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Strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2017

The Directors present their strategic report of INEOS Manufacturing (Hull) Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Review of the business and principal activities

The Company is a toll manufacturer of chemicals for other INEOS group companies and operated the manufacture and supply of Ethyl Acetate (ETAC) during 2017.

Results for the year and dividends

Turnover represents fixed toll manufacture fees earned from other group companies. Turnover for the year was £20,026,000 (2016: £29,144,000) and the profit before taxation was £53,000 (2016: £3,020,000). Operating profit was £1,006,000 (2016: £10,969,000) representing an decrease of £9,963,000. This decrease is due to recharge of financial costs in 2016. The results of the Company are set out in the profit and loss account on page 7.

Principal risks and uncertainties

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

Financial risk management

The Company's operations expose it primarily to commodity price risk, foreign exchange and interest rate risk. The company has in place a risk management programme that seeks to limit the adverse effects on the financial performance of the Company where appropriate. Interest rate exposures are not material to the Company as the Company has no outstanding external loan balances. Foreign exchange losses arise from balances with other group companies or normal trading balances.

Key performance indicators ("KPIs")

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

Approved and signed on behalf of the board

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Directo

24 May 2018

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2017

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Review of the business

A review of the business is discussed within the strategic report, refer to page 1.

Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2016: £Nil).

Financial risk management

Refer to the strategic report on page 1.

Future developments

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

Going concern

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

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signing this report were as follows:

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Statement of directors' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law).

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2017 (continued)

Statement of directors' responsibilities (continued)

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

The directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

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

Independent auditors

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The auditors are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved and signed on behalf of the board

PKV Huyck Director

Hawkslease, Chapel Lane, Lyndhurst, SO43 7FG, England

24 May 2018

Independent auditors' report to the members of INEOS Manufacturing (Hull) Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion, INEOS Manufacturing (Hull) Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual report and financial statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance sheet as at 31 December 2017; the Profit and loss account, the Statement of comprehensive income, the Statement of changes in equity for the year then ended; the accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements.

Basis for opinion

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

Independence

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Reporting on other information

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

Independent auditors' report to the members of INEOS Manufacturing (Hull) Limited (continued)

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

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

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

Strategic report and Directors' report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic report and Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 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 company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Strategic report and Directors' report.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on pages 2 and 3, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Independent auditors' report to the members of INEOS Manufacturing (Hull) Limited (continued)

Use of this report

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

Other required reporting

Companies Act 2006 exception reporting

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

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

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

In Marsden (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Newcastle upon Tyne

24 May 2018

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2017

		2017	2016
	Note	£,000	£'000
Turnover	1	20,026	29,144
Cost of sales		(18,198)	(18,141)
Gross profit		1,828	11,003
Administrative expenses	•	(822)	. (34)
Operating profit	2	1,006	10,969
Exceptional gain	. 3	· 7 .	3,484
Interest receivable and similar income	6	41	1
Interest payable and similar expenses	7	(994)	(11,434)
Profit before taxation		. 53	3,020
Tax on profit	8	565	(751)
Profit for the financial year		618	2,269

All results in the current year relate to continuing activities.

Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2017

		2017	2016
<u> </u>	Note	£'000	£'000
Profit for the financial year		618	2,269
Other comprehensive income/(expense)			•
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:			
Actuarial gain recognised in the pension scheme	14	3,493	(2,650)
Movement in deferred tax relating to pension deficit	8	(594)	451
Other comprehensive expense for the year		2,899	(2,199)
Total comprehensive income for the year		3,517	70

Balance sheet at 31 December 2017

		2017	2016
·	Note	£'000	£,000
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	9	82	97
Tangible assets	10	13,086	11,170
		13,168	11,267
Current assets			
Stocks	11	4,063	1,505
Debtors (including £1,580,000 (2016: £2,109,000) recoverable after more than one year)	12	11,124	10,356
Cash at bank and in hand		793	684
		15,980	12,545
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(54,446)	(48,955)
Net current liabilities		(38,466)	(36,410)
Total assets less current liabilities		(25,298)	(25,143)
Provisions for liabilities		-	-
Employee benefits	14	(1,852)	(5,524)
Net liabilities		(27,150)	(30,667)
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	15	-	-
Profit and loss account		(27,150)	(30,667)
Total shareholders' deficit		(27,150)	(30,667)

The financial statements on pages 7 to 27 were approved by the Board of Directors on 24 May 2018 and signed on its

behalf by:

PKV Huyck **Director**

INEOS Manufacturing (Hull) Limited

Registered number 6480046

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2017

	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium account	Profit and loss account	Total shareholders' deficit £',000
Balance at 1 January 2016		<u> </u>	(30,737)	(30,737)
Profit for the financial year	-	£	. 2,269	2,269
Other comprehensive expense for the year:		•		
Actuarial loss in pension scheme (note 14)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-	(2,650)	(2,650)
Movement in deferred tax relating to pension liability (note 8)	<u>-</u> 	<u>.</u> .	451	451
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	· · -	70	70
Balance at 31 December 2016	•		. (30,667)	(30,667)
	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Profit and loss account	Total shareholders' deficit £'000
Balance at 1 January 2017	· <u>-</u>	. <u> </u>	(30,667)	(30,667)
Profit for the financial year			618	618
Other comprehensive income for the year:				
Actuarial gain in pension scheme (note 14)	•		3,493	3,493
Movement in deferred tax relating to pension liability (note 8)	•.	· .	(594)	(594)
Total comprehensive income for the year			3,517	3,517
Balance at 31 December 2017			(27,150)	(27,150)

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

Ineos Manufacturing (Hull) Limited (the "Company") is a private company, limited by shares, incorporated, registered and domiciled in England, part of the United Kingdom. The registered address of the company is Hawkslease, Chapel Lane, Lyndhurst, SO43 7FG, England.

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

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

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

- Business combinations that took place prior to 1 January 2014 have not been restated.
- a Cash Flow Statement and related notes;
- Comparative period reconciliations for share capital and intangible assets;
- Disclosures in respect of transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries;
- Disclosures in respect of capital management;
- The effects of new but not yet effective IFRSs; and
- Disclosures in respect of the compensation of Key Management Personnel.

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

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

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

Measurement convention

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

Turnover

Turnover represents the sales value of goods and services supplied to customers during the year excluding Value Added Tax and similar sales based taxes. Turnover is recognised at the point at which title passes or services have been provided.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at historic purchase cost less accumulated depreciation. Cost includes the original purchase price of the asset and the cost attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets, less their residual values, over their expected useful lives using the straight line basis. The expected useful lives of the assets to the business are reassessed periodically in the light of experience.

The typical effective lives of assets are:

Freehold buildings

30 to 50 years

Plant and machinery

Major items of plant

10 to 20 years

Major plant overhauls

2 to 4 years

Freehold land is not depreciated.

Precious metals are not normally depreciated, but are subject instead to an annual impairment review.

Any impairment in the value of tangible fixed assets, calculated by discounting estimated future cash flows, is dealt with in the profit and loss account in the year to which the impairment relates.

Intangible fixed assets

Intellectual Property acquired by the Company are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and less accumulated impairment losses.

The cost of an intangible asset acquired in a business combination is its fair value at the acquisition date.

Amortisation

Amortisation is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets unless such lives are indefinite. Intangible assets with an indefinite useful life and goodwill are systematically tested for impairment at each balance sheet date. Other intangible assets are amortised from the date they are available for use. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Intellectual property

15 years

Stocks

Stocks are valued on a first in, first out basis and are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Where necessary provision is made for obsolete, slow moving, and defective stocks.

Impairment excluding stocks and deferred tax assets

Financial assets (including trade and other debtors)

A financial asset not carried at fair value through profit or loss is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is impaired if objective evidence indicates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and that the loss event had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset that can be estimated reliably.

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. For financial instruments measured at cost less impairment an impairment is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date. Interest on the impaired asset continues to be recognised through the unwinding of the discount. When a subsequent event causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Company's non-financial assets, other than stocks and deferred tax assets, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. For goodwill, and intangible assets that have indefinite useful lives or that are not yet available for use, the recoverable amount is estimated each year at the same time.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or groups of assets (the "cash-generating unit").

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its CGU exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss on a *pro rata* basis.

In respect of other assets, impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

Exceptional items

The presentation of the Company's results separately identifies the effect of profits and losses on the disposal of businesses, the impairment and the reversal of impairment of non-current assets, the cost of restructuring acquired businesses and the impact of one off events such as legal settlements as exceptional items. Results excluding disposals, impairments, restructuring costs and one off items are used by management and are presented in order to provide readers with a clear and consistent presentation of the underlying operating performance of the Company's ongoing business.

Provisions

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

Pension costs

The company participates in a defined benefit pension scheme providing benefits based on final pensionable pay and the assets of this scheme are held separately from those of the company. The pension scheme is a multi-employer pension scheme for employees of the company and INEOS Enterprises Limited, INEOS ChlorVinyls Limited and INEOS Technologies Limited.

Changes in the defined benefit liability arising from employee service rendered during the period, net interest on defined benefit liability, and the cost of plan introductions, benefit changes, curtailments and settlements during the period are recognised in profit or loss.

Remeasurement of the defined benefit liability/(asset) is recognised in other comprehensive income in the period in which it occurs.

The method used to split the defined benefit pension scheme results between the company, INEOS Enterprises Limited, INEOS ChlorVinyls Limited and INEOS Technologies Limited is consistent with the approach used in the financial statements of the other participating companies and is as follows:

- the total active liabilities have been split based on the proportion of their respective payrolls versus the payroll of the Fund in total. As INEOS ChlorVinyls Limited constitutes the largest percentage of the Fund's liabilities, the inactive members' liabilities are allocated to INEOS ChlorVinyls Limited
- the plan assets are allocated between the entities based on the allocation of the liabilities between the various entities
- the expected 2017 service cost has been allocated between the various entities based on the ratio of the respective active liabilities versus the total active liability for the Fund
- the split of the actual 2017 contributions was either provided by the entities or reasonable assumptions were made to split these between the various entities. As all pensioner liabilities are allocated to INEOS ChlorVinyls Limited, all benefit payments are assumed to be paid by INEOS ChlorVinyls Limited

The company also participates in a defined contribution scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. The amounts charged to the profit and loss account represent the contributions payable to the plans in respect of the accounting period.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised as a liability or asset in respect of all timing differences which have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date if transactions have occurred at the balance sheet date which give rise to an obligation to pay more taxation in future, or a right to pay less taxation in future. An asset is not recognised to the extent that the transfer of economic benefits in future is uncertain. Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates which are expected to apply in the years during which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on the tax rates and laws which are in place at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Foreign currencies

The reporting currency of INEOS Manufacturing (Hull) Limited is the local currency of its principal operating environment. Transactions in other currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities in the balance sheet are translated at the prevailing exchange rate at the end of the year. All translation gains or losses on the settlement of monetary assets and liabilities are included in the determination of profit for the year.

Leases

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term

Critical judgements and estimates in applying the accounting policy

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are reasonable under the circumstances. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

The directors deem that there are no other critical accounting judgements and estimates that have been made in the preparation of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017

1 Turnover

All turnover (both by origin and destination), operating profit and total assets less current liabilities is derived from UK activity from the ETAC business.

2 Operating profit

Operating profit is stated after charging:

	2017	2016
	£'000	£,000
Auditors' remuneration:		
Audit fees	10	10
Depreciation	2,119	1,996
Amortisation of intangible assets	15	. 16
Rentals payable under operating leases:		
Other than plant and machinery.	112	50

3 Exceptional gain

		2017	2016
•		£'000	£'000
Exceptional items included in non or	perating expenses:		
Sale of VAM storage tank	·		3,484

Sale VAM tank:

During the prior year a VAM storage tank was sold to Nippon Goshei UK Ltd, Saltend Chemical Park in Hull. This tank was still a remainder of the VAM business closure in 2013.

4 Directors' emoluments

The directors did not receive any emoluments in respect of their services to the company (2016: £Nil).

5 Staff numbers and costs

There are no persons holding service contracts with the company. All employees are employed by another Group company, INEOS Oxide Limited, and their costs are recharged in full to INEOS Manufacturing (Hull) Limited.

The average monthly number of people recharged to the company (including directors) during the year was as follows:

Analysis by function	2017	2016
	Number	Number
Production	30	24
Administration	3	1
· ·	. 33	25
	33	
aggregate payroll costs of these people were as follows:	·	
	2017	2016

				2017	2016
		£,000		£'000	£,000
•				1,925	1,575
•				293	227
				148	126
				2,366	1,928
					£'000 1,925 293 148

6 Interest receivable and similar income

	•	20	17	2016
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· 	£'0	00	£'000
Interest received on short term deposits		•	_	. 1
Exchange gain			41	<u>-</u>
		٠.	41	1

7 Interest payable and similar expenses

·		2017	2016
	•	£'000	£'000
Interest payable on loans from group undertakings		853	1,008
Exchange losses		-	10,316
Pension scheme interest		141	110
		994	11,434

8 Tax on profit

(a) Analysis of the (credit)/charge for the year

	2017	2016
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	£'000	£,000
UK corporation tax – current year	(426)	(319)
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(74)	. 15
Current taxation credit	(500)	(304)
Deferred taxation:		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	442	931
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(507)	124
Deferred taxation	(65)	1,055
Tax (credit)/charge on profit	(565)	· 751

8 Tax on profit (continued)

(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher (2016: higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.25% (2016: 20%). The differences are explained below:

	2017	2016
·	£,000	£'000
Profit before taxation	53	3,020
Profit before taxation multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.25% (2016: 20%)	10	604
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	6	8
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(581)	139
Total tax (credit)/charge for year	(565)	751

(c) Factors which may affect future tax charges

Changes to the UK corporation tax rates were substantively enacted as part of Finance Bill 2015 (on 26 October 2015) and Finance Bill 2016 (on 7 September 2016). These include reductions to the main rate to 19% from 1 April 2017 and to 17% from 1 April 2020.

(d) Deferred taxation

The amounts provided in respect of the deferred tax assets are as follows:

Total	1,580	2,109
Employee Benefits	315	939
Arising from accelerated capital allowances	1,265	1,170
	£'000	£,000
	2017	2016

8 Tax on profit (continued)

Deferred tax asset relating to pension deficit

	2017	2016 £'000
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	£'000	
At 1 January	939	545
Deferred tax charge in profit and loss account	(30)	(57)
Deferred tax (charged)/credited to other comprehensive income	. (594)	451.
At 31 December	315	939

Movements during the year in respect of total deferred tax were as follows:

			•	2017
				 £'000_
At 1 January				2,109
Arising during the year	,	,		 (529)
At 31 December				 1,580

The movement on deferred tax is due to an increase in accelerated capital allowances (£95,000) and a decrease in pension provision (£624,000).

The directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be sufficient taxable profits in the future such as to realise the deferred tax asset, and therefore the asset has been recognised in these financial statements.

9 Intangible assets

		Intellectual property
Cost		
At 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017		234
Accumulated amortisation		
At 1 January 2017		. (137)
Charge for the year		(15)
At 31 December 2017		(152)
Net Book Value	•	
At 31 December 2017		82
At 31 December 2016		97

10 Tangible assets

	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Assets under Construction	Total
	£'000	£'000	£' 000	£'000
Cost				
At 1 January 2017	1,465	32,042	1,391	34,898
Additions	<u> </u>	1,555	2,480	4,035
At 31 December 2017	1,465	33,597	3,871	38,933
Accumulated depreciation		-		
At 1 January 2017	147	23,581	· -	23,728
Charge for year	17 .	2,102	_ -	2,119
At 31 December 2017	164	25,683	-	25,847
Net book value				, ,
At 31 December 2017	1,301	7,914	3,871	13,086
At 31 December 2016	1,318	8,461	1,391	11,170

Included within land and buildings is £962,000 (2016: £962,000) in relation to land which is not depreciated. All figures reported under land and buildings is related to freehold.

11 Stocks

		•	2017 .	2016
·	 •	·	£'000	£'000
Raw materials and consumables			4,063	1,505

During the year £6,422,000 (2016: £6,269,000) has been recognised as expense.

12 Debtors

	2017	2016
	£'000	£,000
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade debtors •	387	2,969
Amounts owed by group undertakings	4,155	4,085
Other debtors	1,517	. 692
Prepayments and accrued income	3,485	501
Total due within one year	9,544	8,247
Amounts falling due after more than one year		
Deferred taxation (note 8)	1,580	2,109
Total due after more than one year	1,580	2,109

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and are either subject to standard trading terms or are repayable on demand.

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Trade creditors	4,639	354
Amounts owed to group undertakings	47,688	47,223
Accruals and deferred income	2,119	1,378
	54,446	48,955

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, attract interest at commercial rates and are either subject to standard trading terms or are repayable on demand.

14 Employee benefits

The Company participates in a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension contributions payable by the Company to this scheme amounted to £346,000 (2016: £299,000). Contributions amounting to £Nil (2016: £Nil) were outstanding at the year end.

The majority of the employees participate in the INEOS Chlor Pension Fund ("The Fund"). The Fund is administered by a group of trustees with assets being held separately from the Company. Members receive defined benefit pensions that are based on their length of service and average final remuneration with the Company.

The information disclosed below is in respect of the whole of the plans for which the Company is either the sponsoring employer or has been allocated a share of cost under an agreed group policy throughout the years shown.

	2017	2016
	£'000	£,000
Total defined benefit asset	8,647	9,822
Total defined benefit liability	(10,499)	(15,346)
Net liability for defined benefit obligations	(1,852)	(5,524)

Pension plan assumptions

The following are the principal actuarial assumptions at the reporting date (expressed as weighted averages)

		2017	2016
Rate of inflation		3.2%	3.3%
Discount rate at 31 December	. • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	2.7%	2.6%
Future salary increases		N/A	N/A
Future pension increases		3.0%	3.0%

14 Employee benefits (continued)

Pension plan assumptions (continued)

The assumptions relating to longevity underlying the pension liabilities at the balance sheet date are based on standard actuarial mortality tables and include an allowance for future improvements in longevity. The assumptions are equivalent to expecting a 65-year old to live for a number of years as follows:

	ϵ .	2017	. 2016
		Years	Years
Longevity at age 65 for current pe	ensioners:	•	
Male		21.8	22.8
Female		24.1	24.9
Longevity at age 65 for future per	nsioners:	•	
Male	•	23.1	24.5
Female		25.5	26.4

Reconciliation of scheme assets and liabilities

	Defined benefit obligations	Fair value of plan assets	Net defined benefit liability
	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 January 2017	(15,346)	9,822	(5,524)
Current service cost	(26)		(26)
Interest (expense)/income	(398)	257	(141)
Actuarial loss/(gain) arising from:			
Change in experience on BDO	4,409		4,409
Change in demographic assumptions	411		411
Change in financial assumptions	409	-	409
Disbursements from plan assets	42	(42)	
Return on plan assets less than discount rate	· -	(1,736)	(1,736)
Employer contributions	-	346	346
At 31 December 2017	(10,499)	8,647	(1,852)

14 Employee benefits (continued)

Plan assets

	2017	2016 £'000
	£'000	
Cash and cash equivalents	165	180
Equity instruments	3,646	5,913
Debt instruments e.g. Government bonds		
Government – Index linked	, -	139
Corporate	484	847
Real estate	85	. 86
Other securities	4,267	2,657
	8,647	9,822

All equity securities and government bonds have quoted prices in active markets. All government bonds are issued by European governments and are AAA- or AA-rated. All other plan assets are not quoted in an active market.

Sensitivity analysis

The calculation of the defined benefit obligation is sensitive to the assumptions set out above. The following table summarises how the impact on the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting year would have increased (decreased) as a result of a change in the respective assumptions by one percent.

	2017	2016
	£'000	£,000
Discount rate (1% increase)	3,111	4,807
Inflation (RPI, CPI) (0.5% increase)	1,129	1,966
Mortality rate (1 year increase in longevity for a member currently aged 65)	355	510

In valuing the liabilities of the pension fund at 31 December 2017, mortality assumptions have been made as indicated above. If life expectancy had been changed to assume that all members of the fund lived for one year longer, the value of the reported liabilities at 31 December 2017 would have increased by £355,000 before deferred tax.

The above sensitivities are based on the average duration of the benefit obligation determined at the date of the last full actuarial valuation at 31 December 2017 and are applied to adjust the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting period for the assumptions concerned. Whilst the analysis does not take account of the full distribution of cash flows expected under the plan, it does provide an approximation to the sensitivity of the assumptions shown.

Funding

The Company expects to pay £203,000 in contributions to its defined benefit plans in 2018. The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting period is 26.5 years (2016: 27.8 years).

14 Employee benefits (continued)

Total cost recognised as an expense

	•		2017	2016
			£'000	£'000
Current service cost			(26)	(34)
Interest cost		•	(398)	(399)
Interest income		· :	257	289
			(167)	(144)

15 Called up share capital

Ordinary shares of £1 each	2017	2017	2016	2016
<u>· </u>	Number	£	Number	£
Allotted, issued and fully paid	1	1	1	. 1

16 Commitments and contingent liabilities

(a) Annual operating lease commitments

At 31 December the Company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases for assets expiring as follows:

	· . ·		•	Other 2017	Other 2016
·	· · · · · ·	i		£'000	£'000
Leases which	n expire:	•			
200000		•			

(b) Other contingent liabilities

The Company is party to a Senior Secured Term Loans agreement dated 27 April 2012 (as amended). The total outstanding indebtedness under the Senior Secured Term Loans agreement at 31 December 2017 was €3,450.5 million (2016: €4,604.6 million). The Company is a guarantor under the Senior Secured Term Loans agreement. These obligations are secured by fixed and floating charges over the assets of the Company.

16 Commitments and contingent liabilities (continued)

The Company is party to the Senior Secured Notes due 2023 Indenture dated 05 May 2015 and the Senior Secured Notes due 2025 Indenture dated 03 November 2017. The total outstanding indebtedness under the Senior Secured Notes at 31 December 2017 was €1,320.0 million (2016: €770.0 million). The Company is a guarantor under the Senior Secured Notes Indentures. These obligations are secured by fixed and floating charges over the assets of the Company.

The Company is party to the Senior Notes due 2024 Indenture dated 9 August 2016. The total outstanding indebtedness under the Senior Notes at 31 December 2017 was €1,068.8 million (2016: €2,289.0 million). The Company is a guarantor under the Senior Notes Indentures. These guarantees are on an unsecured senior subordinated basis.

17 Related party transactions

Related parties comprise parent companies and their subsidiaries that are not included within the consolidated financial statements of INEOS Group Holdings S.A., the smallest and largest group that consolidate the Company's financial statements.

18 Ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is INEOS European Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, parts of the United Kingdom. The Company's ultimate parent company is INEOS Limited, a company registered in Isle of Man.

The smallest and largest group that consolidates the Company's financial statements is INEOS Group Holdings S.A., a subsidiary of INEOS Limited. The consolidated financial statements of INEOS Group Holdings S.A. are available to the public and may be obtained from the Company Secretary at 58, Rue Charles Martel, Luxembourg,L-2134, Luxembourg.

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