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## CONOCOPHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY U.K. LIMITED

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017

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#### **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2017**

Board of directors: B Balteskard

T G King K S Simpson R G Stalker

## Strategic report

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2017.

#### Review of the business

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of ConocoPhillips Holdings Limited. The company's ultimate parent company is ConocoPhillips, an international, independent exploration and production company listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

The principal activities of the company comprise the exploration for, and the development and production of crude oil and natural gas resources in the United Kingdom and on the United Kingdom continental shelf, and the processing and marketing of hydrocarbon products.

The directors are not aware, at the date of this report, of any likely major changes in the company's principal activities in the next year. It is the intention that the principal activities of the company will continue for the foreseeable future.

The loss for the year was £25.4 million (2016: profit - £19.9 million). The company did not declare an ordinary dividend during the year (2016: £nil). The company paid a preference dividend of £2.2 million during the year (2016: £2.2 million). The resulting surplus was transferred to distributable reserves.

The company's statement of financial position, on page 11, of the financial statements, shows the company has net assets of £342.1 million (2016: £367.5 million). The movements on the company's reserves comprise the loss for the year.

The company has many performance indicators in place measuring Health, Safety and Environment to ensure that it continues to build on a legacy of strong commitment and performance. Safety of personnel, coupled with a responsible pro-active approach to managing the environment is core to the company's business. The ultimate financial impact arising from environmental policies, laws and regulations is difficult to determine as current and new standards continue to evolve.

Under s414C of the Companies Act 2006, the directors are required to disclose the company's financial and non-financial Key Performance Indicators. ConocoPhillips manages its operations at a divisional and geographical level. For this reason the company's directors believe that the disclosure of Key Performance Indicators for this company is not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. The performance of the ConocoPhillips group, which includes this company, is discussed within the annual report of the ultimate parent undertaking, ConocoPhillips.

## Strategic report (continued)

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the company are those that impact profitability. The company operates in the worldwide crude oil and natural gas markets, and as such, is exposed to fluctuations in crude oil and gas prices. Generally, the ConocoPhillips' group policy is to remain exposed to market prices of commodities, however, executive management may elect to use derivative instruments to hedge the price risk of natural gas and crude oil production.

Another significant factor that can affect profitability is asset impairment. The company's investment in fixed assets can become impaired when reserve estimates are revised downward or when commodity prices decline significantly for long periods of time. Significant reductions in the price of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids could require the company to reduce its capital expenditure or impair the carrying value of its assets. During the year, following an impairment review of the company's assets the company recognised an impairment credit of £0.1 million following a downward revision of the decommissioning asset and changes to planned projects. In 2016, an impairment credit of £0.7 million was recognized in full within the income statement. The prior year impairment charge was recorded as a result of lower commodity prices and changes to decommissioning obligations. It is not reasonably practicable to quantify the impact of any future impairments.

The company conducts its operations through joint arrangements in which the company shares control with its partners. There is a risk that the company's partners may at any time have economic, business or legal interests or goals that are inconsistent with those of the joint arrangement or the company, or the company's partners may be unable to meet their economic or other obligations and the company may be required to fulfill those obligations. Failure by the company to adequately manage the risks associated with joint arrangements could have a material adverse impact on the financial results of the company's operations.

The risks and uncertainties facing the ConocoPhillips group, which includes this company, are discussed within the annual report of the ultimate parent undertaking, ConocoPhillips.

#### Financial risk management objectives and policies

#### Commodity price risk

The company operates in the worldwide crude oil and natural gas markets, and is exposed to fluctuations in the prices for these commodities. Generally, the ConocoPhillips group policy is to remain exposed to market prices of commodities, however, executive management may elect to use derivative instruments to hedge the price risk of crude oil and gas production.

The group's commercial organisation uses futures, forwards, swaps and options in various markets to accomplish the following objectives:

- Balance physical systems. In addition to cash settlement prior to contract expiration, exchange traded
  futures contracts may also be settled by physical delivery of the commodity, providing another source of
  supply to meet marketing demand;
- Manage the risk to the company's cash flows from price exposures on specific crude oil and natural gas transactions;
- Enable the use of market knowledge gained from these activities to do a limited amount of trading not
  directly related to the company's physical business. For the years ended 31 December 2017 and 2016, the
  gains and losses from this activity were not material to the company's cash flows or income from continuing
  operations.

The company engages the services of an affiliate company, ConocoPhillips (U.K.) Limited, to enter into risk management transactions on its behalf. The affiliate company's commercial organisation uses futures and swaps in various markets to manage the risk to cash flows from price exposures on specific crude oil transactions.

## **Strategic report (continued)**

#### Interest Rate Risk

The company may be exposed to interest rate risk resulting from the company's loan and banking arrangements. The interest charged on the company's loans is linked to LIBOR and therefore is exposed to movements in UK rates. The company does not comprehensively hedge its exposure to interest rate changes although the company may selectively hedge exposure to interest rate risk.

#### Foreign Currency Risk

The company may be exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk resulting from entering into certain transactions denominated in currencies other than GBP Sterling. The company does not comprehensively hedge its exposure to currency rate changes, although the company may selectively hedge exposures to foreign currency rate risk.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

R G Stalker Director

21 September 2018

Registered office: 20<sup>th</sup> Floor Angel Court London EC2R 7HJ

## **Directors' report**

The directors present their report for the year ended 31 December 2017.

#### **Directors**

The directors, who served throughout the year except as noted, were as follows:

N D Allen (Resigned 5th January 2017)

B Balteskard (Appointed 9th March 2017)

A D Hastings (Resigned 15th June 2018)

T G King (Appointed 5th January 2017)

D E Macklon (Resigned 5th January 2017)

K S Simpson (Appointed 15th June 2018)

R G Stalker

#### **Dividends**

The company paid dividends to ordinary shareholders during the year of £nil (2016: £nil).

The dividends on the 5.75% redeemable preference shares, amounting to £2.2 million (2016: £2.2 million), were paid throughout the year.

The directors did not recommend a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2017.

#### Events which have occurred since the end of the financial year

In July 2018, the company increased its shareholding in its associated undertaking to 40.25% after the existing shareholders agreed to acquire their pro-rata share of Equinor's 27.3% interest in Norsea Pipeline Limited. Following changes in the group structure, the company now holds a 40.25% investment in Norpipe Terminal Holdco Limited, which, in turn, holds 100% of Norsea Pipeline Limited. Full assessment of the accounting is still in progress at the date of approving the financial statements.

There have been no other significant events arising since the end of the financial year.

#### Going concern

There are no material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt about the ability of the company to continue as a going concern.

The company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, its financial position and its exposure to price and interest rate risk are described within the Strategic Report.

The company's assets are expected to generate positive cash flows for the foreseeable future. The company has significant financial resources and together with financial forecasts and production budgets the directors believe that the company is well placed to manage its business and financial risks for the foreseeable future. The company participates in the group's centralised cash pooling arrangements and so shares banking arrangements with other ConocoPhillips affiliates. The liquidity of the cash pool is underwritten by ConocoPhillips Company.

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

## **Directors' report (continued)**

#### **Auditors**

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

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

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Pursuant to s386 of the Companies Act 1985 and continuing under the 2006 Companies Act, an elective resolution was passed dispensing with the requirement to appoint auditors annually. This election was in force immediately before 1 October 2007, therefore Ernst & Young LLP are deemed to continue as auditors.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

R G Stalker Director

21 September 2018

Registered office: 20<sup>th</sup> Floor Angel Court London EC2R 7HJ

## Statement of directors' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare the financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)". 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 the 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 judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards, including FRS 102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- notify its shareholders in writing about the use of disclosure exemptions, if any, of FRS 102 used in the preparation of 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 taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CONOCOPHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY U.K. LIMITED

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of ConocoPhillips Petroleum Company U.K. Limited for the year ended 31 December 2017 which comprise the Income Statement, the Statement of financial position, the Statement of changes in equity and the related notes 1 to 23, 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CONOCOPHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY U.K. LIMITED (continued)

#### 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.

#### 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 6, 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CONOCOPHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY U.K. LIMITED (continued)

## 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.

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Kevin Weston (Senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor Aberdeen

24/9/2018

#### Notes:

- 1. The maintenance and integrity of the ConocoPhillips Petroleum Company U.K. Limited web site is the responsibility of the directors; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the web site.
- 2. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

## **Income Statement**

For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Turnover	3	1,957,578	1,352,366
Cost of sales		(1,958,180)	(1,447,837)
Operating loss	4	(602)	(95,471)
Income from shares in associated undertaking		7,642	6,595
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before interest and	taxation	7,040	(88,876)
Interest receivable and similar income	7	393	280
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(16,433)	(17,357)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(9,000)	(105,953)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	9	(16,359)	125,875
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(25,359)	19,922

All activities related to continuing operations.

The results for the current and prior year are equal to the total comprehensive income and accordingly a statement of comprehensive income has not been presented.

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## **Statement of financial position**

At 31 December 2017

At 31 December 2017		2017	2016
	Note	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Fixed Assets			
Intangible assets	11	2,990	2,359
Tangible assets	12	495,027	590,355
Investments	13 .	31,965	31,965
		529,982	624,679
Current Assets Stocks	14	22,504	24,064
Debtors	14	22,304	24,004
– amounts falling due within one year	15	219,321	228,049
– amounts falling due after one year	15	16,632	-
Cash at bank and in hand		420,849	275,692
		679,306	527,805
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	16	(297,732)	(225,838)
Provisions for liabilities	17	(2,808)	(426)
Net current assets		378,766	301,541
Total assets less current liabilities		908,748	926,220
Creditors – amounts falling due after one year	16	(32,092)	(32,092)
Provisions for liabilities	17	(534,523)	(526,636)
Net assets		342,133	367,492
Capital and reserves Called up share capital	18	57	57
Share premium	10	28,517	28,517
Capital contribution		585	585
Retained earnings		312,974	338,333
Shareholder's funds		342,133	367,492

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 21 September 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

R G Stalker **Director** 

21 September 2018

**Statement of changes in equity**For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Called up capital	Share premium	Capital contribution	Retained earnings	Total equity
	£′000	£′000	£'000	£′000	£′000
At 1 January 2016 Profit for the year	57 	28,517 	585 	318,411 19,922	347,570 19,922
At 31 December 2016 Loss for the year	57 	28,517	585	338,333 (25,359)	367,492 (25,359)
At 31 December 2017	57	28,517	585	312,974	342,133

#### Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2017

#### 1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year unless otherwise stated.

#### **General information**

ConocoPhillips Petroleum Company U.K. Limited is a company incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act. The address of its registered office is 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Angel Court, London, EC2R 7HJ. The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Strategic Report on pages 1 to 3.

#### Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the company have been prepared in compliance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis of preparation**

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

### **Exemptions for qualifying entities under FRS 102**

FRS 102 allows a qualifying entity certain disclosure exemptions, subject to certain conditions, which have been complied with, including notification of and no objection to, the use of exemptions by the company's shareholders. The company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 102 and has therefore taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions available to it in respect of its individual financial statements:

- from preparing a statement of cash flows, on the basis that it is a qualifying entity and the statement of cash flows presented in the consolidated financial statements of ConocoPhillips Holdings Limited, includes the company's cash flows;
- ii) from disclosing the financial instruments disclosures, required under FRS 102 paragraphs 11.39 to 11.48A and paragraphs 12.26 to 12.29, as the information is provided in the consolidated financial statement disclosures;
- iii) from the requirement to present a reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding at the beginning and end of the period as required by paragraph 4.12(a)(iv); and
- iv) from disclosing the company key management personnel compensation in total, as required by FRS 102 paragraph 33.7.

#### **Intangible assets**

Costs incurred to acquire a property (whether proved or unproved) are capitalised as intangible when incurred. Unproved properties are assessed periodically and a loss is recognised if the values of these properties are impaired. Costs of drilling and exploratory wells are capitalised as intangible pending determination of whether the well has found proved reserves. If the well has found proved reserves, the costs are transferred to tangible assets and included in oil and gas facilities. If the well is found to have no proved reserves, the costs associated with the well are written off through the income statement.

#### Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2017

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Property, plant & equipment

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any provision for impairment.

All capitalised costs including licence and concession costs associated with developed properties are considered to be tangible costs for the purpose of these financial statements. Such costs are amortised on a unit-of-production basis which is calculated to write off the book value of each field in line with the depletion of total proved reserves, or proved developed reserves for well costs. Where tangible fixed assets comprise two or more major components with substantially different useful economic lives, each component is accounted for separately for depreciation purposes and depreciated over its individual useful economic life.

Subsequent expenditure is included in the assets carrying amount only where it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company. Repairs and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred.

#### Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets used in operations are assessed for impairment at each reporting date or whenever changes in facts and circumstances indicate a possible significant deterioration in the future cash flows expected to be generated. Where there are indicators of impairment, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the asset or the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs. The recoverable amount is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. If the recoverable amount is less than its carrying value, the carrying value is impaired and an impairment loss is recognised in the income statement. An impairment loss is reversed in a subsequent period if the reasons for the loss no longer apply.

#### **Financial instruments**

#### Financial assets

The company has chosen to adopt the Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in respect of financial instruments.

Basic financial assets, including debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

At the end of each reporting period financial assets measured at amortised cost are assessed for objective evidence of impairment. If an asset is impaired the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in the income statement.

If there is decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in income statement.

Financial assets are derecognised when (a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or (b) substantially all the risks and rewards of the ownership of the asset are transferred to another party or (c) control of the asset has been transferred to another party who has the practical ability to unilaterally sell the asset to an unrelated third party without imposing additional restrictions.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2017

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Financial instruments (continued)

#### Financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade creditors and other creditors and short term loans, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current creditors. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the liability is extinguished, that is when the contractual obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amounts presented in the financial statements when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### Derivative instruments

The company, through arrangements with an affiliate company, ConocoPhillips (U.K.) Limited, uses derivative instruments to hedge the effects of fluctuations in the price of crude oil. Any gains or losses arising from commodity derivative contracts are recognised in the income statement in line with the underlying sales transaction.

#### **Inventories**

Under or overlift of production compared to the company's entitlement is stated at the lower of production cost, calculated on an average basis, and fair value less cost to sell and the amounts are reflected in current assets or current liabilities respectively. Other stocks, including warehouse stock, are valued at average cost.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts, when applicable, are shown within creditors in current liabilities.

## **Decommissioning**

Provision for the future cost of decommissioning natural gas production related facilities is recognised in full in the period in which the legal obligation is incurred. When the liability is initially recorded, this cost is capitalised by increasing the carrying value of the related assets.

The amount recognised is the present value of the estimated future expenditure determined in accordance with statutory conditions and requirements. The provision increases as the discount factors applied in calculating the present value of estimated future expenditure unwind. The unwinding of the discount is included within interest payable in the income statement. The capitalised cost is depreciated as part of the overall capital costs of the related assets.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2017

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Joint arrangements

The company's exploration, development, production and decommissioning activities are generally conducted in joint arrangements (which are not entities) with other companies. The financial statements reflect the relevant proportions of income, expenditure, assets and liabilities relating to the companies interests.

#### **Taxation**

Taxation expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax recognised in the reporting period. Current or deferred taxation assets and liabilities are not discounted.

## (i) Current tax

Current taxation, including UK corporation tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using tax rates and law that have been enacted or substantively enacted the end of the financial year.

#### (ii) Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences which are differences between taxable profits and total comprehensive income that arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the financial year and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing differences.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other taxable profits.

#### Petroleum revenue tax

The charge for petroleum revenue tax (PRT) forms part of the taxation charge in the income statement. It is calculated on a period-by-period basis with reference to the operating income of chargeable fields, PRT allowances utilised and timing differences arising in the period.

#### Revenue recognition

Revenues associated with the production of natural gas and natural liquids are recognised based on the actual volumes sold during any period. Volumes sold are recognised when title passes to the customer, which is when the risk of ownership passes to the purchaser and physical delivery occurs, either immediately or within a fixed delivery schedule that is reasonable and customary in the industry.

Where revenues are receivable based upon future events or production targets no amount is recognised unless those terms are either met or virtually certain. Amounts received in advance are recognised as deferred income in the statement of financial position and are released to the income statement on an appropriate and reasonable basis (e.g. production levels).

#### Leases

Leases that do not transfer all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as operating leases. Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in respect of lease incentives on leases in existence on the date of transition to FRS 102 and continues to credit such lease incentives to the income statement over the period to the first review date on which the rent is adjusted to market rates.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2017

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Gas field expenditure

Expenditure on acquiring unproved properties and exploring for and developing gas reserves is, in general, capitalised and amortised over the life of the field on a unit-of-production basis. Only those costs that are directly attributable to bringing the relevant assets into working condition for their intended use are capitalised. Subsequent expenditure is capitalised where such expenditure:-

- (i) Enhances the economic benefits of the asset in excess of its previously assessed standard of performance: or
- (ii) Replaces or restores a component of the asset that has been treated separately for depreciation purposes and depreciated over its individual useful economic life: or
- (iii) Relates to a major inspection or overhaul that restores the economic benefits of the asset that have been consumed by the entity and have already been reflected in depreciation.

Immediate write-offs are made in the following circumstances:

- (i) Geological and geophysical expenses as incurred.
- (ii) Expenditure on unproved properties to the extent that the value is considered to have been impaired by the absence of successful drilling results.
- (iii) Costs of those exploratory wells which have been determined as being dry holes.
- (iv) Subsequent expenditure undertaken to ensure that the asset maintains its previously assessed standard of performance, for example routine repairs and maintenance expenditure.

Receipts and payments in respect of unitisations and redeterminations are credited or charged to the respective fixed asset accounts when the new partner shares have been formally agreed.

Reserve disclosures are made within the financial statements of the company's ultimate parent company, ConocoPhillips, for the ConocoPhillips group worldwide.

The company has taken advantage of the transition exemption under paragraph 35.10(j) of FRS 102 in respect of measuring exploration and development costs for oil and gas properties in the development or production phases at, or before, the date of transition to FRS 102.

#### Foreign currency

The company's functional and reporting currency is the pound sterling.

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the end of the financial year. All differences are taken to the income statement.

#### Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption by paragraph 33.1A of FRS 102 on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of a group headed by ConocoPhillips, whose financial statements are publicly available. The company discloses transactions with related parties which are not wholly owned with the same group.

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#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Share based payments

The company has applied the requirements of FRS 102, Section 26 "Share based payments". The entity receiving the benefit of service should recognise an expense relating to share based payments irrespective of the entity holds the employees contract of service. All contracts of service are held within other group undertakings.

All UK employees are eligible to participate in the Share Incentive Plan. The shares purchased by the employees are eligible for matching. In accordance with FRS 102 Section 26, the company records an expense of obtaining the matching shares to satisfy the terms of the Partnership Share Agreement for employees who provide services to the company.

Certain eligible UK employees are awarded Restricted Stock Units as part of the Restricted Stock Programme granted by ConocoPhillips. The awards are held in escrow until the restrictions lapse. The company records the expense of obtaining the shares to satisfy its obligations to the employees who provide services to this company. A liability equal to the cost of obtaining the shares to satisfy the company's obligations to its employees is recognised for each cash-settled share based payment.

## 2. Critical judgements and estimates in applying the accounting policies

The preparation of the financial statements requires the directors to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are reasonable under the circumstances. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

The following are the critical judgements that the directors have made in the process of applying the company's accounting policies and that have the most significant effects on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

#### Useful economic lives of tangible assets

The annual depreciation charge for tangible fixed assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are assessed annually. Depreciation rates are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancements, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets. Changes to depreciation rates following the annual review of the remaining economic life of the asset is applied prospectively. If during the year there are changes in the remaining recoverable reserves which would significantly impact the deprecation rate, this change is applied prospectively.

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#### 2. Critical judgements and estimates in applying the accounting policies (continued)

#### Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets are assessed for impairment at each reporting date or whenever changes in facts and circumstances indicate a possible significant deterioration in the future cash flows expected to be generated. Where there are indicators of impairment, the company performs impairment tests based on fair value less costs to sell or a value in use calculation. The fair value less cost to sell calculation is based on a post-tax discounted cash flow model incorporating an external market participants view of the asset less the incremental costs for disposing of the asset. The value in use calculation is based on a pre-tax discounted cash flow model which is based on cash flows derived from the company's corporate planning assumptions, excluding any significant future investments that will enhance the assets performance of the cash generating unit being tested. The discount rates used in the calculations are believed to be consistent with those used by principal market participants. The recoverable amount is sensitive to the discount rate used in the model as well as the expected future cash flows which include a growth rate assumption.

#### Decommissioning provision

Provision is made for decommissioning obligations and requires the company's best estimate of the costs that will be incurred based on legislative and contractual requirements. In addition, the timing of the cash flows and the discount rates used to establish net present value of the obligations require management's judgement.

#### Proved reserves

The determination of the company's estimated oil and natural gas reserves requires significant judgement and estimates to be applied. Reserve estimates are impacted by geological and engineering data, reservoir performance data and commodity prices. The reliability of these estimates at any point in time depends on both the quality and quantity of the technical and economic data and the efficiency of extracting and processing the hydrocarbons.

Estimates of oil and natural gas reserves are used to calculate depreciation charges for the company's oil and gas assets where any changes in estimates are dealt with prospectively. Oil and natural gas reserves also have a direct impact on the assessment of the recoverability of asset carrying values reported in the financial statements. If proves reserves estimates are revised downwards, the results of the company may be affected by increased depreciation charge or impairment of the assets carrying value.

#### 3. Turnover

Turnover represents the sales amounts derived from the company's production of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids during the year, and of tariff income on a receivable basis, stated net of value added tax. No significant difference arises between the company's share of production and its sales entitlement based on equity ownership of its interests.

Turnover and operating loss are principally attributable to the production and trading of hydrocarbons in Europe. An analysis of turnover is given below.

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Exploration and production activities Crude revenue Other income	247,592 1,686,969 23,017	197,590 1,152,888 1,888_
	1,957,578	1,352,366

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#### 3. Turnover (continued)

Geographical analysis of turnover by destination:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
United Kingdom Continental Europe Other	871,810 748,906 336,862	467,145 639,611 245,610
	1,957,578	1,352,366

#### 4. Operating loss

Operating loss is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2017 £′000	2016 £'000
Operating lease rentals	2 000	2 000
- plant & machinery	1,804	-
Depreciation and amortisation		
- owned assets	171,819	233,215
- impairment credit	(86)	(714)
- exploration write-off	44	(35)
Impairment loss on inventory	755	3,489
Foreign exchange loss/(gain)	2,348	(2,661)

Following an impairment review of the company's assets, an impairment credit of £0.1 million has been recognised. The impairment was recognised in full within the income statement. In 2016 an impairment credit of £0.7 million was recognised in full within the income statement. The prior year impairment credit was recorded as a result of lower commodity prices and changes to decommissioning obligations.

#### 5. Information regarding directors' and employees

#### (a) Directors' emoluments

No emoluments were paid to the directors for their qualifying services in respect of ConocoPhillips Petroleum Company U.K. Limited in the current or preceding year. All directors' contracts of employment are held within another group company.

At 31 December 2017, no directors were accruing benefits under a defined benefit pension scheme (2016: 4).

During the year, no directors exercised share options with respect to the shares of the ultimate parent company.

#### (b) Employees

The company had no employees in the current or preceding year. All contracts of employment are held with another group company.

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#### 6. Auditors' remuneration

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Fees payable to the company's auditors for the audit of the		
company's annual accounts	50_	42

Fees paid to the company's auditor, Ernst & Young LLP, for services other than the statutory audit of the company are not disclosed within this company's accounts because the consolidated accounts of the company are required to disclose non-audit fees on a consolidated basis.

The auditors' remuneration is borne by another group company.

## 7. Interest receivable and similar income

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Bank interest Intercompany interest Other interest	140 177 76	191 - 89
	393	280

## 8. Interest payable and similar charges

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Bank loans and overdrafts	102	-
Interest paid to group companies	-	1,476
Unwinding of discount (Note 17)	14,090	13,436
Other interest	42	276
Dividends paid on preference shares	2,199	2,169
	16,433	17,357

# **Notes to the financial statements (continued)**For the year ended 31 December 2017

#### 9. Tax on loss on ordinary activities

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Current tax UK corporation tax Adjustments in respect of prior periods UK petroleum revenue tax Group relief – current year Group relief – prior year	50,986 (3,167) - - 36,013	40,779 2,474 (2,497) (38,000) (3,781)
Total current tax	83,832	(1,025)
Deferred tax Origination and reversal of timing differences Prior year Impact of change in tax rates	(68,930) 1,457	(90,040) - (34,810)
Total deferred tax	(67,473)	(124,850)
Taxation on loss on ordinary activities	16,359	(125,875)

The following table provides a reconciliation of UK statutory corporation tax at the standard rate to the total tax of the company on its loss before taxation.

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(9,000)	(105,953)
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of UK corporation tax of 19.25% (2016: 20%) UK ring fence corporation tax and supplementary charge Impact of change in statutory tax rate Group relief Permanent differences Adjustments in respect of prior periods:     Current tax     Deferred tax     Group relief Held over gains taxable in fellow group company Petroleum revenue tax (net of corporation tax)	(1,732) (5,277) - - (3,973) (3,167) 1,457 36,013 (6,962)	(21,191) (24,538) (34,810) (38,000) (4,527) 2,464 - (3,781) - (1,492)
Total tax charge/(credit)	16,359	(125,875)

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#### 9. Tax on loss on ordinary activities (continued)

Legislation has been enacted to reduce the non ring fence corporation tax rate from 20% to 19% effective 1 April 2017 and to 17% effective 1 April 2020. These changes are expected to have no material impact.

Legislation was enacted, effective from 1 January 2016, to decrease the rate of supplementary charge applicable to profits arising in the UK ring fence from 20% to 10% and reducing the rate of petroleum revenue tax from 50% to 0% resulting in a deferred tax credit of £34.8 million. The rate of ring fence corporation tax was unchanged at 30%.

## 10. Share based payments

#### **Cash-settled share based payments**

#### Share Incentive Plan

All UK employees are eligible to participate in the ConocoPhillips Share Incentive Plan. Employees can contribute a portion of their pre-tax monthly salary. The employee's contributions are then used to purchase shares in the company's ultimate parent company, ConocoPhillips, at market value. Contributions up to 2.5% of base salary (2016: 2.5%) are eligible for company matching on a "2 for 1" basis. The matching shares must be left in the plan for at least five years to qualify for tax relief.

To satisfy the group's obligation under the Share Incentive Plan, the company recognised an expense of:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Matching shares	733	707
	No.	No.
Number of issued ordinary shares	19,413	22,791
	£	£
Average price of ordinary shares issued	37.95	31.47

#### Restricted Stock Units

Certain eligible UK employees are awarded Restricted Stock Units (RSUs). Each award is held in escrow until the restrictions on the awards lapse. When the restrictions lapse, the number of shares of unrestricted stock, equal to the number of RSUs will be registered in the name of the employee and the RSUs will be terminated.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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## 10. Share based payments (continued)

## Restricted Stock Units (continued)

To satisfy the group's obligations under the RSU award programme, the company recognised an expense of:

	2017 £'000	2016 £′000
Restricted Stock Units	421	398
	No.	No.
Number of lapsed RSU awards and ordinary shares issued	9,319	7,203
Exercise price of ordinary shares (£)	29.35	21.03
Exercise price of ordinary shares (\$)	48.07	33.14

## 11. Intangible fixed assets

	Total £'000
Cost	
At 1 January 2017	2,359
Additions	650
Revisions to decommissioning asset	7
Exploration write-off	(44)
Transfers	18
At 31 December 2017	2,990

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#### 12. **Tangible fixed assets**

	Production & development costs	Other operating assets	Assets under construction	Total
•	£′000	£'000	£′000	£′000
Cost				
At 1 January 2017	2,428,105	5,714	38,319	2,472,138
Additions	659	-	28,443	29,102
Revisions to decommissioning asset	47,321	-	(20.070)	47,321
Transfers	38,952_		(38,970)	(18)
At 31 December 2017	2,515,037	5,714	27,792	2,548,543
Danuaciation				
<b>Depreciation</b> At 1 January 2017	1,876,612	5,171	_	1,881,783
Charge in year	171,740	79	_	171,819
Impairment credit	(86)			(86)
At 31 December 2017	2,048,266	5,250		2,053,516
Net book value				
At 31 December 2017	466,771	464_	27,792	495,027
At 31 December 2016	551,493	543	38,319	590,355

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#### 13. Fixed asset investments

	Subsidiary undertakings £'000	Associated undertakings £'000	Total £'000
Cost	2 000	2 000	2 000
As at 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017	29,737	2,228	31,965

#### Particulars of principal subsidiary undertakings:

ConocoPhillips Petroleum Chemicals UK Limited ConocoPhillips Oil (GB) Limited ConocoPhillips Pension Plan Trustees Limited Principal activities
Dormant
Non-trading
Dormant

The company holds 100% of the share capital and voting rights in each of the companies above. The registered office address of all the subsidiaries noted above is 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Angel Court, London, EC2R 7HJ.

#### Particulars of associated undertakings:

Proportion of shares and voting rights

**Principal activities** 

NGL plant operation & crude oil stabilisation

Norsea Pipeline Limited

29.26% through its subsidiary.

Norsea Pipeline Limited is registered in England and Wales and the interest is held directly by this company. The registered office address of the associated undertaking noted above is 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Angel Court, London, EC2R 7HJ.

The company is exempt from preparing consolidated financial statements by virtue of section 400 of the Companies Act 2006, as the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of ConocoPhillips Holdings Limited, for which consolidated financial statements are prepared.

#### 14. Inventories

	2017 £′000	2016 £'000
Raw materials and consumables	22,504	24,064

Following a review of inventories, there was an impairment charge of £0.8 million in the year (2016: £3.5 million).

# **Notes to the financial statements (continued)**For the year ended 31 December 2017

#### 15. **Debtors**

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	Within	After one	Within one	After one
	one year £′000	year £'000	year £'000	year £′000
Trade debtors	188,135	-	158,416	-
Amounts owed by group companies	19,158	-	29,759	-
Amounts owed by related parties	2,053	-	1,184	-
Other debtors	8,852	-	20,778	-
Current taxation	, <u>-</u>	-	17,699	-
Deferred taxation	1,123	16,632	213	
	219,321	16,632	228,049	-

#### 16. Creditors

Creditors	20:	17	201	6
	Within	After one	Within one	After one
	one year £′000	year £'000	year £'000	year £'000
Bank loans and overdrafts	7,310	-	1	-
Trade creditors	25,621	-	22,760	-
Amounts owed to group companies	183,595	-	161,740	-
Amounts owed to related parties	•	-	3,845	-
Accruals and deferred income	30,209	-	33,302	-
Other creditors	4,460	-	4,190	-
Current Tax	46,537	-	· -	-
Preference share capital (Note 18)		32,092		32,092
	297,732	32,092	225,838	32,092

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#### 17. Provisions for liabilities

Decom	missioning provision £'000	Deferred credits £'000	Deferred taxation £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2017 Balance presented within debtors (Note 15) Changes in estimates of existing obligations New obligations Adjustment for change in discount rate Unwinding of discount (Note 8) Costs incurred on existing obligations Credited to income statement Balance presented within debtors (Note 15)	476,614 - 19,475 4,117 23,736 14,090 (701) -	517 - - - - - (517)	49,931 (213) - - - - - (67,473) 17,755	527,062 (213) 19,475 4,117 23,736 14,090 (701) (67,990) 17,755
At 31 December 2017	537,331 (a)			537,331
At 31 December 2017 Current Non-current	2,808 534,523 537,331			2,808 534,523 537,331
At 31 December 2016 Current Non-current	426 476,188 476,614	517 517	49,931 49,931	426 526,636 527,062

- (a) At 31 December 2017, the provision for the future costs of decommissioning oil and natural gas production and related facilities was £537.3 million (2016: £476.6 million). The provision has been estimated using the present value of future decommissioning costs, inflated at 2.2% (2016: 2.2%) and discounted at 2.4% and 2.74% where settlement is expected within 10 years and after 10 years respectively (2016: 2.5% and 3.1%). Costs expected to be incurred within the next year have been disclosed as current. All other costs are not currently expected to be incurred within the next year.
- (b) Deferred credit balances relate to amounts outstanding for "Take or Pay" or "Send or Pay" arrangements in respect of transportation systems and dedicated gas contracts, where economic benefits are expected to transfer over the course of the related asset useful lives.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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## 17. Provisions for liabilities (continued)

#### (c) Deferred taxation

Analysis of movements during the year	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
At 1 January Balance restated within debtors (Note 15) Income statement (Note 9)	49,931 (213) (67,473)	177,433 (2,865) (124,850)
At 31 December Balance restated within debtors (Note 15)	(17,755) 17,755	49,718 213
At 31 December		49,931
Total provision for deferred taxation	2017 £'000	2016 £′000
Deferred tax asset (Note 15) Provisions for liabilities (Note 17)	(17,755)	(213) 49,931
	(17,755)	49,718
Analysis of total provision	2017 £'000	2016 £′000
Accelerated capital allowances Rolled over gains	197,177	234,860 6,961
Decommissioning Investment Allowance	(214,932)	(190,646) (1,457)
	(17,755)	49,718

The net deferred tax liability expected to reverse in 2018 is estimated at £30 million being the reversal of timing differences.

#### 18. Called up share capital

Allotted, called up and fully-paid	2017 £′000	2016 £'000
57,500 ordinary shares of £1.00 each	57	57
Share capital classified as a liability under FRS102 (section 22)		
500,000 class "B" cumulative redeemable preference shares of US\$100 each	32,092	32,092

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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#### 18. Called up share capital (continued)

The company has a single class of ordinary share. There are no restrictions on the distribution of dividends and the repayment of capital.

The 500,000 class "B" cumulative redeemable preference shares, which were issued at par in 1996, are redeemable at any time upon one months notice from the company. They carry a fixed dividend of 5.75% payable quarterly in arrears.

The class "B" cumulative redeemable preference shares are denominated in United States dollars and carry no voting rights unless the preference dividend is in arrears by six months or more. They have no premium paid on redemption. They have preferential rights over the ordinary shares to receive on winding up the amount of US\$100 per share together with the accrued dividend.

The issued preference share capital of £32.1 million is classified as a financial liability under the requirements of FRS 102, Section 22 "Liabilities and Equity" (Note 17).

#### 19. Financial commitments

#### (a) Capital commitments

At 31 December commitments for future capital expenditure were as follows:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Contracted but not provided for	686	997

#### (b) Operating lease commitments

The company had the following future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases for each period are as follows:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Plant & machinery		
Payments due:		
- not later than one year	3,246	3,081
- later than one year and not later than five years	6,327	7,959
	9,573	11,040

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#### 20. Related party transactions

In accordance with FRS 102, Section 33.1A, Related Party Disclosure, the company has taken advantage of the exemption not to disclose related party transactions with other wholly-owned members of the group.

The company's interests in associated undertakings are detailed in Note 13.

Other related parties and their relationship to the company are as follows:

Company name	Relationship
Norpipe Petroleum UK Limited	Common control
Norpipe Oil AS	Common control

Transactions with related parties relating to recharged costs, on an arms length basis, are detailed below:

	Net Recharges to/(from)		Debtor/(Creditor) at 31 December	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£'million	£'million	£'million	£'million
Norsea Pipeline Limited	76.3	75.2	8.7	1.6
Norpipe Petroleum UK Limited	34.0	29.9	3.3	2.5
Norpipe Oil AS	2.0	2.7	0.3	0.5

#### 21. Financial instruments

The company has the following derivatives included in the financial statements at fair value using mark to market basis. The derivatives hedge the price risk on specific crude oil transactions and are through arrangements with its affiliate, ConocoPhillips (U.K.) Limited. The fair value of the derivative positions is included in amounts due to and from group companies. Details in relation to the valuation techniques are disclosed in the financial statements of ConocoPhillips (U.K.) Limited.

The maximum credit exposure of the company as at 31 December:

	201	2017		2016	
	Asset £'000	Liability £'000	Asset £'000	Liability £'000	
Oil price contracts		<u>-</u>	1,585	6,150	

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#### 21. Financial instruments (continued)

#### Fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities

Set out below is a comparison by category of carrying amounts and fair values of all of the company's financial instruments, that are carried in the financial statements. Note that in all cases the fair value of those assets and liabilities is equal to the carrying value.

Counting amount & fair value

	Carrying amount & fair value		
	2017 £′000	2016 £'000	
Financial assets			
Cash	420,849	275,692	
Trade and other receivables	218,198	210,137	
Fair value through income statement			
Commodity derivative contracts			
Financial liabilities			
Amortised cost			
Bank overdraft	(7,310)	(1)	
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	` , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	`-	
Trade and other payables	(290,422)	(225,837)	
Redeemable preference shares	(32,092)	(32,092)	
Fair value through income statement			
Commodity derivative contracts		(4,565)	

The income, expense and changes in fair values of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) recorded in the income statement is as follows:

Net gain/(loss) on financial instruments:	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Net loss on derivative instruments Net expense on interest bearing loans	17,758	(1,934) (1,476)

#### 22. Events which have occurred since the end of the financial year

In July 2018, the company increased its shareholding in its associated undertaking to 40.25% after the existing shareholders agreed to acquire their pro-rata share of Equinor's 27.3% interest in Norsea Pipeline Limited. Following changes in the group structure, the company now holds a 40.25% investment in Norpipe Terminal Holdco Limited, which, in turn, holds 100% of Norsea Pipeline Limited. Full assessment of the accounting is still in progress at the date of approving the financial statements.

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### 23. Ultimate controlling party

ConocoPhillips, a company registered in Delaware, USA, which the directors regard as the company's ultimate parent undertaking with respect to the year to 31 December 2017, is the parent undertaking of the largest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are drawn up and of which the company is a member. Copies of the 2017 Annual Report may be obtained from 600 North Dairy Ashford, Houston, TX 77079, USA.

ConocoPhillips Holdings Limited, a company registered in England is the parent undertaking of the smallest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are drawn up and of which the company is a member. Copies of the financial statements may be obtained from 20<sup>th</sup> Floor, Angel Court, London, EC2R 7HJ.