

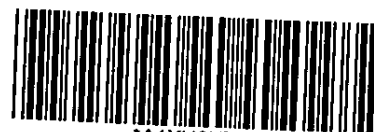
# **BG Group Employee Shares Trustees Limited**

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2009**

**Company Registration Number: 3167150**

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## **Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2009**

The Directors present their report and the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2009. The Company has taken advantage of the small companies exemption available under section 415A of the Companies Act 2006 and have not prepared a business review.

### **Principal Activities**

BG Group Employee Shares Trustees Limited (the "Company") was incorporated on 27 February 1996 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of BG Energy Holdings Limited.

The Company was established to act as the trustee of the BG Group Employee Profit Sharing Scheme (the 'Scheme'), an Inland Revenue approved employee share scheme established for the benefit of employees of participating subsidiary undertakings of BG Group plc in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed and Rules dated 13 March 2000. The Scheme ceased to operate in 2002 with the last transfer to participants taking place in April 2004.

No shares have been appropriated to participants under the Scheme since 2001 and as the Scheme ceased to operate in 2002, no further appropriations will be made. All shares appropriated by the Trust have now been transferred to participants.

### **Results and Dividend**

The Company has no income (2008: £nil). Each participating company covenants to pay all of the costs and expenses incurred by the trustees in the establishment, operation and determination of the Scheme.

The Directors do not propose to declare a final dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2009 (2008: £nil).

### **Directors**

The following served as Directors during the year:

	<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Resigned</b>
R C Booker		15 April 2009
P G Duffy		19 January 2009
C S Inman	15 April 2009	
A W McCulloch	15 April 2009	

### **Company Secretaries**

The following served as joint Company Secretaries during the year:

C S Inman  
A W McCulloch

### **Directors' insurance**

The ultimate parent undertaking has purchased insurance to cover the Directors against liabilities in relation to the Company.

### **Derivative financial instruments**

The Company did not transact in any derivative financial instruments during the year. Full details of the BG Group policies and procedures surrounding financial instruments and details of such transactions can be found in the BG Group Annual Report and Accounts 2009.

## **Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2009 continued**

### **Auditors**

The auditors are deemed to be re-appointed under Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006 and accordingly PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (the "Auditors") remain in office

### **Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors**

As required by Sections 418 and 419 of the Companies Act 2006, each of the Directors has approved this report and confirmed that, so far as he/she is aware, there is no relevant audit information (being information needed by the Auditors in connection with preparing their audit report) of which the Company's Auditors are unaware, and he/she has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's Auditors are aware of that information

### **Statement of Directors' responsibilities**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and 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). The Financial Statements are required by law to 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 year.

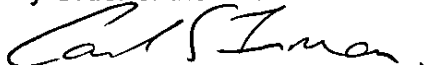
The Directors consider that in preparing the Financial Statements on pages 5 to 8 the Company has used appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates and that all applicable accounting standards have been followed and that the Financial Statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. The Company has complied with UK disclosure requirements.

The Directors have responsibility for ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Company and which enables them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors, having prepared the Financial Statements, have requested the Auditors to take whatever steps and undertake whatever inspections they consider to be appropriate for the purpose of enabling them to give their audit report.

By Order of the Board



**C S Inman**

Company Secretary

Date *20 September 2010*  
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## **Independent Auditors' report to the member of BG Group Employee Shares Trustees Limited**

We have audited the Financial Statements of BG Group Employee Shares Trustees Limited for the year ended 31 December 2009 which comprise the Profit and loss account, the Balance sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

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. Our responsibility is to audit the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Company's member 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.

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

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the Financial Statements.

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the Financial Statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2009 and of its result for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006

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

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

**Independent Auditors' report to the member of BG Group Employee Shares Trustees Limited continued**

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, 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, or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the directors' report in accordance with the small company regime

Nicholas Blackwood  
(Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
London

Date 27 September 2010

## **Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2009**

The Company has not traded during the financial year, has received no income (2008 £nil) and incurred no expenditure (2008 £nil). Consequently, during the year, the Company has made neither a profit nor a loss (2008 £nil) and nor were there any recognised gains and losses (2008 £nil).

There is no difference between the historical cost profits and losses and the results presented.

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these Financial Statements.

**Balance sheet as at 31 December**

	Notes	2009 £	2008 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors amounts falling due within one year	4	34,791	33,931
Cash at bank	5	29,391	30,400
		<u>64,182</u>	<u>64,331</u>
<b>Creditors amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	<u>(64,181)</u>	<u>(64,330)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		1	1
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	7	1	1
<b>Equity shareholder's funds</b>	9	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these Financial Statements

The Financial Statements on pages 5 to 8 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors and were signed on its behalf by



**A W McCulloch**  
Director

Date 20 September 2010



## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 1 Ultimate parent undertaking

The immediate parent undertaking is BG Energy Holdings Limited

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is BG Group plc, which is the parent undertaking of the largest group to consolidate these Financial Statements. The smallest group into which the Company is consolidated is that of which BG Energy Holdings Limited is the parent undertaking. BG Energy Holdings Limited and BG Group plc are both registered in England and Wales. Copies of these consolidated accounts may be obtained from the Company Secretary, 100 Thames Valley Park Drive, Reading, Berkshire, RG6 1PT.

### 2 Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation and accounting principles

These accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with applicable law and accounting standards in the United Kingdom, using historical cost principles. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

#### Exemptions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemptions available to wholly owned UK subsidiaries under Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 1 (Revised 1996) 'Cash Flow Statements', and accordingly has not prepared a cash flow statement, and within FRS 8 'Related Party Disclosures' from disclosure of transactions with other group companies.

### 3 Profit and loss account

The Company has no income and under the provisions of the Trust Deed and Rules dated 13 March 2000 all costs and expenses of the trustees (including the audit fee) are met by each of the participating companies and are not recharged to the company.

No Directors received emoluments in respect of their services to the Company during the year ended 31 December 2009 (2008: £nil). The Company had no employees (2008: nil).

The remuneration of the Auditors, amounting to £2,300 (2008: £2,200), has been borne by BG Energy Holdings Limited and has not been recharged to the Company.

### 4 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2009 £	2008 £
Amounts owed by BG Group plc	21,593	21,584
Amounts owed by other group undertakings	1	1
Amounts owed by National Grid plc	13,197	12,346
	<u>34,791</u>	<u>33,931</u>

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed date of repayment.

**Notes to the Financial Statements continued****5 Cash at bank**

At 31 December 2009 were held in restricted accounts on behalf of the trust

**6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2009 £	2008 £
Unclaimed dividends owed to participants (i)	63,172	63,321
Outstanding sales proceeds (ii)	<u>1,009</u>	<u>1,009</u>
	<u>64,181</u>	<u>64,330</u>

(i) Dividends paid to participants in the Scheme who have not claimed the dividend (principally as a result of dividend cheques remaining unrepresented)

(ii) Proceeds due to participants in the Scheme for the sale of shares, which have not been received by participants on or before the year end (principally as a result of cheques remaining unrepresented)

**7 Called up share capital**

	2009 £	2008 £
<b>Allotted and fully paid:</b>		
1 ordinary share of £1 each	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

**8 Reserves**

The Company had no reserves as at 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2009

**9 Reconciliation of movements in shareholder's funds**

	2009 £	2008 £
<b>As at 1 January and 31 December</b>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>