BP EXPLORATION MEXICO LIMITED (Registered No.00119961)

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2017

Board of Directors:

S J MacRae

The directors present the strategic report, their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Results

The loss for the year after taxation was \$112,476 which, when added to the accumulated loss brought forward at 1 January 2017 of \$73,893,423, gives a total accumulated loss carried forward at 31 December 2017 of \$74,005,899. This excludes exchange adjustments taken directly to reserves.

Principal activity and review of the business

The company provides exploration services and training in Mexico. The company now primarily acts as a representative of the BP Group in Mexico and has a branch operating in Mexico.

The key financial and other performance indicators during the year were as follows:

	2017	- 2016	Variance
	\$	\$	%
Operating loss	(173,103)	(508,027)	(66)
Loss for the year	(112,476)	(517,134)	(78)
Total equity	6,849,091	6,676,864	3

Loss for the year is primarily attributed to the exchange difference arising from funding balance with group undertaking, partially offset by interest income and other operating income earned during the year. Other operating income primarily relates to the reversal of provision for Value Added Tax refund which is no longer relevant as all fiscal responsibilities in Mexico end after a period of five years.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The company aims to deliver sustainable value by identifying and responding successfully to risks. Risk management is integrated into the process of planning and performance management for the group.

The risks listed below, separately or in combination, could have a material adverse effect on the implementation of the company's strategy, business, financial performance, results of operations, cash flows, liquidity, prospects, shareholder value and returns and reputation. Unless stated otherwise, further details on these risks are included within the risk factors in the strategic report of the BP group Annual Report and Form 20-F for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Strategic and commercial risks

Geopolitical

The company is exposed to a range of political developments and consequent changes to the operating and regulatory environment.

Insurance

The BP group's insurance strategy could expose the BP group to material uninsured losses which in turn could adversely affect the company.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Compliance and control risks

Regulation

Changes in the regulatory and legislative environment could increase the cost of compliance, affect the company's provisions and limit its access to new exploration opportunities.

Ethical misconduct and non-compliance

Ethical misconduct or breaches of applicable laws by the company's businesses or its employees could be damaging to its reputation, and could result in litigation, regulatory action and penalties.

Reporting

Failure to accurately report the company's data could lead to regulatory action, legal liability and reputational damage.

Financial risk management

The company is exposed to a number of different financial risks arising from natural business exposures as well as its use of financial instruments including market risks relating to foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. Further details on these financial risks are included within Note 27 of the BP Group Annual Report and Form 20-F for the year ended 31 December 2017.

By Order of the Board

For and on behalf of

Sunbury Secretaries Limited

2018

Company Secretary

Registered Office:

31 August

Chertsey Road

Sunbury on Thames

Middlesex

TW16 7BP

United Kingdom

DIRECTORS' REPORT

BP EXPLORATION MEXICO LIMITED

Directors

The present directors are listed on page 1.

There have been no director appointments or resignations since 1 January 2017.

Directors' indemnity

The company indemnifies the directors in its Articles of Association to the extent allowed under section 232 of the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of the company's directors remain in force at the date of this report.

Dividends

The company has not declared any dividends during the year (2016: \$Nil). The directors do not propose the payment of a dividend.

Financial instruments

In accordance with section 414C of the Companies Act 2006 the directors have included information regarding financial instruments as required by Schedule 7 (Part 1.6) of the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 in the strategic report under Financial risk management.

Future developments

The directors consider that, despite the uncertainties deriving from the current economic environment and the loss reported for the year, the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next 12 months from the date these financial statements were approved.

It is the intention of the directors that the business of the company will continue for the foreseeable future.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Directors' statement as to the disclosure of information to the auditor

The directors who were members of the board at the time of approving the directors' report are listed on page 1. Having made enquiries of fellow directors and of the company's auditor, each of these directors confirms that:

- To the best of each director's knowledge and belief, there is no information relevant to the preparation of the auditor's report of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- Each director has taken all the steps a director might reasonably be expected to have taken to be aware of relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

By Order of the Board

For and on behalf of Sunbury Secretaries Limited

Company Secretary

31 August 2018

Registered Office:

Chertsey Road Sunbury on Thames Middlesex TW16 7BP United Kingdom

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BP EXPLORATION MEXICO LIMITED

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the 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 Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. 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 the profit or loss for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom 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.

The directors confirm that they have complied with these requirements and, having a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next 12 months from the date these financial statements were approved, continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF BP EXPLORATION MEXICO LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BP Exploration Mexico Limited for the year ended 31 December 2017 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 14, 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" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2017 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 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.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are 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.

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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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 directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 5, 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 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.

Ernst & Young LLP
Jacqueline Ann Geary (Senior Statutory Auditor)

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

London

6 September 2018



PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

BP EXPLORATION MEXICO LIMITED

		2017	2016
	Note	\$	\$
Exploration expenses		_	(113,014)
Administrative expenses		(249,819)	(395,013)
Other operating income		76,716	_
Operating loss	3	(173,103)	(508,027)
Interest receivable and similar income	5	60,627	7,981
Interest payable and similar charges	6 ·		(17,088)
Loss before taxation	-	(112,476)	(517,134)
Taxation	7		_
Loss for the year		(112,476)	(517,134)

The loss of \$112,476 for the year ended 31 December 2017 was derived in its entirety from continuing operations.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

<u>2017</u> _	2016 \$
(112,476)	(517,134)
284 702	(149,424)
	(666,558)
	\$

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

BP EXPLORATION MEXICO LIMITED (Registered No.00119961)

		2017	2016
	Note	\$	\$
Current assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	9	6,858,809	6,709,873
Cash at bank and in hand			37,338
		6,858,809	6,747,211
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(9,718)	(70,347)
Net current assets		6,849,091	6,676,864
NET ASSETS		6,849,091	6,676,864
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	11	80,453,325	80,453,325
Foreign currency translation reserve	12	401,665	116,962
Profit and loss account	12	(74,005,899)	(73,893,423)
TOTAL EQUITY		6,849,091	6,676,864

On behalf of the Board

S J MacRae

Director
31 August 2018

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

BP EXPLORATION MEXICO LIMITED

	Called up share capital (Note 11)	Foreign currency translation reserve (Note 12)	Profit and loss account (Note 12)	Total
	\$. \$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2016	70,453,325	266,386	(74,965,605)	(4,245,894)
Loss for the year	_	_	(517,134)	(517,134)
Other comprehensive income for the year		(149,424)	_	(149,424)
Total comprehensive income for the year	_	(149,424)	(517,134)	(666,558)
Issue of share capital	10,000,000	_	_	10,000,000
Capital contribution from immediate parent undertaking			1,589,316	1,589,316
Balance at 31 December 2016	80,453,325	116,962	(73,893,423)	6,676,864
Loss for the year	_	_	(112,476)	(112,476)
Other comprehensive income for the year		284,703		284,703
Balance at 31 December 2017	80,453,325	401,665	(74,005,899)	6,849,091

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

BP EXPLORATION MEXICO LIMITED

1. Authorisation of financial statements and statement of compliance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework (FRS 101)

The financial statements of BP Exploration Mexico Limited for the year ended 31 December 2017 were approved by the board of directors on 17 10 0 0 18 2018 and the balance sheet was signed on the board's behalf by S J MacRae. BP Exploration Mexico Limited is a private company, limited by shares incorporated, domiciled and registered in England and Wales (registered number 00119961). The company's registered office is at Chertsey Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex, TW16 7BP. These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101) and the provisions of the Companies Act 2006.

2. Significant accounting policies, judgements, estimates and assumptions

The significant accounting policies and critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions of the company are set out below.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 101. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for the assets.

The accounting policies that follow have been consistently applied to all years presented.

As permitted by FRS 101, the company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to:

- (a) the requirements of IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures;
- (b) the requirements of paragraphs 91 99 of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement;
- (c) the requirements of paragraphs 10(d), 10(f), 16, 38A, 38B, 38C, 38D, 40A, 40B, 40C, 40D, 111 and 134 to 136 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements;
- (d) the requirement in paragraph 38 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements to present comparative information in respect of paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1;
- (e) the requirements of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- (f) the requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors in relation to standards not yet effective;
- (g) the requirements of paragraph 17 and 18A of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures; and
- (h) the requirements of 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.

Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the group financial statements of BP p.l.c. The group financial statements of BP p.l.c. are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in Note 14.

The financial statements are presented in US dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest whole number in dollars (\$), except where otherwise indicated.



2. Significant accounting policies, judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

Critical accounting policies: use of judgements, estimates and assumptions

Inherent in the application of many of the accounting policies used in preparing the financial statements is the need for management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual outcomes could differ from the estimates and assumptions used. The critical judgements and estimates that could have a significant impact on the results of the company are set out below and should be read in conjunction with the information provided in the Notes to the financial statements.

Significant estimate or judgement: deferred tax

Management judgement is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognized, based upon the likely timing and level of future taxable profits. Details of deferred tax balances are provided in Note 7.

Significant accounting policies

Going concern

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next 12 months from the date these financial statements were approved and the financial statements have therefore been prepared under the going concern basis.

Foreign currency

The functional and presentation currency of the financial statements is US dollars. The functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which an entity operates and is normally the currency in which the entity primarily generates and expends cash.

Assets and liabilities of foreign currency branches are translated into US dollars at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. The profit and loss account is translated into US dollars using average rates of exchange. Exchange differences arising when the opening net assets and the profits for the year retained by foreign currency branches are translated into US dollars are taken directly to reserves and reported in other comprehensive income. When a foreign currency branch is disposed of the cumulative amount of foreign currency differences included in other comprehensive income is reclassified to the profit and loss account.

Financial assets

Financial assets are recognized initially at fair value, normally being the transaction price plus, in the case of financial assets not at fair value through profit or loss, directly attributable transaction costs.

The subsequent measurement of financial assets depends on their classification, as set out below. The company derecognises financial assets when the contractual rights to the cash flows expire or the financial asset is transferred to a third party.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are carried at amortised cost. This category of financial assets includes trade and other receivables.



2. Significant accounting policies, judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

Impairment of financial assets

The company assesses at each balance sheet date whether a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired.

Loans and receivables

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on loans and receivables carried at amortised cost has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced, with the amount of the loss recognized in the profit and loss account.

Financial liabilities

The measurement of financial liabilities is as follows:

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost

Financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs. For interest-bearing loans and borrowings this is the fair value of the proceeds received net of issue costs associated with the borrowing.

After initial recognition, these financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost. This category of financial liabilities includes trade and other payables and finance debt, except finance debt designated in a fair value hedge relationship.

Offsetting of financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets and liabilities are presented gross in the balance sheet unless both of the following criteria are met: the company currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognized amounts; and the company intends to either settle on a net basis or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. If both of the criteria are met, the amounts are set off and presented net. A right of set off is the company's legal right to settle an amount payable to a creditor by applying against it an amount receivable from the same counterparty. The relevant legal jurisdiction and laws applicable to the relationships between the parties are considered when assessing whether a current legally enforceable right to set off exists.

Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of current tax and deferred tax.

Income tax is recognized in the profit and loss account, except to the extent that it relates to items recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case the related tax is recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current tax is based on the taxable profit for the period. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account because it is determined in accordance with the rules established by the applicable taxation authorities. It therefore excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other periods as well as items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is provided, using the balance sheet method, on temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

2. Significant accounting policies, judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

Taxation (continued)

Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences except:

- · where the deferred tax liability arises on the initial recognition of goodwill;
- where the deferred tax liability arises on the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; or
- in respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries and associates
 and interests in joint arrangements, where the company is able to control the timing of the reversal of
 the temporary differences and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the
 foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognized for deductible temporary differences, carry-forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences and the carry-forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilized. An exception is where the deferred tax asset relates to the deductible temporary difference arising from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss.

In respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries and associates and interests in joint arrangements, deferred tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilized.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis or to realize the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

Where tax treatments are uncertain, if it is considered probable that a taxation authority will accept the company's proposed tax treatment, income taxes are recognized consistent with the company's income tax filings. If it is not considered probable, the uncertainty is reflected using either the most likely amount or an expected value, depending on which method better predicts the resolution of the uncertainty.

Interest income

Interest income is recognized as the interest accrues.

Finance costs

All finance costs are recognized in the profit and loss account in the period in which they are incurred.

3. Operating loss

This is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Net foreign exchange losses / (gains)	238,754	(14,944)

4. Auditor's remuneration

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Fees for the audit of the company	9,718	10,029

Fees paid to the company's auditor, Ernst & Young LLP, and its associates for services other than the statutory audit of the company are not disclosed in these financial statements since the consolidated financial statements of BP Exploration Mexico Limited's ultimate parent, BP p.l.c., are required to disclose non-audit fees on a consolidated basis.

5. Interest receivable and similar income

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Interest income from amounts owed by group undertakings	60,627	7,981

6. Interest payable and similar charges

	\$ \$
Interest expense on:	
Loans from group undertakings	 17,088

2017

2016

7. Taxation

The company is a member of a group for the purposes of relief within Part 5, Corporation Tax Act 2010.

(a) Reconciliation of the effective tax rate

The tax assessed on the loss for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.25% for the year ended 31 December 2017 (2016: 20%). The differences are reconciled below:

	2017	2016
	<u> </u>	\$
Loss before taxation	(112,476)	(517,134)
Tax charge / (credit)		
Effective tax rate	%	%
	2017	2016
	2017	2016
	%	%
UK statutory corporation tax rate:	19.25	20
Increase / (decrease) resulting from:		
Non-taxable income / (non-deductible expenditure)	1.14	(4)
Free group relief	9.54	1
Transfer pricing adjustment	_	(1)
Movements in unrecognised deferred tax	(29.93)	(16)
Effective tax rate		

Change in corporation tax rate

The UK corporation tax rate reduced to 19% with effect from 1 April 2017, and will further reduce to 17% from 1 April 2020. Deferred tax has been measured using these rates, which have been substantively enacted at 31 December 2017.

(b) Provision for deferred tax

Deferred tax has not been recognised on deductible temporary differences relating to fixed assets of \$244,182 (2016: \$244,182) with no fixed expiry date on the basis that they are not expected to give rise to any future tax benefit and \$30,136,448 (2016: \$36,532,645) relating to pre-trading expenditure with a fixed expiry date; unused amounts expire in the period 2018 - 2024.

8. Directors and employees

(a) Remuneration of directors

None of the directors received any fees or remuneration for services as a director of the company during the financial year (2016: \$Nil).

(b) Employee costs

The company had no employees during the year (2016: None).

9. Debtors

Amounts falling	due within	one year:
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	rimounds raining date within one year.		
		2017	2016
		\$	\$
	Amounts owed from parent undertakings	6,858,809	6,709,873
10.	Creditors		
	Amounts falling due within one year:		•
		2017	2016
		\$	\$
	Amounts owed to parent undertakings	9,718	2,566
	Other creditors	_	67,781
		9,718	70,347
11.	Called up share capital		
		2017	2016
		\$	\$
	Issued and fully paid:		
	48,365,866 ordinary shares of £1 each for a total nominal value of £48,365,866	80,453,325	80,453,325

12. Reserves

Called up share capital

The balance on the called up share capital account represents the aggregate nominal value of all ordinary shares in issue.

Foreign currency translation reserve

The foreign currency translation reserve is used to record the currency fluctuations in relation to the foreign currency branch.

Profit and loss account

The balance held on this reserve is the accumulated losses of the company.

13. Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within paragraphs 8(k) and (j) of FRS 101, and has not disclosed transactions entered into with wholly-owned group companies or key management personnel. There were no other related party transactions in the year.

14. Immediate and ultimate controlling parent undertaking

The immediate parent undertaking is BP Exploration Company Limited, a company registered in Scotland. The ultimate controlling parent undertaking is BP p.l.c., a company registered in England and Wales, which is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of BP p.l.c. can be obtained from its registered address: 1 St James's Square, London, SW1Y 4PD.