

**Fern Annual report
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Creating value for all stakeholders while making a difference

Revenue

£293m

2017	£293m
2016	£226m
2015	£129m

Net debt/(cash)*

£596m

2017	£596m
2016	£580m
2015	£(84)m

EBITDA

£95m

2017	£95m
2016	£47m
2015	£46m

Share price*

143p

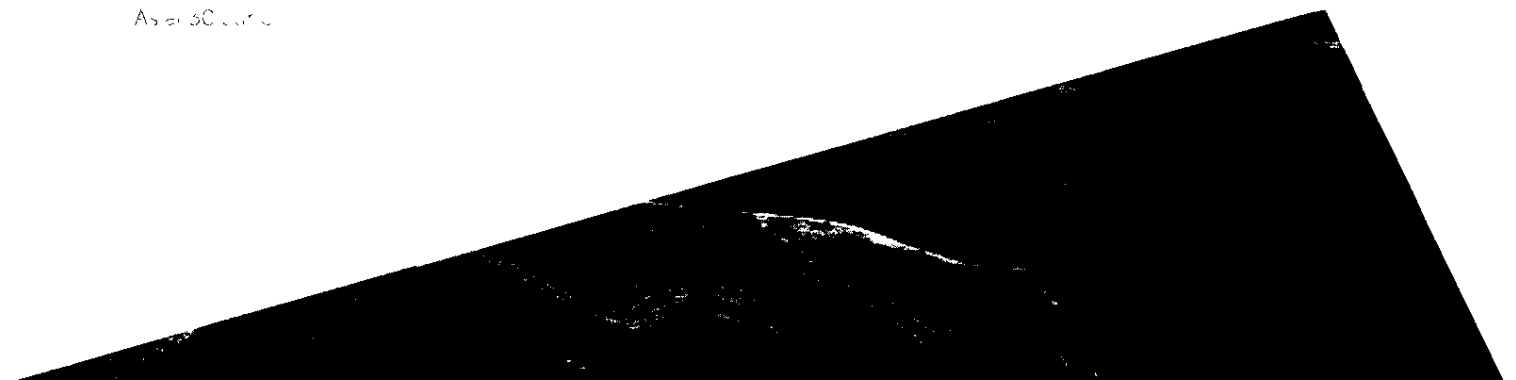
2017	143.0p
2016	135.5p
2015	130.5p

Net assets*

£1.42bn

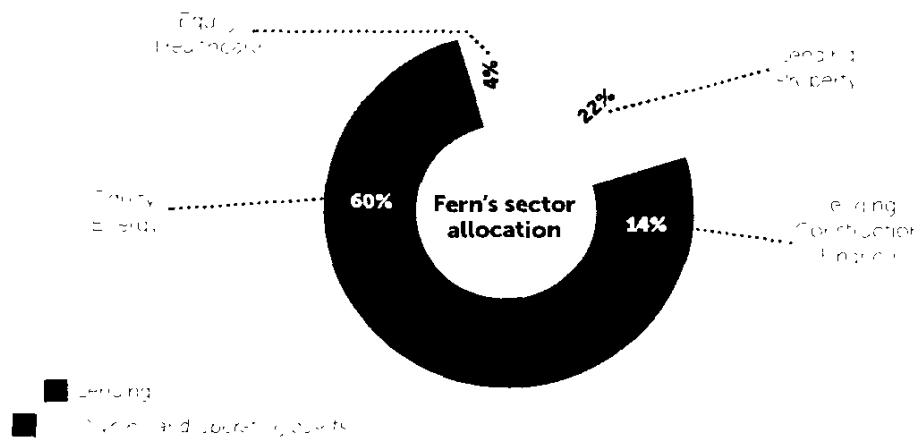
2017	£1.42bn
2016	£1.28bn
2015	£1.16bn

As at 30 June



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Fern's business lines



Owning and operating assets

■ Energy

owns, owns and operates

164 solar and wind sites

24 wind gas sites

5 oil assets

5 wind farm and power lines

3 reserve development sites

Healthcare

Fern owns a retirement village development and operates a land range and which currently has three sites under development.

Lending

Property

Fern has a loan portfolio of **£1.1b** in loans

on **1,300** short-term loans with a term of

215 working days

■ Construction Finance

Fern has provided more than **£900m** of

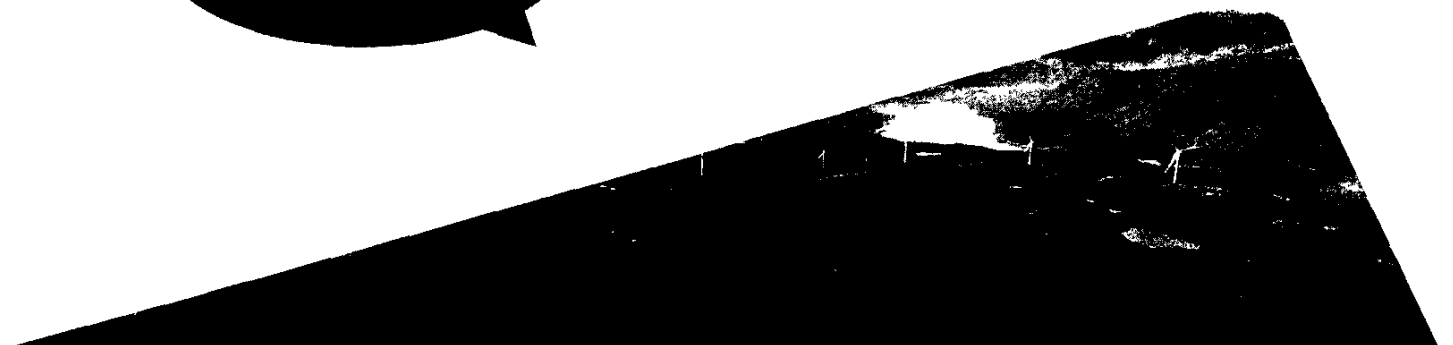
construction finance to build energy sites

and has provided more than **£200m** of

construction finance to build retirement living communities, care homes and hospitals

If laid end to end, our solar panels would stretch from London to New York.

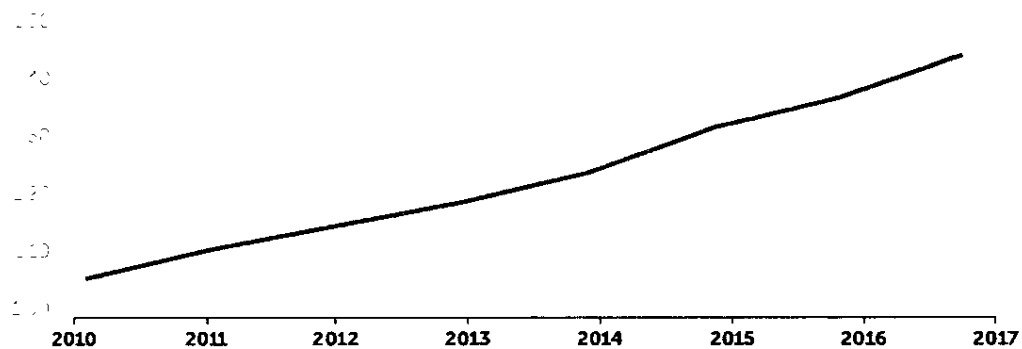
The solar sites owned by Fern generate more than 740 Giga Watt hours (GWh) every year. That's enough energy to power every home in Bristol.



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Fern's share price has performed in line with targets

Share price growth since inception, Fern Trading Limited



Performance is calculated based on the share price for Fern's shares at 2 June each year

Annual discrete performance

Financial Year	Discrete share price performance
June 2016-17	5.55%
June 2015-16	3.83%
June 2014-15	4.00%
June 2013-14	3.73%
June 2012-13	3.98%
June 2011-12	4.10%
June 2010-11	4.21%

Source: Octopus Investments, 2 June 2017

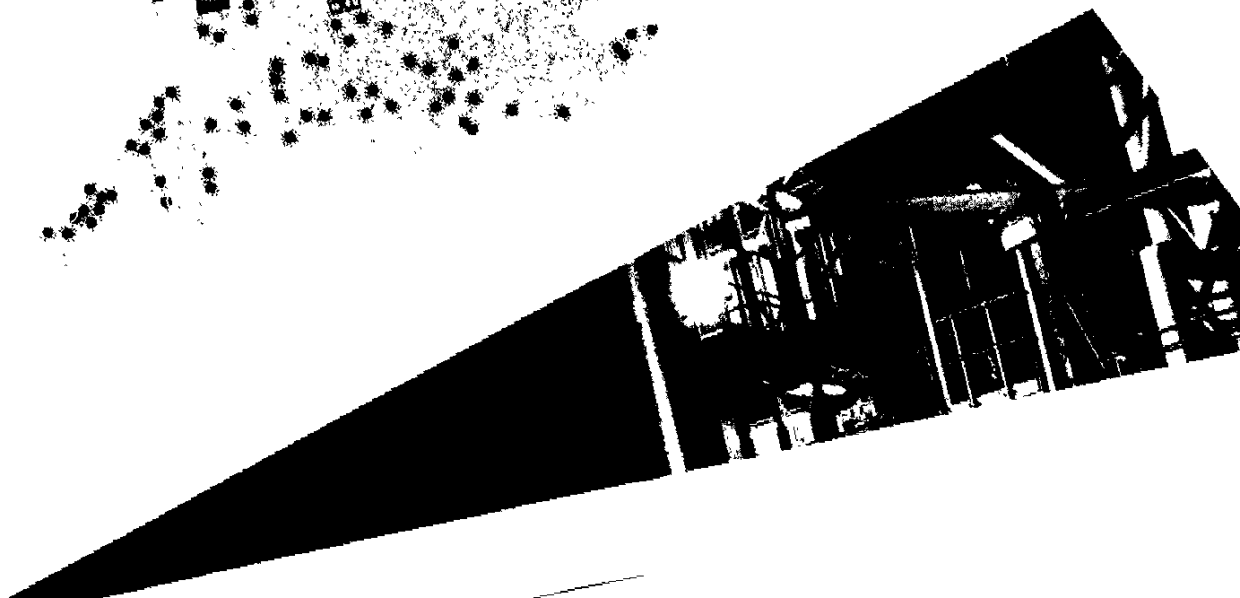


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Where Fern operates

FERN operations in France

- Solar Site
- Landfill gas facility
- Biomass power station
- Wind farm
- Reserve Power Plant
- Retirement Village



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Chief Executive's Review

Background

The Fern Group (fern) has grown to over 250 companies in only seven years by focussing on operating in sectors that are making a valuable contribution for the long term. We currently achieve this in three ways:

- Focussing the UK to meet its targets for renewable energy production
- Helping to free up the UK housing stock for redevelopment
- Helping address the UK's social care needs of an ageing population

Our involvement in these areas is driven by our financial objectives of

- Delivering sustainable growth
- Maintaining and growing assets
- Managing liquidity

Over the last year, we have guided with the good progress we have made against this strategic mandate which has resulted in over 5.5% growth in the Group's share price.

These strategic priorities are underpinned by our policies, are to add shareholder value and we are committed to ensuring that these strategic objectives remain at the forefront of the minds of all those associated with Fern.

Progress in the year

Over the last 3 years, driven by our pursuit of sustainable growth, we have evolved and diversified the operations of Fern from a business with a focus on lending to a position where 65% of its operations now involve the ownership and operation of assets. I believe this better aligns the business to the medium to long term outlook of our shareholders.

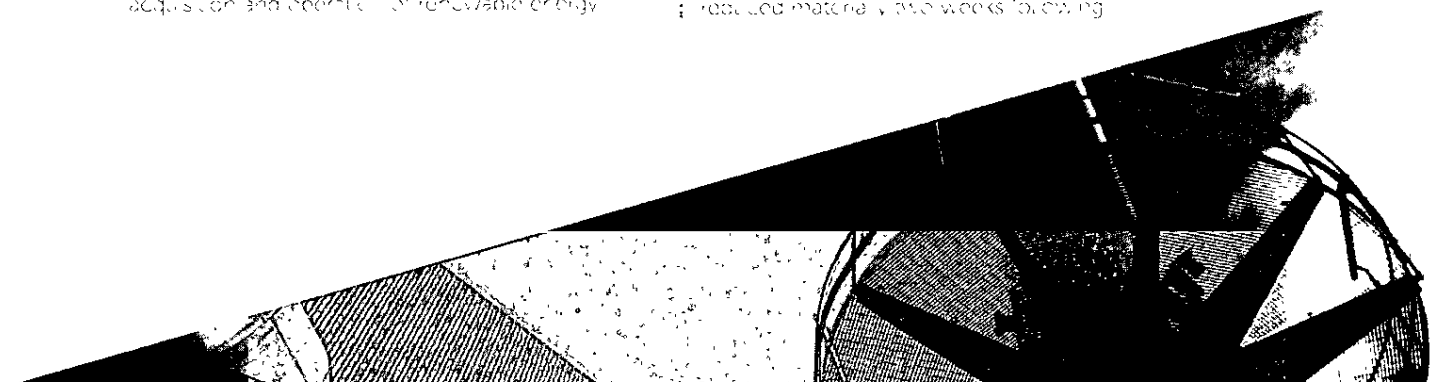
During this financial year, we have continued to pursue growth in our underlying value per share by maintaining a strong focus on the delivery of our business to the acquisition and operation of renewable energy

assets, the acquisition and management of a retirement village developer and operator and a variety of social and community assets. These new lending activities include construction loans for healthcare, energy facilities and short and medium term projects, lending facilities during the year included infrastructure, grade commercial and energy production sites, reserve power plant, to meet the national grid balance supply and demand for electricity, and on shore wind farm and oil platform village development and operator.

Over the last year I am delighted with the good progress we have made against this strategic mandate which has resulted in over **5.5%** growth in the Group's share price.

In addition, we have been able to realise a number of joint sales of our process assets, as well as a sale of a fully established ready to eat and a food business and a relevant grid and planning consents and a new prime location for construction of a new site with the intention of starting operations. This strategy has been in place for some time, but only now are we seeing those sales occur and the strategy has proved an active

one. The proceeds from these sales were used after the end of the financial year to fund part of the purchase of our established on shore UK wind farms, all with proven abilities to deliver attractive returns. The unintended consequence of the timing of the sale and purchase was that there was a large cash point of cash in the business at the year-end that was used to acquire the wind farm assets on 14th July 2017, two weeks after the year-end. This explains the unusually high cash position at the year-end, which was reduced materially two weeks following



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Fern currently operates in three sectors - renewable energy, property and healthcare.

I will briefly outline our strategy in each of these sectors:

Energy

We have been involved in this sector for a number of years, initially as a lender into the construction of renewable energy assets such as solar farms but also, more recently, we have diversified into biomass plants, wind farms, reservoir power and landfill gas sites. As we have become more familiar with the sector and as individual projects have moved from theory, construction to being operational, we have begun to own and operate many of these businesses, resulting in renewable energy becoming a very significant part of our business. Consequently, we now have 250 Fern employees operating these sites on the ground as well as many more through the contractors we make to look after them.

Our returns are modest but predictable, with around half of our revenues coming from government-backed subsidies on biomass, wind farms and solar sites, and the remainder from fees for selling our electricity to the grid. We have many years of experience in this sector and own the largest commercial-scale solar photovoltaic ground-mounted solar power in the UK.

Our renewable solar power is sold under a 20-year government-backed subsidy, solar leases in the UK. This export credit makes us certain that these assets, to date, are not generating performance and manage the commercial aspects of managing an electricity generating plant to deliver a profit for Fern.

The other part of the revenue stream is the price at which we sell our generated electricity, and we use industry leading consultants to help us predict and value this long-term income stream. Our model takes into account the depreciation charge that comes with owning assets with a fixed life and ensures that we both make a return on the capital and derive the cash to redeploy in future projects. So, while some of these solar sites will be worth nothing in 25 years, Fern will be a better business on the back of the cash and profits produced by them over their useful economic lives.

Property

We provide loans at sensible rates to value ratios of up to 70%, the average is significantly lower, and we have security over the property, so as a mortgage lender would. These are typically short-term average loan to six to five years, to either bridge to loans or smaller scale financing or development of commercial loans. Our lending business is diversified and we typically have more than 200 parts on our books in any one time. We bring our own portfolio to bear to ensure that is consistent with the balance of risk and reward, which our shareholders have deemed appropriate.



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Healthcare

We are building construction finance to a number of specialist healthcare developers, who are focused on building critical modern healthcare infrastructure in areas such as care homes, retirement villages, private hospitals and special educational needs schools. We also now own and operate a company that specialises in developing retirement villages and recently provided construction lending to this business. Rangeford has three subsidiaries ranging from early stage development to fully operational villages and has developed a network of people aged over 60 who are currently living and receiving care in care homes, care homes with a dementia specialism and care homes with a dementia specialism.

The move here was so easy thanks to the Wadsworth Green team

Jean Raper, resident Wadsworth Green, Rangeford

Wadsworth Green growth is a real joy of everything we do. We don't want to be seen as a company that is risk averse and we don't want to make a return to our shareholders. We therefore do a lot of businesses that may not have been able to secure financing from traditional sources earlier because we lack the reputation and record in the industry or the business model does not fit neatly into one of the well established investment sectors.

It is also worth noting that the current balance of our business areas has developed over the years and is likely to develop further as the Group grows. While these areas meet the objectives of our shareholders currently, if that ceases to be the case we could transition to others. This is not to signal any huge departure from these sectors or a deep involvement in any, now a day and it is important to make our intentions very clear as I believe it promotes the interests of all our shareholders and avoids the creation of any misleading news.

The outlook

I think it is important to share our view of the potential effect of any changes in the external environment on our businesses.

For our lending business, there is the potential that property prices growth will slow down due to the sensible loan to value ratios we adopt. The short term nature of our loans and our avoidance of the high and volatile property market and price drop would make it not dramatic and quick to affect us.

Our view on longer term interest rates is that they will remain broadly flat. Nonetheless, if we actively seek out a credit crunch situation, moves through the use of interest rate swaps on our borrowing facilities and supply of a limited number of loans. Our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates is relatively neutral.

In our healthcare business, we are reducing our exposure to the risk of a change in the regulatory environment, particularly in the case of Rangeford, operate a proportion of the revenues from our renewable energy business come from government subsidies on 20 or 25 year contracts. Any change to these subsidies will be mitigated in other income streams.

Our income streams from the sale of electricity on the power market using the wholesale energy prices, which are driven by the wholesale gas price in dollars. We use industry standard consultants to produce external forecasts of the price over the coming decades but these forecasts of such a sheer nature are not overly accurate. Depending on the level of variance between the actual and forecast price, this could have an impact on our revenues and therefore the underlying net asset value.

We do not believe that Brexit will disproportionately affect our businesses.

Overall, due to the sectors we have actively chosen and the risk profile we adopt, there is nothing in the macro or micro environment that gives us significant cause for concern.



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Making a difference

At Fyne, we aspire to and are excited about working in sectors, such as renewable energy and infrastructure, where we can make a positive difference in the lives of thousands. Furthermore, we have found that our approach has a high resonance for our shareholders, who are proud to be part of the development of the UK's economy in these fields.

Our employees

Our employees more than 350, across 13 businesses, and provide employment for a further 300, indirectly through the contractors we use.

I would like to highlight two groups of people for special mention.

Firstly, the employees of Rangeford who provide a service to our customers in rural Northern Ireland near 300,000 people. Numerous others bring to our staff their skills and experience as a result of Rangeford and have extremely grateful to the Rangeford employees for making their lives better and more enjoyable during a period of Covid and lockdown.

Living here feels like a holiday.
A holiday for life

Mr & Mrs Watson, resident Wadswick Green, Rangeford

Secondly, in May 2016 a team led by Milton Renewable Energy PLC (MRE) site operations Director Clyn Andrews undertook a year of trials at Fyne Power Station, a plant that takes waste and turns it into electricity to evaluate and test its ability to significantly change its fuel mix to incorporate 50% waste wood. The test criteria included fuel feed performance, emissions, combustion health and safety and environmental performance.

The rationale for the change was to reduce fuel costs and thereby improve financial performance whilst improving fuel feed diversity. The trial was a success and in July 2017 the engineering project was installed and completed. The project achieved all its goals and has delivered an estimated annual EBITDA improvement of £1m with significantly improved fuel flexibility. A fantastic achievement by Clyn and his team.

Current trading

We are pleased with the progress we have made in the first four months of the current financial year with the integration of Rangeford and our four core share wind farms purchased at the start of the new financial year having progressed well. We remain focussed on the delivery of the strategic objectives through our successful involvement in the three sectors in which we currently operate and are confident that the business will continue to create steady long term value for its shareholders.

The current year will be predominantly of organic growth with the sectors performing above and below the test to put our entire new portfolio of assets under review.

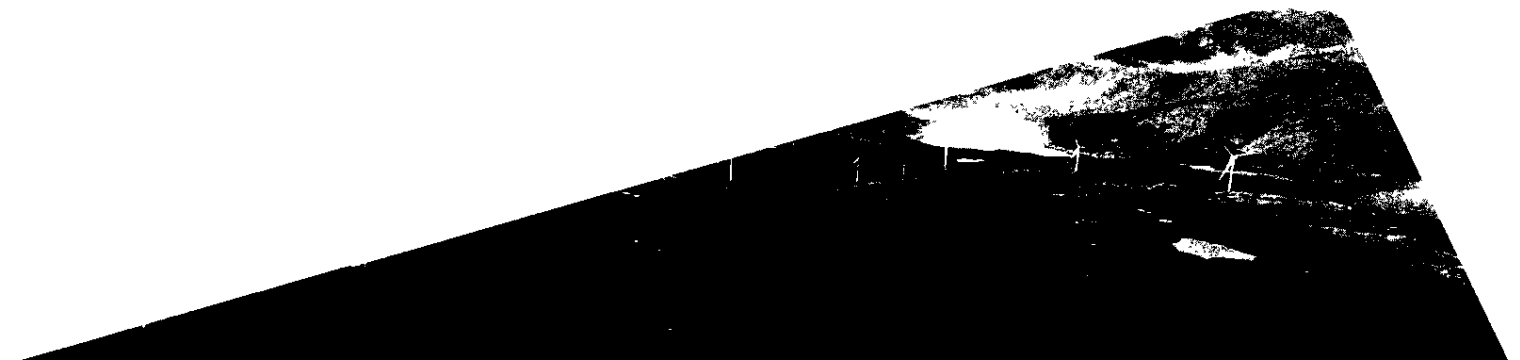
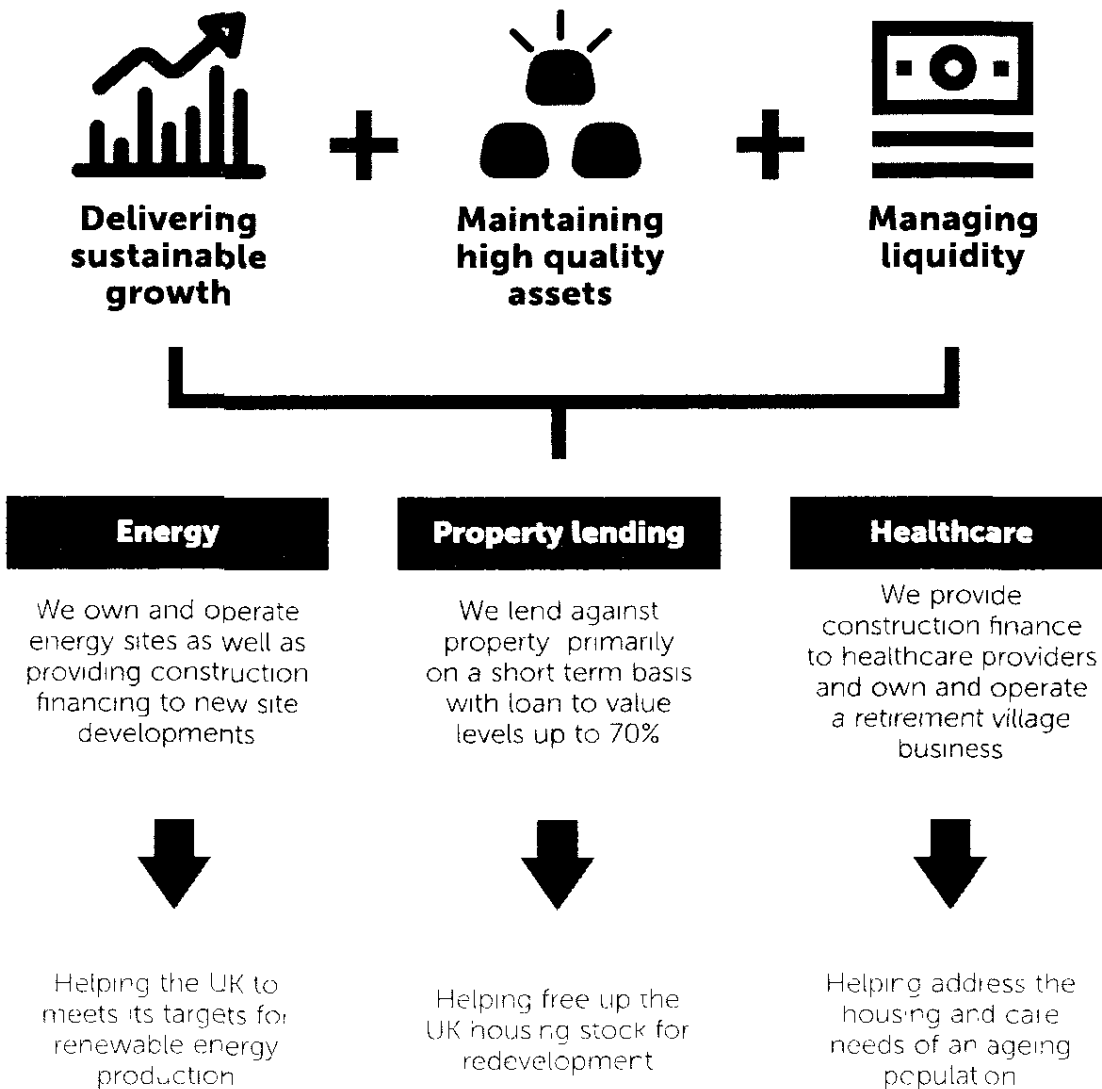


Paul Latham
Chief Executive Officer



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Our strategy



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Operational strategy in action

Rangeford Wadsworth Green Retirement Village

Rangeford owns the Rangeford group which specialises in creating a high quality of living for people aged over 60. It builds contemporary retirement villages in which people can live long and healthy lives in attractive surroundings with a wide range of leisure activities on their doorstep. Once a site is complete, Rangeford sells apartments to residents to live in and continues to manage the day-to-day activities of the retirement village. Rangeford currently has three retirement villages in various stages of development. The villages at Wadsworth Green, near Rainton, and Pickering in Yorkshire have residents already completing the first phase of construction while the rest of both villages continues to be built. The village at Cirencester in the Cotswolds is in the planning stage. In this section we focus on Wadsworth Green to illustrate how the villages operate.

Location

Wadsworth Green Retirement Village is set in a stunning location in Wadsworth. It is located in a semi rural setting and is 7 miles from Barnsley, formerly a Royal Navy training college where the Duke of Edinburgh spent time as an instructor. This site had been abandoned since 1993 before it was acquired by Rangeford twenty years later.

Design

The village is designed like a resort, with the majority of the apartments in clusters arranged around a central facility that forms the hub of the community. These courtyard apartments are a mixture of contemporary designed 1 to 3 bedroom apartments which are separated from the central facility to promote a feeling of independence.

The central building, known as the Pavilion, contains a restaurant and bar/lounge, spa, gym, pool and salon. In addition to this, there are gardens and courtyards surrounding the building giving the residents a number of areas where they can relax and socialise. Within the Pavilion are smaller apartments that are designed for residents who may desire easier access to the amenities and services.

Development

The village has been open since April 2015, when the first of the 86 courtyard apartments was released to the public. The Pavilion was completed in November 2015, which is when the restaurant and spa opened and the 26 smaller apartments became available. As at the end of June 2017, a further 4 of the courtyard apartments have been sold and 20 of the Pavilion apartments are available with a total of 72 residents currently living in the village. Rangeford are building 45 more courtyard apartments which are expected to be completed in August 2018 and plan to build further 90 in the future. They also intend to expand the Pavilion which would add additional facilities and may include more Pavilion styled apartments.

People

Wadsworth Green currently employs 35 staff who provide the services to the residents and include a dedicated and highly qualified domiciliary care team, a personal trainer, restaurant and bars staff, spa therapists, maintenance and a dedicated office personnel. These people take care of the needs of the residents including helping them move in, drive them to local shops for even around the village and organising events in the village for the residents to enjoy. The restaurant serves over 800 meals a week and the care staff provide an average of 20 hours of care to the residents a day.



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Operational strategy in action

Solar Energy Pitchford Solar Farm

Fern is the largest investor in commercial scale solar energy installations in the UK and the installed capacity of our farms is in excess of 740 Giga Watts (GW). These solar farms produce a similar amount of energy each year as is consumed by a town the size of Bristol. In this section, we focus on Pitchford Solar Farm to illustrate how our solar energy investments operate.

Background

The site consists of over 82,300 solar panels. These panels are made up of solar cells containing photovoltaic material able to convert energy from the sun into a flow of electrons and electric power. This power is then sold via a Power Purchase Agreement to an electricity supply company and sold on to consumers.

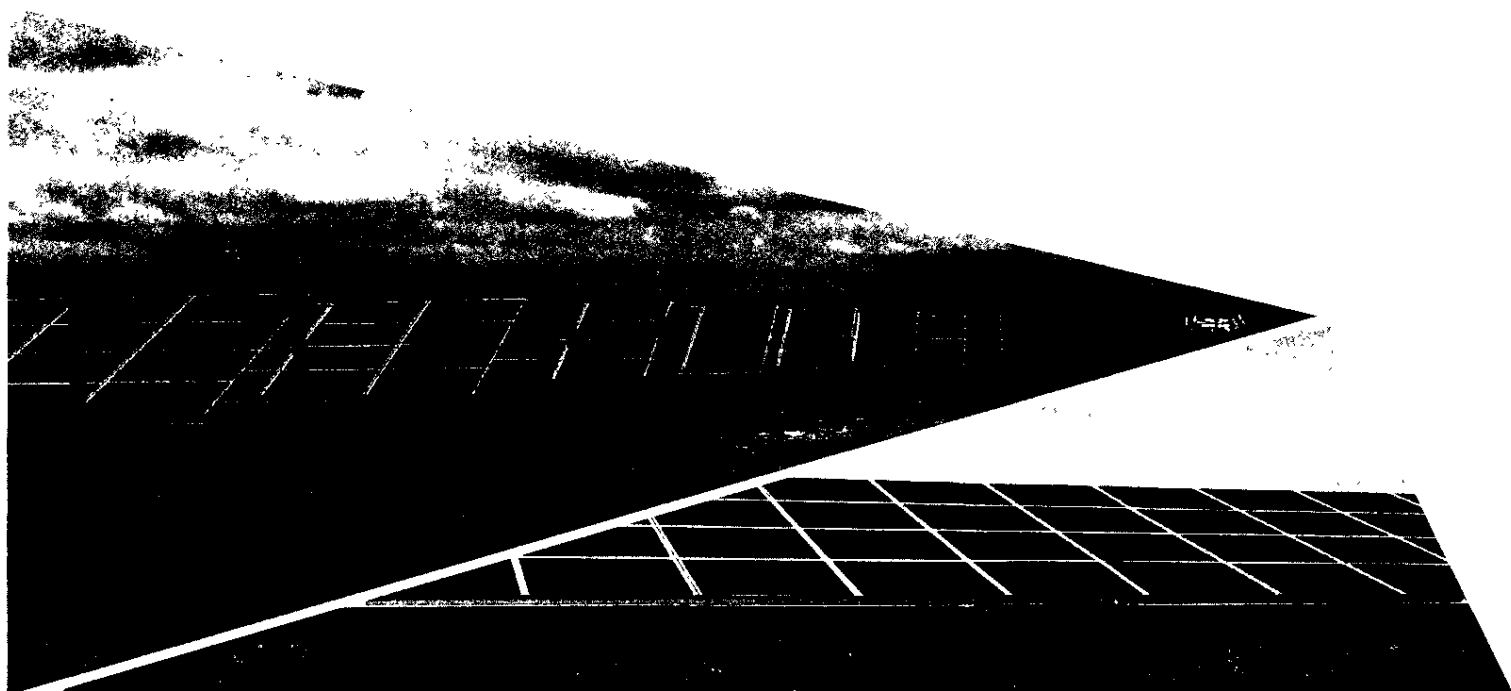
Our return on investment

Through the UK government-backed Renewable Obligation Certificates (ROCs) mechanism, the solar farm received a 140 ROC, secured a 10-year leasing guarantee, long-term revenue streams, a 4x the ROC price on top of the normal revenue from electricity sales. This long-term revenue predictability coupled with increasing demand for electricity, makes it an attractive proposition for Fern.

Pitchford generated £2.2m of revenue for the year with an EBITDA of £1.5m. After overheads and depreciation the company made a small profit of £.2K. Over the next five years, the profits are expected to increase by 15% and operating costs by 10%. Whereas depreciation is expected to stay constant and the costs expected to fall, ensuring instead a increasing profits from the site.

Environmental benefit

The amount of electricity generated by Pitchford per annum is around 100,000 tonnes and enough to save around 10,000 tonnes of carbon emissions each year.



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Directors

The experienced Board of Directors for Fern Group (Fern) are responsible for determining the strategy of the business and for accounting for the company's business activities to shareholders. They have a range of complementary commercial, energy sector, oil and aviation skills.

Paul Latham *Chairman*

Paul is chief executive of Fern and is responsible for the day to day running of the business. He is also a managing director of Outpost Investments, where he has worked since 2005. Outpost Investments is a key supplier of resources and expertise to Fern. Paul's dual role ensures that this relationship works effectively and always operates in the best interests of Fern's shareholders.

Paul has had various general management and internal consulting roles across a number of sectors and brings with him a vast amount of industry and business experience.



Keith Willey

Keith is an experienced professional with a range of international management and entrepreneurial experience. He has 35 years experience as a senior manager at University College London, where he has held various senior executive positions and in several high profile and high demand companies. He is also a non executive chairman and is responsible for the effective operation of the Fern Group, which is his current role.

Keith brings independent commercial expertise gained from his time at London and also equity investment consulting and production and operational expertise to the Fern business.

Peter Barlow *Director*

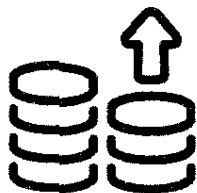
Peter has almost 30 years' experience in international financing of infrastructure and energy. As a senior executive for International Tower, Peter was responsible for arranging over US\$5.2bn of project and corporate funding as well as banking relationships and treasury activities. He has spent over 20 years working internationally for HSBC, Bank of America and Nomura financing acquisitions and greenfield projects in the energy and infrastructure sectors.

His combination of Board level financing and energy experience over numerous energy sub sectors and his all round knowledge of all the sectors in which Fern operates, adds significant value to the operation of the Board as well as its strategy formation and deployment.



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Key performance indicators



EBITDA

Fern's EBITDA has doubled in the last **3 years**



Carbon offsets

Fern's renewable energy sites' carbon saving in the year grew by **8.8%** to over **780,000** carbon tonnes



Energy generation

Fern's renewable energy assets produced enough energy to fuel **560,000** UK homes



Number of loans

Fern provides financing to over **245** borrowers in the UK



Number of employees

Fern's has grown by around **70** employees to a total of **331** during the year



Number of sites

Fern has over **200** renewable energy sites spread predominantly across the UK



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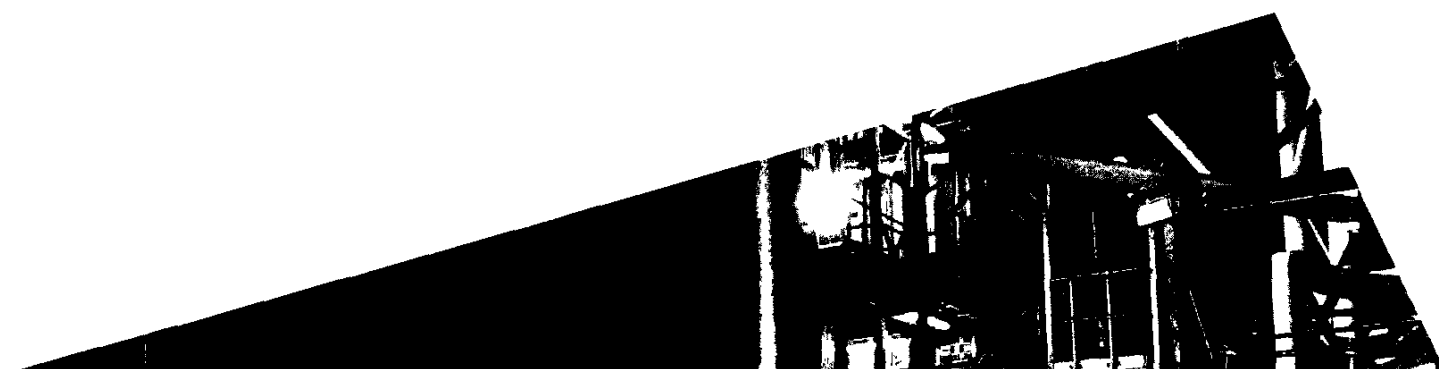
Principal risks and uncertainties

Risk is present in all businesses and arises from the operations and strategic decisions made. The Group manages those risks by carrying out oversight activities, both by type of activity (overseer or lender) and by sector. Key risks that the Group are exposed to relate to energy prices, property prices and infrastructure risk or, collectively, these risks are managed by thorough due diligence on all investment targets and on the value of the assets being put against for investment. The Directors manage cash

flows by deploying capital across a combination of long-term equity assets which provide predictable cash flows as well as shorter-term loans, which help to manage liquidity.

In the table below we provide a description of the risks we may have to undertake to reduce the potential impact of this risk and our assessment of whether the likelihood of the risk has increased, lowered, remained the same or is a new risk in the year.

Risks	Key mitigations	Change
Energy price risk: as an owner and lender of renewable energy assets, there is a risk that once operational, the energy generation assets will achieve the overall income forecast because of market energy prices or fuel cost inflation.	This is mitigated by government-backed offtake agreements, such as the Renewable Obligation Certificate (ROC) scheme, which underpin the revenue streams and through forward market hedge and derivatives, which protect the start of construction or during the acquisition process. The overall average cost of capital for ROC assets is 5.59% (2016: 5.97%).	=
Political risk: because most of our investments are in the renewable energy sector, there is a risk that changes in government policies and regulatory frameworks could affect the value of our investments and the ability to realise the value of our investments.	This is mitigated by the fact that most of our investments are in the renewable energy sector, which is a sector that is supported by government policy and regulatory frameworks, which are designed to protect the value of our investments.	=
Operational risk: as an owner and lender of renewable energy assets, there is a risk that the operational performance of the assets does not match up to the forecasts, expectations or assumptions for the production of electricity, whether due to operational difficulties or other constraints and/or operational availability.	This is mitigated by the fact that most of our investments are in the renewable energy sector, which is a sector that is supported by government policy and regulatory frameworks, which are designed to protect the value of our investments.	=
Credit risk (loans): the key risk faced by the Group in lending activities is the credit risk of its borrowers.	This is mitigated through substantial security, such as a charge over property or other security, which decreases the potential risk to the Group's capital. The Group also has a sustainable plan to value its assets to reduce this risk.	=



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Principal risks and uncertainties

Risks	Key mitigations	Change
Exposure to the property market (loans): the Group's short-term order to the residential property market in the UK. To the extent that there is a deterioration in the level of business activity affecting the properties that the Group are secured against, there is a risk that the Group will have no redress to its exposure.	This is mitigated by the short-term nature of the loans and the conservative level of loan to value that the Group is prepared to lend at.	=
Exposure to the property market (development): the Group's interest in Longford during the year in a group which reveals a number of less profitable properties in the UK. The existing portfolio of properties in the UK and in the group of house sales there is a risk that the Group will have no redress to its exposure.	This is mitigated by the Group's careful monitoring throughout the construction and sale process.	NEW
Construction risk: the Group's exposure to various contractors in the UK, Spain and abroad. Some of the contractors have been reliable, but others have not. There is a risk that the Group's contractors will incur additional construction costs and that the Group's contractors will not be able to complete the work.	This is mitigated by the Group's careful selection of contractors and the Group's monitoring of progress and the quality of the work. Provisions have been recognised against the work that the Group will have to do in the future. The Group's contractors are well known and have a good track record.	+
Financing risk: the Group's exposure to the risk of changes in the price of its assets and the risk of changes in the price of its liabilities. In the case of the Group's assets, the price of the assets could fall and the Group's liabilities could rise. In the case of the Group's liabilities, the price of the liabilities could fall and the Group's assets could rise.	This is mitigated by the Group's use of interest rate swaps. The Group also uses interest rate swaps to hedge its exposure to fluctuations in the price of its assets and liabilities. The Group also uses interest rate swaps to hedge its exposure to fluctuations in the price of its assets and liabilities.	=



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Social responsibility

through its different business mix the Group aims to make a valuable contribution for the long term and provide some benefits to society. Additionally, we do this in three ways:

- Helping the UK to meet its targets for renewable energy production
- Helping to free up the UK housing stock for redevelopment
- Helping address the housing and care needs of an ageing population

Our team aspires to and are excited by working in sectors where we can make a positive difference: be it renewable energy, healthcare, infrastructure or ending to small companies that might not be able to find the finance elsewhere. We have found this approach, due to the straightforward long-term nature of our operations, has a powerful resonance to our investors. It is worth noting not even that whilst these areas meet the objectives of our shareholders currently, it may cease to be the case. We could transition to other sectors.

The renewable energy sites owned and operated by Fern generate more than **2130 Giga Watt hours** (GWh) every year.

Fern is the UK's largest producer of solar energy from commercial-scale sites. Fern has built on this expertise, and owns additional energy sites such as wind energy, biomass and landfill gas.

Fern contributes **3.1%** of all renewable energy generation in the UK.



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Group Finance review

Annual summary

2017 has been an exciting year for the Group, which has involved continued expansion in the energy and healthcare sectors. In particular, EBITDA (explanation and calculation of EBITDA is included at the end of this Group Finance review) increased by 102% to £9.0m (driven by increased revenue from energy generation as from assets have become operational and assets acquired during 2016 were ready for a full year). A number of acquisitions were made during the year including 16 solar sites (ten operational and six ready to construct), a wind farm, a reservoir power site and a retirement village developer and operator. Shortly after the year end, in July 2017, the Group acquired a portfolio of four wind farms for £14.7m and therefore had cash in hand at the year end in order to fund this acquisition. The Group disposed of six properties during the year which had been acquired, ready to construct and were in preparation to be handed over to long-term residential construction. The sale related to the acquisition of the four wind farms, cost variations and engineering building assets. The Group continues to provide property and construction loans with a loan book of £472.2m at the year end 2016 (£499.6m).

Results

EBITDA of the Group was £95.0m (2016: £47.4m) driven by total revenue of £295.1m (2016: £275.9m). Net cash inflows from the issue of new shares was £159.2m (enabling acquisitions of £9.7m (net of cash acquired)). The Group loss for the year was £25.8m (2016: loss of £43.4m). Revenue of £295.1m was offset by expenses of £316.7m, including site costs of £112.7m, depreciation and amortisation of £85.8m, interest of £37.6m and service fees of £33.1m which reduced by £11.0m compared to the previous year following the reduction in service fee level from 3.8% to 2.5% in May 2016. These expenses were in line with expectations. Non-recurring expenses incurred include bad debt provisions against loan guarantees of £8.7m and financing costs (£10.3m) on

the new facilities entered into in line with budget.

The financing facilities put in place are for ten years for the solar facilities and three years for the revolving credit facility. Therefore these costs are deemed to be one off in nature. £11.3m of the bad debt provision was recognised against the loan to Rangeford.

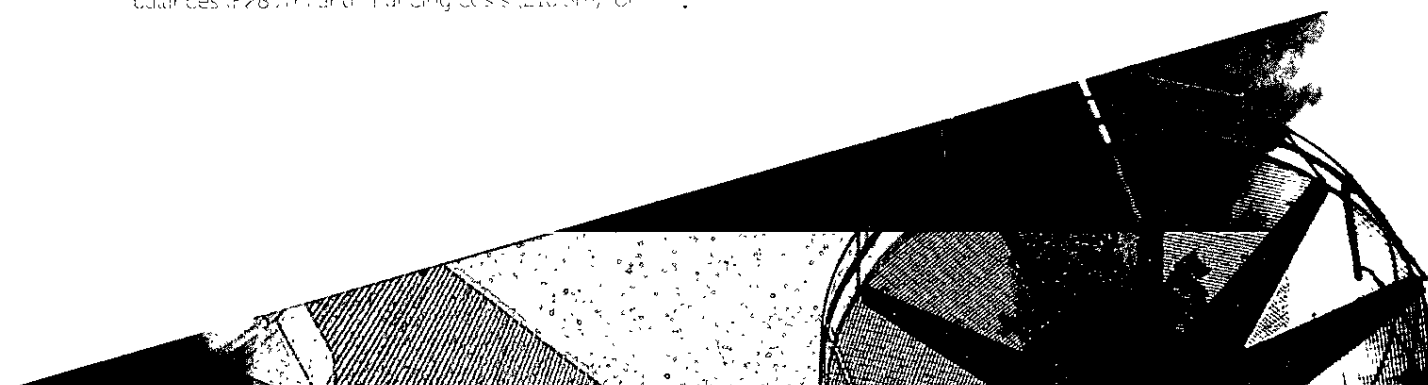
Holdings Limited (a retirement village developer and operator) which was subsequently acquired by Fern Management are considered that the Rangeford group will be profitable in the long term and the assessing future gains. Group cash balances increased by £81.0m in the year to £214.8m in preparation for the £14.7m acquisition of four wind farms which occurred shortly after the year end.

Sectors

Revenue from lending increased by 14% to £62.9m due to an increase in a broader loan book throughout the year. Gross profit on the lending book was £31.3m (2016: £43.4m) with the loss due to provisions recognised against loans during the period of £15.7m (2016: £19.0m). At the end of the year the lending book was made up of £284m property loans and £188m construction loans. £120m of healthcare construction £66m to Energy construction with average interest rates of 3.6% and 11.3% respectively.

Solar

Revenue from owning and operating solar sites increased from £61.1m to £89.0m due to additional sites being acquired during the year and a full year of operations from the existing sites owned (sites were acquired in August and September in 2016). The solar sites contributed £67.4m EBITDA to the Group and a loss after tax of £9.9m after expenses of £104.2m (including £36.7m depreciation, £27.2m site costs, £21.9m interest expense and £7.6m financing costs). In line with expectations at the time of acquisition.



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Operating performance

The landfills, gas and biomass sites were acquired in September 2015 and therefore 2016 results included approximately nine months of contribution. As the landfill, gas and biomass sites were part of the Group for the full financial year in 2017 this resulted in a revenue increase of £37.2m to £11.2m and an increase in EBITDA of £8.2m.

Renewable energy

The Group acquired a new wind farm in September 2016 contributing to a significant increase in revenues from wind-generated energy during the year. Of the two wind farms owned and operated during the previous year one became operational in January 2016 contributing six months of generation revenues in that financial year and the other became operational in July 2016 therefore only contributing a revenue in the 2017 financial year. Revenue increased from £1.2m to £4.8m and EBITDA increased from a loss of £4m to £9.2m. Revenue loss from wind farms and assets generated from this was slightly reduced due to a better quality of wind speeds over the year.

This year the Group made a strategic purchase of wind farms increasing the capacity of 46MW. The Group owns three Reserve Power sites having acquired an additional site in July 2016. Of the two sites owned during the previous financial year one was operational for the full year however one was only operational for six months of the 2016 financial year. This resulted in an increase in revenues in 2017 from £0.2m to £4.2m and an increase in EBITDA from £0.1m to £1.5m. The site acquired in July 2016 became operational in October 2017.

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Landfill, gas and biomass

Tangerford, the Refractory Waste developer and operator acquired during the year contributed £5m revenue to the Group and a net loss of £4.5m. The Group is expected to make a small loss in the short term however is expected to be profitable in the long term.

Financing

The Group successfully completed £400m refinancing of loans for its group of solar sites which was acquired during the previous year following an initial two year loan facility was put in place. This is a long term facility which improves capital flexibility and pricing resulting in an increase in expected returns from the area of group business. The Refractory Waste site was profitable during the year resulting in revenue facilities on loan site with a term of 12 years across 3.5m tonnes of waste thus intervention, e.g. no off-specs and is expected to result in high site operational returns from the site. The Refractory Waste site in February 2017 was reduced with a facility of 1.5m tonnes and is for a term of 12 years. £120m value was expected to be repaid in October 2017. The Group has also been looking at alternative ways of borrowing. Group borrowings increased by £104m to £782m resulting in an increase in interest costs to £37.5m (2016: £32.3m). Our strategy is to leverage our operating assets in order to deliver expected returns across the Group therefore we expect borrowing to increase as our operating assets grow.

Capital expenditure

The Group has invested £1.2m in capital expenditure during the year. This was primarily for the acquisition of the Refractory Waste site.

Dividends

The Group has not paid any dividends during the year. The Group is currently not paying dividends as it is not yet profitable.

Financial review

The Group has a strong financial position. The Group's net assets at the end of the year were £1.2m, an increase from £0.2m at the end of the previous year.

Key performance indicators

The Group's key performance indicators are revenue, EBITDA, and net assets. Revenue increased by 400% in 2017, EBITDA increased by 100% and net assets increased by 500%.

Future prospects

The Group has a strong future prospect. The Group is expected to continue to grow its revenue and EBITDA over the next five years.

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Group Finance review

Financial highlights

Following a two year transition period, management expect a period of stability and focus on maximising returns from current operations. The majority of the energy sites within the Group are now fully constructed and operational and therefore contributing towards Group revenue. The Group's energy business is expected to be cash generative but will continue contributing an overall loss to the Group in the short term due to amortising loans and depreciation charged at a fixed rate whilst revenues are fixed in cost and therefore expected to increase over time. The acquisition of four wind farms in July 2011 is expected to increase revenues from wind generated energy significantly as the wind capacity increases from 81MW to 229MW. The ongoing project portfolio is expected to be cash generative and profitable and management intend to continue seeking a relatively strong opportunity.

EBITDA and EBITDA margin

EBITDA is earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation. The Group uses EBITDA as a key measure of performance as it provides comparable results that are not skewed by non-cash expenses, depreciation and amortisation or financing arrangements. It helps to show the Group's ability to pay interest on its debt. As the Group owns and operates a large number of energy sites, capital expenditure over the past few years has been high leading to large depreciation charges. As the Group's policy is to depreciate assets on a straight line basis, we expect revenues to increase over time due to sites operating for a longer period and the inflation

	£'000
Loss for the year	28,802
Net interest expense	55,017
Tax	2,610
Depreciation & amortisation	89,848
EBITDA	94,950



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Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2017

The directors present their report and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2017.

Refer to the Group finance review on page 9.

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

• G. J. Ryan
• K. C. W. Leung
• K. C. Sullivan

Refer to note 20 in the Notes to the financial statements.

The Group's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its financial position and exposures are described in the Strategic report on pages 7 to 19.

The directors believe that the diversification strategy means the Group's well-balanced management portfolio has successfully performed and they expect to continue to adopt the ongoing comprehensive approach in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Refer to the Strategic report on page 6.

Refer to the Strategic report on page 10.

Applications for employment by disabled persons are given full and fair consideration for all vacancies having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities. Should a person become disabled while in the Group's employment, every effort is made to retain them in employment, giving alternative training, as necessary.

We fully realise that our employees should be informed and consulted on matters affecting their work and to be involved in problem solving affecting their own areas of interest and responsibility. The Group is firmly committed to a policy of good communication and we aim to establish a climate which constantly encourages the open flow of information and ideas. Presently this includes monthly team briefings at local levels and the publication of monthly key performance indicators covering output, operating costs and health and safety.

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, Directors' Report and the group and parent company financial statements and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (comprising FRS 102 – The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland) and applicable law, United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. 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 Group and the Company and of the profit or loss of the Group and Company 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether FRS 102 – The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland has been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements

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Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2017

- notify its shareholders in writing about the use of disclosure exemptions, if any, of RSE 102 used in the preparation of 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 the Group, 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 the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the directors have accepted a limited indemnity which is a duty to indemnify the directors in respect of liabilities defined by Section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. The indemnity was introduced through special financial resolution and is currently in force.

Directors' duties

Each of the persons who is a director has declared approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information on which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- each director has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

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

Precedent: *UseCoppers Ltd* have expressed their willingness to continue in office as directors and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

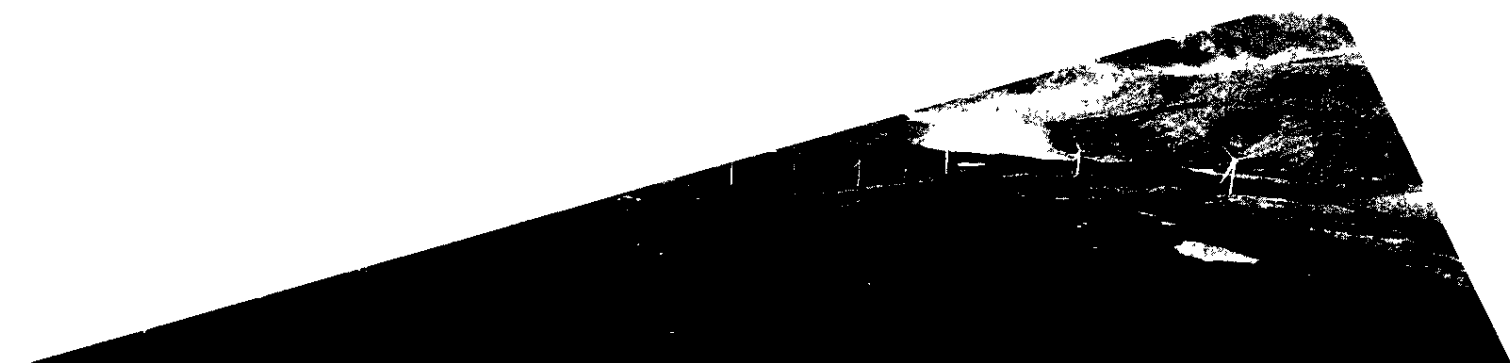
On behalf of the board



PS Latham

Director

19 December 2017



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Independent auditors' report to the members of Fern Trading Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion, the Fern Trading Limited Group financial statements and Company financial statements (the financial statements):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group and of the Company's affairs as at 30 June 2017 and of the group's loss and cash flows for the year then ended
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law) and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

We have audited the financial statements (including Annexes and Annual Report) and financial statements (the Annual Report) which comprise the consolidated company accounts as at 30 June 2017, the group profit and loss account and statement of other comprehensive income, the group statement of cash flows and the group and company's statements of financial position for the year then ended, the statement of accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements.

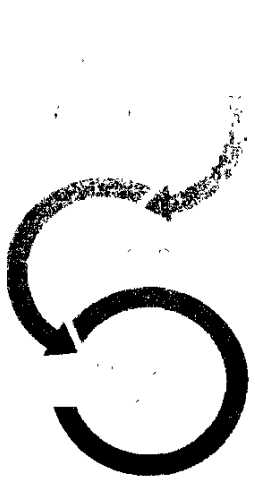
Basis for opinion

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

Independent auditor

We remained independent of the group, and the relevant financial statements, and are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK which includes the application of the Standard applicable to listed entities as we have provided our independent report in accordance with these requirements.

Our audit approach

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- Overall group materiality: £293,300 (2016: £238,500) based on 1% of revenue
 - Overall company materiality: £2,000,000 (2016: £2,000,000) based on 10% of PBT (Profit before tax from continuing operations)
 - We conducted audits of the complete financial information of Fern Trading Limited and the consolidated components: Vion's Energy Limited and Melton Renewable Energy UK PLC
 - The timing of the audits for the statutory accounts for the Group, Company and the subsidiary companies took place at the same point in time and, as such, as at the date of this opinion we have audited all material balances across the Group
 - The Group engagement team performed audit procedures including the audit of the consolidated other than the Ranger and Ladings Limited group audit which was performed by component auditors
 - Acquisition account (Group)
 - Recoverability of Accounts receivable (Parent)
 - Impairment of goodwill and investments (Group and parent)

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Independent auditors' report to the members of Fern Trading Limited

Our audit approach (continued)

Our audit approach (continued)

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements. In particular, we looked at where the directors made subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As part of our audit we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the directors that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in the auditors' professional judgement, involve the most significant risk to the audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) identified by the auditors, including those which had the greatest effect on the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit and directing the efforts of the engagement team. These matters and any comments we make on the results of our procedures thereon were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon and we do not provide separate opinions on these matters. This is not a complete list of all risks identified by our audit.

Key audit matter

How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Acquisition Accounting

The Group has made significant acquisitions during the period. On the purchase of these companies, the assets and liabilities purchased were recognised at their fair values. The fair values recognised involve judgement and management.

We have understood the acquisition transactions in the year and tested the assumptions including legal and valuation and consideration is paid.

We have also understood the significant accounting policies as well as the calculation of goodwill and impairment.

Recoverability of Accounts Receivable

At 31st March 2020, the Group has material balances relating to the specialist lending business. Management's assumptions in respect of these amounts are onerous, subject to a number of assumptions in respect of the recoverability of the balances.

We have observed the controls and procedures in place and the process and the plans and have performed extensive validation process.

We have tested management's relevant assumptions and policies and processes.

We have also tested the accounts receivable for evidence of additional impairments through investigation. Where loan to value ratios were breached, ensuring valuations on collateral properties are independent and undertaken using appropriate methodology, assessment of overhead costs and costs with multiple extensions, and analysis of for costs and cash flow models to support the recoverability of the loans.

Impairment of Goodwill and Investments

As a result of acquisitions in the year and historically, and the impairment of non-current assets in the year, significant assets are held on the balance sheet in relation to goodwill and investments.

In addition, there are significant non-current assets through out the Group which must be assessed for recoverability. Changes in the debt prices and the value of the assets mean that the carrying value of the assets may no longer be supported by the valuation models.

We have obtained the valuation models from management and assessed the methodology and functionality of the models. We have engaged experts to assist us in the process and report on the specialist assumptions used in the models. We have also consulted with experts to give us comfort over the functionality of the models used to assess the impairment.

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Our audit approach (continued)

Materiality and the scope of our audit

We determined the scope of our audit to ensure that we performed enough work to be able to give an opinion on the financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the group and the company, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which they operate.

Materiality

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. We set certain quantitative thresholds for materiality. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures on the individual financial statement line items and disclosures and in evaluating the effect of misstatements, both individually and in aggregate on the financial statements as a whole.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined materiality for the financial statements as a whole as follows:

	Group financial statements	Company financial statements
Overall materiality	£2,961,300 (2016: £2,708,000)	£2,000,000 (2016: £2,000,000)
How we determined it	1% of revenue	10% of profit before tax
Rationale for benchmark applied	Based on our professional judgement, and our evaluation of the risks of material misstatement, we considered 1% of 1% of revenue, giving an overall materiality of £2,961,300 (2016: £2,708,000). We used 1% of revenue as the benchmark for our materiality calculation, due to the low margin nature of the business and our judgement around what would affect the decisions of the members of the company. This differs from the benchmark used for the company materiality since the company is consistently profitable and has a more consistent margin.	Based on our professional judgement, and our evaluation of the risks of material misstatement, we considered 10% of 10% of profit before tax, giving an overall materiality of £2,000,000 (2016: £2,000,000). We used 10% of profit before tax as the benchmark for our materiality calculation, due to our judgement around what would affect the decisions of the members.

For each component in the scope of our group audit, we allocated a materiality that is less than our overall group materiality. The range of materiality allocated across components was between £829,000 and £2,000,000. Certain components were audited to a local statutory audit materiality that was also less than our overall group materiality.

We agreed with the Audit Committee that we would report to them in statements sent after our audit above £140,300 (Group audit) (2016: £112,000) and £100,000 (Company audit) (2016: £100,000) as well as misstatements below those amounts that, in our view, warranted reporting for qualitative reasons.



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Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

However, because neither future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Group's and Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and directors' report. Herein, the directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express an audit opinion or expectation on extensions or extensions as a condition of our giving assurance to the directors.

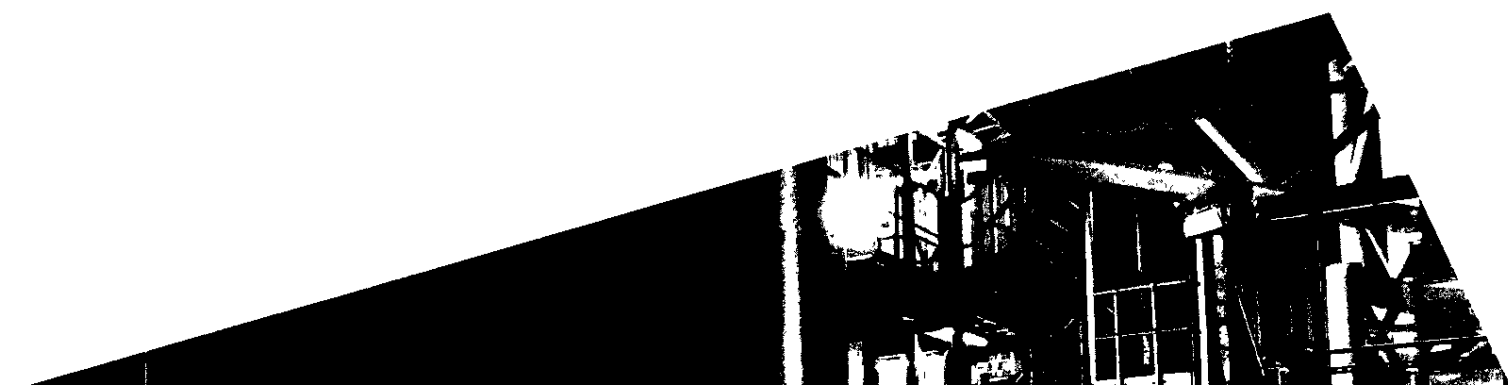
In connection with our audit of the financial statements, we are required to obtain information and knowledge about other information that is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise added to be materially misstated or materially inconsistent or inconsistent. We are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities with respect to the Strategic report and Directors' report. We also disclosed in our report the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been made.

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

Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic report and Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2017 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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



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Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

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

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Group's and 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 Group or the Company, or to cease operations, or have no alternative but to do so.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect material misstatement if 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 included on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditors' report.

This report is made to the members of the Company and is prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not intend by these opinions to accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose, to any other person or persons, or to the directors shown or not, whose interests may be damaged when, expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Other required reporting

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

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

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.



Jonathan Greenaway (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Newcastle upon Tyne
9 December 2017

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Group profit and loss account for the year ended 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Turnover		293,126	224,851
Cost of sales		(141,452)	(107,117)
Gross profit		151,674	117,734
Administrative expenses		(147,695)	(158,347)
Other income		106	806
Operating profit/(loss)	2	4,085	4,993
Goodwill impairment and asset revaluations		1,594	1,812
Share of operating loss in joint venture		-	40
Provision and disposal of subsidiaries		3,423	-
Finances receivable and similar income	5	2,318	326
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(37,532)	31,321
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(26,112)	43,092
Tax on loss profit on ordinary activities	6	(2,690)	39
Loss profit for the financial year		(28,802)	43,131

All results relate to continuing activities.

Group statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Loss for the financial year		(28,802)	43,131
Other comprehensive income/(expense)			
Value movements in market value of cash flow hedges		7,570	34,820
Foreign exchange gain/loss on retranslation of overseas items		(100)	125
Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the year		7,470	34,945
Total comprehensive expense for the year		(21,332)	78,076



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Group balance sheet as at 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Fixed assets			
Goodwill	7	460,206	460,545
Tangible assets	8	965,832	966,475
Investments	9	4,260	4,467
		1,430,298	1,431,487
Current assets			
Stocks	10	61,889	18,255
Debtors, including VAT receivable	11	596,178	608,111
2013 £27,492,000 due after more than one year			
Cash at bank and in hand		214,779	131,377
		872,846	757,743
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(77,887)	(110,141)
Net current assets		794,959	638,302
Total assets less current liabilities		2,225,257	2,069,789
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(791,570)	(791,144)
Provisions for liabilities	14	(18,647)	(16,647)
Net assets		1,415,040	1,262,000
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	15	115,487	115,487
Share premium account		1,318,193	1,170,140
Cash flow hedge reserve		(25,701)	(32,114)
Retained profits and other		7,061	68,505
Total shareholders' funds		1,415,040	1,262,000

These consolidated financial statements on pages 29 to 72 were approved by the board of directors on 19 December 2017 and are signed on their behalf by



PS Latham
Director
Registered number: 06447318

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Company balance sheet as at 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Fixed assets			
Investments	9	843,606	161,000
		843,606	161,000
Current assets			
Debtors, including £187,735,000 (2016: £277,495,000) due after more than one year	11	527,918	1,219,200
Cash at bank and in hand		126,828	39,458
		654,746	1,258,658
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(9,870)	2,767
Net current assets		644,876	1,255,891
Net assets		1,488,482	1,416,891
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital		115,487	104,461
Share premium account	15	1,318,193	1,111,471
Profit and loss account		54,802	22,959
Total shareholders' funds		1,488,482	1,238,891

The Company has elected to take the exemption under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present the Company profit and loss account. The profit for the financial year ended 30 June in the financial statements of the Company was £66,943,000 (2016: loss of £97,384,000).

These financial statements on pages 29 to 77 were approved by the board of directors on 19 December 2017 and are signed on their behalf by



PS Latham
Director



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Group statement of changes in equity for the year ended 30 June 2017

	Called up share capital	Share premium account	Cash flow hedge reserve	Profit and loss account	Total shareholders' funds
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Balance as at 1 July 2016	88,955	980,873	549	87,440	1,157,628
Loss for the financial year	-	-	-	(43,752)	(43,752)
Changes in market value of cash flow hedges	-	-	5,630	-	5,630
Foreign exchange loss on retranslation of investments	-	-	-	(100)	(100)
Other comprehensive expense for the year	-	-	1,940	(100)	1,740
Total comprehensive income/ (expense) for the year	-	-	7,570	(44,752)	(37,182)
Shares issued during the year	11,496	147,747	-	-	159,243
Balance as at 30 June 2016	100,451	1,128,620	(33,271)	42,688	1,277,129
Balance as at 1 July 2016	103,991	1,170,446	(33,271)	35,963	1,277,129
Loss for the financial year	-	-	-	(28,802)	(28,802)
Changes in market value of cash flow hedges	-	-	5,630	-	5,630
Foreign exchange loss on retranslation of investments	-	-	-	(100)	(100)
Other	-	-	1,940	-	1,940
Other comprehensive expense for the year	-	-	7,570	(100)	7,470
Total comprehensive income/ (expense) for the year	-	-	7,570	(28,902)	(21,332)
Shares issued during the year	11,496	147,747	-	-	159,243
Balance as at 30 June 2017	115,487	1,318,193	(25,701)	7,061	1,415,040

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Company statement of changes in equity for the year ended 30 June 2017

	Called up share capital	Share premium account	Profit and loss account	Total shareholders' funds
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance as at 1 July 2016	88,836	383,814	85,242	1,157,882
Loss for the financial year and total comprehensive income	-	-	(91,184)	(91,184)
Shares issued during the year	1,155	186,347	-	201,798
Balance as at 30 June 2016	103,991	1,170,446	(12,141)	1,262,296
Balance as at 1 July 2016	103,991	1,170,446	(12,141)	1,262,296
Profit for the financial year and total comprehensive income	-	-	66,943	66,943
Shares issued during the year	11,496	147,747	-	159,243
Balance as at 30 June 2017	115,487	1,318,193	54,802	1,488,482



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Group statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2017

	Note	2017	2016
		£'000	£'000
Net cash from operating activities	19	(5,715)	40,520
Taxation received in full		2,545	15,136
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities		(3,170)	46,123
Cash flow from investing activities			
Purchase of subsidiaries, undertakings, goodwill cash acquired		(97,132)	166,161
Sale of subsidiary undertakings		29,098	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(48,982)	3,123
Sale of intangible fixed assets		19,278	
Investments in trusts and other investments		(92,153)	1,303
Share buy-back and other investments		105,263	150,616
Interest received		134	326
Income from investments		1,706	76
Net cash used in investing activities		(82,788)	219,305
Cash flow from financing activities			
Proceeds from financing		41,403	4,122
Interest paid		(33,875)	25,871
Proceeds from share issue		159,242	2,125
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities		166,770	32,118
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		80,812	77,543
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		133,737	156,158
Exchange gains on cash and cash equivalents		230	30
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		214,779	233,726



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Statement of accounting policies

Company information

The Company is a private company, limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in England and the United Kingdom and registered under company number 06447318. The address of the registered office is 6th floor, 33 Holborn, London, EC1N 2HT.

Statement of compliance

The Group and individual financial statements of Fern Trading Limited have been prepared in compliance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Regulations of the Financial Reporting Council, and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom.

The principal accounting policies which have been applied consistently throughout the year, are set out below. The Company's functional and presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling.

The consolidated financial statements include the results of all subsidiaries owned by Fern Trading Limited as stated in the following annual financial statements. Certain of these subsidiaries, which are listed below, have taken the exemption from a liability for the year ended 30 June 2017, under s479A of Companies Act 2006. In order to avoid those subsidiaries to take the said exemption, the parent company, Fern Trading Limited has given its accounting guarantee under s479(2) of Companies Act 2006 that the outstanding liabilities at 30 June 2017 of the subsidiaries have not amounted to more than £1 million. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the exemption from an audit of the year ended 30 June 2017, under s479A Companies Act 2006 and

the following Company

or Life by Holdings Limited

Fern Energy Limited

Solar Energy Holdings Limited

Solar Energy Limited

Fern Energy Holdings Limited

Fern Energy Holdings 3 Limited

Fern Energy 2013 Holdings 1 Limited

Fern Energy 2013 Holdings 2 Limited

Fern Energy 2013 Holdings 3 Limited

Fern Renewable Energy Limited

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Eucalyptus Energy Limited

Boomerang Energy Limited

Fern Trading Development Company Limited

Bo-sama Energy Limited

Portnos Solar Holdings Limited

Portnos Solar Limited

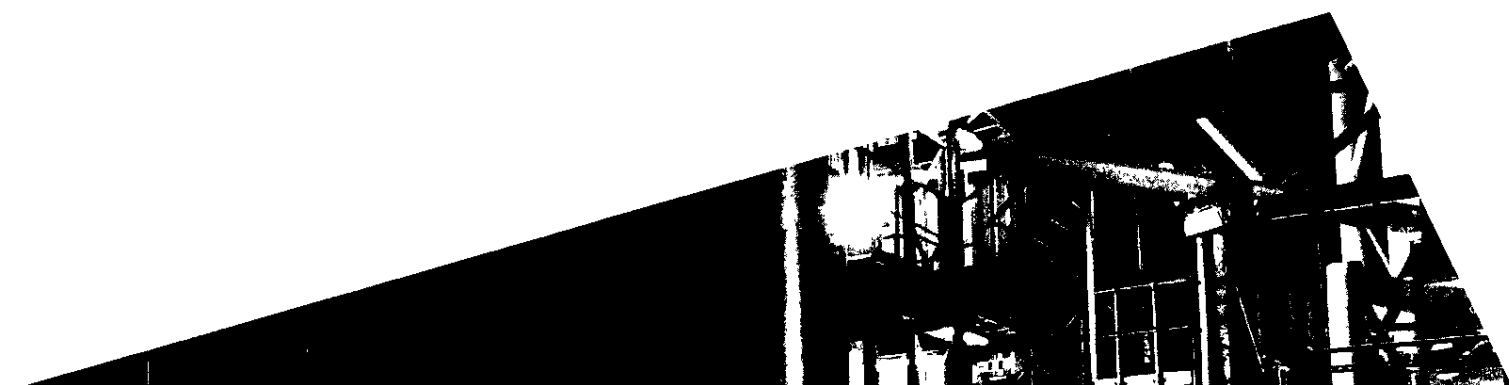
Fern Healthcare Holdings Limited

Rangerford Retirement Living Holdings Limited

Rangerford Properties Limited

Fern Energy Holdings 2 Limited

Fern Energy 2 Limited



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Statement of accounting policies (continued)

Basis of consolidation

The financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the Company and all of its subsidiary undertakings (subsidiaries). The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in section 108 of the Companies Act from disclosing its individual profit and loss account.

Entities in which the Group holds an interest on a long-term basis and are jointly controlled by the group and one or more other ventures under a joint actual arrangement are treated as joint ventures. In the Group financial statements, joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method.

Exemptions for qualifying entities under FRS 102

- FRS 102 allows a qualifying entity certain disclosure exemptions, subject to certain conditions which have been complied with including a criteria of one of the following:
 - the use of exemptions by the company's shareholders
 - the company has taken advantage of the following exemptions:
 - 1. from preparing a statement of cash flows on the basis that as a qualifying entity and the consolidated statement of cash flows included in these financial statements included the company's cash flows,
 - 2. from the financial instrument disclosures required under FRS 102 paragraphs 11.39 to 11.48A and paragraphs 12.26 to 12.29 as no information is provided in the consolidated financial statement disclosures
 - 3. from disclosing the company key management personnel compensation as required by FRS 102 paragraph 33.7

Going concern

The directors have a continued expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operations and exist for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Turnover

Our trading limited operations are our main classes of business. Revenue is derived from our trading limited subsidiaries for which it is recognised in accordance by the following:

- solar farms, wind generating plants and reserve power plants that generate turnover from the sale of electricity that they generate. All jointly owned income is accrued in the period in which it is generated
- biomass and wind farms that generate turnover when electricity generated is exported to third party customers. Income from recycled renewable obligation certificates (Recycled ROC) is recognised when the amount is known with reasonable certainty. Turnover generated from the sale of fuel is recognised on physical dispatch
- a retirement village development group which generates turnover from the sale of retirement village property. Revenue is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have passed to the buyer (usually on exchange of contract), the amount of revenue can be recognised reliably and it is probable that the economic benefit associated with the transaction will flow to the entity.

Our financial class of business is a money lending business in the United Kingdom. Turnover represents arrangement fees and loan interest net of any value added tax and is recognised upon delivery of the relevant services. Arrangement fees are spread over the life of the loan to which they relate.

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Statement of accounting policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets less their estimated residual value over their expected useful lives. Depreciation commences from the date an asset is brought into service, and the assets in the course of construction are not depreciated. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings	-	2% straight line
Household property	-	4% straight line
Power stations	-	1% and 5% straight line
Plant and machinery	-	4% to 25% straight line

The directors annually review their depreciation assessment to confirm that there are no any material liabilities or contingencies arising from the commitment to depreciate the power stations.

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

Cash

Cash includes cash in hand and deposits repayable on demand.

Leases

A lease of an identifiable asset is recognised as a lease if the lease transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. Subsequent to the commencement of the lease, the lessee should be classified as either a finance lease or an operating lease.

Leases of assets that transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised at the commencement of the lease at the fair value of the leased asset and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and its estimated useful life of the asset. Assets are assessed for impairment at each reporting date.

Leases that do not transfer all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as operating leases. Payments under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Stocks

Spare parts are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Where necessary, provision is made for obsolete, slow moving and defective stock.

Fuel stocks (A, B/M and other) are valued on an average cost basis over a 24 month period and provision for unusable stock is reviewed monthly and applied to off-site stock.

Fuel stock of straw has been valued at the historical cost per tonne of straw. A provision for unusable straw is identified on an individual stock basis and is reviewed monthly. Stocks are currently used on a first in, first out (FIFO) basis by age of straw.

Stocks of ash at Fordingham are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value to the Group.

Stocks of property development (WfR) are stated at the lower of cost or estimated selling price less costs to complete and to sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present locations and condition.

At each reporting date, an assessment is made for impairment. Any excess of the carrying amount of stocks over its estimated selling price less costs to complete and to sell is recognised as an impairment loss through the profit and loss account. Reversals of impairment losses are also recognised in the profit and loss account.

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Statement of accounting policies (continued)

Deferred taxation

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation.

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be sufficient taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are discounted.

Business combinations and goodwill

Business combinations are accounted for by applying the purchase method.

The cost of a business combination is the fair value of the consideration given, adjusted for assumed and the equity instruments issued plus the costs directly attributable to the business combination. Where control is achieved in stages the cost is the consideration at the date of each transaction.

On acquisition of a business, fair values are attributed to the identifiable intangible assets and contingent liabilities, unless the fair value cannot be measured reliably, in which case the value is incorporated as goodwill. Where the fair value of contingent liabilities cannot be reliably measured, they are disclosed on the same basis as other contingent liabilities.

Goodwill recognised represents the excess of the fair value and direct transaction costs of the purchase consideration over the fair values of the identifiable intangible assets, liabilities and other identifiable assets acquired.

On acquisition, goodwill is allocated to cash generating units. Goodwill is an intangible asset arising from a combination.

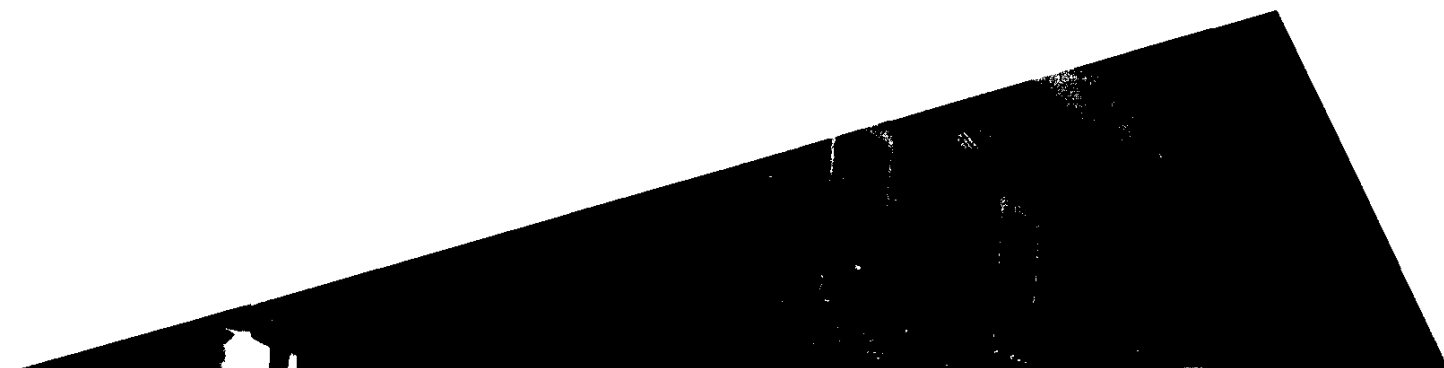
Goodwill is amortised over its expected useful life. An impairment test is made to make a reliable estimate of useful life. Goodwill is amortised over a period not exceeding 10 years. Goodwill is assessed for impairment, and if there are indicators of impairment, and any impairment is made to be recognised. Reversals of impairment are recognised when the reasons for the impairment no longer apply.

Accrued income

Accrued income on loans is calculated at the rate of interest set out in the loan contracts. Uninvolved energy income is accrued over the period it has been generated.

Deferred income

Deferred income is recognised in accordance with the terms set out in the contract, and is recognised in revenue.



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Statement of accounting policies (continued)

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the profit and loss account and statement of comprehensive income.

Debt issue costs

Issue costs associated with senior secured notes are capitalised and netted off against the principal amount. The costs are amortised over the five year term of the notes in proportion to amounts outstanding.

Financial instruments

The Group has chosen to adopt Sections 11 and 12 of IFRS 102 in respect of financial instruments.

Financial assets

Basic financial assets, including trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

At the end of each reporting period financial assets measured at amortised cost are assessed for objective evidence of impairment. An asset is impaired if there is a measurable decrease between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets are derecognised when all the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or if substantially all the risks and rewards of the ownership of the asset are transferred to another party or if ownership of the asset has been transferred to another party, the bank has a practical ability to unilaterally sell the asset to an unrelated third party, without imposing additional restrictions.

Financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities include trade and other payables, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares. All are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future repayments discounted at a market rate of interest.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down. In this case, the fees are amortised until the draw down occurs. To the extent there is no evidence that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down, the fees are capitalised as a pre-payment for advisory services and are amortised over the period of the facility to which they relate.



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Statement of accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Trade payables are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at their settlement value using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the liability is extinguished, that is when the contractual obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amounts presented in the financial statements when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Hedging

The Group applies hedge accounting for derivatives entered into to manage the cash flow exposures of borrowings. Interest rate swaps are used to manage the interest rate exposures and are designated as cash flow hedges of floating rate borrowings. Changes in the fair values of derivatives designated as cash flow hedges and which are effective are recognised directly in equity. Any ineffectiveness in the hedging relationship (being the excess of the cumulative change in fair value of the hedging instrument since inception over the hedge over the cumulative change in fair value of the hedged item) is recognised in the profit or loss as incurred in the income statement.

The gain or loss recognised in other comprehensive income is recognised in equity in accordance with the applicable accounting standards. Accumulated losses or gains from hedging instruments, which would otherwise be recognised in profit or loss, are recognised in equity if the hedging instrument expires, is sold, or matures, the hedge relationship is terminated, or the hedging instrument is sold or expires, the hedge relationship is terminated, or the hedging instrument is sold or expires, the hedge relationship is terminated, or the hedging instrument is sold or expires, the hedge relationship is terminated.

Taxation

Tax is recognised in the statement of income and retained earnings, except that a large amount added to or item of income and expense recognised in other comprehensive income or to or from recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

Deferred balances are recognised in respect of accounting differences that have originated but not reversed by the Balance sheet date, except that:

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

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Statement of accounting policies (continued)

Taxation (continued)

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductibility available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Related party transactions

The Group discloses transactions with related parties which are not wholly owned within the same Group. Transactions within the Group need not be disclosed under IFRS 24. Where appropriate, transactions of a similar nature are aggregated unless, in the opinion of the directors, separate disclosure is necessary to understand the effect of the transactions on the Group's financial statements.

Transaction costs

Transaction costs relating to debt financing are spread over the life of the debt, using the effective interest method, to the extent they do not enter the financial statements.

Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty – impairment of investments

There are no critical judgements in applying the entity's accounting policies.

Impairment of goodwill and investments

The Group considers whether goodwill is impaired. The Company considers whether investments are impaired. Where an indication of impairment is identified the estimation of recoverable value requires estimation of the recoverable value of the cash generating units (CGUs). This requires estimation of the future cash flows from the CGUs and a selection of appropriate discount rates in order to calculate the net present value of those cash flows.

Fair values on acquisition

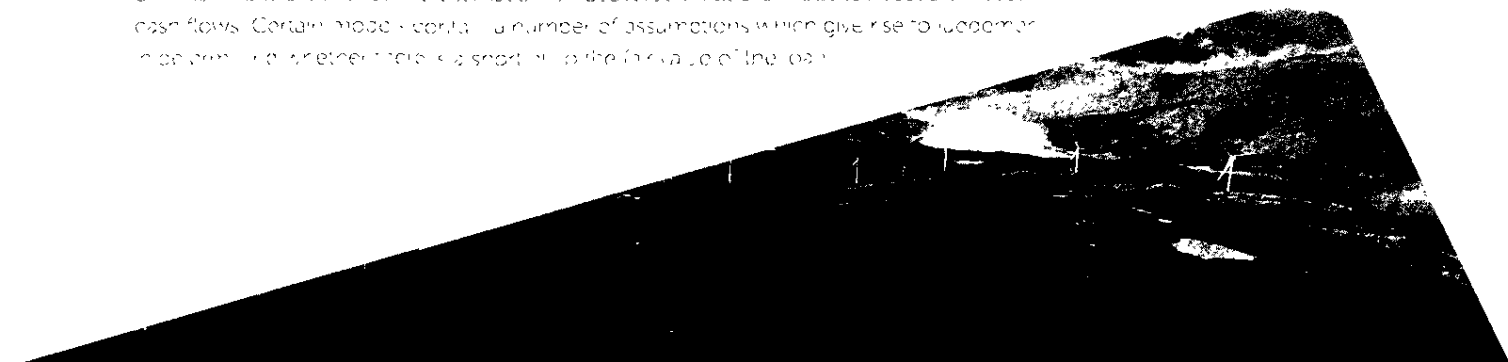
The fair value of assets and liabilities acquired in the acquisitions detailed in note 24 are considered to be a key accounting estimate.

Cash flow hedges

Cash flow hedges are considered for effectiveness by comparing the cumulative change in the fair value of the hedged instrument to the cumulative change in the fair value of hedge item.

Loan impairment (note 11)

The Group considers whether loans are impaired on a regular basis throughout the year. If there is an indication of impairment is identified, the estimation of recoverable value is modeled based on best estimates of future cash flows. Certain models require a number of assumptions which give rise to judgement as to whether there is a shortfall in the fair value of the loan.



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1 Turnover

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Trading income	62,923	55,184
Solar reserve and wind power energy income	107,024	64,783
Sale of solar panels	-	26,000
Biomass and landfill gas energy income	117,178	70,880
Revenue on lease income	6,001	-
	293,126	216,847

The geographical analysis of turnover by destination is as follows.

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
United Kingdom	283,301	220,009
Rest of Europe	9,825	5,848
	293,126	225,857

2 Operating expenses

This is stated after charging/(crediting)

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Cost of sales (multiple purchase contracts)	23,957	17,882
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets (note 8)	61,891	47,629
Stock recognised as an expense (note 10)	42,403	49,391
Auditors' remuneration – Company and the Group's consolidated financial statements	136	174
Auditors' remuneration – audit of Company's subsidiaries	530	500
Auditors' remuneration – non audit services	94	203
Auditors' remuneration – taxation compliance services	173	169
Difference on foreign exchange	(577)	1,008
Operating lease rentals	17,494	40,020



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3 Employee costs

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	11,923	14,274
Social security costs	1,263	859
Other personnel costs	387	25
	13,573	15,158

The average monthly number of persons employed by the Group and Company during the year was

	2017	2016
	Number	Number
Production	258	159
Administration	70	2
Directors	3	1
	331	162

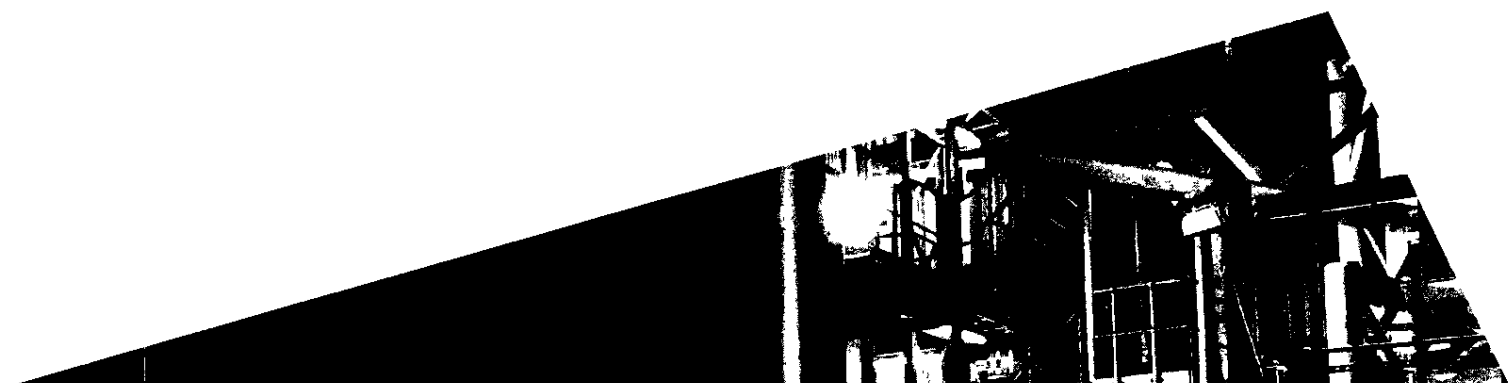
4 Pension costs

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Employer's contribution	93	71

During the year no pension contributions were made in respect of the directors (2016: none).

Key management personnel compensation paid by the Group during the year was

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Salaries and other short-term benefits	352	364
Post-employment benefits	9	5
	361	369



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5 Interest receivable

Interest receivable and similar income	2017	2016
£'000	£'000	
On bank balances	134	106
Gains on derivative financial instruments	2,184	1,114
	2,318	1,220

Interest receivable and similar income	2017	2016
£'000	£'000	
Interest receivable on cash	23,619	12,111
Interest on senior secured notes	10,256	8,758
Amortisation of issue costs on bank borrowings	2,268	410
Amortisation of issue costs on senior secured notes	1,045	501
Losses on derivative financial instruments	344	14
	37,532	23,834

6 Taxation (continued)

(a) Analysis of charge in year

	2017	2016
£'000	£'000	
Current taxation:		
Corporation tax charge	210	224
Income tax charge on profits	103	1
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	130	364
Total current taxation	443	2,019
Deferred taxation:		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	1,835	(1,779)
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	1,822	1,344
Effect of change in tax rates	(1,410)	21
Total deferred taxation	2,247	(2,254)
Tax charge on loss on ordinary activities	2,690	(235)

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6 Taxation (continued) – Income tax

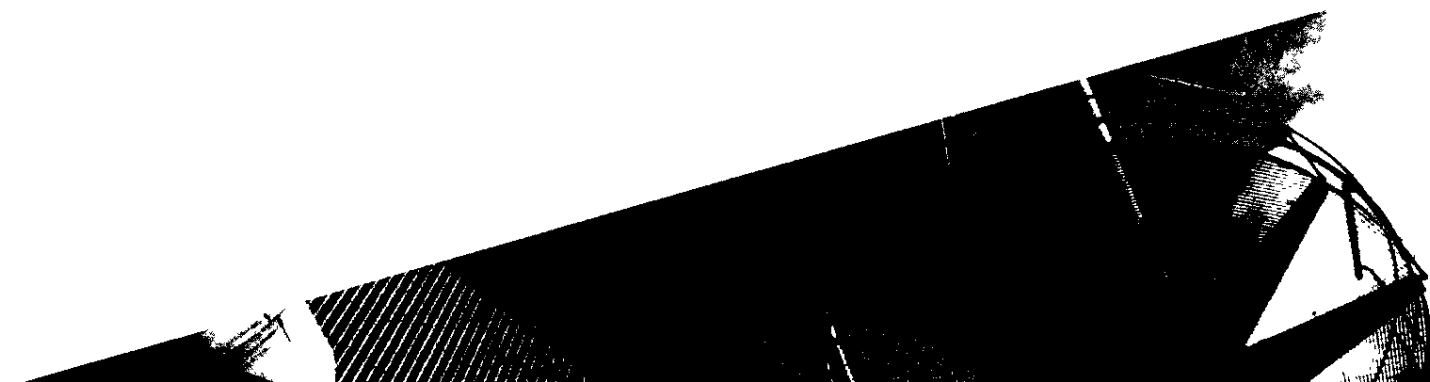
(b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher (2016: higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax applicable in the UK of 19.75% (2016: 20.00%). The differences are explained below:

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(26,112)	45,029
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.75% (2016: 20.00%)	(5,113)	9,006
Effects of:		
Excess of the basic rate of tax over the standard rate	14,899	5,317
Effect of group relief claim	962	1,068
Group relief available for carry forward	(9,489)	615
Effect of the 1% code for loss carry forward relief	-	1,124
Group relief available	-	11
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	1,952	117
Effects of change in tax rates	(521)	21
Total tax charge for the year	2,690	16,142

(c) Factors that may affect future tax charge

The main rate of Corporation Tax in the UK is due to be reduced from 20% to 19% with effect from 1 April 2017. Accordingly, the tax rate applicable for the accounting year is 19.75%. A reduction in the main rate of corporation tax to 17% from 1 April 2021 was enacted during the period. Consequently deferred tax has been calculated at the period-end using a tax rate of 17%.



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7 Intangible assets

	Goodwill
Group	£'000
Cost	
At 1 July 2016	420,051
Additions	92,123
Disposals	(6,126)
Transfer to intangible assets	(1,337)
At 30 June 2017	503,417
Accumulated amortisation	
At 1 July 2016	8,117
Charge for the year	27,551
Transfer to intangible assets	(23,117)
At 30 June 2017	43,211
Net book value	
At 30 June 2017	460,206
At 30 June 2016	411,934

The goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the identifiable intangible assets acquired. The goodwill is not amortised but is subject to impairment testing.

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8 Property, plant and equipment

	Land and buildings	Power stations	Plant and machinery	Assets under construction	Total
Group	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost					
At 1 July 2016	4707	153,736	813,658	11	975,353
Additions	105	1,335	1,510	9,541	48,982
Acquisitions	-	-	111,602	-	101,602
Transfers	-	14	40	(12)	-
Disposals	-	-	(2,733)	-	(25,934)
At 30 June 2017	4,892	158,603	926,967	9,541	1,100,003
Accumulated depreciation					
At 1 July 2016	-	2,515	35,112	-	66,750
Charge for the year	6	15,014	46,515	-	61,891
Disposals	-	-	(63)	-	(63)
Reversals	-	-	(145)	-	(132)
At 30 June 2017	174	42,882	91,115	-	134,171
Net book value					
At 30 June 2017	4,718	115,721	835,852	9,541	965,832
At 30 June 2016	4,707	153,736	813,658	11	975,353



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9 Investments

	Unlisted investments	Other investments	Total
Group	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost and net book value			
At 1 July 2016	16,300	22,135	39,405
Additions	12,153	-	92,153
Disposals	(105,291)	(1,505)	(126,828)
Impairment	-	(470)	(470)
At 30 June 2017	3,390	870	4,260

Other investments represent the Group's holdings of deferred shares in a number of companies. An impairment was recognised during the year, predominantly, due to reductions in energy prices, which have impacted the valuation of the deferred shares.

	Subsidiary undertakings	Unlisted investments	Total
Group	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost and net book value			
At 1 July 2016	-	16,300	16,300
Additions	18,100	72,513	276,683
Disposals	-	(105,263)	(105,263)
Shareholder contributions received	845,761	-	858,760
Reversal of impairments	8,816	-	8,816
Impairments	(11,832)	-	(211,897)
At 30 June 2017	840,216	3,390	843,606

Unlisted investments comprise the Company's and the Group's holding of the members' capital of Terdon LLP, a money-lending business, formed to fund Terdon LLP in October 2012 with the intention of conducting a proportion of its future trade through the partnership. Terdon LLP has not been treated as a subsidiary undertaking and its results have not been consolidated as, in the opinion of the directors, Terdon Trading Limited is unable to exert significant influence over its activities.

The Company has historically financed its subsidiaries with shareholder loans. Following a review of financing in the Group during the year, the shareholder loans between the Company and the intermediate holding companies within the Group have been repaid. The funding of these companies has been replaced with equity via the allotment of shares from the subsidiaries to the parent companies.

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9 Subsidiaries (continued)

Name	Country of incorporation	Class of shares	Holding	Principal activity
Enel Energia (UK) Limited	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Spain) S.L.	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Italy) S.p.A.	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (France) S.A.	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Germany) AG	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Austria) AG	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Netherlands) B.V.	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Belgium) NV	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Portugal) SA	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Greece) SA	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Czech Republic) a.s.	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Slovakia) a.s.	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Hungary) Zrt.	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Poland) Sp. z o.o.	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Romania) SA	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Bulgaria) AD	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Croatia) d.o.o.	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Slovenia) d.o.o.	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Serbia) d.o.o.	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Montenegro) d.o.o.	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Albania) d.o.o.	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Moldova) SA	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Ukraine) PJSC	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Russia) PJSC	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Kazakhstan) JSC	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Kyrgyzstan) JSC	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Tajikistan) JSC	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Uzbekistan) JSC	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Turkmenistan) JSC	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Georgia) JSC	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
Enel Energia (Armenia) JSC	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation

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9 Subsidiaries (continued)

Name	Country of incorporation	Class of shares	Holding	Principal activity
PRG Energy Limited	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
PRG Thermal Limited	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation
PRG Fuel Limited	UK	Ordinary	100%	Supply of oil and gas
Anglo-British Limited	UK	Ordinary	100%	Dormant company
Bechtel Energy Limited	UK	Ordinary	100%	Dormant company
Energy Power Fuel Holdings Limited	UK	Ordinary	100%	Dormant company
PRG Energy Limited	UK	Ordinary	100%	Dormant company
Torvald Limited	UK	Ordinary	100%	Dormant company
Herold Group Limited	UK	Ordinary	100%	Dormant company
Gas Reviews Limited	UK	Ordinary	100%	Dormant company
Anglo-British Energy Limited	UK	Ordinary	100%	Energy generation

These subsidiaries are wholly owned and controlled by the Group.

- PRG Energy Limited is a subsidiary of the Group.
- PRG Thermal Limited is a subsidiary of the Group.
- PRG Fuel Limited is a subsidiary of the Group.
- Anglo-British Limited is a subsidiary of the Group.
- Bechtel Energy Limited is a subsidiary of the Group.

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10 Intangible assets

	Group		Company	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Goodwill	3,522	3,540	-	-
Property development rights	46,795	-	-	-
Non-current intangible assets	11,572	2,710	-	-
	61,889	6,250	-	-

The amortisation expense on intangible assets during the year was £424,000 (2016: £499,000).

Included in the non-current intangible assets stock value is a provision of £25,000 for uncompleted stock (2016: £149,000). Included in the cash stock value is a provision of £450,000 for selling stock (2016: £740,000).

On acquisition of the Longtree Holdings Limited group (note 26) a goodwill expense was performed, and an impairment of £2,730,000 was recognised on the carrying value of property development WIP.

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	Group		Company	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Amounts falling due after one year				
Loans and advances to customers	187,735	212,443	187,735	212,443
Amounts falling due within one year				
Loans and advances to customers	284,435	212,143	284,435	212,143
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	-	5,7022
Trade debtors	24,245	28,710	512	219
Other debtors	580	167	12,907	22
Corporation tax	-	2,005	2,725	2,680
Deferred tax asset	-	-	-	463
Prepayments and accrued income	99,183	34,332	39,604	49,184
	596,178	508,741	527,918	329,200

Loans and advances to customers are stated net of provision of £17,632,000 (2016: £15,000,000).

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11 Trade receivables

Amounts owed by group undertakings previously included the following loans from Tern Trading Limited to subsidiary companies. Provisions of £126,89,000 have been recognised against these loans which were unsecured and repayable on demand. The loans have been fully repaid in the year.

	Interest rate	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Thurley Energy Company Limited	10.00%	-	12,509
Evolution Energy Holdings Limited	9.00%	-	140,816
Green Energy Holdings Limited	8.00%	-	19,231
Green Energy Holdings Limited	8.00%	-	57,121
Fort Energy Holdings Limited	6.00%	-	9,636
Green Energy Holdings Limited	5.00%	-	321,682
Green Energy Holdings Limited	5.00%	-	84,124
		-	607,085

12 Trade payables

	Group		Company	
	2017 £'000	2016	2017 £'000	2016
Trade payables	27,533	13,740	3,518	2,812
Bank loans and overdrafts	19,194	14,788	-	-
Corporation tax	1,036	-	-	-
Other taxation and social security	2,275	1,155	978	922
Other creditors	5,137	43,420	625	999
Derivative financial instruments (note 17)	-	4,424	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	22,712	41,808	4,749	7,962
	77,887	113,341	9,870	12,702



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13 Financial instruments – debt capital

	Group		Company	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Senior secured notes	613,929	512,025	-	-
Senior secured notes	148,886	147,841	-	-
Derivative financial instruments, note 17	28,755	19,608	-	-
	791,570	679,474	-	-

	Group		Company	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Bank loans				
Short term (up to 1 year)	19,194	4,788	-	-
Medium term (one and five years)	171,195	410,350	-	-
Long term (more than five years)	442,734	457,327	-	-
	633,123	872,465	-	-

The bank loans are secured against certain assets owned or controlled by each loan as held by the subsidiary, as shown below.

	Interest rate	2017	2016
		£'000	£'000
First Energy Limited	6 month LIBOR plus 2.11%	-	464,517
Ventus Energy Limited	6 month LIBOR plus 2.15%	391,551	-
Form Renewable Energy Limited	6 month LIBOR plus 1.90%	58,010	60,744
Wyde Croft Wind Farm Limited	6 month LIBOR plus 2.10%	-	2,658
Wyde Croft Wind Farm Limited	6 month LIBOR plus 1.91%	24,830	1,011
Glencorriper Wind Energy Limited	6 month LIBOR plus 1.80%	46,385	7,256
Transthorpe Wind Farm Limited	6 month LIBOR plus 1.60%	42,235	1,276
Claxamond Solar SPV 1 Limited	6 month LIBOR plus 4.25%	4,607	-
Ashted's Solar SPV 1 Limited	6 month LIBOR plus 4.25%	7,542	-
First SPV 1 Limited	6 month LIBOR plus 4.25%	6,950	-
First Energy 2 Limited	Average rate of 4.63%	-	64,474
First Energy 2 Limited	6 month LIBOR plus 1.58%	51,013	-
		633,123	520,482

The senior secured notes are repayable on 1 February 2020, bear interest at 6.75% and are guaranteed by the subsidiary group companies of Melton Renewable Energy UK PLC.

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14 Decommissioning provision

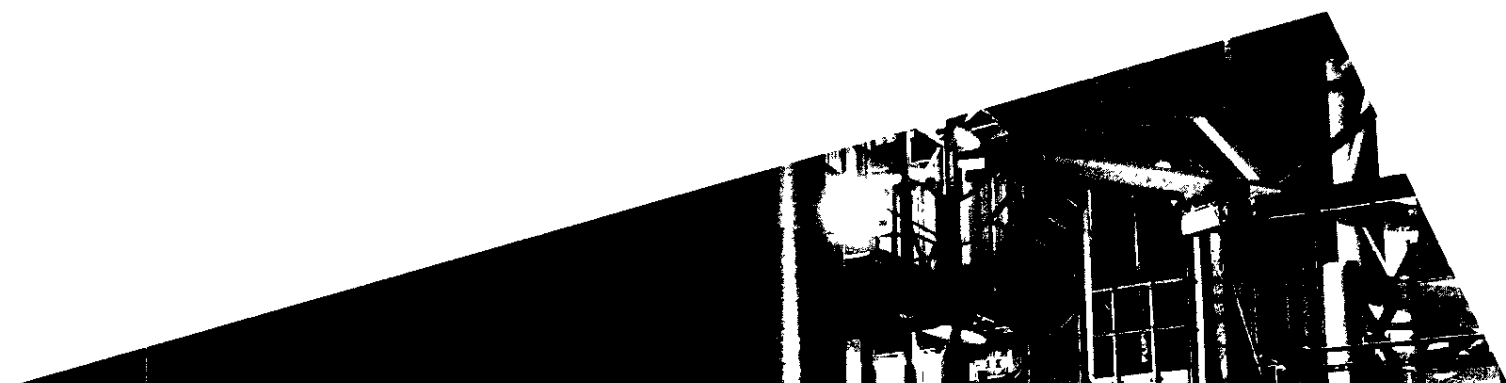
	Decommissioning provision	Deferred taxation	Total
At 1 July 2016	1,601	1,241	£'000 2,842
At 30 June 2017	1,568	17,079	18,647
Adjustment in respect of prior periods		1,822	1,822
Additions	455	409	908
Utilisation	-	725	(725)
At 30 June 2017	1,568	17,079	18,647

The decommissioning provision is held in the subsidiary companies Wydd Groft Wind Farm Limited and Gwennolmor Wind Energy Limited. It is to cover future obligations to return land on which the companies operate to its original condition. The amounts are not expected to be utilised for in excess of 25 years.

15 Issued ordinary shares

Group and Company	2017	2016
Allotted, called-up and fully paid	£'000	£'000
At 30 June 2017 (2016: 1,493,564) (2016: 1,493,564) ordinary shares of £0.10 each	115,487	115,487

During the year the Group and Company issued 1,493,564 (2016: 1,552,874) Ordinary shares of £0.10 each to a consideration of £159,243 (2016: £201,980) giving rise to a premium of £141,470 (2016: £186,642) i.e.



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16 Contingent liabilities

Contingent liabilities

Under section 149C of the Companies Act 2006, the parent company, Fern Trading Limited, has guaranteed all outstanding liabilities at which the subsidiaries taking the audit exemption listed in note 9 were subject at the end of 30 June 2017 until they are satisfied in full. These liabilities total £1,330,136 (2016: £1,330,136) including intercompany loans of £249,352 (2016: £249,352). Such guarantees are enforceable against Fern Trading Limited by any person to whom any such liability is due. A breakdown of the amounts for each of these companies is shown below.

Company	Total Liabilities £,000	Intercompany £,000
Blackburn Aerodrome Ltd	124	-
Blackburn Holdings Ltd	2	-
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd	1	-
Blackburn Property	2,400	-
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd	506,280	1,897
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	12,293	111
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	18,992	1,000
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	17,838	1,000
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	54,368	-
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	45,146	1,000
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	2,191	-
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	17,812	-
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	-	-
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	410	-
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	-	-
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	6,129	-
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	3	-
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	5	-
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	2,934	-
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	236,578	225,457
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	-	-
Blackburn Holdings (UK) Ltd (UK)	-	-
Total	1,330,136	276,382

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17 - Financial instruments

The Group has the following financial instruments

	Group		Company	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Carrying amount of financial assets				
Derivatives measured at fair value	496,995	542,512	485,589	546,700
Carrying amount of financial assets				
Measured at fair value	795,485	24,187	4,143	0
Measured at fair value through profit and loss account	-	1479	-	-
Measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	28,755	1,118	-	-

Derivative financial instruments

The Group enters into interest rate swaps to manage its debt rate risk on its bank loans. These are designated as cash flow hedges, with the derivative in the cash flow hedge measured at fair value through other comprehensive income. At 30 June 2017 the outstanding contracts have a maturity in excess of one year. The Group is committed to receive IFRF and pay a fixed rate amount.

18 - Leases

At 30 June the Group had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows

	2017		2016	
	Land and Buildings	Other	Land and Buildings	Other
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Payments due:				
Not later than one year	4,664	234	4,505	273
Later than one year and not later than five years	18,889	224	18,118	128
Later than five years	117,246	-	127,841	-
	140,799	458	130,464	401

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19 Cash flow statement

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Loss for the financial year	(28,802)	71,752
Adjustments for:		
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	2,690	42
Interest receivable and similar income	(2,318)	1126
Interest payable and other similar charges	37,532	30,510
Exchange disposal of subsidiaries	(3,423)	-
Income from fixed asset investments	(1,594)	1,107
Operating profit / loss	4,085	14,998
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	23,957	11,982
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	61,891	42,620
Impairment of investments	470	258
Non-cash movements on derivatives and foreign exchange	(3,058)	4,352
Decrease in stocks	294	5
Increase / decrease in debtors	(36,186)	1,128
Decrease in creditors	(57,168)	16,374
Net cash from operating activities	(5,715)	48,169

20 Acquisitions

On 14th July 2017 Boomerang Energy Limited, a subsidiary of Fern Trading Limited acquired Blue Energy Partnerships Holdings Limited including the following SPV's

- Adduie Land Company Limited
- Clou Wind Farm Scotland Limited
- Grange Wind Farm Limited
- Benneun Wind Farm Limited

In addition the following holding and dormant companies were acquired

- Blue Energy Capital Acquisitions Limited
- Blue Energy RidgeWind Holdings Limited
- Blue Energy Wind Holdings Limited
- Blue Energy Whiteside Holdings Limited
- Blue Energy RidgeWind Acquisitions Limited
- Blue Energy RidgeWind Acquisitions Number 2 Limited
- Blue Energy Clou Holdings Limited
- RidgeWind Acquisitions Limited
- Clou Wind Farm Holdings Limited
- Benneun Holdings Limited
- Blue Energy Grange Limited
- Benneun Wind Farm Extensions Limited

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21 Related party transactions

Under FRS 102 33.1A disclosures need not be given of 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.

Other than the transactions disclosed below, the Company's other related party transactions were with its wholly owned subsidiary members of the Group.

As at 30 June 2017 £12,219,000 (2016: £10,226,000) was due from Yorkshire Windpower Limited (YWPL), a 50% joint venture shareholding, in relation to the Group's 50% share of the shareholder loan facility made available to YWPL in relation to the re-powering of Cluden Moor. The loan has a fixed interest rate of 6.91% and is due for redemption in October 2017.

During the period, the Group received, in the normal course of business, from YWPL £25,000 (2016: £62,000) for management and accountancy services. At the year end £11,2016: £62,000) was outstanding.

During the year fees of £66,368,000 (2016: £44,165,100) were charged to the Group by Oddeus Investments Limited, a related party, due to its significant influence over the entity. Oddeus Investments Limited also recognised legal and professional fees totalling £62,000 (2016: £829,000) from the Group. At the year end a net amount of £4,637,000 (2016: £278,300) was outstanding and is included in the trade creditors.

The Company's entered into a purchase of services agreement with Oddeus Investments Limited, a related party, for management personnel in common. In 2017 a share of £101,000 (2016: £18,127,000) has been recognised by the Company. At the year end the Company has an increase in the members' capital of £5,397,000 (2016: £16,500,000) and accrued income due of £334,000 (2016: £112,000).

The Company previously provided a wholesaling arrangement for purchases of inventory. During the year income of £11,2016: £5,384,951) was received from related parties and from key management personnel in common. This includes the below, no value in material amounts.

	Amounts included in debtors in the year ended 30 June 2017	Amounts included in debtors in the year ended 30 June 2016
	£'000	£'000
Oddeus Investments Limited (see note 21)	-	21,365
Standing Wood Solar Limited (formerly High Source Solar Limited)	-	2,007

The Company engages in lending activities which include balances provided to related parties. Key management personnel in common loans of £199,159,000 (2016: £86,199,000), accrued income of £6,738,000 (2016: £4,353,000) and deferred income of £11,699 (2016: £1463,000) were outstanding at year end. During the year interest income of £2,158,000 (2016: £9,384,000) and fees of £1861,000 (2016: £1,460,000) was recognised in relation to these loans. With the loan balances at each year end there were the following non-cash material amounts:



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21 Trade receivables and other receivables

	Amounts included in debtors in the year ended 30 June 2017	Interest receivable in the year ended 30 June 2017	Amounts included in debtors in the year ended 30 June 2016	Interest receivable in the year ended 30 June 2016
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Albrighton Energy Centre	1,577	122	1,075	112
Ashtree Energy Centre Ltd	17,620	2,076	17,020	238
Ashtree Energy Centre (Development) Limited	21,775	2,003	14,585	244
Ashtree Energy Centre (Power) Limited	-	466	4,231	383
Ashtree Energy Centre (Transmission) Limited	25,098	9,159	10,203	684
Ashtree Energy Centre (Storage) Limited	5,081	438	1,989	100
East of London Power Limited	9,620	920	7,440	635
East of London Energy Storage Limited	1,930	176	1,880	108
East of London Energy Storage Limited	9,400	918	511	1
East of London Energy Storage Limited	2,587	193	2,561	14
East of London Energy Storage Limited	2,048	155	2,075	14
East of London Energy Storage Limited	3,179	70	-	-
East of London Energy Storage Limited	4,077	138	-	-
East of London Energy Storage Limited	2,595	92	-	-
East of London Energy Storage Limited	4,303	125	-	-
East of London Energy Storage Limited	-	-	2,274	-
East of London Energy Storage Limited	-	403	1,900	17
East of London Energy Storage Limited	42,354	3,278	23,239	1,750
East of London Energy Storage Limited	-	711	4,220	16
East of London Energy Storage Limited	-	818	6,255	146
East of London Energy Storage Limited	6,592	522	1,840	341
East of London Energy Storage Limited	-	341	1,980	29
East of London Energy Storage Limited	-	677	4,402	33
East of London Energy Storage Limited	5,966	156	-	-
East of London Energy Storage Limited	8,952	788	4,787	58
East of London Energy Storage Limited	5,355	491	2,702	4
East of London Energy Storage Limited	4,774	296	1,379	44

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22 Capital commitments

At the year end the Group had capital commitments as follows

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Contracted but not provided for at year end	763	115

23 Ultimate controlling party

There is no ultimate controlling party.

24 Business combinations

a) Rangeford Holdings Limited acquisition

On 20 January 2017 the Group acquired control of Rangeford Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries (Rangeford) the entities started as subsidiaries in 2013. In August 2013 the Group entered into the Rangeford takeover following the purchase of various shareholdings from Rangeford Limited. As a result, the debt and equity of JCR Rangeford Limited was reclassified and in 2012 the business of the Group amounted to 100% of the share capital of Rangeford Limited Limited.

Goodwill resulting from the business combination was £1229,000 and has an estimated useful life of 10 years reflecting the lifespan of the assets acquired.

The revenue from the acquired businesses included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year was £1,245,701 and a loss of £14,540,302 was contributed over the same year.

b) Nevern Power Limited acquisition

On 8 July 2016 the Group acquired control of the company. The acquired site is planned to be used for reserve power.

Consideration for Nevern Power Limited was £1 and the fair value of assets acquired was £1. Goodwill resulting from the business combination was nil.

The revenue from the acquired businesses included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year was £1 and a loss of £729 and was contributed over the same year.



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24 ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS

c) Belisama Energy Limited acquisition

During the year the Group acquired control of the subsidiaries listed in table 9 through the acquisition of 100% of the share capital. The acquisition dates are as follows:

- On 28 November 2016, the Group acquired SSR Lochmagaig Limited
- On 30 November 2016, the Group acquired SSR Stormy West Limited
- On 3 December 2016, the Group acquired Fullerton Solarwind Limited
- On 7 December 2016, the Group acquired Tenynowlas Solarwind Limited and SSR Seaton Limited
- On 14 December 2016, the Group acquired SSR Corranmore Limited

The acquired entities are involved in the generation of solar energy. The following table summarises the consideration paid by the Group, the fair value of assets acquired, liabilities assumed and the net controlling interest at the acquisition date:

	2017
	£'000
Consideration paid by the Group	5,818
Less: minority interest	81
Total consideration	5,979

Details of the fair value of the net assets acquired and goodwill arising are as follows:

	Book values	Adjustments	Fair value
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Franchise, plant and equipment	1,151	-	1,151
Trade and other receivables	258	-	258
Trade and other payables	(1,852)	-	(1,852)
Net assets acquired	(57)	-	(57)
Goodwill			6,036
Total consideration			5,979

Goodwill resulting from the business combination was £6,036,489 and has an estimated useful life of 20 years, reflecting the lifespan of the assets acquired.

The revenue from the acquired businesses included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year was £1,223,414 and a profit of £20,963 was contributed over the same year.

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24 ACQUISITIONS OF SUBSIDIARIES

d) Porthos Solar Limited acquisition

During the year the Group acquired control of the subsidiaries listed in note 9 through the acquisition of 100% of the share capital. The acquisition dates are as follows:

- On 13 March 2017 the Group acquired NCF Limited
- On 13 March 2017 the Group acquired Caswell Solar Farm Limited
- On 31 March 2017 the Group acquired Baby Solar Farm Limited and Crossing Solar Farm Limited
- On 7 April 2017 the Group acquired Doddridge Farm Solar Limited and Pearman Solar 2 Limited
- On 19 May 2017 the Group acquired UKS-15 Solar Limited

The acquired entities each own a single operational solar farm. The following tables summarise the consideration paid by the Group and the fair value of assets acquired, liabilities assumed and the non-controlling interests at the acquisition date.

Consideration

	2017
	£'000
Consideration paid in cash	9,356
Consideration paid in shares	422
Total consideration	9,758

Details of the fair value of the net assets acquired and goodwill arising are as follows:

	Book values	Adjustments	Fair value
Goodwill	19,392	£100	£19,492
Intangible identifiable intangible	52,315	-	52,315
Trade and other receivables	46	-	46
Cash and cash equivalents	59	-	59
Prepayments and accrued income	553	-	553
Trade and other payables	(4,571)	-	(4,571)
Loans and other non-current liabilities	(32,183)	-	(32,183)
Net assets acquired	366	-	366
Goodwill			19,392
Total consideration			9,758

Goodwill resulting from the business combination was 19,392,392 and has an estimated useful life of 25 years reflecting the lifespan of the assets acquired.

The revenue from the acquired businesses included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year was £1,234,206 and a profit of £134,721 was contributed over the same year.

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24 BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

e) Caicias Energy Limited acquisition

On 30 September 2016, the Group acquired control of the subsidiaries listed in note 9, through the acquisition of 100% of the share capital. The acquired entity's subsidiary owns a single wind farm. The following tables summarise the consideration paid by the Group, the fair value of assets acquired, liabilities assumed and the non-controlling interest at the acquisition date.

Consideration

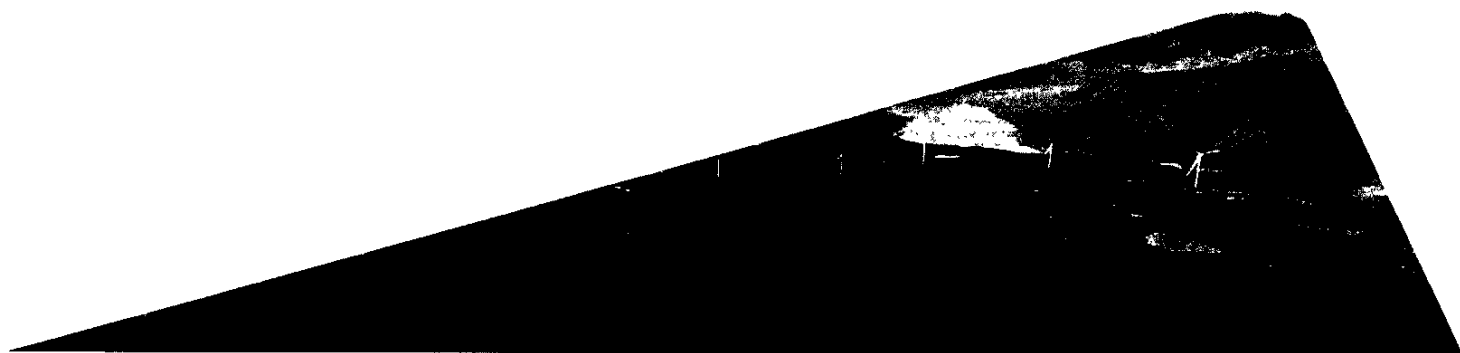
	2017 £'000
Share	15,134
Non-controlling interests	337
Total consideration	15,471

Details of the fair value of the net assets acquired and goodwill arising are as follows:

	Book values £'000	Adjustments £'000	Fair value £'000
Identifiable intangible assets	7,624	-	7,624
Property, plant and equipment	33,107	-	33,107
Trade and other receivables	7541	-	7541
Cash and cash equivalents	2,527	-	2,527
Prepayments and accrued income	1,493	-	1,493
Trade and other payables	(33,120)	-	(33,120)
Loans and other non-current liabilities	(42,665)	-	(42,665)
Net assets acquired	(207)	-	(207)
Goodwill	-	-	15,678
Total consideration			15,471

Goodwill resulting from the business combination was £15,678,000 and has an estimated useful life of 25 years, reflecting the lifespan of the assets acquired.

The revenue from the acquired businesses included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year was £5,047,094 and a loss of £487,015 was contributed over the same year.



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24 BUSINESS COMBINATIONS AND DISPOSALS

f) D53 Acquisition

On 1 October 2016, the Group acquired control of the subsidiaries listed in note 9 through the acquisition of 100% of the share capital. The acquired entities subsidiaries each own a single solar farm. The following tables summarise the consideration paid by the Group, the fair value of assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and the non-controlling interest at the acquisition date.

Consideration

	2017 £'000
Consideration transferred	9,853
Non-controlling interest	-
Total consideration	-

Details of the fair value of the net assets acquired and goodwill arising are as follows

	Book values	Adjustments	Fair value
Net assets acquired	£(9,853)	-	£(9,853)
Goodwill	-	9,853	9,853
Total consideration	-	-	-

Goodwill resulting from the business combination was £9,853,284 and has an estimated useful life of 25 years reflecting the lifespan of the assets acquired.

The revenue from the acquired businesses included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year was £3,010,163 and a loss of £1,989,128 was contributed over the same year.

g) Disposal of subsidiaries

During the year as part of the group's strategy, a restructure was executed as part of this restructure Elos Energy Limited was sold on 5 May 2017. During the year Elos Energy Limited contributed post-tax profits of £44,281,601. The Group received cash consideration of £18,304,714. The net assets at the date of disposal were £16,197,022 and a profit on disposal of £3,422,000 was recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account.



5 | COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors and Advisors

Directors

PS. Sainam
 G. Wiley
 P. J. Barlow

Company secretary

Sharna Ludlow
 Kamalika Banerjee (appointed 1 November 2013)

Company number

06447318

Registered office

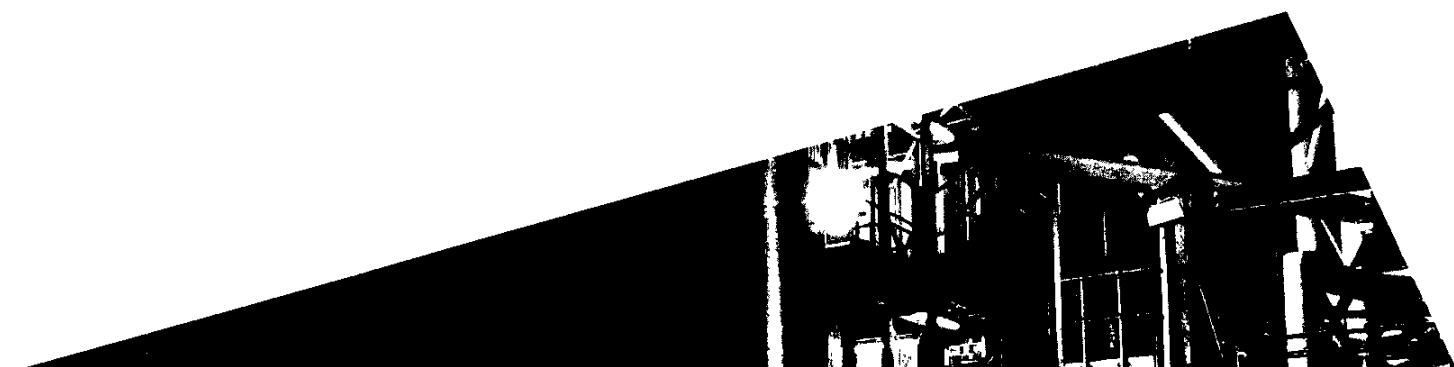
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Independent auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers
 Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
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 Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 3AZ

Forward-looking statements

This Annual Report contains certain forward-looking statements related to the Company's future business and financial performance and future events or developments. These statements are based on the current knowledge and expectations of management and are subject to assumptions, risks and uncertainties, some of which are related to factors that are beyond the control of the Company. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that any particular expectations will be met and forward-looking statements regarding past trends or activities should not be taken as a representation of, or a guarantee of, future performance. Nothing in this Annual Report should be construed as a profit forecast.



Appendix 1 – additional audit exempt subsidiaries (page 35)

Auchencarroch Energy Limited	SC195539
Beetley Energy Limited	04939140
Beighton Energy Limited	03754260
Bellhouse Energy Limited	03466081
Bolam Energy Limited	03754338
Cathkin Energy Limited	SC264324
Chelson Meadow Energy Limited	03363593
CLP Developments Limited	04502342
CLP Envirogas Limited	03720203
CLP Services Limited	04502345
CLPE 1999 Limited	03966436
CLPE Holdings Limited	03720212
CLPE Projects 1 Limited	03465468
CLPE Projects 2 Limited	03966429
CLPE Projects 3 Limited	04939137
CLPE ROC - 1 Limited	04694272
CLPE ROC - 2 Limited	05040534
CLPE ROC - 3 Limited	05040753
CLPE ROC - 3A Limited	05188257
CLPE ROC - 4 Limited	05188255
CLPE ROC - 4A Limited	05188258
Colsterworth Energy Limited	03680645
Connon Bridge Energy Limited	03754257
Cotesbach Energy Limited	03754267
Energy Power Resources Limited	03302734
EPR Ely Limited	03401618
EPR Eye Limited	02234141
EPR Glanford Limited	02547498
EPR Renewable Energy Limited	05377478
EPR Scotland Limited	SC147994
EPR Thetford Limited	03057688
Feltwell Energy Limited	03754307
Fibrophos Limited	02655315
Jameson Road Energy Limited	03754365
March Energy Limited	03754295
Melton LG Energy Limited	06048951
Melton LG Holding Limited	06049510
Melton LG ROC Limited	06049025
Melton Renewable Energy (Holdings) Limited	05375886
Melton Renewable Energy Newco Limited	06394318
Queens Park Road Energy Limited	03757614
Skelbrooke Energy Limited	03680648
Summerston Energy Limited	SC180874
Todhills Energy Limited	03928367
United Mines Energy Limited	03267862
Wetherden Energy Limited	03680643
Whinney Hill Energy Limited	03466084

Appendix 2 – revised principal activities (pages 49-57)

CLPE 1999 Limited – Holding Company

CLP Services Limited – Non- trading

CLP Developments Limited – Non- trading