

Registered number: 09319052

Newby West Solar Limited

**Directors' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2019**



Newby West Solar Limited

Company information

Directors	S Tetot P O'Kane (resigned 4 November 2019) J K Rhodes-Journeay (appointed 4 November 2019)
Registered number	09319052
Registered office	2 Jubilee Way Faversham Kent ME13 8GD
Independent auditors	RSM UK Audit LLP Chartered Accountants 14th Floor 20 Chapel Street Liverpool L3 9AG

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2019

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

Directors' responsibilities statement

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 applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. 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 for the company's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 to 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

The directors who served during the year were:

S Tetot

P O'Kane (resigned 4 November 2019)

J K Rhodes-Journeay (appointed 4 November 2019)

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the directors is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- the directors has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

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Directors' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2019

Auditors

The auditors, RSM UK Audit LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to apply the small company regime.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.



S Tetot
Director

Date: 10/12/2020

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Independent auditors' report to the members of Newby West Solar Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Newby West Solar Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the Profit and loss account and Balance sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the 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; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the 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.

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. 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.

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 such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in 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 in this regard.

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 directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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 material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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 financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report or in preparing the directors' report.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 1, 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 Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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.

RSM UK Audit LLP

Jacqui Baker (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of RSM UK Audit LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
14th Floor
20 Chapel Street
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Date: 11 December 2020

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Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Turnover	2.3	563,083	592,111
Cost of sales		(248,137)	(252,100)
Gross profit		314,946	340,011
Administrative expenses		(63,775)	(65,275)
Operating profit		251,171	274,736
Interest payable and expenses	4	(222,491)	(237,140)
Profit before tax		28,680	37,596
Tax on profit		(36,500)	(36,500)
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(7,820)	1,096

There was no other comprehensive income for 2019 (2018:£NIL).

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Balance sheet
as at 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 £	2019 £	2018 £	2018 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		4,664,244		4,875,257
			<u>4,664,244</u>		<u>4,875,257</u>
Current assets					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	6	87,092		112,438	
Cash at bank and in hand		15,219		20,383	
		<u>102,311</u>		<u>132,821</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(4,733,094)		(5,004,686)	
Net current liabilities			<u>(4,630,783)</u>		<u>(4,871,865)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>33,461</u>		<u>3,392</u>
Provisions for liabilities					
Deferred tax	8	(73,000)		(36,500)	
Other provisions	9	(94,111)		(92,720)	
			<u>(167,111)</u>		<u>(129,220)</u>
Net liabilities			<u>(133,650)</u>		<u>(125,828)</u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital			2		2
Profit and loss account			(133,652)		(125,830)
			<u>(133,650)</u>		<u>(125,828)</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:



S Tetot

Director

Date: 10/12/2020

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019

1. General information

Newby West Solar Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. Its registered office is 2 Jubilee Way, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8GD.

Its solar farm and principal place of business is High Brow, Nelson Farm, Dalston, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA5 7LE.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime, under the historical cost convention. The disclosure requirements of Section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied.

The financial statements are presented in pound sterling and all values are rounded to the nearest pound (£) except where otherwise indicated.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis the company is a going concern, which the directors consider appropriate.

The directors have separately reviewed integrated forecasts for the company, for the foreseeable future, which indicate that the company will be able to meet its working capital demands as they fall due from cash flows from operations and existing working capital.

As at the date of these financial statements, the company is in a net current and net liabilities position due to amounts owed to group undertakings. The Directors have received a letter from group counterparties, confirming that it will not recall the amounts due for a period of at least twelve months from the signing date of these financial statements, on the basis that the company continues to make interest repayments in line with the agreement.

The directors therefore, believe that the company is a going concern and have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The directors have considered the impact of the current COVID-19 crisis on the company's ability to trade and are confident that operations can continue relatively uninterrupted during this period.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Revenue recognition

Turnover is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the company and the turnover can be reliably measured. Turnover is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes. The following criteria must also be met before turnover is recognised:

Generation and embedded benefits turnover

Turnover from the sale of electricity represents the invoice value, excluding VAT, of electricity provided to third parties and is recognised when electricity is exported. Embedded benefits are paid to generating plant located on the distribution network to reflect the lower cost of transporting electricity to the end user and are recorded at the invoice value.

ROCs turnover

Renewable Obligation Certificates (ROCs) are issued to qualifying renewable generators under the terms of the OFGEM Renewable Obligation registration. These certificates may be traded separately from the electricity to which they relate. The ROCs are recorded as accrued income at fair value and recognised in turnover when the electricity to which they relate is generated. Any impairment of ROCs due to reduction in the market price is recorded in profit and loss.

2.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

At each reporting date the company assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Solar park	-	4% Straight line
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The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

2.5 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

2.7 Financial instruments

Debt instruments including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are measured at historical cost and are repayable on demand.

The company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the profit and loss.

2.8 Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.9 Operating leases: the company as lessee

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss on a straight line basis over the lease term.

2.10 Provisions for liabilities

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the company a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to the profit and loss account in the year that the company becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the balance sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the balance sheet.

Where the company, as lessee, is contractually required to restore leased property to an agreed condition prior to the release by a lessor, provision is made for such costs as they are identified.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.11 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account, except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where the company operates and generates income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits; and
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met.

3. Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 0 (2018 - 0).

4. Interest payable and similar expenses

	2019 £	2018 £
Loans from group undertaking	221,100	235,770
Unwinding of discount on deconstruction provision	1,391	1,370
	<u>222,491</u>	<u>237,140</u>

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5. Tangible fixed assets

	Solar park £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2019	5,275,314
At 31 December 2019	<u>5,275,314</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2019	400,057
Charge for the year	211,013
At 31 December 2019	<u>611,070</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2019	<u><u>4,664,244</u></u>
At 31 December 2018	<u><u>4,875,257</u></u>

6. Debtors

	2019 £	2018 £
Trade debtors	40,739	52,132
Prepayments and accrued income	46,353	60,306
	<u>87,092</u>	<u>112,438</u>

7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2019 £	2018 £
Other loans	4,597,554	4,861,557
Trade creditors	56,625	58,009
Other taxation and social security	42,552	27,740
Accruals and deferred income	36,363	57,380
	<u>4,733,094</u>	<u>5,004,686</u>

Included within amounts owed to group undertakings is £3,375,839 (2018: £3,567,280) due to BRI EU Finance Designated Activity Company (registered in the Republic of Ireland) and £1,221,715 (2018: £1,294,277) due to RI EU Holdings (UK) Limited.

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8. Deferred taxation

	2019 £
At beginning of year	(36,500)
Charged to profit or loss	(36,500)
At end of year	(73,000)

The provision for deferred taxation is made up as follows:

	2019 £	2018 £
Accelerated capital allowances	(73,000)	(36,500)
	(73,000)	(36,500)

9. Provisions

	Deconstruction provision £
At 1 January 2019	92,720
Charged to profit or loss	1,391
At 31 December 2019	94,111

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10. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 December 2019 the company had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2019 £	2018 £
Not later than 1 year	37,675	36,936
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	158,387	155,281
Later than 5 years	877,287	919,175
	<u>1,073,349</u>	<u>1,111,392</u>

The company signed a 26 year lease on 10 March 2016 over the land on which it has constructed a solar park.

The company may break the lease by giving the landlord 6 months prior written notice, provided the company complies with the covenants imposed by the lease.

The lease includes a mechanism to uplift the rent to reflect an increase in the retail prices index (RPI). The operating lease commitment shown above assumes the RPI will rise at 2% per annum over the remaining lease.

11. Controlling party

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party in this group is considered to be Renewable Income EU, a sub-fund of Blackrock Infrastructure Funds Public Limited Company, an investment company registered in Ireland which accounts for investments at fair value and does not prepare consolidated financial statements.

The immediate parent company as at 31 December 2019 is RI EU Holdings (UK) Limited, an investment company registered in England & Wales which accounts for investments at fair value and does not prepare consolidated financial statements. The accounts are available from the registered office at 12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL.