

**PGS EM LIMITED** 

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

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# PGS EM LIMITED REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS COMPANY INFORMATION

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# PGS EM LIMITED STRATEGIC REPORT

The director presents his Strategic Report for the year ended 31 December 2018.

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the company is the development and commercial deployment of a system to provide geophysical services to the oil and gas industry.

The company is a member of the PGS Group ("the group"), a Norwegian registered oil services group providing geophysical services worldwide. The group provides a broad range of geophysical and reservoir services, including seismic data acquisition, processing, interpretation and field evaluation. It also possesses a substantial international MultiClient seismic data library.

#### **Business review**

The loss for the year after taxation is \$5,953,000 (2017: \$4,208,000). The director does not recommend payment of a dividend (2017: \$nil).

During 2017, the company completed a marine acquisition project in the Barents Sea. The seismic market was challenging in 2017 with significant seasonal swings. To address the continued difficult market fundamentals, the PGS Group implemented a centralised, simplified and streamlined organization, and as a result the company's EM offering has been temporarily suspended from 1 January 2018.

While market conditions showed improvement during 2018, there is a risk that a market recovery will take some time. Even though renewables are expected to be the fastest growing energy source, fossil fuels is, and will remain, a significant source of global energy supplies for several decades. With the added challenge of natural decline of existing fields, significant investments will be required to meet future demand for oil and gas.

The company holds intangible assets amounting to \$271,000 (2017: \$348,000) comprising patents and licences relating to electromagnetic (EM) technology. Despite the temporary suspension of EM activities, management believe that the technology retains economic benefit and will generate positive cash flows in the UK sector for the company in the future.

## Principal risks and uncertainties of the company

From the perspective of the company, the principal risks and uncertainties are so integrated with the principal risks of the group that they are not managed separately. Accordingly, the principal risks and uncertainties of the Petroleum Geo-Services Group, which include those of the company, are discussed below.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties of the group

The group is exposed to adverse changes in interest rates, which is managed through financial instruments such as interest rate swaps.

A portion of the group's foreign currency exchange risk on cash flows related to sales, expenses, financing and investing transactions in currencies other than the US dollar are hedged through forward currency exchange contracts.

Credit risk relating to the group's trade receivables is relatively limited due to the nature of the customer base and the historic low level of losses on trade receivables. Ongoing credit evaluations of customers are used to manage exposure to this type of risk.

Liquidity risk is the risk that the group will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations as they fall due. The PGS Group had a substantial liquidity reserve including unutilised drawings of the Revolving Credit Facility of \$257.3million as of 31 December 2018, which can be used to meet the group's funding commitments if called upon.

By operating seismic vessels, the group is exposed to commodity risk in the form of fuel price fluctuations. The group seeks to pass fuel price risk to customers on a majority of contract work.

# PGS EM LIMITED STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

### Principal risks and uncertainties of the group (continued)

Demand for the group's products and services are heavily influenced by oil and gas prices and the focus areas of oil and gas companies' spending. The profitability of the group is subject to a number of operational risks, including increased competition, attractiveness of technology, changes in governmental regulations, licences and permits and adverse weather conditions.

The principal risks and uncertainties of the PGS Group, which include those of the company, are discussed in more detail on pages 39 to 41 of the group's annual report.

#### Key performance indicators ("KPIs")

The directors of the PGS Group manage the group's operations on a divisional basis. For this reason, the company's directors believe that analysis using key performance indicators for the company is not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of PGS EM Limited. The development, performance and position of the group, which includes the company, is discussed on pages 34 to 43 of the group's annual report which does not form part of this report.

Signed on behalf of the Board by:

G Langseth Director

18 July 2019

# PGS EM LIMITED DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The director presents his Report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

#### Results and dividends

The loss for the year after taxation is \$5,953,000 (2017: \$4,208,000). The director does not recommend payment of a dividend (2017: \$nil).

#### **Future developments**

The future development of the business has been outlined in the Strategic Report.

#### Directors of the company

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

G Langseth

C Richards (resigned on 25 May 2018)

#### Employee involvement, disabled persons, health & safety

The company has developed a network for communicating with employees, including those in remote locations or at sea. Pertinent and topical information is distributed on a regular basis and channels for feedback are clearly established. Financial information is available from the parent company's web site and industry and technical news items are distributed and discussed at regular intervals.

The company will always give due consideration for job vacancies to disabled persons and, should an employee working in a harsh environment become disabled, full consideration will be given to retaining that person in alternative work wherever possible.

The company aspires to the highest standards of health, safety and regard for the environment. It participates in industry forums and maintains an active information and reporting system for areas of operation with particular risks.

#### Charitable and political donations

The company made no political or charitable donations during 2018 (2017: \$nil).

## Going concern

The director has considered the financial position the company, including the arrangements with its ultimate parent company, PGS ASA. The directors have also considered the financial position of PGS ASA, including centralised treasury arrangements.

The company has received assurance from PGS ASA that it will continue to receive financial support for a period of at least 12 months from the signing of the accounts in order to meet its obligations as they fall due. Based on their assessment, the director has no reason to believe that a material uncertainty exists that may cast doubt on the ability of PGS ASA to continue to provide financial support. Therefore, the director is satisfied, at the time of approving the financial statements, that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

#### Information to the auditor

The director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- 1. So far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware; and
- 2. the director has taken all steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

# PGS EM LIMITED DIRECTOR'S REPORT (continued)

## **Auditor**

Pursuant to section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditors will be deemed to be re-appointed and Ernst & Young LLP will therefore continue in office.

Signed on behalf of the Board by:

G Langseth Director

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18 July 2019

# PGS EM LIMITED STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The director is responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the director has elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' ('FRS 101'). Under company law the director must not approve the financial statements unless he is 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 director is 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 director is 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. He is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PGS EM LIMITED

## **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of PGS EM Limited for the year ended 31 December 2018 which comprise the Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 17, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework".

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its loss for the year then
  ended:
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. 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 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 have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the director has 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.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Report and financial statements, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The director is responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this 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 the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

#### OF PGS EM LIMITED (continued)

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

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

- the information given in the 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 Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

#### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 6, the director is 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 director is 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 director either intends 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 Financial Reporting Council's website at https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

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

Kenneth MacLeod Hall (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor

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# PGS EM LIMITED STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Note	2018 \$ 000	2017 \$ 000
Revenue		-	550
Cost of sales		(79)	(1,060)
Gross loss		(79)	(510)
Administrative expenses		(120)	2
Operating loss	5	(199)	(508)
Interest payable	8	(5,754)	(3,700)
Loss before taxation		(5,953)	(4,208)
Taxation	9	-	_
Loss for the year		(5,953)	(4,208)
Other comprehensive income		<u> </u>	-
Total comprehensive loss		(5,953)	(4,208)

The company's results are derived from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements

# PGS EM LIMITED BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Note	2018 \$ 000	2017 \$ 000
Long term assets			
Intangible assets	10	271	348
Current assets			
Debtors	11	264	341
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(96,626)	(90,825)
		(30,020)	(30,823)
Net current liabilities		(96,362)	(90,484)
Total assets less current liabilities		(96,091)	(90,136)
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	<del>-</del>	. (2)
Net liabilities	4.4	(96,091)	(90,138)
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	14	14,854	14,854
Profit and loss account		(110,945)	(104,992)
Shareholders' deficit	_	(96,091)	(90,138)

These financial statements were approved by the Board on [8] July 2019, and signed on its behalf by:

G Langseth

Director

Registered number: SC243297

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements

# PGS EM LIMITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Share capital \$ 000	Profit and loss account \$ 000	Total \$ 000
At 1 January 2018	14,854_	(104,992)	(90,138)
Loss for the year	-	(5,953)	(5,953)
Other comprehensive income	· <u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive loss	<u> </u>	(5,953)	(5,953)
At 31 December 2018	14,854	(110,945)	(96,091)
	Share capital \$ 000	Profit and loss account \$ 000	Total \$ 000
At 1 January 2017	14,854	(100,784)	(85,930)
Loss for the year	-	(4,208)	(4,208)
Other comprehensive income			
Total comprehensive loss	<u> </u>	(4,208)	(4,208)
At 31 December 2017	14,854	(104,992)	(90,138)

#### 1 General information

PGS EM Limited provides consulting services to the oil and gas industry. The company is a private company and is incorporated and domiciled in Scotland. The address of its registered office is c/o Cameron McKenna LLP, Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2EN.

#### 2 Authorisation of financial statements and statement of compliance with FRS 101

The financial statements of PGS EM Limited (the "company") for the year ended 31 December 2018 were authorised for issue by the board of directors on \$\frac{18}{8}\$ July 2019 and the Balance Sheet was signed on the board's behalf by G Langseth.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' ('FRS 101') and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The company's financial statements are presented in US dollars as this is the currency in which the company operates.

#### 3 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been consistently applied in deciding the items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The company has been determined to meet the criteria of a 'qualifying entity' under the definition in FRS 101. The financial statements in which the company is consolidated are available from the ultimate parent company as detailed in note 17.

The accounting policies which follow set out those policies which apply in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

#### Summary of disclosure exemptions

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions under FRS 101:

- the requirements of paragraphs 45(b) and 46-52 of IFRS 2 Share based Payment, because the share based payment arrangement concerns the instruments of another group entity;
- the requirements of IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures,
- the requirements of paragraphs 91-99 of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement,
- the requirement in paragraph 38 of IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements' to present comparative information in respect of:
  - (i) paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1;
  - (ii) paragraph 73(e) of IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment;
  - (iii) paragraph 118(e) of IAS 38 Intangible Assets;
- the requirements of paragraphs 10(d), 10(f), 39(c) and 134-136 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements;
- the requirements of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors;
- the requirements of paragraph 17 of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures;
- 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; and
- the requirements of paragraphs 134(d)-134(f) and 135(c)-135(e) of IAS 36 Impairment of Assets.

#### 3 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Going concern

The company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development and position, are set out in the Business review section of the Strategic Report.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which the directors believe to be appropriate for the following reasons. The company is dependent for its working capital on funds provided to it by PGS ASA ("PGS"), the company's ultimate parent undertaking. PGS has provided the company with an undertaking that for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements, it will continue to make available such funds as are needed by the company and in particular will not seek repayment of the amounts currently made available. This should enable the company to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future by meeting its liabilities as they fall due for payment. The director of the company is satisfied with the ability of PGS to meet their undertaking.

The company participates in the group's centralised treasury arrangements and so shares banking arrangements with its parent and fellow subsidiaries. At 31 December 2018, the PGS Group's liquidity reserve, cash and cash equivalents and the undrawn part of the Revolving Credit Facility ("RCF") was \$159.5 million. The undrawn portion of the RCF constitutes a significant portion of the PGS Group's liquidity reserve. The RCF matures in September 2020 and has a drawing limit of \$350 million, reduced by \$50 million from \$400 million in September 2018. As of 31 December 2018, PGS had drawings of \$265.0 million outstanding on the RCF.

At December 31, 2018 the total leverage maintenance ratio ("TLR") was 2.58:1, well below the maximum level of 3.50:1. The maximum TLR will be reduced by 0.25:1 each of the following three quarters to come down to 2.75:1 by end of Q3 2019 and will thereafter stay at 2.75:1 for the remaining life of the facility.

If PGS ultimately ends up breaching this covenant, the breach would represent an event of default under the loan agreement. In such case PGS may be able to continue to access the RCF if PGS receives a waiver of the breach or implements remedial actions acceptable to the lenders thereunder. Should a breach continue without a waiver or re-mediation by PGS, the RCF agent or a majority of the RCF banks could ultimately declare default and demand a repayment of drawings on the RCF which again would represent an event of default in most of PGS' other loan agreements and debt instruments. However, this scenario is in PGS' view highly unlikely since firstly PGS believes it has plans and available measures to avoid an event of default and secondly even in an event of default, several viable alternatives to avoid acceleration would exist.

As with any company placing reliance on other group entities for financial support, the director acknowledges that there can be no certainty that this support will continue, although, at the date of approval of these financial statements, they have no reason to believe that it will not do so.

On the basis of their assessment of the company's financial position and available liquidity resources, including the current structure and terms of the ultimate parent company debt, the company's director has a reasonable expectation that the company has sufficient funding and liquidity to be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

#### Foreign currency transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded at the USD exchange rate prevailing at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated into USD at the rates prevailing on the reporting period date. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of foreign currency transactions and from the translation of realised and unrealised monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss.

# 3 Accounting policies (continued)

#### **Taxation**

Income tax expense is comprised of current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the Statement of Profit and Loss, except to the extent that it relates to items taken directly to the Statement of Other Comprehensive Income.

Current tax is the tax expected to be paid to or recovered from taxation authorities in respect of taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantially enacted during the period.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the liability method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes, and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on tax rates that are expected to apply in the year of realisation or settlement, using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax is not recognised on temporary differences arising from the initial recognition of goodwill, or relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that the temporary difference can be controlled by the Company and will probably not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognized only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as probable that there will be sufficient taxable profits in the foreseeable future against which the asset can be utilised.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset when a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities, and the deferred taxes are related to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are classified as long-term in the Balance Sheet.

## Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired separately are measured on initial recognition at cost. Following initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment. The cost of internally generated intangible assets is expensed as incurred.

Patents, licenses and technology are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment. Amortisation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated period of benefit, ranging from one to fifteen years.

# Impairment of intangibles

Intangible assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated to determine the extent of the impairment, if any. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of (i) its fair value less cost to sell and (ii) its value in use. This determination is made for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted. If the carrying amount of an asset (or cash generating unit) exceeds its recoverable amount, the carrying amount is reduced to its recoverable amount and the impairment is recognised immediately and presented separately in the Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

Where a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be identified, corporate assets are also allocated to individual cash-generating units, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of cash-generating units for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis can be identified.

## 3 Accounting policies (continued)

Reversal of impairment is recognised if the circumstances that gave rise to the impairment no longer exist. The carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount. The increased carrying amount may not exceed the carrying amount that would have existed had no impairment been recognised for the asset. The reversal is presented separately in the Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

#### Research and development

Research costs are expensed as incurred. An internally generated intangible asset arising from development (or from the development phase of an internal project) is recognised if all of the following have been demonstrated: technical and commercial feasibility of completing the intangible asset so that it will be available for use or sale; the intention to complete the intangible asset and use or sell it; the ability to use or sell the intangible asset; how the intangible asset will generate probable future economic benefits; the availability of adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development to use or sell the intangible asset; and the ability to measure reliably the expenditure attributable to the intangible asset during its development.

The amount initially recognised for internally generated intangible assets is the sum of the expenditure incurred from the date on which the intangible asset first satisfies the recognition criteria above. All other development costs are expensed as incurred.

Subsequent to initial recognition, internally generated intangible assets are reported at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment, on the same basis as intangible assets acquired separately. Capitalised development costs are amortised on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset.

#### **Defined contribution pension plans**

The company pays contributions to privately administered pension insurance plans on a mandatory, contractual or voluntary basis. The company has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

## **Bonus plans**

The company recognises a provision for bonus where contractually obliged or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation.

#### Share based payments

Restricted Stock Unit Plans are measured at the grant date using the current market value reduced by expected dividends paid before the vesting date, which is then further discounted.

Performance Restricted Stock Unit Plans are measured at the grant date using a Monte Carlo simulation with relative total shareholder return. The model simulates the future stock prices based on historical values over the length of the lifetime for the PRSU. The Relative TSR is calculated against a group of peer companies, where every company is ranked based on the simulations. If the rank is in the 25th percentile, 0% of the performance is met, if the rank is in the 75th percentile, 100% of the performance is met. There is a linear relationship between the percentiles. The awards are adjusted for expected future dividends. Social security tax on PRSU and RSU is based on the intrinsic value as of the end of the reporting period.

#### 3 Accounting policies (continued)

## Financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the company becomes party to the contractual obligations of the relevant instrument. The company classifies its financial instruments in the following categories: at fair value through profit and loss, at fair value through Other Comprehensive Income or at amortised cost. The company determines the classification of financial instruments at initial recognition.

Financial instruments at fair value through profit and loss

This category comprises financial assets and liabilities held for trading, including all derivative instruments. Financial instruments in this category are initially recorded at fair value, and transaction costs are expensed in the Statement of Profit and Loss. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value are included in the Statement of Profit and Loss in the period in which they arise.

Financial instruments at fair value through Other Comprehensive Income

On initial recognition, an election can be made to classify investments in equity instruments at fair value through Other Comprehensive Income. Financial instruments in this category are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value, with gains and losses arising from changes in fair value recognised in Other Comprehensive Income.

#### Financial instruments at amortised cost

Financial assets and liabilities in this category are initially recognised at fair value, and subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest method less any allowance for impairment. This category includes accounts receivable, accounts payable and loans and other borrowings.

#### Impairment of financial assets

At each reporting date, the company measures the loss allowance for the financial asset at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses. For accounts receivables and contract assets, the company uses a simplified approach in calculating expected credit losses. The company recognises a loss allowance using factors including aging of accounts, historical experience, customer concentration, customer creditworthiness and current industry and economic trends. An impairment loss, amounting to any difference between the carrying amount of the loss allowance and the expected credit losses at the reporting date, is recognized in the Statement of Profit and Loss.

#### New and amended standards and interpretations

#### IFRS 9 Financial Instruments

The new financial instruments standard, IFRS 9, replaced existing IFRS requirements for financial instruments effective from 1 January 2018.

The company has completed a detailed assessment of its financial assets and liabilities as at 1 January 2018. The new classification of financial instruments under IFRS 9 is as follows:

Accounts and other receivables: these items previously classified as loans and receivables are classified and continue to be measured at amortised cost.

Accounts payable and accrued expenses: these items continue to be classified and measured at amortised cost.

The company has assessed the classification of comparable figures for the year ended 31 December 2018. The standard did not have any material effect on the classification and valuation of financial assets or liabilities.

Other amendments issued during the year do not have a significant impact on the financial statements.

#### Standards issued but not yet effective (which the company has not early adopted)

Standards and interpretations that are issued up to the date of issuance of the financial statements, but not yet effective, including IFRS 16 Leases, are not expected to have a material impact on the company's financial statements. The company's intention is to adopt the relevant new and amended standards and interpretations when they become effective, subject to EU approval before the financial statements are issued.

## 4 Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with FRS 101 requires management to make estimates, assumptions and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. In many circumstances, the ultimate outcome related to the estimates, assumptions and judgments may not be known for several years after the preparation of the financial statements. Actual amounts may differ materially from these estimates due to changes in general economic conditions, changes in laws and regulations, changes in future operating plans and the inherent imprecision associated with estimates.

Management do not consider there to be any sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

### 5 Operating loss

Arrived at after charging/(crediting)

	2018 \$ 000	2017 \$ 000
Amortisation expense (Note 10)	77	78
Foreign exchange losses/(gains)	23	(24)
Auditor's remuneration - Audit of the financial statements	3	10

### 6 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs (including directors' remuneration) were as follows:

	2018 \$ 000	2017 \$ 000
Wages and salaries	-	197
Social security costs	-	23
Pension costs, defined contribution scheme	-	19
Share based payments		11
		250

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, analysed by category was as follows:

	2018	2017
	No.	No.
Sales and administration	<del>_</del>	1_

#### 7 Directors' remuneration

None of the directors received any fees or remunerations for services as a director of the company during the financial year (2017: Nil).

The remuneration of the directors is paid by the ultimate parent company, which makes no recharges to the company. The directors act in a group capacity only and do not allocate specific time to the company and therefore it is not possible to make an accurate apportionment of their emoluments in respect of the company.

8 Interest	payable
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	2018	2017
	\$ 000	\$ 000
Interest payable on group loans	5,754	3,700

#### 9 Taxation

## (a) Analysis of tax charge

	2018 \$ 000	2017 \$ 000
Current taxation		
UK corporation tax	-	-
Deferred taxation	-	
Tax charge		

### (b) Factors affecting current tax charge

The tax on loss before tax for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2017 – 19.25%). The differences are reconciled below:

	2018 \$ 000	2017 \$ 000
(Loss) before tax	. (5,953)	(4,208)
Corporation tax at standard rate	(1,131)	(809)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1,093	712
Tax losses on which no deferred tax asset has been recognised	69	19
Movement in temporary differences unrecognised for deferred tax	(31)	(37)
Group relief surrendered for nil consideration	<u> </u>	115
Total tax charge	-	

#### 9 Taxation (continued)

#### (c) Deferred tax

The company has carried forward temporary differences as shown below that are available indefinitely to be offset against future taxable profits. Deferred tax assets have been recognised in relation to those losses and other temporary differences where they satisfy the recognition criteria for deferred tax assets in line with FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'.

As at 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2017, the deferred tax assets in respect of unrelieved losses, decelerated capital allowances and other temporary differences were not recognised due to the uncertainty as to when these will be recovered. The value of the unrecognised deferred tax assets being \$10,368,000 as at 31 December 2018 in relation to unrelieved losses (2017 -\$10,347,000), \$106,000 as at 31 December 2018 in relation to decelerated capital allowances (2017 - \$163,000) and \$76,000 as at 31 December 2018 in relation to other temporary differences (2017 - \$76,000).

The UK tax rate is in the process of being reduced to 17%. At 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2017, the UK tax rates that had been substantively enacted were 19% (effective from 1 April 2017) and 17% (effective from 1 April 2020). Due to the uncertainty around when the timing differences will be recovered, the tax rate used for the deferred tax asset calculations at the balance sheet date is 17% (2017: 17%).

### 10 Intangible assets

	Patents and licences \$'000
Cost	
At 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018	1,198
Amortisation	
At 1 January 2018	850
Charge for the year	77
At 31 December 2018	927
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2018	271
At 31 December 2017	348

Patents and licences are amortised over 15 years, being the period until expiry of the legal rights.

## 11 Debtors

	2018 \$ 000	2017 \$ 000
Trade debtors	3	-
Amounts receivable from group undertakings	247	142
VAT recoverable	14	143
Other debtors		56
	264	341

Amounts receivable from other group undertakings are treated as trading balances and do not bear any interest.

#### 12 Creditors

	<b>2018</b> \$ 000	2017 \$ 000
Trade creditors	. 2	1
Amounts owed to ultimate parent undertaking	96,623	90,802
Amounts owed to other group undertakings	1	4
Accrued expenses	-	13
Social security and other taxes	<u> </u>	5
	96,626	90,825

Amounts owed by the ultimate parent undertaking, PGS ASA, are repayable on demand and unsecured, and bear interest at 3-month LIBOR plus 3% per annum.

Amounts owed by other group undertakings are treated as trading balances and do not bear interest.

# 13 Creditors payable after more than 1 year

	2018 \$ 000	2017 \$ 000
Employee costs – share based payments	-	2

## 14 Share capital

# Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	2018		2017	
	No.	\$ 000	No.	\$ 000
Ordinary shares of £1 each	7,424,388	14,854	7,424,388	14,854

## 15 Foreign exchange

The financial statements are presented in US Dollars. The exchange rate at 31 December 2018 applied was 1.2733 USD to 1.0 GBP.

# 16 Related party transactions

As a wholly owned subsidiary of PGS ASA the company has taken advantage of the exemption under paragraph 8(k) of FRS101 not to disclose transactions with other wholly owned group companies. There were no other related party transactions.

# 17 Ultimate parent undertaking

The company's immediate and ultimate parent undertaking is PGS ASA, a company registered in Norway.

The smallest and largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed PGS ASA. These financial statements are available upon request from PGS ASA, Lilleakerveien 4C, P.O. Box 251 Lilleaker, 0216 Oslo, Norway.