

ECI VENTURES LIMITED

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2017

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COMPANY INFORMATION

REGISTERED NUMBER

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Philip Shuttleworth

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STRATEGIC REPORT

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

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

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

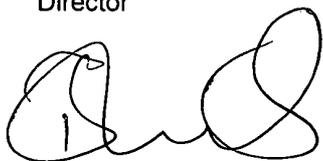
	Year ended 31 December 2017 £	Year ended 31 December 2016 £	Change %
Turnover	7,016,525	6,892,553	2
Operating profit	519,672	235,211	121
Profit after taxation	336,533	75,010	349
Current assets as % of current liabilities	103%	96%	7
Average number of employees	27	24	3

REVIEW OF COMPANY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE:

The retained profit of the company for the year was £336,533 (2016: £75,010).

The financial performance and underlying operations of the ECI group are managed on an aggregated basis across the group as a whole rather than at an individual entity level. Accordingly, the key performance indicators that are used by the business to measure financial performance are assessed at a group level based on the consolidated results of the business. In addition, the assessment of the risks and uncertainties faced by the business has been considered at a group level rather than for each specific statutory entity. The financial performance and key risks and uncertainties facing the group are disclosed in the financial statements of ECI Partners LLP.

Director



P. Shuttleworth
On behalf of the Board

ECI VENTURES LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors submit their report and the audited financial statements of ECI Ventures Limited (the "company") for the year ended 31 December 2017.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The company provides administration and support services to other entities within the ECI group of companies (the "group").

EMPLOYEES

The company had an average of 27 (2016: 24) employees throughout the year.

POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

The company made no political or charitable contributions during the year (2016: £nil).

DIVIDENDS

The company did not pay an interim dividend during the year (2016: £nil). No final dividend is proposed (2016: £nil).

FUTURE PROSPECTS AND GOING CONCERN

The company is required to maintain sufficient liquid working capital to meet the administrative expenses of the group. The majority of the company's liabilities are recurring in nature and relatively stable and the company has the right to recover 100% of all administrative expenses incurred from fellow subsidiaries of the group. The directors consider that the activities of the company will remain unchanged for the foreseeable future.

The company manages its working capital by ensuring that it receives sufficient amounts from fellow subsidiaries in advance of payments falling due to external suppliers. The directors consider that they are able to manage the resources of the group to ensure that the company has sufficient capital to meet its external liabilities. As a result, the financial statements of the company are prepared on the going concern basis.

DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The following were directors of the company throughout the year:

P Shuttleworth
ECI Partners LLP

Mr. Shuttleworth is a member of ECI Partners LLP (the company's ultimate parent undertaking).

REAPPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR

Ernst & Young LLP were deemed to have been reappointed as auditor of the Company under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE AUDITOR

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

- so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

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

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (Continued)

AUDITOR

Pursuant to section 487 of the Companies Act 2006 the auditors are deemed to be reappointed and Ernst & Young LLP will therefore continue in office.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P Shuttleworth', written in a cursive style.

P Shuttleworth, Company Secretary
Brettenham House
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London
WC2E 7EN
Company Registration Number 2163067

23 April 2018

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

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

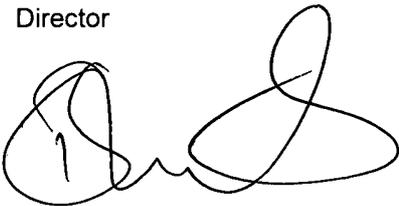
Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), and FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland'. 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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The 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.

Director

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P. Shuttleworth
On behalf of the Board

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF ECI VENTURES LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of ECI Ventures Limited ("the company") for the year ended 31 December 2017 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Financial Position and the related notes 1 to 16. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

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.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

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

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF ECI 10 GP LIMITED (Continued)

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of directors

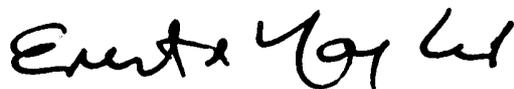
As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 3, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



Ashley Coups, (Senior statutory auditor)
for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor
London
23 April 2018

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
Year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Turnover		7,016,524	6,892,553
Administrative expenses	2	<u>(6,496,852)</u>	<u>(6,657,342)</u>
Operating profit	3	519,672	235,211
Interest receivable	4	204	2,005
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		<u>519,876</u>	<u>237,216</u>
Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities	5	(183,343)	(162,206)
Profit for the financial year	12	<u><u>336,533</u></u>	<u><u>75,010</u></u>

There are no items pertaining to other comprehensive income in the current or preceding year.

The statement of comprehensive income has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

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The notes 1 to 16 on pages 10 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
Year ended 31 December 2017

	Called up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Shareholders equity £	Total equity £
At 1 January 2017	5,000	291,111	296,111	296,111
Profit for the year	-	336,533	336,533	336,533
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	336,533	336,533	336,533
New shares issued	-	-	-	-
Share issue costs	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2017	5,000	627,644	632,644	632,644

	Called up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Shareholders equity £	Total equity £
At 1 January 2016	5,000	216,101	221,101	221,101
Profit for the year	-	75,010	75,010	75,010
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	75,010	75,010	75,010
New shares issued	-	-	-	-
Share issue costs	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2016	5,000	291,111	296,111	296,111

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
At 31 December 2017**

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6	457,697	566,020
Investments	7	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
		457,699	566,022
Current assets			
Debtors	8	5,843,675	5,651,921
Cash at bank and in hand		533,617	545,842
Deferred tax asset	10	<u>6,790</u>	<u>-</u>
Total current assets		6,384,082	6,197,763
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(6,209,137)	(6,460,442)
Deferred tax liability	10	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,232)</u>
		(6,209,137)	(6,467,674)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		274,945	(269,911)
Net assets		632,644	296,111
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	11	5,000	5,000
Profit and loss account	12	<u>627,644</u>	<u>291,111</u>
Equity shareholders' funds	13	632,644	296,111

The financial statements on pages 1 to 15 were approved by the board and authorised for issue and have been signed on its behalf by:



S P Whelan
For ECI Partners LLP



P Shuttleworth
Director

23 April 2018

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **Year ended 31 December 2017**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies, which have been consistently adopted in the preparation of the financial statements, are set out below:

Statement of Compliance

ECI Ventures Limited is a limited company incorporated in Scotland. The Registered Office is Brettenham House, Lancaster Place, London WC2E 7EN.

The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 as it applies to these financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 and in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the company are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Consolidated financial statements

Consolidated financial statements have not been prepared as the company is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of ECI Partners LLP (note 16). The parent of the largest group for which consolidated financial statements are prepared is that of ECI Partners LLP. The financial statements present information about ECI Ventures Limited as an individual undertaking, and not about its group.

Foreign exchange

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates ruling at the dates of the transactions.

Turnover

Turnover comprises of fees from administration and support services, provided to fellow subsidiaries of the group within the United Kingdom during the year and is recognised on an accruals basis.

Interest receivable is recognised on an accruals basis.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

For all tangible fixed assets, depreciation is calculated in order to write down the cost of the asset on a straight line basis over the estimated useful economic life of the asset which is considered to be:

Computer equipment	Three years
Fixtures and fittings	Four to ten years
Office equipment	Four years

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provisions for impairment. Impairment is recognised in the profit and loss account.

Leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line accruals basis in equal annual instalments over the period of the lease.

Taxation

Current tax, including UK corporation tax, is recorded at amounts expected to be recovered or paid using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is recognised in respect of all timing differences at the reporting date, which are differences between taxable profits and total comprehensive income as stated in the financial statements that arises from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements, except that:

- where there are differences between amounts that can be deducted for tax for assets and liabilities compared with the amounts that are recognised for those assets and liabilities in a business combination a deferred tax liability/asset shall be recognised; and
- 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 future taxable profits.

Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Statement of cash flow

The company, as a qualifying entity, has taken advantage of the exemption in section 7 of FRS 102 from the requirement to prepare a statement of cash flows.

2. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

	2017 No.	2016 No.
The average number of staff employed by the company during the year was:		
Executive staff	11	10
Administrative staff	<u>16</u>	<u>14</u>
	<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>

The costs incurred in respect of these employees were:

	£	£
Employees' salaries	2,021,988	2,014,784
Social security costs	299,318	293,124
Other staff costs	<u>310,110</u>	<u>252,515</u>
	<u>2,631,416</u>	<u>2,560,423</u>

3. OPERATING PROFIT

	2017 £	2016 £
Operating profit is stated after charging:		
Auditor's remuneration – audit fees *	89,320	84,300
– other services	57,600	116,060
Rentals under operating leases - land and buildings	492,738	492,738
Depreciation	<u>274,553</u>	<u>235,041</u>

*The audit fees quoted above represent the fees that were incurred by the company on behalf of all of the subsidiaries in the group in respect of both the current and prior year.

The auditor's remuneration in respect of the audit of the company was £9,200 (2016: £9,000).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

4. INTEREST RECEIVABLE

Interest receivable includes bank interest receivable of £45 (2016: £238) and interest receivable from group undertakings of £159 (2016: £1,767).

5. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2017	2016
	£	£
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax on profits for the period	204,401	172,505
Adjustment in respect of prior years:	<u>(7,036)</u>	<u>5,010</u>
Total current tax	<u>197,365</u>	<u>177,515</u>
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(4,327)	(2,033)
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	(10,200)	(12,000)
Effect of changes in tax rates	<u>505</u>	<u>(1,276)</u>
Total deferred tax	<u>(14,022)</u>	<u>(15,309)</u>
Total tax per income statement	<u>183,343</u>	<u>162,206</u>

The charge for the year can be reconciled to the profit per the income statement as follows:

	2017	2016
	£	£
Profit for the year – continuing operations	<u>519,876</u>	<u>237,216</u>
Tax on profit at standard UK tax rate of 19.25% (2016: 20.00%):	100,058	47,443
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	99,979	123,028
Effect of group relief/other reliefs	37	-
Prior year adjustments	(17,236)	(6,990)
Tax rate changes	<u>505</u>	<u>(1,275)</u>
Current tax charge for year	<u>183,343</u>	<u>162,206</u>

Factors that may affect future tax charges

The UK corporation tax rate was reduced from 20% to 19% with effect from 1 April 2017. In the Finance Act 2016, it was announced that the main rate of corporation tax will be cut to 17% from 1 April 2020. These changes were substantially enacted on the 7th September 2016.

The 17% rate has been used for the measurement of deferred tax assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date of 31 December 2017.

It should be noted that entities are required to measure current and deferred tax at the amount expected to be paid to the taxation authorities, using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted, or substantively enacted, at the end of the reporting period.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2017	1,308,223	814,981	174,479	2,297,683
Additions	3,582	125,020	37,628	166,230
Disposals	-	(124,584)	(30,476)	(155,060)
At 31 December 2017	<u>1,311,805</u>	<u>815,417</u>	<u>181,631</u>	<u>2,308,853</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2017	895,982	678,724	156,957	1,731,663
Charge for the year	152,198	101,707	20,648	274,553
Disposals	-	(124,584)	(30,476)	(155,060)
At 31 December 2017	<u>1,048,180</u>	<u>655,847</u>	<u>147,129</u>	<u>1,851,156</u>
Net book value				
At 31 December 2017	<u>263,625</u>	<u>159,570</u>	<u>34,502</u>	<u>457,697</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>412,241</u>	<u>136,257</u>	<u>17,522</u>	<u>566,020</u>

7. INVESTMENTS HELD AS FIXED ASSETS

	2017 £	2016 £
Shares in group undertakings	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

The company's subsidiary undertaking is:

	Country of incorporation	Activity	Proportion of ordinary shares held
ECI Ventures Nominees Limited	Great Britain	Nominee company	100%

ECI Ventures Nominees Limited did not trade on its own account during the current or prior year but as a nominee company for investments held with the investment vehicles managed by a fellow subsidiary of the group.

8. DEBTORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2017 £	2016 £
Trade debtors	933,447	811,548
Amounts owed by group undertakings	1,633,932	1,572,003
Other debtors	1,415,480	1,053,895
Amounts owed for group relief	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,860,816</u>	<u>2,214,475</u>
	<u>5,843,675</u>	<u>5,651,921</u>

ECI VENTURES LIMITED**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)****9. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2017	2016
	£	£
Trade creditors	549,302	1,458,565
Amounts owed to group undertakings	3,350,127	3,040,127
Amounts owed to associated undertakings	1,033,441	896,918
Other creditors	32,165	27,587
Social security payable	52,171	63,815
Amounts payable for group relief	374,880	177,515
Accruals and deferred income	817,051	795,915
	<u>6,209,137</u>	<u>6,460,442</u>

10. DEFERRED TAX ASSET / LIABILITY

	2017	2016
	£	£
Fixed asset timing differences	(13,609)	(17,432)
Short term trading timing differences	20,399	10,200
	<u>6,790</u>	<u>(7,232)</u>
Balance brought forward	(7,232)	(22,541)
Credit to profit and loss account	14,022	15,309
Balance carried forward	<u>6,790</u>	<u>(7,232)</u>

Discounting has not been applied to the provision for deferred tax.

The deferred tax asset is calculated at 31 December 2017 using a corporation tax rate of 17% (prior year 17%). Deferred tax has been provided for at the lowest rate (17%) substantially enacted at the balance sheet date. The Finance Act 2016 introduces further changes to the main rate of corporation tax, which will be cut further to 17% from 1 April 2020. These changes were substantially enacted at the balance sheet date.

There would be no material differences to the deferred tax liability if the higher rates for the years to 31 December 2017 were to be used.

11. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2017	2016
	£	£
Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid:		
5,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>

12. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2017	2016
	£	£
Balance brought forward	291,111	216,101
Profit on ordinary activities for the year	336,533	75,010
Balance carried forward	<u>627,644</u>	<u>291,111</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

13. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2017 £	2016 £
Opening shareholders' funds	296,111	221,101
Profit on ordinary activities for the year	<u>336,533</u>	<u>75,010</u>
Net increase in shareholders' funds	336,533	75,010
Closing shareholders' funds	<u><u>632,644</u></u>	<u><u>296,111</u></u>

14. OBLIGATIONS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

The company is committed to make the following payments in respect of operating leases:

	Land and buildings 2017 £	Land and buildings 2016 £
Amounts payable for leases		
Within one year	607,908	607,908
Within two to five years	302,907	870,567
After five years	<u>33,540</u>	<u>73,788</u>
	<u><u>944,355</u></u>	<u><u>1,552,263</u></u>

At 31 December 2017 the company had no other obligations, financial commitments or contingent liabilities (2016: none).

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

ECI Ventures Limited holds an interest of 0.1% in ECI GP LLP.

As the company is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of ECI Partners LLP, it is exempt from the disclosure requirements in respect of transactions with other entities within the group.

There were no other related party transactions requiring disclosure.

16. PARENT UNDERTAKING AND ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

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