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BG Great Britain Limited

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2019

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2019

The Directors present their report and the financial statements of BG Great Britain Limited (also referred to as the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2019. The Company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption available under section 415A and 414B of the Companies Act 2006 and has not prepared a strategic report nor given certain disclosures in the Directors' report from which it is exempt.

The Company is one of the entities within the "Shell Group". In this context the term "Shell Group" and "Companies of the Shell Group" or "Group companies" means companies where Royal Dutch Shell plc, either directly or indirectly, is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the Company and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the Company. Companies in which Group companies have significant influence but not control are classified as "Associated companies". Royal Dutch Shell plc, a company incorporated in England and Wales, is known as the "Parent Company" of the Shell Group. In this report "Shell", "Shell Group" and "Royal Dutch Shell" are sometimes used for convenience where references are made to Royal Dutch Shell and its subsidiaries in general. These expressions are also used where no useful purpose is served by identifying the particular company or companies.

The Directors' report and audited financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Directors of the Company

The Directors, who held office during the year, and to the date of this report (except as noted) were as follows:

M W Eide

S L Ouellette (resigned 31 March 2020)

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The following directors were appointed after the year end:

A E Brocklebank (appointed 1 April 2020)

R J Maxwell (appointed 1 April 2020)

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

Events after the end of the reporting period

After the balance sheet date, we have seen macro-economic uncertainty with regards to prices and demand for oil, gas and products as a result of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak. Furthermore, recent global developments and uncertainty in oil supply have caused further abnormally large volatility in commodity markets. The scale and duration of these developments remain uncertain but could impact our earnings, cash flow and financial condition. The RDS plc group actively assesses the situation across the globe to ensure business continuity plans are put in place to sustain operations and supply chains with a focus on safe working environments and safe conditions for employees and contractors. These developments are not expected to materially impact the recoverability of receivables from other group companies.

On 01 January 2020, the Company entered into an agreement with Shell EP Offshore Ventures Limited to acquire 20% stake in the pierce field for a consideration of USD 95 million.

Branches outside of United Kingdom

On 22 June 2020, the Company received certificate of liquidation from the Ministry of National Economy of the State of Palestine for liquidation of the Palestine branch.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for preparing the Directors' report and the Company's financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' ('FRS 101'). Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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

Statement of Directors' responsibilities (continued)

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.

Disclosure of information to the auditors

Each Director has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a Director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information. The Directors confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Approved by the Board on 16 September 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

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Authorised Signature for Shell Corporate Secretary Limited Company Secretary

Independent Auditor's report to the Member of BG Great Britain Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BG Great Britain Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2019, which comprise the Profit and loss account, Balance sheet, Statement of changes in equity, and the related notes 1 to 13, 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 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (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.

Emphasis of matter

We draw attention to Notes 1 and 13 of the financial statements, which describes the economic and social disruption the Company is facing as a result of COVID-19 which is impacting supply chains, consumer demand, commodity prices, personnel available for work and or being able to access offices. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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.

Independent Auditor's report to the Member of BG Great Britain Limited (continued)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report set out on pages 1 to 3, 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our 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 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 take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Independent Auditor's report to the Member of BG Great Britain Limited (continued)

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' responsibilities set out on page 2 to 3, 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 https://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 member, 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 member 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 member as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Clarke Cooper (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor
Aberdeen

17 September 2020

BG Great Britain Limited

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2019

•	Note	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Other (expense)/income		(4,588)	25,150
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	5	(4,588)	25,150
(LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE INTEREST AND TAXATION		(4,588)	25,150
Interest receivable and similar income	3	467	-
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(3,462)	(4,772)
(LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		(7,583)	20,378
Tax on (loss)/profit	7	3,197	(8,604)
(LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		(4,386)	11,774

The loss for the current year and the profit for the prior year are equal to the total comprehensive income and accordingly a statement of comprehensive income has not been presented.

(Registration number: 909162) Balance sheet as at 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Fixed assets			
Deferred tax	7	38,458	36,674
		38,458	36,674
Current assets			
Stock	8	-	36
Debtors	9	142,782	142,836
Cash at bank and in hand			3
		142,782	142,875
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(73,886)	(72,273)
Net current assets		68,896	70,602
Total assets less current liabilities		107,354	107,276
Provisions	11	(96,136)	(91,672)
Net assets		11,218	15,604
Equity			
Called up share capital	12	93,000	93,000
Profit and loss account		(81,782)	(77,396)
Total equity		11,218	15,604

The financial statements on pages 7 to 23 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 16 September 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

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Howard Lotgering Jones

H E L Jones Director

BG Great Britain Limited

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2019

	Called up share capital £ 000	Profit and loss account £ 000	Total £ 000
Balance as at 01 January 2018	23,000	(89,170)	(66,170)
Profit for the year		11,774	11,774
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	11,774	11,774
Proceeds from shares issued	70,000		70,000
Balance as at 31 December 2018	93,000	(77,396)	15,604
Balance as at 01 January 2019	93,000	(77,396)	15,604
Loss for the year		(4,386)	(4,386)
Total comprehensive loss for the year		(4,386)	(4,386)
Balance as at 31 December 2019	93,000	(81,782)	11,218

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

General information

The Company is a private company limited by share capital incorporated in England and Wales. The address of its registered office is: Shell Centre, London, SE1 7NA, United Kingdom.

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework, which involves the application of International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") with a reduced level of disclosure. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for certain items measured at fair value, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, except for the adoption of IFRS 16.

Going concern

The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and the financial statements have therefore been prepared under the going concern basis.

Change in accounting policy

The adoption of IFRS 16 and IFRIC 23 has had no material impact on the Company's retained earnings or balance sheet as at 1 January 2019 and during the year.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS 101 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 2.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

The following exemptions from the disclosure requirements of IFRS have been applied in the preparation of these financial statements, in accordance with FRS 101:

- IFRS 7, 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures';
- Paragraphs 91 to 99 of IFRS 13, 'Fair value measurement' (disclosure of valuation techniques and inputs used for fair value measurement of assets and liabilities);
- Paragraph 38 of IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements' comparative information requirements in respect of:
 - (i) paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1 'Presentation of financial statements';
- The following paragraphs of IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements':
 - (i) 10(d) (statement of cash flows);
 - (ii) 10(f) (a balance sheet as at the beginning of the preceding period when an entity applies an accounting policy retrospectively or makes a retrospective restatement of items in its financial statements, or when it reclassifies items in its financial statements);
 - (iii) 16 (statement of compliance with all IFRS);
 - (iv) 38A (requirement to present a minimum of two statements for each of the primary financial statements, including cash flow statements and related notes);
 - (v) 38B-D (additional comparative information);
 - (vi) 40A-D (requirements for a third balance sheet);
 - (vii) 111 (cash flow statement information); and
 - (viii) 134-136 (capital management disclosures)
- IAS 7, 'Statement of cash flows';
- Paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 'Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors' (requirement for the disclosure of information when an entity has not applied a new IFRS that has been issued but is not yet effective);
- Paragraphs 17 and 18A of IAS 24, 'Related party disclosures' (key management compensation);
- The requirements in IAS 24, 'Related party disclosures' to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more wholly owned members of a group.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Consolidation

The immediate parent company is BG Energy Holdings Limited.

The ultimate parent company and controlling party is Royal Dutch Shell plc, which is incorporated in England and Wales. Royal Dutch Shell plc is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements of Royal Dutch Shell plc are available from:

Royal Dutch Shell plc Tel: +31 888 800 844 email: order@shell.com

Registered office: Shell Centre, London, SE1 7NA

Taxation

Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except that tax attributable to an item of income or expense recognised as other comprehensive income is also recognised directly in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current tax

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date for tax payable to HM Revenue and Customs, or for group relief to surrender to or to be received from other Group undertakings, and for which payment may be requested.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised when, on the basis of the most recent available evidence, it is regarded as probable that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying temporary differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the temporary differences are expected to reverse based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset deferred tax assets against deferred tax liabilities and when the deferred income taxes assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

Amounts relating to deferred tax are undiscounted.

Foreign currency translation

(i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Company are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates ('the functional currency'). The financial statements are presented in Pounds Sterling (£), which is also the Company's functional currency.

(ii) Transaction and balances

Income and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated into £ at the rate ruling on their transaction date.

Monetary assets and liabilities recorded in foreign currencies have been expressed in £ at the rates of exchange ruling at the year end. Differences on translation are included in the profit and loss account. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated using exchange rates at the date of the transaction. No subsequent translations are made once this has occurred.

Assets and liabilities of the Palestine branch are translated to £ at year end rates of exchange. Income and expenditure accounts are translated at the average rates for the year. Any translation differences are taken in other comprehensive income.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Decommissioning and restoration costs

The Company follows the requirements of IAS 37 "Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets". The total estimated cost of decommissioning and restoration, discounted to its net present value, is provided for and also recognised as a cost of each field, onshore terminal or main trunkline and capitalised within tangible fixed assets. The capitalised cost is amortised over the life of the field on a unit-of-production basis for offshore facilities and on a straight-line basis for onshore terminals and main trunklines. The unwinding of the discount in the net present value of the total expected cost is treated as an interest expense. Changes in estimates result in an equal and opposite movement in the provision and the associated asset. If a decrease in the provision exceeds the asset's carrying amount, the excess is recognised in the profit and loss account. Changes in estimates of assets are depreciated prospectively over the remaining reserves of the field or the remaining life of the onshore terminal or pipeline as appropriate.

Financial instruments

Financial assets

Financial assets are classified at initial recognition and subsequently measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) or fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL). The classification of financial assets is determined by the contractual cash flows and where applicable the business model for managing the financial assets.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if the objective of the business model is to hold the financial asset in order to collect contractual cash flows and the contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest. Financial assets at amortised cost are initially recognised at fair value plus or minus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset. Subsequently the financial asset is measured using the effective interest method less any impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired. All equity instruments and other debt instruments are recognised at fair value. For equity instruments, on initial recognition, an irrevocable election (on an instrument-by-instrument basis) can be made to designate these as at FVOCI (without recycling to profit and loss) instead of FVTPL. Dividends received on equity instruments are recognised as other income in profit or loss when the right of payment has been established, except when the company benefits from such proceeds as a recovery of part of the cost of the financial asset, in which case, such gains are recorded in other comprehensive income.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Impairment of financial assets

The impairment requirements for expected credit losses are applied to financial assets measured at amortised cost, financial assets measured at FVOCI and financial guarantees contracts to which IFRS 9 is applied and that are not accounted for at FVTPL and lease debtors under IFRS 15 that give rise to a conditional right to consideration. If the credit risk on the financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition, the loss allowance for the financial asset is measured at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses. In other instances, the loss allowance for the financial asset is measured at an amount equal to the twelve month expected credit losses (ECLs). Changes in loss allowances are recognised in profit and loss. For trade debtors that do not contain a significant financing component, the simplified approach is applied recognising expected lifetime credit losses from initial recognition.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost, unless they are required to be measured at FVTPL, such as instruments held for trading, or the Company has opted to measure them at FVTPL. Debt and trade creditors are recognised initially at fair value based on amounts exchanged, net of transaction costs, and subsequently at amortised cost. Interest expense on debt is accounted for using the effective interest method and is recognised in income.

Stock

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined using the weighted average method. Provision is made for obsolete, slow moving and defective stocks to write stocks now to their net realisable value, wherever necessary.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Company will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are measured at the management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the reporting date and are discounted to present value at a rate intended to reflect the time value of money where the effect of time value of money is material.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Netting off policy

Balances with other companies of the Shell Group are stated gross, unless both of the following conditions are met:

- Currently there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts; and
- There is intent either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Joint arrangements

The Company's exploration, development and production activities are generally conducted in joint arrangements with other companies. The Company recognises its assets and liabilities relating to its interests in joint operations, including its share of assets held jointly and liabilities incurred jointly with other parties.

2 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

Provision for expected credit losses of trade debtors

The Company computes probability of default rates for third party trade debtors based on historical loss experience adjusted for current and forward-looking information. At every reporting date, the historical observed default rates are updated and changes in the forward-looking estimates are analysed. For intra-group trade debtors, the Company uses an internal credit rating to determine the probability of default. Internal credit ratings are based on methodologies adopted by independent credit rating agencies.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

2 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)

Decommissioning and restoration provisions

Provisions are recognised for the future decommissioning and restoration of hydrocarbon production facilities and pipelines at the end of their economic lives. The estimated cost is recognised in income over the life of the proved developed reserves on a unit-of-production basis or on a straight-line basis, as applicable. Changes in the estimates of costs to be incurred, proved developed reserves, or in the rate of production will therefore impact income, generally over the remaining economic life of the related assets.

Estimates of the amounts of provisions recognised are based on current legal and constructive requirements, technology and price levels. Because actual outflows can differ from estimates due to changes in laws, regulations, public expectations, technology, prices and conditions, and can take place many years in the future, the carrying amounts of provisions are regularly reviewed and adjusted to take account of such changes. The discount rate applied is reviewed annually.

3 Interest receivable and similar income

	2019	2018
Interest from Crosse and outstrings.	£ 000	£ 000
Interest from Group undertakings:		
Fellow subsidiary undertakings	454	-
Profit on currency translation	13	
	467	
4 Interest payable and similar charges		
	2019	2018
	£ 000	£ 000
Loss on currency translation	-	341
Unwinding of discount on long term provisions (note 11)	3,462	4,431
	3,462	4,772
5 Operating (loss)/profit		
Arrived at after charging/(crediting):		
	2019	2018
	£ 000	£ 000
Increase/(decrease) of existing provision	4,388	(25,893)

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

5 Operating (loss)/profit (continued)

The Company had no employees during 2019 (2018: none).

None of the Directors received any emoluments (2018: none) in respect of their services to the Company.

6 Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration of £2,222 (2018: £4,876) in respect of the statutory audit was borne by a group company for both the current and preceding years.

Fees paid to the Company's auditor and its associates for non-audit services to the Company itself are not disclosed in the individual financial statements of the Company because the Royal Dutch Shell plc consolidated financial statements are required to disclose such fees on a consolidated basis".

7 Tax on (loss)/profit

Tax (credit)/charge in the profit and loss account

The tax credit for the year of £3,197,000 (2018: charge of £8,604,000) is made up as follows:

	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Current taxation		
UK corporation tax	(1,298)	(1,855)
UK corporation tax adjustment to prior periods	(115)	204
Total current tax credit	(1,413)	(1,651)
Deferred taxation		
Arising from origination and reversal of temporary differences	(1,784)	10,255
Total deferred tax (credit)/charge	(1,784)	10,255
Tax (credit)/charge in the profit and loss account	(3,197)	8,604

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

7 Tax on (loss)/profit (continued)

Reconciliation of total tax (credit)/charge

The tax on loss before tax for the year applicable to oil and gas exploration and production companies differs from the standard effective rate of corporation tax in the UK of 40% (ring fence corporation tax of 30% and supplementary charge of 10%) (2018: 40%).

The differences are reconciled below:

	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
(Loss)/profit before tax	(7,583)	20,378
Tax on (loss)/profit calculated at standard rate (2019: 40%) (2018: 40%)	(3,033)	8,151
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible	38	237
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(115)	204
Ring fence/non-ring fence tax rate differentials	(53)	68
Tax losses for which no deferred tax asset was recognised	-	(43)
Tax on imputed interest	(34)	(13)
Total tax (credit)/charge	(3,197)	8,604

UK Finance Act (No 2) Act 2015 which introduced reductions in the UK corporation tax rate to 19% effective from 1 April 2017 and to 18% effective from 1 April 2020 was enacted on 15 November 2015.

UK Finance Act 2016 which introduced further reductions in the UK corporation tax rate to 17% effective 1 April 2020 was enacted on 15 September 2016.

On 11 March 2020, the UK government announced that the rate applicable from 1 April 2020 would be maintained at 19% and this was substantively enacted on 17 March 2020.

Since this change was not substantively enacted before the end of 2019, the relevant deferred tax balances have been measured at 17%, the rate enacted by the Balance Sheet date.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

7 Tax on (loss)/profit (continued)

Deferred tax assets

2019			Asset £ 000
Accelerated tax depreciation Provision for decommissioning and restoration not yet allo Other items	wed for tax		3 38,455
			38,458
	Asset	N Liability	Vet deferred tax
2018	£ 000	£ 000	£ 000
Accelerated tax depreciation Provision for decommissioning and restoration not yet	206	-	206
allowed for tax	36,704	(22.6)	36,704
Other items	36,910	(236) (236)	(236) 36,674
Deferred tax movement during the year:			
	At 1	Recognised in	At 31
	January 2019	profit and loss account	December 2019
Accelerated tax depreciation	£ 000 206	£ 000 (203)	£ 000 3
Provision for decommissioning and restoration not yet	200	(203)	J
allowed for tax	36,704	1,751	38,455
Other items	(236)	236	20 450
Net tax assets	36,674	1,784	38,458

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

7 Tax on (loss)/profit (continued)

Deferred tax movement during the prior year:

Accelerated tax depreciation Provision for decommissioning and restoration not yet allowed for tax Other items Net tax assets	At 1 January 2018 £ 000 206 46,603 120 46,929	Recognised in profit and loss account £ 000 - (9,899) (356) (10,255)	At 31 December 2018 £ 000 206 36,704 (236) 36,674
The provision for deferred tax consists of the following de	ferred tax as	sets:	
		2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Deferred tax assets due more than 12 months		38,458	36,674
Total deferred tax		38,458	36,674
8 Stocks		2019	2018
Other inventories		£ 000	£ 000 36
9 Debtors			
Debtors: amounts due within one year			
		2019	2018
Amounts owed by Group undertakings:		£ 000	£ 000
Parent undertakings		44,784	44,784
Fellow subsidiary undertakings		94,235	93,781
Prepayments and accrued income		496	416
Tax receivable		3,267	3,855
A 444 A		142,782	142,836

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9 Debtors (continued)

Amounts owed by parent undertakings are unsecured, interest free and are repayable on demand and amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings are payable upon demand bearing interest rate ranging from 0.47% to 0.50%.

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2019 £ 000	2018 £ 000
Trade creditors	2	2
Amounts owed to Group undertakings:		
Fellow subsidiary undertakings	72,882	70,075
Accrued expenses	1,002	2,196
	73,886	72,273

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

11 Provisions

	Decommissioning and restoration £ 000
Balance as at 1 January 2019	91,672
Increase due to change in estimates	4,388
Provisions used	(3,386)
Increase due to unwinding of discount (note 4)	3,462
Balance as at 31 December 2019	96,136

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

11 Provisions (continued)

At 31 December 2019, the Company has provided £96.1 million (2018: £91.7 million) in respect of the decommissioning of its oil and gas fields and related infrastructure and the restoration of the sites. It is anticipated that decommissioning and restoration costs will be incurred over the next 8 years. The exact timing of these costs is dependent upon a number of factors such as reservoir performance, new near field developments and the oil price. The provision has been estimated using existing technology, at current prices and discounted using a nominal discount rate of 3% (2018: 4%).

Following the year end, the discount rate has been further reduced down to 1.75%. This is expected to increase the decommissioning provision by approximately £3.9 million during 2020.

12 Called up share capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	No.	2019 £ 000	No.	2018 £ 000
Ordinary Shares of £1 each	93,000,100	93,000	93,000,100	93,000

13 Events after the end of the reporting period

After the balance sheet date, we have seen macro-economic uncertainty with regards to prices and demand for oil, gas and products as a result of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak. Furthermore, recent global developments and uncertainty in oil supply have caused further abnormally large volatility in commodity markets. The scale and duration of these developments remain uncertain but could impact our earnings, cash flow and financial condition. The RDS plc group actively assesses the situation across the globe to ensure business continuity plans are put in place to sustain operations and supply chains with a focus on safe working environments and safe conditions for employees and contractors. These developments are not expected to materially impact the recoverability of receivables from other group companies.

On 01 January 2020, the Company entered into an agreement with Shell EP Offshore Ventures Limited to acquire 20% stake in the pierce field for a consideration of USD 95 million.

On 22 June 2020, the Company received certificate of liquidation from the Ministry of National Economy of the State of Palestine for liquidation of the Palestine branch.