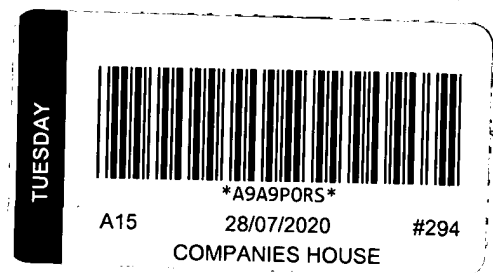


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Centrica Lake Limited

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2019



Centrica Lake Limited

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Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

The Directors present their Strategic Report for Centrica Lake Limited (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the Company is the holding of an associate investment in Lake Acquisitions Limited. The majority shareholding in Lake Acquisitions Limited is owned by EDF Energy Holdings Limited. All of these companies are registered in England and Wales. EDF Energy Holdings Limited is a company ultimately owned by Electricite de France SA, a company registered in France.

Review of the business

During 2019 the Company's share of nuclear generation volumes, from the power stations held by the Lake Acquisitions Limited group, was 10.2TWh. This reflected a reduction of 14% compared to 2018, mainly due to extended outages at Hunterston and Dungeness.

The recoverable amount of the Company's Nuclear investment is calculated by discounting pre-tax cash flows of the existing UK Nuclear fleet - an impairment of the nuclear investment of £319,324,000 (2018: £nil) has been booked during the year as the result of a reduction in price forecasts and availability issues at Hunterston and Dungeness

Principal risks and uncertainties

From the perspective of the Company, the principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with those of the Centrica plc group (the 'Group') and are not managed separately. The principal risks and uncertainties of the Group, which include those of the Company, are disclosed on pages 34-43 of the Group's Annual Report and Accounts 2019, which does not form part of this report.

Exit from the European Union

The UK's exit from the European Union has added to the risks and uncertainties faced by the Company. However, it is considered that the direct impact of these uncertainties on the Company is limited in the short-term. It is unclear whether a trade deal will be agreed with the European Union during 2020 or the transition period will end without terms being agreed. Extricating from the European Union treaties is a task of immense complexity but the Company is well-positioned to manage the possible market impacts. There are also potential tax consequences of the withdrawal and these will continue to be reassessed at each reporting date to ensure the tax provisions reflect the most likely outcome following the withdrawal.

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Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

Impact of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) outbreak and coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

On 11 March 2020 the World Health Organisation declared the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak and resultant COVID-19 to be a global pandemic. Following United Kingdom government measures in response to the pandemic the Centrica plc group ("Group") became subject to a significant change in business environment, as well as implementing a number of significant operational changes in order to be able to continue to serve and support our customers. However, there are no significant changes in the business environment or operational changes specific to the Company in carrying out its principal activities.

The events described above arose after the Company's balance sheet date, and therefore there is no impact on the results or financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2019. The Company is supported by the Group, which has stated that it intends to support the Company for a period of at least 12 months from the date the financial statements were authorised for issue and that amounts owed to Group undertakings will not be required to be repaid to Centrica plc for the foreseeable future unless sufficient financial resources and facilities are available to the Company. The Directors are aware that there are a range of future potential financial impacts upon the Group as a result of the pandemic but, following assurances from the ultimate parent company underpinned by its detailed assessment, have satisfied themselves that the Group will be able to support the Company if required under all reasonably foreseeable circumstances. For more information refer to the Going Concern section of the Directors' Report on page 5.

Key performance indicators ('KPIs')

The Directors of the Group use a number of KPIs to monitor progress against the Group's strategy. The development, performance and position of the Group, which includes the Company, are disclosed on pages 18-19 of the Group's Annual Report and Accounts 2019, which does not form part of this report. The results of the Company are disclosed in the Directors' Report on page 3.

Future developments

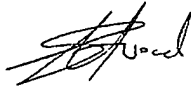
Following a strategic review in 2015, the Group commenced a programme to divest its nuclear share in 2018. This is still ongoing.

On 11 June 2020, Centrica announced plans for a significant restructure designed to create a simpler, leaner group focused on improved service delivery for customers. The revised operating model is expected to accelerate the delivery of targeted cost savings and lead to a reduction of around 5,000 roles across the Group. The majority of the restructuring is expected to take place in the second half of 2020 after necessary consultations on the proposals have been concluded. The restructure will benefit the longer term value of the business, future operating profits and maintenance of a strong capital position of the Group. The Company would not expect to be materially impacted by the restructure.

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Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

Approved by the Board on 30/06/2020 and signed on its behalf by:



Samantha Hood

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By order of the Board for and on behalf of Centrica Secretaries Limited
Company Secretary

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Centrica Lake Limited

Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

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

Directors of the Company

The Directors of the Company, who were in office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were as follows:

Matthew Blake

Alistair Todd (resigned 18 November 2019)

Christopher O'Shea

Katherine Ringrose (appointed 18 November 2019)

Results and dividends

The results of the Company are set out on page 11. The loss for the financial year ended 31 December 2019 is £318,821,000 (2018: profit £18,967,000).

The Company did not pay an interim dividend during the year (2018: £nil) and the Directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2018: £nil).

The Company's share of nuclear generation volumes, from the power stations held by the Lake Acquisitions Limited group in 2019 was 10.2TWh (2018: 11.8TWh).

The reactors in which we own an interest have secured capacity agreements until 2022, with a reduced number of reactors qualifying for capacity agreements until 2024. The suspension of the capacity market in 2018 was reversed during the year, and retrospective settlement of the outstanding amounts due will be made in 2020.

Objectives and policies

The Directors have established objectives and policies for managing financial risks to enable the Company to achieve its long-term shareholder value growth targets within a prudent risk management framework. These objectives and policies are regularly reviewed.

Exposure in terms of price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow risk

Exposure to counterparty credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow risk arises in the normal course of the Company's business. Cash forecasts identifying the liquidity requirements of the Company are produced frequently and reviewed regularly. Liquidity risk is managed through funding arrangements with Group undertakings.

Future developments

Future developments are discussed in the Strategic Report on page 2.

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Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as Centrica plc, the ultimate parent company, currently intends to support the Company to ensure it can meet its obligations as they fall due, provided the Company remains a member of the Group. The Directors have received confirmation that Centrica plc intends to support the Company for at least one year after the financial statements were authorised for issue and that amounts owed to Group undertakings will not be required to be repaid to Centrica plc for the foreseeable future unless sufficient financial resources and facilities are available to the Company. The Directors are aware that while there are a range of future potential financial impacts upon the Group as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, they have satisfied themselves that, following assurances from the ultimate parent company underpinned by its detailed assessment, the Group will be able to support the Company if required under all reasonably foreseeable circumstances. The key financial impacts to the Group are expected to be increasing levels of bad debt, reduced energy consumption from business customers, and the lockdown restricting the ability to carry out non-essential work in customer's homes and premises. The Group has substantial liquidity available to mitigate these adverse impacts and has also taken quick action to preserve cash as announced in the trading statement on 2nd April 2020. The trading statement announced that the final 2019 dividend was cancelled, plans have been made to reduce cash expenditure by around £400m and management bonus payments have been paused. The Group going concern assessment included various sensitivities including the impacts of lower commodity pricing and a credit rating downgrade as well as mitigating actions such as reduction in capital expenditure and dividend reductions. The Centrica plc Board remains committed to maintaining a strong balance sheet. Moody's confirmed a Baa2 (stable) credit rating on 13 March and S&P confirmed a BBB (stable) credit rating on 31 March.

Non adjusting events after the financial period

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, on 11 March 2020 the World Health Organisation declared the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak and resultant COVID-19 to be a global pandemic. The UK government moved to a 'delay' phase on 12 March, announced social distancing measures on 16 March, and unprecedented 'stay at home' restrictions on 23 March. The Company has therefore concluded that the necessity for large scale Government interventions in response to COVID-19 only became apparent after the balance sheet date and therefore the consequences of such interventions represent non-adjusting post balance sheet events. The Company has no critical judgements or key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date which could have been subsequently affected by these events. There have been no further non-adjusting significant events affecting the Company after the year end.

Directors' and officers' liability

Directors' and officers' liability insurance has been purchased by the ultimate parent company, Centrica plc, and was in place throughout the year. The insurance does not provide cover in the event that the Director is proved to have acted fraudulently.

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Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable UK 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), including FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101). 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 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' Report confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and that they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as Directors to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information. This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

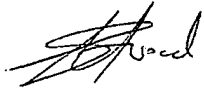
Auditors

In accordance with Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditors will be deemed to be reappointed and Deloitte LLP will therefore continue in office.

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Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

Approved by the Board on 30/06/2020 and signed on its behalf by:



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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Centrica Lake Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of Centrica Lake Limited (the 'Company'):

- 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 including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the Income Statement;
- the Statement of Financial Position;
- the Statement of Changes in Equity; and
- the related notes 1 to 17.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Basis for opinion

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

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Centrica Lake 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 auditor's 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 respect of these matters.

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, 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.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinion on other matter 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.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the Directors' Report.

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Centrica Lake Limited (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

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.

D. Winstone

Daryl Winstone (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Statutory Auditor
London
United Kingdom

Date: **30/6/20**

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Income Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Operating costs		(20)	(20)
Exceptional items - consultancy fees	5	(771)	(1,615)
Exceptional items - impairment	5	<u>(319,324)</u>	<u>-</u>
Operating loss		(320,115)	(1,635)
Finance income	6	<u>1,290</u>	<u>20,693</u>
(Loss)/profit before tax		(318,825)	19,058
Income tax credit/(expense)	9	<u>4</u>	<u>(91)</u>
(Loss)/profit for the year		<u><u>(318,821)</u></u>	<u><u>18,967</u></u>

The above results were derived from continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses in either period other than those shown above and accordingly no separate Statement of Comprehensive Income has been included in the Financial Statements.

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Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Non-current assets			
Investments	10	1,289,027	1,608,351
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables, and contract-related assets	11	<u>166,873</u>	<u>146,979</u>
Total assets		<u>1,455,900</u>	<u>1,755,330</u>
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables, and contract-related liabilities	12	<u>(902)</u>	<u>(1,511)</u>
Net current assets		<u>165,971</u>	<u>145,468</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,454,998</u>	<u>1,753,819</u>
Net assets		<u>1,454,998</u>	<u>1,753,819</u>
Equity			
Share premium		20,000	-
Retained earnings		<u>1,434,998</u>	<u>1,753,819</u>
Total equity		<u>1,454,998</u>	<u>1,753,819</u>

The financial statements on pages 11 to 24 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 30/06/2020 and signed on its behalf by:



Matthew Blake
Director

Company number 09223347

Centrica Lake Limited

Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

	Share capital £ 000	Share premium £ 000	Retained earnings £ 000	Total equity £ 000
At 1 January 2019	-	-	1,753,819	1,753,819
Loss for the year	-	-	(318,821)	(318,821)
Total comprehensive income	-	-	(318,821)	(318,821)
New share capital issued	-	20,000	-	20,000
At 31 December 2019	-	20,000	1,434,998	1,454,998

On 26th March 2019 the Company issued one ordinary share of £1 to GB Gas Holdings Limited at a premium of £19,999,999.

	Share capital £ 000	Retained earnings £ 000	Total equity £ 000
At 1 January 2018	-	1,734,852	1,734,852
Profit for the year	-	18,967	18,967
Total comprehensive income	-	18,967	18,967
At 31 December 2018	-	1,753,819	1,753,819

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

1 General information

Centrica Lake Limited (the 'Company') is a private company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales.

The address of its registered office and principal place of business is:

Millstream
Maidenhead Road
Windsor
Berkshire
SL4 5GD

The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Strategic Report on pages 1 to 3.

2 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

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

Changes in accounting policy

From 1 January 2019, the following standards and amendments are effective in the Company's Financial Statements:

- IFRS 16: 'Leases'

The first-time adoption did not have any impact on the financial statements as the Company has no leases which fall under the scope of IFRS 16.

Summary of disclosure exemptions

In these financial statements, as a qualifying entity the Company has applied the exemptions available under FRS 101 in respect of the following disclosures:

- the requirements of IAS 7 'Statement of Cash Flows';
- the statement of compliance with Adopted IFRSs;
- the effects of new but not yet effective IFRSs;
- prior year reconciliations for property, plant and equipment and intangible assets;
- the prior year reconciliations in the number of shares outstanding at the beginning and at the end of the year for share capital;
- disclosures in respect of related party transactions with wholly-owned subsidiaries in a group;
- disclosures in respect of the compensation of key management personnel; and
- disclosures in respect of capital management.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

As the consolidated financial statements of the Centrica plc group (the 'Group'), which are available from its registered office, include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 101 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- certain disclosures required by IAS 36 'Impairment of Assets' in respect of the impairment of goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets;
- certain disclosures required by IFRS 13 'Fair Value Measurement' and the disclosures required by IFRS 7 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures' have not been provided apart from those which are relevant for the financial instruments which are held at fair value;
- certain disclosures required by IFRS 3 'Business Combinations' in respect of business combinations undertaken by the Company; and
- disclosures of the net cash flows attributable to the operating, investing and financing activities of discontinued operations.

Measurement convention

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as Centrica plc, the ultimate parent company, currently intends to support the Company to ensure it can meet its obligations as they fall due, provided the Company remains a member of the Group. The Directors have received confirmation that Centrica plc intends to support the Company for at least one year after the financial statements were authorised for issue and that amounts owed to Group undertakings will not be required to be repaid to Centrica plc for the foreseeable future unless sufficient financial resources and facilities are available to the Company. The Directors are aware that while there are a range of future potential financial impacts upon the Group as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, they have satisfied themselves that, following assurances from the ultimate parent company underpinned by its detailed assessment, the Group will be able to support the Company if required under all reasonably foreseeable circumstances. The key financial impacts to the Group are expected to be increasing levels of bad debt, reduced energy consumption from business customers, and the lockdown restricting the ability to carry out non-essential work in customer's homes and premises. The Group has substantial liquidity available to mitigate these adverse impacts and has also taken quick action to preserve cash as announced in the trading statement on 2nd April 2020. The trading statement announced that the final 2019 dividend was cancelled, plans have been made to reduce cash expenditure by around £400m and management bonus payments have been paused. The Group going concern assessment included various sensitivities including the impacts of lower commodity pricing and a credit rating downgrade as well as mitigating actions such as reduction in capital expenditure and dividend reductions. The Centrica plc Board remains committed to maintaining a strong balance sheet. Moody's confirmed a Baa2 (stable) credit rating on 13 March and S&P confirmed a BBB (stable) credit rating on 31 March.

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Finance income

Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying value.

Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Taxation

Current tax, including UK corporation tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. Tax is recognised in the Income Statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in equity. In this case, the tax is recognised in equity.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all temporary differences identified at the reporting date, except to the extent that the deferred tax arises from the initial recognition of goodwill (if impairment of goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes) or the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which is not a business combination and at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit and loss. Temporary differences are differences between the carrying amount of the Company's assets and liabilities and their tax base.

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that the deductible temporary differences will reverse in the future and there is sufficient taxable profit available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Interests in associates

Associates are investments over which the Company has significant influence but not control or joint control, and generally holds between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. The Company's joint ventures and associates are accounted for at cost in accordance with IAS 27, less any provision for impairment as necessary.

Impairment

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

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

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its CGU exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. An impairment loss in respect of goodwill shall not be reversed in a subsequent period. In respect of other assets, impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount.

The Company provides for impairments of financial assets when there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of events that impact the estimated future cash flows of the financial assets.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Company's Statement of Financial Position when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are de-recognised when the Company no longer has the rights to cash flows, the risks and rewards of ownership or control of the asset. Financial liabilities are de-recognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expires.

- Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value, which is usually the original invoice amount, and are subsequently held at amortised cost using the effective interest method less an allowance for expected credit losses. Balances are written off when recoverability is assessed as being remote. If collection is due in one year or less, receivables are classified as current assets. If not they are presented as non-current assets.

- Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Equity instruments are measured at the fair value of the cash or other resources received or receivable. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction from the proceeds received. Own equity instruments that are re-acquired (treasury or own shares) are deducted from equity. No gain or loss is recognised in the Company's Income Statement on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Company's own equity instruments.

3 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, which are described in note 2, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and the associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. In the Directors' opinion there are no critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations (which are dealt with separately below).

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are discussed below.

Nuclear investment

The recoverable amount of the Nuclear investment is based on the value of the existing UK nuclear fleet operated by EDF. The existing fleet value is calculated by discounting pre-tax cash flows derived from the stations based on forecast power generation and power prices, whilst taking into account of planned outages and the possibility of life extensions. Further details of the methodology and assumptions are provided in notes 7 and S2 of the Group's Annual Report and Accounts 2019. Note that the Nuclear investment was not considered to be an asset held for sale as at the reporting date as its disposal was not deemed to be highly probable within one year.

4 Employees' costs

The Company has no direct employees (2018: zero).

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5 Exceptional items

The following exceptional items were recognised in arriving at operating profit for the reporting year:

	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Exceptional items - consultancy fees	(771)	(1,615)
Exceptional items - impairment	(319,324)	-
	<u>(320,095)</u>	<u>(1,615)</u>

Impairment

The recoverable amount of the Company's Nuclear investment is calculated by discounting pre-tax cash flows of the existing UK Nuclear fleet - an impairment of the nuclear investment has been booked during the year as the result of a reduction in price forecasts and availability issues at Hunterston and Dungeness

Consultancy fees

During 2018 it was announced that the Group would undertake a programme to divest its nuclear share. The disposal process continued during the year and the above exceptional items relate to legal, professional and consultancy fees associated with the disposal programme.

6 Net finance income/cost

Finance income

	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Interest income from amounts owed by Group undertakings	1,290	693
Dividend income	-	20,000
Total finance income	<u>1,290</u>	<u>20,693</u>

Finance cost

7 Directors' remuneration

The Directors were remunerated as employees of Centrica plc Group and did not receive any remuneration, from any source, for their services as Directors of the Company during the current or preceding financial year. Accordingly, no details in respect of their emoluments have therefore been included in these financial statements.

8 Auditors' remuneration

The Company paid the following amounts to its auditors in respect of the audit of the Financial Statements provided to the Company.

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8 Auditors' remuneration (continued)

	2019	2018
	£ 000	£ 000
Audit fees	<u>(20)</u>	<u>(20)</u>

Auditors' remuneration relates to fees for the audit of the financial statements of the Company.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption not to disclose amounts paid for non-audit services as these are disclosed in the Group Financial accounts of its ultimate parent, Centrica plc.

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9 Income tax

Tax credited in the Income Statement

	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Current taxation		
UK corporation tax at 19% (2018: 19%)	<u>(4)</u>	<u>91</u>

The main rate of corporation tax for the year to 31 December 2019 was 19% (2018: 19%). The corporation tax rate was due to reduce to 17% with effect from 1 April 2020. However, at the Budget on 11 March 2020 it was announced that the rate of corporation tax will remain at 19%.

The differences between the taxes shown above and the amounts calculated by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax to the profit before tax are reconciled below:

	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
(Loss)/profit before tax	<u>(318,825)</u>	<u>19,058</u>
Tax on profit at standard UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2018: 19%)	60,577	3,621
Increase (decrease) in current tax from adjustment for prior periods	91	-
Decrease (increase) from effect of revenues exempt from taxation	-	(3,800)
Increase (decrease) from effect of expenses not deductible in determining taxable profit (tax loss)	(60,672)	270
Increase (decrease) arising from group relief tax reconciliation	361	(310)
Increase (decrease) from transfer pricing adjustments	<u>(361)</u>	<u>310</u>
Total tax credit	<u>(4)</u>	<u>91</u>

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10 Investments

	Participating interests (associates and JVs) £ 000
Equity investments	
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2019	<u>2,240,539</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>2,240,539</u>
Provision	
At 1 January 2019	632,188
Impairments provided in the year	<u>319,324</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>951,512</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2019	<u>1,289,027</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>1,608,351</u>

The company owns 20% of the ownership interest and voting rights in Lake Acquisitions Limited, a holding company for nuclear investments with EDF which is incorporated in England and Wales.

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11 Trade and other receivables

	2019 Current £ 000	2018 Current £ 000
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	<u>166,873</u>	<u>146,979</u>

Within the amounts receivable from Group undertakings is a £120,000,000 (2018: £100,000,000) receivable relating to £100,000,000 pension dividends received from Lake Acquisitions Limited and a capital injection into the Company of £20,000,000. These sums have been loaned to Centrica plc under the terms of an agreement between the Company, EDF Energy Lake Limited and the Trustees of the British Energy Generation Group on 18 December 2014.

On 7 July 2014, Lake Acquisitions Limited entered into an agreement with the Trustees of the British Energy Generation Group of the Electricity Supply Pension Scheme as part of the scheme's triennial valuation. The results of this valuation indicated that the approach taken by the Trustees with respect to payments into the Electricity Supply Pension Scheme by EDF and Centrica in prior years could be revised. This agreement was therefore novated to the Company and to EDF Energy Lake Limited on 18 December 2014. Under the terms of the revised agreement lower deficit repair payments are being paid into the Electricity Supply Pension Scheme by Lake Acquisitions Limited's subsidiary companies. In exchange for these lower payments, security over the £120,000,000 loan receivable from Centrica plc has been provided in favour of the Trustees of the British Energy Generation Group. The security/guarantee is callable by the Trustees if certain events occur, including insolvency of Centrica plc or the Company or non-payment by Lake Acquisitions Ltd or its subsidiary companies of the scheduled pension contributions. An amendment agreement was signed on 29 June 2017 to adjust certain terms of the original agreement, although the principles referred to above remain unchanged. Under the terms of the agreement, including the amendment agreement, over the next four years security in favour of the Trustees will be provided over a further £24,000,000 (2018: £44,000,000) of loans to be provided to Centrica plc on receipt of an equivalent amount of dividends by the Company from Lake Acquisitions Limited.

The consequence of this arrangement is that the Company is unable to pay £120,000,000 (2018: £100,000,000) of the dividends received from Lake Acquisitions Limited on to the Company's shareholders as a dividend. The £120,000,000 has instead been converted into a loan on which interest is charged at LIBOR less 0.05%. The Directors believe that the likelihood of the security being called is remote.

Other amounts receivable from Group undertakings are interest free and repayable on demand.

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12 Trade and other payables

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
	Current £ 000	Current £ 000
Trade payables	195	29
Accrued expenses	433	1,391
Amounts owed to Group undertakings - corporation tax	274	91
	<u>902</u>	<u>1,511</u>

The amounts owed by Group undertakings have been presented on a net basis as there is a right of offset against certain amounts. All amounts owed by Group undertakings are interest-free, unsecured and repayable on demand.

13 Capital and reserves

Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	2019		2018	
	No.	£	No.	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

Share premium

Consideration transferred in excess of the nominal value of ordinary shares is allocated to share premium.

On 26th March 2019 the Company issued one ordinary share of £1 to GB Gas Holdings Limited at a premium of £19,999,999.

14 Related undertakings

The Company has related undertakings as follows:

Name	Principal activity	Country of incorporation	Class of shares held	Direct interest and voting rights (%)
Lake Acquisitions Limited	Holding company	United Kingdom	Ordinary shares	20.0%

The registered address for Lake Acquisitions Limited is 90 Whitfield Street, London, W1T 4EZ, United Kingdom.

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15 Related party transactions

	2019	2018
	Associates	Associates
	£ 000	£ 000
Dividend income	-	20,000

No provision for bad or doubtful debts owed by related parties was required.

16 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking

The immediate parent undertaking is GB Gas Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

The ultimate parent undertaking is Centrica plc, a company registered in England and Wales, which is the only company to include these financial statements in its consolidated financial statements. Copies of the Centrica plc consolidated financial statements may be obtained from www.centrica.com.

The registered address of Centrica plc is Millstream, Maidenhead Road, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 5GD.

17 Non adjusting events after the financial period

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, on 11 March 2020 the World Health Organisation declared the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak and resultant COVID-19 to be a global pandemic. The UK government moved to a 'delay' phase on 12 March, announced social distancing measures on 16 March, and unprecedented 'stay at home' restrictions on 23 March. The Company has therefore concluded that the necessity for large scale Government interventions in response to COVID-19 only became apparent after the balance sheet date and therefore the consequences of such interventions represent non-adjusting post balance sheet events. The Company has no critical judgements or key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date which could have been subsequently affected by these events. There have been no further non-adjusting significant events affecting the Company after the year end.

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, UK baseload power prices have further reduced by an average of 13% across the liquid periods. Were these price reductions to be sustained and impact longer term forecasts, this would increase the impairment charge recorded at December 2019.