

# **BG Central Investments Limited**

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2005**

**Company Registration Number: 1144335**



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## Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2005

The Directors present their report and the audited Financial Statements for the Company for the year ended 31 December 2005.

### Principal activities

The principal activity of BG Central Investments Limited (the "Company") is to act as a financing company to promote the interests of BG Group plc, (the Company's ultimate parent undertaking). It is expected that this will remain the principal activity of the Company for the foreseeable future.

### Results and dividend

An increase in interest receivable has resulted in a profit for the financial year of £51,009,000 (2004: £1,404,000) which has been transferred to reserves.

The Directors do not propose to declare a dividend for the year ended 31 December 2005 (2004: £nil).

### Directors

The following served as Directors during the year:

	Appointed	Resigned
J A Berget	23 February 2006	
C J Cowley	11 August 2005	
C S Inman		11 August 2005
B J S Mathews		11 August 2005
J P O'Driscoll	21 February 2006	
J C W Stewart	11 August 2005	

### Company Secretaries

The following served as joint Company Secretaries during the year:

	Appointed
C S Inman	
P A Moore	5 August 2005

### Directors' insurance

The ultimate parent undertaking has purchased insurance to cover the Directors against liabilities in relation to the Company.

### Directors' interests

At no time did any Director, still holding office at 31 December 2005, have any beneficial interest in the shares of the Company or any other company within BG Group except for those interests in the shares of the ultimate parent undertaking, BG Group plc, as stated below.

### Beneficial holdings

	Beneficial interests in ordinary shares	
	As at 1 Jan 2005*	As at 31 Dec 2005
C J Cowley	8,674	7,357
J C W Stewart	6,749	10,744

**Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2005 continued****Sharesave Scheme**

	Options as at 1 Jan 2005*	Options granted in the year	Options exercised in the year	Options as at 31 Dec 2005
C J Cowley	7,368	-	-	7,368
J C W Stewart	3,458	-	-	3,458

**Company Share Option Scheme**

	Options as at 1 Jan 2005*	Options granted in the year	Options exercised in the year	Options as at 31 Dec 2005
C J Cowley	77,802	8,514	-	86,316
J C W Stewart	109,645	12,446	(11,173)	110,918

**Long Term Incentive Scheme**

	Notional allocations of shares as at 1 Jan 2005*	Notional allocations of shares made during the year	Number of shares added through dividend reinvestment	Number of shares forfeited at end of performance year	Number of shares vested during the year	Notional allocation of shares as at 31 Dec 2005
C J Cowley	18,683	11,704	-	-	-	30,387
J C W Stewart	35,036	15,398	-	-	-	50,434

\* or at date of appointment, if later.

Full details of all employee share and option schemes can be found in the BG Group Annual Report and Accounts 2005.

**Suppliers**

It is the Company's policy to pay all its creditors promptly and in accordance with contractual and other legal obligations. It is the Company's policy to agree the payment terms at the start of business with each supplier and to ensure that they are aware of the terms of payment.

The Company had no trade creditors at the end of the year (2004: £nil).

**Derivative financial instruments**

The Company, through its investment in BG Finance LLP, transacted in derivative financial instruments during the year, however there are no positions outstanding as at 31 December 2005. Full details of the BG Group policies and procedures surrounding financial instruments and details of such transactions can be found in the BG Group Annual Report and Accounts 2005.

**Auditors**

The Company has elected to dispense with the annual reappointment of auditors in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 1985 and accordingly PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP remain in office.

## **Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2005 continued**

### **Statement of Directors' responsibilities**

The Directors are required by the Companies Act 1985 to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss for the financial year.

The Directors consider that in preparing the Financial Statements on pages 6 to 10 the Company has used appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates and that all applicable accounting standards have been followed and that the Financial Statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. The Company has complied with UK disclosure requirements.

The Directors have responsibility for ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Company and which enables them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Act 1985.

The Directors have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors, having prepared the Financial Statements, have requested the Auditors to take whatever steps and undertake whatever inspections they consider to be appropriate for the purposes of enabling them to give their audit report.

By order of the Board:



**C S Inman**  
Company Secretary  
Date: 24.10.06

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## **Independent Auditors' report to the member of BG Central Investments Limited**

We have audited the Financial Statements of BG Central Investments Limited for the year ended 31 December 2005 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, and the related notes. These Financial Statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

### **Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors**

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the Financial Statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Company's member as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the Financial Statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' report is not consistent with the Financial Statements, if the Company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

### **Basis of audit opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the Directors in the preparation of the Financial Statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the Financial Statements.

**Independent Auditors' report to the member of BG Central Investments Limited continued**

**Opinion**

In our opinion the Financial Statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2005 and of its profit for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors  
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London  
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Date: 24/10/06.

**Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2005**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2005 £000</b>	<b>2004 £000</b>
Interest receivable and similar income	4	<b>72,912</b>	2,006
<b>Operating profit/profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>72,912</b>	2,006
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	5	<b>(21,903)</b>	(602)
<b>Retained profit for the financial year</b>	9	<b>51,009</b>	1,404

The results for the year are derived solely from continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses other than in the profit and loss account and, therefore, a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been presented.

There is no difference between historical cost profits and the results presented.

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these Financial Statements.




**Balance sheet as at 31 December**

	Notes	2005 £000	2004 £000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	6	1,486,023	1,413,011
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(22,605)</u>	<u>(602)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>1,463,418</u>	<u>1,412,409</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1,463,418</u>	<u>1,412,409</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>1,463,418</u></u>	<u><u>1,412,409</u></u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	8	1,411,005	1,411,005
Profit and loss account	9	<u>52,413</u>	<u>1,404</u>
<b>Equity shareholder's funds</b>	10	<u><u>1,463,418</u></u>	<u><u>1,412,409</u></u>

The notes on pages 8 to 10 form part of these Financial Statements.

The Financial Statements on pages 6 to 10 were approved by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by:

  
**J P O'Driscoll**  
 Director

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2006

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 1 Ultimate parent company

The immediate parent undertaking is BG International (CNS) Limited.

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is BG Group plc, which is the parent undertaking of the largest group to consolidate these Financial Statements. The smallest group into which the Company is consolidated is that of which BG Energy Holdings Limited is the parent undertaking. BG Energy Holdings Limited and BG Group plc are both registered in England and Wales. Copies of these consolidated accounts may be obtained from the Company Secretary, 100 Thames Valley Park Drive, Reading, Berkshire, RG6 1PT.

### 2 Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation and accounting principles

These accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with applicable law and accounting standards in the United Kingdom, using historical cost principles. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

The Company proportionately consolidates its interest in the following joint arrangement which is not an entity:

Investment	Principal activity	Country of incorporation	Direct investment (%)
BG Finance LLP	Investment	England	0.3875

#### Exemptions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemptions available to wholly-owned UK subsidiaries under Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 1 (Revised 1996) 'Cash Flow Statements', and accordingly has not prepared a cash flow statement; and within FRS 8 'Related Party Disclosures' from disclosure of transactions with other group companies.

#### Foreign currencies

Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are translated into pound Sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Differences arising from changes in exchange rates are taken to the profit and loss account in the year in which they arise.

#### Deferred tax

Provision is made in full, on an undiscounted basis, for the deferred tax arising on the difference between the accounting treatment and tax treatment for depreciation in respect of accelerated capital allowances and other timing differences. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that they are regarded as recoverable.

## Notes to the Financial Statements continued

### 3 Profit and loss account

No Directors received emoluments in respect of their services to the Company during the year ended 31 December 2005 (2004: £nil). The Company had no employees during the year ended 31 December 2005 (2004: nil).

Remuneration of the Auditors in both 2005 and 2004 has been borne by BG Energy Holdings Limited.

### 4 Interest receivable and similar income

	2005 £000	2004 £000
Interest receivable	72,911	2,006
Other investment income	1	-
	<u>72,912</u>	<u>2,006</u>

### 5 Taxation

	2005 £000	2004 £000
<b>Current tax</b>		
Group Relief payable at 30%	21,903	602
<b>Total tax charge</b>	<u>21,903</u>	<u>602</u>
Factors affecting the tax charge for the period:		
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	72,912	2,006
Profit on ordinary activities at 30%	21,873	602
Tax on share of partnership profits	30	-
<b>Current year tax charge</b>	<u>21,903</u>	<u>602</u>

There is no provided or unprovided deferred tax asset/liability at 31 December 2005 (2004: £nil)

### 6 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2005 £000	2004 £000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>1,486,023</u>	<u>1,413,011</u>

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest is at the LIBOR rate plus 25 basis points and repayable on demand.

**Notes to the Financial Statements continued****7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2005 £000	2004 £000
Amounts owed to group undertakings in respect of taxation	22,505	602
Amounts owed to fellow subsidiary undertakings	100	-
	<u>22,605</u>	<u>602</u>

**8 Called up share capital**

	2005 £000	2004 £000
<b>Authorised:</b>		
1,411,004,833 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1,411,005</u>	<u>1,411,005</u>
<b>Allotted and fully paid up:</b>		
1,411,004,833 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1,411,005</u>	<u>1,411,005</u>

**9 Reserves**

	Profit and loss account £000
As at 1 January 2005	1,404
Transfer from profit and loss account	<u>51,009</u>
<b>As at 31 December 2005</b>	<u><b>52,413</b></u>

**10 Reconciliation of movements in shareholder's funds**

	2005 £000	2004 £000
As at 1 January	1,412,409	-
Transfer from profit and loss account	51,009	1,404
Issued Share Capital	-	1,411,005
<b>As at 31 December</b>	<u><b>1,463,418</b></u>	<u><b>1,412,409</b></u>