

**ENI LNS LIMITED**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 DECEMBER 2019**

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**Registered Number:970280**

# **ENI LNS LIMITED**

## **DIRECTORS AND REGISTERED OFFICE**

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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

M Giusto  
G L Ferrara  
M Trezza

### **SECRETARY AND REGISTERED OFFICE**

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### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

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**REGISTERED IN ENGLAND NO. 970280**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2019.

**Principal activities**

The company is engaged in the exploration and the production of oil and gas on the United Kingdom Continental Shelf. The company's operational and development review is set out below. The company is a private company.

**Results and dividends**

The company's Statement of Comprehensive Income is set out on page 7. The company's loss for the year was £1,622,000 (2018 – profit of £410,000). No dividends were paid to the shareholder during the year (2018 - £nil).

**Business review and future developments**

The company's oil and gas assets comprise a 12.962% interest in the Hewett Area fields located in the Southern Gas Basin of the North Sea. The production continues to decline for this asset and its end of field life is now expected to be in late 2020. Decommissioning activities of the ground facilities of Bacton terminal commenced during 2013 and are expected to be completed in 2025 and offshore decommissioning commenced in 2019 and is expected to complete in 2025.

**Principal risks and uncertainties**

The company, like other companies in the oil and gas sector, operates in an environment subject to inherent risks. The company aims to mitigate risks and manage and control risk exposure where possible. The principal risks and uncertainties to the company are:

**Financial risk management**

**Commodity price:** The company is exposed to oil price fluctuations, which are subject to international supply and demand as well as numerous other political factors. The guidelines of the Eni Group for the management of commodity risk contain limits to the price risk deriving from trading activities. Coordination in this area is carried out by a commodity risk assessment team operating at the Eni Group level.

**Credit risk:** The potential exposure of the company to loss in the event of non-performance by counterparty. The company follows guidelines of the Eni S.p.A. treasury department on the choice of highly credit-rated counterparties in their use of financial and commodity instruments, including derivatives.

**Liquidity risk:** The risk that suitable sources of funding for the company's business activities may not be available. The company has access to a wide range of funding at competitive rates through the capital markets and banks, and also has support from the ultimate parent company, Eni S.p.A. if required. The company believes it has access to sufficient funding to meet currently foreseeable borrowing requirements.

**Financial risk:** The company is not exposed to significant interest rate risks. The company is exposed to foreign exchange fluctuations relating to non-GBP (mainly USD) expenditures and receipts. Effective management of exchange rate risk is performed at the Eni Group level, within the central finance department which matches opposite positions of the group operating subsidiaries and hedges net positions using derivatives (such as currency swaps, forwards and options).

**Business risk management**

**Operation risk:** The company's operations present industrial and environmental risks and are therefore subject to extensive government regulations concerning environmental protection and industrial security. The broad scope of these activities involves a wide range of operational risks such as those of explosion, fire or leakage of toxic products, and production of non-biodegradable waste. Since exploration and production activities may take place on sites that are ecologically sensitive, each site requires a specific approach to minimise the impact on the related ecosystem, biodiversity and human health.

*Impact on the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union*

Having formally left the European Union on 31 January 2020, the UK is now in a transition period scheduled to last until 31 December 2020, pending further negotiations with the EU over the future trading relationship and security co-operation. During the transition period, EU law will (for the most part) continue to apply in the UK as before. Eni has set up a task force to monitor developments and consider further how best to minimise the impact of Brexit on its business going forward, as further information becomes available.

**Business risk management (continued)***Impact of coronavirus (COVID-19)*

The emergence and spread of the virus Covid-19 in early 2020 has affected business and economic activities in China and elsewhere. The subsequent rapid spread to a growing number of countries around the world triggered a profound correction in the prices of oil and other energy commodities due to the sudden drop in consumption because of increasingly stringent measures adopted by governments to contain the pandemic with serious repercussions on production.

The short-term trend in oil and gas prices will depend predominantly on the timing of containment of the spread of the pandemic and the ways in which the crisis will be managed. In the worst-case scenario, the pandemic could cause a global recession with significant negative consequences on hydrocarbon demand and commodity prices. This development would have significant effects on the Company's results, cash flow, liquidity and business prospects, including the returns for the shareholder.

Eni group and the Company maintained a high degree of financial flexibility in order to deal unforeseen events and significant reductions of the scenarios capable to mitigate the impact of a price downturn, even of considerable proportions. Eni continue to assess the potential impact of coronavirus on our staff and operations and have implemented appropriate mitigation plan.

**Section 172(1) UK Companies Act 2016 ("Act") Statement*****Directors***

As part of their induction a Director of the Company is informed of their Directors' Duties with specific reference to section 172(1) (a-f) and if necessary can seek additional support and advice from an independent adviser to ensure that they are aware and know the likely consequences of any decision the company makes in the long term.

***Stakeholders***

The directors of the company believe it is fundamentally important that the values and principles which guide the company are clearly defined, both internally and externally, in order to ensure that all company activities are implemented in compliance with the relevant laws and in a context of fair competition, honesty, integrity, fairness and good faith which would promote the success of the company for the benefit of its members as a whole having regard the interests of all its stakeholders: shareholders, workforce, suppliers, customers, lenders, government/tax authorities, pension schemes/trustees, community and environment. These values are embedded in the Eni Code of Ethics, approved by the Board of Directors of its ultimate parent company, Eni S.p.A., on 23 November 2017 and by the Directors of the company on 28 March 2018. The Eni Code of Ethics sets out the challenges of sustainable development and the need to take into consideration the interests of all stakeholders to clearly define the values that the company will accept, acknowledge and share as well the responsibilities it assumes, contributing to a better future. The Eni Code of Ethics is brought to the attention of every person or body having business relations with the company.

***Community and the Environment***

In line with Sustainable Development Goal 8 adopted by Eni S.p.A., the ultimate parent company, one of the company's aim is to incentivise lasting, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, along with full, productive employment and dignified work for all.

***Business Conduct***

The Directors of the company believe that business has the responsibility to respect and support the fundamental human rights, as expressed in the Universal Declaration for Human Rights and the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The company is committed to maintaining and improving its practices to combat slavery and human trafficking violations in its operations and supply chain. These values are embedded in the Eni Modern Slavery Act Statement, approved by the Board of Directors of its ultimate parent company, Eni S.p.A., on 24 April 2019 and by the Directors of the company on 20 June 2019. Moreover, as an indirect subsidiary of Eni S.p.A the Board of Directors have adopted the Eni internal Regulatory System including Management System Guidelines which sets out internal policies to achieve a high standard of business conduct. All Board of Directors decisions are taken with regard to section 172 of the Act.

Section 172(1) UK Companies Act 2016 (“Act”) Statement (continued)

**Shareholders**

The Board of Directors consider and only approve items of business that would promote the success of the company and in the best interests of the company, the company's immediate shareholders, the ultimate parent Eni S.p.A and its stakeholders.

On Behalf of the Board

M Giusto

  
Manfredi Giusto (May 1, 2020)

Director  
1 May 2020

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

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The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2019.

### Directors

The present directors of the company are listed on page 1 and have held office throughout the year with the following exceptions:

- M Giusto was appointed as a director on 18 November 2019.
- F Rinaldi resigned as a director on 18 November 2019.

Certain directors benefit from qualifying third party indemnity provisions in place during the financial year and at the date of this report.

### Future developments

Future developments of the company and its activities are discussed in the strategic report on page 2 to 4.

### Dividends

The company paid no dividend during the year (2018 - £nil).

### Post balance sheet events

The emergence and spread of the virus Covid-19 in early 2020 has affected business and economic activities in China and around the world, including UK. The subsequent rapid spread to a growing number of countries around the world triggered a profound correction in the prices of oil and other energy commodities due to the sudden drop in consumption because of increasingly stringent measures adopted by governments to contain the epidemic with serious repercussions on production. In early April, the members of the OPEC + cartel reached an agreement on production cuts required by some of them to react to the effects of Covid-19, however, oil and gas prices continue to be under significant pressure of over-supply and other factors.

The short-term trend in oil and gas prices will depend predominantly on the timing of containment of the spread of the pandemic and as well as the ways in which the crisis will be managed. In a possible worst-case scenario, the pandemic could cause a global recession with significant negative consequences on hydrocarbon demand and commodity prices. This development would have significant effects on the company's results, cash flow, liquidity and business prospects, including the returns for the shareholder. However, Eni group and the company maintain a high degree of financial flexibility in order to deal with unforeseen events and significant reductions in oil and gas prices and demand, which the directors consider to be sufficient to mitigate the impact of such a worst-case scenario.

Eni group and the company are continually monitoring developments in the Oil & Gas sector related to Covid-19 and market conditions.

The company has implemented a number of actions to ensure the ability to continue production in the North Sea. The company is working to contain its general and administration costs, cut or delay investments in activities, which were not critical or mandatory and also suspend or defer expenditures for projects that became presently uneconomical. The company is taking actions to reduce operating costs including tariffs.

### Going concern

The directors are satisfied that the company has adequate financial resources, including access to Eni group financial resources, to continue to operate for the foreseeable future and meet its obligations as they fall due.

The company's forecasts and projections demonstrate that its assets are expected to generate free cash flow over the 12 months from the date of this report. If there is a sustained lower oil price, that is not offset by operating cost or capital expenditure savings, the cash flow or liquidity shortages will be balanced by the company's participation in the group cash pooling arrangements and the availability of funds and lines of credit to Eni Spa.

As a consequence, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company is well placed to manage its business risks and generate sufficient funds to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

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**Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' Report and the financial statements**

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). 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 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.

**Provision of information to auditor**

The directors, as at the date of this report, have confirmed that insofar as they are aware there is no relevant audit information (that is, information needed by the company's auditor in connection with preparing their report) of which the company's auditor is unaware, and they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

**Auditor**

Due to the Eni Group policy of rotating auditors every nine years, Ernst & Young LLP were not re-appointed by the Company. Following a formal tender process by the Eni Group, PricewaterhouseCoopers Italy were selected as their replacement in Italy and as group auditors. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP indicated their willingness to act as auditors of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019 and their appointment was approved at a directors' meeting and general meeting. Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will therefore continue in office.

By order of the Board

**M Trezza**

  
Mila Trezza (May 1, 2020)

Secretary

1 May 2020

# ***Independent auditors' report to the members of Eni LNS Limited***

## **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

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### **Opinion**

In our opinion, Eni LNS Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the balance sheet as at 31 December 2019; the statement of comprehensive income, and the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended; the statement of accounting policies; and the notes to the financial statements.

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### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Independence**

We remained independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

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### **Reporting on other information**

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

With respect to the Strategic Report and Directors' Report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on the responsibilities described above and our work undertaken in the course of the audit, ISAs (UK) require us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.



# ***Independent auditors' report to the members of Eni LNS Limited***

## ***Strategic Report and Directors' Report***

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2019 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report.

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## **Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit**

### ***Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements***

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the Financial Statements, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also responsible for such internal control as they 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.

### ***Auditors' 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 auditors' 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](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditors' report.

### ***Use of this report***

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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## **Other required reporting**

### **Companies Act 2006 exception reporting**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.



Kevin Reynard (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
Aberdeen  
1 May 2020

# ENI LNS LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Revenue	3	1,750	3,756
Other service costs and expenses	4	(3,801)	(3,708)
Depreciation (charge)/credit	5,11	(111)	989
Other income	7	32	89
<b>Operating (loss)/profit</b>		<b>(2,130)</b>	1,126
Interest receivable and similar income	8	178	159
Interest payable and similar expenses	9	(621)	(597)
<b>(Loss)/profit before taxation</b>		<b>(2,573)</b>	688
Tax on (loss)/profit	10	951	(278)
<b>(Loss)/profit for the year</b>		<b>(1,622)</b>	410
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year</b>		<b>(1,622)</b>	410

All results are from continuing operations and total comprehensive (loss)/income is attributable to the equity holders.

# ENI LNS LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	<i>Share Capital £'000</i>	<i>Share Premium £'000</i>	<i>Accumulated losses £'000</i>	<i>Shareholders' Equity £'000</i>
Balance at 1 January 2018	80,400	75,000	(146,240)	9,160
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	410	410
Balance at 31 December 2018	80,400	75,000	(145,830)	9,570
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	(1,622)	(1,622)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2019</b>	<b>80,400</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>(147,452)</b>	<b>7,948</b>

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	13	21,827	26,276
Trade and other receivables	12	128	2,053
Current tax asset		3,869	1,629
		<b>25,824</b>	29,958
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	11	517	-
Deferred tax assets	16	12,017	13,242
		<b>12,534</b>	13,242
		<b>38,358</b>	43,200
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	14	419	1,812
Provisions	15	8,287	5,244
		<b>8,706</b>	7,056
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Provisions	15	21,640	26,574
Deferred tax liability	16	64	-
		<b>21,704</b>	26,574
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>30,410</b>	33,630
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>			
Called up share capital	17	80,400	80,400
Share premium account		75,000	75,000
Accumulated losses		(147,452)	(145,830)
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>7,948</b>	9,570
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>38,358</b>	43,200

The financial statements from page 9 to 24 were approved by the Board on 6 March 2020 and were signed by an authorised director on behalf of the Board, at a later date.

On behalf of the Board

*gian luigi ferrara*  
gian luigi ferrara (May 1, 2020)

**G L Ferrara**

Director

1 May 2020

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below:

**General information**

The company is a limited liability company, by shares, incorporated in England and Wales and domiciled in the UK.

The company is a participant in consortia involved in the exploration and exploitation of oil and gas in the UK Hewett field. As a participant, the company receives from the operator expenditure, assets and liabilities of the consortia, the company's shares of which are incorporated into its accounting records. The financial statements reflect the company's share of activity as a participant in consortia.

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with UK GAAP including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101).

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. See Director's report for further details.

As permitted by FRS 101, the company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to:

- (a) the requirements of IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures;
- (b) the requirements of paragraphs 10(d), 10(f), 16, 38A, 38B, 38C, 38D, 40A, 40B, 40C, 40D, 111 and 134-136 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements;
- (c) the requirement in paragraph 38 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements to present comparative information in respect of:
  - (i) paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1;
  - (ii) paragraph 73(e) of IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment; and
  - (iii) paragraph 118(e) of IAS 38 Intangible Assets.
- (d) the requirements of paragraphs 130(f)(ii), 130(f)(iii), 134(d)-134(f) and 135c-135e of IAS 36, Impairment of Assets;
- (e) the requirements of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- (f) the requirements of paragraph 91 – 99 of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement;
- (g) the requirements of the second sentence of paragraph 110 and paragraphs 113(a), 114, 115, 118, 119(a) to (c), 120 to 127 and 129 of IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers.
- (h) the requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors in relation to standards not yet effective;
- (i) the requirements of paragraph 17 and 18A of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures; and
- (j) the requirements of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary which is a party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member.

Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the group financial statements of Eni S.p.A. The group financial statements of Eni S.p.A are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in note 1.

**Changes in accounting policies and disclosures***New and amended standards and interpretations*

The company applied for the first time standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards, issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and endorsed by the EU, which are relevant to the company and are effective for the annual accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. The company has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

Although these new standards and amendments applied for the first time in 2019, they did not have a material impact on the financial statements of the company. In particular the adoption of IFRS 16 "Leases" did not have a material impact on the opening balances of the company's financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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**Changes in accounting policies and disclosures (continued)***IFRS 16 “Leases”*

IFRS 16 requires lessees to recognise nearly all leases on the balance sheet which will reflect their right to use an asset for a period of time and the associated liability for payments.

**Revenue**

The company is principally engaged in oil and gas exploration and production. Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when or as the company satisfies a performance obligation by transferring control of a promised good or service to the customer. The company has generally concluded that it is the principal in its revenue contracts because it typically controls the products before transferring them to the customer. The transfer of control generally coincides with title passing to the customer and products having reached the processing terminal or when the products are lifted. The company principally satisfies its performance obligations at a point in time. When, or as, a performance obligation is satisfied, the group recognises as revenue the amount of the transaction price that is allocated to that performance obligation. The transaction price is the amount of consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those products. Contracts from the sale of commodities are typically priced by reference to quoted prices.

**Taxation**

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case the tax is recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred income tax is recognised, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. However, the deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities.

**Foreign currencies**

The company's functional and presentation currency is Sterling. All financial information has been rounded to the nearest thousand (£'000), unless otherwise indicated. Transactions denominated in a foreign currency are converted to Sterling at rates ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies have been translated at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. The resulting exchange gains or losses are recognised in the profit or loss.

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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**Inventories**

Inventories consist of petroleum, condensate, liquid petroleum gas and materials and represent the company's share of inventories belonging to the consortia of which it is a member. Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of materials is determined by the weighted average method and comprises direct purchase costs, cost of production, transportation and manufacturing expenses. The cost of crude oil is its manufacturing cost, including appropriate proportion of depreciation, depletion and overhead based on normal operation capacity. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, the Company's current bank accounts and short-term deposits originally due, generally, within 90 days, readily convertible to known amount of cash and subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Cash deposited in some bank accounts held with Banque Eni SA (BESA)<sup>1</sup> may be subject to cash pooling arrangements with the ultimate parent company Eni SpA<sup>2</sup>. The Company has the full availability of these bank accounts without any restrictions; neither BESA nor the ultimate parent company can block withdrawals. Cash pooling accounts are balanced on a daily basis and the true intent of these accounts is to ensure settlements of payments to vendors and/or cash collections from customers.

Deposits held with Eni Finance International S.A. (EFI)<sup>3</sup> are classified as cash equivalents considering that: (i) they are highly liquid, available on demand or in the short term and have terms that are similar to those which would be expected if the deposits had been made with an independent third party financial institution; (ii) EFI maintains sufficient cash and liquid resources, along with access to credit lines, to meet all inter-company obligations simultaneously. The Company has full availability of the deposits held with EFI (i.e. no restriction to modify maturity date); if the Company needs to anticipate or terminate earlier a deposit, there is no penalty on the change of period requested.

**Property, plant and equipment**

Property, plant and equipment includes oil and gas properties representing the company's share of expenditure in respect of exploration, appraisal and development costs of fields where a decision to exploit their reserves has been made, field development programme approval has been granted and capital expenditure incurred when the fields are in production. Interest costs incurred during the development stage of fields are capitalised from the date at which field development programme approval is granted until production commences.

These assets, except proven mineral interests, are depreciated using the unit of production method on a quarterly basis, using proved developed oil and gas reserves for each field in production as at the end of each quarter. Proven mineral interests are depreciated using the unit of production method on a quarterly basis, using proved developed and undeveloped oil and gas reserves for each field in production as at the end of each quarter. When there is a change in the estimated total recoverable proved developed reserves of a field, the un-depreciated cost is written off over the revised remaining reserves.

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<sup>1</sup> BESA is a Belgian regulated bank subject to the banking regulatory requirements.

<sup>2</sup> Although Eni SpA is not a financial institution, it performs its financial activities within specific Board approved limits.

<sup>3</sup> EFI is the company responsible for the centralised funding of some foreign Eni Group companies and for collecting their financial surpluses.

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**Interests in joint arrangements**

IFRS 11 defines a joint arrangement as an arrangement over which two or more parties have joint control. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities (being those that significantly affect the returns of the arrangement) require unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.

IFRS 11 classifies joint arrangements into two types i.e. joint operations and joint ventures. A joint operation is a type of joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities, relating to the arrangement. A joint venture is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the arrangement.

The company participates in joint operations which involve the joint control of assets used in the company's oil and gas exploration and producing activities. Interests in joint operations are recognised by including the company's share of assets, liabilities, income and expenses on a line-by-line basis. Liabilities and expenses incurred directly in respect of interests in joint operations are accounted for on an accrual basis. Income from the sale or use of the company's share of the output of joint operations, and its share of joint operation expenses, are recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transactions will flow to/from the company and their amount can be measured reliably.

**Impairment of non-financial assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its property, plant and equipment to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss, if any. Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. Management has assessed its cash generating unit (CGUs) as being an individual field, which is the lowest level for which cash inflows are largely independent of those of other assets. In assessing value in use, future net cash flows for each field are calculated by utilising the company's estimate of proved reserves at year end, together with the company's estimates of future oil prices, future capital and operating costs and future decommissioning costs, required for recovering these remaining proved reserves. These estimated future cash flows are then 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 which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted. If the recoverable amount of an asset (or CGU) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or CGU) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised as an expense immediately. At the end of each reporting period, an assessment is made to determine whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognised in prior periods may no longer exist or has decreased. Where such an indication exists, an impairment loss is reversed to the extent that the asset's carrying value does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

**Financial instruments**

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the company's business model for managing them. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the company has applied the practical expedient are measured at the transaction price determined under IFRS 15.

**Financial assets****Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments)**

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired.

The company's financial assets at amortised cost includes trade and other receivables.

**Impairment of financial assets**

The company recognises an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) for all debt instruments not held at fair value through profit or loss. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the company expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.



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**Financial instruments (continued)**

ECLs are recognised in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12-months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

For trade receivables and contract assets, the company applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, the company does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The company has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

The company considers a financial asset in default when contractual payments are 90 days past due. However, in certain cases, the company may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the company is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the company. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

**Financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss are designated at the initial recognition date and only if the conditions in IFRS 9 are satisfied.

Other financial liabilities are classified in the balance sheet as Trade and other payables.

**Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when: (i) there is a current obligation (legal or constructive), as a result of a past event; (ii) it is probable that the settlement of that obligation will result in an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits; and (iii) the amount of the obligation can be reliably estimated.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the balance sheet date or to transfer it to third parties at that time.

**Decommissioning provision**

The estimated cost of dismantling the production and related facilities and site restoration at the end of the economic life of each field is recognised in full as a decommissioning provision when the asset is installed or the ground/environment is disturbed at the field location. The amount recognised is the present value of the estimated future restoration cost, and an offsetting entry to property, plant and equipment is also recognised. The increase in the provision with the passage of time (unwinding of discount) is recognised as interest expense. The asset is depreciated on a unit of production basis. Changes to the present value of the estimated future restoration cost are accounted for as adjustments to the provision and property, plant and equipment.

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**Use of accounting estimates, judgements and assumptions**

The company's financial statements are prepared in accordance with FRS 101. This requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses reported in the financial statements, as well as amounts included in the notes thereto, including discussion and disclosure of contingent liabilities. Estimates made are based on complex or subjective judgements, past experience and other assumptions deemed reasonable in consideration of the information available at the time. The accounting policies and areas that require the most significant judgements and estimates to be used in the preparation of the financial statements are in relation to the accounting for oil and natural gas activities, specifically in the determination of proved and proved developed reserves, impairment of property, plant and equipment, decommissioning provision and recovery of deferred tax. Although the company uses its best estimates and judgements, actual results could differ from the estimates and assumptions used.

A summary of significant estimates is as follows:

*a) Oil and gas activities*

Engineering estimates of the company's oil and gas reserves are inherently uncertain. Although there are authoritative guidelines regarding the engineering criteria that must be met before estimated oil and gas reserves can be designated as "proved", the accuracy of any reserve estimate is a function of the quality of available data and engineering and geological interpretation and judgement.

Oil and gas reserves have a direct impact on certain amounts reported in the financial statements. Estimated proved reserves are used in determining depreciation and depletion expenses and impairment expense. Depreciation rates on oil and gas assets using the units of production basis are determined from the ratio between the amount of hydrocarbons extracted in the quarter and proved developed reserves existing at the end of the quarter increased by the amounts extracted during the quarter. Estimates of oil and gas reserves are also used within impairment testing and timing of the

Proved developed oil and gas reserves are reserves that can be expected to be recovered through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods. Additional oil and gas expected to be obtained through the application of fluid injection, or other improved recovery techniques, for supplementing the natural forces and mechanisms of primary recovery will generally be included as proved developed reserves only after testing by a pilot project, or after the operation of an installed programme, has confirmed through production response that increased recovery will be achieved.

Proved oil and gas reserves are the estimated quantities of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids which geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions, that is, prices and costs as at the date that the estimate is made.

Reservoirs are considered proved if reserves that can be economically produced are supported by either actual production or conclusive formation tests. The area of a reservoir considered proved includes: (a) that portion delineated by drilling and defined by gas-oil or oil-water contacts, if any, or both, and; (b) the immediately adjoining portions not yet drilled, but which can be reasonably judged as economically productive on the basis of available geological and engineering data. In the absence of information on fluid contacts, the lowest known structural occurrence of hydrocarbons controls the lower proved limit of the reservoir.

Reserves that can be produced economically through the application of improved recovery techniques (such as fluid injection) are generally only included in the proved classification if successful testing by a pilot project, or the operation of an installed programme in the reservoir, provides support for the engineering analysis on which the project or programme was based.

Estimates of proved reserves do not include the following: (a) crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids that may become available from known reservoirs but are classified separately as indicated additional reserves; (b) crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids, the recovery of which is subject to reasonable doubt because of uncertainty as to geology, reservoir characteristics, or economic factors; and (c) crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids that may be recovered from oil shales, coal and other such sources.

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**Use of accounting estimates, judgements and assumptions (continued)***b) Impairment of non-financial assets*

The company assesses its property, plant and equipment for possible impairment if there are events or changes in circumstances that indicate the carrying values of the assets are not recoverable. Such indicators include changes in the company's business plans, changes in commodity prices leading to unprofitable performance and, for oil and gas properties, significant downward revisions of estimated proved reserve quantities.

Determination as to whether and how much an asset is impaired involves management estimates on highly uncertain matters such as future commodity prices, the effects of inflation and technology improvements on operating expenses, production profiles and the outlook for global or regional market supply and demand conditions for crude oil, natural gas, commodity chemicals and refined products, and the discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

*c) Decommissioning provision*

Obligations to remove property, plant and equipment and restore land or seabed require significant estimates in calculating the amount of the obligation and determining the amount required to be recorded at present value in the financial statements. Estimating future decommissioning obligations is complex. It requires management to make estimates and judgements with respect to decommissioning obligations that will come to term many years into the future and contracts and regulations are often unclear as to what constitutes removal.

In addition, the ultimate financial impact of environmental laws and regulations is not always clearly known as decommissioning technologies and costs constantly evolve, as well as political, environmental, safety and public expectations.

The subjectivity of these estimates is also increased by the accounting method used that requires entities to record the value of a liability for decommissioning obligations in the period when they are incurred (typically, at the time, the asset is installed at the production location).

*d) Provision*

The recognised decommissioning provisions are based on future decommissioning cost estimates and incorporate many assumptions such as: expected recoverable quantities of crude oil and natural gas, abandonment time, future inflation rates and the discount rate.

*e) Recovery of deferred tax assets*

Judgement is required to determine which arrangements are considered to be a tax on income as opposed to an operating cost. Judgement is also required to determine whether deferred tax assets are recognised in the balance sheet. Deferred tax assets, including those arising from unutilised tax losses, require management to assess the likelihood that the company will generate sufficient taxable earnings in future periods, in order to utilise recognised deferred tax assets. Assumptions about the generation of future taxable profits depend on management's estimates of future cash flows. These estimates of future taxable income are based on forecast cash flows from operations (which are impacted by production and sales volumes, oil and natural gas prices, reserves, operating costs, decommissioning costs, capital expenditure, dividends and other capital management transactions) and judgement about the application of existing tax laws in each jurisdiction, as well as the availability of future profits against which tax deductions represented by the deferred tax assets can be offset. To the extent that future cash flows and taxable income differ significantly from estimates, the ability of the company to realise the net deferred tax assets recorded at the reporting date could be impacted. In addition, future changes in tax laws in the jurisdictions in which the company operates could limit the ability of the company to obtain tax deductions in future periods.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Parent undertakings

The company's immediate parent undertaking is Eni UK Limited.

The company's ultimate parent undertaking, Eni S.p.A., a company incorporated in Italy with registered office at Piazzale Enrico Mattei, 1 00144 Rome, will produce consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019, which will be available from its website ([www.eni.com](http://www.eni.com)) or on request to Eni S.p.A., Via Emilia 1, 20097 San Donato Milanese, Italy.

The parent company of the largest and smallest group into which the company is consolidated is Eni S.p.A.

### 2. Segmental information

For the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, the operations of the company constitute one class of business, the exploration for and production of hydrocarbon liquids and gas. All activities of the company are undertaken in the UK.

### 3. Revenue

	<b>2019</b> <b>£'000</b>	<b>2018</b> <b>£'000</b>
Revenue from group undertakings	<b>1,750</b>	3,756

### 4. Other service costs and expenses

	<b>2019</b> <b>£'000</b>	<b>2018</b> <b>£'000</b>
Third parties	<b>3,697</b>	3,597
Other service costs and expenses from parent company	<b>104</b>	111
	<b>3,801</b>	3,708

Auditor's remuneration is £9,056 in 2019 (2018 - £14,362) and was borne by the company's immediate parent company.

### 5. Depreciation

	<b>2019</b> <b>£'000</b>	<b>2018</b> <b>£'000</b>
Depreciation charge/(credit) (note 11)	<b>111</b>	(989)

In 2018 the reduction in revision of estimate of the abandonment asset resulted in negative depreciation of £1,254.

### 6. Directors' emoluments and employee information

The directors of the company are also the directors of other affiliate companies. The parent undertaking has paid the emoluments paid to the directors for the services provided to this company and a fair allocation to the company would be approximately £4,881 (2018: £nil).

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7. Other income

	<u>2019</u> <u>£'000</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>£'000</u>
Parent company	<u>32</u>	<u>89</u>

Other income includes an amount received from the parent company in relation to an insurance claim during the year amounting to £32,000 (2018: £89,000).

8. Interest receivable and similar income

	<u>2019</u> <u>£'000</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>£'000</u>
Interest receivable and similar income from group undertakings	<u>178</u>	<u>159</u>
	<u>178</u>	<u>159</u>

9. Interest payable and similar expenses

	<u>2019</u> <u>£'000</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>£'000</u>
Unwinding of discount in relation to decommissioning provision (note 15)	<u>621</u>	<u>597</u>
	<u>621</u>	<u>597</u>

10. Tax on (loss)/profit

The charge/(credit) for the year comprises:

	<u>2019</u> <u>£'000</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>£'000</u>
Current tax at 40% (2018 – 40%)		
UK corporation tax on losses for the period	<u>(2,353)</u>	<u>(731)</u>
Adjustment in respect of previous periods	<u>113</u>	<u>77</u>
Total current tax	<u>(2,240)</u>	<u>(654)</u>
<b>Deferred tax (note 16)</b>		
Current year	<u>1,289</u>	<u>932</u>
Total deferred tax	<u>1,289</u>	<u>932</u>
<b>Total tax (credit)/charge</b>	<u>(951)</u>	<u>278</u>

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10. Tax on (loss)/profit (continued)

Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher (2018 – higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax applicable to oil and gas exploration and production companies in the UK of 40% (2018 – 40%). The differences are explained below:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(2,573)	688
Taxation on (loss)/profit before tax @ 40 % (2018 – 40%)	(1,029)	275
Income not taxable	(3)	(3)
Impact of different tax rates	(32)	(71)
Adjustment to current tax in respect of previous periods	113	77
<b>Total taxation</b>	<b>(951)</b>	<b>278</b>

11. Property, plant and equipment

	2019 <i>Oil and gas properties</i> £'000
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2019	38,891
Revision of decommissioning estimate (note 15)	588
Additions	40
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	<b>39,519</b>
<b>Depletion and depreciation</b>	
At 1 January 2019	38,891
Charge for the year (note 5)	111
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	<b>39,002</b>
<b>Net book value at 31 December 2019</b>	<b>517</b>
Net book value at 31 December 2018	-

12. Trade and other receivables

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
<b>Trade receivables</b>		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	126	2,053
Other receivables	2	-
	<b>128</b>	<b>2,053</b>

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13. Cash and cash equivalents

	<i>2019</i> <i>£'000</i>	<i>2018</i> <i>£'000</i>
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>		
Group undertakings	427	276
<b>Short term deposits – Affiliate company</b>		
Group undertakings	21,400	26,000
	<b>21,827</b>	<b>26,276</b>

14. Trade and other payables

	<i>2019</i> <i>£'000</i>	<i>2018</i> <i>£'000</i>
Amounts owed to parent company	31	730
Amounts owed to group undertakings	388	1,082
	<b>419</b>	<b>1,812</b>

15. Provisions

	<i>2019</i> <i>Decommissioning</i> <i>£'000</i>
Balance as at 1 January	31,818
Unwinding of discount (note 9)	621
Revision of cost estimates (note 11)	588
Utilised in the year	(3,100)
<b>Balance as at 31 December</b>	<b>29,927</b>

The estimated cost of decommissioning at the end of the producing lives of North Sea fields is based upon engineering estimates and expert reports.

A provision is made for the estimated decommissioning costs at the balance sheet date, discounted at a rate of 1.187% to 1.5% to the present value. These costs are expected to crystallise between 2020 and 2025. The amount due to be payable in 2020 is £8,287,000.

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## 16. Deferred tax

Deferred tax is calculated in full on temporary differences using a tax rate of 40% (2018 - 40%) in respect of ring fence activity and 17% (2018: 17%) in respect of non-ring fence activity. The movement on the deferred tax is as shown below:

	<b>2019</b> <b>£'000</b>	<b>2018</b> <b>£'000</b>
At 1 January	<b>13,242</b>	14,174
(Charge)/credit to the profit or loss (note 10)	<b>(1,289)</b>	(932)
<b>At 31 December</b>	<b>11,953</b>	13,242

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are only offset where there is a legally enforceable right of offset and there is an intention to settle the balance net. The movement in deferred tax assets and liabilities during the period are shown below:

**Deferred tax assets**

	<b>Accelerated capital allowances £'000</b>	<b>Decommissioning costs £'000</b>	<b>Total £'000</b>
At 31 December 2018	173	13,069	13,242
Utilised during the year	(237)	(1,052)	(1,289)
Transfer to deferred tax liabilities	64	-	64
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,017</b>	<b>12,017</b>

**Deferred tax liability**

	<b>Accelerated capital allowances £'000</b>	<b>Total £'000</b>
At 1 January 2019	-	-
Transfer from deferred tax assets	64	64
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>64</b>

All deferred tax assets have been offset against the deferred tax liabilities above with the exception of the deferred tax asset on the decommissioning provision. The net deferred tax liability to be disclosed as a non-current liability is therefore £64,000 (2018 – £nil).

The deferred tax asset relating to decommissioning is £12,017,000 (2018: £13,069,000). The net deferred tax asset excluding decommissioning to be disclosed as a non-current asset is £nil (2018 - £173,000).



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## 17. Called up Share capital

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
<b>Ordinary shares of £1 each</b>		
Allotted, called up and fully paid	<b>80,400</b>	80,400

Under the Companies Act 2006, there is no requirement for the company to have an authorised share capital and the company's Article of Association do not set a maximum amount of shares that the company may allot.

## 18. Joint operations

Activity	Name of license	Place of operation	Interest held
Oil and gas	UK Petroleum Production License P.028	United Kingdom	12.962%
Oil and gas	UK Petroleum Production License P.037	United Kingdom	12.962%
Oil and gas	UK Petroleum Production License P.112	United Kingdom	12.962%

## 19. Capital commitments

The company has an interest in a consortia engaged in the exploration and development of oil and gas. As a member of this consortia, the company is committed to pay its share of the costs of development. It is anticipated that this may involve capital expenditure in 2020 of approximately £93,000 (2019 - £143,000).

## 20. Post balance sheet events

The emergence and spread of the virus Covid-19 in early 2020 has affected business and economic activities in China and elsewhere. The subsequent rapid spread to a growing number of countries around the world triggered a profound correction in the prices of oil and other energy commodities due to the sudden drop in consumption because of increasingly stringent measures adopted by governments to contain the epidemic with serious repercussions on production. In early April, the members of the OPEC + cartel did reach an agreement on production cuts required by some of them to react to the effects of Covid-19.

The short-term trend in oil and gas prices will depend predominantly on the timing of containment of the spread of the pandemic and as well as the ways in which the crisis will be managed. In a possible worst-case scenario, the pandemic could cause a global recession with significant negative consequences on hydrocarbon demand and commodity prices. This development would have significant effects on the company's results, cash flow, liquidity and business prospects, including the returns for the shareholder. However, Eni group and the company maintain a high degree of financial flexibility in order to deal with unforeseen events and significant reductions in oil and gas prices and demand which the directors consider to be sufficient to mitigate the impact of such a worst-case scenario.

Eni group and the company are continually monitoring developments in the Oil & Gas sector related to Covid-19 and market conditions.

The company has implemented a number of actions to ensure the safety and health of its people and contractors and, with the contributions of the Operators, also the ability to continue production in the North Sea. Employees and contractors have been working from home. The company is continuing in reviewing to contain its internal general and administration costs, cut or delay investments in activities which were not critical or mandatory and also suspend or defer expenditures for projects that became presently uneconomical. The company is taking actions to reduce operating costs including tariffs and is also supporting the Operators in the North Sea to pursue the same actions.

The new scenario, management assumptions and consequent effects on Company's economic results, cash flow, liquidity and business prospects are currently unpredictable and in accordance with IAS 10, has to be accounted for as a non-adjusting event.