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PETROPLAN EUROPE LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019



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COMPANY INFORMATION

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STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The Petroplan Group is a specialist global, talent acquisition, mobility and workforce solutions business, servicing employers and professionals in the oil, gas and energy sector. Our mission is to build strong business partnerships with clients, candidates and contractors, providing them with expert and tailored solutions. Our service offerings cover talent acquisition (contract and permanent hire), executive search and talent sourcing, global mobility solutions, payrolling and managed solutions. Petroplan's consultancy services are delivered across four continents. The Group has regional offices in key locations including London, Houston, Calgary, Cape Town, Dubai, Muscat and Maputo to provide its clients and contractors with in-country support.

Petroplan remains committed to developing its business partnerships with key clients around the world; the Group's aim is to be recognised as a leading international talent acquisition and workforce solutions business, serving key energy sectors – Oil & Gas, Midstream, LNG, Downstream & Chemicals, and Renewables – niche, expert, relationship driven, and a leader in the markets & geographic sectors it serves. The Group is committed to its clients, candidates and contractors, always putting them first and delivering exceptional service and value.

In 2019 Petroplan further developed its client focused strategy, emphasising the global reach of the Petroplan brand and its ability to offer consistent high levels of service throughout the world. The Group continues to focus on growing its business by developing deeper client relationships and enhancements to its services, through its regional management and specialist global service line teams. These teams target specialist technical functions within Upstream, Midstream, and Downstream, as well as specialist commercial functions such as Technology, Project Services, Procurement & Supply Chain, Finance, HR and HSSE.

Petroplan has continued to develop its Client Relationship Management (CRM) system and online activity, building long term business partnerships within which it can successfully deliver solutions tailored to clients' needs. At the same time, the Group is driving forward its programme of continuous improvement to ensure that the Petroplan team continuously broaden and deepen their knowledge and skills in their specialist areas.

Business review, key performance indicators and financial highlights

The Directors have monitored the performance of the Company with particular reference to key performance indicators ("KPI's"), which have been chosen by the Directors as those that measure the key elements of the Company's performance towards the achievement of the Company's business strategy. The Company's KPIs, being revenue, gross profit and margin and operating profit and margin, are set out below:

		As restated
	2019	2018
	£m	£m
Turnover	37.5	31.4
Gross profit	6.0	3.8
Operating profit	1.0	0.8
Gross profit margin	16.0%	12.1%
Operating profit margin	2.7%	2.6%

Trading during the year was encouraging, with revenue increasing by 19.4% to £37.5m (2018: £31.4m) and gross profit increasing by 57.9% to £6.0m (2018: £3.8m). The increase in gross profit reflects increased permanent placement activity together with contractor placements stable overall.

The Company's operating profit for 2019 increased by 25.0% to £1.0m (2018 as restated: £0.8m). The Company's operating profit was impacted by foreign exchange gains of £0.2m (2018: loss of £0.3m) and higher amount of commissions and bonuses paid to its employees.

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Principal risks and uncertainties

The key risks and uncertainties facing the Company have been identified and are summarised below.

Uncertainty resulting from COVID-19 pandemic

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") announced a global health emergency because of a new strain of coronavirus (the "COVID-19 outbreak") with risks to the international community as the virus spread globally beyond its point of origin. In March 2020, the WHO classified the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic, based on the rapid increase in exposure globally.

Several countries across the globe have taken actions to mitigate the spread of the virus which include complete internal lockdown and bans on international travel. These actions have, and continue to, disrupt many commercial activities across most sectors and in most countries around the world and management remains unable to estimate fully the potential impact these, and related events will have on business operations in the short to medium term. The Group's clients and contractors have all been significantly affected and the Group has had a number of discussions with clients about on-going services and margins, many of which have resulted in continuance of the status quo although, and inevitably, some assignments for clients have been postponed and others have seen reduced margins. While there has been a degree of retrenchment by some clients, with a consequential reduction in demand for talent acquisition/workforce solutions services, the Group has been continuing to win instructions from new and existing clients albeit recognising that client hiring in the current market is more considered and therefore moving at a slower pace. The Group's robust approach to management of receivables and payables has resulted in strong cash flow and minimal losses due to credit notes or bad debts.

Tax risk

Tax risk arises from working across multiple territories and jurisdictions. Petroplan actively works with clients, contractors and professional partners to assess and manage this risk, to ensure compliance in each country, while minimizing tax rates.

Working Capital

The Company is the principal trading entity within the Petroplan Group and transacts heavily with other group companies. The Company relies on the group's treasury management function to fund ongoing trading and working capital needs and is party to a group banking facility whereby bank balances are swept to a central account held by another group company at the end of each day. At 31 December 2019 amounts owed by other group companies were £4.1m (2018: £64.3m) and amounts owed to other group companies were £4.1m (2018: £63.9m).

In 2020, following the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Company has successfully accessed government support where this has been available around the world and has taken a number of steps to manage its cost base and work with suppliers to reduce the pressure on working capital.

Given the growth experienced in 2019 followed by the uncertainties generated by the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Directors are closely monitoring opportunities currently under discussion with clients, focusing on servicing client needs. The Directors have carefully assessed all known impacts of the pandemic and, after taking into full account the latest client developments and current and anticipated levels of trading, the Directors have carried out a detailed assessment of the Group's expected working capital requirements and are satisfied that the Group has sufficient financing facilities in place to fund its business requirements for the foreseeable future.

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

Economic Climate

The Company specialises in global oil, gas and energy talent acquisition, mobility and workforce solutions services and is therefore affected by developments within the global oil, gas and energy market. Conditions continued to be challenging in 2019, with oil prices impacting client activity and investment decisions; service companies, particularly within the recruitment sector, continued to experience margin pressure as clients seek to manage their cost base. This pressure has continued into 2020 with the global COVID-19 pandemic causing an unprecedented drop in demand for energy and consequentially in oil & gas prices, coupled with bans on international travel and a consequential and significant impact on investment decisions.

Political considerations have also increased the sense of uncertainty in the Company's marketplace, with the continuing impact of Brexit and the US administration's attitude to global trade and environmental considerations adding further complexity to capex and major investment decisions.

While Petroplan has felt the direct influence of these challenging conditions, the Company has remained focused on developing its approach to the global market so as to make the most of opportunities as they present themselves and to increase the Company's currently small overall market share. The Company is confident that, as clients adapt to these challenges, new opportunities will arise and it is well placed to service client needs.

Competitor Risk

Petroplan operates in a competitive and evolving marketplace and continually seeks to improve its offering to clients, candidates and contractors. Focused solely on the oil, gas and energy sector, Petroplan believes it has a clear competitive advantage moving forwards and will have significant opportunities to increase its market share as the market improves and candidate shortage once again becomes prevalent.

This competitive advantage arises because Petroplan consultants are embedded in the marketplace, have a greater level of knowledge and expertise in their fields and are accordingly better able to understand clients' and candidates' needs, enabling the Company to deliver first-class services to clients and contractors alike.

Compliance and client service are at the centre of Petroplan's services and the Company has a dedicated team of consultants solely responsible for initial mobilisation and ongoing contractor and client support. The Campany has invested in technology to enable its recruiters to better identify, and connect more quickly and globally with specialist talent; the Company is further automating its processes to drive efficiencies and allow it to compete more effectively in a price sensitive marketplace.

Future developments

The short-term outlook remains challenging for the oil, gas and energy industry, however Petroplan believes it has the right strategies to benefit from any improvement in trading conditions within the oil, gas and energy sector in the near to medium term future:

- The Company will continue to use its well-earned reputation as technical specialists to develop and increase its client base, to deepen its client relationships and improve service delivery;
- The Company will continue with its partnering approach, which sits at the heart of its client service strategy;
- The Company will consider further targeted investment in geographic expansion, to support our clients' ambitions:
- The Company will continue to develop its global service line structure to ensure a consistent, agile and high-quality service offering across its client and candidate network based on specialist knowledge and expertise.

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.

R Morrish

Director

Date: 11/11/2020

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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

Results and dividends

The loss for the year, after taxation, amounted to £246,942 (as restated 2018 - loss £374,165).

The Directors do not recommend any dividend payments for the year (2018 - £NIL).

Directors

The Directors who served during the year were:

J C Reeder

P Barnes

P Horton

J Thomerson

R Morrish (appointed 19 September 2019)

Future developments

The Company's future developments are discussed in the Strategic report.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Going concern (continued)

Management continuously monitors changes to clients' strategic and operational plans, the level of demand for the Group's services and the impact the pandemic, and its consequences, could have on the financial, operational and liquidity position of the Group for the fiscal year 31 December 2020 and beyond, and is continuously taking action to reduce costs and to mitigate risks as they are identified.

In addition to the cost reductions, the Group took advantage of the support offered by the UK Government in terms of the furlough and PAYE deferral scheme and the US Government in terms of a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan, the impact of both being included in the forecasts.

Management have prepared Group cash flow forecasts, giving consideration to past, current and expected future trading, showing trading within current facilities. Management have also prepared a Group forecast on a "worst case" scenario to recognise the inherent uncertainties that surround the current operating and economic environment. The assumptions within this "worst case" scenario see revenue and direct costs reduced significantly, and include cost saving measures, which all taken together indicate that the Group has sufficient cash resources to continue trading.

The directors have received a letter of support from Petroplan Holdings Limited, the ultimate parent company of the Group confirming it will continue to provide the necessary financial support to the Company for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements, as it may require. The directors have reviewed the Group's cash flow forecasts noted above and are satisfied that the Group has sufficient cash and resources to provide this financial support. As such, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

Financial instruments

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Company is mainly exposed to credit risk from credit sales. It is Company policy to assess the credit risk of new customers before entering contracts.

Credit risk also arises from cash and cash equivalents and deposits with banks and financial institutions. Most of the Company's cash is held with HSBC Bank plc, a well-known UK based bank.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the Company's management of working capital and the finance charges and principal repayments on its debt instruments. It is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations as they fall due.

The Directors review cash balances on a periodic basis and forecast cash requirements throughout the year to ensure sufficient cash is available.

Market risk

Market risk arises from the Company's use of interest bearing, tradable and foreign currency financial instruments. It is the risk that fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in interest rates (interest rate risk), foreign exchange rates (currency risk) or other market factors (other price risk).

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Financial instruments (continued)

Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk arises when a Company enters into transactions denominated in a currency other than its functional currency.

The Company aims to fund expenses and to manage foreign exchange risk by matching the currency in which revenue is generated and expenses are incurred.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- the Director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

Post balance sheet events

Aside from the impact of the global pandemic caused by COVID-19, there have been no significant events affecting the Company since the year end.

Auditors

The auditors, BDO LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.

R Morrish Director

Date: 11/11/2020

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic report, the Directors' report and the 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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards 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 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 applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 to 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PETROPLAN EUROPE LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Petroplan Europe Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2019, which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. 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).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the 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 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PETROPLAN EUROPE LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Other information

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion 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 Strategic report and the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic report and the Directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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 material misstatements in the Strategic report or the Directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PETROPLAN EUROPE LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement on page 8, 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.

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 Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditors' report.

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.

BDO LLP

Mark Hutton (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of BDO LLP, Statutory Auditor

Guildford

Date: 13 November 2020

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note	2019 £	As restated (note 19) 2018 £
Turnover	4	37,519,625	31,381,120
Cost of sales		(31,492,304)	(27,583,363)
Gross profit		6,027,321	3,797,757
Administrative expenses		(5,056,494)	(3,027,357)
Other operating income	5	-	157
Operating profit	6	970,827	770,557
Interest payable and expenses	10	(97,254)	(76,010)
Profit before tax		873,573	694,547
Tax on profit	11	(1,120,515)	(1,068,712)
Loss for the financial year		(246,942)	(374,165)
Total comprehensive loss for the year		(246,942)	(374,165)

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note		2019 £		As restated (note 19) 2018 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		13,500		-
Investments	13		1,000		1,000
·		_	14,500		1,000
Current assets					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	14	9,874,194		69,784,352	
Cash at bank and in hand		37,334		85,159	
		9,911,528		69,869,511	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(9,898,738)		(69,596,279)	
Net current assets			12,790		273,232
Total assets less current liabilities		_	27,290		274,232
Net assets		_	27,290		274,232
Capital and reserves		_			
Called up share capital	17		1,000		1,000
Profit and loss account	18		26,290		273,232
		-	27,290		274,232

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:

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R Morrish Director

Date: 11/11/2020

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Called up share capital	Profit and loss account	Total equity
	£	£	£
At 1 January 2019 (as reported)	1,000	368,924	369,924
Prior year adjustment (note 19)	-	(95,692)	(95,692)
At 1 January 2019 (as restated - note 19)	1,000	273,232	274,232
Comprehensive loss for the year			
Loss for the year	-	(246,942)	(246,942)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	(246,942)	(246,942)
At 31 December 2019	1,000	26,290	27,290

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Called up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total equity
At 1 January 2018	1,000	647,397	648,397
Comprehensive loss for the year Loss for the year (as restated - note 19)	-	(374,165)	(374,165)
Total comprehensive loss for the year (as restated - note 19)	-	(374,165)	(374,165)
At 31 December 2018 (as restated - note 19)	1,000	273,232	274,232

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

1. General information

Petroplan Europe Limited is a private company, limited by shares and incorporated in England and Wales, registration number 08733447. The registered office is Mercury House, 117 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UL. The principal activities are set out in the Strategic Report.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland, and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£).

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the company's accounting policies (see note 3).

The Company is exempt from the preparation of consolidated financial statements, because it is a wholly owned subsidiary included in the Group financial statements of Petroplan Holdings Limited. Details of the parent in whose consolidated financial statements the company is included are shown in note 24 to the financial statements. These financial statements are separate financial statements, presenting information about the company as an individual entity and not about its Group.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.2 Going concern (continued)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The Company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by the FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland":

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of Section 3 Financial Statement Presentation paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of Section 11 Financial Instruments paragraphs 11.42, 11.44 to 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of Section 12 Other Financial Instruments paragraphs 12.26 to 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A;
- the requirements of Section 33 Related Party Disclosures paragraph 33.7.

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of Petroplan Holdings Limited as at 31 December 2019 and these financial statements may be obtained from the Companies House website at https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house.

2.4 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable from recruitment consultancy services net of VAT and gross of withholding tax.

Revenue is recognised upon completion of contractual obligations.

In the case of permanent placement fees, these are recognised on the start date of the successfully placed candidate and are net of any claw back provision, where applicable.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Assets under construction - Not depreciated until completion

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

2.6 Valuation of investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less accumulated impairment.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

The Company's accounting policies in respect of these financial instruments are stated in notes 2.8 to 2.10 below.

2.8 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

2.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

2.10 Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.11 Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

2.12 Finance costs

Finance costs are charged to profit or loss over the term of the debt using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount. Issue costs are initially recognised as a reduction in the proceeds of the associated capital instrument.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.13 Operating leases: the Company as lessee

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the lease term, unless another systematic basis is representative of the time pattern of the lessee's benefit from the use of the leased asset.

The Company has taken advantage of the optional exemption available on transition to FRS 102 which allows lease incentives on leases entered into before the date of transition to the standard 01 January 2014 to continue to be charged over the period to the first market rent review rather than the term of the lease.

2.14 Pensions

Defined contribution pension plan

The Company operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Company has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Statement of financial position. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Company in independently administered funds.

2.15 Provisions for liabilities

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Company a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to profit or loss in the year that the Company becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the Statement of financial position date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Statement of financial position.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.16 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item 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 reporting date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the Statement of financial position 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 when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met.

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 deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period or in the period of revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows:

Impairment of debtors

The Company makes an estimate of the recoverable value of trade debtors, amounts owed by group companies and other debtors. When assessing impairment of debtors, management considers factors including current credit ratings of the debtors, the aging profile of debtors and historical experience.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

4. Turnover

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The turnover is attributable to the one principal activity of the Company. An analysis of sub-contractor placements by geographical location is shown below.

	2019 %	2018 %
United Kingdom	39	44
Europe	20	29
Middle East and Africa	33	25
Rest of the world	8	2
	100	100
Other operating income		
	2019 £	2018 £
Sundry income	-	157
	<u>·</u>	157
Operating profit		
The operating profit is stated after charging / (crediting):		
	2019 £	2018 £
Exchange differences	(244,695)	338,161
Other operating lease rentals	305,340	71,200

7. Auditors' remuneration

Defined contribution pension costs

The audit fee for the year has been borne by Petroplan Holdings Limited, the parent company of the group.

107,173

110,402

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8. Employees

Staff costs, including Directors' remuneration, were as follows:

	2019	2018
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,741,234	2,397,032
Social security costs	303,189	258,105
Cost of defined contribution pension scheme	110,402	107,173
	3,154,825	2,762,310

The average monthly number of employees, including the Directors, during the year was as follows:

	2019 No.	2018 No.
Management	4	5
Staff	49	48
	53	53

9. Directors' remuneration

398,128	220.067
330,120	332,267
18,704	21,973
416,832	354,240

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 4 Directors (2018 - 5) in respect of defined contribution pension schemes.

The highest paid Director received remuneration of £219,392 (2018 - £196,061).

The value of the Company's contributions paid to a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of the highest paid Director amounted to £11,581 (2018 - £8,894).

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10.	Interest payable and similar expenses		
		2019 £	2018 £
	Bank interest payable	3,540	2,311
	Other interest payable	93,714	73,699
		97,254	76,010
11.	Taxation		
		· 2019	As restated (note 19) 2018 £
	Corporation tax	_	
	Adjustments in respect of previous periods	1,268	1,668
		1,268	1,668
	Foreign tax		
	Foreign tax on income for the year	1,181,150	1,131,267
		1,181,150	1,131,267
	Total current tax	1,182,418	1,132,935
	Deferred tax		
	Origination and reversal of timing differences	(72,273)	(64,223)
	Adjustments for prior periods	10,370	-
	Total deferred tax	(61,903)	(64,223)
	Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	1,120,515	1,068,712

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

11. Taxation (continued)

Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2018 - higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2018 - 19%). The differences are explained below:

		As restated (note 19)
	2019	2018
	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	873,573	694,547
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2018 - 19%) Effects of:	165,979	131,964
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes, other than goodwill amortisation and impairment	16	361
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods	1,268	1,668
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods - deferred tax	10,370	-
Adjust closing deferred tax to average rate of 19.00%	14,838	7,555
Adjust opening defered tax to average rate of 19.00%	(6,336)	(196)
Other permanent differences	(262,169)	(221,223)
Foreign tax charge	1,181,150	1,131,267
Group relief	15,399	18,985
Deferred tax not recognised	-	(1,669)
Total tax charge for the year	1,120,515	1,068,712

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12.	Tangible fixed assets				
					Assets under construction £
	Cost or valuation				
	Additions				13,500
	At 31 December 2019				13,500
	Net book value				
	At 31 December 2019				13,500
	At 31 December 2018				-
13.	Fixed asset investments				
					Investments in subsidiary companies £
	Cost and net book value				
	At 1 January 2019				1,000
	At 31 December 2019				1,000
	Subsidiary undertaking		,		
	The following was a subsidiary undertaking of the Company:				
	Name	Registered office	Principal activity	Class of shares	Holding
	Petroplan Services Limited	Mercury House, 117 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UL	Specialist recruitment	Ordinary	100%

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14. Debtors

	2019	As restated (note 19) 2018
•	£	£
Trade debtors	3,393,995	3,677,135
Amounts owed by group undertakings	4,143,502	64,256,647
Other debtors	67,936	123,523
Prepayments and accrued income	1,925,027	1,374,039
Tax recoverable	217,608	288,785
Deferred taxation (note 16)	126,126	64,223
	9,874,194	69,784,352

All amounts shown under debtors fall due for payment within one year.

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2019	2018
	£	£
Bank overdrafts	155,980	385,774
Other loans	2,728,916	3,094,078
Trade creditors	1,844,149	1,251,332
Amounts owed to group undertakings	4,095,920	63,910,497
Other taxation and social security	83,594	98,957
Other creditors	19,779	66,119
Accruals and deferred income	970,400	789,522
	9,898,738	69,596,279

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (continued)

Securities held by the company's bank HSBC in respect of the invoice discounting advance and other overdraft balances are as follows:

- Unlimited multilateral guarantee dated 14 April 2014 given by Petroplan Limited, Petroplan Europe Limited, Petroplan Iraq Limited, Petroplan ME&A Limited, Petroplan North America Limited and Petroplan Holdings Limited.
- Unlimited multilateral IF guarantee dated 19 May 2014 given by Petroplan Limited, Petroplan Europe Limited, Petroplan Iraq Limited, Petroplan ME&A Limited, Petroplan North America Limited and Petroplan Holdings Limited.
- Debenture including a fixed charge over all present freehold and leasehold property; first fixed charge over book and other debts, chattels, goodwill and uncalled share capital, both present and future; and a first floating charge over all assets and undertaking both present and future dated 11 March 2014.
- Fixed charge on non-vesting debts and floating charges over all the property or undertaking of the company including negative pledge dated 19 January 2018.
- Assignment of rights arising under contract monies for all present and future debts, money and other liabilities dated 10 August 2018.

16. Deferred taxation

	2019 £
At beginning of year (as restated - note 19)	64,223
Credit for the year	61,903
At end of year	126,126
The deferred tax asset is made up as follows:	
	As restated (note 19)
2019 £	2018 £
Available losses (126,126)	
(126,126)	(64,223)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

17. Share capital

	2019 £	2018 £
Allotted, called up and fully paid 1,000 (2018 - 1,000) Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	1,000	1,000

18. Reserves

Profit and loss account

All other net gains and losses and transactions with owners, such as dividends, that are not recognised elsewhere.

19. Prior year adjustment

During the year, a fellow group subsidiary, Petroplan Iraq Limited, has recognised an end of service provision for its contractors working in Iraq. After consultation with local legal advisors, it transpired that the liability impacted the prior year 2018. As a consequence, there has been a change in the transfer pricing calculations at the time, which has resulted in an additional management fee expense of £115,292 and a reduction in amounts due by group undertakings in Petroplan Europe Limited. There is a corresponding tax credit of £19,600 and increase to the deferred tax asset.

The financial statements in 2018 have been restated and the 2019 brought forward reserves adjusted accordingly.

20. Pension commitments

The Company operates two defined contribution pension schemes of which one is a scheme for staff and directors and one is a scheme for certain directors only. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the scheme for staff and directors and amounted to £110,402 (2018 - £107,173). Contributions totalling £13,545 (2018 - £7,735) were payable to the scheme at the report date and are included in creditors.

21. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 December 2019 the Company had future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	2019	2018
1	3	£
Not later than 1 year	231,652	277,649
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	142,400	374,207
	374,052	651,856

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22. Related party transactions

As the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Petroplan Holdings Limited, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption under section 33.1A of FRS 102 from disclosing transactions or balances with entities which form part of the Group.

Key management remuneration is considered to be the directors of the Company. See note 9 for their remuneration.

23. Post balance sheet events

Aside from the impact of the global pandemic caused by COVID-19, there have been no significant events affecting the Company since the year end.

24. Controlling party

The Company is a 100% held subsidiary of Petroplan Holdings Limited.

The Company's ultimate parent company is Petroplan Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales. This company prepares consolidated financial statements which include Petroplan Europe Limited. The financial statements of Petroplan Holdings Limited are the smallest and largest group set of financial statements that incorporate the results of Petroplan Europe Limited. Copies of Petroplan Holdings Limited's consolidated financial statements may be obtained from the Companies House website at https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house.

The Company is controlled by J C Reeder through his shareholding in Petroplan Holdings Limited.