

**BP CHEMICALS EAST CHINA INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

**(Registered No.04152953)**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2019**

Board of Directors: R E Griffin  
T M Thornton  
N J C Evans

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

In accordance with section 414B (b) of the Companies Act 2006, the directors are taking advantage of the small companies exemption to not prepare a strategic report.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**Directors**

The present directors are listed above.

There have been no director appointments or resignations since 1 January 2019.

**Directors' indemnity**

The company indemnifies the directors in its Articles of Association to the extent allowed under section 232 of the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of the company's directors remain in force at the date of this report.

**Dividends**

During the year the company has declared and paid dividends of \$16,000,000 (2018 \$750,000,000). The directors do not propose the payment of a final dividend.

**Post balance sheet event**

Since 31 December 2019, oil and gas prices have fallen sharply in large part due to the impact of the international spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and geopolitical factors. The impact of COVID-19 and the current economic environment on the basis of preparation of these financial statements has been considered. Whilst the onset of COVID-19 after the balance sheet date has caused significant economic uncertainty, the directors do not believe that the entity is likely to be impacted given it is due for liquidation. The directors continue to expect that the company's asset carrying values will be recovered in full and has been prepared on a basis other than going concern. Further details are provided under Going Concern below. This is a non-adjusting event for the financial statements for the period ending 31 December 2019.

**Going concern**

The directors believe that the company is no longer a going concern, but the company remains in a net asset position and has the ability to meet all the company's liabilities as they fall due. It is the intention of the directors that the company will be placed under member's voluntary liquidation. The financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern.



**DIRECTORS' REPORT****Future developments**

Given the company has disposed of its investment in Shanghai SECCO Petrochemical Company Limited in prior year, the company has ceased trading and will be placed under member's voluntary liquidation. The balance sheet position at the year end will remain with no modifications. All balance sheet items have been presented at the net realizable value as at the end of the reporting period. The directors continue to expect that the company's asset carrying value will be recovered in full.

The accounts have been prepared on a basis other than going concern as the directors intend to liquidate the company within the next 12 months.

**Financial risk management**

The company is exposed to a number of different financial risks arising from natural business exposures as well as its use of financial instruments including market risks relating to foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. Further details on these financial risks are included within Note 29 of the BP group Annual Report and Form 20-F for the year ended 31 December 2019.

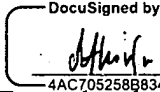
**Directors' statement as to the disclosure of information to the auditor**

The directors who were members of the board at the time of approving the directors' report are listed on page 1. Having made enquiries of fellow directors and of the company's auditor, each of these directors confirms that:

- To the best of each director's knowledge and belief, there is no information relevant to the preparation of the auditor's report of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- Each director has taken all the steps a director might reasonably be expected to have taken to be aware of relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

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

Authorized for issue by Order of the Board

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For and on behalf of  
Sunbury Secretaries Limited  
Company Secretary

26/6/2020

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**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT  
OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**BP CHEMICALS EAST CHINA INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable UK 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 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 the profit or loss for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom 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.

The directors confirm that they have complied with these requirements. They believe that the company is no longer a going concern, but the company remains in a net asset position and has the ability to meet all the company's liabilities as they fall due. It is the intention of the directors that the company will be placed under member's voluntary liquidation. The financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT****TO THE MEMBERS OF BP CHEMICALS EAST CHINA INVESTMENTS LIMITED****Report on the audit of the financial statements****Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements of BP Chemicals East China Investments 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 profit and loss account;
- the statement of comprehensive income;
- the balance sheet;
- the statement of changes in equity; and
- the related notes 1 to 14.

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.

**Emphasis of matter – Financial statements prepared other than on a going concern basis**

We draw attention to Note 2 in the financial statements, which indicates that the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than that of going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**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**

### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, 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 directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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.

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*David Holtam*

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David Holtam, FCA

(Senior Statutory Auditor)

**for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP, Statutory Auditor**

London, United Kingdom

30/6/2020

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019****BP CHEMICALS EAST CHINA INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	<b>Note</b>	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
Administrative expenses		(11)	(677)
<b>Operating loss</b>	<b>3</b>	(11)	(677)
Interest receivable and similar income	<b>5</b>	15,124	27,874
<b>Profit before taxation</b>		15,113	27,197
Tax on profit	<b>6</b>	—	—
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<u>15,113</u>	<u>27,197</u>

The profit of \$15,113,000 for the year ended 31 December 2019 was derived from interest earned on a funding account.

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

There is no comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders of the company other than the profit for the year.

**BALANCE SHEET****AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019****BP CHEMICALS EAST CHINA INVESTMENTS LIMITED****(Registered No.04152953)**

	Note	2019 \$000	2018 \$000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	8	700,247	701,332
Cash at bank and in hand		92	94
		<u>700,339</u>	<u>701,426</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(1)	(201)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>700,338</u>	<u>701,225</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>700,338</u></u>	<u><u>701,225</u></u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	10	450,687	450,687
Profit and loss account	11	249,651	250,538
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u><u>700,338</u></u>	<u><u>701,225</u></u>

Authorized for issue on behalf of the Board

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*Thornton, Terry M*

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T M Thornton

Director

24/6/2020

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019****BP CHEMICALS EAST CHINA INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

	Called up share capital (Note 10)	Profit and loss account (Note 11)	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>Balance at 1 January 2018</b>	450,687	973,341	1,424,028
Profit for the year, representing total comprehensive income	—	27,197	27,197
Dividends paid	—	(750,000)	(750,000)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2018</b>	450,687	250,538	701,225
Profit for the year, representing total comprehensive income	—	15,113	15,113
Dividends paid	—	(16,000)	(16,000)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2019</b>	<u>450,687</u>	<u>249,651</u>	<u>700,338</u>



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019****BP CHEMICALS EAST CHINA INVESTMENTS LIMITED****1. Authorization of financial statements and statement of compliance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework (FRS 101)**

The company was the holding company for the joint venture Shanghai SECCO Petrochemical Company Limited ("SECCO"). In year 2017, the company sold its 50% shareholding in SECCO to Sinopec Shanghai Gaoqiao Petrochemical Co. Ltd.

The financial statements of BP Chemicals East China Investments Limited for the year ended 31 December 2019 were approved by the board of directors on 24 June 2020 and the balance sheet was signed on the board's behalf by T M Thornton. BP Chemicals East China Investments Limited is a private company, limited by shares incorporated, domiciled and registered in England and Wales (registered number 04152953). The company's registered office is at Chertsey Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex, TW16 7BP. These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101) and the provisions of the Companies Act 2006.

**2. Significant accounting policies, judgements, estimates and assumptions**

The significant accounting policies and critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions of the company are set out below.

**Basis of preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 101.

Given the company has disposed of its investment in Shanghai SECCO Petrochemical Company Limited in prior year, the company will be placed under member's voluntary liquidation.

The accounts have been prepared on a basis other than that of a going concern. No material adjustments arose as a result of ceasing to apply the going concern basis. All balance sheet items have been presented at the net realizable value as at the end of the reporting period.

The accounting policies that follow have been consistently applied to all years presented, except where otherwise indicated.

As permitted by FRS 101, the company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to:

- (a) the requirements of IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures
- (b) the requirements of paragraphs 91 – 99 of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement
- (c) the requirements of paragraphs 10(d), 10(f), 16, 38A, 38B, 38C, 38D, 40A, 40B, 40C, 40D, 111 and 134 to 136 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements
- (d) 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
- (e) the requirements of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows
- (f) the requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors in relation to standards not yet effective
- (g) the requirements of paragraph 17 and 18A of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures
- (h) the requirements of 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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 2. Significant accounting policies, judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

#### **Basis of preparation (continued)**

Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the group financial statements of BP p.l.c. The group financial statements of BP p.l.c. are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in Note 14.

The financial statements are presented in US dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$000), except where otherwise indicated.

#### **Significant accounting policies: use of judgements, estimates and assumptions**

Inherent in the application of many of the accounting policies used in preparing the financial statements is the need for management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual outcomes could differ from the estimates and assumptions used.

There were no critical accounting judgements or estimates identified that would have a significant impact on the amounts recognized in the financial statements, or create a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

#### **Significant accounting policies**

##### **Foreign currency**

The functional and presentation currency of the financial statements is US dollars. The functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which an entity operates and is normally the currency in which the entity primarily generates and expends cash.

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded in the functional currency by applying the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Where this is not practical and exchange rates do not fluctuate materially the average rate has been used. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated into the functional currency at the spot exchange on the balance sheet date. Any resulting exchange differences are included in the profit and loss account, unless hedge accounting is applied. Non-monetary assets and liabilities, other than those measured at fair value, are not retranslated subsequent to initial recognition.

##### **Financial assets**

Financial assets are recognized initially at fair value, normally being the transaction price. In the case of financial assets not at fair value through profit or loss, directly attributable transaction costs are also included. The subsequent measurement of financial assets depends on their classification, as set out below. The company derecognizes financial assets when the contractual rights to the cash flows expire or the rights to receive cash flows have been transferred to a third party along with either substantially all of the risks and rewards or control of the asset. This includes the derecognition of receivables for which discounting arrangements are entered into.

The company classifies its financial assets as measured at amortized cost or fair value through profit or loss. The classification depends on the business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset.

##### ***Financial assets measured at amortized cost***

Financial assets are classified as measured at amortized cost when they are held in a business model the objective of which is to collect contractual cash flows and the contractual cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest. Such assets are carried at amortized cost. This category of financial assets includes trade and other receivables.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 2. Significant accounting policies, judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

#### **Impairment of financial assets measured at amortized cost**

The company assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit losses associated with financial assets classified as measured at amortized cost at each balance sheet date. Expected credit losses are measured based on the maximum contractual period over which the company is exposed to credit risk. As lifetime expected credit losses are recognized for trade receivables and the tenor of substantially all of other in-scope financial assets is less than 12 months there is no significant difference between the measurement of 12-month and lifetime expected credit losses for the company. The measurement of expected credit losses is a function of the probability of default, loss given default and exposure at default. The expected credit loss is estimated as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the future cash flows the company expects to receive, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is adjusted, with the amount of the impairment gain or loss recognized in the profit and loss account.

A financial asset or group of financial assets classified as measured at amortized cost is considered to be credit-impaired if there is reasonable and supportable evidence that one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset (or group of financial assets) have occurred. Financial assets are written off where the company has no reasonable expectation of recovering amounts due.

#### **Financial liabilities**

The measurement of financial liabilities is as follows:

##### ***Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost***

Financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value, net of directly attributable transaction costs. For interest-bearing loans and borrowings this is typically equivalent to the fair value of the proceeds received net of issue costs associated with the borrowing.

After initial recognition, these financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost. This category of financial liabilities includes trade and other payables and finance debt.

#### **Offsetting of financial assets and liabilities**

Financial assets and liabilities are presented gross in the balance sheet unless both of the following criteria are met: the company currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognized amounts; and the company intends to either settle on a net basis or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. If both of the criteria are met, the amounts are set off and presented net. A right of set off is the company's legal right to settle an amount payable to a creditor by applying against it an amount receivable from the same counterparty. The relevant legal jurisdiction and laws applicable to the relationships between the parties are considered when assessing whether a current legally enforceable right to set off exists.

#### **Taxation**

Income tax expense represents the sum of current tax and deferred tax.

Income tax is recognized in the profit and loss account, except to the extent that it relates to items recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case the related tax is recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current tax is based on the taxable profit for the period. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account because it is determined in accordance with the rules established by the applicable taxation authorities. It therefore excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other periods as well as items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 2. Significant accounting policies, judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

#### Taxation (continued)

Deferred tax is provided, using the balance sheet method, on temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes. Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences except:

- Where the deferred tax liability arises on the initial recognition of goodwill.
- Where the deferred tax liability arises on 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 accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss.
- In respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries and associates and interests in joint arrangements, where the company is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognized for deductible temporary differences, carry-forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences and the carry-forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilized. An exception is where the deferred tax asset relates to the deductible temporary difference arising 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 accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss.

In respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries and associates and interests in joint arrangements, deferred tax assets are recognized only 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 utilized.

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

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis or to realize the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

Where tax treatments are uncertain, if it is considered probable that a taxation authority will accept the company's proposed tax treatment, income taxes are recognized consistent with the company's income tax filings. If it is not considered probable, the uncertainty is reflected within the carrying amount of the applicable tax asset or liability using either the most likely amount or an expected value, depending on which method better predicts the resolution of the uncertainty.

Judgement is required when determining whether a particular tax is an income tax or another type of tax (for example a production tax). Accounting for deferred tax is applied to income taxes as described above, but is not applied to other types of taxes; rather such taxes are recognized in the profit and loss account in accordance with the applicable accounting policy such as Provisions and contingent liabilities.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****2. Significant accounting policies, judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)****Interest income**

Interest income is recognized as the interest accrues.

**Dividends payable**

Final dividends are recorded in the financial statements in the year in which they are approved by the company's shareholders. Interim dividends are recorded in the year in which they are approved and paid.

**Impact of new International Financial Reporting Standards**

The company adopted IFRS 16 'Leases', which replaced IAS 17 'Leases' and IFRIC 4 'Determining whether an arrangement contains a lease', with effect from 1 January 2019. There are no other new or amended standards or interpretations adopted during the year that have a significant impact on the financial statements.

The adoption of IFRS 16 has had no material impact on the company's financial statements.

**3. Operating loss**

This is stated after charging:

	2019	2018
	\$000	\$000
Net foreign exchange losses	2	10

**4. Auditor's remuneration**

	2019	2018
	\$000	\$000
Fees for the audit of the company	15	15

Fees paid to the company's auditor, Deloitte LLP and its associates for services other than the statutory audit of the company are not disclosed in these financial statements since the consolidated financial statements of BP Chemicals East China Investments Limited's ultimate parent, BP p.l.c., are required to disclose non-audit fees on a consolidated basis.

The fees were borne by another group company.

**5. Interest receivable and similar income**

	2019	2018
	\$000	\$000
Interest income from amounts owed by group undertakings	15,124	27,874

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****6. Taxation**

The company is a member of a group for the purposes of relief within Part 5, Corporation Tax Act 2010.

**(a) Reconciliation of the effective tax rate**

The tax assessed on the profit for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% for the year ended 31 December 2019 (2018 19%). The differences are reconciled below:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	UK	UK
	\$000	\$000
Profit before tax	15,113	27,197
Tax charge	—	—
Effective tax rate	—%	—%

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	UK	UK
	%	%
UK corporation tax rate:	19	19
Decrease resulting from:		
Free group relief	(19)	(19)
Effective tax rate	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

The reconciling items shown above are those that arise for UK corporation tax purposes, rather than overseas tax purposes.

**Change in corporation tax rate**

A reduction in the UK corporation tax rate from 19% to 17% (effective 1 April 2020) was substantively enacted on 6 September 2016, and the UK deferred tax asset/(liability) as at 31 December 2019 has been calculated based on this rate. The March 2020 Budget announced that a rate of 19% would continue to apply with effect from 1 April 2020, and this change was substantively enacted on 17 March 2020.

**(b) Provision for deferred tax**

Deferred tax has not been recognised on excess management expenses of \$351,969 (2018 \$351,969) or loan relationship deficits of \$781,638 (2018 \$781,638) with no fixed expiry date on the basis that they are not expected to give rise to any future tax benefit.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****7. Directors and employees****(a) Remuneration of directors**

None of the directors received any fees or remuneration for qualifying services as a director of the company during the financial year (2018 \$Nil).

**(b) Employee costs**

The company had no employees during the year (2018 None).

**8. Debtors**

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2019	2018
	\$000	\$000
Amounts owed from fellow subsidiaries	700,247	701,332

The amounts owed from fellow subsidiaries comprise a variable rate funding account of \$700,247,000 (2018 \$701,332,000), which is repayable on demand. Interest is accrued on a monthly basis based on USD daily overnight LIBOR. The interest rate at year end was LIBOR minus 11 basis points (2018 LIBOR minus 11 basis points).

**9. Creditors**

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2019	2018
	\$000	\$000
Amounts owed to fellow subsidiaries	1	201

**10. Called up share capital**

	2019	2018
	\$000	\$000
Issued and fully paid:		
312,227,961 ordinary shares of £0.85 each for a total nominal value of £265,393,767	450,687	450,687

**11. Reserves***Called up share capital*

The balance on the called up share capital account represents the aggregate nominal value of all ordinary shares in issue.

*Profit and loss account*

The balance held on this reserve is the retained profits of the company.

In 2019, the company paid interim ordinary dividends of \$16,000,000 (2018 \$750,000,000). The dividend per share was \$0.05 (2018 dividend per share \$2.40).

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****12. Related party transactions**

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within paragraphs 8(k) and (j) of FRS 101, and has not disclosed transactions entered into with wholly-owned group companies or key management personnel. There were no other related party transactions in the year.

**13. Post balance sheet event**

Since 31 December 2019, oil and gas prices have fallen sharply in large part due to the impact of the international spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and geopolitical factors. The impact of COVID-19 and the current economic environment on the basis of preparation of these financial statements has been considered. Whilst the onset of COVID-19 after the balance sheet date has caused significant economic uncertainty, the directors do not believe that the entity is likely to be impacted given it is due for liquidation. The directors continue to expect that the company's asset carrying values will be recovered in full and has been prepared on a basis other than going concern. This is a non-adjusting event for the financial statements for the period ending 31 December 2019.

**14. Immediate and ultimate controlling parent undertaking**

The immediate parent undertaking is BP Global Investments Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. The ultimate controlling parent undertaking is BP p.l.c., a company registered in England and Wales, which is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of BP p.l.c. can be obtained from its registered address: 1 St James's Square, London, SW1Y 4PD.