

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 06681477

**Aquind Limited**

**Financial Statements**

**For the year ended  
30 June 2021**



## **Aquind Limited**

### **Directors' Report**

**Year ended 30 June 2021**

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The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 June 2021.

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the company during the year was the development of AQUIND Interconnector - a 2000MW high voltage direct current power transmission line between the UK and France.

During the year, the company continued to move forward with investing in the project development phase in line with its plans and objectives for the year. Progress was achieved in moving forward on various planning and consenting activities in both the UK and France. Procurement activities also continued. The company continues to engage with regulatory authorities in the UK, France and the EU in relation to the desired regulatory regime sought for the project.

With regard to the company's UK planning application, between 8 September 2021 to 8 March 2021, the company's application for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") was subject to review by the Examining Authority ("ExA") of the Planning Inspectorate. The ExA subsequently submitted a report and recommendation to the Secretary of State for Business Energy & Industrial Strategy ("SOS BEIS"). The ExA recommended that the DCO be granted. On 20 January 2022, the SoS BEIS issued a decision letter which refused the company's DCO application. After careful consideration of the reasons for refusal as set out in the decision letter, the directors made the decision to apply for the Judicial Review of the SoS' decision to the Administrative Court. The application was submitted on 2 March 2022. On 17 June 2022, the application for Judicial Review was accepted by the Administrative Court and the review is currently in progress. Indicative timelines for completion of the Judicial Review are the final quarter of 2022 and if successful, for a re-examination of the DCO decision by the SoS BEIS by April 2023.

In December 2020, the UK and the EU secured the Trade and Cooperation Agreement ("the Agreement" or "TCA"), which established the future economic and trading relationship between the UK and the EU. The Agreement was formally ratified by the UK Government by way of the European Union (Future Relationship) Act 2020 which received Royal Assent on 31 December 2020. The EU Parliament passed the Agreement on 27 April 2021, and a decision was subsequently adopted by the EU Council leading to the Agreement entering into force effective 1 May 2021. The next steps regarding the Agreement and which remain ongoing cover implementation matters including establishing the Agreement's institutional arrangements.

The Agreement includes a section on Energy where the stated objectives are to facilitate trade and investment between the UK and EU in the areas of energy and to support security of supply and environmental sustainability, specifically in contributing to the fight against climate change. In this respect, the Agreement includes provisions which in overall terms, aim to both support existing interconnectors and to facilitate investment in new interconnector capacity between the two parties.

While uncertainty remains on how the provisions of the Agreement will be implemented and for their timing, the Agreement provides for a clear pathway in terms of setting a future direction for Energy cooperation between the UK and EU. However, in the short-term, there will remain uncertainties around AQUIND's business and relationships with both future users of the interconnector and in respect of the regulatory treatment of AQUIND Interconnector by the UK, French and EU electricity market regulators. These are all areas of focus which the Directors are currently addressing in parallel with implementation of the Energy provisions included within the TCA.

In the view of the directors, implementation of the Agreement is not anticipated to have a direct impact on the current environmental, planning and consenting activities, which are currently being undertaken for AQUIND Interconnector. We consider that the interconnector's business model will remain viable. Any short-term immediate disruptions arising from the implementation of the TCA are unlikely to undermine the fundamental, long-term conditions of energy markets in the UK and France, which suggest significant economic benefits of the transmission of electricity between the two markets.

In December 2020, the UK Government published its Energy White Paper "Powering Our Net Zero Future". This followed on from the UK Government having legislated to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. Similar measures are also being adopted by the EU and individual European countries to achieve ambitious carbon reduction targets. Such targets and associated implementation measures were agreed upon by various national governments at the recent November 2021 COP26 event held in Glasgow, UK.

Accordingly, electricity interconnectors will have an increasingly important role to play in achieving net zero targets. In particular interconnectors can help in decarbonisation through spreading excess renewable and nuclear generation across interconnected countries. Effective use of and increased interconnector capacity can also contribute to lower consumer costs and to realise significant socio-economic benefits. These combined attributes of electricity interconnectors make for an attractive asset class to attract the required infrastructure investment.

#### **Development costs capitalised and long-term viability considerations**

The directors have considered the current economic uncertainties regarding the project and in particular, the refusal by the SoS BEIS to grant the Development Consent Order for the UK based elements of the project. The company's application for Judicial Review of that decision to the Administrative Court is now in progress. While the directors are unable to predict the decision of the Court in respect of the claim for Judicial Review with certainty, the directors consider that there exist strong grounds for a positive outcome. This conclusion is based on the nature of the grounds for refusal as set out in the decision letter of the SoS BEIS which are very specific and singular in nature and which have been challenged in the company's application for Judicial Review, and legal advice obtained by the company (in respect of which no waiver of privilege is intended).

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### **Directors' Report (continued)**

**Year ended 30 June 2021**

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#### **Development costs capitalised and long-term viability considerations (continued)**

However, the uncertainty which exists over the eventual outcome of the Judicial Review and the DCO represents a material risk for the company and for its longer-term viability regarding the future operations of the company. Notwithstanding that, having considered all relevant matters including taking external legal advice, the directors consider that the outcome of the Judicial Review will more likely than not be positive for the company. Overall, the economic rationale and commercial prospects remain strong and on this basis the company continues to record the development costs at cost. The company continues to also receive the financial support required of its shareholders reflecting these prospects. As noted in the going concern section below the company has the support of its shareholders to provide funding for the next 12 months which supports the going concern assumption applied.

#### **Going concern**

The company currently has no external revenues and is fully reliant on funding from Project Finance Group S.A. (registered in Luxembourg) a related company to Aquind Limited and to its parent company Aquind Energy S.a.r.l. The company has produced a budget and funding plan for the further 12 months following the date of approval of the accounts by the directors. A loan facility is in place between the company and Project Finance Group S.A. which provides the required funding to support the company's operations for the next 12 months and which includes the Judicial Review process. Lastly, Project Finance Group S.A. has provided a letter of comfort to the company confirming its commitment to fully fund project development obligations and other company related costs for the next 12 months and the directors are confident that such funding will continue over that period. The directors are also actively exploring other sources of finance covering both equity and debt to fund current and future project phases.

Taking into account the above and the ongoing financial support demonstrated by Project Finance Group S.A., the directors adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

#### **Directors**

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows:

Mr R D Glasspool  
Mr K Glukhovskoy  
Mr A Temerko

#### **Director's indemnities**

The company has granted an indemnity to its directors against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third-party indemnity provision remains in force as at the date of approving the directors' report.

#### **Charitable and Political donations**

Charitable donations and spend of £30,511 (2020: £16,923) were made during the year, including £20,000 to an economic focussed charity and free-market think tank.

During the year, political donations of £95,000 (2020: £213,750) were made to the Conservative Party.

£Nil (2020: £47,350) was paid to the Conservative Party for attendance at various events and conferences during the year. A proportion of the cost of these events incurred in the prior year are treated as donations by the recipient although it has not been possible to split the amounts out.

Political donations of £Nil (2020: £15,175) were made to the European Conservatives & Reformists Party during the year.

#### **Auditor**

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

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

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- they have 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 auditor is aware of that information.

#### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

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**Directors' Report (continued)**

**Year ended 30 June 2021**

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This report was approved by the board of directors on 30 June 2022 and signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr R D Glasspool  
Director

Registered office:  
5 Stratford Place  
London  
W1C 1AX

## **Aquind Limited**

### **Directors' Responsibilities Statement**

**Year ended 30 June 2021**

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The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

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

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

## **Aquind Limited**

### **Independent auditor's report to the members of Aquind Limited**

**Year ended 30 June 2021**

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

##### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements of Aquind Limited (the 'company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30th June 2021 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the statement of comprehensive income;
- the statement of financial position;
- the statement of changes in equity; and
- the related notes 1 to 14.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

##### **Basis for opinion**

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

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

##### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

##### **Other information**

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

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 course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

##### **Responsibilities of directors**

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

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

## **Aquind Limited**

### **Independent auditor's report to the members of Aquind Limited (continued)**

**Year ended 30 June 2021**

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

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

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

#### **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

We considered the nature of the company's industry and its control environment and reviewed the company's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also enquired of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the company operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These included UK Companies Act and tax legislation; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

We discussed among the audit engagement team regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management and external legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

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

##### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

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**Independent auditor's report to the members of Aquind Limited (*continued*)**

**Year ended 30 June 2021**

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Anthony Matthews FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP  
Statutory Auditor  
London, UK

26 July 2022



**Aquind Limited****Statement of Comprehensive Income****Year ended 30 June 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Administrative expenses		(1,765,498)	(1,844,660)
<b>Operating loss</b>		<b>(1,765,498)</b>	<b>(1,844,660)</b>
Interest payable and similar expenses		(1,996,532)	(1,501,888)
<b>Loss before taxation</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>(3,762,030)</b>	<b>(3,346,548)</b>
Tax on loss		—	—
<b>Loss for the financial year and total comprehensive income</b>		<b>(3,762,030)</b>	<b>(3,346,548)</b>

All the activities of the company are from continuing operations. There was no other comprehensive income in this year or the prior year so no statement of other comprehensive income has been presented.

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

**Aquind Limited****Statement of Financial Position****30 June 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	7	894	894
Intangible assets	8	46,420,030	34,889,271
Tangible assets	9	4,049	9,038
		<u>46,424,973</u>	<u>34,899,203</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	10	1,139,811	850,179
Cash at bank and in hand		71,946	101,773
		<u>1,211,757</u>	<u>951,952</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>(4,022,224)</u>	<u>(4,714,729)</u>
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		<u>(2,810,467)</u>	<u>(3,762,777)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>43,614,506</u>	<u>31,136,426</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	11	<u>(37,892,291)</u>	<u>(38,652,181)</u>
<b>Net assets/(liabilities)</b>		<u>5,722,215</u>	<u>(7,515,755)</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital		17,330,001	330,001
Profit and loss account		<u>(11,607,786)</u>	<u>(7,845,756)</u>
<b>Shareholders funds/(deficit)</b>		<u>5,722,215</u>	<u>(7,515,755)</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 30 June 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Mr R D Glasspool  
Director

Company registration number: 06681477

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

**Aquind Limited****Statement of Changes in Equity****Year ended 30 June 2021**

	Called up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
<b>At 1 July 2019</b>	330,001	(4,499,208)	(4,169,207)
Loss for the year	—	(3,346,548)	(3,346,548)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	—	(3,346,548)	(3,346,548)
<b>At 30 June 2020</b>	330,001	(7,845,756)	(7,515,755)
Preference shares issued (Note 12)	17,000,000	—	17,000,000
Loss for the year	—	(3,762,030)	(3,762,030)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	—	(3,762,030)	(3,762,030)
<b>At 30 June 2021</b>	<u>17,330,001</u>	<u>(11,607,786)</u>	<u>5,722,215</u>

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

## Aquind Limited

### Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 30 June 2021

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#### 1. General information

The company is a private company limited by shares, incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 2006 and is registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 5 Stratford Place, London, England, W1C 1AX.

#### 2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Section 1A of FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'.

#### 3. Accounting policies

##### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis and in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

##### Development costs capitalised and long-term viability considerations

Development costs capitalised are considered the critical accounting judgement to the financial statements and key source of estimation uncertainty.

The directors have considered the current economic uncertainties regarding the project and in particular, the refusal by the SoS BEIS to grant the company the DCO for the UK based elements of the project. The company's application for Judicial Review of that decision to the Administrative Court is now in progress. While the directors are unable to predict the outcome of the Judicial Review with any certainty, the directors consider that there exist strong grounds for a positive outcome. This conclusion is based on the nature of the grounds for refusal as set out in the decision letter of the SoS BEIS which are very specific and singular in nature and which have been challenged in the company's application for Judicial Review and legal advice obtained by the company (in respect of which no waiver of privilege is intended).

However, the uncertainty which exists over the eventual outcome of the Judicial Review and the DCO represents a material risk for the company and for its longer-term viability regarding the future operations of the company. Notwithstanding that, having considered all relevant matters including taking external legal advice, the directors consider that the outcome of the Judicial Review will more likely than not be positive for the company. Overall, the economic rationale and commercial prospects remain strong and on this basis the company continues to record the development costs at cost without impairment as set out in note 8. The company continues to also receive the financial support required of its shareholders reflecting these prospects. As noted in the going concern section below the company has the support of its shareholders to provide funding for the next 12 months which supports the going concern assumption applied.

##### Going concern

The company currently has no external revenues and is fully reliant on funding from Project Finance Group S.A. (registered in Luxembourg) a related company to Aquind Limited and to its parent company Aquind Energy S.a.r.l. The company has produced a budget and funding plan for the further 12 months following the date of approval of the accounts by the directors. A loan facility is in place between the company and Project Finance Group S.A. which provides the required funding to support the company's operations for the next 12 months and which includes the Judicial Review process. Lastly, Project Finance Group S.A. has provided a letter of comfort to the company confirming its commitment to fully fund project development obligations and other company related costs for the next 12 months and the directors are confident that such funding will continue over that period. The directors are also actively exploring other sources of finance covering both equity and debt to fund current and future project phases.

Taking into account the above and the ongoing financial support demonstrated by Project Finance Group S.A., the directors adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

##### Investments

Fixed assets investments are shown at cost less provision for impairment in value.

##### Development costs

Expenditure to establish the Project is recognised in the Profit & Loss Account on an accruals basis. Expenditure on the development of the Project is capitalised when its future recoverability can be reasonably assured and both its technical feasibility and commercial viability can be demonstrated. Costs capitalised include direct costs incurred in bringing the Project to the consented stage, including costs associated with obtaining all material permits, authorisations and financing. At the point where the future economic benefit from its use or disposal does not exceed the carrying value of the Project it is impaired. At the point that the Project reaches the consent stage and is approved for construction by the Board the carrying value will be transferred to property, plant and equipment as assets under construction.

##### Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to the profit and loss account.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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#### 3. Accounting policies (continued)

##### Intangible assets

Intangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and are subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. Amortisation will be charged once the related asset is available for use.

##### Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office and IT equipment - 3 years

##### Finance costs

Finance costs of financial liabilities are recognised in the profit and loss account over the term of such instruments at a contract rate on the carrying amount.

##### Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. Any equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

#### 4. Auditor's remuneration

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	27,500	11,750
Additional fees payable in respect of prior years were £7,500 (2020: £Nil).		
Fees payable associated with tax advice were £1,500 (2020: £Nil).		

#### 5. Employee numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company, which includes directors, during the year amounted to 7 (2020: 7).

#### 6. Loss before taxation

Loss before taxation is stated after charging:

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of tangible assets	4,989	4,603

No tax reconciliation is currently disclosed as no deferred tax asset is recognised pending further evolution of the project and associated tax analyses being performed.

#### 7. Investments

	Subsidiary undertakings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 July 2020	894	894
At 30 June 2021	894	894

Aquind SAS (72 rue de Lessard, 76100 Rouen, France) is a 100% subsidiary of the company and was registered on 31 May 2019 for the purposes of developing Aquind Interconnector in France. It is currently operating under the control of the company. The investment in the subsidiary company is carried at cost of £894 (2020: £894). Reflecting the size of the Aquind Limited Group including Aquind SAS the company has taken the exemption available from preparing consolidated accounts.

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**8. Intangible assets**

	Development costs £	Intellectual property rights £	Other intangibles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 July 2020	34,850,022	15,850	23,399	34,889,271
Additions	11,560,008	-	-	11,560,008
Impairment	-	(5,850)	(23,399)	(29,249)
<b>At 30 June 2021</b>	<b>46,410,030</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,420,030</b>
<b>Amortisation</b>				
At 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021	-	-	-	-
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 30 June 2021	46,410,030	10,000	-	46,420,030
At 30 June 2020	34,850,022	15,850	23,399	34,889,271

**9. Tangible assets**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 July 2020	17,695	17,695
<b>At 30 June 2021</b>	<b>17,695</b>	<b>17,695</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 July 2020	8,657	8,657
Charge for the year	4,989	4,989
<b>At 30 June 2021</b>	<b>13,646</b>	<b>13,646</b>
<b>Carrying amount</b>		
At 30 June 2021	4,049	4,049
At 30 June 2020	9,038	9,038

**10. Debtors**

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	83,500	185,379
Amounts owed by group undertakings	103,909	-
VAT	591,989	333,796
Other debtors	360,413	331,004
	<b>1,139,811</b>	<b>850,179</b>

**11. Creditors**

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade creditors	2,937,269	3,532,340
Accruals and deferred income	951,555	1,118,238
Social security and other taxes	75,241	17,351
Other creditors	58,159	46,800
	<b>4,022,224</b>	<b>4,714,729</b>

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#### 11. Creditors (continued)

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Amounts falling due more than one year:</b>		
Amounts owed to group undertakings	<u>37,892,291</u>	<u>38,652,181</u>

Amounts owed to group undertakings represent loans made by related parties (including accrued interest) which had been advanced at an interest rate of 5.03-7.35%. At the end of the reporting period such loans were extended to 8 September 2026, except for £6,542,400 (2019: £3,713,531) which were due on 31 March 2023.

#### 12. Related party transactions

During the year, the company received loans from Project Finance Group S.A., a company under common ownership of one of the shareholders of the parent company, £8,214,295 and \$5,075,000 (2020: £Nil). On 31 May 2021, the outstanding loans £32,135,045 and accrued interest £4,160,320 owed by the company to OGN Enterprises Limited were assigned to Project Finance Group S.A. The principal amount of the assigned loans was reduced by £17,000,000 in consideration of the preference shares issued by Aquind Limited to Project Finance Group S.A. The outstanding amount at the reporting date was £23,349,340 and \$5,075,000 (2020: £Nil). Interest was charged on the loans from Project Finance Group S.A. at the rates of 5.03-7.35% and amounted to £196,383 and \$79,587 (2020: £Nil). Interest of £4,356,703 and \$79,587 was outstanding at 30 June 2021 (2020: £Nil). The loans are repayable on 8 September 2026.

During the year, Project Finance Group S.A. subscribed to and was allotted 17 million non-redeemable preference shares of Aquind Limited in exchange of the outstanding loan principal in the amount of £17,000,000 owed by Aquind Limited to Project Finance Group S.A. The preference shares are only redeemable at the discretion of the company as issuer. In addition, any dividends declared and payable on the preference shares are solely at the discretion of the company.

In the previous years, the company received loans from OGN Enterprises Limited, the past parent company and 100% shareholder of Aquind Limited and since 15 February 2019 in the nature of an associated company (2020: £8,029,137). On 31 May 2021 the outstanding amount of the loans and accrued interest were assigned to Project Finance Group S.A. The outstanding amount at the reporting date was £Nil (2020: £32,135,045). Interest was charged on the loans from OGN Enterprises Limited at 4.5% above the Barclays bank base rate and amounted to £1,356,715 (2020: £1,473,697). Interest of £Nil was outstanding at 30 June 2021 (2020: £2,803,605).

During the year, the company received loans from Energy Link Holding SA, a company under common ownership of one of the shareholders of the parent company, £4,200,000 and \$500,000 (2020: £3,685,341) and repaid loans to Energy Link Holding SA £2,000,000 (2020: £Nil). The outstanding amount at the reporting date was £5,885,341 and \$500,000 (2020: £3,685,341). Interest was charged on the loans from Energy Link Holding SA at 5.07% or 4.5% above the Barclays bank base rate (GBP loans) and 4.5% above the Federal funds target rate (USD loans) and amounted to £306,086 and \$21,913 (2021: £28,190). Interest of £288,112 and \$21,913 was outstanding at 30 June 2021 (2020: £28,190). The loans were repayable on 31 March 2023. Subsequent to the year-end in September 2021, all loans from Energy Link Holding SA, were cancelled and re-financed through loans with Project Finance Group S.A. Therefore as at the date of approval of these accounts, the outstanding amount due to Energy Link Holding SA was £Nil.

During the year, the company granted interest fee loans to a 100% subsidiary Aquind SAS (France). These loans are repayable on demand. The outstanding amount at the reporting date was £103,909 (2020: £Nil).

During the year, the company received marketing services from a relative of the company director in the amount of £25,500 (2020: £2,500). The services were provided under the normal market conditions. During the year the costs of these services were included in administrative expenses. The outstanding amount at the reporting date was £Nil (2020: £Nil).

#### 13. Controlling party

The parent of the company is Aquind Energy S.a.r.l., whose registered office is at 26, boulevard de Kockelscheuer, L-1821, Luxembourg and who is considered the controlling party. The Directors have the power to govern the day-to-day financial and operating policies of the company.

At the time of reporting Mr Victor Fedotov has notified Companies House that he is a person with significant control as a person who holds, directly or indirectly, more than 25% but not more than 50% of the voting rights in the company and, directly or indirectly, 75% or more of the shares in the company.

At the time of reporting Mr Alexander Temerko has notified Companies House that he is a person with significant control as a person who holds, directly or indirectly, more than 25% but not more than 50% of the voting rights in the company.

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**14. Subsequent events**

On 20 January 2022, the company received a decision letter from the SoS BEIS, which rejected the company's DCO application. The company has appealed against the SoS BEIS decision by way of an application for Judicial Review submitted to the Administrative Court on 2 March 2022. On 17 June 2022 the Judicial Review application was accepted by the Administrative Court and the review is now in progress.