Registration number: 10949355

# Centrica Innovations UK Limited

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

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# Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The Directors present their Strategic Report for Centrica Innovations UK Limited (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 December 2021.

## Principal activity

The principal activity of the Company is that of a holding company in investments in new technologies and innovations.

#### Review of the business

The financial position of the Company is presented in the Statement of Financial Position on page 12. Total shareholder equity as at 31 December 2021 was £8,354,027 (2020: £1,626,483 deficit). The profit for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 was £9,980,510 (2020: £382,189).

During the year the Company reflected an increase in the fair value of its investments through the profit and loss of £14,173,127 (2020: £1,327,543).

A non-binding agreement for the sale of the Company's preference share investment in Driivz Limited was reached in December 2021. The sale formally completed on 7 February 2022. As a result, the investment was re-classified to current assets at 31 December 2021 as fair value through profit and loss investment.

In 2021 the Company disposed of its investment in its subsidiary undertaking, Io Tahoe (UK) Limited. In doing so, the Company assumed intercompany borrowings of £6,485,236 due to the Ultimate parent company, Centrica plc. This gave rise to a net loss on disposal of £4,097,675.

During 2021 the Company also made a further investment in the equity shares of Mixergy Limited (£260,000).

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

From the perspective of the Company, the principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with those of the Centrica plc group (the 'Group') and are not managed separately. The principal risks and uncertainties of the Group, which include those of the Company, are disclosed on pages 38-43 of the Group's Annual Report and Accounts 2021, which does not form part of this report.

The principal risk of the business is the carrying value of its equity investments.

#### Ukraine conflict

The Company is a subsidiary of the Centrica group, and as such is impacted by the energy crisis and Ukraine conflict. The energy markets remain very volatile, but the Centrica group continues to maintain a hedging strategy aligned to the price cap to minimise the exposure to market prices. The Company does not own any businesses or operate in Russia or Ukraine and so has no direct impacts from those two countries. Furthermore, the Company has no investments in Russian entities or bonds. The Company is not expecting any direct material impacts but will keep monitoring the position.

## Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

#### Key performance indicators ('KPIs')

Given the nature of the business, the Company's Directors are of the opinion that the KPIs necessary for an understanding of the development, performance and position of the Company are net assets and profit after tax, and these are shown above.

The Directors of the Group use a number of KPIs to monitor progress against the Group's strategy. The development, performance and position of the Group, which includes the Company, are disclosed on pages 14-15 of the Group's Annual Report and Accounts 2021, which does not form part of this report. The results of the Company are disclosed in the Directors' Report on page 3.

On 11 June 2020, Centrica announced plans for a significant restructure designed to create a simpler, leaner group focused on improved service delivery for customers. During the same announcement it was stated that the Group no longer planned to invest in innovations entities. However, the Company continued to fulfil its prior commitments to further invest in existing investments in the second half of 2020 and during 2021. Significantly reduced investments are expected in future accounting periods and the Company is beginning the process of divestment of certain investments during 2022.

#### **Future developments**

The Company continues to hold and make investments in companies which are aligned or will contribute to the Group's strategic objectives. The Company continually looks to maximise value from its investments, including divestment if appropriate.

Approved by the Board on .09/09/2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Ruth Odih

By order of the Board for and on behalf of Centrica Secretaries Limited Company Secretary

Company registered in England and Wales, No. 10949355

Registered office: Millstream Maidenhead Road Windsor Berkshire SL4 5GD United Kingdom

# Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### **Directors of the Company**

The Directors of the Company, who were in office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were as follows:

C J Bayliss (resigned 12 March 2021)

K B Ringrose (resigned 26 July 2021)

A C Lenza (appointed 12 March 2021)

M Blake (appointed 26 July 2021)

J S Bessell (appointed 3 June 2022)

#### Results and dividends

The results of the Company are set out on page 10. The profit for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 is £9,980,510 (2020: £382,189).

The Company did not pay an interim dividend during the year (2020: £nil) and the Directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2020: £nil).

#### Financial risk management

The principal risk of the business is the carrying value of its equity investments.

Exposure to counterparty credit risk and liquidity risk arise in the normal course of the Company's business and are managed within parameters set by the Directors. Exposure to credit risk is limited predominantly to exposures with other Group companies and its investments and convertible debt as set out in notes 11 and 12.

#### Financial risk management policy

The Directors have established objectives and policies for managing financial risks to enable the Company to achieve its long-term shareholder value growth targets within a prudent risk management framework. These objectives and policies are regularly reviewed.

# **Future developments**

Future developments are discussed in the Strategic Report on page 2.

# Going concern

The Directors have received confirmation that provided the Company remains part of the Group, Centrica plc will support the Company for at least one year after the financial statements were authorised for issue and that amounts owed to Group undertakings will not be required to be repaid for the foreseeable future unless sufficient financial resources and facilities are available to the Company.

# Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

#### Going concern (continued)

In the context of the continuing economic uncertainty caused by commodity price volatility and energy market uncertainty, the Directors have updated their Group going concern assessment as at 30 June 2022 to factor in the Group's updated principal risks, strategy and forecasts, together with modelling further downside sensitivities. The going concern assessment has considered the financial impact on the Group's credit and liquidity headroom of certain stress events impacting the Group's key risks over a 12-18 month horizon. The Group's forecasts show that the Group will maintain sufficient headroom, underpinned by unrestricted cash and cash equivalents, net of bank overdrafts, of c.£3.4 billion as at 30 June 2022, and c.£2.9 billion of undrawn committed facilities, which remain committed until at least 2024.

The Centrica Group interim results were released on 28th July 2022. These demonstrated a resilient financial performance despite a difficult energy supply situation, increases in wholesale gas price, and the ongoing challenges caused by the pandemic. The Group's balance sheet continues to be much stronger than 2020, with a positive cash position of £0.3 billion compared to 2020 when the Group had net debt of £3.0 billion and an overall adjusted operating profit of £1,342m at half year.

On the basis of the enquiries made, and the fact that Centrica plc, the ultimate parent company, has confirmed it will continue to support the Company, the Directors have concluded that the Company should be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future, and therefore the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### Post balance sheet events

Events after the reporting period are detailed in note 17 to the financial statements.

#### Directors' and officers' liability

Directors' and officers' liability insurance has been purchased by the ultimate parent company, Centrica plc, and was in place throughout the year. The insurance does not provide cover in the event that the Director is proved to have acted fraudulently.

#### Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable UK 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 Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 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 apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting 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.

# Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

#### Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' Report confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and that they 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 auditors are aware of that information. This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Auditors**

In accordance with Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditors will be deemed to be reappointed and Deloitte LLP will therefore continue in office.

Approved by the Board on .09/09/2022, and signed on its behalf by:

Ruth Odih

By order of the Board for and on behalf of Centrica Secretaries Limited Company Secretary

Company registered in England and Wales, No. 10949355 Registered office: Millstream Maidenhead Road Windsor Berkshire SL4 5GD United Kingdom

# Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Centrica Innovations UK Limited

### Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements of Centrica Innovations UK Limited (the 'Company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accounting Practice including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- · the Income Statement;
- the Statement of Comprehensive Income;
- · the Statement of Financial Position;
- · the Statement of Changes in Equity; and
- the related notes 1 to 17.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

#### **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.

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 Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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

# Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Centrica Innovations UK Limited (continued)

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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Responsibilities of Directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, 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 FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

We considered the nature of the company's industry and its control environment, and reviewed the documentation of the policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations that has been established by the Company's ultimate parent. We also enquired of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the company operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These included the UK Companies Act and tax legislation; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

We discussed among the audit engagement team including relevant internal specialists regarding the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

# Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Centrica Innovations UK Limited (continued)

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks
  of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- · reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

#### Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

#### 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 the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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 any material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the Directors' Report.

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

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

# Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Centrica Innovations UK Limited (continued)

# 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.

D. Winstone

Daryl Winstone (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Statutory Auditor
London
United Kingdom

Date: 9/9/27

# **Income Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Operating costs	4	-	(352,676)
Fair value movement of investments  Exceptional items - provision charge for credit losses on financia	4	14,173,127	1,327,543
assets	6	(6,000)	(106,907)
Exceptional items - (loss)/profit on the disposal of investments	6	(4,097,675)	10,000
Operating profit		10,069,452	877,960
Finance income	7	539,036	216,242
Finance costs	7	(627,978)	(712,013)
Net finance cost		(88,942)	(495,771)
Profit before taxation		9,980,510	382,189
Taxation on (profit)/loss	10		
Profit for the year from continuing operations		9,980,510	382,189

The above results were derived from continuing operations.

# Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Profit for the year	9,980,510	382,189
Other comprehensive income	<del>-</del> -	-
Total comprehensive income for the year/period	9,980,510	382,189

# Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Non-current assets			
Investments held at fair value through profit and loss	11	8,232,656	14,896,310
Other financial assets	12		2,478,000
		8,232,656	17,374,310
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	13	259,515	-
Other financial assets	12	2,598,000	-
Investments held at fair value through profit and loss	11	21,096,780	_
•		23,954,295	. •-
Total assets		32,186,951	17,374,310
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	14	(23,832,924)	(19,000,793)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		121,371	(19,000,793)
Total assets less current liabilities		8,354,027	(1,626,483)
Net assets/(liabilities)		8,354,027	(1,626,483)
Equity			
Share capital	15	1	1
Retained earnings		8,354,026	(1,626,484)
Total equity/shareholder deficit		8,354,027	(1,626,483)

The financial statements on pages 10 to 25 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on .09/09/2022, and signed on its behalf by:

M Blake Director

Company number 10949355

# Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Share capital	Retained earnings £	Total equity £
At 1 January 2021	1 (	(1,626,484)	(1,626,483)
Profit for the year		9,980,510	9,980,510
Total comprehensive income	·	9,980,510	9,980,510
At 31 December 2021	1	8,354,026	8,354,027
	Share capital £	Retained earnings £	Total equity
At 1 January 2020	1	(2,008,673)	(2,008,672)
Profit for the year		382,189	382,189
Total comprehensive income		382,189	382,189
At 31 December 2020	1	(1,626,484)	(1,626,483)

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

#### 1 General information

Centrica Innovations UK Limited (the 'Company') is a private company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales.

The address of its registered office and principal place of business is:

Millstream

Maidenhead Road

Windsor

Berkshire

SL4 5GD

The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Strategic Report on pages 1 to 2.

#### 2 Accounting policies

#### **Basis of preparation**

The Company financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework ('FRS 101'). In preparing these financial statements the Company applies the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of UK adopted International Financial Reporting Standards ('Adopted IFRSs'), but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with the Companies Act 2006 and has set out below where advantage of the FRS 101 disclosure exemptions has been taken.

The Company financial statements are presented in pounds sterling which is the functional currency of the Company.

#### Changes in accounting policy

From 1 January 2021, the following standards and amendments are effective in the Company's Financial Statements:

- · Amendments to IFRS 17 and IFRS 4: 'Insurance Contracts' deferral of IFRS 9; and
- Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16 Interest Rate Benchmark Reform Phase 2.

None of these changes or amendments had any material impact on the Company's financial statements.

# Summary of disclosure exemptions

In these financial statements, as a qualifying entity the Company has applied the exemptions available under FRS 101 in respect of the following disclosures:

- the requirements of IAS 7 'Statement of Cash Flows';
- the statement of compliance with Adopted IFRSs;
- · the effects of new but not yet effective IFRSs;
- disclosures in respect of related party transactions with wholly-owned subsidiaries in a group;
- · disclosures in respect of the compensation of key management personnel; and
- · disclosures in respect of capital management.

As the consolidated financial statements of the Centrica plc group (the 'Group'), which are available from its registered office, include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 101 available in respect of the following disclosures:

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

#### 2 Accounting policies (continued)

- certain disclosures required by IAS 36 'Impairment of Assets' in respect of the impairment of goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets;
- certain disclosures required by IFRS 13 'Fair Value Measurement' and the disclosures required by IFRS 7
  'Financial Instruments: Disclosures' have not been provided apart from those which are relevant for the
  financial instruments which are held at fair value;
- disclosures of the net cash flows attributable to the operating, investing and financing activities of discontinued operations.

#### Measurement convention

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

#### **Exemption from preparing group accounts**

The financial statements contain information about the Company as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The Company is exempt under section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertakings are included by full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements of its ultimate controlling company, Centrica plc.

#### Going concern

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

#### 2 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### Finance income

Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying value.

#### **Exceptional items**

Exceptional items are those items that, in the judgement of the Directors, need to be disclosed separately by virtue of their nature, size or incidence. To ensure the business performance reflects the underlying results of the Company, these exceptional items are disclosed separately in the income statement. Items which may be considered exceptional in nature include disposals of businesses, business restructurings, significant onerous contract charges and asset write-downs/impairments.

#### Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are, on initial recognition, recorded in the functional currency of the Company at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated into the functional currency of the Company at the rates prevailing at the reporting date, and associated gains and losses are recognised in the Income Statement for the year, except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges and qualifying net investment hedges. Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the Income Statement within 'finance income' or 'finance costs'. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the Income Statement in the respective financial line item to which they relate.

Changes in the fair value of foreign currency denominated monetary securities classified as 'fair value through profit and loss' are analysed between translation differences resulting from changes in the amortised cost of the security and other changes in the carrying amount of the security. Translation differences related to changes in amortised cost are recognised in profit or loss, and other changes in carrying amount are recognised in other comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost in a currency other than the functional currency of the Company are translated using the exchange rate prevailing at the dates of the initial transaction and are not retranslated. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at the date when the fair value was measured.

#### Investments in subsidiaries

Fixed asset investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost less, where appropriate, provisions for impairment.

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

#### 2 Accounting policies (continued)

#### **Impairment**

The carrying amounts of the Company's non-financial assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. For goodwill, and intangible assets that have indefinite useful lives or that are not yet available for use, the recoverable amount is estimated each year at the same time.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit ('CGU') is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs of disposal. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or groups of assets (the CGU). The goodwill acquired in a business combination, for the purpose of impairment testing, is allocated to CGUs.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its CGU exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. An impairment loss in respect of goodwill shall not be reversed in a subsequent period. In respect of other assets, impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount.

The Company provides for impairments of financial assets when there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of events that impact the estimated future cash flows of the financial assets.

#### Financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Company's Statement of Financial Position when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are de-recognised when the Company no longer has the rights to cash flows, the risks and rewards of ownership or control of the asset. Financial liabilities are de-recognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### - Equity investments and convertible debt

Equity investments and convertible debt, other than investments in subsidiaries, are held at fair value through profit and loss. This is because these investments are not contractual cash flows solely of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding and the investments were not been designated on acquisition at fair value through other comprehensive income. Fair value movements are recorded in the income statement.

## - Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value, which is usually the original invoice amount, and are subsequently held at amortised cost using the effective interest method less an allowance for expected credit losses.

#### - Trade and other payables

Trade payables are initially recognised at fair value, which is usually the original invoice amount and are subsequently held at amortised cost using the effective interest method (although, in practice, the discount is often immaterial). If payment is due within one year or less, payables are classified as current liabilities. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

#### 2 Accounting policies (continued)

#### - Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Equity instruments are measured at the fair value of the cash or other resources received or receivable. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction from the proceeds received. Own equity instruments that are re-acquired (treasury or own shares) are deducted from equity. No gain or loss is recognised in the Company's Income Statement on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Company's own equity instruments.

#### - Loans and other borrowings

All interest-bearing and interest-free loans and other borrowings are initially recognised at fair value net of directly attributable transaction costs. After initial recognition, these financial instruments are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, except when they are the hedged item in an effective fair value hedge relationship where the carrying value is also adjusted to reflect the fair value movements associated with the hedged risks. Such fair value movements are recognised in the Company's Income Statement. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any issue costs, discount or premium, when applicable.

#### 3 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, which are described in note 2, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and the associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. In the Directors' opinion there are no critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations (which are dealt with separately below).

The estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

## Fair value of investments

The company measures its investments in equity and convertible debt at fair value (please refer to notes 10 and 11). Fair value is calculated either on a discounted cash flow basis or based on the valuation in the most recent funding rounds. There is inherent uncertainty in calculating fair value and changes in either the discount rate, the future cash flows or a change in valuation in the most recent funding rounds can materially impact fair value. During the year, a net fair value gain was recorded on the Company's investments as set out in notes 10 and 11.

In the Directors' opinion there are no other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

#### 4 Analysis of costs by nature

Operating costs in 2020 were comprised of costs recharged from another Group company for the services of their employee in the capacity as an investment portfolio manager and legal costs relating to existing investments.

The net fair value movements on revaluation of the investments in 2021 are separately presented in the Income Statement, and are detailed in note 11.

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#### 5 Employee costs

The Company has no employees (2020: nil) and no direct staff costs (2020: nil).

#### 6 Exceptional items

The following exceptional items were recognised in arriving at operating profit for the reporting year:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Exceptional items - provision charge for credit losses on financial		
assets <sup>(i)</sup>	(6,000)	(106,907)
Exceptional items - (loss)/profit on the disposal of investments(ii)	(4,097,675)	10,000
	(4,103,675)	(96,907)

<sup>(</sup>i) The charge for expected credit losses on financial assets relates to the full provision against a loan receivable from Signol Limited (formerly RBD Holdings Limited).

In 2020 £10,000 profit on the disposal of an investment in Green Runnings Limited arose as a result of having fully written down this investment in 2019. The Company received £10,000 proceeds on 15 December 2020.

# 7 Net finance income/cost

#### Finance income

	2021 £	2020 £
Interest income from convertible debt	126,000	216,242
Net foreign exchange gains on financing transactions	413,036	
Total finance income	539,036	216,242
Finance cost		
	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest on amounts owed to Group undertakings	(627,978)	(462,059)
Net foreign exchange losses on financing transactions	-	(249,954)
Total finance costs	(627,978)	(712,013)
Net finance income/(cost)	(88,942)	(495,771)

<sup>(</sup>ii) On 21 June 2021 the Company disposed of its investment in Io Tahoe (UK) Limited, giving rise to a loss of £4,097,675. The Company was allocated sale proceeds of £2,382,804 from the overall sale of the Group's overall investment in the Io Tahoe business. At the date of disposal the Company assumed intercompany liabilities of £6,485,236 due from Io Tahoe (UK) Limited to the ultimate parent company, Centrica plc.

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

#### 8 Directors' remuneration

The Directors were remunerated as employees of Centrica plc Group and did not receive any remuneration, from any source, for their services as Directors of the Company during the current or preceding financial year. Accordingly, no details in respect of their emoluments have therefore been included in these financial statements.

#### 9 Auditors' remuneration.

Auditors' remuneration totalling £12,560 (2020: £7,000) relates to fees for the audit of the Financial Statements of the Company.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption not to disclose amounts paid for non-audit services as these are disclosed in the Group financial accounts of its ultimate parent, Centrica plc.

#### 10 Income tax

Tax credited/(charged) in the Income Statement

	2021 £	2020 £
Current taxation		
Current tax on loss for the year		-

The UK rate of corporation tax for the year to 31 December 2021 was 19% (2020: 19%).

The UK corporation tax rate will increase to 25% with effect from 1 April 2023. At 31 December 2021, the relevant UK deferred tax assets and liabilities included in these Financial Statements were measured at the prevailing rate applicable for the period when the underlying temporary differences are expected to reverse.

The differences between the taxes shown above and the amounts calculated by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax to the loss before tax are reconciled below:

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

# 10 Income tax (continued)

	2021 £	2020 £
Profit before tax	9,980,510	382,189
Tax (charge)/credit on loss at standard UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2020: 19%) Increase from effect of expenses not deductible in determining taxable	(1,896,297)	(72,616)
profit (tax loss)	(779,698)	(95,669)
Decrease from effect of income exempt from taxation	2,692,894	329,490
Decrease from transfer pricing adjustments	1,330	1,330
Increase arising from group relief tax reconciliation	(18,229)	(160,649)
Increase from effect of chargeable gains		(1,886)
Total tax credit/(charge)	-	-

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

#### 11 Investments

Subsidiary undertakings	£
Cost and net book value At 1 January 2021	
Disposals	(1)
At 31 December 2021	<u></u>

On 21 June 2021 the Company disposed of its investment in Io Tahoe (UK) Limited for proceeds of £2,382,804. For details of the loss on disposal, see note 6.

# Fixed asset investments held at fair value through profit and loss

	Total
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2020	1,645,790
Additions (i) (ii) (iii)	10,117,365
Conversion of debt to ordinary shares (iv)	1,805,611
Net revaluation to fair value through profit and loss (v)	1,327,543
At 31 December 2020	14,896,309
At 1 January 2021	14,896,309
Additions (vi)	260,000
Net revaluation to fair value through profit and loss (vii)	14,173,127
Reclassification of investments to fair value through profit and loss (viii)	(21,096,780)
At 31 December 2021	8,232,656
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	8,232,656
At 31 December 2020	14,896,309

<sup>(</sup>i) On 11 February 2020 an investment in the preference shares of Driivz Limited was acquired by the Company from Centrica Nederlands BV for \$6,244,000 (£4,823,090), the estimated market value of the shares. On 19 February the Company made a further investment of \$1,250,000 (£966,444) in the preference shares of Driivz Limited.

<sup>(</sup>ii) On 8 July equity shares in GreenCom Networks AG were transferred to the Company from Centrica Nederlands BV for €4,500,070 (£4,049,062), the market value of the shares. On 17 November 2020 the Company invested a further €50,501 (£49,487) in the equity shares of GreenCom Networks AG.

<sup>(</sup>iii) On 3 August 2020 the Company acquired preference shares in EchoCare Technologies Limited from Centrica Nederlands BV for \$300,000 (£229,282).

<sup>(</sup>iv) On 17 November convertible bonds invested in GreenCom Networks AG were converted to equity shares at a conversion value of £1,805,611.

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

#### 11 Investments (continued)

- (v) The fair value of the investments was assessed at 31 December 2020. This resulted in a net upward revaluation of £1,327,543. This is comprised of: The fair value of preference shares in GreenCom Networks AG being revalued upward by £436,202 to £6,340,362; the fair value of preference shares in Driivz Limited being revalued upward by £1,134,117 to £6,923,653; the fair value of ordinary shares in Mixergy Limited being revalued upwards by £153,839 to £852,000; and the fair value of ordinary shares in Signol Limited (formerly RBD Holdings Limited) being revalued downwards by £396,615 to £nil.
- (vi) On 16 July 2021, the Company subscribed for a further 35,771 ordinary shares in Mixergy Limited, for an investment of £260,000. This increased the total investment to an 8% shareholding.
- (vii) The fair value of investments were assessed at 31 December 2021. This resulted in the fair value of the preference shares in Driivz Limited being revalued upwards by £14,173,128 to £21,096,780. The basis of this revaluation arose from the final sale price agreed for the disposal of the investment in Driivz Limited when it completed on 7 February 2022.
- (viii) The non-binding agreement for the sale of the Company's preference share investment in Driivz Limited was reached in December 2021. The sale formally completed on 7 February 2022. As a result, the investment was re-classified to current assets at 31 December 2021 as fair value through profit and loss investment.

#### 12 Other financial assets

	Non-current	Current	Non-current	Current
	31 December 2021 <sup>(ii)</sup> (iii)	31 December 2021 (i)	31 December 2020 (i) (ii) (iii)	31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£
Other financial assets		2,598,000	2,478,000	

<sup>(</sup>i) On 23 December 2019, 23 March 2020, 23 June 2020 and 23 September 2020 the Company purchased £600,000 of convertible debt from SNRG Limited, being 4 tranches of an agreement to purchase a total of £2,400,000 of convertible debt. This debt accrues interest at 5% per annum, repayable on 23 December 2022. Accrued interest of £198,000 (2020: £78,000) is included in this balance.

<sup>(</sup>ii) The Company also holds £100,000 of convertible debt in Signol Limited (formerly RBD Holdings Limited, renamed on 5 August 2020). This accrues interest at 6% per annum. Accrued interest of £12,904 (2020: £6,904) is included in this balance. This loan is repayable on demand.

<sup>(</sup>iii) There is an impairment provision of £112,904 (2020: £106,904) over the full balance of the loan receivable from Signol Limited (formerly RBD Holdings Limited).

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

#### 13 Trade and other receivables

•		2021	2020
•		Current	Current
	•	£	£
Amounts owed by Group undertakings (i) (ii)	•	259,515	<u> </u>

<sup>(</sup>i) Amounts due from Centrica plc totalling US\$348,190 (£259,514) (2020: payable) are unsecured, bear interest at a quarterly rate determined by Group Treasury and linked to the Group cost of funds with interest payable monthly in arrears and are repayable on demand. The quarterly rates ranged between 3.69% and 4.01% per annum during 2021.

# 14 Trade and other payables

	2021	2020	
	Current £	Current £	
Accrued expenses Amounts owed to Group undertakings (i) (iii) (iii) (iv)	- (4,759		
	(23,832,924)	(18,996,034)	
	(23,832,924)	(19,000,793)	

<sup>(</sup>i) Amounts owed to Centrica plc of £14,187,197 (2020: £7,240,619) accrue interest at a quarterly rate determine by Group Treasury and linked to the Group cost of funds. Interest accrues on the last day of the previous month and is repayable monthly in arrears on the first day of each month. The range of the quarterly rate charged was between 3.61% and 4.23% (2020: 4.42% and 4.73%).

<sup>(</sup>ii) The Company is owed £1 (2020: £nil) by GB Gas Holdings Limited. This balance is interest-free, unsecured and repayable on demand.

<sup>(</sup>ii) Amounts owed to Centrica plc totalling US\$nil (£nil) (2020: US\$2,625,858 (£1,920,610)) are unsecured, bear interest at a quarterly rate determined by Group Treasury and linked to the Group cost of funds with interest payable monthly in arrears and are repayable on demand. The quarterly rates ranged between 4.60% and 5.87% per annum during 2020.

<sup>(</sup>iii) Amounts owed to Centrica plc totalling €7,523,330 (£6,292,830) (2020: €7,299,052 (£6,458,767)) are unsecured, bear interest at a quarterly rate determined by Group Treasury and linked to the Group cost of funds with interest payable monthly in arrears and are repayable on demand. The range of the quarterly rate charged was between 2.99% and 3.66% (2020: 3.53% and 3.93%).

<sup>(</sup>iv) Amounts owed to Group companies totalling £3,352,897 (2020: £3,376,038) are interest-free, unsecured and repayable on demand.

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021 (continued)

#### 15 Capital and reserves

#### Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	20	2021		2020	
	No.	£	No.	£	
•					
Ordinary shares of £1 each	1	1	1	1	

#### 16 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking

The immediate parent undertaking is GB Gas Holdings, a company registered in England and Wales.

The ultimate parent undertaking is Centrica plc, a company registered in England and Wales, which is the only company to include these financial statements in its consolidated financial statements. Copies of the Centrica plc consolidated financial statements may be obtained from www.centrica.com.

The registered address of Centrica plc is Millstream, Maidenhead Road, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 5GD.

#### 17 Non adjusting events after the financial period

On 8 February 2022 the Company acquired from a Group Company a Convertible loan with Airponix Limited for its carrying value of £485,000 plus accrued interest of £119,000.

On 7 February 2022 the Company finalised an agreement to dispose of its preference shareholding in Driivz Limited for \$28,558,713 (£21,096,780). The fair value uplift reflected in this post year end sale price has been reflected in the profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2021. As a consequence, the profit on disposal to be in the 2022 Financial Statements will be representing only the gain on retranslation of the sale proceeds using the rate of exchange at the date that the sale was finalised.

On 13 April 2022 the Company sold 26% of its investment in SNRG for proceeds of £1,300,000, having converted its investment from convertible debt to ordinary shares prior to the disposal.

On 26 August 2022 the Company signed an agreement to sell its Preference shares in GreenCom Networks AG to Enphase Energy Inc for a value of  $\epsilon$ 7.3m with completion expected to take place in October 2022. On 14 September 2022 the Company will provide Greencom with cash of  $\epsilon$ 168,000 via a convertible loan mechanism in order for it to continue to operate until completion. The carrying value of the investment sold was £6.3m ( $\epsilon$ 7.5m).