

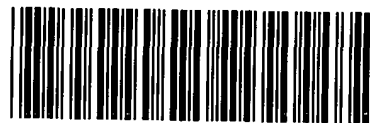
**Ecotricity Group Limited**

**Annual report and consolidated  
financial statements**

**Registered number 03521776**

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## Strategic report

### Principal activities and review of the business

The principal focus of the Group continued to be the promotion of Sustainability in all walks of life and our vision of a Green Britain.

Our primary mission is to change the way Energy is made in Britain. We are also engaged in the issues of Transport and Food, seeking also to bring changes in these two important areas.

Over the last few years we have continued to invest in a number of projects that we expect to turn into commercial operations in the near future. These projects include the manufacture of small windmills for the domestic export market, green gas generation, solar installations, and battery storage.

During the year, the group embarked on a new 50/50 joint venture (named Skylark Energy Limited) with Skanska. This venture contributed significantly (£10.6m) to the Group's income in the financial year.

Pulling in the other direction, a major refinancing of all Ecotricity's wind and sun farms with Aviva required the early settlement of certain external borrowings, affecting profit to the tune of circa £3.8m.

We also continued to expand our Electric Highway (our National network of electricity pumps for electric vehicles).

### Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 7. The directors do not recommend the payment of an ordinary dividend (2014: £Nil).

### Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)

In the year ended 30 April 2015, turnover was £109.8m (2014: £70.4m) representing an increase of 56% on the year before. Total operating profit increased by 20% to £5.7m (2014: £4.8m).

Despite the addition of a new wind farm at Galsworthy from November 2014, wind generation for the year was down on the previous year overall by 5%.

The Group has significant bank loans, net debt increasing during the year from £59.4m to £71.9m, due to a complete refinancing (£66.9m) of all wind and sun farms with Aviva.

Growth continued strongly in 2014/15, with the number of electricity customers up 35%, and gas customers up 53%.

Increased losses in certain aspects of the Group's activities together with a £1.4m (2014: £0.9m) write off of a significant number of aborted (not able to achieve planning consent) projects prevented a more significant increase in the Group's Profit before tax.

Losses of £2.9m (2014: £2.4m) at Forest Green Rovers Football Club, which will be a continuing feature for a year or two, but are expected to have peaked in 2014/15, are indicative of the desire to gain promotion to League Two – which is part of the long term plan to turn the financial performance of the club around.

Generation development work during the year focused on appeals for existing sites of some 14.8MW, the submission of 3 new planning applications and continued site identification. At the end of the year we had 87.7MW of consented projects which we have moved closer to being ready to commence construction work on.

Growth is expected to continue, the outlook for the Group remains excellent.

## Strategic report *(continued)*

### Risks and uncertainties

The principal risks of the Group continue to be:

- Regulatory (government deciding to focus policy away from renewable energy, something that has largely taken place now);
- Recessionary (potential customers having less focus on environmental issues owing to personal financial constraints); and
- Environmental (constraints being placed on our ability to plan and develop renewable energy projects, as above this has largely taken place now).

By order of the board



**P Wheatcroft**  
*Director*

Unicorn House  
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14 October 2015

## Directors' report

The directors present the Directors' report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2015.

### Supplier payment policy

The Group agrees terms and conditions for its business transactions with suppliers and payment is then made on these terms, subject to the terms and conditions being met by the supplier. The Group had creditor days at 30 April 2015 of 13 days (2014: 15 days).

### Directors

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

D Vince  
K Vince  
P Wheatcroft  
S Crowfoot  
E Warwicker (resigned 9 June 2015)  
A Rehmanwala

### Employees

Ecotricity is committed to ensuring its development and the development of its employees. The Group values the differences between employees that define them as unique individuals and that diversity within the workplace is an integral part of achieving success. The Group also recognises its responsibilities to its employees.

### Political and charitable contributions

The Group made charitable donations of £145,864 (2014: £71,657) in the year. This includes £77,100 (2014: £62,100) to the Green Britain Foundation and £32,880 (2014: £8,455) to Sustainability in Sport, charities and companies of which one of the directors is also a director.

The Group made political donations of £430,100 (2014: £20,000) in the year.

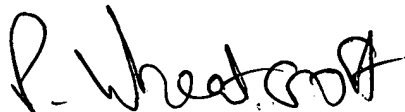
### Disclosure of information to auditor

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' report confirm that, so far as each is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and that the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as directors to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

### Auditor

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

By order of the board



**P Wheatcroft**  
Director

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14 October 2015

## **Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the Annual report and the financial statements**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual 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 they have elected to prepare the group and parent company financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 group and parent company and of their profit or loss for that period. In preparing each of the group and parent company 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group and the parent company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the parent company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parent company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



## **Independent auditor's report to the members of Ecotricity Group Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of Ecotricity Group Limited for the year ended 30 April 2015 set out on pages 7 to 33. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor**

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit, and express an opinion on, the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate).

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's affairs as at 30 April 2015 and of the group's profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

## **Independent auditor's report to the members of Ecotricity Group Limited (*continued*)**

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company 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.



**James Ledward (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor**  
*Chartered Accountants*  
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14 October 2015



## Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

for the year ended 30 April 2015

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
Turnover: group and share of joint ventures		109,767,077	70,436,399
Less: share of joint ventures' turnover		-	-
<b>Group turnover</b>	2	<b>109,767,077</b>	<b>70,436,399</b>
Cost of sales		(67,421,472)	(41,209,132)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>42,345,605</b>	<b>29,227,267</b>
Administrative expenses		(36,346,766)	(24,386,283)
<b>Group operating profit</b>	3-5	<b>5,998,839</b>	<b>4,840,984</b>
Share of operating loss of joint ventures		(115,923)	(54,319)
Share of operating loss of associates		(141,908)	(10,705)
<b>Total operating profit</b>		<b>5,741,008</b>	<b>4,775,960</b>
Profit on sale of fixed assets	9	5,342,197	-
Interest receivable and similar income	6	113,102	35,449
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(7,804,793)	(3,900,399)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>3,391,514</b>	<b>911,010</b>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(2,157,430)	(267,308)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		<b>1,234,084</b>	<b>643,702</b>
Minority interests	19	517,037	361,735
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>	18	<b>1,751,121</b>	<b>1,005,437</b>

The notes on pages 12 to 33 form part of the financial statements.

## Consolidated Balance Sheet at 30 April 2015

	Note	2015		2014	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Intangible assets	9	5,125,206		5,728,290	
Tangible assets	10	138,919,954		100,808,273	
Investments	11	25,013		70,252	
		<u>144,070,173</u>		<u>106,606,815</u>	
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stock	12	1,197,089		984,307	
Debtors	13	48,859,079		34,272,734	
Cash at bank and in hand		26,633,729		5,892,917	
		<u>76,689,897</u>		<u>41,149,958</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	<u>(60,879,656)</u>		<u>(35,290,142)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>15,810,241</u>		<u>5,859,816</u>	
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>159,880,414</u>		<u>112,466,631</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	15	<u>(72,307,791)</u>		<u>(49,067,305)</u>	
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>	16	<u>(7,459,726)</u>		<u>(6,243,921)</u>	
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>80,112,897</u>		<u>57,155,405</u>	
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	17	2		2	
Capital redemption reserve	18	1		1	
Revaluation reserve	18	64,696,485		38,726,674	
Profit and loss account	18	15,986,530		19,398,476	
	18	<u>80,683,018</u>		<u>58,125,153</u>	
<b>Minority interests</b>	19	<u>(570,121)</u>		<u>(969,748)</u>	
<b>Equity</b>		<u>80,112,897</u>		<u>57,155,405</u>	

The notes on pages 12 to 33 form part of the financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 14 October 2015 and were signed by:



**P Wheatcroft**  
Director

Company registered number: 03521776

## Company Balance Sheet at 30 April 2015

	Note	2015	2014
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Intangible assets	9	1,701,357	1,923,884
Tangible assets	10	14,254,583	8,225,982
Investments	11	8,120,714	324,029
		<u>24,076,654</u>	<u>10,473,895</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	13	24,899,440	44,673,252
Cash at bank and in hand		702,784	52,467
		<u>25,602,224</u>	<u>44,725,719</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	<u>(37,165,777)</u>	<u>(53,904,287)</u>
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		<u>(11,563,553)</u>	<u>(9,178,568)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>12,513,101</u>	<u>1,295,327</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	15	(5,210,009)	(1,079,480)
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>	16	(306,632)	(116,746)
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>6,996,460</u>	<u>99,101</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	17	2	2
Capital redemption reserve	18	1	1
Profit and loss account	18	6,996,457	99,098
<b>Equity</b>	18	<u>6,996,460</u>	<u>99,101</u>

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Director

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## Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 30 April 2015

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
<b>Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash flow from operating activities</b>			
Operating profit		5,998,839	4,840,984
Depreciation charges		5,717,019	5,390,158
Amortisation charges		222,527	222,527
Impairment of intangible fixed assets		2,298,983	908,638
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets		91,012	104,838
Increase in stocks		(212,782)	(75,086)
Increase in debtors		(18,413,199)	(4,820,089)
Increase in creditors		11,290,340	4,513,334
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>		<b>6,992,739</b>	<b>11,085,304</b>
<b>Cash flow statement</b>			
Cash flow from operating activities		6,992,739	11,085,304
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	22	(3,930,404)	(3,864,950)
Taxation		(21,696)	(250,393)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	22	(11,584,333)	(5,591,757)
Acquisitions and disposals	22	(1)	-
<b>Cash (outflow)/inflow before financing</b>		<b>(8,543,695)</b>	<b>1,378,204</b>
<b>Financing</b>	22	<b>30,947,256</b>	<b>(4,120,002)</b>
<b>Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year</b>		<b>22,403,561</b>	<b>(2,741,798)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt</b>			
<b>Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year</b>	23	<b>22,403,561</b>	<b>(2,741,798)</b>
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows		(34,708,543)	4,120,002
New finance leases		(188,200)	-
<b>Movement in net debt in the year</b>		<b>(12,493,182)</b>	<b>1,378,204</b>
<b>Net debt at the start of the year</b>	23	<b>(59,387,925)</b>	<b>(60,766,129)</b>
<b>Net debt at the end of the year</b>	23	<b>(71,881,107)</b>	<b>(59,387,925)</b>

The notes on pages 12 to 33 form part of the financial statements.

## Note of Historical Cost Profits and Losses for the year ended 30 April 2015

	2015 £	2014 £
<b>Reported profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	<b>3,391,514</b>	911,010
Difference between a historical cost depreciation charge and the actual depreciation charge calculated on the revalued amount	1,836,933	1,656,131
<b>Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	<b>5,228,447</b>	2,567,141
<b>Historical cost profit on ordinary activities for the year after taxation</b>	<b>3,071,017</b>	2,299,833

## Group Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses for the year ended 30 April 2015

	2015 £	2014 £
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>	<b>1,751,121</b>	1,005,437
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of properties	27,806,744	-
<b>Total recognised gains and losses relating to the financial year</b>	<b>29,557,865</b>	1,005,437

## Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds for the year ended 30 April 2015

	Group 2015 £	Company 2015 £	Group 2014 £	Company 2014 £
<b>Profit/(loss) for the financial year</b>	<b>1,751,121</b>	<b>13,897,359</b>	1,005,437	(108,842)
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of properties	27,806,744	-	-	-
Consideration paid for the purchase of own shares (note 24)	(7,000,000)	(7,000,000)	-	-
<b>Net addition to/(deductions from) shareholders' funds</b>	<b>22,557,865</b>	<b>6,897,359</b>	1,005,437	(108,842)
Opening shareholders' funds	58,125,153	99,101	57,119,716	207,943
<b>Closing shareholders' funds</b>	<b>80,683,018</b>	<b>6,996,460</b>	58,125,153	99,101

## Notes

*(forming part of the financial statements)*

### 1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements, except as noted below.

#### ***Basis of preparation***

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, and under the historical cost accounting rules, modified to include the revaluation of certain assets.

#### ***Going concern***

Notwithstanding net current liabilities in the company of £11,563,553, the directors have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis which is considered appropriate for the following reasons. The majority of current liabilities are owed to fellow Group companies and Group management have no intention of calling these debts in.

The directors have reviewed the cash flow forecasts for the Group. In particular the directors note that the Group's trading and cash flow performance since the balance sheet date is in line with these forecasts. With regard to the net current liabilities of the company and taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, the directors are satisfied that the Group will generate sufficient cash flows to allow the parent company to meet its liabilities as they fall due for payment for at least the next 12 months.

#### ***Basis of consolidation***

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the company and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 30 April 2015. The acquisition method of accounting has been adopted. Under this method, the results of subsidiary undertakings acquired or disposed of in the year are included in the consolidated profit and loss account from the date of acquisition or up to the date of disposal.

An associate is an undertaking in which the Group has a long term interest, usually from 20% to 50% of the equity voting rights, and over which it exercises significant influence. A joint venture is an undertaking in which the Group has a long-term interest and over which it exercises joint control. The Group's share of the profits including profits or losses of associates and of joint ventures is included in the consolidated profit and loss account and its interest in their net assets, is included in investments in the consolidated balance sheet.

Under s408 of the Companies Act 2006 the Company is exempt from the requirement to present its own profit and loss account.

#### ***Goodwill***

Purchased goodwill (representing the excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair value of the separable net assets acquired) arising on consolidation in respect of acquisitions since 1 January 1998 is capitalised. Positive goodwill is amortised to nil by equal annual instalments over its estimated useful life. The estimated useful life of the goodwill is 5 years.

#### ***Development wind assets***

Included in intangible assets are development wind assets which represent the costs incurred in bringing individual wind park projects to the consented stage. Expenditure on research into identifying suitable sites and other initial costs incurred before site selection are expensed. Once site selection stage has been reached an option over the land is acquired. The option forms the basis of the development wind asset.

Subsequent directly attributable costs, including attributable labour and overhead costs, planning application costs and environmental impact studies costs over the land in respect of which the interest is held are capitalised only if there is a clearly defined project, the expenditure is separately identifiable, the outcome of the project can be assessed with reasonable certainty, aggregate costs are expected to be exceeded by related future sales and adequate resources exist to enable the project to be completed.

## Notes (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### *Development wind assets (continued)*

Development wind assets are not amortised until the asset is substantially complete and ready for its intended use. At the time the planning permission is approved and the option is exercised the carrying value of the project is transferred to property, plant and equipment as assets under construction. Amortisation is over the expected useful life of the related operational asset. The asset is derecognised on disposal. Where planning permission is not granted or a decision is made not to acquire the land the related assets are written off.

#### *Intangible fixed assets and amortisation*

Other intangible assets that have been acquired by the Group are brands and are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses. Expenditure on internally generated brands is expensed as incurred.

Amortisation is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset as follows:

Brand name	-	15 years
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#### *Investments*

In the Company's financial statements, investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less amounts written off.

Investments in listed companies are initially held at cost and subsequently measured at market value.

#### *Tangible fixed assets and depreciation*

The group follows a policy of revaluation for its power generating assets. In accordance with FRS 15: *Tangible Fixed Assets* management assess on an annual basis whether there are any material changes in value since the last valuation. Every 3 years an interim valuation is performed for power generating assets and every 5 years a full external valuation is performed.

Depreciation is provided when assets are substantially complete and ready for intended use. Assets being constructed for intended use are held as assets in the course of construction.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or valuation less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Freehold land and buildings	-	20 years
Plant and machinery	-	15 – 24 years (1/4 residual value)
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	-	3 – 4 years
Motor vehicles	-	4 years

No depreciation is provided on freehold land.

#### *Impairment of fixed assets and goodwill*

The carrying amounts of the Group's assets are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the fixed asset may not be recoverable. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset or its income-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the profit and loss account unless it arises on a previously revalued fixed asset. An impairment loss on a revalued fixed asset is recognised in the profit and loss account if it is caused by a clear consumption of economic benefits. Otherwise impairments are recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and losses until the carrying amount reaches the asset's depreciated historic cost.

## Notes (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### *Impairment of fixed assets and goodwill (continued)*

Impairment losses recognised in respect of income-generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to income-generating units, then to any capitalised intangible asset and finally to the carrying amount of the tangible assets in the unit on a pro rata or more appropriate basis. An income generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that generates income that is largely independent of the income streams from other assets or groups of assets.

#### *Foreign currencies*

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the contracted rate or rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and gains or losses on translation are in the profit and loss account.

#### *Leases*

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and the outstanding future lease obligations are shown in creditors. Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### *Post retirement benefits*

The Group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund. The amount charged to the profit and loss account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

#### *Research and development expenditure*

Expenditure on research and development is written off to the profit and loss account in the year in which it is incurred. Development expenditure is capitalised only where there is a clearly defined project, the expenditure is separately identifiable, the outcome of the project can be assessed with reasonable certainty, aggregate costs are expected to be less than related future sales and adequate resources exist to enable the project to be completed.

#### *Stocks*

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### *Taxation*

The charge for taxation is based on the result for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

Deferred tax is recognised, without discounting, in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except as otherwise required by FRS 19.

#### *Turnover*

Revenue comprises revenue from i) the sale of electricity and gas to industrial and commercial and domestic customers, ii) revenue from electricity generation and related renewable credits, and iii) revenue from goods and services sold during the year.

Revenue from the sale of electricity and gas to customers is recognised when earned on the basis of a contractual agreement with the customer. It reflects the value of the volume supplied, including an estimated value of the volume supplied to customers, between the date of their last meter reading and the year end.

Revenue from electricity generation is recognised when power is supplied.

Sales of goods and services are recognised when goods are delivered and title has passed, along with the risks and rewards of ownership, or when the service has been performed.



## Notes (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### *Interest bearing borrowings*

Immediately after issue, debt is stated at the fair value of the consideration received on the issue of the capital instrument after deduction of issue costs. The finance cost of the debt is allocated to periods over the term of the debt at a constant rate on the carrying amount.

#### *Cash and liquid resources*

Cash, for the purpose of the cash flow statement, comprises cash in hand and deposits repayable on demand, less overdrafts payable on demand.

Liquid resources are current asset investments which are disposable without curtailing or disrupting the business and are either readily convertible into known amounts of cash at or close to their carrying values or traded in an active market.

### 2 Turnover

Turnover consists of sales wholly in the United Kingdom arising on the following activities:

	2015 £	2014 £
Electric and gas supply	98,329,420	63,660,882
Electricity generation and related renewable energy credits	5,401,358	4,613,553
Football club	1,029,422	700,542
Other goods and services	5,006,877	1,461,422
	<u>109,767,077</u>	<u>70,436,399</u>

### 3 Notes to the profit and loss account

	2015 £	2014 £
<i>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting):</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5,717,019	5,390,158
(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible assets	(91,012)	104,838
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	222,527	222,527
Impairment of intangible fixed assets	1,382,319	908,638
Impairment of goodwill (note 9)	916,664	-
Net loss due to foreign exchange transactions	5,207	10,316
Operating lease rentals	515,921	473,448
	<u>5,717,019</u>	<u>5,390,158</u>

#### *Auditor's remuneration:*

	2015 £	2014 £
Audit of these financial statements	9,937	9,848
Amounts receivable by the current auditors and their associates in respect of:		
Audit of financial statements of subsidiaries pursuant to legislation	82,262	74,714
Audit-related assurance services	4,500	-
Taxation compliance services	39,344	35,997
Other services relating to taxation	34,225	8,700
All other services	168,044	207,056
	<u>168,044</u>	<u>207,056</u>

## Notes (continued)

### 4 Remuneration of directors

	2015 £	2014 £
Directors' emoluments	<u>1,211,929</u>	<u>805,831</u>

The aggregate of emoluments of the highest paid director was £248,718 (2014: £149,337).

### 5 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the Group (including directors) during the year, analysed by category, was as follows:

	Number of employees	
	2015	2014
Administration	480	238
Football club	67	57
	<u>547</u>	<u>295</u>

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2015 £	2014 £
Wages and salaries	12,723,559	9,286,602
Social security costs	1,220,499	1,002,410
Other pension costs	540,117	283,361
	<u>14,484,175</u>	<u>10,572,373</u>

### 6 Interest receivable and similar income

	2015 £	2014 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>113,102</u>	<u>35,449</u>

### 7 Interest payable and similar charges

	2015 £	2014 £
On bank loans and overdrafts	2,566,127	2,389,447
Early settlement charges on repayment of bank loans	3,761,287	-
On Eco bonds	1,472,172	1,500,636
Foreign exchange loss	5,207	10,316
	<u>7,804,793</u>	<u>3,900,399</u>

## Notes (continued)

### 8 Taxation

#### Analysis of charge in year

	2015 £	2014 £
<i>UK corporation tax</i>		
Current tax on income for the year	942,567	234,951
Adjustment in respect of previous years	(942)	(100,210)
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Total current tax	941,625	134,741
<i>Deferred tax (see note 16)</i>		
Effect of tax rate change on opening balance	-	(829,033)
Origination/reversal of timing differences	1,229,901	931,542
Adjustment in respect of previous years	(14,096)	32,692
Deferred tax relating to FRS 17	-	(2,634)
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Total deferred tax	1,215,805	132,567
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Tax on profit on ordinary activities	2,157,430	267,308
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#### Factors affecting the tax charge for the current year

The current tax charge for the year is higher (2014: lower) than the average standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for the year. The differences are explained below.

	2015 £	2014 £
<i>Current tax reconciliation</i>		
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	3,391,514	911,010
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Current tax at 20.92% (2014: 22.83%)	709,505	207,984
<i>Effects of:</i>		
Capital allowances for period in excess of depreciation	(1,231,867)	(487,681)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1,429,137	599,936
Income not taxable for tax purposes	170,106	-
Chargeable gains	25,259	-
Other tax adjustments	(159,573)	(85,288)
Adjustment in respect of previous years	(942)	(100,210)
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Total current tax charge (see above)	941,625	134,741
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#### Factors that may affect future tax charges

Reductions in the UK corporation tax rate from 23% to 21% (effective 1 April 2014) and 20% (effective from 1 April 2015) were substantively enacted on 2 July 2013. In the Budget on 8 July 2015, the Chancellor announced additional planned reductions to 18% by 2020. This will reduce the group's future current tax charge accordingly.

The deferred tax liability at 30 April 2015 (see note 16) has been calculated based upon the rate of 20% substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

## Notes (continued)

### 9 Intangible fixed assets

<i>Group</i>	<b>Development wind assets</b>	<b>Brand name</b>	<b>Goodwill</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>				
At beginning of year	7,527,852	3,330,700	347,486	11,206,038
Additions	2,821,099	-	916,664	3,737,763
Disposals	(1,819,337)	-	-	(1,819,337)
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At end of year	8,529,614	3,330,700	1,264,150	13,124,464
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Amortisation</b>				
At beginning of year	3,723,446	1,406,816	347,486	5,477,748
Charge in year	-	222,527	-	222,527
Impairment losses	1,382,319	-	916,664	2,298,983
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At end of year	5,105,765	1,629,343	1,264,150	7,999,258
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 30 April 2015	3,423,849	1,701,357	-	5,125,206
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
At 30 April 2014	3,804,406	1,923,884	-	5,728,290
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

Included in disposals above are development wind assets of cost £1,577,803 sold to Skylark Energy Limited, a joint venture (see note 24), generating profits on disposal of £5,342,197.

During the year, the company subscribed to an additional 400,000 £10 ordinary shares in Forest Green Rovers Football Club Limited (see note 11), creating goodwill of £916,664 on acquisition. The goodwill was subsequently impaired to £nil, as the subsidiary continues to be loss-making.

<i>Company</i>	<b>Brand name</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At beginning and end of year	3,330,700
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<b>Amortisation</b>	
At beginning of year	1,406,816
Charged in year	222,527
	<u>          </u>
At end of year	1,629,343
	<u>          </u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 30 April 2015	1,701,357
	<u>          </u>
At 30 April 2014	1,923,884
	<u>          </u>

## Notes (continued)

### 10 Tangible fixed assets

<i>Group</i>	<b>Freehold land and buildings</b> £	<b>Plant and machinery</b> £	<b>Fixtures, fittings and equipment</b> £	<b>Motor vehicles</b> £	<b>Assets in course of construction</b> £	<b>Total</b> £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>						
At beginning of year	8,379,529	89,916,894	7,670,646	1,303,344	5,077,718	112,348,131
Additions	2,073,346	980,711	4,821,549	-	8,448,122	16,323,728
Disposals	(210,000)	(300,307)	-	-	(40,460)	(550,767)
Transfers between items	611,628	10,433,653	296,231	-	(11,341,512)	-
Revaluations	-	21,934,910	-	-	-	21,934,910
At end of year	10,854,503	122,965,861	12,788,426	1,303,344	2,143,868	150,056,002
<b>Depreciation</b>						
At beginning of year	1,194,227	4,448,682	4,676,645	1,220,304	-	11,539,858
Charge for year	393,550	4,288,687	999,942	34,840	-	5,717,019
On disposals	(58,800)	(190,195)	-	-	-	(248,995)
Revaluations	-	(5,871,834)	-	-	-	(5,871,834)
At end of year	1,528,977	2,675,340	5,676,587	1,255,144	-	11,136,048
<b>Net book value</b>						
<b>At 30 April 2015</b>	<b>9,325,526</b>	<b>120,290,521</b>	<b>7,111,839</b>	<b>48,200</b>	<b>2,143,868</b>	<b>138,919,954</b>
At 30 April 2014	7,185,302	85,468,212	2,994,001	83,040	5,077,718	100,808,273

Included in the total net book value of fixtures, fittings and equipment is £228,152 (2014: £nil) in respect of assets held under finance leases and similar hire purchase contracts. Depreciation for the year on these assets was £26,742 (2014: £nil).

Included in the total net book value of freehold land and buildings is £80,079 (2014: £80,079) in respect of land which is not depreciated.

## Notes (continued)

### 10 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

The following information relates to tangible fixed assets carried on the basis of revaluations in accordance with FRS 15 *Tangible fixed assets*.

#### Plant and machinery

	2015 £	2014 £
At full valuation	121,022,235	86,199,940
Aggregate depreciation thereon	(1,819,612)	(4,292,308)
Net book value	119,202,623	81,907,632
Historical cost of revalued assets	67,609,818	63,621,789
Aggregate depreciation thereon	(17,452,297)	(15,110,583)
Historical cost net book value	50,157,521	48,511,206

Full external valuations were performed for wind park assets on 30 April 2013 by BDO LLP. An internal valuation was performed by the directors as at 30 April 2015.

A full valuation of buildings owned by a subsidiary, Forest Green Rovers Football Club Limited, was carried out by Andrew Watton Property Consultants during the year ending 30 April 2012. Management has considered the valuation of buildings as at 30 April 2015 and have assessed that there has been no change.

Company	Freehold buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Assets in course of construction £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At beginning of year	5,246,181	6,394,677	343,041	893,734	12,877,633
Additions	2,073,346	4,821,457	-	627,923	7,522,726
Transfers between categories	611,628	290,231	-	(901,859)	-
Disposals	(210,000)	-	-	(40,460)	(250,460)
At end of year	7,721,155	11,506,365	343,041	579,338	20,149,899
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At beginning of year	855,257	3,518,324	278,070	-	4,651,651
Charge for year	313,923	958,744	29,798	-	1,302,465
Disposals	(58,800)	-	-	-	(58,800)
At end of year	1,110,380	4,477,068	307,868	-	5,895,316
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 30 April 2015	6,610,775	7,029,297	35,173	579,338	14,254,583
At 30 April 2014	4,390,924	2,876,353	64,971	893,734	8,225,982

## Notes (continued)

### 10 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Included in the total net book value of fixtures, fittings and equipment is £228,152 (2014: *£nil*) in respect of assets held under finance leases and similar hire purchase contracts. Depreciation for the year on these assets was £26,742 (2014: *£nil*).

### 11 Fixed asset investments

<i>Group</i>	Interests in associated undertakings £	Other investments £	Total £
<b>Cost / valuation</b>			
At beginning of year	250,001	25,013	275,014
Additions	1	-	1
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At end of year	250,002	25,013	275,015
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<b>Share of post acquisition reserves</b>			
At beginning of year	(139,967)	-	(139,967)
Retained profits less losses	(45,240)	-	(45,240)
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At end of year	(185,207)	-	(185,207)
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<b>Provisions</b>			
At beginning of year	64,795	-	64,795
Impairments	-	-	-
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At beginning and end of year	64,795	-	64,795
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<b>Net book value</b>			
At 30 April 2015	-	25,013	25,013
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At 30 April 2014	45,239	25,013	70,252
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During the year the company subscribed to 1 £1 ordinary share in a newly incorporated joint venture, Skylark Energy Limited.

The net book value of interests in joint ventures and associated undertakings comprises:

	2015 £	2014 £
Joint ventures	(169,398)	(53,476)
Associates	(43,193)	98,715
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Total (liabilities)/assets (note 15)	(212,591)	45,239
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## Notes (continued)

### 11 Fixed asset investments (continued)

<i>Company</i>	<b>Shares in subsidiary undertakings £</b>	<b>Shares in associated undertakings £</b>	<b>Other investments £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b><i>Cost / valuation</i></b>				
At beginning of year	1,595,078	250,001	25,000	1,870,079
Additions	11,796,684	1	-	11,796,685
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At end of year	13,391,762	250,002	25,000	13,666,764
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<b><i>Provisions</i></b>				
At beginning of year	1,296,050	250,000	-	1,546,050
Made during the year	4,000,000	-	-	4,000,000
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At end of year	5,296,050	250,000	-	5,546,050
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<b><i>Net book value</i></b>				
At 30 April 2015	8,095,712	2	25,000	8,120,714
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At 30 April 2014	299,028	1	25,000	324,029
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During the year the company subscribed to 100 £1 ordinary shares in a newly incorporated subsidiary, Britwind Limited, and to 1 £1 ordinary share in a newly incorporated joint venture, Skylark Energy Limited.

On 30 November 2015, the Company subscribed to an additional 400,000 £10 ordinary shares in Forest Green Rovers Football Club Limited, a subsidiary undertaking. The investment was subsequently written down to £nil, as the subsidiary continues to be loss-making.

During the year, the company formally waived balances owed by indirectly-held subsidiary undertakings totalling £7,796,584. This has resulted in a corresponding increase to the carrying value of the shares held in subsidiary undertakings.



## Notes (continued)

### 11 Fixed asset investments (continued)

The undertakings in which the company's interest at the year end is more than 20% are as follows:

	Country of incorporation	Principal activity	Class and percentage of shares held	
<i>Subsidiary undertakings</i>				
Ballymena Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Bambers Extension Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Bambers Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Bristol Port Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Cardiff Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Dagenham Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Dundee Merchant Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Ecotech Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Fen Farm Solar Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Solar park	Ordinary	100%
Fen Farm Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Galsworthy Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Green Park Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Heck Fen Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Lynch Knoll Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Merchant Wind Park (East Kilbride) Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Mablethorpe Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Shooters Bottom Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Somerton Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Swaffham Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Worksop Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Wind park	Ordinary	100%
Ecotricity (Next Generation) Limited	UK	Holding company	Ordinary	100%
Ecotricity Wind and Sun Parks (Holding) Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Holding company	Ordinary	100%
Ecotricity Wind and Sun Parks (Issuing) Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Holding company	Ordinary	100%
Next Generation Wind Holdings Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Holding company	Ordinary	100%
New Power Company Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Holding company	Ordinary	100%
Wind Holdings Nord Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Holding company	Ordinary	100%
Britwind Limited	UK	Manufacturing	Ordinary	100%
Western Wind Power Limited	UK	Manufacturing	Ordinary	100%
Eco Cars Limited	UK	Development	Ordinary	100%
Ecotalk Limited	UK	Telecoms	Ordinary	100%
Ecotricity Bonds plc	UK	Financing	Ordinary	100%
Ecotopia Limited	UK	Internet retailer	Ordinary	94%
Forest Green Rovers Football Club Limited	UK	Football club	Ordinary	92%
The Electric Highway Company Limited	UK	Travel	Ordinary	100%
The Renewable Energy Company Limited	UK	Utilities supplier	Ordinary	100%

Note 1 – shares held by a subsidiary company

## Notes (continued)

### 11 Fixed asset investments (continued)

	Country of incorporation	Principal activity	Class and percentage of shares held	
<i>Subsidiary undertakings (continued)</i>				
Alveston Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Banbury Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Dagenham 2 Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Dalby Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Dulater Hill Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Hethel Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Kings Lynn Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
London Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Lydiard Fields Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Manchester City Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Milton Keynes Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
North Harbour Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Northampton Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Pollington Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Sandy Wind Turbine Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Shipham Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Street Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Swaffham II Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Swindon Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Wakefield Wind Park Limited <sup>1</sup>	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
British Green Electricity Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
British Green Gas Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
British Green Power Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Carbon Bank Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Carbon Savings Bank Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Carbonade Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Carbonaid Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Crystal Systems Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Dale Vince Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Eco Telecom Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Eco.net (UK) Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Ecobank Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Ecogas Supplies Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Ecoelectricity Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Ecotility Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Ecotricity De France Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Ecotricity Doing The Right Thing Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Ecotricity Juice Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Ecotricity New Energy Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Ecowater Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Gearoid Lane Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Microtricity Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%

Note 1 – shares held by a subsidiary company

## Notes (continued)

### 11 Fixed asset investments (continued)

	Country of incorporation	Principal activity	Class and percentage of shares held	
<i>Subsidiary undertakings (continued)</i>				
One Planet Bank Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
The Ministry of Carbon Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
The Vince Car Company Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Urbine Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Windtricity Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Zero Energy Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Zero Food Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Zero Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Zero Trading Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
Zero Transport Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary	100%
<i>Associated undertakings – associates</i>				
Dartmouth Wave Energy Limited	UK	Wave energy development	Ordinary	47.82%
<i>Associated undertakings – joint ventures</i>				
EcoCZero Greengas Limited	UK	Biogas development	Ordinary	50%
Skylark Energy Limited	UK	Wind park development	Ordinary	50%

Note 1 – shares held by a subsidiary company

### 12 Stocks

	2015 £	2014 £
<i>Group</i>		
Raw materials and consumables	1,055,010	970,334
Work in progress	51,224	-
Finished goods and goods for resale	90,855	13,973
	<u>1,197,089</u>	<u>984,307</u>

The Company held no stocks in either year.

## Notes (continued)

### 13 Debtors

	Group 2015 £	Group 2014 £	Company 2015 £	Company 2014 £
Trade debtors	12,246,076	8,043,129	47,989	113,114
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	19,107,973	39,778,286
Amounts owed by associated undertakings	1,239,355	115,214	1,239,355	115,214
Other debtors	3,773,385	8,039,261	3,896,072	4,132,683
Prepayments and accrued income	30,976,508	16,450,209	608,051	533,955
Taxation and social security	623,755	1,624,921	-	-
	<u>48,859,079</u>	<u>34,272,734</u>	<u>24,899,440</u>	<u>44,673,252</u>

Amounts owed by associated undertakings comprises loans to joint ventures of £1,239,355 (2014: £115,214).

Included within other debtors in the previous year is £3,162,209 of loans to directors. These loans were interest free, were repayable on demand, and were repaid in full in the current year (see note 24).

### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2015 £	Group 2014 £	Company 2015 £	Company 2014 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 15)	6,888,220	6,522,639	1,416,193	352,010
Bondholders (see note 15)	19,455,476	9,690,898	-	-
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	75,940	-	75,940	-
Trade creditors	19,237,156	10,649,847	896,906	711,840
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	29,410,476	51,223,583
Taxation and social security	1,322,798	270,738	337,770	212,364
Other creditors	3,789,671	766,741	3,229,373	58,746
Accruals and deferred income	9,045,379	7,244,192	848,083	1,188,426
Corporation tax	1,065,016	145,087	951,036	157,318
	<u>60,879,656</u>	<u>35,290,142</u>	<u>37,165,777</u>	<u>53,904,287</u>

Included within other creditors is £3,143,146 (2014: £Nil) of loans from directors (see note 24). These loans are interest free and are repayable on demand.

## Notes (continued)

### 15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group 2015 £	Group 2014 £	Company 2015 £	Company 2014 £
Bank loans	71,982,940	39,305,337	5,097,749	1,079,480
Bondholders	-	9,761,968	-	-
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	112,260	-	112,260	-
Share of post acquisition reserves of associate undertakings (note 11)	212,591	-	-	-
	<u>72,307,791</u>	<u>49,067,305</u>	<u>5,210,009</u>	<u>1,079,480</u>

#### *Eco Bonds*

On 15 December 2010 the Company raised an unsecured bond ("Bond 1") of £10 million, before transaction costs, in multiples of £500. The coupon payable is 7% with an additional 0.5% for Ecotricity customers. Interest is payable every six months up to and including the date on which the bonds are redeemed. The Company may pre-pay all or any of the bonds at any time after 15 December 2014. Bondholders may, on six months' notice, at their option redeem the bonds on the later of 15 December 2014 or any subsequent anniversary thereof.

At the Bond 1 redemption notice cut-off date of 15 June 2015, the company had received valid repayment requests totalling £137,500 (2014: £329,000).

On 16 December 2011 the Company raised an unsecured bond ("Bond 2") of £10 million, before transaction costs, in multiples of £500. The coupon payable is 6% with an additional 0.5% for Ecotricity customers. Interest is payable every six months up to and including the date on which the bonds are redeemed. The Company may pre-pay all or any of the bonds at any time after 17 December 2015. Bondholders may, on six months' notice, at their option redeem the bonds on the later of 17 December 2015 or any subsequent anniversary thereof.

At the Bond 2 redemption notice cut-off date of 17 June 2015, the company had received valid repayment requests totalling £249,500.

#### *Bank loans and overdrafts*

During the year the Group refinanced its wind and solar park construction loans portfolio. This resulted in a long-term loan of £66,871,575 as at 30 April 2015, which is the bulk of the loans held at year end. This loan is repayable in instalments to 2031. The interest rate on this loan is 4.0% per annum.

In accordance with FRS 4, capitalised loan issue costs of £2,627,837 (2014: £Nil) have been presented as a reduction to the proceeds of the loan, and are being amortised over the loan period.

Also included in the bank loans and overdrafts category are a number of other loans. These are repayable by instalments between 2015 and 2030 and interest rates between base rate + 3.2% and 17.9% apply. The bank loans are secured on the wind parks or property to which they relate.

## Notes (continued)

### 15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year (continued)

The maturity of the bank loans and overdrafts is as follows:

	Group 2015 £	Group 2014 £	Company 2015 £	Company 2014 £
Within one year	7,063,409	6,522,639	1,416,193	352,010
In the second to fifth years	26,914,458	19,963,223	4,236,279	1,079,480
Over five years	47,521,130	19,342,114	861,430	-
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Less loan issue costs	81,498,997 (2,627,837)	45,827,976 -	6,513,902 -	1,431,490 -
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	<b>78,871,160</b>	<b>45,827,976</b>	<b>6,513,902</b>	<b>1,431,490</b>
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### Finance leases and hire purchase contracts

The maturity of obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts is as follows:

	Group 2015 £	Group 2014 £	Company 2015 £	Company 2014 £
Within one year	75,940	-	75,940	-
In the second to fifth years	112,260	-	112,260	-
Over five years	-	-	-	-
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	<b>188,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>188,200</b>	<b>-</b>
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## Notes (continued)

### 16 Provisions for liabilities

	Group £	Company £
<i>Deferred taxation</i>		
At beginning of year	6,243,921	116,746
Charge to profit and loss for the year (note 8)	1,215,805	189,886
	<u>7,459,726</u>	<u>306,632</u>
<b>At end of year</b>	<b><u>7,459,726</u></b>	<b><u>306,632</u></b>

The elements of deferred taxation are as follows:

	Group 2015 £	Group 2014 £	Company 2015 £	Company 2014 £
Difference between accumulated depreciation and amortisation and capital allowances	<u>7,459,726</u>	<u>6,243,921</u>	<u>306,632</u>	<u>116,746</u>

Deferred tax assets of £178,978 (2014: £178,978) have not been recognised because they are trapped in loss making companies.

Reductions in the UK corporation tax rate from 23% to 21% (effective 1 April 2014) and 20% (effective from 1 April 2015) were substantively enacted on 2 July 2013. In the Budget on 8 July 2015, the Chancellor announced additional planned reductions to 18% by 2020. This will reduce the group's future current tax charge accordingly.

The deferred tax liability at 30 April 2015 has been calculated based upon the rate of 20% substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

### 17 Called up share capital

	2015 £	2014 £
<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid</i>		
2 ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2
180 ordinary shares of £0.01 each	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>

On 21 April 2015 the company resolved to sub-divide the 2 issued ordinary shares of £1 each into 200 ordinary shares of £0.01 each.

Subsequently, on 24 April 2015, the company repurchased 20 ordinary shares from the principle shareholder at deemed market value (see note 24).

## Notes (continued)

### 18 Reserves

<i>Group</i>	Share capital £	Capital redemption reserve £	Revaluation reserve £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At beginning of year	2	1	38,726,674	19,398,476	58,125,153
Profit for the year	-	-	-	1,751,121	1,751,121
Revaluation in year	-	-	27,806,744	-	27,806,744
Consideration paid for the purchase of own shares (note 24)	-	-	-	(7,000,000)	(7,000,000)
Transfer from revaluation reserve	-	-	(1,836,933)	1,836,933	-
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>64,696,485</b>	<b>15,986,530</b>	<b>80,683,018</b>

<i>Company</i>	Share capital £	Capital redemption reserve £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At beginning of year	2	1	99,098	99,101
Profit for the year	-	-	13,897,359	13,897,359
Consideration paid for the purchase of own shares (note 24)	-	-	(7,000,000)	(7,000,000)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6,996,457</b>	<b>6,996,460</b>

### 19 Minority interests

<i>Group</i>	2015 £	2014 £
At beginning of year	(969,748)	(608,013)
Share of loss for year	(517,037)	(361,735)
Minority acquired in the year (note 11)	916,664	-
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>(570,121)</b>	<b>(969,748)</b>

### 20 Pension scheme

#### *Defined contribution pension scheme*

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the period represents contributions payable by the company to the scheme and amounted to £540,117 (2014: £283,361). There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or end of the financial year.



## Notes (continued)

### 21 Commitments

- (a) Capital commitments at the end of the financial year for which no provision has been made are £5,056,856 at 30 April 2015 (2014: £1,110,656).
- (b) Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

<b>Group</b>	<b>Land and buildings</b>		<b>Other</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	£	£	£	£
Operating leases which expire:				
Within one year	58,873	219	36,847	9,628
In the second to fifth year inclusive	32,192	-	64,126	3,347
Over five years	323,883	452,775	-	-
	<u>414,948</u>	<u>452,994</u>	<u>100,973</u>	<u>12,975</u>
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>414,948</b>	<b>452,994</b>	<b>100,973</b>	<b>12,975</b>

### 22 Analysis of cash flows

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2014</b>
	£	£	£	£
<b>Returns on investment and servicing of finance</b>				
Interest received	113,102		35,449	
Interest paid	(4,043,506)		(3,900,399)	
	<u></u>	<u>(3,930,404)</u>	<u></u>	<u>(3,864,950)</u>
<b>Capital expenditure and financial investment</b>				
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(15,893,994)		(5,462,204)	
Purchase of intangible fixed assets	(2,821,099)		(1,014,211)	
Sale of tangible fixed assets	210,760		426,198	
Sale of intangible fixed assets	6,920,000		-	
Sale of investment	-		458,460	
	<u></u>	<u>(11,584,333)</u>	<u></u>	<u>(5,591,757)</u>
<b>Acquisitions and disposals</b>				
Purchase of interest in joint venture		(1)		-
	<u></u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u></u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Financing</b>				
Net repayment of bond	-		(8,500)	
Repayment of borrowings	(33,296,482)		(4,111,502)	
New loans	64,243,738		-	
	<u></u>	<u>30,947,256</u>	<u></u>	<u>(4,120,002)</u>

## Notes (continued)

### 23 Analysis of net debt

	At beginning of year	Cash flow £	Non-cash changes £	At end of year £
Cash in hand, at bank	5,892,917	20,740,812	-	26,633,729
Overdrafts	(1,776,574)	1,662,749	-	(113,825)
	<u>4,116,343</u>	<u>22,403,561</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,519,904</u>
Debt due within one year	(14,436,963)	(2,030,940)	(9,761,968)	(26,229,871)
Debt due after one year	(49,067,305)	(32,677,603)	9,761,968	(71,982,940)
Finance leases	-	-	(188,200)	(188,200)
	<u>(59,387,925)</u>	<u>(12,304,982)</u>	<u>(188,200)</u>	<u>(71,881,107)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>(59,387,925)</b>	<b>(12,304,982)</b>	<b>(188,200)</b>	<b>(71,881,107)</b>

Non-cash movements relate to Eco Bond debt moving from due after one year to due within one year (see notes 14 and 15), and new finance leases entered into during the current year.

### 24 Related party disclosures

The Company is controlled by D Vince and K Vince, the directors and only shareholders of the company. The directors are the ultimate controlling parties.

At 30 April 2014, D Vince's director's loan account had a balance of £3,162,209 owed to the Company, which was classified within other debtors (note 13). The maximum overdrawn balance in the year was £3,826,854. No interest was charged on this account.

On 24 April 2015, the Company repurchased 20 £0.01 ordinary shares from the principle shareholder, D Vince, at deemed market value (see note 17). The consideration was settled through the director's loan account. As at 30 April 2015, the balance owed by the Company to D Vince is £3,143,146, which is classified in other creditors (note 14).

Charitable donations were made during the year to two charities of which one of the directors is also a director. These were £77,100 (2014: £62,100) to the Green Britain Foundation and £32,880 (2014: £8,455) to Sustainability in Sport.

During the previous year, the company disposed of its 59% interest in Ecotech Centre Limited for no consideration. The acquiring company was the Green Britain Foundation, a charity of which D Vince is a director and trustee.

During a previous year, D Vince subscribed for 332 'A' Ordinary Shares in Heck Fen Wind Park Limited, a subsidiary of Ecotricity Group Limited, at a cost of £30,000. The 'A' Ordinary Shares do not give the owner a right to participate in the management of the company, and instead give rights based on the future sale of the company. Ecotricity Group Limited therefore considers that Heck Fen Wind Park Limited remains a wholly-owned subsidiary of the group.

During the year, the Company provided funding of £395,429 to Dartmouth Wave Energy Limited, an associate company. Due to the start-up nature of the associate company, the loan has been provided for in full as at year end.

## Notes (continued)

### 24 Related party disclosures (continued)

The following transactions took place during the year with Skylark Energy Limited, a joint venture company. All transactions were undertaken on an arm's length basis.

	2015	2014
	£	£
Proceeds on the sale of intangible fixed assets	6,920,000	-
Development services income	1,000,000	-
Technical service fees	2,617,554	-
Management services and secondment fees	101,665	-
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<b>Total</b>	<b>10,639,219</b>	<b>-</b>
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The sale of development wind park assets from the Group to Skylark Energy Limited of £6,920,000 generated profits on disposal of £5,342,197 (see note 9).

The following transactions took place with holders of minority interests in the previous year. All transactions were undertaken on an arm's length basis.

30 April 2014	Sales	Expenses	Debtors	Creditors
	£	£	£	£
Breckland District Council	635	-	326	-
Norfolk County Council	7,253	(312)	5,471	(344)
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