2019	
L. Kuang	27 Nov 2019	
Q. Jiang	04 Jun 2020	

\* Non-executive director

J. D. Doyle was appointed as Company Secretary on 23 March 2016.

### Political donations

No political donations were made during the year ended 31 December 2019 (2018: US\$ Nil).

### Director's indemnities

The Directors have the benefit of the indemnity provision contained in the Company's Articles of Association. This provision, which is a qualifying third-party indemnity provision as defined by Section 236 of the Companies Act 2006, was in force throughout the financial year and is currently in force.

### Financial risk management objectives and policies

For details of the Company's financial risk management objectives and policies see the strategic report.

### Auditor

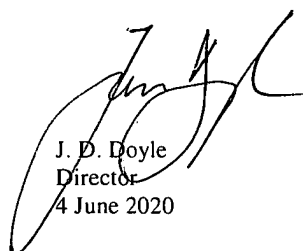
Each of the persons who is a director at the date of the approval of this report confirms that:

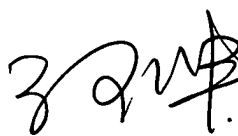
- so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as Director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of the information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Deloitte LLP have indicated their willingness to be reappointed for another term and appropriate arrangements have been put in place for them to be deemed reappointed as auditor in the absence of an Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board:

  
J. D. Doyle  
Director  
4 June 2020

  
L. Kuang  
Director  
4 June 2020

# **CNOOC ETTRICK U.K. LIMITED**

## **Directors' responsibilities statement**

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

## **Independent auditor's report to the members of CNOOC Ettrick U.K. Limited**

### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements of CNOOC Ettrick U.K. Limited (the 'company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income;
- the statement of financial position;
- the statement of changes in equity;
- the related notes 1 to 16.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We 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 Financial Reporting Council's (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**

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

#### **Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.



## **Independent auditor's report to the members of CNOOC Ettrick U.K. Limited (continued)**

### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

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

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

### **Report on other legal and regulatory requirements**

#### **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 the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

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

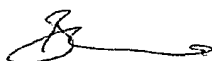
Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters if, in our opinion:

- 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

#### **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.



Bevan Whitehead, FCA (Senior statutory auditor)  
For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP  
Statutory Auditor  
London, United Kingdom  
10 June 2020

**CNOOC ETTRICK U.K. LIMITED**  
**Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2019**

	Note	2019 US\$'000	2018 US\$'000
<b>Revenues and other income</b>			
Other income	4	1,270	2,042
		<u>1,270</u>	<u>2,042</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Decommissioning (credit) / charge		(78)	372
General and administrative expenses	6,7	45	76
Finance costs	5	778	1,013
Other expenses / (credit)		36	(205)
		<u>781</u>	<u>1,256</u>
<b>Income from operations before provision for income taxes</b>		<u>489</u>	<u>786</u>
Provision for / (recovery of) income taxes			
Current	8	553	(4,476)
Deferred	8	(295)	2,652
		<u>258</u>	<u>(1,824)</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<u><u>231</u></u>	<u><u>2,610</u></u>

Items dealt with in the above statement of comprehensive income relate to continuing operations. All gains and losses are recorded in the income statement. As such, there is no requirement to prepare a separate statement of comprehensive income.

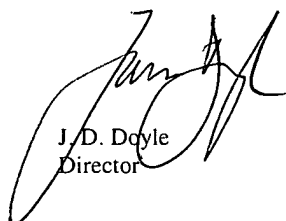
See accompanying notes which form an integral part of the financial statements.


**CNOOC ETTRICK U.K. LIMITED**  
**Statement of financial position**  
**as at 31 December 2019**

	Note	2019 US\$'000	2018 US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Deferred tax assets	8	8,132	7,837
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		8,132	7,837
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories		178	230
Other receivables	9	327	480
Cash and cash equivalents	14	24,964	106,708
<b>Total current assets</b>		25,469	107,418
<b>Total assets</b>		33,601	115,255
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>			
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued capital	10	-	-
Retained earnings		16,334	96,103
<b>Total equity</b>		16,334	96,103
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Decommissioning provision	12	-	15,471
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		-	15,471
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable, accrued and other liabilities	13	860	3,263
Decommissioning provision	12	16,407	418
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		17,267	3,681
<b>Total liabilities</b>		17,267	19,152
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		33,601	115,255

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

The financial statements of CNOOC Ettrick U.K. Limited, registration 03976014 were approved on behalf of the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 4 June 2020. They were signed on its behalf by:

  
J. D. Doyle  
Director

  
L. Kuang  
Director

**CNOOC ETTRICK U.K. LIMITED**  
**Statement of changes in equity**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2019**

	Note	<u>Issued capital</u>	<u>Retained earnings</u>	<u>Total equity</u>
		US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
<b>At 1 January 2018</b>		84,236	59,257	143,493
Capital Reduction		(84,236)	84,236	-
Dividends		-	(50,000)	(50,000)
Total comprehensive income		-	2,610	2,610
<b>At 31 December 2018</b>		-	96,103	96,103
Dividends	11	-	(80,000)	(80,000)
Total comprehensive income		-	231	231
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>		-	16,334	16,334

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

# CNOOC ETTRICK U.K. LIMITED

## Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019

### 1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

The financial statements of CNOOC Ettrick U.K. Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2019 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 4 June 2020. The Company is a limited company incorporated in England and Wales and domiciled in the United Kingdom. The registered office is located at Prospect House, 97 Oxford Road, Uxbridge, UB8 1LU.

The principal activity of the Company is the completion of the decommissioning campaigns for the Ettrick and Blackbird fields.

### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 100 'Application of Financial Reporting Requirements' issued by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC). The Company is consolidated in the accounts of CNOOC Limited, whose consolidated financial statements that comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) have been produced for public use, and may be obtained from [www.cnoocld.com](http://www.cnoocld.com). The financial statements have therefore been prepared in accordance with FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework".

As permitted by FRS 101, the company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to presentation of cash flow statement, standards not yet effective, presentation of comparative information in respect of certain assets, related party transactions, financial instruments and capital management, where relevant, equivalent disclosures have been given in the group accounts of CNOOC Limited.

These financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except as otherwise noted. The financial statements are presented in US dollars, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousands (US\$'000) except when otherwise indicated.

#### Going Concern

At 31 December 2019, the Company has sufficient funds to repay its maturing obligations and to meet its liabilities as they fall due for the next twelve months from the date these financial statements are signed. In making their going concern assessment, the Directors have taken into account the risks and uncertainties described in the Strategic Report on pages 1 to 2 and specifically the recent outbreak of COVID-19 and volatility in the commodity markets (see note 16). Thus the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies set out below are used to prepare the financial statements at 31 December 2019 and have been applied consistently for all periods presented in these financial statements.

#### (A). JOINT ARRANGEMENTS

Certain of the Company's activities are conducted through joint arrangements, which are arrangements where two or more parties have joint control. Joint arrangements are classified as either a joint operation or joint venture, based on the rights and obligations arising from the contractual obligations between the parties to the arrangement. We have assessed that all of our joint arrangements are joint operations as parties to the contract are responsible for the assets and obligations in proportion to their respective interest. Joint operations are accounted for by recording the Company's relevant share of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses.

#### (B). KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with FRS 101 requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates and judgments are continuously evaluated and are based on management's experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. However, actual outcomes can differ from these estimates.

In the process of applying the Company's accounting policies, the Directors have made estimates in the following areas, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

#### *Decommissioning provision*

Decommissioning costs will be incurred by the Company at the end of the operating life of certain of the Company's facilities and properties. The ultimate decommissioning costs are uncertain and cost estimates can vary in response to many factors including changes to relevant legal requirements, the emergence of new restoration techniques or experience at other production sites. The expected timing and amount of expenditure can also change, for example, in response to changes in laws and regulations or their interpretation. As a result, there could be significant adjustments to the provisions established which would affect future financial results. See Note 12.

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**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2019**

**(B). KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY (CONTINUED)**

The estimated decommissioning costs are reviewed annually by an internal expert.

On the basis that all other assumptions in the calculation remain the same a 10% increase in the cost estimates used to assess the final decommissioning obligation would result in an increase to the decommissioning provision of approximately US \$2million. This change would principally offset by a change to the value of the associated asset which in turn would be depreciated immediately. A 1% reduction of the discount rate would not have a material impact on the amount of the provision.

**(C). CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at banks and on hand and short term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

**(D). INVENTORIES**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method. Inventory costs include expenditures and other costs, including depletion and depreciation, directly or indirectly incurred in bringing the inventory to its location and existing condition.

**(E). FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

All financial assets and liabilities are recognised on the statement of financial position initially at fair value when we become a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Subsequent measurement of the financial instruments is based on their classification. We classify each financial asset into one of the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income or financial assets at amortised cost. The classification is based on the Company's business model for managing the asset and the asset's contractual cash flow characteristics. All financial liabilities are classified at amortised cost. The classification is only changed if the Company changes its business model for managing financial assets.

Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within a time frame established by regulation or convention in the marketplace (regular way purchases or sales) are recognised on the trade date, that is, the date that the company commits to purchase or sell the asset.

Financial instruments carried at fair value through profit and loss on our statement of financial position

include cash and cash equivalents. Realized and unrealized gains and losses from financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in net income in the period such gains and losses arise. Transaction costs related to these financial assets are included in net income when incurred.

Financial instruments carried at cost or amortised cost includes our other receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The transaction costs are included with the initial fair value, and the instruments are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Gains and losses on financial assets and liabilities carried at cost or amortised cost are recognised in net income when these assets and liabilities settle.

The Company performs impairment assessment under expected credit loss ("ECL") model on financial assets (including cash and cash equivalents, receivables and long-term debt), which are subject to impairment under IFRS 9 Financial Instruments. The amount of ECL is updated at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since initial recognition. Lifetime ECL represents the ECL that will result from all possible default events over the expected life of the relevant instrument. In contrast, 12-month ECL ("12m ECL") represents the portion of lifetime ECL that is expected to result from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date. Assessment is done based on the Company's historical credit loss experience, adjusted for factors that are specific to the debtors, general economic conditions and an assessment of both the current conditions at the reporting date as well as the forecast of future conditions.

The Company always recognises lifetime ECL for trade receivables without significant financing component. For all other instruments, the Company measures the loss allowance equal to 12m ECL, unless when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, in which case the Company recognises lifetime ECL. The assessment of whether lifetime ECL should be recognised is based on significant increases in the likelihood or risk of a default occurring since initial recognition.

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**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2019**

**(E). FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS  
(CONTINUED)**

In assessing whether the credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument as at the date of initial recognition. In making this assessment, the Company considers both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information that is available without undue cost or effort.

**(F). PROVISIONS**

*General*

A provision is recognised when a present obligation (legal or constructive) has arisen as a result of a past event and it is probable that a future outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Where the effect of discounting is material, the amount recognised for a provision is the present value at the reporting date of the future expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation. The increase in the discounted present value amount arising from the passage of time is included in "finance costs" in the statement of comprehensive income.

A contingent liability is disclosed when the existence of an obligation will only be confirmed by future events or when the amount of the obligation cannot be measured reliably.

A contingent asset is not recognised in the financial statements, but is disclosed when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

*Decommissioning provision*

Decommissioning provision is recognised when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that a future outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made. A corresponding amount equivalent to the provision is also recognised as part of the cost of the related property, plant and equipment.

The amount recognised is the estimated cost of decommissioning, discounted to its present value using a current pre-tax rate that reflects where appropriate, the specific risk to the liability.

Changes in the estimated timing of decommissioning or decommissioning costs are accounted for prospectively by recording an adjustment to the

provision, and a corresponding adjustment to related property, plant and equipment.

The unwinding of the discount on the decommissioning provision is included as a finance cost.

**(G). REVENUE RECOGNITION**

*Finance income*

Finance income is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest rate method.

*Other income*

Other income mainly represents disposals of oil and gas properties which are recognised when the properties have been disposed.

**(H). FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION**

The Company's financial statements are presented in US dollars, which is also the Company's functional currency.

Monetary balance sheet amounts denominated in a currency other than a functional currency are translated into the functional currency using exchange rates at the balance sheet dates. Gains and losses arising from this translation are included in net income. Non-monetary balance sheet amounts denominated in a currency other than a functional currency are translated using historical exchange rates at the time of the transaction.

**(I). INCOME TAXES**

Income tax comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, either as an expense as it relates to operating activities or as a component of the applicable categories of other comprehensive income or loss.

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantially enacted, by the reporting date.

Deferred tax is provided, using the statement of financial position liability method, on all temporary differences at the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

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**(I). INCOME TAXES (CONTINUED)**

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except:

- when the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries when the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, the carry forward of unused tax credits and any unused tax losses. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit and taxable temporary differences will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, the carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised, except:

- when the deferred tax assets relating to the deductible temporary differences arise from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; and
- in respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and are recognised to the extent that it is probable that sufficient taxable profit and taxable temporary differences will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when

the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

**(J). CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The IASB issued IFRS 16 Leases and a number of amendments to IFRS standards which became effective 1 January 2019. The adoption of IFRS 16 and the IFRS amendments has had no impact on these financial statements.



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**4. OTHER INCOME**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Finance income	1,270	2,046
Other income / (charge)	-	(4)
	<u>1,270</u>	<u>2,042</u>

**5. FINANCE COSTS**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Unwinding of discount related to decommissioning provision (note 12)	778	1,013
	<u>778</u>	<u>1,013</u>

**6. STAFF COSTS & DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION**

The Company did not employ any staff during the current or prior year. The Directors received no remuneration from the Company, or in respect of their services to the Company.

**7. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION**

Fees payable to the Company's auditor and their associates for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements amounts to US\$28 thousand (2018: US\$68 thousand). No fees were paid during the year to the Company's auditor for non-audit services (2018: US\$ Nil).

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**8. INCOME TAX**

**(A) PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000
<b>Current tax</b>		
Credit for the year at 40% (2018: 40%)	(26)	(3,971)
Prior period adjustments	<u>579</u>	<u>(505)</u>
	553	(4,476)
<b>Deferred tax</b>		
Temporary differences in the current year	(295)	3,530
Prior period adjustments	<u>-</u>	<u>(878)</u>
	(295)	2,652
<b>Total income tax expense / (credit) recognised in net income</b>	<u><u>258</u></u>	<u><u>(1,824)</u></u>

There was no deferred tax related to items directly charged or credited within equity.

**(B) DEFERRED INCOME TAX**

	<b>Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income</b>		<b>Statement of financial position</b>	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Decommissioning Provision	<u>295</u>	<u>(2,652)</u>	<u>8,132</u>	<u>7,837</u>

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000
<b>Net deferred income tax asset</b>		
Analysis of movements during the year		
Asset at the beginning of the year	7,837	10,489
Annual credit / (provision) in net income	<u>295</u>	<u>(2,652)</u>
Balance at the end of the year	<u><u>8,132</u></u>	<u><u>7,837</u></u>

At the balance sheet date there were deferred tax assets of US\$8 million (2018: US\$8 million) due to activities in the prior periods and it is anticipated that these will be recovered as the Company abandons the Ettrick and Blackbird fields.

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**8. INCOME TAX (continued)**

**(C) RECONCILIATION OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE TO THE UK CORPORATION TAX RATE**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000
<b>Income from operations before provision for income taxes</b>	<u>489</u>	<u>786</u>
Provision for income taxes computed at the UK Corporation tax rate on North Sea oil & gas activities of 40% (2018: 40%)	196	314
Deduct the tax effect of:		
Prior period adjustments	579	(1,383)
Non-taxable income	<u>(517)</u>	<u>(755)</u>
	<u>258</u>	<u>(1,824)</u>

**9. OTHER RECEIVABLES**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Amounts owed by affiliated undertakings	32	195
Prepayments, accrued income and others	<u>295</u>	<u>285</u>
	<u>327</u>	<u>480</u>

As at 31 December 2019 none of the other receivables, at initial value, were materially impaired and substantially all receivables were aged within 30 days. The carrying value of other receivables approximates their fair value.

**10. ISSUED CAPITAL**

**Ordinary shares of £10 each, issued and fully paid**

	<b>Shares</b>	<b>US\$ per share</b>	<b>US\$' 000s</b>
At 31 December 2018 and 2019	<u>21</u>	<u>18.53</u>	<u>-</u>

**11. DIVIDENDS PAID AND PROPOSED**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	US\$' 000	US\$' 000
<b>Dividends on ordinary shares</b>		
Declared and settled during the year	<u>80,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Dividend per ordinary share (US\$ per share)	<u>3,809,524</u>	<u>2,380,952</u>

The dividends were settled by cash.

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**12. DECOMMISSIONING PROVISION**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>US\$'000</b>	<b>US\$'000</b>
<b>At 1 January</b>	15,889	25,581
Changes in estimates	(468)	1,128
Utilised	(223)	(11,165)
Unwinding of discount <sup>(1)</sup>	778	1,013
Exchange differences	431	(668)
<b>At 31 December</b>	<b>16,407</b>	<b>15,889</b>
Current portion of decommissioning provision included in accounts payable, accrued and other liabilities <sup>(2)</sup>	(16,407)	(418)
<b>At 31 December</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,471</b>

<sup>(1)</sup>The discount rate used for calculating the amount of unwinding of discount is a credit-adjusted weighted-average rate of 5% (2018: 4%).

<sup>(2)</sup> Subsequent to 31 December 2019, as a result of the impacts of Covid-19, decommissioning work for Ettrick-Blackbird has been deferred beyond 31 December 2020.

**13. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, ACCRUED AND OTHER LIABILITIES**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>US\$'000</b>	<b>US\$'000</b>
Amounts due to parent company	828	3,196
Accruals and other liabilities	32	67
	<b>860</b>	<b>3,263</b>

The carrying value of accounts payable, accrued and other liabilities approximates their fair value.

**14. RELATED PARTY**

***Ultimate and immediate parent company***

At 31 December 2019, the ultimate controlling party and the largest group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up, and of which the Company is a member was China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC), a company established in the People's Republic of China (PRC).

The smallest group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up, and of which the Company is a member is CNOOC Limited, 65/F, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Hong Kong. The consolidated accounts of CNOOC Limited are available to the public and may be obtained from [www.cnoocld.com](http://www.cnoocld.com).

The immediate parent company for the Company is CNOOC Petroleum Europe Limited, Prospect House, 97 Oxford Road, Uxbridge, UB8 1LU.

**Year end balances with related parties**

Amounts owed by and amounts due to affiliated undertakings are disclosed in notes 9 and 13 respectively.

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**14. RELATED PARTY (CONTINUED)**

**Facilities with an affiliated undertaking**

The Company has a short-term deposit facility with CNOOC UK Limited (“CNUK”), into which the Company can deposit surplus funds up to a limit of US\$500,000 thousand (2018: US\$500,000 thousand). The balance held by CNUK at 31 December 2019 was US\$24,964 thousand (2018: US\$106,708 thousand). This balance is repayable on demand and is considered a cash equivalent.

The Company has a loan facility of US\$50,000 thousand (2018: US\$50,000 thousand) with an interest rate of 6 month US\$ LIBOR plus 3.65% (2018: 6 month US\$ LIBOR plus 3.75%) with CNUK. The balance drawn at 31 December 2019 and 2018 was US\$ Nil.

**Terms and conditions of transactions with related parties**

Outstanding balances at the year-end are unsecured, interest free and settlement occurs in cash. There have been no guarantees provided or received for any related party receivables or payables. For the year ended 31 December 2019, the Company has not recorded any impairment of receivables relating to amounts owed by related parties (2018: US\$ Nil). This assessment is undertaken each financial year through examining the financial position of the related party and the market in which the related party operates.

**15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Financial instruments carried at fair value include cash and cash equivalents. Other financial instruments, including other receivables, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, are carried at cost or amortized cost. The carrying value of current and non-current receivables and payables approximates fair value.

**16. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

After the balance sheet date, we have seen macro-economic uncertainty with regards to prices and demand for oil and gas as a result of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Additionally, recent global developments and uncertainty in oil supply in March and April have caused further abnormally large volatility in commodity markets. The scale and duration of these developments remain uncertain but could impact our income, cash flow and financial condition. We are closely monitoring the situation, implementing more stringent cost controls and more prudent investment decisions in order to overcome the impact of the pandemic and maintain the Company’s operations.