

NEXTPower HOPS ENERGY LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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NEXTPOWER HOPS ENERGY LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

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NEXTPOWER HOPS ENERGY LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The directors present this report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing 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 applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' ("FRS 102"). 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 year.

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;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they intend to liquidate the Company or cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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 responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have the general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them, to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Company are to be party to a corporate virtual power purchase agreement for the settlement of the generation and supply of electricity from solar photovoltaic sites owned by related parties.

The Company is committed to project implementation excellence, the provision of long-term clean energy projects, environmentally sensitive developments for the local community, and long-term sustainable returns to investors.

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial and operational risks as detailed in Note 16 of the notes to the financial statements.

Business review

Results and dividends

The loss for the year amounted to £4,604 (2022: loss of £3,095).

No dividends were paid and/or declared during the year (2022: £nil).

Electricity Generator Levy

The Electricity Generator Levy (the "EGL") which introduces a new tax on exceptional electricity generation receipts of qualifying generating undertakings from 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2028 has been released within Finance (No.2) Bill 2023. The Finance (No.2) Act 2023 (the "Act") received Royal Assent on 11 July 2023. The directors' assessment of the Act concluded that it does not have a material impact on the Company in the current and short-term future periods. An ongoing assessment of the EGL liabilities has been adopted by the Company to ensure compliance with the Act.

Future developments

The directors have no planned developments and have a reasonable expectation that the Company will continue operating in the foreseeable future. For the detailed assessment refer to Note 2.2.

Political donations and political expenditure

The Company did not make any disclosable political donations or political expenditure in the current year.

Financial instruments

Refer to Note 16 for details of the Company's financial management objectives and policies; and its exposure to market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

Directors

The directors who served during the year, and up to the date of signing the financial statements unless otherwise stated, are as follows:

Sulwen Vaughan
Enrico Corazza

On 29 September 2022, the shareholding of the Company was transferred from NextEnergy Solar Holdings III Limited to RRAM Energy Limited. There were no changes in shareholdings between 31 March 2023 and the date of signing the financial statements. Refer to Note 14 for more details.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Going concern

Refer to Note 2.2 for details.

Qualifying third-party and pension scheme indemnity provisions

The Company did not have any qualifying third-party indemnity provision and/or qualifying pension scheme indemnity provision for any of the directors, during the year and at the date of approval of the Directors' Report.

Disclosure of information to auditor

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 auditor is 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 auditor is aware of that information.

Independent auditor

KPMG Channel Islands Limited have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning their re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Small companies note

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on 20 September 2023 and signed on its behalf.



Sulwen Vaughan
Director

Independent Auditor's Report to the Member of Nextpower Hops Energy Limited

Our opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Nextpower Hops Energy Limited (the "Company"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2023, the statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of the Company's loss for the year then ended;
- are properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland; 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 are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including FRC Ethical Standards. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Going concern

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the Company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the Company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements (the "going concern period").

In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the Company's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the Company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate; and
- we have not identified, and concur with the directors' assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the Company will continue in operation.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Member of Nextpower Hops Energy Limited (continued)

Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- enquiring of management as to the Company's policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud as well as enquiring whether management have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- using analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition because the Company's revenue streams are simple in nature with respect to accounting policy choice, and are easily verifiable to external data sources or agreements with little or no requirement for estimation from management. We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

We performed procedures including:

- identifying journal entries and other adjustments to test based on risk criteria and comparing any identified entries to supporting documentation; and
- incorporating an element of unpredictability in our audit procedures.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general sector experience and through discussion with management (as required by auditing standards), and discussed with management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

The Company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

The Company is subject to other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of litigation or impacts on the Company's ability to operate. We identified company law as being the area most likely to have such an effect. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Member of Nextpower Hops Energy Limited (continued)

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remains a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as this may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

The directors' report

The directors are responsible for the directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover that report and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in that report for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion that report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006, we are required 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Respective responsibilities

Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 1, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements including being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; 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 they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Member of Nextpower Hops Energy Limited (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the Company's member, 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 member 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 its member, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



David Alexander (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of KPMG Channel Islands Limited (Statutory Auditor)

Chartered Accountants

Guernsey

21 September 2023

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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Operating expenses		(3,887)	(3,095)
Operating loss	4	(3,887)	(3,095)
Finance costs		(717)	-
Loss before tax		(4,604)	(3,095)
Total comprehensive loss and loss for the year		(4,604)	(3,095)

The notes on pages 12 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

NEXTPower HOPS ENERGY LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER:08764094

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	9	1,153,621	1,401,007
Cash at bank	10	3,065	48
		<u>1,156,686</u>	<u>1,401,055</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,164,555)	(1,404,320)
Net current liabilities		(7,869)	(3,265)
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>(7,869)</u>	<u>(3,265)</u>
Net liabilities		<u>(7,869)</u>	<u>(3,265)</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		(7,869)	(3,265)
Total equity		<u>(7,869)</u>	<u>(3,265)</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 20 September 2023.



Sulwen Vaughan
Director

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Called-up share capital	Profit and loss account	Total equity
	£	£	£
At 1 April 2021	-	(170)	(170)
Comprehensive loss for the year			
Total comprehensive loss and loss for the year	-	(3,095)	(3,095)
At 1 April 2022	-	(3,265)	(3,265)
Comprehensive loss for the year			
Total comprehensive loss and loss for the year	-	(4,604)	(4,604)
At 31 March 2023	-	(7,869)	(7,869)

The notes on pages 12 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Total comprehensive loss and loss for the year	(4,604)	(3,095)
Adjustments for:		
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	247,386	(1,163,196)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(240,482)	1,166,339
Finance costs	717	-
Net cash generated from operating activities	3,017	48
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	3,017	48
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	48	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year	3,065	48
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year comprise:		
Cash at bank	3,065	48
	3,065	48

The notes on pages 12 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

NEXTPOWER HOPS ENERGY LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. General information

Nextpower Hops Energy Limited (the "Company") was incorporated with limited liability in England under the Companies Act 2006, on 6 November 2013 with registered number 08764094. The registered office and principal place of business of the Company is 5th Floor North Side, 7-10 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W1G 9DQ.

The principal activities of the Company are to be party to a corporate virtual power purchase agreement for the settlement of the generation and supply of electricity from solar photovoltaic sites owned by related parties.

2. Accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

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 preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in Note 3.

The Company's functional and presentation currency is the pound sterling. There are no foreign currency transactions and balances.

2.2 Going concern

The directors believe that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully. The directors have reviewed the Company's current position and are aware that the Company has significant net current liabilities and net liabilities, however given the continued financial support provided by the penultimate parent company, NextEnergy Solar Holdings III Limited, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Directors' Report and financial statements. The financial support is made available for a period of not less than 12 months and one day from the date of signing these financial statements. The directors have received confirmation of this support.

Ukraine conflict

The Ukraine conflict has had a sustained positive impact on the long-term power price projections. Management continue to closely monitor the situation and assess the implications the conflict has on these projections as well as the wider supply chain.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Exemptions under Companies Act

The Company has also adopted the following disclosure exemptions:

- Strategic Report: Companies Act Strategic Report exemption for small companies under section 414B.

2.4 Revenue

Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at fair value and represents monies from the generation of energy from operational solar parks during the year. Any uninvoiced revenue is accrued in the year in which it has been generated.

Revenue is stated net of value added tax and is generated entirely within the United Kingdom.

Revenue relating to income for Virtual Power Purchase Agreement ("VPPA")

The VPPA revenue is paid by licensed electricity suppliers who offers short and long-term contracts. VPPA revenue is calculated each month based on the fixed-priced cash flow and renewable energy certificates (RECs) for each relevant period under the VPPA, with settlements calculated as the difference between the fixed and day-ahead n2ex prices, multiplied by the actual production of electricity at two related parties.

The Company acts as an agent and therefore does not recognise revenue itself. Revenue is hedged within these related companies and is passed through settlements to ensure that the revenue recognised is split between each of these related companies, based on the fixed/effective price per the VPPA.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 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.

2.6 Debtors

Short-term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

2.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at bank.

2.8 Financial instruments

The Company has chosen to adopt sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in respect of the 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 and loans from related parties.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade debtors and creditors, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received. However, if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate or in the case of an out-right short-term loan not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially, at the present value of the future cash flow discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate of the recoverable amount, which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Recognised impairment losses are only reversed when the conditions for the original impairment have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount not exceeding the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit and loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal is treated as a revaluation increase.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

A financial asset, or a portion of a financial asset, is derecognised when:

- the right to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- the Company retains the right to receive cash flows from the asset, but has assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to a third party under a "pass-through" arrangement; or
- the Company has transferred the rights to receive cash flows from the asset and either:
 - i. has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the assets; or
 - ii. has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the assets but has transferred control of the assets.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity are classified according to the substance of the financial instrument's contractual obligations, rather than the financial instrument's legal form.

Financial liabilities are initially classified as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and borrowings, or as derivatives designated as hedging instruments in an effective hedge, as appropriate.

The Company determines the classification of its financial liabilities at initial recognition. All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and in the case of loans and borrowings, plus directly attributable transaction costs.

Subsequently, the measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification as follows:

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss includes financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss.

Interest bearing loans and borrowings

After initial recognition, interest bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Gains and losses arising on the repurchase, settlement or otherwise cancellation of liabilities are recognised respectively in finance revenue and finance cost.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

A liability is derecognised when the contract that gives rise to it is settled, sold, cancelled or expires.

Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the Company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Provisions and contingencies

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 the Statement of Comprehensive Income 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.

Contingent liabilities are not recognised. Contingent liabilities arise as a result of past events when (i) it is not probable that there will be an outflow of resources or that the amount cannot be reliably measured at the reporting date or (ii) when the existence will be confirmed by the occurrence or nonoccurrence of uncertain future events not wholly within the Company's control. Contingent liabilities are disclosed in the financial statements unless the probability of an outflow of resources is remote.

Contingent assets are not recognised. Contingent assets are disclosed in the financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

2.11 Taxation

Tax is recognised in the Profit and Loss Account, 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.

Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

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

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS 102 requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts for assets and liabilities. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments about carrying values that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual values 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 if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The most critical accounting policies and estimates in determining the financial condition and results of the Company are those requiring a greater degree of subjective or complete judgment. These are discussed below:

Deferred tax

Management judgment is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognised, based upon the likely timing and level of future taxable profits together with an assessment of the net effect of future tax planning strategies.

4. Operating loss

The operating loss is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Secretarial fees	2,819	2,518

5. Auditor's remuneration

NextEnergy Solar Holdings III Limited will pay the audit fee of £4,930 (2022: £4,481) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year on behalf of the Company.

6. Employees

The Company has no employees other than the directors, who did not receive any remuneration.

7. Directors' remuneration

The remuneration of the directors was £nil for the year (2022: £nil).

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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8. Taxation

	2023 £	2022 £
Current tax		
Total current tax	-	-
Deferred tax		
Total deferred tax	-	-
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	-	-
Factors affecting tax charge for the year		

The tax assessed for the year differs (2022: differs) from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2022: 19%). The differences are explained below:

	2023 £	2022 £
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(4,604)	(3,095)
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by average standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2022: 19%)	(875)	(588)
Effects of:		
Effects of group relief	875	588
Total tax charge for the year	-	-

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

8. Taxation (continued)

Factors that may affect future tax charges

Finance Act 2021 includes legislation to increase the main rate of corporation tax from 19% to 25% from 1 April 2023. Companies with profits of £50,000 or less will continue to pay Corporation Tax at 19%. Companies with profits between £50,000 and £250,000 will pay at the main rate reduced by a marginal relief providing a gradual increase in effective Corporate Tax rate.

The deferred tax at 31 March 2023 has been calculated based on the rate of 25% substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

9. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts owed by related parties	1,150,178	1,400,287
Prepayments	2,049	-
Other debtors	1,394	720
	<u>1,153,621</u>	<u>1,401,007</u>

10. Cash at bank

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank	<u>3,065</u>	<u>48</u>

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11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	1,199	525
Trade creditors	2,582	-
Loan due to parent	10,596	3,508
Other creditors	1,150,178	1,400,287
	<u>1,164,555</u>	<u>1,404,320</u>

On 29 September 2022, the loan between the Company and NextEnergy Solar Holdings III Limited was novated to RRAM Energy Limited.

Included in the loan due to parent is an amount of £717 (2022: £nil) for interest payable at the end of the year. The loan bears interest at a rate of 4.25% per annum, is unsecured and repayable on demand.

In the prior year, the loan due to parent, NextEnergy Solar Holdings III Limited, was interest free, unsecured and repayable on demand. Refer to Note 14 for further details.

12. Financial liabilities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts due within one year		
Amounts owed to parent	<u>10,596</u>	<u>3,508</u>

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13. Financial instruments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Financial assets measured at amortised cost		
Cash at bank	3,065	48
Other current assets	1,394	720
Amounts owed from related parties	1,150,178	1,400,287
	<u>1,154,637</u>	<u>1,401,055</u>
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost		
Trade and other creditors	3,781	525
Loan due to parent	10,596	3,508
	<u>14,377</u>	<u>4,033</u>

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14. Called-up share capital

	2023 £	2022 £
Allotted, called-up and fully paid		
1 (2022: 1) ordinary share of £0.10	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

On 29 September 2022, the shareholding of the Company was transferred from NextEnergy Solar Holdings III Limited to RRAM Energy Limited.

There is a single class of ordinary shares. There are no restrictions on the distribution of dividends and repayment of capital.

All share capital was fully paid at 31 March 2023.

15. Related party transactions

During the year, the shareholding in the Company was transferred to a related party. See further details in Note 14.

In accordance with the Power Purchase Revenue and Payment Allocation Agreement, the Company at the reporting date was owed £681,153 from NextPower Grange Limited and £469,025 from NextPower South Lowfield Limited, which are both related parties through mutual ownership by RRAM Energy Limited (2022: £703,681 and £696,606 respectively).

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of RRAM Energy Limited. At the reporting date the Company owed £10,596 (2022: £3,508 owed to NextEnergy Solar Holdings III Limited) in respect of payments made by RRAM Energy Limited.

RRAM Energy Limited charged the Company interest of £717 for the year ended 31 March 2023 (2022: £nil). At the statement of financial position date the Company owed £717 (2022: £nil).

NextEnergy Solar Holdings III Limited will pay the audit fee of £4,930 (2022: £4,481) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year on behalf of the Company.

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16. Controlling parties

As at 31 March 2023 the immediate parent undertaking is RRAM Energy Limited (previously NextEnergy Solar Holdings III Limited). RRAM Energy Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of NextEnergy Solar Holdings III Limited.

The ultimate controlling party is NextEnergy Solar Fund Limited, a company incorporated in Guernsey with the registered office at 1 Royal Plaza, Royal Avenue, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 2HL; and is listed on the London Stock Exchange.

RRAM Group, NextEnergy Solar Holdings III Limited and the ultimate parent undertaking do not consolidate their financial statements as they meet the definition of an investment entity as described by IFRS 10. Under IFRS 10, investment entities are required to hold subsidiaries at fair value through the Statement of Comprehensive Income rather than consolidate them.

Copies of NextEnergy Solar Fund Limited financial statements are publicly available and can be obtained from the company's website.

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17. Financial risk management

The Company's principal financial assets and liabilities comprise debtors, cash at bank and creditors. The Company has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- Market risk, including interest rate and inflation rate risks
- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk

This note presents information about the Company's exposure to each of the above risks and the Company's objectives, policies and processes for assessing and managing risk.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework.

Market risk

The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters while optimising the return of risk.

The Company receives funding from the parent company from time to time.

Credit risk

The Company's policies are aimed at minimising losses as a result of a counterparty's failure to honour its obligations. Exposure to credit risk arises as a result of the transactions with counterparties. The counterparties used by the Company are considered by management to be of appropriate credit rating. At the Statement of Financial Position date, the Company's financial assets were neither impaired nor past due. The maximum credit exposure at reporting date is the carrying value of the credit balances, if any.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company monitors its risk of a shortage of funds using projected cash flows and by monitoring the maturity of both its financial assets and liabilities.

Capital management

Management considers capital to consist of equity plus net debt as disclosed in the statement of financial position. The primary objective of the Company's capital management is to ensure healthy capital ratios in order to support its business and maximise shareholder value. The Company's financial instruments comprise cash and liquid resources and various items, such as debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations. The Company's policy is to finance its operations through group borrowings. It is the Company's policy not to hold financial instruments for speculative purposes.

At 31 March 2023, the Company has amounts due to group undertakings. The fair value of creditors approximated the book value. The Company had no financial assets other than cash at bank, and trade and other debtors.

Refer to Note 11 for a table summarising the maturity of the Company's financial liabilities.

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18. Capital commitments

The Company had no material capital commitments at 31 March 2023.

19. Analysis of net debt

	At 1 April 2022 £	Cash flows £	Other non- cash changes £	At 31 March 2023 £
Cash at bank	48	3,017	-	3,065
Loan due to parent	(3,508)	-	(7,088)	(10,596)
	<u>(3,460)</u>	<u>3,017</u>	<u>(7,088)</u>	<u>(7,531)</u>

20. Subsequent events

There were no significant events after the year ended 31 March 2023 that would require disclosure in or adjustment to the financial statements.