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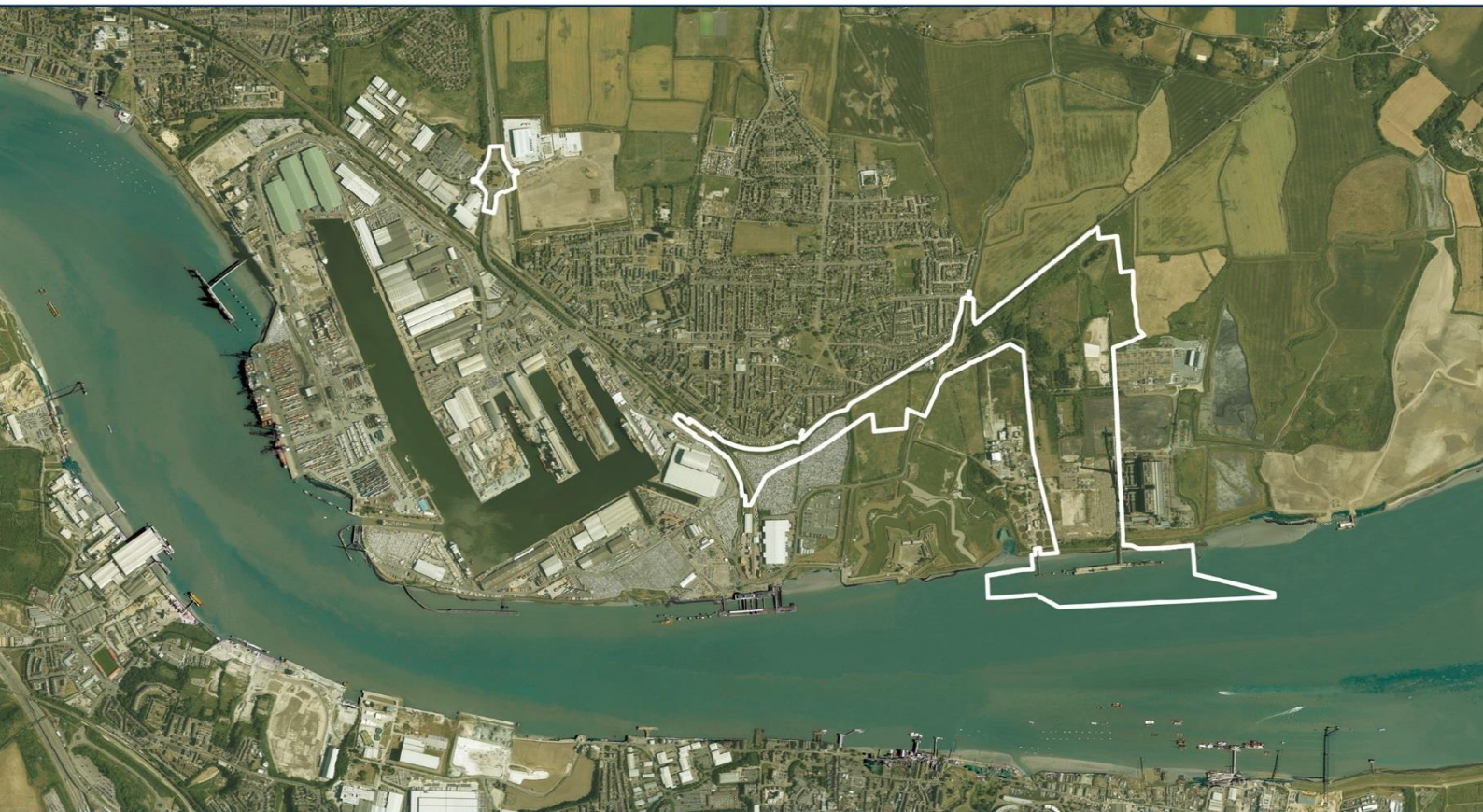
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**FORTH PORTS LIMITED**  
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 DECEMBER 2016**  
**Registered number: SC 134741**

**FORTH PORTS LIMITED**

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**FORTH PORTS LIMITED**

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## **FORTH PORTS LIMITED**

### **STRATEGIC REPORT**

#### **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the Company together with its subsidiaries (“the Group”) are the provision of port facilities and ancillary services in the United Kingdom. The Group has extensive property interests and is also involved in a joint venture on the development of the London Distribution Park (“LDP”) adjacent to the Port of Tilbury.

The vast majority of the Group’s property interests are in port operational land. Any land in excess of these port-related requirements will be kept under review to determine uses which may deliver long-term returns to the Group.

This Strategic Report has been prepared for the Group as a whole and therefore gives greater emphasis to those matters which are significant to Forth Ports Limited and its subsidiary undertakings when viewed as a whole.

#### **Performance Review**

The Group turnover for the year was £214.4m up by £11.5m or 5.7% on 2015. The principal reasons for the increase were as follows:-

- Strong revenues in our Scottish Operations driven by liquid bulks, piped cargoes and general cargoes, and
- Good growth in revenues at the Port of Tilbury Limited driven by increased property rentals, grain related revenues and increased activities of the Conventional Asset.

Across the business, most of the operations delivered year-on-year growth with the exception of the Port of Dundee Limited where North Sea oil related revenues were depressed.

Gross profit was £101.2m, up £5.7m or 6.0% on 2015. This was as a result of increased profitability of the core port and marine operations which benefited from increased revenues and good cost control.

Administrative expenses, before exceptional items and revaluations, were £23.6m, down £1.0m or 4.2% on 2015. The reduction was principally due to maintaining good cost control.

Group operating profit, before exceptional items and revaluations, was £77.1m, up £6.2m or 8.7% on 2015. There was an improvement in the operating profit margin to 36.0% from 34.9% in 2015 reflecting good cost control across all operations and a change in the mix of our overall business away from the lower margin container related activities.

The share of results of the joint venture of £5.5m (2015 – loss of £0.1m) is the Group’s share of the profit on land sales of the LDP joint venture to Legal and General for the construction of a warehouse together with the relevant share of the development profit.

Finance income was £14.9m in 2016, slightly up from £13.7m in the previous year. The finance income is mainly due to Group interest receivable on inter-company loans with our immediate parent Otter Ports Limited. Finance costs before revaluations were £29.5m, down £3.4m on 2015, primarily due to lower margin on bank loans and reduced interest payable to Otter Ports Limited.

Profit before tax, before exceptional items and revaluations for the year, was £68.0m, £16.4m or 32.0% higher than last year primarily due to higher operating profits and the increased share of joint venture profits.

The tax charge for the Group in 2016, excluding the impact of exceptional items and revaluations, was £12.0m.

The following revaluation items recognised in the Group income statement relate to:-

- Other income of £3.9m being the change in fair value of investment properties (2015 - £28.0m);
- Losses on interest rate swaps were £6.4m but these were more than offset by gains on cross currency hedges of £20.5m resulting in a net gain of £14.1m (2015 – £15.9m);
- The retranslation loss on the Series A US \$ loan notes of £22.2m (2015 – £4.9m); and
- The mark to market gain on diesel hedges of £1.8m (2015 - £nil).



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### STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)

The following exceptional items recognised in the Group income statement relate to:-

- Long Term Incentive Plan (“LTIP”) charge of £5.5m (2015 - £1.9m);
- Investment write down of £0.5m (2015 - £nil);
- Gain on disposal of land of £1.6m (2015 - £nil);
- Unwinding of the discount on the Pilots National Pension Fund (“PNPF”) provision of £1.7m (2015 - £1.4m);
- Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment (“PPE”) of £0.5m (2015 - £nil);
- Redundancy costs of £0.7m (2015 - £nil); and
- Former Registered Dock Workers Scheme (“FRDW scheme”) augmentation payments of £0.3m (2015 - £0.3m).

The tax effect of these exceptional items and revaluations was a credit of £4.6m (2015 – charge of £2.0m).

This left the profit for the year at £50.6m (2015 - profit £76.3m).

The Group refreshed its debt facilities during the year. In June 2016 the bank term loan was renegotiated and extended to a new period of five years, as well as combining the revolving credit and capital expenditure facilities into one general purpose facility, giving greater flexibility to the Group in terms of debt management. In December 2016, the Group raised a further £100m of Private Placement Loan Notes from existing holders with £50m of the issue being drawn in December 2016 and the balance of £50m being drawn on 6 January 2017. These additional funds, together with the extended bank facilities, will provide the necessary liquidity and resources to finance the Group’s operations and capital expenditure plans including those related to the expansion land east of Tilbury where we have commenced the process of getting planning approval through the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (“NSIP”) planning process.

The Group’s forecasts and budgets for the coming periods, together with the finance facilities noted above, underpin the going concern assumption under which these accounts have been prepared.

In terms of the Group’s financial position, as reflected in the balance sheet at 31 December 2016, the significant year on year changes are as follows:-

- Increase in PPE of £41.9m due to additions of £61.0m and transfers from other asset categories of £1.6m in the year being offset by depreciation of £19.8m and net disposals of £0.9m. The most significant addition in the year was approximately half of the land to the east of Tilbury which we have agreed to purchase to facilitate future expansion. The balance of the land purchase is scheduled to complete in Quarter 1 2017;
- Investment properties increased in value by £12.7m in the year due mainly to the revaluation uplift of £14.9m offset by net transfers of £2.2m;
- Trade and other receivables increased by £24.3m due to increased trade receivables reflecting increased turnover in the period and an increase in the amount due by the parent company of £21.1m. This increase is due to additional monies advanced in the year and interest charged on the indebtedness;
- Cash and cash equivalents held at the end of the year were £4.8m, a decrease of £3.6m in the year. This reflects repayment of an element of the revolving credit facility following receipt of the loan notes issue completed in December noted above;
- The total liability on derivative financial instruments, both current and non-current, decreased by £16.0m as a result of the movement in the mark to market value of interest rate and cross currency hedges;
- Borrowings increased in the year reflecting the issuance of the new loan notes referred to above and a loss on the translation of the Series A loan notes at the year end. This was partly offset by a reduction in the amount drawn on the revolving credit facility;
- Current trade and other payables decreased by £4.2m due to reduced accruals and deferred income; and
- Retirement benefit obligations increased by £6.8m to £61.5m, with the net impact of actuarial assumptions being partially offset by growth in assets held. The adverse impact of the reduction in discount rates and increased inflation assumptions were partially offset by changes in the demographic assumptions reflecting the Scheme’s actual experience.

The value of shareholders’ equity at 31 December 2016 was £307.1m, up from £279.8m last year.

## **FORTH PORTS LIMITED**

### **STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)**

#### **Dividend**

A dividend of £34.0m was paid during the year (2015 - £nil).

#### **Principal Business Risks and Uncertainties**

The Group has extensive risk identification and mitigation processes. This data is all combined in a consolidated group-wide risk register. In addition to this, the Executive Directors present to the Board their view of the most significant risks the Group faces. These risks can be summarised under the following headings:-

##### Political/Economic

The ports industry tends to be very resilient in terms of economic shocks but is not immune to changes in GDP. Identified risks that could impact GDP and economic confidence include:-

- Brexit and its potential impact on the UK's trade patterns as well as economic growth across the UK; and
- Growth in the Scottish economy could be impacted by ongoing uncertainties relating to greater fiscal and political autonomy.

##### Customers/Competition

The majority of Forth Ports' customers have long-term contractual agreements and relationships and there is always a risk that, when these contracts expire, they may not be renewed although this is seldom the case. However, there are a couple of specific risks that should be disclosed:-

- The container shipping sector is still in a state of flux with global alliances being created between shipping lines, acquisition activity ongoing, profitability challenges for shipping lines and excess capacity in both shipping and UK ports. All of these factors can result in risks to the activity levels in our UK container operations; and
- North Sea oil related activity is still depressed. The Group has a natural hedge against the reduction in project activity resulting from the low oil price in that we benefit from increased liquid bulk volumes on the back of lower feedstock prices as well as increased lay-up revenues. The Group is also seeking to further diversify within this sector by investing in decommissioning facilities. However, for the longer term health of the Scottish economy there needs to be a vibrant North Sea oil sector.

##### Environment and Operations

Forth Ports Limited and Port of Dundee Limited are Statutory Harbour Authorities and have responsibilities relating to that including responding to marine incidents in the Firth of Forth and Firth of Tay and maintaining an emergency response centre should such an incident occur. Our capability in this area is tested each year by a major "dry-run" exercise. The Group also seeks to reduce any impact on the environment when making investment decisions as well as constantly striving to be more energy efficient.

Due to the nature of the Group's operations there is an ongoing risk of Health and Safety incidents. This risk is taken extremely seriously with ongoing engagement, training, benchmarking, auditing and awareness exercises. The Safety First programme is key to our operations and engages all of our workforce in trying to deliver the safest possible working environment.

The nature of ports is such that operations are reliant on the infrastructure of those ports including quaysides, lock gates, cranes and warehousing. There is always a risk of a failure of a major piece of infrastructure and the impact that might have on the business. To try and mitigate that, the Company invests in comprehensive maintenance and upgrade programmes across these assets.

#### **Financial Risk Management Policies and Objectives**

The financial risk management policies and objectives may be found in the Directors' Report.

## **FORTH PORTS LIMITED**

### **STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)**

#### **Future Developments**

The Group's plans for the future are focussed on developing the core port operating assets whilst seeking to maximise any value that can be generated from any non-port operational land. There are three major projects at a strategic level:-

- Obtain the necessary planning consents for the new land at Tilbury to facilitate further growth in that port's operations;
- On the back of the investment in the quayside at Dundee, and existing infrastructure at Leith and Rosyth, secure North Sea decommissioning contracts; and
- Build on the strategic relationships with Ineos and Petroineos to further develop business opportunities at Grangemouth.

Other future developments include:-

- Further grow the Ro-Ro activities in Tilbury;
- Consolidate Tilbury's position as the UK's leading waste and recycling port;
- Container route development and investment in infrastructure and value added facilities;
- Through working together, further enhance Leith and Dundee's position in supporting North Sea Oil related activities;
- Further develop Port Centric initiatives across both Tilbury and the Scottish Ports including the L&G/Amazon warehouse at LDP and the new warehousing at Grangemouth;
- Build on the Group's position in the growing cruise market through investment in both the Tilbury Terminal and the Edinburgh Anchorage;
- Support efficient supply chains for some of Scotland's key industries, such as North Sea Oil and Gas, Food and Drink, Agriculture and Renewables;
- Further grow Tilbury's position as the UK's leading import and export Grain Terminals by utilising the new storage facilities under construction;
- Finalise the development of LDP with our Joint Venture ("JV") Partners Roxhill by completing the development of the site; and
- Look to realise value from any non-port operational land without taking development risk as evidenced by the National Housing Trust developments at Leith.

#### **Key Performance Indicators**

The Board uses the annual budget as the base for measuring the Group's performance. Financial and non-financial targets are set for individual senior managers and for the businesses within the Group. At the Annual Strategy Review in Quarter 4, the Board considers the financial projections over a five year time horizon. The overarching aim is to increase the value of the Group for the benefit of the shareholders.

The KPIs which are used to measure this increase in value are:-

- Health and safety record, measured by Accident Incidence Rate compared to industry average;
- Group EBITDA<sup>1</sup>;
- Growth in value of investment properties (Note 15);
- Growth in the value of port assets (page 5); and
- Distributions to shareholders (page 6).

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<sup>1</sup> EBITDA is profit before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation



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**STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)**

In using the individual port EBITDA as a KPI, the Board is looking to increase the trading profit from the ports businesses, excluding certain other financial effects such as revaluation changes to investment properties and significant one-off costs. The movement in the value of property assets is measured on an annual basis by the valuation carried out on the property development assets. The growth in the value of port assets is important because it shows how we are managing the port investment properties and maximising their value.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



S.R Paterson  
Director

20 April 2017

## **FORTH PORTS LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Directors present their report and the audited consolidated accounts of Forth Ports Limited for the year ended 31 December 2016. Details of significant events since the balance sheet date are contained in Note 38 to the financial statements. An indication of likely future developments in the business of the Company is included in the Strategic Report.

#### **Company Registration**

The Company is registered in Scotland as number SC 134741. The Company is incorporated and domiciled in Scotland and is 100% owned by Otter Ports Limited and is ultimately controlled by Arcus European Infrastructure Fund 1 L.P.

#### **Dividend**

Details of dividends can be found in the Strategic Report on page 6.

#### **Future Developments**

Details of future developments can be found in the Strategic Report on page 7.

#### **Directors**

The Directors of the Company who were in office during the year, and up to the date of signing the accounts, unless otherwise stated were:-

Lord Smith of Kelvin (Chairman)  
Charles Hammond  
Perry Glading (resigned 31 March 2017)  
Stuart Paterson  
Stuart Wallace (appointed 1 January 2017)  
Simon Gray  
Stuart Gray  
Graham Marr  
Jean-Bastien Auger (resigned 1 January 2017)  
Richard Chang (appointed 1 January 2017)  
Russell Goodman  
Stefano Brugnolo  
Patrick Samson (Alternate)

#### **Indemnification of Directors**

The Company has made qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its Directors which were made during the year and remain in force at the date of this report.

#### **Employee Involvement**

The general policy of the Company is to welcome employee involvement as far as it is reasonably practicable. Employees are kept informed by meetings, newsletters and notices. Consultation and communication takes place through structured meeting groups and employee representatives as appropriate. There are regular safety committee meetings. In addition, safety audits are carried out by an external body.

## **FORTH PORTS LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

#### **Disabled Persons**

The Company provides Occupational Health Services in-house which play a significant part in monitoring the health of employees and ensuring that those members of staff who experience long-term illness or disability receive the appropriate support to secure their return to work. Where their return to work is possible the Company has well-developed procedures to ensure the employee continues to play a productive role within the Group. These procedures are evidenced by the number of employees who remain in employment with disabilities or a restricted capacity to carry out their normal duties. The Group continues to fully endorse the aims of the Disability Discrimination Act and our internal procedures ensure compliance at all locations.

#### **Modern Slavery**

The Group has taken the first steps to ensure that modern slavery and human trafficking is not present within its own business and its supply chain. For the first time, Forth Ports has produced a Modern Slavery Statement (available on [www.forthports.co.uk](http://www.forthports.co.uk)) which sets out its approach and the activities that will be implemented to ensure compliance with the Act. The Group has also set standards that it expects its suppliers to adhere to in its responsible procurement policy and introduced clauses in its standard contract forms for new contracts to ensure suppliers are able to demonstrate compliance with the Act. The Modern Slavery statement details the next steps Forth Ports will be taking in 2017/18 to comply with the Act.

#### **Financial Risk Management**

##### Financial Risk Factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, including the effects of changes in debt prices, foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The Group's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the financial performance of the Group. The Group may use derivative financial instruments such as foreign exchange contracts and interest rate swaps to hedge certain exposures.

Risk management is carried out by the central finance function (Group Finance), operating under policies approved by the Board of Directors. Group Finance identifies, evaluates and hedges financial risks in close co-operation with the Group's operating units.

##### Foreign Exchange Risk

The Group has relatively little exposure to foreign exchange risk other than in respect of US\$ denominated loan notes, where cross currency swaps are in place to fix the interest and principal repayments. Where appropriate, entities in the Group use forward contracts, transacted by Group Treasury, to hedge their exposure to foreign currency risk in connection with the measurement currency. Where appropriate, the Group hedges the foreign currency exposure of its contract commitments.

##### Interest Rate Risk

The Group borrows at variable rates and may use interest rate swaps as cash flow hedges of future interest payments, which have the economic effect of converting borrowings from floating rates to fixed rates. Under the interest rate swaps, the Group agrees with other parties to exchange, at specified intervals (mainly half yearly), the difference between fixed contract rates and floating rate interest amounts calculated by reference to the agreed notional principal amounts.

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### DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

#### Credit Risk

The Group's policy is to ensure that property sales are covered by either controlled release of land plots in exchange for cash, fixed charge securities or bank bonds. The Group also checks that Port customers have an appropriate credit history when likely future revenue exceeds approved limits. Derivative counter-parties and cash transactions are limited to quality financial institutions. Refer to Note 20 where provisions for credit losses are disclosed.

#### Liquidity Risk

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities, the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to close out market positions. Due to the dynamic nature of the underlying businesses, Group Treasury aims at maintaining flexibility in funding by keeping committed credit lines available. Refer to the following table for an analysis of the expected undiscounted cash repayment profile of the Group's financial liabilities.

	< 1 year £m	1-2 years £m	2-5 years £m	>5 years £m	Total £m
<b>As at 31 December 2016</b>					
Trade and other payables	30.8	-	-	-	30.8
Derivative financial liabilities:					
- Interest rate swaps	7.0	6.5	16.2	10.2	39.9
- Cross currency swaps	(2.4)	(2.2)	(5.7)	(21.0)	(31.3)
- Fuel swap	1.0	0.9	-	-	1.9
Provisions	2.0	1.6	5.3	14.5	23.4
Borrowings	19.7	19.7	294.2	411.2	744.8
	<b>58.1</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>310.0</b>	<b>414.9</b>	<b>809.5</b>
	< 1 year £m	1-2 years £m	2-5 years £m	>5 years £m	Total £m
<b>As at 31 December 2015</b>					
Trade and other payables	34.5	-	-	-	34.5
Derivative financial liabilities:					
- Interest rate swaps	8.7	7.2	14.4	3.6	33.9
- Cross currency swaps	(1.2)	(1.0)	(2.1)	(6.5)	(10.8)
- Euro option	2.9	-	-	-	2.9
- Fuel swap	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.0	2.7
Provisions	1.8	1.6	5.1	16.3	24.8
Borrowings	20.7	21.9	317.4	346.2	706.2
	<b>68.2</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>335.7</b>	<b>359.6</b>	<b>794.2</b>

The expected maturity of financial assets is the same as the contractual maturity per the Balance Sheet.

## **FORTH PORTS LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

#### Capital Risk Management

The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders. The Group has the authority to return capital to shareholders. It may issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

Consistent with others in the industry, the Group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. This ratio is calculated as net debt divided by total capital. Net debt is calculated as total borrowings (including "current and non-current borrowings" as shown in the consolidated Balance Sheet) less cash and cash equivalents (£591.8m). Total capital is calculated as "equity" as shown in the consolidated Balance Sheet (£306.7m).

In assessing the fair value of non-traded derivatives and other financial instruments, the Group uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each Balance Sheet date. Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for the specific or similar instruments are used for long-term debt. Other techniques, such as option pricing models and estimated discounted value of future cash flows, are used to determine fair value for the remaining financial instruments.

The face value less any estimated credit adjustments for financial assets and liabilities with a maturity of less than one year are assumed to approximate to their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate available to the Group for similar financial instruments. Refer to Notes 23 and 25. Other than in respect of borrowings, there is no difference between the fair value and the book value of these liabilities. The fair value of floating rate borrowings is estimated to be £5.6m higher than their carrying value. The fair value of fixed rate borrowings is not considered to be materially different to book value.

#### **Directors' Responsibilities Statement**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, 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 Group and Parent Company financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as adopted by the European Union. 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 Group and Company and of the profit or loss of the Group for that period. International Accounting Standard 1 requires that Directors:

- properly select and apply accounting policies;
- present information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information;
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IFRSs are insufficient to enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the entity's financial position and financial performance; and
- make an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

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 the Group 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 the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



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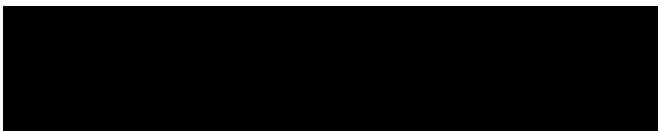
**DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

**Auditor**

Each Director, as at the date of this report, has confirmed that, insofar as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information (that is, information needed by the Group's auditor in connection with preparing their report) of which the Group's auditor is unaware and they have taken all the 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 Group's auditor is aware of that information. This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Deloitte LLP were appointed as auditor during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditor and appropriate arrangements have been put in place for them to be deemed reappointed as auditor in the absence of an Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:



Pamela Smyth  
GROUP COMPANY SECRETARY  
20 April 2017

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **TO THE MEMBERS OF FORTH PORTS LIMITED**

We have audited the financial statements of Forth Ports Limited for the year ended 31 December 2016 which comprise the Group Income Statement, the Group Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Group and Parent Company Balance Sheets, the Group and Parent Company Statements of Changes in Equity, the Group and Parent Company Statements of Cash Flows and the related notes 1 to 39. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs), as adopted by the European Union and, as regards the Parent Company financial statements, as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006.

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.

#### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor**

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, 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 and express an opinion on 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.

#### **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 Group and Parent 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. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the Parent Company's affairs as at 31 December 2016 and of the Group's profit for the year then ended;
- the Group financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union;
- the Parent Company financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union and as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006; and
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

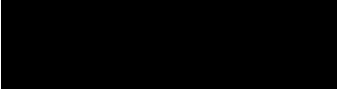
## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **TO THE MEMBERS OF FORTH PORTS 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 by the Parent Company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company 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.



Colin Gibson CA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor  
Glasgow, United Kingdom

20 April 2017

**GROUP INCOME STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Notes	Before Exceptional Items and Revaluations £m	Exceptional Items and Revaluations £m	Total 2016 £m	Before Exceptional Items and Revaluations £m	Exceptional Items and Revaluations £m	Total 2015 £m
<b>Group revenue</b>	4,5	214.4	-	214.4	202.9	-	202.9
Cost of sales	6,7	(113.7)	0.5	(113.2)	(107.4)	-	(107.4)
<b>Gross profit</b>		100.7	0.5	101.2	95.5	-	95.5
Administrative expenses	6,7	(23.6)	(6.4)	(30.0)	(24.6)	(2.2)	(26.8)
Other income	7	-	3.9	3.9	-	28.0	28.0
<b>Group operating profit</b>	6,7	77.1	(2.0)	75.1	70.9	25.8	96.7
Share of results of joint venture	17	5.5	-	5.5	(0.1)	-	(0.1)
Finance income	10	14.9	-	14.9	13.7	-	13.7
Finance costs	7,11	(29.5)	(8.0)	(37.5)	(32.9)	9.6	(23.3)
<b>Profit before tax</b>	6,7	68.0	(10.0)	58.0	51.6	35.4	87.0
Taxation	7,12	(12.0)	4.6	(7.4)	(8.7)	(2.0)	(10.7)
<b>Profit for the year</b>		56.0	(5.4)	50.6	42.9	33.4	76.3
Profit/(loss) attributable to non-controlling interest		0.0	-	0.0	(0.2)	-	(0.2)
Profit attributable to equity shareholders		56.0	(5.4)	50.6	43.1	33.4	76.5
		56.0	(5.4)	50.6	42.9	33.4	76.3

All activities relate to continuing activities.

**GROUP STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Notes	2016 £m	2015 £m
Profit for the year		50.6	76.3
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
<b>Items that will never be reclassified to profit or loss</b>			
Revaluation of investment property transferred from operational land and buildings	15	11.0	8.3
Deferred tax on revaluation of investment property	28	(1.6)	(1.8)
Effect of tax rate change for deferred tax on revaluation opening balance	28	0.7	0.9
Actuarial (loss)/gain on defined benefit pension schemes	30	(5.3)	5.1
Deferred tax on actuarial loss/(gain)	21	1.1	(1.0)
Effect of tax rate change for deferred tax on defined benefit pension schemes	21	(0.7)	(1.2)
<b>Other comprehensive expense recognised directly in equity, net of tax</b>			
		5.2	10.3
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>			
		55.8	86.6
<b>Attributable to:</b>			
Non-controlling interest		0.0	(0.2)
Equity shareholders		55.8	86.8
		55.8	86.6



**BALANCE SHEETS  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

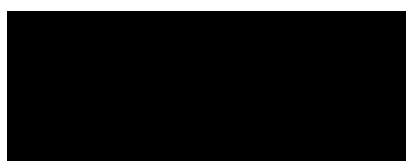
	Notes	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Non-current assets</b>					
Property, plant and equipment	14	324.3	282.4	62.8	49.9
Investment property	15	380.4	367.7	96.9	105.0
Intangible assets	16	58.5	60.4	0.8	0.9
Investment in joint venture	17	2.7	9.3	-	-
Investments in subsidiaries	18	-	-	228.8	228.8
Deferred tax assets	21	10.5	9.9	10.5	9.8
		776.4	729.7	399.8	394.4
<b>Current assets</b>					
Inventories	19	8.6	8.6	0.6	0.5
Trade and other receivables	20	282.6	258.3	558.4	513.7
Cash and cash equivalents	22	4.8	8.4	2.6	5.8
		296.0	275.3	561.6	520.0
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Trade and other payables	23	(31.2)	(35.4)	(438.0)	(358.7)
Current tax liabilities	24	(2.1)	(1.1)	(2.1)	(0.8)
Derivative financial instruments	25	(4.6)	(7.4)	(4.6)	(7.4)
Provisions	26	(2.0)	(1.8)	(1.5)	(1.4)
		(39.9)	(45.7)	(446.2)	(368.3)
<b>Net current assets</b>		256.1	229.6	115.4	151.7
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>					
Borrowings	25	(596.6)	(542.7)	(229.6)	(259.8)
Trade and other payables	27	(1.0)	(0.9)	(1.0)	(0.9)
Deferred tax liabilities	28	(44.8)	(48.9)	(0.0)	(1.6)
Retirement benefit obligations	30	(61.5)	(54.7)	(61.5)	(54.6)
Derivative financial instruments	25	(4.0)	(17.2)	(4.0)	(17.2)
Provisions	26	(17.9)	(15.5)	(16.7)	(14.4)
		(725.8)	(679.9)	(312.8)	(348.5)
<b>Total assets less total liabilities</b>		306.7	279.4	202.4	197.6
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>					
Share capital	29	23.1	23.1	23.1	23.1
Share premium		19.6	19.6	19.6	19.6
Fair value and other reserves		10.9	10.9	66.3	66.3
Retained earnings		253.5	226.2	93.4	88.6
Total shareholders' equity		307.1	279.8	202.4	197.6
Non-controlling interest in equity		(0.4)	(0.4)	-	-
<b>Total equity</b>		306.7	279.4	202.4	197.6

As permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, the Company's Income Statement is not shown separately in these accounts. The profit for the financial year was £37.9m (2015 - £46.9m).

The accounts on pages 16 to 58 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 20 April 2017 and signed on its behalf by:



Charles Hammond  
Director



Stuart Paterson  
Director

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Group	Attributable to equity holders of the Company				Non-	Total
	Share capital £m	Share premium £m	Fair value and other reserves £m	Retained earnings £m	controlling interest £m	Equity £m
<b>Balance at 1 January 2015</b>	23.1	19.6	10.9	137.5	(0.2)	190.9
Revaluation on transfer of investment property	-	-	-	8.3	-	8.3
Deferred tax on revaluation of investment property	-	-	-	(1.8)	-	(1.8)
Effect of tax rate change for deferred tax on revaluation	-	-	-	0.9	-	0.9
Actuarial gain in defined benefit pension scheme	-	-	-	5.1	-	5.1
Deferred tax on actuarial gain	-	-	-	(1.0)	-	(1.0)
Effect of tax rate change for deferred tax on defined benefit pension scheme	-	-	-	(1.2)	-	(1.2)
Other comprehensive expense recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	10.3	-	10.3
Profit for the year	-	-	-	76.5	(0.2)	76.3
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	86.8	(0.2)	86.6
LTIP shares – capital contribution	-	-	-	1.9	-	1.9
<b>Balance at 31 December 2015</b>	23.1	19.6	10.9	226.2	(0.4)	279.4
Revaluation on transfer of investment property	-	-	-	11.0	-	11.0
Deferred tax on revaluation of investment property	-	-	-	(1.6)	-	(1.6)
Effect of tax rate change for deferred tax on revaluation	-	-	-	0.7	-	0.7
Actuarial loss in defined benefit pension scheme	-	-	-	(5.3)	-	(5.3)
Deferred tax on actuarial loss	-	-	-	1.1	-	1.1
Effect of tax rate change for deferred tax on defined benefit pension scheme	-	-	-	(0.7)	-	(0.7)
Other comprehensive income recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	5.2	-	5.2
Profit for the year	-	-	-	50.6	0.0	50.6
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	55.8	0.0	55.8
LTIP shares - capital contribution	-	-	-	5.5	-	5.5
Dividends paid	-	-	-	(34.0)	-	(34.0)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2016</b>	23.1	19.6	10.9	253.5	(0.4)	306.7

Fair value and other reserves includes amounts of £9.4m and £1.5m in relation to a special reserve and a capital redemption reserve respectively. More details are set out on the following page.

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (CONTINUED)

Company	Share capital £m	Share premium £m	Fair value and other reserves £m	Retained earnings £m	Total equity £m
<b>Balance at 1 January 2015</b>	23.1	19.6	66.3	34.7	143.7
Revaluation of investment property	-	-	-	0.2	0.2
Deferred taxation on revaluation of investment property	-	-	-	(0.0)	(0.0)
Effect of tax rate change for deferred tax on revaluation	-	-	-	0.1	0.1
Effect of tax rate change for deferred tax on defined benefit pension scheme	-	-	-	(1.0)	(1.0)
Actuarial gain in defined benefit pension scheme	-	-	-	7.2	7.2
Deferred tax on actuarial gain	-	-	-	(1.4)	(1.4)
Other comprehensive income recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	5.1	5.1
Profit for the year	-	-	-	46.9	46.9
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	52.0	52.0
LTIP shares – capital contribution	-	-	-	1.9	1.9
<b>Balance at 31 December 2015</b>	23.1	19.6	66.3	88.6	197.6
Revaluation of investment property	-	-	-	0.4	0.4
Deferred taxation on revaluation of investment property	-	-	-	(0.1)	(0.1)
Effect of tax rate change for deferred tax on defined benefit pension scheme	-	-	-	(0.7)	(0.7)
Actuarial loss in defined benefit pension scheme	-	-	-	(5.3)	(5.3)
Deferred tax on actuarial loss	-	-	-	1.1	1.1
Other comprehensive expense recognised directly in equity	-	-	-	(4.6)	(4.6)
Profit for the year	-	-	-	37.9	37.9
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	33.3	33.3
LTIP shares – capital contribution	-	-	-	5.5	5.5
Dividends paid	-	-	-	(34.0)	(34.0)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2016</b>	23.1	19.6	66.3	93.4	202.4

The share premium held and fair value and other reserves are non-distributable.

Fair value and other reserves include amounts of £64.8m and £1.5m in relation to a special reserve and a capital redemption reserve respectively. The special reserve arose from the reduction in share capital in 1995 and the capital redemption reserve arose in previous years on the repurchase of 2.9 million of the Company's own shares. The purpose of these reserves is to maintain the Company's capital.

Retained earnings include the following non-distributable amounts:

	2016 £m	2015 £m
Cumulative unrealised increases in fair value of investment properties	71.9	72.6
Deferred tax provided thereon	(3.7)	(3.9)
	<b>68.2</b>	<b>68.7</b>

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Notes	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	33	88.2	99.6	75.8	28.8
Interest paid		(26.1)	(26.6)	(12.3)	(13.8)
Interest received		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Tax paid		(3.3)	(1.2)	(3.3)	(1.2)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>		<b>58.9</b>	<b>71.9</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>13.9</b>
<b>Cash flows used in investing activities</b>					
Return of investment/(investment in) joint venture		12.6	(0.4)	-	-
Dividends from subsidiaries		-	-	7.6	-
Disposal of subsidiary		0.3	0.3	-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment, intangibles and investment property		(61.0)	(45.2)	(11.4)	(5.2)
Sales of property, plant and equipment, intangibles and investment property		1.5	-	-	-
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(46.6)</b>	<b>(45.3)</b>	<b>(3.8)</b>	<b>(5.2)</b>
<b>Net cash inflow before financing activities</b>		<b>12.3</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>8.7</b>
<b>Cash flows used in financing activities</b>					
Loans from subsidiary companies		-	-	18.1	15.6
Loans to parent company		(13.9)	(48.0)	(13.9)	(48.0)
New bank loan facilities drawn down		112.0	10.0	50.1	10.0
Loan repayments		(80.0)	-	(80.0)	-
Equity dividends paid		(34.0)	-	(34.0)	-
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>		<b>(15.9)</b>	<b>(38.0)</b>	<b>(59.7)</b>	<b>(22.4)</b>
<b>Decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	33	<b>(3.6)</b>	<b>(11.4)</b>	<b>(3.2)</b>	<b>(13.7)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at start of year</b>		<b>8.4</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>19.5</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	22	<b>4.8</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### 1. General Information

Forth Ports Limited (“the Company”) is a company incorporated in Scotland under the Companies Act 2006. The address of its registered office is given on page 3. The Company and its subsidiaries and joint venture together form the Group. The nature of the Group’s operations and its principal activities are the provision of port, cargo handling, towage and related services and facilities. The Group also has non-operational property interests. These consolidated accounts have been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 20 April 2017.

The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group operates. All values are rounded to the nearest million pounds (£m) unless otherwise indicated.

### 2. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRSs”) and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (“IFRICs”) as adopted by the European Union and with those parts of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRS. The consolidated accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investment properties at fair value and financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative instruments) at fair value through profit or loss.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Company takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of IFRS 2, leasing transactions that are within the scope of IAS 17, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in IAS 2 or value in use in IAS 36.

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these accounts are set out in Note 37. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

### 3. Critical Accounting Judgements, Key Assumptions and Estimation Uncertainty

In the application of the Group’s accounting policies the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions concerning the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 3. Critical Accounting Judgements, Key Assumptions and Estimation Uncertainty (continued)

#### *Key sources of estimation uncertainty*

The key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting period, that may result in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets or liabilities within the next financial year, are discussed below.

#### Discount rate and other assumptions used to determine the carrying amount of the Group's defined benefit obligation

The Group's defined benefit obligation is discounted at a rate set by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on high quality corporate bonds. Significant judgement is required when setting the criteria for bonds to be included in the population from which the yield curve is derived.

The pension benefit assumptions include gilt yield at the year end, investment return (including a risk margin over gilt yield), price and salary inflation and mortality assumptions. In the current year, the mortality assumptions were re-assessed taking into account scheme specific experience on life expectancy. Full details of the assumptions used to calculate the pension assets and liabilities may be found in Note 30.

#### Rental yields used to determine the fair value of the Group's investment property assets

The fair value of the Group's investment properties are assessed at each balance sheet date and significant judgement is required to determine the yields used to derive the fair value for each property. In estimating the fair value of a property, the Group uses market-observable data to the extent that it is available. Where Level 2 inputs are not available, the Group uses appropriately qualified internal or external valuers to perform the valuation.

For information on valuation techniques and inputs used in the investment property valuation please refer to Note 15.

### 4. Revenue

Revenue represents income earned from Port activities and Property transactions. An analysis of the Group's revenue is as follows:-

	2016 £m	2015 £m
Port operations	178.7	168.7
Property rental	35.7	34.2
Total revenue	<u>214.4</u>	<u>202.9</u>

The Group operates wholly in the UK.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 5. Pilotage

The undernoted information is given in accordance with Article 4 of the Statutory Harbour Undertakings (Pilotage Accounts) Regulations 1988; this income is included within Group revenue.

	2016 £m	2015 £m
Pilotage revenue	6.3	6.2
Revenue from pilotage exemption certificates	0.0	0.0
Aggregate expenditure*	4.6	4.5

\*excludes contributions to the PNPF (Note 30).

### 6. Group Operating Profit (before exceptional items and revaluations)

Group Operating Profit has been arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	2016 £m	2015 £m
Depreciation		
- owned assets (cost of sales)	20.1	18.8
- owned assets (administrative expenses)	0.8	0.7
- capital grants (cost of sales)	(1.2)	(0.7)
Amortisation		
- intangible assets – customer relationships (cost of sales)	1.2	1.2
- intangible assets – other (administrative expenses)	0.6	0.6
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment (cost of sales)	-	(0.9)
Repairs and maintenance expenditure on property, plant and equipment (cost of sales)	9.0	9.3
Property rentals (revenue)	(35.7)	(34.2)
Other operating lease rentals payable		
- plant and equipment (cost of sales)	4.3	3.9
- plant and equipment (administrative expenses)	0.2	0.2
Hire of plant and machinery	2.2	2.5
Inventories		
- cost of inventories recognised as an expense (property cost of sales)	0.5	-
Employee costs		
- cost of sales (Note 9)	44.7	40.6
- administrative expenses (Note 9)	18.4	15.1
- finance costs (Note 11)	2.0	2.1

#### Auditor's Remuneration

The fees payable for the audit of the parent Company's annual accounts were £109k (2015 - £161k). The fees payable for the audit of the underlying subsidiaries' annual accounts were £110k (2015 - £126k) and the fees payable for non-audit services were £26k (2015 - £8k).

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 7. Exceptional Items and Revaluations

Exceptional items (“\*”) and revaluations (“\*\*”) have been disclosed separately because of their quantum or, as in the view of the Directors are not frequent so as to give a clearer understanding of the Group’s financial performance and are charged/(credited) to the Income Statement as follows:-

	2016 £m	2015 £m
<u>Cost of sales</u>		
Gain on disposal of land*	(1.6)	-
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment*	0.5	-
Redundancy costs*	0.6	-
	<u>(0.5)</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Administrative expenses</u>		
LTIP shares – value of services provided*	5.5	1.9
Redundancy costs – reorganisation / pension augmentation payment*	0.4	0.3
Investment write down*	0.5	-
	<u>6.4</u>	<u>2.2</u>
<u>Other income</u>		
Increase in fair value of investment properties** (Note 15)	<u>(3.9)</u>	<u>(28.0)</u>
<u>Finance costs</u>		
Interest rate hedge – mark to market** (Note 11)	6.4	(6.7)
Cross currency interest rate hedge – mark to market** (Note 11)	(20.5)	(9.2)
Retranslation of Series A US \$ loan notes** (Note 11)	22.2	4.9
Unwinding of discount on PNPf pension provision* (Note 26)	1.7	1.4
Diesel hedge – mark to market** (Note 11)	(1.8)	-
	<u>8.0</u>	<u>(9.6)</u>
<u>Taxation</u>		
Current taxation:		
Tax effect of redundancy costs	(0.0)	(0.0)
Tax effect of unwinding of discount on PNPf provision	(0.3)	(0.3)
	<u>(0.3)</u>	<u>(0.3)</u>
<u>Deferred taxation</u>		
Tax effect of interest rate hedge movement	2.4	2.9
Tax effect of change in fair value of investment property	(3.0)	0.3
Tax effect of retranslation of Series A US \$ loan notes	(3.8)	(0.9)
Tax effect of diesel hedge	0.1	-
	<u>(4.3)</u>	<u>2.3</u>
Total taxation	<u>(4.6)</u>	<u>2.0</u>

### 8. Directors' Emoluments

	2016 £m	2015 £m
Aggregate emoluments	<u>2.8</u>	<u>2.5</u>
<u>Highest paid Director</u>		
Total emoluments and amounts receivable under long-term incentive schemes	<u>1.1</u>	<u>1.0</u>

Retirement benefits are accruing to two Directors (2015 - two Directors) under The Forth Ports Group Pension Scheme, a defined benefit scheme. No Directors made contributions to the scheme during the year (2015 – no Director).

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 9. Employee Costs

The aggregate remuneration of all Employees and Directors was:

	2016 £m	2015 £m
Wages and salaries	47.1	45.0
Social security costs	5.3	4.3
LTIP	5.5	1.9
Pension costs - defined benefit plans	4.6	4.2
- defined contribution plans	0.6	0.3
	<u>63.1</u>	<u>55.7</u>

Average monthly number of Employees and Directors:

	2016 No	2015 No
Operational	766	721
Maintenance	149	139
Administrative	175	211
	<u>1,090</u>	<u>1,071</u>

### 10. Finance Income

	2016 £m	2015 £m
Interest receivable from parent company (Note 35)	14.8	13.6
Interest receivable on bank and other deposits	0.1	0.1
	<u>14.9</u>	<u>13.7</u>

### 11. Finance Costs

	2016 £m	2015 £m
Interest on pension liability	14.1	13.9
Interest income on scheme assets	(12.1)	(11.8)
Net interest on net defined benefit liability (Note 30)	2.0	2.1
Interest payable to parent company (Note 35)	0.1	0.9
Interest on bank loans and overdrafts	26.2	26.6
Interest rate hedge – mark to market (Note 7)	6.4	(6.7)
Cross currency interest rate hedge – mark to market (Note 7)	(20.5)	(9.2)
Retranslation of Series A US \$ loan notes (Note 7)	22.2	4.9
Unwinding of discount on PNPf provision (Note 7)	1.7	1.4
Amortisation of loan arrangement fees	1.3	1.5
Diesel hedge – mark to market (Note 7)	(1.8)	1.7
Euro currency option – mark to market	(0.1)	0.1
	<u>37.5</u>	<u>23.3</u>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 12. Taxation

	2016 £m	2015 £m
Current tax		
- current year	5.8	1.5
- group relief	8.5	8.5
- adjustments in respect of prior years	(1.7)	0.3
Total current tax	12.6	10.3
Deferred tax (credit)/charge in respect of deferred tax assets (Note 21)	(0.2)	0.1
Deferred tax (credit)/charge in respect of deferred tax liabilities (Note 28)	(5.0)	0.3
Total deferred tax	(5.2)	0.4
Tax charge	7.4	10.7

The tax charge for the year is lower (2015 - lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20.00% (2015: 20.25%). The differences are explained below:

	2016 £m	2015 £m
Profit before tax	58.0	87.0
Profit multiplied by rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20.00% (2015 – 20.25%)	11.6	17.6
Effects of:		
Adjustments in respect of prior years – current tax	(1.7)	0.0
Adjustments in respect of prior years – deferred tax	1.2	(0.2)
Effect of tax rate change on current year deferred tax	0.7	(0.6)
Effect of tax rate change on deferred tax opening balances	(2.2)	(3.6)
Non-deductible exceptional costs	0.9	0.4
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	0.2	0.3
Worldwide debt cap interest exemption	(0.4)	-
Non-taxable element of revaluation gains	(2.9)	(3.2)
Tax charge	7.4	10.7

Finance Act 2015 set the UK corporate income tax rate for financial year 2016 at 20%. Finance Act (No 2) 2015 set the UK corporate income tax rate for financial years 2017, 2018 and 2019 at 19%, and Finance Act 2016 has reduced the rate for financial year 2020 from 18% to 17%, which are the rates substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax has therefore been provided for at 17% being the rate at which the deferred tax is anticipated to reverse.

### 13. Dividends

	2016 £m	2015 £m
Amounts recognised as distributions to equity holders in the year:		
Interim dividend for the year ended 31 December 2015 of 32.1p per share	14.7	-
Final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2015 of 20.1p per share	9.3	-
Interim dividend for the year ended 31 December 2016 of 21.7p per share	10.0	-
	34.0	-



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 14. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Operational Land and Buildings £m	Plant and Equipment £m	Capital Works in Progress £m	Total £m
<b>Group</b>				
<b>Cost (net of capital grants)</b>				
At 1 January 2016	327.8	180.7	24.3	532.8
Additions	(0.4)	-	61.4	61.0
Disposals	(3.1)	(0.6)	-	(3.7)
Transfers between asset categories	26.7	10.1	(35.9)	0.9
At 31 December 2016	351.0	190.2	49.8	591.0
<b>Accumulated depreciation (net of grant amortisation)</b>				
At 1 January 2016	143.8	106.6	-	250.4
Depreciation charge (net of grant amortisation)	9.6	10.2	-	19.8
Disposals	(2.2)	(0.6)	-	(2.8)
Transfers between asset categories	(0.7)	-	-	(0.7)
At 31 December 2016	150.5	116.2	-	266.7
<b>Net book value at 31 December 2016</b>	<b>200.5</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>49.8</b>	<b>324.3</b>
<b>Group</b>				
<b>Cost (net of capital grants)</b>				
At 1 January 2015	316.3	168.1	26.0	510.4
Additions	0.0	0.8	27.4	28.2
Disposals	(0.0)	(3.8)	-	(3.8)
Transfers between asset categories	11.5	15.6	(29.1)	(2.0)
At 31 December 2015	327.8	180.7	24.3	532.8
<b>Accumulated depreciation (net of grant amortisation)</b>				
At 1 January 2015	135.5	100.0	-	235.5
Depreciation charge (net of grant amortisation)	9.0	9.8	-	18.8
Disposals	(0.0)	(3.2)	-	(3.2)
Transfers between asset categories	(0.7)	-	-	(0.7)
At 31 December 2015	143.8	106.6	-	250.4
<b>Net book value at 31 December 2015</b>	<b>184.0</b>	<b>74.1</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>282.4</b>

Capital grants included in property, plant and equipment have the following net book amount:

	Operational Land and Buildings £m	Plant and Equipment £m	Total £m
<b>Group</b>			
Cost	19.1	11.8	30.9
Accumulated amortisation	(14.2)	(5.7)	(19.9)
<b>Net book amount at 31 December 2016</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>11.0</b>
<b>Group</b>			
Cost	18.9	9.1	28.0
Accumulated amortisation	(13.7)	(5.0)	(18.7)
<b>Net book amount at 31 December 2015</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>9.3</b>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

14. Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)

	Operational Land and Buildings £m	Plant and Equipment £m	Capital Works in Progress £m	Total £m
<b>Company</b>				
<b>Cost (net of capital grants)</b>				
At 1 January 2016	81.3	50.4	4.3	136.0
Additions	-	-	11.4	11.4
Disposals	(2.1)	-	-	(2.1)
Transfers between asset categories	11.8	0.8	(6.1)	6.5
At 31 December 2016	91.0	51.2	9.6	151.8
<b>Accumulated depreciation (net of grant amortisation)</b>				
At 1 January 2016	47.8	38.3	-	86.1
Depreciation charge (net of grant amortisation)	2.4	2.6	-	5.0
Disposals	(2.1)	-	-	(2.1)
Transfers between asset categories	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2016	48.1	40.9	-	89.0
<b>Net book value at 31 December 2016</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>62.8</b>
<b>Company</b>				
<b>Cost (net of capital grants)</b>				
At 1 January 2015	79.2	49.9	3.3	132.4
Additions	0.0	0.1	5.1	5.2
Disposals	(0.0)	(0.5)	-	(0.5)
Transfers between asset categories	2.1	0.9	(4.1)	(1.1)
At 31 December 2015	81.3	50.4	4.3	136.0
<b>Accumulated depreciation (net of grant amortisation)</b>				
At 1 January 2015	46.1	36.1	-	82.2
Depreciation charge (net of grant amortisation)	2.0	2.7	-	4.7
Disposals	(0.0)	(0.5)	-	(0.5)
Transfers between asset categories	(0.3)	-	-	(0.3)
At 31 December 2015	47.8	38.3	-	86.1
<b>Net book value at 31 December 2015</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>49.9</b>

Capital grants included in property, plant and equipment have the following net book amount:

	Operational Land and Buildings £m	Plant and Equipment £m	Total £m
<b>Company</b>			
<b>Cost</b>			
Cost	11.1	6.6	17.7
Accumulated amortisation	(8.0)	(3.7)	(11.7)
<b>Net book amount at 31 December 2016</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<b>Company</b>			
<b>Cost</b>			
Cost	11.1	6.6	17.7
Accumulated amortisation	(7.7)	(3.5)	(11.2)
<b>Net book amount at 31 December 2015</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>6.5</b>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 15. Investment Property

	2016 £m	2015 £m
<b>Group</b>		
<b>Valuation</b>		
At 1 January	367.7	316.0
Fair value movement - to Income Statement (Note 7)	3.9	28.0
- to Statement of Comprehensive Income	11.0	8.3
Net transfers to PPE	(2.2)	(1.3)
Additions	-	16.7
At 31 December	<u>380.4</u>	<u>367.7</u>
<b>Company</b>		
<b>Valuation</b>		
At 1 January	105.0	96.5
Fair value movement - to Income Statement	(1.2)	7.7
- to Statement of Comprehensive Income	0.4	0.2
Net transfers from PPE	(7.3)	0.6
At 31 December	<u>96.9</u>	<u>105.0</u>

The fair value of the Group's investment property at 31 December 2016 has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out by the Directors at that date having received advice from RICS qualified individuals. The valuation was arrived at by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties and expected rental yield. The resulting increase in fair value of £3.9m is taken to the Income Statement in the year and £11.0m shown through the Statement of Comprehensive Income in accordance with IAS 40 in relation to assets transferred from PPE during the year. Deferred tax is provided on timing differences arising from the revaluation of investment property.

Key assumptions include equivalent yield, which is set dependent on the nature and location of each specific property. At the year end, the range of yields was 1.24% to 39.17% (2015 – 3.95% to 27.01%).

A 0.5% reduction in the yield assumed would increase the valuation by £45.6m (2015 - £47.8m).

The property rental income earned by the Group from its investment property, all of which is leased out under operating leases, amounted to £35.7m (2015 - £34.2m). Direct operating expenses arising on the investment property in the year amounted to £1.9m (2015 - £1.5m).

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 16. Intangible Assets

	Goodwill £m	Customer Relationships £m	Software £m	Total £m
<b>Group</b>				
<b>Cost (net of capital grants)</b>				
At 1 January 2016	50.0	12.0	8.2	70.2
Transfers from PPE WIP	-	-	(0.1)	(0.1)
At 31 December 2016	50.0	12.0	8.1	70.1
<b>Accumulated amortisation and impairment</b>				
At 1 January 2016	-	4.8	5.0	9.8
Charge for the year	-	1.2	0.6	1.8
At 31 December 2016	-	6.0	5.6	11.6
<b>Net book value at 31 December 2016</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>58.5</b>
<b>Group</b>				
<b>Cost (net of capital grants)</b>				
At 1 January 2015	50.0	12.0	8.9	70.9
Transfers from PPE WIP	-	-	2.6	2.6
Disposals	-	-	(3.3)	(3.3)
At 31 December 2015	50.0	12.0	8.2	70.2
<b>Accumulated amortisation and impairment</b>				
At 1 January 2015	-	3.6	7.7	11.3
Charge for the year	-	1.2	0.6	1.8
Disposals	-	-	(3.3)	(3.3)
At 31 December 2015	-	4.8	5.0	9.8
<b>Net book value at 31 December 2015</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>60.4</b>

The net book value of software includes internally generated assets of £2.0m (2015 - £0.9m).

During 2012 the Group acquired the remaining shares of London Container Terminal (Tilbury) Limited ("LCT") from a fellow group undertaking and the Group adopted predecessor accounting in relation to the acquisition, resulting in both goodwill and customer relationship assets recognised by Otter Ports Holdings Ltd being recognised by the Group.

Goodwill that was passed down from Otter Ports Holdings on the acquisition of LCT is considered to have an indefinite life in accordance with IFRS 3 (revised). Customer relationships recognised on the acquisition of LCT are written off on a straight-line basis over ten years.

Amortisation of customer relationships of £1.2m (2015 - £1.2m) is included in the cost of sales line in the Income Statement. Amortisation of software of £0.6m (2015 - £0.6m) is charged to administrative expenses.

Goodwill of £50.0m is monitored for impairment purposes at the operating segment level, being the Port of Tilbury and this includes the container operation at Tilbury.

The recoverable amount has been determined on a value in use basis. The calculations are based on five year pre-tax cash flow projections approved by the Directors. Cash flows beyond the initial five year period are extrapolated using the growth rates set out.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 16. Intangible Assets (continued)

The key assumptions used in determining the value in use are as follows:

<b>Assumption</b>	<b>How Determined</b>
Revenue	Estimated revenue has been based on management projections taking into account experience and contracted revenue.
Operating margin	Estimated operating margin has been based on management projections taking into account experience and changes in cost base including operating costs and maintenance capital expenditure.
Growth rate	The growth rates in the first five years for the CGU range from 4.0% to 5.8%. The weighted average growth rate used after the fifth year is 2.5% which is consistent with the UK's long-term average growth in GDP.
Discount rate	A pre-tax discount rate of 8.0% has been used and reflects the risks relating to the acquired company.

The value in use is sensitive to changes in the growth rate and discount rate. The Directors performed an impairment test in the year, and the current year tests confirmed that a reasonably possible change in any of the assumptions would not lead to an impairment.

<b>Software</b>	2016 £m	2015 £m
<b>Company</b>		
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 January	5.7	8.9
Disposals	-	(3.3)
Transfers from PPE categories	0.2	0.1
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At 31 December	5.9	5.7
<b>Accumulated amortisation</b>		
At 1 January	4.8	7.7
Disposals	-	(3.3)
Charge for the year	0.3	0.4
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At 31 December	5.1	4.8
<b>Net book value at 31 December</b>	<hr/> <b>0.8</b>	<hr/> <b>0.9</b>

### 17. Investment in Joint Venture

	2016 £m	2015 £m
<b>Group</b>		
At 1 January	9.3	9.1
Cost of investment in joint venture	0.8	0.3
Share of profits/(losses)	5.5	(0.1)
Return of capital	(13.4)	-
Reinstatement of 50% of gain on sale of land	0.5	-
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At 31 December	2.7	9.3

The Group's significant interest is as follows:-

<u>Name of undertaking</u>	<u>Interest held %</u>	<u>Country of incorporation</u>
London Distribution Park LLP	50	United Kingdom

The interest in LDP is held by a subsidiary company. LDP is developing land for distribution, warehousing and haulage parking.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 18. Investments in Subsidiaries

	2016 £m	2015 £m
<b>Cost and net book value at 31 December</b>	<u>228.8</u>	<u>228.8</u>

The information relating to those subsidiaries whose results or financial position, in the opinion of the Directors, principally affected the figures of the Group, together with details of all other subsidiaries, are set in in Note 39. The Directors consider the value of the investments to be supported by their underlying assets.

### 19. Inventories

	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
Materials and spare parts	2.8	2.8	0.6	0.5
Property developments and land held for sale	5.8	5.8	-	-
	<u>8.6</u>	<u>8.6</u>	<u>0.6</u>	<u>0.5</u>

### 20. Trade and Other Receivables

	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
Current assets:				
Trade receivables	29.2	28.0	12.9	11.3
Less: provision for allowance for credit losses	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Trade receivables – (net)	28.9	27.7	12.6	11.0
Prepayments and accrued income	10.6	8.6	1.8	1.0
Less: provision for allowance for credit losses	(1.9)	(1.9)	-	-
Amounts owed by parent company	243.8	222.7	243.8	222.7
Amounts owed by subsidiaries	-	-	299.1	277.8
Other receivables	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2
	<u>282.6</u>	<u>258.3</u>	<u>558.4</u>	<u>513.7</u>
The ageing of past due but not impaired trade receivables is as follows:				
Less than 30 days past due date	9.5	5.8	3.9	4.0
31-60 days past due date	2.9	1.7	2.3	1.1
61-90 days past due date	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5
Over 90 days past due date	0.4	0.5	-	0.3
	<u>13.5</u>	<u>8.6</u>	<u>6.7</u>	<u>5.9</u>



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 20. Trade and Other Receivables (continued)

At 31 December 2016, Group and Company trade receivables of £15.5m and £6.1m (2015 - £19.2m and £5.1m) respectively were not past due or impaired. With respect to trade receivables that are neither past their due date nor impaired, there are no indications as at the reporting date that the payment obligations will not be met. Group trade receivables and accrued income and Company trade receivables of £2.2m and £0.3m (2015 - £2.2m and £0.3m) respectively were identified as being impaired, all of which are provided for. The factor considered in providing for impaired trade receivables is mainly that of the financial position of the customer.

Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and are generally on 30 days' terms. There are no indications, as of the reporting date, that the net trade receivables will not meet their payment obligations.

The allowance for credit losses of trade receivables and accrued income relates entirely to items which are over 90 days past due.

There is no concentration of credit risk with respect to trade receivables as the Group has a large number of customers sufficiently dispersed. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the year end is the value of each class of receivable mentioned above. The Group does not hold any collateral as security over port receivables. There is no material difference between the fair value of trade and other receivables and their carrying amount stated above. The amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings are unsecured and receivable on demand but are not expected to be fully received within the next twelve months. Interest on amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings was applied at rates based on LIBOR and Bank of England base rate.

The other classes within Trade and other receivables do not contain impaired assets.

### 21. Deferred Tax Assets

	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
<b>Deferred tax asset – Retirement benefit obligations</b>				
Asset at 1 January	9.9	12.0	9.8	11.5
Deferred tax on actuarial losses/(gains) recognised				
- in Statement of Comprehensive Income	1.1	(1.0)	1.1	(1.5)
Effect of tax rate change				
- (charged)/credited to Income Statement (Note 12)	(0.1)	0.2	(0.0)	0.0
- charged to Statement of Comprehensive Income	(0.7)	(1.2)	(0.7)	(1.1)
Deferred tax on pension contributions				
- credited/(charged) to Income Statement (Note 12)	0.3	(0.1)	0.3	0.9
Asset at 31 December	<u>10.5</u>	<u>9.9</u>	<u>10.5</u>	<u>9.8</u>

### 22. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>4.8</u>	<u>8.4</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>5.8</u>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 23. Trade and Other Payables - Current Liabilities

	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
Trade payables	6.1	4.2	3.1	1.6
Amounts owed to parent company	3.8	2.6	3.4	2.6
Amounts owed to subsidiaries	-	-	421.0	338.4
Other taxation and social security	1.4	1.2	0.6	0.6
Accruals and deferred income	19.9	27.4	9.9	15.5
	<u>31.2</u>	<u>35.4</u>	<u>438.0</u>	<u>358.7</u>

Trade payables are mainly contractually due to be paid within one month. The amounts owed to subsidiaries are unsecured and payable on demand but are not expected to be fully paid within the next twelve months. Interest on amounts owed to subsidiaries was applied at rates based on LIBOR and Bank of England base rate.

The Directors consider the carrying amount of trade and other payables approximates to their fair value.

### 24. Current Tax Liabilities

	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
Due within one year	<u>2.1</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>2.1</u>	<u>0.8</u>

### 25. Borrowings

	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
<b>Non-current</b>				
Bank borrowings	230.8	260.7	229.1	259.3
Loan notes	353.4	281.5	-	-
Other loans	12.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Total borrowings	<u>596.6</u>	<u>542.7</u>	<u>229.6</u>	<u>259.8</u>
The borrowings are repayable as follows:				
In the third to fifth years inclusive	230.8	260.7	229.1	259.3
After more than five years	365.8	282.0	0.5	0.5
Amount due for settlement after one year	<u>596.6</u>	<u>542.7</u>	<u>229.6</u>	<u>259.8</u>

All borrowings are denominated in UK sterling with the exception of the \$160m Series A loan note.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 25. Borrowings (continued)

The Group's principal bank and private placement loans are as follows:

The bank term loans and facilities totalling £230.8m have a repayment date of July 2021. The bank term loans are secured by way of a floating charge over the Company's shares and carry interest at a margin plus LIBOR and mandatory costs. The Group has a revolving credit facility ("RCF") of £100.0m which, other than the £5.0m overdraft facility with Bank of Scotland, carry the same interest rates as the term loans. At the year end the undrawn amount on the RCF was £80m. The overdraft carries interest at a margin over Bank of Scotland base rate. The other loans represent £0.5m (2015 - £0.5m) of funded debt and £11.9m (2015 - £nil) from the City of Edinburgh Council for the development held within Sandpiper Road NHT 2014 LLP (Note 39). The funded debt was taken out prior to 1950 and there is no fixed repayment date. The debt is unsecured and carries interest at 3.75%. The loan from City of Edinburgh Council carries interest at 4% and is repayable within 6.5 years of drawdown with the availability to extend for a further 3.5 years.

The first round of private placement loans were raised in the UK and the United States of America partly in US dollars (\$160m Series A loans) and partly in GBP sterling (£60m Series B loans, £80m Series C loans and £35m Series D loans) in December 2013. The dollars were immediately swapped into sterling to eliminate exposure to future exchange rate movements. A total of £275.1m was raised and the loans have repayment dates of between 10 and 18 years. The debt is \$160m of Series A loans at a fixed rate of 4.89% for 10 years being repaid in 2023, £60.0m of Series B loans at a fixed rate of 4.80% for 10 years being repaid in 2023, £80.0m of Series C loans at a fixed rate of 5.03% for 18 years being repaid in 2031 and £35.0m of Series D loans at a floating rate of LIBOR+1.87% for 18 years being repaid in 2031.

On 15 December 2016, the Group issued £50m of Series A loans at a fixed rate of 2.62% for 10 years being repayable in 2026.

The Group has fixed the interest rate on £300m which has fixed periods of 5, 7 and 10 years. The 5 year fixed rate of 2.06% is on £85m, the 7 year fixed rate of 4.42% is on £65m and the 10 year fixed rate of 2.66% is on £65m and end in June 2021, December 2023 and December 2025 respectively. To ensure the Group was not over-hedged, the Group entered into a contract to swap £46m of fixed rate back to the floating rate.

The exposure of the Group and Company borrowings to interest rate changes and the contractual repricing dates at the year-end are as follows:-

	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
In the third to fifth years inclusive	230.8	260.7	229.1	259.3
Over five years	35.0	35.0	-	-
	<u>265.8</u>	<u>295.7</u>	<u>229.1</u>	<u>259.3</u>

The exposure of the Group and Company borrowings to interest rate changes is managed by using interest rate swaps as explained above.

#### Covenants

The Group has lenders' covenants which require minimum leverage ratios and interest cover ratios to be met. If these covenants were to be breached, the Group's lenders could demand the immediate repayment of all advances and interest outstanding. There was no breach of these covenants during the year.

#### Sensitivity Analysis

The Group has effectively fixed 100% of interest rates payable on borrowings, therefore there is no exposure to interest rate movements in the next three years.

#### Risk Management

An analysis of the expected undiscounted cash repayment profile of the Group's financial liabilities is given in the Directors' Report on page 11, with other Financial Risk Management disclosures.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 25. Borrowings (continued)

The weighted average interest rates paid on Group borrowings were as follows:

	2016	2015
	%	%
Bank borrowings	4.24	5.25
Loan notes	4.40	4.57
Bank overdraft	1.55	3.50
Other loans	3.99	3.75

The Group has the following undrawn committed borrowing facilities available at 31 December:

	2016	2015
	£m	£m
Floating rate		
Expiring within one year	5.0	5.0
Expiring in more than one year	80.0	50.1
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	85.0	55.1
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The undrawn facilities expiring in more than one year are the undrawn element of the revolving credit facility. The overdraft expires within one year. The fair value of bank borrowings approximates to book value because the interest rate is reset after periods not greater than six months. The fair value of loan notes is not materially different to book value.

#### Derivative Financial Instruments

The Group has interest rate and cross currency swaps in place, the value of which are shown on the balance sheet. These Level 2 derivatives relating to the Group's current finance facilities have not been designated as fair value or cash flow hedges and are valued at mark to market with any movement recognised in the Income Statement.

As explained above, the Group has interest rate swaps in place totalling £300m, which have fixed periods of 5, 7 and 10 years. The 5 year fixed rate of 2.06% is on £85m, the 7 year fixed rate of 4.42% is on £65m and the 10 year fixed rate of 2.66% is on £150m and end in June 2021, December 2023 and December 2025 respectively. The fair value of interest rate derivative liabilities at the balance sheet date is £39.1m (2015 - £32.7m).

The Group also has cross currency interest rate swaps in place totalling \$160m, at a fixed rate of 4.89%, ending in December 2023. The fair value of cross currency derivative asset is £30.5m (2015 - £9.9m).

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 26. Provisions

	Insurance Claims £m	Pilots' National Pension Fund £m	2016 Total £m	2015 Total £m
<b>Group</b>				
At 1 January	0.3	17.0	17.3	17.3
Transfer from accruals	-	2.2	2.2	-
Utilisation of provision	(0.2)	(1.4)	(1.6)	(1.7)
Increase in provision	0.3	1.7	2.0	1.7
At 31 December	0.4	19.5	19.9	17.3
Included in current liabilities	0.4	1.6	2.0	1.8
Included in non-current liabilities	0.0	17.9	17.9	15.5
Total provisions	0.4	19.5	19.9	17.3
<b>Company</b>				
At 1 January	0.0	15.8	15.8	15.8
Transfer from accruals	-	2.0	2.0	-
Utilisation of provision	(0.0)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.3)
Increase in provision	-	1.8	1.8	1.3
At 31 December	-	18.2	18.2	15.8
Included in current liabilities	-	1.5	1.5	1.4
Included in non-current liabilities	-	16.7	16.7	14.4
Total provisions	-	18.2	18.2	15.8

The Insurance Claims provision represents management's best estimate of claims under the General, Marine and Employer's Liability policies. Settlement of such claims is dependent on negotiation and, potentially, litigation with third parties, the timing of which cannot be predicted with complete accuracy.

The Company and Port of Dundee Limited ("PoDL") are the Competent Harbour Authority ("CHA") in the Firth of Forth and Firth of Tay respectively where they are responsible for the provision of pilotage services. The pilotage services are provided by self-employed pilots. The Trustee of the PNP Scheme issued proceedings in the High Court in order to seek directions from the Court as to how, by whom and in what proportion the Scheme's deficit should be made up. The judgement was delivered in June 2010 and the judge decided that, in addition to CHA who employ pilots directly, CHA whose pilots are self-employed could be required by the Trustee to contribute to the Scheme deficit. Appeals against this judgement were in progress which had prevented updated valuations taking place in 2007 and 2010. The final judgement was reached during the course of 2012 that CHA who use self-employed pilots would be required to contribute to the Scheme deficit. A Scheme valuation as at 31 December 2010 was performed to determine the extent of the deficit and from this the Trustees have communicated the Company's and PoDL's share of this deficit. As a result, the liability was booked as a provision representing the discounted value of the best estimate of expected future annual cash contributions. The liability is expected to be fully settled by 2028. It should be noted that the deficit will be subject to triennial valuations. A Scheme valuation as at 31 December 2013 was completed with no change to the level of contributions arising.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 27. Trade and Other Payables – Non-Current Liabilities

	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
Amounts owed to parent company – Otter Ports Limited	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.9

The amounts owed to parent company are repayable on or before 31 December 2021. The balance includes an interest bearing loan of £0.1m which bears interest at a rate of 7.34% per annum.

### 28. Deferred Tax Liabilities

	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
<b>Deferred tax liability</b>				
Intangible assets – customer relationships	1.0	1.3	-	-
Capital allowances	20.5	22.7	2.9	3.6
Short-term differences	(7.0)	(6.4)	(6.6)	(5.9)
Investment property revaluation surplus	30.3	31.3	3.7	3.9
	<u>44.8</u>	<u>48.9</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>1.6</u>
<b>Deferred tax liability – movement</b>				
Liability at 1 January	48.9	47.7	1.6	0.2
Effect of tax rate change (credited)/charged to Income Statement (Note 12)	(1.6)	(4.2)	0.4	(0.2)
Amount (credited)/charged to Income Statement (Note 12)	(3.4)	4.5	(2.1)	1.7
Amount charged/(credited) to Statement of Comprehensive Income	0.9	0.9	0.1	(0.1)
Liability at 31 December	<u>44.8</u>	<u>48.9</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>1.6</u>

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are only offset where there is a legally enforceable right to offset and where the deferred tax relates to the same authority. Deferred tax assets which require to be disclosed separately are detailed in Note 21.

Within the investment property revaluation surplus of the Group, deferred tax assets of £1.6m (2015 – £2.8m) are recognised for capital tax losses carried forward only to the extent that they offset the deferred tax liability within the Group. We do not expect any of the deferred tax asset to be released within 12 months from the Balance Sheet date.

### 29. Share Capital

<b>Group and Company</b>	2016 £m	2015 £m
Authorised:		
58,000,000 Ordinary Shares of 50p (2015 – 58,000,000 shares of 50p)	<u>29.0</u>	<u>29.0</u>
Allotted and fully paid:		
46,080,930 Ordinary Shares of 50p (2015 – 46,080,930 shares of 50p)	<u>23.1</u>	<u>23.1</u>

The Company has one class of Ordinary Share which carries no right to fixed income.



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 30. Retirement Benefit Schemes

#### Defined Benefit Pension Schemes

The Group sponsors one defined benefit pension scheme called The Forth Ports Group Pension Scheme (“the FP scheme”) that covers the vast majority of active and former employees.

The FP scheme is administered by a separate Board of Trustees composed of employer nominated representatives and member nominated Trustees and continues to be legally separate from the Group. The assets of the FP scheme are held separately from those of the Group in managed funds under the supervision of the Trustees. The Trustees are required by law to act in the interest of all classes of beneficiary in the scheme and are responsible for investment policy and the day-to-day administration of benefits.

The FP scheme provides qualifying employees with an annual pension based on pensionable salary for each completed year’s service on attainment of normal retirement ages. The proportion of salary and normal retirement ages vary across the scheme. Active members’ benefits also include life assurance cover, albeit the payment of these benefits is at the discretion of the Trustees of the FP scheme.

On withdrawing from active service, a deferred member’s pension is revalued from the time of withdrawal until the pension is drawn. Revaluation in deferment is statutory and is revalued on the Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) measure of inflation. Revaluation of pensions in payment is a blend of fixed increases and inflationary increases depending on the relevant periods of accrual of benefit. For pensions in payment, the inflationary increase is based on the Retail Price Index (“RPI”) measure of inflation. In 2015, the Company and the Trustees agreed a number of changes which amended future accrual and the level of contribution from employees.

The Group continues to consider ways in which to manage the FP scheme’s liabilities.

The pension cost relating to the FP scheme was assessed in accordance with the advice of qualified actuaries. The latest formal actuarial assessment of the FP scheme was as at 5 April 2014. The actuaries have provided updated figures for the FP scheme as at 31 December 2016.

Assets are taken at their market value. Liabilities are valued using various assumptions which are listed overleaf.

The total pension cost was £4.6m (2015 - £4.2m). Member contributions are paid in addition.

A number of employees are members of The Former Registered Dock Workers' Pension Scheme. The FRDW scheme is a multi-employer defined benefit scheme which was set up many years ago on a national basis to provide pensions to Registered Dock Workers. The most recent formal valuation of the FRDW scheme was carried out in 2013 which recorded a small deficit. In 2013 the FRDW scheme was closed to future accrual. On an ongoing basis, taking into account future outperformance of assets, it was fully funded. The total assets and liabilities of the FRDW scheme are not assigned to specific employers. The employers are not entitled to participate in any surplus arising in the FRDW scheme. The contributions paid by the Group are accounted for as a defined contribution scheme as the Group is unable to identify its share of the assets and liabilities in the FRDW scheme. The Group contributions during the year were £0.1m (2015 - £0.1m).

The Group also has a contractual relationship with self-employed pilots who operate within the Firth of Forth and the Firth of Tay to provide pilotage services. The self-employed pilots make payments into the PNPF (Note 26).

#### Defined Contribution Pension Schemes

The Group also operates defined contribution pension schemes. The employer contributions to these schemes during the year was £0.6m (2015 – £0.3m).

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 30. Retirement Benefit Schemes (continued)

The key assumptions used in the valuation of the Group and Company defined benefit pension scheme was as follows:-

	2016 %	2015 %
Discount rate	2.70	3.80
Rate of pension increases	2.15-3.15	2.00-3.00
Inflation rate (RPI)	3.15	3.00*
Inflation rate (CPI)	2.15	2.00*

\* Inflation is assumed to be 0.5% lower in the first five years.

The expected future lifetimes used to determine benefit obligations at 31 December were as follows:

	Male 2016	Male 2015	Female 2016	Female 2015
Member age 60 (current life expectancy)	20.8-22.4 years	24.8 years	27.2 years	27.8 years
Member age 45 (life expectancy at age 60)	23.8 years	26.2 years	28.8 years	29.2 years

#### Sensitivity of Key Assumptions

A 0.25% change in the discount rate assumed could affect the shortfall position within the FP scheme positively or negatively by approximately £18.6m, a change in assumed life expectancy at age 60 by one year would increase or decrease liabilities by £12.8m and a 0.25% change in the rate of inflation could increase or decrease the liabilities by approximately £9.6m.

#### Plan Assets

The weighted average asset allocations at the year-end were as follows:-

	Plan Assets at 31 December 2016 %	Plan Assets at 31 December 2015 %
<b>Asset category</b>		
Equities	75	44
Bonds and gilts	16	45
Other	9	11
Total	100	100

The actual return on plan assets in the year ended 31 December 2016 was £37.6m (2015 – loss of £5.7m).

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 30. Retirement Benefit Schemes (continued)

The Trustees review the investments of the FP scheme on a regular basis and consult with the Group regarding any proposed changes to the investment profile. During the year, the investment strategy was reviewed and a number of changes were made to provide a more effective hedge against the impact of both interest rates and inflation on the liabilities in the scheme.

Movements in the present value of defined benefit obligations and the fair value of the FP scheme's assets were as follows:

	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
<b>Reconciliation of movement in benefit obligation</b>				
Benefit obligation at 1 January	375.9	381.1	334.0	336.6
Transfer on merger	-	-	41.9	-
Current service cost	3.5	5.7	3.5	5.4
Interest cost	14.1	13.9	14.1	12.3
Contributions by scheme participants	2.3	2.1	2.3	1.9
Net re-measurement due to changes in financial assumptions	88.8	(5.0)	88.8	(4.5)
Net re-measurement due to changes in demographic assumptions	(45.9)	(5.7)	(45.9)	(3.3)
Net re-measurement due to changes in experience	-	0.0	-	(3.5)
Past service costs	-	(3.1)	-	-
Benefits paid	(13.3)	(13.1)	(13.3)	(10.9)
Benefit obligation at 31 December	425.4	375.9	425.4	334.0
<b>Reconciliation of movement in scheme assets</b>				
Fair value of plan assets at 1 January	321.2	321.3	279.4	279.3
Transfer on merger	-	-	41.8	-
Interest income on scheme assets	12.1	11.7	12.1	10.2
Return on assets, excluding interest income	37.6	(5.7)	37.6	(4.2)
Contributions by employers	5.0	6.0	5.0	4.1
Contributions by scheme participants	2.3	2.0	2.3	1.9
Administrative cost	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)
Benefits paid	(13.3)	(13.1)	(13.3)	(10.9)
Fair value of plan assets at 31 December	363.9	321.2	363.9	279.4
Funded status/net amount recognised	(61.5)	(54.7)	(61.5)	(54.6)

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 30. Retirement Benefit Schemes (continued)

The amounts recognised in the Group Income Statement in respect of these defined benefit schemes are as follows:-

	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
<b>Amount recognised in the Income Statement</b>				
Total service cost – cost of sales	3.5	2.5	3.5	5.5
Administrative cost – administrative expenses	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0
Net interest on net defined benefit liability – finance costs	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1
Total pension cost recognised in the Income Statement	6.6	5.6	6.6	8.6
<b>Re-measurements of the net defined benefit liability to be shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income</b>				
Net re-measurement losses/(gains) - financial	88.8	(5.0)	88.8	(4.5)
Net re-measurement (gains) - demographic	(45.9)	(5.8)	(45.9)	(3.3)
Net re-measurement losses/(gains) - experience	-	0.0	-	(3.5)
Return on assets, excluding interest income	(37.6)	5.7	(37.6)	4.1
Total re-measurement losses/(gains) recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income	5.3	(5.1)	5.3	(7.2)

#### Funding and Contributions

UK pension legislation requires that pension schemes are funded prudently. The Group is currently paying deficit reduction contributions in accordance with agreements with the Trustees to reduce the deficit over 6 years. The Schedule of Contributions to the Pension Scheme, which was signed in December 2015, requires the Company to contribute 12.7% of pensionable salaries plus shortfall contributions of £1,750,000 with effect from April 2016.

### 31. Capital Commitments

Capital commitments, including the value of work still to be carried out on contracts placed but not provided for, were £56.3m for the Group and £2.2m for the Company (2015 - Group £62.6m and Company £5.9m) all of which relate to property, plant and equipment. The Group's share of commitments in the joint venture was £nil (2015 - £nil).

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 32. Financial Commitments

At 31 December the future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases for plant and machinery were as follows:

	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
Within one year	4.3	3.6	0.0	0.0
Between two and five years inclusive	14.5	10.1	1.6	1.8
After five years	3.6	1.8	-	-
	<u>22.4</u>	<u>15.5</u>	<u>1.6</u>	<u>1.8</u>

The Group leases various items of plant and machinery under non-cancellable operating lease agreements. The leases have varying terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights. The Group is required to give, on average, three months notice for the termination of these agreements. The lease expenditure charged to the Income Statement during the year is disclosed in Note 6.

The future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable operating leases for investment property and certain property within inventories are as follows:

	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
Within one year	32.9	33.8	6.8	9.0
Between two and five years inclusive	107.8	106.9	22.2	22.8
After five years	373.1	413.0	34.1	35.2
	<u>513.8</u>	<u>553.7</u>	<u>63.1</u>	<u>67.0</u>

The Group leases out its investment property with a book value of £380.4m (2015 - £367.7m) under non-cancellable operating lease agreements. The leases are for various lengths of time and have varying terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights.

In December 2016, the Company negotiated a further £100m Private Placement Loan Notes at a fixed rate of 2.62% for 10 years. At 31 December 2016, £50m of these Series A loans were drawn down. The balance of £50m Series B loans were drawn down on 6 January 2017.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 33. Statements of Cash Flows

#### a) Reconciliation of profit before tax to cash generated from operations

	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
Profit before tax	58.0	87.0	41.7	53.0
Adjustments for:				
- (increase)/decrease in fair value of investment properties	(3.9)	(28.0)	1.2	(7.7)
- net finance costs/(income)	20.8	7.5	(10.1)	(23.1)
- depreciation of property, plant and equipment and amortisation of intangibles and capital grants	21.5	20.6	5.3	5.2
- interest on pension cost in finance costs	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1
- loss on sale of property, plant and equipment	0.5	0.9	-	-
- gain on sale of land	(1.6)	-	-	-
- increase in provisions	2.6	-	0.5	-
- change in retirement benefit obligations	(2.5)	-	(0.4)	4.5
- dividends received from Group companies	-	-	(7.6)	-
- LTIP shares – value of services provided	5.5	1.9	5.5	1.9
- share of profits in JV	(5.5)	-	-	-
Movement in working capital:				
Decrease/(increase) in inventories	-	2.8	(0.1)	0.1
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(4.2)	3.8	16.6	2.6
(Decrease)/increase in payables	(5.0)	1.0	21.2	(9.8)
Cash generated from operations	88.2	99.6	75.8	28.8

#### b) Reconciliation of movement in net debt

	Group 2016 £m	Group 2015 £m	Company 2016 £m	Company 2015 £m
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(3.6)	(11.4)	(3.2)	(13.7)
Cash (inflow)/outflow from movement in borrowings (net)	(32.0)	(10.0)	29.9	(10.0)
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows	(35.6)	(21.4)	26.7	(23.7)
Retranslation of US \$ loan notes	(22.2)	(4.9)	-	-
Capitalisation and amortisation of loan arrangement fees	0.3	(1.5)	0.3	(1.5)
Movement in net debt	(57.5)	(27.8)	27.0	(25.2)
Opening net debt	(534.3)	(506.5)	(254.0)	(228.8)
Closing net debt	(591.8)	(534.3)	(227.0)	(254.0)



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 34. Analysis of Net Debt

	At 1.1.16 £m	Cash Flows £m	Other Movements £m	At 31.12.16 £m
<b>Group</b>				
Cash at bank and on deposit	8.4	(3.6)	-	4.8
Debt due outwith one year	(542.7)	(32.1)	(21.8)	(596.6)
Total net debt	(534.3)	(35.7)	(21.8)	(591.8)

The other movements consist primarily of the amortisation of arrangement fees for bank facilities of £1.3m offset by fees capitalised in the year of £1.6m, and a £22.1m retranslation loss on the Series A US \$ loan notes.

### 35. Related Party Transactions

	2016 £m	2015 £m
<b>Group</b>		
<b>Key management compensation (excluding Directors):</b>		
Salaries and short-term employee benefits	0.9	1.1
Post-employment benefits	0.0	0.1
	0.9	1.2

The following transactions were carried out between the Company and its subsidiaries (unless stated otherwise):

	2016 £m	2015 £m
<b>Nature of Transactions and Related Party</b>		
<b>(a) Revenue:</b>		
<b>Sales of goods and services:</b>		
Port of Dundee Limited	0.1	0.1
<b>Management fees:</b>		
London Container Terminal (Tilbury) Limited	-	0.6
Port of Tilbury London Limited	1.0	0.6
Port of Dundee Limited	0.6	0.6
Forth Property Developments Limited	0.1	0.1
	1.7	1.9
<b>(b) Finance income - Interest receivable:</b>		
Otter Ports Limited (parent company)	14.8	13.6
International Transport Limited	7.1	7.4
Port of Tilbury London Limited	23.4	17.9
Forth Properties Limited	0.6	0.6
FP Newhaven Two Limited	0.5	0.5
Forth Property Developments Limited	0.8	1.0
Forth Property Investments Limited	0.2	0.2
Forth Property Holdings Limited	0.1	0.1
Port of Dundee Limited	1.3	1.5
London Container Terminal (Tilbury) Limited	-	3.5
	48.8	46.3

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 35. Related Party Transactions (continued)

	2016 £m	2015 £m
<b>(c) Finance costs - Interest payable:</b>		
Otter Ports Limited (parent company)	0.1	0.9
Port of Tilbury London Limited	2.1	2.4
Forth Ports Finance PLC	13.7	12.9
London Container Terminal (Tilbury) Limited	-	1.0
Port of Dundee Limited	-	0.1
Forth Estuary Towage Limited	-	0.0
	<u>15.9</u>	<u>17.3</u>
<b>(d) Dividends received:</b>		
Port of Dundee Limited	3.2	-
Forth Estuary Towage Limited	4.4	-
	<u>7.6</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>(e) Year end balances:</b>		
<b>Trade and other receivables - current:</b>		
Forth Estuary Towage Limited	1.4	-
Port of Tilbury London Limited	125.2	117.5
International Transport Limited	128.0	121.0
Edinburgh Forthside Holdings Limited	1.3	1.2
Forth Property Investments Limited	3.9	4.0
Forth Property Developments Limited	14.2	13.5
Forth Property Holdings Limited	1.3	1.2
Forth Properties Limited	10.1	9.6
FP Newhaven Two Limited	8.1	7.9
Port of Dundee Limited	5.6	1.8
	<u>299.1</u>	<u>277.7</u>
<b>Trade and other receivables - current:</b>		
Otter Ports Limited (parent company)	243.8	222.7
Otter Ports I Limited	0.0	0.0
	<u>243.8</u>	<u>222.7</u>
<b>(f) Year end balances:</b>		
<b>Trade and other payables - current:</b>		
Forth Ports Finance Limited	356.1	283.9
Port of Tilbury London Limited	62.3	51.7
Forth Estuary Towage Limited	-	0.5
Non-significant companies	0.9	1.0
Nordic Limited	1.7	1.3
	<u>421.0</u>	<u>338.4</u>
<b>Trade and other payables - current:</b>		
Otter Ports Holdings Ltd	3.4	2.1
Otter Ports II Limited	0.0	0.5
	<u>3.4</u>	<u>2.6</u>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 35. Related Party Transactions (continued)

	2016 £m	2015 £m
<b>Trade and other payables – non-current:</b>		
Otter Ports Limited (parent company)	1.0	0.9
<b>(g) Key management compensation:</b>		
<b>Company:</b>		
Salaries and short-term employee benefits	0.6	0.6
Post-employment benefits	0.0	0.0
	0.6	0.6

### 36. Ultimate Parent Company

The Company is 100% owned by Otter Ports Limited, a company incorporated in England.

Otter Ports Limited is ultimately controlled by Arcus European Infrastructure Fund 1 L.P., an English limited partnership. As Arcus European Infrastructure Fund 1 L.P. does not prepare consolidated accounts for public use the next most senior parent is Otter Ports Holdings Ltd and copies of its consolidated accounts may be obtained from its principal place of business at 6 St Andrew Street, London, EC4A 3AE.

### 37. Principal Accounting Policies

#### *Impact of New Standards and Interpretations*

The following standards and amendments to existing standards have been published and are effective and mandatory for the Group's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, but the adoption of which have not led to any changes in accounting policies or have not had a material impact on the Group results for the current year:

#### Revised Standards

There have been limited amendments which are mandatory in this year, with the principal changes arising from the Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2012-2014 Cycle applicable to this year-end. The matters included in this cycle of improvements are:

- IFRS 5: Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations: Changes in methods of disposal which sought to clarify the application of the guidance in IFRS 5 regarding the case of a change in a disposal plan from a plan to sell a division by means of an initial public offering to a plan to spin off a division and distribute a dividend in kind to its shareholders. Given that there have been no such disposals, this is not relevant.
- IFRS 7: Servicing Contracts which adds guidance to IFRS 7 to clarify how the principle in paragraph 42C of IFRS 7 is applied to a servicing contract for the purpose of the transfer disclosure requirements in paragraph 42E-42H of IFRS 7. As there are no such financial assets which would be affected by servicing contracts, this is not relevant.
- IFRS 7: Applicability of the amendments to IFRS 7 to condensed interim financial statements which clarified the applicability of the Amendments to IFRS 7 Disclosure-Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities issued in December 2011 to condensed interim financial statements. As the Company does not issue interim financial statements under IFRS, this is not relevant.
- IAS 19: regional market issue which clarified the application of the requirements of IAS 19 Employee Benefits (2011) on determination of the discount rate to a regional market consisting of multiple countries sharing the same currency. As the Group's pension schemes operate solely within the UK, this is not relevant.
- IAS 34: Disclosure of information "elsewhere in the interim financial report". As noted above, this is not relevant.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 37. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

Additionally, there were a number of Amendments which were endorsed by the European Commission during 2015 which did not apply until the current year. These are summarised below but do not result in any impact on the financial statements.

- Amendment to IAS 19: Employee Benefits – The amendments aim to simplify the accounting for contributions that are independent of the number of years of employee service, for example, employee contributions that are calculated according to fixed percentage of salary. The amendment clarified that the existing accounting policy could continue to be followed so there is no impact as a result of this amendment.
- Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 38: Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation – the amendments clarify that a depreciation method based on revenue that is generated by an activity that includes the use of an asset is not appropriate. This has no impact as the Group does not use a revenue based method of depreciation.
- Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 41: Bearer Plants – the IAS 16 and IAS 41 amendments bring bearer plants, which are used solely to grow produce, into the scope of IAS 16 so that they are accounted for in the same way as property, plant and equipment. This is not relevant since the Group does not operate bearer plants.
- Amendments to IFRS 11: Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations – the IFRS 11 amendments provide new guidance on the accounting treatment of an acquisition of an interest in a joint operation in which the activity of the joint operation constitutes a business. This is not relevant as there are no plans to acquire any interests in joint ventures in the foreseeable future.

#### New Standards and Interpretations not Applied

The following new standards, amendments and interpretations to standards have been issued but are not effective for the financial year beginning 1 January 2016 and have not been early adopted:

- Amendments to IAS 7: Disclosure Initiative which recommends the provision of a reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities (effective 1 January 2017) \*;
- Amendments to IAS 12: Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses: which clarifies accounting for deferred tax assets for unrealised losses on debt instruments (effective 1 January 2017) \*;
- Amendments to IFRS 2: Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions which clarifies the classification and measurement of share-based payment transactions (effective 1 January 2018) \*;
- IFRS 9: Financial Instruments – this standard replaces guidance in IAS 39 (effective 1 January 2018);
- Amendments to IFRS 9 (Financial Instruments) regarding general hedge accounting (effective 1 January 2018) \*;
- IFRS 15 (Revenue from Contracts with Customers) – this is a converged standard which aims to improve the reporting of revenue and improve comparability of the top line in financial statements globally (effective 1 January 2018);
- Clarifications to IFRS 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers which do not change the underlying principles of the standard, just clarify and offer some additional transition relief (effective 1 January 2018) \*;
- IFRS 16: Leases – this replaces the current guidance in IAS 17 (effective 1 January 2019 with earlier application permitted if IFRS 15 is also applied) \*;
- Amendments to IFRS 4: Applying IFRS 9 Financial Instruments with IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts which address the temporary accounting consequences of the different effective dates of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments and the new insurance contracts Standard (effective 1 January 2018) \*;
- Amendment to IAS 40: Investment Property – amendments simply clarify that to transfer to, or from, investment properties there must be a change in use. (effective 1 January 2018) \*;
- Annual Improvements 2014-2016 – these amendments impact three standards:
  - IFRS 1: First time adoption of IFRS regarding the deletion of short-term exemptions for first time adopters regarding IFRS 7, IAS 19 and IFRS 10 (effective 1 January 2018) \*;
  - IFRS 12: Disclosure of interests in other entities regarding the classification of the scope of the standard (retrospective application 1 January 2017) \*;
  - IAS 28: Investments in associates and joint ventures regarding measuring an associate or joint venture at fair value ((effective 1 January 2018) \*.
- IFRIC 22: Foreign currency transactions and advance consideration which provides guidance for single payment/receipt and multiple payment/receipt to reduce diversity in application (effective 1 January 2018) \*.

\* EU endorsement for these standards, amendments and interpretations had not yet been announced by the time of approval of these accounts. These requirements are not available for early adoption until the completion of the endorsement process.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 37. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

The Directors do not expect that the adoption of the Standards listed above will have a material impact on the financial statements in future periods, except as noted below:

- IFRS 9 will impact on the measurement and disclosures of financial instruments;
- IFRS 15 may have an impact on revenue recognition and related disclosures; and
- IFRS 16 will have an impact on the reported assets, liabilities, income statement and cash flows of the Company. Furthermore, extensive disclosures will be required by IFRS 16.

There are no other IFRSs or IFRIC interpretations that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Group.

#### Exceptional Items and Revaluations

Exceptional items are those material items of income and expenditure which the Group has disclosed separately because of their quantum or incidence so as to give a clearer understanding of the Group's financial performance. The Group has also separately disclosed the effect of revaluation of investment properties per IAS 40, the LTIP charge as per IAS 19 and the mark to market of interest rate and cross currency swaps per IAS 39.

#### Consolidation

##### *Subsidiaries*

Subsidiaries are those entities (including structured entities) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity.

Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred and are no longer consolidated from the date that control ceases. The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for the purchase of subsidiaries. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given up, shares issued or liabilities undertaken at the date of acquisition. Acquisition-related costs are recognised in the Income Statement as incurred.

The acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities that meet the conditions for recognition under IFRS 3 (revised) are recognised at their fair value at the acquisition date, except that:

- deferred tax assets or liabilities and liabilities or assets related to employee benefit arrangements are recognised and measured in accordance with IAS 12 "Income taxes" and IAS 19 "Employee benefits" respectively;
- liabilities or equity instruments related to the replacement by the Group of an acquiree's share-based payment awards are measured in accordance with IFRS 2 "Share-based payment"; and
- assets (or disposal groups) that are classified as held-for-sale in accordance with IFRS 5 "Non-current assets held-for-sale and discontinued operations" are measured in accordance with that standard.

The excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired is recorded as goodwill. Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated fully on consolidation; unrealised losses are also eliminated unless costs cannot be recovered. Where necessary, accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

Business combinations under common control are accounted for in the consolidated accounts prospectively from the date the group obtains the ownership interest. Assets and liabilities are recognised upon consolidation at their carrying amount in the consolidated accounts of the ultimate parent entity Otter Ports Holdings Ltd. Any difference between the fair value of the consideration paid and the amounts at which the assets and liabilities are recorded is recognised directly in equity in the "consolidation reserve" reflecting business combinations under common control.



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 37. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

#### *Joint Ventures*

A joint venture is a contractual arrangement whereby two or more parties undertake an economic activity that is subject to joint control. The Group's interests in joint ventures are accounted for by the equity method of accounting. The investment in the joint venture is initially recorded at cost and is adjusted thereafter for the post-acquisition change in the Group's share of net assets of the jointly controlled entity.

The Group Income Statement includes the Group's share of the profit or loss of the joint venture. The Group recognises the portion of gains or losses on the sale of assets by the Group to the joint venture that is attributable to the other venturers. The Group does not recognise its share of profits or losses from the joint venture that result from the purchase of assets by the Group from the joint venture until it resells the assets to an independent party. However, if a loss on the transaction provides evidence of a reduction in the net realisable value of current assets or an impairment loss, the loss is recognised immediately. When the Group's share of losses of a joint venture equals or exceeds its interest in the joint venture, the Group does not recognise further losses unless the Group has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the joint venture.

#### Goodwill

Goodwill arising in a business combination is recognised, at cost less accumulated impairment costs, as an asset at the date that control is acquired (the acquisition date). Goodwill is measured as the excess of the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest (if any) in the entity over the net of the acquisition-date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed. The allocation of goodwill is made to those cash generating units or groups of cash generating units that are expected to benefit from the business combination in which the goodwill arose.

Goodwill on businesses acquired after 1 January 1999 is shown as an intangible asset with an indefinite useful life and is subject to an annual impairment test at each relevant group of cash generating units and is also subject to a test whenever there is an indication of impairment. Any such goodwill impairment is not reversed.

Where there is an excess of the Group's interest in the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets over the purchase price ("negative goodwill"), this amount is taken to the Income Statement in the year of acquisition.

#### Revenue Recognition

Revenue from Port activities represents the income earned from the provision of port facilities, which comprise cargo handling, towage, pilotage, conservancy services and port related rental income. Such revenue is recorded once the service has been provided.

Revenue from Property includes rental income and sales of property developments. Both Property and Port related rental income (net of any incentives given to lessees) is recognised on a straight line basis over the lease term. Revenue excludes value added tax and is shown on a gross basis in relation to recoverable charges such as utilities, recoverable overtime and recoverable plant hire costs. Consideration is given to the collectability of any debt outstanding arising from the sale of sites or property developments and provisions are made where necessary. The need for such provisions is reviewed on a regular basis. Profits and losses arising on the sale of sites or completed developments are recognised when contracts for sale have been exchanged and all material conditions have been satisfied. The Board will have due regard to all the circumstances of any individual transaction in determining whether or not any conditions are material or have been satisfied.

Where sites or completed developments are sold to joint ventures, profits are only recognised in proportion to third parties' interests in those entities. The remaining profits are recognised when the sites or completed developments are sold by the joint ventures or associates to unrelated parties.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 37. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Property, Plant and Equipment

Operational land and buildings and plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less depreciation. Land and capital works in progress are not depreciated. Cost is the original purchase price of the asset and the cost of bringing the asset to its current condition and includes transfers from equity of any gains/losses on qualifying cash flow hedges of foreign currency purchase costs where appropriate.

All operational buildings and plant and equipment in the course of construction are recorded as capital work in progress until such time as they are brought into use by the Group. Capital work in progress includes all direct expenditure. On completion, such assets are transferred to the appropriate asset category and start being depreciated.

In circumstances where there is a change in use of operational land and buildings to investment property, the fair value of the asset is established at a date when it has been decided to transfer the asset from operational land and buildings to investment property. Any changes at transfer date are recorded in reserves in Other Comprehensive Income.

Depreciation is charged to write off the cost less any residual value of the asset on a straight line basis over the estimated useful lives (which are reassessed at each balance sheet date) as follows:-

Buildings and dock structures	15-50 years
Plant and equipment	3-35 years

Where the carrying amount of an asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, it is written down immediately to its recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals of assets are included in operating profit.

Repairs and maintenance are charged to the Income Statement during the financial period in which they are incurred. The cost of major renovations is included in the carrying amount of the assets when it is probable that future economic benefits in excess of the originally assessed standard of performance of the existing asset will flow to the Group. Major renovations are depreciated over the remaining life of the related asset.

If an operating property is transferred into investment property, the property is fair valued at the date of transfer, with any revaluation gain or loss being taken to the revaluation reserve.

#### Investment Property

Investment property, principally comprising tenanted land and buildings within the port estates, is held for long-term rental yields and is not occupied by the Group. Investment property is treated as a long-term investment and is carried at fair value determined annually. Changes in fair values are recorded in the Income Statement in accordance with IAS 40 and are included in other income. If an investment property is transferred into operating property, it is transferred at the fair value at the date of transfer.

#### Impairment of Assets

Property, plant and equipment and other non-current assets, excluding goodwill, are reviewed whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount which is the higher of an asset's net selling price and its value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest level for which there are separately identifiable cash flows.



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 37. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Intangible Assets

Excluding goodwill, intangible assets refer principally to computer software and customer relationships and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation. Except as noted below, costs associated with developing or maintaining computer software programmes are recognised as an expense as incurred. Costs that are directly associated with identifiable and unique software products controlled by the Group and which will probably generate economic benefits exceeding costs beyond one year, are recognised as intangible assets. Direct costs include staff costs of those involved in the software development. Expenditure which enhances or extends the performance of identifiable computer software products beyond their original specifications is recognised as a capital improvement and added to the original cost of the software. Computer software development costs recognised as assets are amortised using the straight-line method over their useful lives, not exceeding a period of ten years. If a business is acquired which has long-term customer relationships, those relationships are valued and an intangible asset set up to reflect that value. They are written off on a straight-line basis over periods of up to ten years.

#### Investment in Subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less any permanent diminution in value by the Company.

#### Finance and Operating Leases

Leases of assets, where the Group has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership, are classified as finance leases. Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised at the inception of the lease at the lower of the fair value of the leased asset or the present value of the minimum lease payments, and are depreciated over the lower of the useful lives and the term of the lease. The interest element of the rental payments is charged to the Income Statement over the period of the lease contract on the basis of the capital element outstanding. The finance charges outstanding are included in short-term and long-term payables as appropriate. Leases where a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. The cost of operating leases is charged to the Income Statement on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease.

#### Lease Incentives

Any lease incentive paid or payable for the agreement of a new or existing operating lease is allocated over the term of the lease regardless of its form or cash flow effect. Such incentives are recognised over the lease term, unless another systematic basis is appropriate, in order to ensure the Income Statement reflects the true effective rental charge irrespective of the particular cash flow arrangements agreed.

#### Grants relating to the Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment

Capital grants are recognised at their fair value where there is a reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the Group will comply with all conditions pertaining to the grant. Grants relating to the purchase of PPE are recorded against the cost of the relevant item and are amortised over the life of the asset. The amount amortised in each period is set against the depreciation charge of the asset to which it relates.

#### Dividends

Dividends are recorded in the Group's accounts in the period in which they are approved by the shareholders. Inter-group dividends are recorded in the period in which they are approved and paid by the subsidiary company's Board.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 37. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Long Term Incentive Plan

Certain directors and employees are eligible for compensation benefits in the form of a long term incentive scheme linked to the performance of the Group. The benefit is recorded at the present value of the expected future cash benefits, charged on a straight line basis over the performance period of the scheme, discounted to take into account the time value of money and specific risks identified in relation to the key assumptions used to determine the value of the benefit. The credit is reflected in equity as a capital contribution received as settlement of any compensation is undertaken by a parent company.

#### Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events where it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made. Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation. The Group recognises a provision for onerous contracts when the expected benefits to be derived from a contract are less than the unavoidable costs of meeting the obligations under the contract. Restructuring provisions are recognised in the period in which the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation for payment. Costs relating to the ongoing activities of the Group are not provided in advance.

#### Inventories

Property work in progress relates to expenditure on property development projects, land held for development and project work in progress and is included at cost less amounts written off which are deemed to be irrecoverable. Cost includes all direct expenditure and associated indirect costs and related costs of finance where appropriate. On completion, such assets are transferred to investment properties or sold to third parties.

Expenditure which is directly attributable to the cost of obtaining planning consents for energy projects is included in work in progress where, in the opinion of the Directors, the related project is likely to be successful and the benefits arising from the sale of the consent or from future operations will at least equal the amount capitalised to date. Costs associated with reaching the consented stage include planning application costs, wind surveys, environmental impact studies and salary costs. If planning consent for the project is refused the related costs are written off as an expense to the Income Statement.

#### Trade Receivables and Accrued Property Income

Trade receivables and accrued property income are carried at original invoice amount less an allowance made for impairment of these receivables. An allowance for impairment of trade receivables and accrued property income is established when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. The amount of the allowance is the difference between the carrying amount and the recoverable amount, being the present value of expected cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest for similar borrowers. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of this impairment allowance and the amount of the loss is recognised in the Income Statement. In future periods the unwinding of the discount is recognised within finance income.

#### Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at the fair value of the proceeds received, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortised cost using the effective yield method; any difference between proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in the Income Statement over the period of the borrowings. Foreign currency borrowings are retranslated at the balance sheet date.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 37. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the Balance Sheet at cost. For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

#### Share Capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental external costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares, other than in connection with business combinations, are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds. Where the Company or its subsidiaries purchases the Company's equity share capital, the consideration paid including any attributable incremental external costs net of income taxes is deducted from total shareholders' equity as own shares held. Where such shares are subsequently sold, any consideration received is included in shareholders' equity.

#### Accounting for Taxation

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Income Statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case the tax is also 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 in the countries where the Company's subsidiaries and associates operate and generate taxable income. 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.

The Group includes a number of companies, including the parent company, which are part of a tax group for certain aspects of the tax legislation. One of these aspects relates to group relief whereby current tax liabilities can be offset by current tax assets driven by current tax losses arising in other companies within the same tax group. Payment for group relief is made equal to the tax benefit and amounts are included within the current tax disclosures.

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the accounts. Current tax rates in the relevant jurisdiction are used in the determination of deferred income tax. Deferred tax assets are recognised 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 is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

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

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 37. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Employee Benefits

##### *Defined Benefit Plans*

Pension contributions are charged principally at a rate calculated by the Actuary to provide, over the expected remaining service lives of current employees, for all retirement benefits related to projected final salaries and wages. The liability in respect of defined benefit pension plans is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the Balance Sheet date minus the fair value of plan assets, together with adjustments for past service cost. The defined benefit obligation is calculated by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by the estimated future cash outflows using market yields on high quality corporate bonds. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised in full as they arise in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

##### *Defined Contribution Plans*

Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the Income Statement as incurred.

#### Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities

At 31 December 2016 the Group had no derivative financial instruments that were designated as hedges.

The derivative financial instruments associated with the Group's current finance facilities have not been designated as fair value or cash flow hedges and are valued at mark to market and any movement thereon is recognised through the Income Statement.

#### Fair Value Estimation of Financial Instruments

The fair value of interest rate swaps and cross currency swaps is calculated as the present value of the estimated future cash flows.

### 38. Post Balance Sheet Events

As set out in the Directors' Report, since the balance sheet date, the Group has acquired further additional land adjacent to the Port of Tilbury which will add further rental and cargo handling opportunities to the Group.

As noted in the Strategic Report, since the balance sheet date, the Group has also drawn down the second £50m of Private Placement Loan Notes.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### 39. List of Subsidiaries

All Group subsidiaries have year-end dates of 31 December and will make individual Annual Returns to the Registrar of Companies. The Group's joint venture has a year-end date of 31 March.

The interests in Forth Ports Finance PLC, International Transport Limited, Port of Dundee Limited, Forth Estuary Towage Limited, Nordic Limited and Forth Property Holdings Limited are held directly by Forth Ports Limited. In all other cases the interest is held by a subsidiary. The principal country of registration and operation of the above undertakings is Scotland, with the exception of Forth Ports Finance PLC, International Transport Limited, Port of Tilbury London Limited, London Container Terminal (Tilbury) Limited and Nordic Limited which are registered and operate in England. Subsidiaries are accounted for by the Company at historical cost less provision for any impairment.

<u>Subsidiary</u>		<u>Interest Held</u> <u>%</u>	<u>Description of Undertaking</u>
International Transport Ltd	**	100%	Intermediate holding company
Port of Tilbury London Ltd	**	100%	Port operator
London Container Terminal (Tilbury) Ltd	**	100%	Non-trading
Forth Estuary Towage Ltd	*	100%	Towage services
Forth Ports Finance PLC	**	100%	Finance company
Nordic Ltd	**	100%	Intermediate holding company - non-trading
Port of Dundee Ltd	*	100%	Port operator
Forth Property Holdings Ltd	*	90%	Intermediate holding company
Forth Property Investments Ltd	*	90%	Property investment company
Forth Property Developments Ltd	*	90%	Property development
Edinburgh Forthside Holdings Ltd	*	100%	Non-trading company
FP Newhaven Two Ltd	*	100%	Property investment company
Forth Properties Ltd	*	100%	Property development
Forth Energy Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Fife Energy (Services) Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Forth Energy (Pipelines) Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Forth Energy (Services) Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Forth Energy (Tilbury) Ltd	**	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Forth Energy (Retail) Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Forth Energy (Generation) Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Forth Energy (Distribution) Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Edinburgh Forthside Developments Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Port of Grangemouth Security Authority Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Victoria Quay Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Forthside Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Forth Ports Trustees Ltd	*	100%	Non-trading
Edinburgh Forthside Investments Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Forth Estate Management Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Grainfax Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Nordic Holdings Ltd	**	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Nordic Recycling (Lincoln) Ltd	**	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Nordic Data Management Ltd	**	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Port of London Tilbury Ltd	**	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Logistics Academy East of England Ltd	**	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Forthport Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
FLM Realisations Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Leith Stevedores Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Cruise Edinburgh Ltd	*	100%	Dormant/non-trading
Sandpiper Road NHT 2014 LLP	*	33 $\frac{1}{3}$ %	NHT scheme with Scottish Futures Trust and City of Edinburgh Council
Tilbury on the Thames Trust	**	100%	Non-trading

Sandpiper Road NHT 2014 LLP is consolidated as a subsidiary as the Group is considered to have economic control.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

**39. List of Subsidiaries (continued)**

<u>Joint Venture</u>		<u>Interest Held</u> <u>%</u>	<u>Description of Undertaking</u>
London Distribution Park LLP	**	50%	JV POTLL with Roxhill (Tilbury) Ltd

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