# UNITED KINGDOM OIL PIPELINES LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2011

Registered No 746708

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# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### Registered No. 746708

The Directors present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011

# **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY**

The principal activity of the company during the year, as agents for the members, was the management, operation, maintenance and development of the members' Thames-Mersey pipeline system Refined petroleum products are pumped from Thames Haven, Essex and Stanlow, Cheshire through the pipeline to distribution terminals at Buncefield in Hertfordshire, Kingsbury in Warwickshire and at Northampton. As part of this operation, the Company also manages and operates limited tank facilities at each of the five sites as part of the processing equipment, these are not bulk storage tanks. The Company appointed British Pipeline Agency Limited to carry out its obligations as sub-agent (see note 2 to the Accounts).

The Directors expect no change in this activity for the foreseeable future

# **DIRECTORS**

The present Directors of the Company are -

Derek Bland

Joan Crowe

appointed 20 October 2011

Paul Westerman

appointed 10 April 2012

Michael Nash

appointed 15 February 2012

Timothy Smith

Myrte Westerhuis

appointed 12 October 2011

Unless otherwise indicated, all the above named Directors (and their alternates) held office for the whole year under review

The following Directors also served during the year under review and up to the date of this report -

Alan Easton

resigned 15 February 2012

Andreas Uddman

resigned 8 July 2011

Johannes Arndt

resigned 7 January 2011

**Daniel Tyzack** 

resigned 1 April 2011

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resigned 1 April 2012

# **AUDITORS / ELECTIVE REGIME**

Elective Resolutions, passed on 23 May 1996, are in place dispensing with the requirements to lay the Report and Accounts before the members in General Meetings and to hold an Annual General Meeting ("AGM") each year Since 1 October 2007, the Companies Act 2006 superseded and made the elective regime the default position for all private companies irrespective of whether its shareholders had approved the relevant Elective Resolutions By virtue of the Fifth Commencement Order, this is the position even for those private companies whose Articles of Association specify that an AGM must be held each year, providing its shareholders had previously approved the Elective Resolution dispensing with the requirement to hold AGMs each year

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# **COMPANIES ACT 2006 PROVISIONS RELATING TO SMALL ENTITIES**

The directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies under section 415A of the Companies Act 2006

# <u>DIRECTORS' STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS</u>

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 the company's auditors, the directors confirm that

- to the best of their knowledge and belief, there is no information relevant to the preparation of their report of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- they have 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 auditors are aware of that information

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Director's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards 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 period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- 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.

D Bland, Director 5-7 Alexandra Road Hemel Hempstead, HP2 5BS 21 Jue 2012

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNITED KINGDOM OIL PIPELINES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of United Kingdom Oil Pipelines Limited for the year ended 31 December 2011 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet, and the related notes 1 to 11 The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

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

#### Respective Responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 2, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

# Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited annual report and financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2011 and of its results 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

# Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where 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

Fraser Bull (Senior statutory auditor)

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

21 Jue 2012

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# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

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	<u>Note</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Turnover	3,10	£ 12,226,553	£ 10,961,206
Cost of Sales Other direct operating costs		(12,226,553) -	(10,961,206) -
Operating Profit	4		-
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	-	-	<b>a.</b>
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	5	-	-
Total Profit for the year	-		

The operating result for the year arises from the company's continuing operations

The company had no gains or losses other than those included above. Therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

# **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011**

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	<u>Note</u>	<u>2011</u> £	<u>2010</u> £
CURRENT ASSETS Cash at bank and in hand		<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital	7	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>

These Accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 21st June 2012, and signed on its behalf by -

M Westerhuis, Director

# **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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# 1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards

# 2. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

The Company entered into a Participants Agreement on 11 March 1971 with the members of the Company which governs the management, operation, maintenance and development of the members pipeline systems

The Company subsequently entered into an Agency Agreement with Shell-Mex and BP Limited also dated 11 March 1971, which was assigned on 19 January 1976 to transfer all rights and obligations under the Participants Agreement to British Pipeline Agency Limited ("BPA", a company registered in England no 1228157) BPA is the Company's agent to manage, operate, maintain and carry out capital projects in relation to these pipelines. In particular, the Agency Agreement specifically provides that BPA shall keep and maintain a full and proper system of accounts and records in relation to the pipeline system. See also note 11 below

#### 3. TURNOVER

Turnover, which is stated net of value added tax, is all generated within the United Kingdom

# 4. **OPERATING PROFIT**

An audit fee of £3,500 was paid by the shareholders in 2011 (2010 £3,500)

# 5. TAXATION

The company does not make a profit or a loss and accordingly there is no current or deferred tax arising

# 6. <u>EMOLUMENTS OF DIRECTORS</u>

None of the Directors received any fees or other emoluments from the Company (previous financial year £nil)

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# 7. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid Ordinary Shares of £1 each	31 December 2011	31 December 2010
BP Oil UK Limited	67	67
Total Downstream UK plc	7	7
Shell U.K. Limited	96	96
Valero Energy Ltd (named Chevron Limited until 11 August 2011)	30	30
	200	200

#### 8 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are at any one time a number of issues relating to land compensation claims that may result in additional expenditure in future years. These items are handled as routine operational matters through the Participants Co-ordinating Committee.

# 9 CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The company takes advantage of the exemption conferred by Financial Reporting Standard 1 'Cash Flow Statements (Revised 1996)' not to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that is it a 'small' company under the Companies Act 2006

# 10 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Turnover attributable to Related Parties during 2011 is £12,226,553 (2010 £10,961,206), comprising of BP Oil UK Limited £4,584,565 (2010 £4,397,489) Total Downstream UK plc £638,754 (2010 £536,549), Shell U K Limited £5,212,357 (2010 £4,329,321) and Valero Energy Ltd £1,790,877 (2010 £1,427,847)

# 11 CONTROLLING PARTY

The shareholders have the right to appoint Directors, but no one shareholder has the right to appoint a majority of Directors, therefore there is no controlling party. The Company has, by virtue of its Agency Agreement, transferred its operational responsibilities to British Pipeline Agency Limited (see note 2), which is directly related to two of the Company's shareholders, Shell U.K. Limited and BP Oil UK Limited.