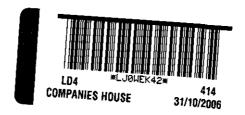
Annual report For the year ended 31 December 2005

Registered Number: 4262250



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# Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2005

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of Centrica PB Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2005.

#### Principal activities and review of business

The principal activity of the Company is the operation of a 360MW gas fired combined cycle gas turbine generating station at Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

During the year the Company continued the operation of Peterborough Power Station. There are no plans to change the nature of activities in the foreseeable future. The Company operates under a capacity tolling arrangement with British Gas Trading Limited who are responsible for energy procurement for the Centrica group.

Trading for the year is in line with directors' expectation and a similar trading profile is expected in the coming year.

#### Financial results and dividends

The profit on ordinary activities after taxation for the year ended 31 December 2005 was £8,878,000 (2004: £4,808,000).

No dividends were paid for the year ended 31 December 2005 (2004: £nil).

#### **Directors**

The following served as directors throughout the year:

Alan Bennett

Jonathan Bradley

Michael Garstang

Simon Goodwin

Amanda King

On 1 August 2006 Amanda King resigned as a director of the Company. On 14 August 2006 Benedict Wright was appointed as a director of the Company.

At no time during the year ended 31 December 2005 did any director have any interests in the shares of the Company or any other company in the Centrica group except for interests in, and options over, the shares and interests of the ultimate parent Company, Centrica plc.

## Directors' interests in shares (as defined by Section 325 of the Companies Act 1985)

The directors with interests in and options over the ordinary shares of Centrica plc at the year end are as follows:

| Beneficial interests in ordinary shares | As at 31 December 2005 | As at 31 December 2004 |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| Michael Garstang                        | 12,541                 | -                      |
| Alan Bennett                            | 16,922                 | 2,077                  |
| Amanda King                             | 2,129                  | 1,380                  |
| Simon Goodwin                           | 9,829                  | 5,530                  |
| Jonathan Bradley                        | 145,197                | 123,658                |

The above figures include shares held under the terms of the Centrica Share Incentive Plan.

# Directors' report for the period ended 31 December 2005 (continued)

#### Centrica Sharesave scheme

|                  | As at<br>31 December<br>2004 | Granted<br>during<br>the year | Exercised during the year | Lapsed during the year | As at<br>31 December<br>2005 |
|------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Alan Bennett     | 8,823                        | -                             | -                         | -                      | 8,823                        |
| Amanda King      | 5,161                        | -                             | -                         |                        | 5,161                        |
| Simon Goodwin    | 10,776                       | -                             | -                         | -                      | 10,776                       |
| Jonathan Bradley | 8,823                        | -                             | -                         | -                      | 8,823                        |

#### Centrica Long-term incentive scheme (LTIS)

|                  | As at<br>31 December<br>2004 | Allocations<br>granted<br>during<br>the year | Allocations<br>lapsed<br>during the<br>year | Allocations<br>vested during<br>the year | As at<br>31 December<br>2005 |
|------------------|------------------------------|--|---|--|------------------------------|
| Michael Garstang | 94,377                       | 25,147                                       | 4,664                                       | 36,609                                   | 78,251                       |
| Alan Bennett     | 131,448                      | 34,966                                       | 5,209                                       | 40,801                                   | 120,404                      |
| Amanda King      | 83,228                       | 24,928                                       | 5,183                                       | 17,058                                   | 85,915                       |
| Simon Goodwin    | 17,121                       | 19,155                                       | 1,829                                       | 6,017                                    | 28,430                       |
| Jonathan Bradley | 117,558                      | 28,123                                       | 4,716                                       | 36,508                                   | 104,457                      |

Total allocations as at 31 December 2005 shown above are subject to challenging performance conditions. At the end of the performance period the Total Shareholder Return of Centrica plc will be assessed against that of the relevant LTIS comparator group. If, and to the extent that, the performance conditions are met, the relevant number of shares will be released to the directors at the Trustee's discretion as soon as practicable thereafter.

A conditional allocation of shares was made under the terms of the Scheme on 1 April 2005 at a price of 228 pence per share.

#### Centrica Executive Share Option scheme (ESOS)

|                  | As at<br>31 December<br>2004 | Lapsed<br>during the<br>year | Exercised<br>during<br>the period | Granted<br>during<br>the period | As at 31 December 2005 |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Alan Bennett     | 169,298                      |                              | -                                 | 69,932                          | 239,230                |
| Jonathan Bradley | 141,689                      |                              | -                                 | 53,122                          | 194,811                |

Under the terms of the ESOS a further grant of options was made on 1 April 2005 at an option price of 228 pence per share.

# Directors' report for the period ended 31 December 2005 (continued)

Options were granted under the terms of the ultimate parent company's ESOS, and allocations made under the terms of the LTIS. Details of these schemes and the Share Incentive Plan can be found in the 2005 accounts of Centrica plc, copies of which can be obtained from the <a href="https://www.centrica.com">www.centrica.com</a>.

The middle market price of a Centrica plc ordinary share on the last day of trading of 2005 (30 December) was 254.75 pence. The range during the year was 264.75 pence (high) and 217.50 pence (low).

As at 31 December 2005, nil shares and 2,591 shares (1 January 2005: 6,370,264 and 2,548) were held by the respective Trustees of employee share trusts for the purposes of the LTIS and the Share Incentive Plan. As with other employees, the directors are deemed to have a potential interest in those shares, being beneficiaries under the trust.

There were no contracts of significance during or at the end of the financial year to which the Company or any subsidiary and associated undertakings is a party and in which any director is or was materially interested.

#### Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemptions within Financial Reporting Standard No 8 "Related Party Disclosures" from disclosure of transactions with other Centrica group companies. There have been no other disclosable related party transactions during the year (2004: £nil).

#### Financial risk management

The Directors have established objectives and policies for managing financial risks to enable the Company to achieve its long-term shareholder value growth targets within a prudent risk management framework. These objectives and policies are regularly reviewed.

Exposure to counterparty credit risk and liquidity risk arises in the normal course of the Company's business.

Counterparty credit exposures are monitored by individual counterparty and by category of credit rating, and are subject to approved limits. Credit risk is predominantly limited to exposures with other Centrica Group companies.

Cash forecasts identifying the liquidity requirements of the Company are produced frequently and reviewed regularly to ensure there is sufficient financial headroom for at least a 12 month period.

#### Political and charitable donations

The Company made no political or charitable donations during the year (2004: £nil).

### Directors' and officers' liability

Directors' and officers' liability insurance has been purchased by the ultimate parent company, Centrica plc, and was in place throughout the year under review.

### Creditor payment policy

The Company aims to pay all of its creditors (of which none were trade creditors) promptly within the agreed contract terms.

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that 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. The directors are required to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently in the year. They also confirm that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 and that applicable accounting standards have been followed.

# Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2005 (continued)

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities (continued)

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 1985. 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.

#### Auditors

In accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 1985, the Company has elected to dispense with the obligation to reappoint auditors annually, and Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP will therefore continue in office.

This report was approved by the Board on 30 -10 -04

For and on behalf of Centrica Secretaries Limited Company Secretary

Registered office:

Millstream Maidenhead Road Windsor Berkshire SL4 5GD

# Independent Auditors' report to the members of Centrica PB Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Centrica PB Limited for the year ended 31 December 2005, which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, 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.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2005 and of its profit for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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# Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2005

|   | ,<br>Note | Year ended<br>31 December<br>2005<br>£'000 | Year ended<br>31 December<br>2004<br>£'000 |
|---|-----------|--|--|
| Turnover<br>Cost of sales                               | 3         | 29,404<br>(12,080)                         | 27,822<br>(11,512)                         |
| Gross Profit  | •         | 17,324                                     | 16,310                                     |
| Distribution costs Administration expenses Other income |           | (1,241)<br>(4,232)<br>4,206                | (1,309)<br>(2,476)                         |
| Operating profit  | 4         | 16,057                                     | 12,525                                     |
| Interest payable and similar charges                    | 7         | (6,745)                                    | (6,735)                                    |
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation           | ,         | 9,312                                      | 5,790                                      |
| Tax on profit on ordinary activities                    | 8         | (434)                                      | (982)                                      |
| Profit for the year Dividends                           |           | 8,878                                      | 4,808                                      |
| Retained profit for the year                            | 16        | 8,878                                      | 4,808                                      |

The Company has no recognised gains and losses other than the profit above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

All activities relate to continuing operations.

# Balance sheet as at 31 December 2005

|  | Note | 2005<br>£'000 | 2004<br>£'000 |
|--|------|---------------|---------------|
| Fixed assets   |      |               |               |
| Tangible assets  | 9    | 82,291        | 84,375        |
| Current assets   |      |               |               |
| Stock  | 10   | 3,009         | 983           |
| Debtors  | 11   | 58,891        | 49,146        |
| Cash at bank and in hand                                 | _    |               | <u></u>       |
|  |      | 61,900        | 50,129        |
| Creditors - amounts falling due within one year          | 12   | (2,830)       | (3,229)       |
| Net current assets                                       | _    | 59,070        | 46,900        |
| Total assets less current liabilities                    |      | 141,361       | 131,275       |
| Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year | 13   | (99,500)      | (99,500)      |
| Provisions for liabilities and charges                   | 14   | (2,190)       | (982)         |
|  | _    | 39,671        | 30,793        |
| Capital and reserves                                     | -    |               |               |
| Called-up share capital                                  | 15   | -             | -             |
| Profit and loss account                                  | 16   | 39,671        | 30,793        |
| Equity shareholder funds                                 | 17   | 39,671        | 30,793        |

The financial statements on pages 6 to 14 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 30 October 2006 and were signed on its behalf by:

Director

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005

## 1 Statement of accounting policies

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the applicable Accounting Standards and the Companies Act 1985. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover is recognised on an accruals basis and principally relates to the sale of power generation capacity to a fellow Group undertaking during the year in accordance with the capacity tolling arrangement.

#### Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on all fixed assets, other than freehold land and gas turbine components in the course of a major overhaul and assets in the course of construction. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write-off the cost of each asset on a straight line basis over its expected useful life as follows for these asset classes:

- Power Station assets:

20 years

- Other plant and machinery:

3-6 years

For gas turbine components depreciation is provided to write off the cost of the assets over their operating lives on an equivalent operating hours basis.

#### **Overhaul Costs**

Contract work involved in replacing gas turbine components are capitalised and depreciated over their expected economic life, typically to the period of the next overhaul. Repairs and other costs that are not of a capital nature are charged directly to the profit and loss account as incurred.

#### Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost incurred in bringing each item to its present location and condition and net realisable value.

#### **Deferred taxation**

Current tax, including UK corporation tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the company's taxable profits and its results stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits in the foreseeable future from which the reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 (continued)

# 1 Statement of accounting policies (continued)

#### **Decomissioning provision**

Provision is made for the net present value of the estimated cost of decommissioning the power station at the end of its useful life, based on price levels and technology at the balance sheet date.

Changes in these estimates and changes to the discount rates are dealt with prospectively. When this provision gives access to future economic benefits, a decommissioning asset is recognised and included within property, plant and equipment. The decommissioning asset is included in power station assets and is amortised on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the facility. The unwinding of the discount on the provision is included in the Profit and Loss Account within interest expense.

There was no impact on the Profit and Loss account when was the provision was created as it was matched with a corresponding asset. In addition the amount is not significant to the overall net assets of the Company and consequently no prior year adjustment has been made.

## 2 Cash flow statements and related party disclosures

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GB Gas Holdings Limited and is included in the consolidated financial statements of Centrica plc, which are publicly available. Consequently, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 "Cash Flow Statements". The Company is also exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard No. 8 "Related Party Disclosures" from disclosure of transactions with other companies that are part of the Centrica plc group.

# 3 Segmental reporting

All turnover relates to the principal activity of the business and occurs wholly in the United Kingdom.

# 4 Operating profit

|  | 2005    | 2004  |
|--|---------|-------|
|  | £,000   | £'000 |
| Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting): |         |       |
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets                  | 5,737   | 6,249 |
| Auditors remuneration:                                 |         |       |
| Audit services   | 23      | 23    |
| Other income – carbon emission credits                 | (4,206) | -     |

### 5 Directors' emoluments

The directors received no emoluments as they are employed by other Centrica group companies (2004: £nil). All of the Directors are members of the ultimate parent company's defined benefit pension scheme.

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 (continued)

# 6 Employee information

The Company has no direct employees (2004: nil). However, costs amounting to £2,735,000 (2004: £2,325,000) were incurred during the year in respect of an average of 43 (2004: 43) staff providing services to Centrica PB Limited under an employee services agreement with a Centrica group company.

| 7 Interest payable and similar charges  |                     |                |
|---|---------------------|----------------|
|   | 2005<br>£'000       | 2004<br>£'000  |
| Other interest marrials   | 6,745               | 6,735          |
| Other interest payable  | 0,743               |                |
| 8 Tax on profit on ordinary activities  |                     |                |
| •   | 2005                | 2004           |
|   | £'000               | £'000          |
| The tax charge comprises:   |                     |                |
| United Kingdom corporation tax at 30% (2004: 30%) based on the profit for the   | period              |                |
| Current   | -                   | -              |
| Deferred - origination and reversal of timing differences   | 434                 | 337            |
| - adjustments in respect of prior years   | -                   | 645            |
| Total tax charge on profit on ordinary activities   | 434                 | 982            |
| The difference between the total current tax shown and the amount calculated UK corporation tax to the profit before tax is as follows: | by applying the sta | andard rate of |
|   | 2005                | 2004           |
|   | £'000               | £'000          |
| Profit on ordinary activities before tax  | 9,312               | 5,790          |
| Tax on profit on ordinary activities at standard UK corporation tax rate of 30% Effects of:   | 2,794               | 1,737          |
| Expenses not deductible for tax purposes  | 1,561               | 1,626          |
| Depreciation in excess of capital allowances  | (434)               | (337)          |
| Group relief for nil consideration  | (5,020)             | (3,026)        |
| UK:UK transfer pricing adjustments  | 1,099               | -              |
| Current tax charge for the year   | -<br>-              | -              |
|   |                     |                |

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 (continued)

# 9 Tangible assets

| Power station assets | Turbine Components,<br>other plant | Total  |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| £'000                | £'000                              | £'000  |
|                      |                                    |  |
| 86,481               | 15,685                             | 102,166  |
| 733                  | 2,920                              | 3,653  |
| 87,214               | 18,605                             | 105,819  |
|                      |                                    |  |
| 13,821               | 3,970                              | 17,791   |
| 3,720                | 2,017                              | 5,737  |
| 17,541               | 5,987                              | 23,528   |
|                      |                                    |  |
| 69,673               | 12,618                             | 82,291   |
| 72,660               | 11,715                             | 84,375   |
|                      | 13,821<br>3,720<br>17,541          | assets other plant and machinery £'000  86,481 733 2,920  87,214 18,605  13,821 3,970 3,720 2,017 17,541 5,987 |

## 10 Stocks

|             | 2005  | 2004  |
|-------------|-------|-------|
|             | £,000 | £'000 |
| Consumables | 3,009 | 983   |

## 11 Debtors

|                                    | 2005   | 2004   |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|
|                                    | £'000  | £,000  |
| Amounts owed by group undertakings | 57,025 | 48,723 |
| Other debtors                      | 935    | 191    |
| Prepayments and accrued income     | 931    | 232    |
|                                    | 58,891 | 49,146 |

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

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 (continued)

# 12 Creditors - amounts falling due within one year

|                                    | 2005<br>£'000 | 2004<br>£'000 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Bank overdraft                     | 466           | 50            |
| Trade creditors                    | -             | 93            |
| Amounts owed to group undertakings | -             | 2,423         |
| Accruals and deferred income       | 2,364         | 663           |
|                                    | 2,830         | 3,229         |

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand. The bank overdraft is part of a group facility and no interest is recharged to the Company.

## 13 Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year

|                                    | 2005   | 2004   |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|
|                                    | £'000  | £'000  |
| Amounts owed to group undertakings | 99,500 | 99,500 |

Amounts owed to group undertakings represent an unsecured loan which is repayable on 19 October 2016 and bears interest at 6.75%.

# 14 Provisions for liabilities and charges

|                          | Deferred<br>taxation<br>£'000 | Decomissioning provision £'000 | Total<br>£'000 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| As at 1 January 2005     | 982                           | -                              | 982            |
| Decomissioning provision | -                             | 774                            | 774            |
| Profit and loss charge   | 434                           | -                              | 434            |
| As at 31 December 2005   | 1,416                         | 774                            | 2,190          |

Deferred tax is provided at 30% (2004: 30%). Full provision has been made for deferred taxation arising from accelerated capital allowances.

The decomissioning provision represents the future expected costs of decomissioning the station at the end of its useful economic life, discounted to its present value (note 1).

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 (continued)

# 15 Called-up share capital

|    |   | 2005<br>£'000                          | 2004<br>£'000   |
|----|---|--|-----------------|
|    | Authorised  |  |                 |
|    | 150,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each (2004: 1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each) | 150,000                                | 150,000         |
|    | Allotted and fully paid   | ************************************** |                 |
|    | 2 ordinary shares of £1 each (2004: 2 ordinary shares of £1 each)               | -                                      | -               |
| 16 | Profit and loss account   |  | £'000           |
|    | At 31 December 2004 Retained profit for the year                                |  | 30,793<br>8,878 |
|    | At 31 December 2005   |  | 39,671          |
| 17 | Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds                              |  |                 |
|    |   | 2005<br>£'000                          | 2004<br>£'000   |
|    | Profit for the year   | 8,878                                  | 4,808           |
|    | Opening shareholders' funds   | 30,793                                 | 25,985          |
|    | Closing shareholders' funds   | 39,671                                 | 30,793          |

### 18 Pension commitments

The charge to the profit and loss account represents the amount of contributions payable to defined contribution pension schemes in respect of the accounting period for the employees that are recharged to the Company. Differences between contributions payable and contributions actually paid in the period are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet. The total cost recharged to the Company for pension costs under the service level agreement with another group Company was £253,000 (2004:£284,000).

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 (continued)

# 19 Commitments and contingent liabilities

## Capital expenditure

Contracted future capital expenditure as at 31 December 2005 was £nil (2004: £816,000).

## 20 Ultimate parent undertaking

The immediate parent undertaking is GB Gas Holdings Limited.

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Centrica plc, a company registered in England and Wales. Copies of the Centrica plc consolidated financial statements can be obtained from the Company Secretary at Centrica plc, Millstream, Maidenhead Road, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 5GD.