# ASCO DECOMMISSIONING LIMITED (FORMERLY ENVIROCO LIMITED)

# **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended 31 December 2017

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# ASCO Decommissioning Limited (formerly Enviroco Limited) Strategic report

### Introduction

The directors present their Strategic Report on the Company for the year ended 31 December 2017.

### **Principal activities**

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of ASCO Holdings Limited. The company's principal activity during 2016 was the management of waste from both offshore and onshore. The services provided include marine and industrial tank cleaning, hazardous and non-hazardous waste management, decommissioning support, drill cuttings processing, container hire and training and advisory services.

On 1 January 2017 the company transferred the trade and assets of the waste management operations to ASCO UK Limited, another company in ASCO Group and from this date the company is largely dormant, retaining its investment in NORM Solutions Limited and the freehold property at Damhead, the latter of which was disposed of on 31 March 2017.

On 7 February 2018, the company's name changed from Enviroco Limited to ASCO Decommissioning Limited as the business was refocussed to capture opportunities arising in decommissioning of offshore installations in the UKCS.

## **Business Review**

Shareholders' equity remained at £14.1m at the end of the financial year.

#### **KPIs**

ASCO Group manages its operations on a divisional basis. For this reason, the Company's directors believe that further key performance indicators for the Company other than revenue and operating profit are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business.

The key performance indicators of the group are discussed in the Group's financial statements, and do not form part of this report.

# ASCO Decommissioning Limited (formerly Enviroco Limited) Strategic report

# Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company operates in the oil and gas sector which is a market driven, cyclical industry where activity is closely correlated with the market price for oil and gas. Changes in such prices may lead to an increase or decrease in oir activity levels. A sharp drop in the market oil and gas price during Q4 2014, which continued through 2016 and which has recovered slightly during 2017 and 2018 reduced activity throughout the industry as new projects were cancelled or delayed. This has led to increased competition in the market place which has put further downward pressure on prices.

We mitigate the imapct of this risk through endeavouring to secure longer term contracts with our clients where possible. Where appropriate we employ a flexible cost model such that we are able to change manning levels as activity changes

We operate a governance structure which should help to ensure that potential risks on contracts and projects are identified through review and challenge prior to execution. Our internal commercial and legal processes ensure that deviation to standard contracting principles must have the appropriate review and approval.

Although many of our customers have historically been blue chip international oil companies, we also work for independent operators, and, for ships agency services, vessel owners. Because of the significant capital expenditure requirements for our clients to develop oil and gas assets, and the cyclical nature of commodity prices, some of our clients can become financially distressed, particularly in a sustained downturn.

We seek to mitigate these risks through continuous monitoring of exposures to individual clients. Where possible we will seek payments in advance of services. We have robust escalation processes to chase overdue accounts with regular reviews with our senior management team.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

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M J Walker

Director

26 April 2018

# ASCO Decommissioning Limited (formerly Enviroco Limited) Directors' report

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

### Results and dividends

The profit for the financial year was £32,000 (2016: loss of £864,000). During the year, dividends totalling £nil were paid (2016: £8.0m). The directors recommend that no dividend be paid and the profit for the financial year will be transferred to the retained earnings reserve.

A more detailed review of the business is given in the Strategic Report.

# Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Company's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk.

The Company's principal financial assets are trade and other receivables. The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. This is mitigated to some extent by performing credit checks. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified trigger event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

### **Environmental policy**

The Company recognises the importance of its environmental responsibilities. The directors are aware of the need to comply with environmental regulations and are subject to regular visits by the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency in Scotland and the Environmental Agency in England.

### **Directors**

The directors of the Company who were in office during the year and up to date of signing the financial statements are set out on page 1.

# ASCO Decommissioning Limited (formerly Enviroco Limited) Directors' report

### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual 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 prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that year. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

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

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

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

# ASCO Decommissioning Limited (formerly Enviroco Limited) Directors' report

## **Directors' indemnities**

As permitted by the Articles of Association, the directors have the benefit of an indemnity which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision as defined by Section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. The indemnity was in force throughout the last financial year and is currently in force.

The Company also purchased and maintained throughout the financial year directors' and officers' liability insurance in respect of itself and its directors.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

M J Walker

Director

26 April 2018

# Report on the audit of the financial statements

# **Opinion**

In our opinion, ASCO Decommissioning Limited (formerly Enviroco Limited)'s financial statements:

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

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Statement of financial position; the Income statement, the Statement of changes in equity; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

### **Basis for opinion**

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

#### Independence

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

## Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

# Reporting on other information

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

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

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

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

# ASCO Decommissioning Limited (formerly Enviroco Limited) Independent auditors' report to the members of ASCO Decommissioning Limited (formerly Enviroco Limited)

Strategic Report and Directors' Report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2017 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report.

# Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on page 5, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Use of this report

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

# Other required reporting

### Companies Act 2006 exception reporting

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

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

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Bruce Collins (Senior Statutory Auditor)

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for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Aberdeen 26 April 2018

# ASCO Decommissioning Limited (formerly Enviroco Limited) Income statement For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Revenue Cost of sales	4	-	30,242 (27,696)
GROSS PROFIT		-	2,546
Administrative expenses Exceptional items	5	(72) 151	(2,516) (878)
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	6	79	(848)
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(47)	(90)
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION		32	(938)
Tax on profit/(loss)	9	-	74
PROFIT/(LOSS) AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		32	(864)

All of the Company's activities relate to continuing operations and the income statement has been prepared on that basis. The Company has no other comprehensive income other than as presented above.

Notes on pages 12 to 25 are an integral part of these financial statements.

# ASCO Decommissioning Limited (formerly Enviroco Limited) Statement of financial position As at 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	237	4,497
Investments	11		•
		237	4,497
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	12	<del>-</del>	351
Debtors	13	14,191	5,084
Cash at bank and in hand		-	8,680
	_	14,191	14,115
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	14	(45)	(4,227)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	_	14,146	9,888
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	14,383	14,385
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(252)	(286)
NET ASSETS	_	14,131	14,099
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CAPITAL AND RESERVES	16	660	660
Called up share capital Share premium	16	668 1,297	668 1,297
Retained earnings		1,297	1,297
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TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	_	14,131	14,099

Notes on pages 12 to 25 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 25 were approved by the board of directors and signed on its behalf by:

M J Walker Director

26 April 2018

# ASCO Decommissioning Limited (formerly Enviroco Limited) Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Called up Share share capital premium	•		•		Retained earnings	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000			
At 1 January 2016	668	1,297	20,998	22,963			
Result for the year	-	-	(864)	(864)			
Dividends paid		<u>-</u>	(8,000)	(8,000)			
At 31 December 2016	668	1,297	12,134	14,099			
Result for the year	<u>-</u>	<del>-</del>	32	32			
At 31 December 2017	668	1,297	12,166	14,131			

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The financial statements of ASCO Decommissioning Limited (formerly Enviroco Limited) for the year ended 31 December 2017 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors and the statement of financial position was signed on the Board's behalf by M J Walker on 26 April 2018.

ASCO Decommissioning Limited (formerly Enviroco Limited) ("the Company") is a private limited company incorporated and domiciled in the Scotland.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework (FRS 101). The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention.

The specific accounting policies adopted which are consistently applied in preparing the financial statements are described below. The financial statements are presented in Pounds Sterling and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand (£'000) unless otherwise indicated.

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# 2.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101, 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101) and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

FRS 101 sets out a reduced disclosure framework for a 'qualifying entity'. The Company is a 'qualifying entity' as it is included in the consolidated financial statements of ASCO Group Limited. Note 21 gives details of the Company's controlling entities. The Company's shareholders have confirmed their agreement to the presentation of reduced disclosures.

The application of FRS 101 has enabled the Company to take advantage of certain disclosure exemptions that would have been required had the Company adopted International Financial Reporting Standards in full.

In particular, the Company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions under FRS 101:

- (a) the requirements of paragraphs 10(d), 16, 39(c) and 134-136 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements:
- (b) the requirements of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- (c) the requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors;
- (d) the requirements of paragraph 17 of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures;
- (e) the requirements in IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary which is a party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member;
- (f) the requirements of IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures;

The accounting policies which follow set out those policies which apply in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017.

# 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### 2.2 Group financial statements

The Company is exempt from preparing consolidated financial statements in accordance with section 400 of the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements of the Company are included within the consolidated financial statements of its ultimate UK holding company, ASCO Group Limited, a company registered in England.

### 2.3 Foreign currencies

The Company's financial statements are presented in Pounds Sterling, which is also the functional currency.

Assets, liabilities, revenues and costs denominated in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the dates of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are translated at year end rates of exchange. All exchange differences arising are reported as part of the results for the year.

### 2.4 Taxation

The tax expense for the current year comprises current tax and deferred tax.

### 2.4a Current tax

Current income tax is based on the taxable result for the year and the Company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Taxable income differs from loss as reported in the income statement because it excludes or includes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible.

The Company is part of a group that obtains the benefits of tax losses from other group companies in the form of group relief. Group relief is provided for nil consideration between group companies.

#### 2.4b Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes at the reporting date. Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that a taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, carried forward tax credits or tax losses can be utilised. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates and tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Tax is charged or credited directly to equity if it relates to items that are credited or charged to equity. Otherwise, tax is recognised in the income statement.

# 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.5 Financial liabilities

The Company's management determines the identification of financial liabilities at initial recognition. The Company's financial liabilities include payables and loans with fellow group companies.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings, carried at amortised cost. This includes directly attributable transaction costs.

### Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires.

# Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset with the net amount reported in the consolidated statement of financial position only if there is a current enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and an intent to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

# 2.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and/or accumulated impairment losses, if any. The cost of fixed assets is their purchase cost together with any directly related costs of acquisition.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at annual rates calculated to write off the cost on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets. There is no depreciation charged on assets when construction is in progress. The rates of depreciation are as follows:

**Buildings** 

25 years

Short leasehold

over the period of the lease

Plant and equipment

2 to 10 years

## 2.7 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

# 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 2.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less provision for impairment.

#### 2.9 Leases

The determination of whether an arrangement is, or contains, a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement at inception date. The arrangement is assessed for whether fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets or the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset or assets, even if that right is not explicitly specified in the arrangement.

Assets held under finance leases are capitalised at their fair value on the inception of the leases and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their estimated useful lives. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the length of the lease.

#### 2.10 Pensions

The Company participates in a group defined contribution scheme. The charge to the income statement is the amount of contributions payable to the scheme in the year.

## 2.11 Revenue recognition

Revenue derived from the supply of waste management and industrial services is recognised upon provision of the services. Revenue is recognised on the basis of services provided to date and revenue is deferred in circumstances where it has not yet been earned. Costs incurred on providing the services in terms of these contracts are recognised in the period in which they are incurred.

Revenue derived from the supply of services is recognised upon provision of the services. Revenue is recognised on the basis of services provided to date and revenue is deferred in circumstances where it has not yet been earned.

### 2.12 Exceptional items

Items that are material either because of their size or their nature, or that are non-recurring are considered as exceptional items and are presented within the line items to which they best relate.

### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of the amount, event or actions, actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates. An explanation of key uncertainties or assumptions used by the management in accounting for these items is explained, where material, in the respective notes.

#### 4. REVENUE

Revenue is derived from the Company's principal activities and is stated net of value added tax. All revenue in 2016 was in relation to sales in the UK. There were no trading revenues in 2017.

### 5. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

Items that are material either because of their size or their nature, or that are non-recurring are considered as exceptional items and are presented within the line items to which they best relate. During the year, exceptional items detailed below have been included separately in the income statement.

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Gain on sale of fixed assets	(151)	
Site closure costs	-	878

During the year, the company disposed of a property resulting in a gain on sale of £151,000. During the prior year, the company incurred exceptional costs following its decision to terminate operations at one of its waste processing facilities.

# 6. OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)

Operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Depreciation - owned assets	25	1,434
Depreciation - assets held under hire purchase contracts	22	158
Operating lease rentals	-	1,022
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	-	(23)
Auditors' remuneration		
During the year, the Company obtained the following services from the Company's aud	ditors and their assoc	ciates:
	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Audit services		15
7. STAFF COSTS		
	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	-	4,667
Social security costs	-	439
Other pension costs		176

5,282

# 7. STAFF COSTS (CONTINUED)

Average monthly number of persons employed		
	2017	2016
By activity:	No.	No.
Administration	-	30
Operations	-	99
	-	129

The directors were also directors of other group companies. They do not consider it possible to determine the proportion of their remuneration that is specifically related to their services as directors of the Company.

# 8. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

8.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
		2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Intere	est payable on finance leases	<del>—————————————————————————————————————</del>	90
9.	TAX ON PROFIT/(LOSS)		
(a)	Income tax expense/(credit)		
		2017 £'000	2016 £'000
	ent tax orporation tax on profits/(losses) for the year		-
	rred tax		
_	nation and reversal of timing differences t of changes in tax rate	<u> </u>	(70) (4)
		-	(74)
Tax cl	harge/(credit) on profit/(loss)	-	(74)

# 9. TAX ON PROFIT/(LOSS) (CONTINUED)

# (b) Reconciliation of total tax charge/(credit)

The charge/(credit) for the year is lower (2016: lower) than that obtained by applying the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.25% (2016: 20.00%) to the profit / (loss) before taxation. The difference is explained below:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Profit / (loss) before taxation		(938)
UK Corporation tax at standard rate 19.25% (2016: 20.00%)	7	(188)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	-	2
Income not taxable	-	(30)
Fixed asset differences	(29)	117
Tax rate changes	-	17
Group relief not paid for	22	-
Deferred tax not recognised	-	8
Total tax charge/(credit) for the year	-	(74)

The Company did not recognise deferred income tax assets of £72,000 (2016: £76,000) and £44,000 (2016: £nil) in respect of losses that can be carried forward against future taxable income and other timing differences that will reverse in future periods respectively.

During the year, the UK corporation tax rate changed from 20% to 19%, effective 1 April 2017.

# 10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Cost	Land & Buildings £'000	Plant & Equipment £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2017	4,203	11,853	16,056
Disposals	(1,852)	11,655	(1,852)
Group transfer	(2,012)	(11,853)	(13,865)
At 31 December 2017	339	-	339
Accumulated Depreciation			
At 1 January 2017	1,825	9,734	11,559
Charge for the year	47	-	47
Disposals	(1,034)	-	(1,034)
Group transfer	(736)	(9,734)	(10,470)
At 31 December 2017	102	<u>-</u>	102
Net Book Value At 31 December 2017	237	-	237
At 31 December 2016	2,378	2,119	4,497

During the year, assets with a cost of £13,865,000 and accumulated depreciation of £10,470,000 were transferred to ASCO UK Limited.

Land and buildings comprise:

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Heritable	-	792
Short Leasehold	237	1,586
	237	2,378
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# 10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (CONTINUED)

The net carrying value of tangible fixed assets includes the following in respect of held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts:

·				2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Plant and Equipment Land and Buildings				- 237	268 259
				237	527
Depreciation charge for the year in res	pect of lease assets	·			158
11. INVESTMENTS					
Cost and net book value At 1 January 2017				_	£'000
At 31 December 2017				=	-
The Company has the following interes	sts in an associated u	ndertaking			
·	Class of shares	% owned	Country of registration	Registered address	Nature of business
NORM Solutions Limited	Ordinary	50%	Scotland	Unit A, 11 Harvest Avenue, D2 Business Park, Dyce, Aberdeen,	NORM treatment

Peterhead Decommissioning Limited was dissolved on 10 March 2017.

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### 12. STOCKS

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Finished goods	1 000	351
Thistica goods		

The difference between the purchase price of stocks and their replacement cost is not material.

The cost of inventories recognised as an expense and included in "cost of sales" amounted to £nil (2016: £nil).

### 13. DEBTORS

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Trade debtors	-	1,968
Amounts owed by group undertakings	12,715	5
Prepayments and accrued income	-	1,165
Other debtors	1,476	1,946
	14,191	5,084

The carrying value of trade and other receivables are approximate to fair value. There are no non-current receivables included in the above figures.

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, repayable on demand and have no fixed repayment date.

# 14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Trade creditors	-	1,881
Amounts owed to group undertakings	23	1,011
Finance lease creditor	22	63
Accruals and deferred income		1,272
	45	4,227

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, repayable on demand and have no fixed repayment date.

## 15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2017	2016
	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Finance lease creditor	252	286
Split as follows:		
Repayable within 1 year (note 14)	22	63
Repayable 1-5 years	124	121
Repayable over 5 years	128	165
	274	349
16. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
Ordinary shares of £1 each		
	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Allotted, called up and fully paid	224	224
333,751 (2016: 333,751) A ordinary shares of £1 each	334	334
333,751 (2016: 333,751) B ordinary shares of £1 each		334
	668	668

# 17. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The group bank loans and overdraft are secured by standard securities over certain properties of the group and bonds and floating charges over the assets of a number of group companies. Cross guarantees also exist with other group companies. The contingent liability of the Company under these arrangements at 31 December 2017 amounted to £134,712,000 (2016: £145,062,000).

## 18. COMMITMENTS

At 31 December the Company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
No later than one year	-	378
Later than one year and no later than five years	-	800
Later than five years	-	388
		1,566

### 19. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Company participates in the group defined contribution scheme. The pension charge shown in note 7 represents contributions payable by the Company to the defined contribution scheme and amounted to £nil (2016: £176,000). The amount outstanding at 31 December 2017 was £nil (2016: £nil).

#### 20. RELATED PARTIES

The following transactions were carried out with related parties:

-	Sales to related party	from related	Loan balance due from related party	Balance due from related party
2017	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
NORM Solutions Limited	-	2	1,476	1,476
	Sales to related party	from related	Loan balance due from related party	Balance due from related party
2016	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
NORM Solutions Limited	66	319	1,476	1,483

Amounts owed by NORM Solutions Limited are unsecured, interest free, repayable on demand and have no fixed repayment date.

## 21. CONTROLLING PARTIES

The Company is a subsidiary undertaking of ASCO Holdings Limited, a company registered in Scotland. Copies of its financial statements can be obtained from the Company Secretary at ASCO Group Headquarters, Unit A, 11 Harvest Avenue, D2 Business Park, Dyce, Aberdeen, AB21 0BQ.

The ultimate parent company is ASCO Group Holdings Limited, a company registered in Jersey.

The financial statements of ASCO Group Limited, the ultimate UK holding company, which reflect the consolidation of the Company, are available from the Company Secretary at ASCO Group Headquarters, Unit A, 11 Harvest Avenue, D2 Business Park, Dyce, Aberdeen, AB21 OBQ.

The ultimate controlling party is limited partnerships constituting Doughty Hanson & Co V, a fund managed by Doughty Hanson & Co Managers Limited.

## 22. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

On 7 February 2018 the company changed its registered name from Enviroco Limited to ASCO Decommissioning Limited.