

Severn Trent Services Holdings Limited

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016

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Company information

Company number	04395572
Directors	M J Dovey J A Jackson B Kennedy R C McPheely
Secretary	A A Campbell
Registered office	Severn Trent Centre 2 St John's Street Coventry CV1 2LZ
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC 1 Churchill Place London E14 5HP

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Strategic report

Business review and principal activities

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Severn Trent Plc

The principal activity of the company is to act as a holding company

There have not been any significant changes in the company's principal activities in the year under review. The directors are not aware, at the date of this report, of any likely major changes in the company's activities or prospects in the next year.

On 12 May 2015 the Severn Trent group entered into a binding agreement to sell its Water Purification business, including Severn Trent Services Limited, a subsidiary of the company, to Industrie De Nora S.p.A. (IDN). The sale completed on 3 July 2015.

Severn Trent Plc manages its operations on a divisional basis and the company's directors do not believe that further key performance indicators for the company are necessary to enhance the understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. The performance of the Severn Trent Services business, which includes this company, is discussed in Severn Trent Plc's Annual Report and Accounts (which does not form part of this report).

Principal risks and uncertainties

Treasury management

The Severn Trent group manages its treasury operations on a group basis. Financial risk management is performed by Severn Trent's Group Treasury department. This includes assessment and mitigation of price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate cash flow risk. The group's treasury management policies and operations are discussed in Severn Trent Plc's Annual Report and Financial Statements (which does not form part of this report).

Going concern and financial position

The directors have considered the financial position and future prospects of the company. The company participates in the group's pooled banking arrangements and receives funding from the Severn Trent group in the form of intra-group loans. When existing loans reach maturity the appropriate funding will be established as required to ensure such obligations can be met. After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the report and annual financial statements.

By order of the board



A A Campbell
Company Secretary
16 December 2016

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2016

Matters included in the Strategic report

The following matters are included in the company's Strategic report on the preceding page

- Principal activity of the company
- Future developments in the business
- Principal risks and uncertainties

Directors

The directors who served during the year are shown on page 1

No emoluments were paid by the company in respect of the services of the directors to the company. Their emoluments are paid by other companies within the Severn Trent group.

Directors' indemnities

The company's Articles of Association provide that directors of the company shall be indemnified by the company against any costs incurred by them in carrying out their duties including defending any proceedings arising out of their positions as directors in which they are acquitted or judgement is given in their favour or relief from any liability is granted to them by the court. These indemnities were in force throughout the year and up to the date of signing of the financial statements.

Environment

The company recognises the importance of its environmental responsibilities, monitors its impact on the environment and designs and implements policies to reduce any damage that might be caused by its activities. The company operates in accordance with the group policies of Severn Trent Plc which are described in the group's Annual Report and Financial Statements (which does not form part of this report).

Results and dividends

The company's loss for the financial year after taxation was £4,099,000 (2015 profit of £15,769,000). The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

Post balance sheet events

There have been no significant post balance sheet events.

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Directors' report (continued)

Directors' responsibilities statement

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 the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework (FRS 101). 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 judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework has 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.

By order of the board



A A Campbell
Company Secretary

16 December 2016

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Income statement

For the year ended 31 March 2016

	Note	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Exceptional items	3	(5,411)	–
Loss before interest and tax		(5,411)	–
Income from share in group undertakings	6	925	15,600
Finance income	6	548	214
Finance costs	7	(64)	–
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before tax		(4,002)	15,814
Current tax	8	(97)	(45)
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(4,099)	15,769

All results are from continuing operations in both the current and preceding year

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results above and therefore no separate statement of comprehensive income has been presented

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Balance sheet

At 31 March 2016

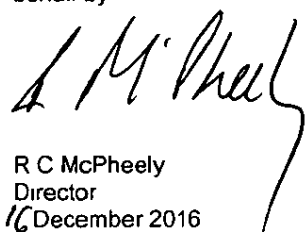
	-- Note	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Non-current assets			
Investments	9	–	926
Trade and other receivables	10	27,000	–
		27,000	926
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	10	1,955	28,831
Cash and cash equivalents		1,200	120
		3,155	28,951
Total assets		30,155	29,877
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	(4,282)	–
Current tax payable		(143)	(48)
		(4,425)	(48)
Non-current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	(45,926)	(45,926)
		(45,926)	(45,926)
Total liabilities		(50,351)	(45,974)
Net liabilities		(20,196)	(16,097)
Equity			
Called up share capital	12	4,550	4,550
Retained earnings		(24,746)	(20,647)
Total deficit		(20,196)	(16,097)

For the year ending 31 March 2016 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to subsidiary companies

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 16 December 2016. They were signed on its behalf by



R C McPheely
Director
16 December 2016
Company Number 04395572

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Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 March 2016

	Share capital £'000	Retained earnings £'000	Total £'000
At 1 April 2014	4,550	(36,416)	(31,866)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	—	15,769	15,769
At 31 March 2015	4,550	(20,647)	(16,097)
Loss and total comprehensive loss for the year	—	(4,099)	(4,099)
At 31 March 2016	4,550	(24,746)	(20,196)

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Notes to the financial statements

1. Accounting policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis (see Strategic report) under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities (including derivative instruments) at fair value, and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards and comply with the requirements of the United Kingdom Companies Act 2006 ('the Act'). The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently in the current and preceding year are set out below

b) Basis of preparation

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Severn Trent Plc and is included in the consolidated financial statements of Severn Trent Plc

The company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 100 'Application of Financial Reporting Requirements'. Accordingly, the company has elected to apply FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. Therefore the recognition and measurement requirements of EU-adopted IFRS have been applied, with amendments where necessary in order to comply with the Companies Act 2006 and The Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/410) as these are Companies Act 2006 accounts

As permitted by FRS 101, the company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to share based payments, financial instruments, capital management, presentation of comparative information in respect of certain assets, presentation of a cash flow statement, standards not yet effective, impairment of assets and related party transactions

Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the group financial statements of Severn Trent Plc. The group financial statements of Severn Trent Plc are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in note 15

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Severn Trent Plc and is included in the consolidated accounts of Severn Trent Plc. Consequently, the directors have taken advantage of the exemption available under section 400 of the United Kingdom Companies Act 2006 from preparing group accounts

c) Finance and similar income

Interest income is accrued on a time basis by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable. Interest income is included in finance income

d) Exceptional items

Exceptional items are income or expenditure, which individually or, if of a similar type, in aggregate should, in the opinion of the directors, be disclosed by virtue of their size or nature if the financial statements are to give a true and fair view

e) Taxation

Current tax payable is based on taxable profit for the year and is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income and expenses that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible

Deferred taxation is provided in full on taxable temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred taxation is measured on a non-discounted basis using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled

A deferred tax asset is only recognised to the extent it is probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available in the future to utilise it

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

f) Impairment of non-current assets

If the recoverable amount of goodwill, an item of property, plant and equipment, or any other non-current asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. Where the asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell or estimated value in use at the date the impairment review is undertaken. Fair value less costs to sell represents the amount obtainable from the sale of the asset in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable and willing third parties, less costs of disposal. Value in use represents the present value of future cash flows expected to be derived from a cash-generating unit, discounted using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the cost of capital of the cash-generating unit or asset.

The discount rate used is based on the estimated cost of capital adjusted for the risk profiles of individual businesses.

Impairment reviews are also carried out if there is an indication that an impairment may have occurred, or, where otherwise required, to ensure that non-current assets are not carried above their estimated recoverable amounts.

Impairments are recognised in the income statement.

g) Parent company investments

The parent company recognises investments in subsidiary undertakings at historical cost.

After initial recognition at cost (being the fair value of the consideration paid), investments which are classified as held for trading or available for sale are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognised in profit and loss or equity respectively. When an available for sale investment is disposed of or impaired, the gain or loss previously recognised in reserves is taken to the profit and loss account.

h) Foreign currency

Foreign currency transactions arising during the year are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling on the date of the transaction. All profits and losses on exchange arising during the year are dealt with through the income statement.

2. Significant accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the process of applying the company's accounting policies, no significant accounting judgements or key accounting estimates were required.

3. Exceptional items

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Loss on disposal of investments	5,411	–

On 12 May 2015 the Severn Trent group entered into a binding agreement to sell its Water Purification business, including Severn Trent Services Limited, to Industrie De Nora S.p.A (IDN). The sale completed on 3 July 2015 and generated a loss on disposal.

4. Employee numbers

The average monthly number of employees (including executive directors) during the year was nil (2015: nil).

5. Directors' remuneration

The directors received no emoluments for their services to the company. The emoluments of the directors are paid by other companies within the Severn Trent group.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

6. Finance income

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Interest income earned on		
- amounts due from group undertakings	548	214
Dividend income	925	15,600
	1,473	15,814

7. Finance costs

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Interest expense charged on		
- amounts payable to group undertakings	64	-

8. Taxation

a) Analysis of tax charge in the year

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Current tax		
- current year at 20% (2015 21%)	97	45
Current tax charge	97	45

The company earns profits primarily in the UK. Therefore, the tax on profit on ordinary activities is the standard rate for UK corporation tax. The standard rate of UK corporation tax changed from 21% to 20% with effect from 1 April 2015.

b) Factors affecting the tax charge in the year

The tax assessed for the current year is higher (2015 lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2015 21%).

The differences are explained below

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(4,002)	15,814
Tax at the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK 20% (2015 21%)	(800)	3,321
Tax effect of income not taxable in determining taxable profits	(185)	(3,276)
Tax effect of expenses not taxable in determining taxable profits	1,082	-
	97	45

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

9. Investment in subsidiary undertakings

	£'000
Cost	
At 1 April 2015	50,426
Additions	215
Disposal	(1,141)
At 31 March 2016	49,500
Provision for Impairment	
At 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016	(49,500)
Net book value	
At 1 April 2015	926
At 31 March 2016	-

The company has the following subsidiary undertakings

Related undertakings	Country of operation and incorporation	Principal activity	Percentage and class of share capital held
Severn Trent Retail and Utility Services Limited	England and Wales	Provision of head office services	100% Ordinary
City Analytical Services Limited	England and Wales	Non trading	100% Ordinary
Severn Trent Metering Services Limited	England and Wales	Non trading	100% Ordinary
Severn Trent Data Portal Limited	England and Wales	Sale of data for property searches	100% Ordinary
Severn Trent Property Solutions Limited	England and Wales	Property search products	100% Ordinary
UK Talks Limited	England and Wales	Dormant	99.998% Ordinary
Severn Trent Services Purification Limited	England and Wales	Non trading	100% Ordinary

In the opinion of the directors the fair values of the company's investments are not less than the amount at which they are stated in the balance sheet

10. Trade and other receivables

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Current assets		
Amounts receivable from group undertakings under loan agreements	1,710	28,710
Amounts receivable from group undertakings	245	121
	1,955	28,831
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Non-current assets		
Amounts receivable from group undertakings under loan agreements	27,000	-
	27,000	-

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

11. Trade and other payables

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Current liabilities		
Loans due to group undertakings	4,270	—
Amounts owed to parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings	12	—
	4,282	—

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Non-current liabilities		
Loans due to group undertakings	45,926	45,926
	45,926	45,926

12. Share capital

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Total issued and fully paid share capital		
4,550,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	4,550	4,550

13. Contingent liabilities

The banking arrangements of the company operate on a pooled basis with certain fellow group undertakings. Under these arrangements participating companies guarantee each others balances only to the extent that their credit balances can be offset against overdrawn balances of other Severn Trent group companies.

At 31 March 2016 the company's maximum exposure under these arrangements was £1,200,000 (2015 £120,000).

14. Related party transactions

There have been no transactions with the directors of the company during the last financial year.

In accordance with the exemption allowed by FRS 101, no disclosure is made of transactions with other wholly owned member companies which are consolidated into the Severn Trent Plc group.

15. Ultimate parent undertaking

The immediate parent undertaking is Severn Trent Holdings Limited.

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Severn Trent Plc, which is the parent undertaking and controlling party of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the Severn Trent Plc consolidated financial statements can be obtained from Severn Trent Plc's registrars at Equiniti, Aspect House, Spencer Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN99 6DA.