

# Viridian Group Investments Limited

## Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

First Quarter 2016



## GROUP FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Underlying Business Results<sup>1</sup>

- Group pro-forma Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA) for First Quarter 2016 was £21.3m (2015 - £23.2m)
- Group pro-forma operating profit for First Quarter 2016 was £16.2m (2015 - £18.3m)

### IFRS Results

- Revenue for First Quarter 2016 was £323.4m (2015 - £336.3m)
- Operating profit before exceptional items and certain remeasurements for First Quarter 2016 was £23.8m (2015 - £29.2m)

<sup>1</sup> Based on regulated entitlement and before exceptional items and certain remeasurements as outlined in note 2.

## MANAGEMENT REPORT

The directors of Viridian Group Investments Limited present their condensed interim consolidated financial statements for the 3 months ended 30 June 2015 (First Quarter 2016) including comparatives for the 3 months ended 30 June 2014 (First Quarter 2015). All references in this document to 'Group' denote Viridian Group Investments Limited and its subsidiary undertakings and to 'Company' denote Viridian Group Investments Limited, the parent company.

### Principal Activities

There were no changes to the principal activities of the Group's businesses during First Quarter 2016. These comprise:

- Energia Group – a vertically integrated energy business consisting of competitive electricity supply to business and residential customers in the Republic of Ireland (RoI) and business customers in Northern Ireland through Energia, its retail supply business, backed by electricity generation from its two Huntstown CCGT plants, and long term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with third-party renewable generators (including wind generation assets in which the Group has an equity interest) and generation from wholly owned wind generation assets. The Energia Group also supplies natural gas to business and residential customers, principally in the RoI;
- Power NI – supply of electricity primarily to residential customers in Northern Ireland; and
- PPB – procurement of power under contract with the Ballylumford power station in Northern Ireland.

### Strategy

The Group's strategy is focused on leveraging its integrated business model to maintain and enhance its position as a leading independent all-island energy utility and to capture available margin arising in all parts of the value chain in all its businesses, both regulated and unregulated. The Group continually seeks opportunities for margin improvement and will look for growth through complementary acquisition opportunities. Management continues to focus on five strategic objectives which underpin Viridian's strategy:

- improve profitability and maintain stable cash flows;
- maintain high availability of generation plants;
- continue to drive organic growth through expansion principally in renewables;
- focus on profitable customer retention and look for opportunities to diversify our customer base; and
- maintain active engagement with regulators and key lobby groups.

## Group pro-forma EBITDA and Operating Profit

The Group's pro-forma EBITDA and Operating Profit (pre exceptional items and certain remeasurements) by business are shown below:

	EBITDA <sup>1</sup>			Operating Profit <sup>1</sup>		
	First Quarter 2016 £m	First Quarter 2015 £m	Year ended 31 March 2015 £m	First Quarter 2016 £m	First Quarter 2015 £m	Year ended 31 March 2015 £m
Energia Group (excluding renewable assets)	13.2	15.3	62.3	9.4	11.2	45.9
Energia renewable assets	0.6	0.2	2.8	-	0.1	1.6
Power NI	7.3	7.0	28.6	6.7	6.3	26.0
PPB	0.8	1.3	6.4	0.8	1.3	6.4
Other	(0.6)	(0.6)	(2.6)	(0.7)	(0.6)	(2.8)
	<b>21.3</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>77.1</b>

<sup>1</sup> As shown in note 2 to the accounts

Energia Group EBITDA (excluding EBITDA from renewable wind farm assets and pre exceptional items and certain remeasurements) decreased to £13.2m (2015 - £15.3m) primarily reflecting adverse foreign exchange due to the strengthening of Sterling to Euro during the period compared to the same period last year and a decrease in Huntstown margins associated with lower unconstrained utilisation with the commissioning of SSE Great Island CCGT plant, partly offset by higher contribution from renewable PPAs.

Energia Group operating profit (excluding renewable windfarm assets and pre exceptional items and certain remeasurements) decreased to £9.4m (2015 - £11.2m) primarily due to the reasons described above for EBITDA.

Energia renewable assets EBITDA increased to £0.6m (2015 - £0.2m) reflecting the commissioning of new windfarms in December 2014 and May 2015.

Energia renewable assets operating profit decreased to £nil (2015 - £0.1m) primarily due to increase in the depreciation charge associated with commissioning of new windfarms in December 2014 and May 2015 partly offset by the reasons described above for EBITDA.

Power NI EBITDA increased to £7.3m (2015 - £7.0m) primarily reflecting higher contributions from small scale renewable PPAs.

Power NI operating profit increased to £6.7m (2015 - £6.3m) primarily reflecting the increase in EBITDA described above.

PPB EBITDA and operating profit decreased to £0.8m (2015 - £1.3m) reflecting lower regulated entitlement under the new price control proposals.

## Business Reviews

### Energia Group

<i>KPIs</i>	First Quarter 2016	First Quarter 2015	Year end 31 March 2015
Availability (%)			
- Huntstown 1	100.0	99.9	100.0
- Huntstown 2	95.7	89.8	97.3
Unconstrained utilisation (%)			
- Huntstown 1	0.0	4.4	2.3
- Huntstown 2	1.5	35.7	24.8
Incremental impact of constrained utilisation (%)			
- Huntstown 1	5.7	(2.7)	15.8
- Huntstown 2	50.4	8.5	3.1
Customers (number)			
- Non-residential			
- electricity	55,000	61,100	56,500
- gas	5,300	4,300	4,800
	<b>60,300</b>	<b>65,400</b>	<b>61,300</b>
- Residential			
- electricity only	31,900	12,100	26,500
- gas only	3,500	1,100	3,300
- dual fuel	27,800	8,500	26,200
	<b>63,200</b>	<b>21,700</b>	<b>56,000</b>
Energia electricity sales (TWh)	1.1	1.2	5.0
Energia gas sales (million therms)	17.3	13.1	68.0
Contracted renewable generation capacity in operation in Northern Ireland and the RoI (MW)			
- average during the period	793	689	727
- at end of period	793	692	778

Huntstown 1 availability for First Quarter 2016 was 100.0% (2015 – 99.9%). The planned Huntstown 1 rotor replacement outage will be undertaken in August 2015.

Huntstown 2 availability for First Quarter 2016 was 95.7% (2015 – 89.8%) and reflects a 4 day outage requested by Eirgrid in respect of the transmission network in May 2015. Availability in First Quarter 2015 reflects a 9 day planned outage.

Huntstown 1 unconstrained utilisation for First Quarter 2016 was 0.0% (2015 – 4.4%). The incremental impact of constrained utilisation for Huntstown 1 was 5.7% (2015 – constrained off 2.7%).

Huntstown 2 unconstrained utilisation for First Quarter 2016 was 1.5% (2015 – 35.7%). The incremental impact of constrained utilisation for Huntstown 1 was 50.4% (2015 – 8.5%).

Non-residential electricity customer numbers reduced to 55,000 at 30 June 2015 (31 March 2015 – 56,500) reflecting competition in the market. Non-residential gas customer numbers were 5,300 at 30 June 2015 (31 March 2015 – 4,800).

Residential electricity and gas customers increased to 63,200 at 30 June 2015 (31 March 2015 – 56,000).

Total electricity sales volumes were 1.1TWh for First Quarter 2016 (2015 - 1.2TWh) reflecting the reduction in non-residential customer numbers partly offset by growth in the residential market. Total gas sales volumes were 17.3m therms for First Quarter 2016 (2015 – 13.1m therms) reflecting growth in both the residential and non-residential markets.

## Energia Group (continued)

### Renewable portfolio

Energia Group's renewable portfolio primarily consists of offtake contracts with third party-owned windfarms (including wind generation assets in which the Group has an equity interest) and a development pipeline of windfarm projects owned by the Energia Group.

**Offtake contracts**<sup>1</sup> - Energia has entered into contracts with developers under which it has agreed to purchase the long term output of a number of windfarm projects and with generators from other renewable sources as shown below:

MW	Operating	Under construction	In development	Total
NI	329	-	49	378
Rol	464	95	18	577
	<b>793</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>955</b>

The average contracted renewable generation capacity in operation during the period was 793MW (2015 - 689MW) with 30 June 2015 capacity increasing to 793MW (31 March 2015 - 778MW).

During the First Quarter 2016 the operating capacity under contract in Northern Ireland increased to 329MW (31 March 2015 – 326MW) and the Rol operating capacity increased to 464MW (31 March 2015 – 452MW) as new windfarms were commissioned. 95MW of contracted capacity in the Rol relates to windfarms which are currently under construction. The windfarms being developed (67MW) are expected to become operational in the next three years. Energia is aiming to negotiate further contracts with windfarm developers and generators from other renewable sources in both Northern Ireland and the Rol.

**Direct investment** – The Group currently owns windfarm projects with the following forecast generation capacity as at 30 June 2015:

MW	Operating	Under construction	In development	Total
NI	25	-	34	59
Rol	9	95	-	104
	<b>34</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>163</b>

At 30 June 2015 the Energia Group has a direct investment in 9MW (31 March 2015 – 9MW) of operating wind generation capacity in the Rol and 25MW (31 March 2015 – 20MW) of operating wind generation capacity in Northern Ireland including 5MW which was commissioned in May 2015. The Energia Group also has a direct investment in 95MW of windfarm capacity in the Rol which is under construction and 34MW of fully-consented in-development windfarm capacity in Northern Ireland.

In July and August 2015 the Energia Group completed the acquisition of three additional fully consented wind farm development projects in Northern Ireland with a combined capacity of 38MW for a total consideration of £13.5m including contingent consideration of £1.8m.

The Energia Group also has a further pipeline of projects (43MW) which are in various stages of obtaining planning permission and grid connections.

In April 2015 non-recourse project finance facilities of up to €122.7m were put in place in respect of a 95MW windfarm project in the Rol for which construction has commenced and commissioning is expected in the next two years.

The Energia Group also retains a minority share of 25% in the Rol windfarm projects and 20% in the Northern Ireland windfarm projects of which a majority was sold to the Irish Infrastructure Fund in June 2012.

<sup>1</sup> Numbers include offtake contracts between Energia and direct investment windfarms

**Power NI**

<i>KPI</i>	<b>First Quarter 2016</b>	First Quarter 2015	Year end 31 March 2015
Stage 2 complaints to the Consumer Council (number)	<b>2</b>	3	4
Customers (number)			
- Residential	<b>536,000</b>	559,000	545,000
- Non-residential	<b>37,000</b>	37,000	37,000
	<b>573,000</b>	596,000	582,000
Electricity sales (TWh)	<b>0.6</b>	0.7	3.0

During the First Quarter 2016 Power NI received 2 (2015 – 3) Stage 2 complaints.

Residential customer numbers decreased slightly to 536,000 at 30 June 2015 (31 March 2015 – 545,000). Non-residential customer numbers remained at 37,000 (31 March 2015 – 37,000).

Electricity sales were 0.6TWh (2015 – 0.7TWh).

**PPB**

As at 30 June 2015 the generation capacity remaining under contract to PPB comprised 600MW at Ballylumford (31 March 2015 – 600MW).

On 1 July 2015 the Utility Regulator published its final determination for a new price control. The final determination is unchanged from the draft proposals published on 2 April 2015. The price control is for a two year period with an option to extend to September 2018.

## **Regulation Update**

### **Single Electricity Market**

The detailed market design phase of the project is ongoing and in its latest Project Plan Quarterly Update, published on 11 August 2015, the SEM Committee reconfirmed that the project remains on track for go-live in Q4 2017.

### **Proposed capacity pot for calendar year 2016**

On 11 May 2015 the Regulatory Authorities (RAs) published their consultation paper on the proposed capacity pot to be available for calendar year 2016. Principally as a result of a lower cost of capital used for the best new entrant component of the calculation, the proposed capacity pot for calendar year 2016 is €463.1m and represents a 19% decrease over the calendar year 2015 capacity pot of €574.2m. In June 2015 Energia made a comprehensive response to the consultation paper and await the RAs final decision which is expected shortly.

### **End of ROC support for onshore wind**

On 18 June 2015, the Department of Energy & Climate Change (DECC) announced the UK Government's intention to end ROC support for new onshore wind farms across Great Britain from 1 April 2016, one year earlier than previously planned. In NI the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI) announced that NI would not follow the UK Government's policy to close the existing support early, however to date the appropriate legislation has not yet been passed by the NI Assembly.

### **Removal of Levy Exemption Certificates for Climate Change Levy exemption**

On 8 July 2015, the UK Government announced the end of Levy Exemption Certificates (LECs) attaching to electricity generated from renewable sources with effect from 1 August 2015. Previously LECs had been used to provide exemption from the Climate Change Levy (CCL) borne by UK business customers. A transition period commenced on 1 August 2015 during which electricity suppliers are able to continue to exempt renewable source electricity generated prior to that date.



## Summary of Financial Performance

### Revenue

Revenue from continuing operations decreased to £323.4m (2015 - £336.3m). The breakdown by business is as follows:

	First Quarter 2016 £m	First Quarter 2015 £m	Year end 31 March 2015 £m
Energia Group (excluding renewable assets)	202.0	202.8	893.3
Energia renewable assets	1.5	0.4	3.6
Power NI (based on regulated entitlement)	85.4	96.4	420.0
PPB (based on regulated entitlement)	30.3	27.1	121.0
Adjustment for over-recovery	7.6	10.9	30.2
Inter business elimination	(3.4)	(1.3)	(7.0)
Total revenue from continuing operations	<u>323.4</u>	<u>336.3</u>	<u>1,461.1</u>

Energia Group revenue (excluding renewable assets) decreased to £202.0m (2015 - £202.8m) primarily reflecting lower non-residential electricity sales volumes and prices (associated with lower gas prices), the adverse impact of foreign exchange translation (with the strengthening of Sterling to Euro compared to last year), partially offset by higher renewable PPA revenues (associated with higher ROC sales and higher average wind output associated with higher wind factors and higher contracted capacity partly offset by lower market prices), higher residential and non-residential gas sales volumes and higher residential electricity sales volumes.

Energia renewable assets revenue increased to £1.5m (2015 - £0.4m) reflecting the commissioning of new windfarms in December 2014 and May 2015.

Power NI revenue (based on regulated entitlement) decreased to £85.4m (2015 - £96.4m) primarily due to the reduction in residential customer numbers, lower consumption per customer and the 9.2% reduction in tariffs effective 1 April 2015.

PPB revenue (based on regulated entitlement) increased to £30.3m (2015 - £27.1m) primarily due to higher utilisation of the Ballylumford plant.

During the First Quarter 2016 the Power NI Energy regulated businesses over-recovered against their regulated entitlement by £7.6m (2015 – over-recovered by £10.9m) and at 30 June 2015 the cumulative over-recovery against regulated entitlement was £18.6m. The over-recovery of regulated entitlement reflects the phasing of tariffs.

### Operating costs

Operating costs (pre exceptional items and certain remeasurements) decreased to £299.6m (2015 - £307.1m) and include energy costs, employee costs, depreciation and amortisation and other operating charges.

Energy costs include the cost of wholesale energy purchases from the SEM pool, capacity payments made to the SEM, the cost of natural gas and fixed and variable natural gas capacity costs for the Huntstown plants, emissions costs, use of system charges and costs for third party renewable PPAs. Energy costs decreased to £276.4m (2015 - £284.2m) primarily reflecting the impact of foreign exchange translation (with the strengthening of Sterling to Euro compared to last year) together with lower wholesale energy costs (associated with lower gas prices) partly offset by higher renewable PPA costs (associated with higher average wind output) and higher Energia residential electricity and gas sales.

Employee costs include salaries, social security costs and pension costs. Employee costs decreased to £5.4m (2015 – £5.5m) reflecting the favourable impact of foreign exchange translation (with the strengthening of Sterling to Euro compared to last year).

Depreciation and amortisation increased to £5.1m (2015 – £4.9m) primarily due to the depreciation of renewable wind farms assets which became operational in December 2014 and May 2015 partly offset by the favourable impact of foreign exchange translation (with the strengthening of Sterling to Euro compared to last year).

### Operating costs (continued)

Other operating charges include costs such as operating and maintenance costs, insurance, local business taxes, consultancy, marketing, licence fees and IT services. Other operating charges increased to £12.7m (2015 - £12.5m) primarily due to higher costs associated with Energia's growth in the RoI residential market partly offset by the impact of foreign exchange translation (with the strengthening of Sterling to Euro compared to last year) together with lower plant maintenance costs.

### Group operating profit

Operating profit (pre exceptional items and certain remeasurements) decreased to £23.8m (2015 - £29.2m) reflecting an decrease in Energia Group (excluding renewable assets) operating profit together with a decrease in the over-recovery of regulated entitlement.

	<b>First Quarter 2016 £m</b>	First Quarter 2015 £m	Year end 31 March 2015 £m
Energia Group (excluding renewable assets)	9.4	11.2	45.9
Energia renewable assets	-	0.1	1.6
Power NI	6.7	6.3	26.0
PPB	0.8	1.3	6.4
Other	(0.7)	(0.6)	(2.8)
<b>Group pro-forma operating profit</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>77.1</b>
Over-recovery of regulated entitlement	7.6	10.9	30.2
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>107.3</b>

*All of the above amounts are pre exceptional items and certain remeasurements as shown in note 2 to the accounts*

Group pro-forma operating profit (pre exceptional items and certain remeasurements) for First Quarter 2016 decreased to £16.2m (2015 - £18.3m) primarily reflecting a decrease in Energia Group (excluding operating profit from renewable windfarm assets) operating profit.

Energia Group operating profit (excluding operating profit from renewable windfarm assets) decreased to £9.4m (2015 - £11.2m) reflecting the decrease in EBITDA outlined previously.

Energia renewable assets operating profit decreased to £nil (2015 - £0.1m) reflecting an increase in the depreciation charge associated with the commissioning of new windfarms in December 2014 and May 2015 partly offset by the increase in EBITDA outlined previously.

Power NI operating profit increased to £6.7m (2015 - £6.3m) primarily reflecting the increase in EBITDA outlined previously.

PPB operating profit decreased to £0.8m (2015 - £1.3m) reflecting the decrease in EBITDA outlined previously.

### Exceptional items and certain remeasurements

Certain remeasurements include a £0.7m loss on the recognition of the fair value movements of derivatives (2015 - £5.1m loss) as outlined in note 4 to the accounts.

### Net finance costs

Net finance costs (pre exceptional items and certain remeasurements) decreased from £21.4m to £18.5m primarily reflecting lower interest cost of the Senior secured notes as a result of the refinancing in February 2015 and lower interest cost on the subordinated shareholder loan reflecting the part repayment of principal in March 2015 partly offset by an increase in foreign exchange translation losses associated with the strengthening of sterling to Euro during the period.

### Tax credit

The total tax charge (pre exceptional items and certain remeasurements) was £1.1m (2015 – credit of £2.7m).

Cash flow before acquisitions, disposals, interest and tax

Group cash flow before acquisitions, disposals, interest and tax is summarised in the following table:

	First Quarter 2016 £m	First Quarter 2015 £m	Year end 31 March 2015 £m
<b>Group pro-forma EBITDA</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>21.3</b>	23.2	97.5
Defined benefit pension charge less contributions paid	(1.0)	-	(0.5)
Net movement in security deposits	0.3	(3.4)	-
Changes in working capital <sup>(2)</sup>	6.3	(0.1)	6.8
Over-recovery of regulated entitlement	7.6	10.9	30.2
Foreign exchange translation	(0.5)	(0.3)	(2.9)
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>34.0</b>	30.3	131.1
Net capital expenditure <sup>(3)</sup>	(14.1)	(6.2)	(30.7)
Proceeds from sale and purchases of other intangibles	(5.2)	(3.8)	(8.4)
<b>Cash flow before acquisitions, disposals, interest and tax</b>	<b>14.7</b>	20.3	92.0

(1) Includes EBITDA of renewable windfarm assets of £0.6m (2015 - £0.2m); year ended 31 March 2015 £2.8m

(2) Includes changes in working capital of renewable windfarm assets of £0.6m increase (2015 – £0.9m increase); year ended 31 March 2015 £2.0m increase

(3) Includes capital expenditure on renewable windfarm assets of £13.6m (2015 - £5.6m); year ended 31 March 2015 £28.1m and software expenditure of £0.3m (2015 - £0.4m); year ended 31 March 2015 £1.1m

Group cash flow from operating activities increased to £34.0m (2015 - £30.3m) primarily reflecting a decrease in working capital of £6.3m (2015 – increase of £0.1m) and a cash inflow from security deposits £0.3m (2015 – outflow of £3.4m) partly offset by a lower over-recovery of regulated entitlement of £7.6m (2015 – £10.9m) and the decrease in Group pro-forma EBITDA of £21.8m (2015 - £23.2m).

Net movement in security deposits

The net movement in security deposits was an inflow of £0.3m (2015 – outflow of £3.4m). As at 30 June 2015 there were £2.1m of security deposits in place.

Changes in working capital

Working capital consists of inventories plus trade and other receivables (primarily retail energy sales including unbilled consumption, wholesale energy income, capacity payment income and ROC sales), prepayments and accrued income less trade and other creditors (primarily wholesale energy costs, capacity payments, natural gas and fixed natural gas capacity costs, renewable PPA costs, ROC costs, emission costs and use of system charges), payments received on account, accruals and tax and social security.

Working capital decreased by £6.3m (2015 – increase of £0.1m) due to a reduction in the working capital requirements of Power NI and PPB and partly offset by an increase in the working capital requirements of the Energia Group (excluding renewable assets), Energia renewable assets and other Viridian holding companies.

Energia Group working capital (excluding changes in the working capital of renewable windfarm assets) increased by £2.9m (2015 – increase of £1.3m) primarily due to a reduction in trade creditors and accruals (reflecting lower market prices and volumes, lower gas prices and lower wind output in June 2015 compared to March 2015) partly offset by a reduction in trade debtors and accrued income (due to lower market prices together with lower sales prices and a seasonal reduction in electricity and gas sales volumes).

Energia renewable assets working capital increased by £0.6m (2015 - £0.9m increase) due to timing differences in relation to VAT debtors.

Working capital at Power NI decreased by £9.8m (2015 - decrease of £12.1m) primarily due to lower Power NI trade debtors (net of payments on account) and accrued income (primarily reflecting the seasonal reduction in sales volumes, lower customer numbers and the reduction in tariffs from April 2015) together with an increase in the ROC creditors (reflecting a higher obligation rate) partly offset by a reduction in trade creditors and accruals (reflecting the seasonal reduction in sales volumes).

### *Changes in working capital (continued)*

Working capital at PPB decreased by £0.3m (2015 - increase of £6.1m) primarily due to an increase in trade creditors and accruals (primarily reflecting higher running of the Ballylumford plant in June 2015 compared to March 2015) partly offset by higher accrued income (reflecting higher Ballylumford plant output in June 2015 compared to March 2015).

Working capital at other Viridian holding companies increased by £0.3m (2015 – decrease of £3.9m).

### *Over-recovery of regulated entitlement*

As noted previously the regulated businesses of Power NI and PPB over-recovered against their regulated entitlement by £7.6m (2015 – £10.9m) and at 30 June 2015 the cumulative over-recovery against regulated entitlement was £18.6m. The over-recovery of regulated entitlement reflects the phasing of tariffs.

### *Capital expenditure*

Net capital expenditure in respect of tangible fixed assets and intangible software assets increased to £14.1m (2015 - £6.2m). Excluding capital expenditure on renewable wind farm assets of £13.6m (2015 - £5.6m), net capital expenditure decreased to £0.5m (2015 - £0.6m).

Net capital expenditure at Energia Group (excluding capital expenditure on renewable windfarm assets) decreased to £0.4m (2015 - £0.5m).

Net capital expenditure on renewable wind farm assets increased to £13.6m (2015 - £5.6m) primarily reflecting the ongoing construction of a 95MW windfarm in the RoI.

Net capital expenditure at Power NI was £nil (2015 - £nil).

Net capital expenditure at other Group companies was £0.1m (2015 - £0.1m).

## **Other cash flows**

### *Net interest paid*

Net interest paid (excluding premium on redemption of Senior secured notes and exceptional finance costs) decreased to £1.0m (2015 - £1.6m).

### *Dividends*

Equity dividends paid in First Quarter 2016 were £nil (2015 - £nil).

## **Net debt**

The Group's net debt decreased by £6.4m from £587.1m at 31 March 2015 to £580.7m at 30 June 2015 primarily reflecting the cash flows noted above.

Net debt at 30 June 2015 includes project finance net debt of £39.0m (31 March 2015 - £18.7m). Excluding project financed net debt, net debt was £541.7m (31 March 2015 - £553.9m).

## **Defined benefit pension liability**

The pension liability in the Group's defined benefit scheme under IAS 19 decreased to £nil at 30 June 2015 (31 March 2015 – £0.8m).

## Treasury

The Group's treasury function manages liquidity, funding, investment and the Group's financial risk, including risk from volatility in currency, interest rates, commodity prices and counterparty credit risk. The treasury function's objective is to manage risk at optimum cost in line with Group policies and procedures approved by the Board. The treasury function employs a continuous forecasting and monitoring process to manage risk and to ensure that the Group complies with its financial and operating covenants.

An analysis of the Group's net debt is as follows:

	<b>First Quarter 2016 £m</b>	First Quarter 2015 £m	Year end 31 March 2015 £m
Investments	1.4	1.4	1.4
Cash and cash equivalents	81.5	46.9	68.7
Senior secured notes (2020)	(416.6)	-	(425.2)
Senior secured notes (2017)	-	(337.5)	-
Subordinated shareholder loan	(364.4)	(396.1)	(356.9)
Junior bank facility asset	169.0	146.9	162.6
Interest accruals – Senior secured notes	(12.0)	(10.3)	(4.1)
Other interest accruals	(0.9)	(1.1)	(0.6)
Amounts due from fellow subsidiary	0.3	-	0.2
<b>Net debt excluding project finance facilities</b>	<b>(541.7)</b>	<b>(549.8)</b>	<b>(553.9)</b>
Project finance cash	9.5	3.2	3.8
Project finance bank facility (RoI)	(18.4)	(10.4)	(9.1)
Project finance bank facility (NI)	(29.6)	(11.3)	(27.9)
Project finance interest accruals	(0.5)	(0.2)	-
<b>Net debt</b>	<b>(580.7)</b>	<b>(568.5)</b>	<b>(587.1)</b>

The Group is financed through a combination of retained earnings, medium term bond issuance and both medium term and long term bank facilities. A summary of the Group's net debt is set out above and in note 15. Liquidity, including short term working capital requirements, is managed through committed Senior revolving credit bank facilities together with available cash resources.

Viridian continues to assess a number of debt and equity capital market options in order to manage its balance sheet efficiently and support the Group's future growth plans.

In April 2015 non-recourse project finance facilities of up to €122.7m were put in place in respect of a wind farm in the RoI. It is intended that future wind farm projects will also be financed on a non-recourse basis.

The Group can have significant movements in its liquidity position due to working capital variations such as the movements in commodity prices, the seasonal nature of the business and regulatory over-recoveries. Short term liquidity is reviewed daily by the treasury function and Group cash forecasts, covering a rolling two year period, are reviewed monthly. This monitoring includes reviewing the minimum EBITDA financial covenant, required to be reported quarterly under the Senior revolving credit facility, to ensure sufficient headroom is maintained. The project financed facilities have one main covenant, a debt service cover ratio, which measures available cash against the debt service requirements on a historic annual basis.

At 30 June 2015, the Group had letters of credit issued out of the Senior revolving credit facility of £100.6m resulting in undrawn committed facilities of £124.4m (31 March 2015 - £111.6m). Cash drawings under the Senior revolving credit facility at 30 June 2015 were £nil (31 March 2015 - £nil).

During the period the Group has met all required financial covenants in the Senior revolving credit facility and project finance loans.

In June 2015 the Group put in place €150.0m foreign exchange forward contracts to hedge the foreign exchange risk on the Euro denominated Senior secured notes associated with the forecast sterling cash generation of the Group.

### Treasury (continued)

There have been no significant changes in the Group's exposure to interest rate, foreign currency, commodity and credit risks. A discussion of these risks can be found in the Risk Management and Principal Risks and Uncertainties section of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015.

The Group has not designated a hedging relationship between the Euro-denominated assets on the Group's balance sheet and the Group's Euro borrowings in the current year.

**CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**  
for the period ended 30 June 2015

		Results before exceptional items and certain re- measurements First Quarter 2016 £m	Exceptional items and certain re- measurements (note 4) First Quarter 2016 £m	Total First Quarter 2016 £m	Results before exceptional items and certain re- measurements First Quarter 2015 £m	Exceptional items and certain re- measurements (note 4) First Quarter 2015 £m	Total First Quarter 2015 £m	Results before exceptional items certain re- measurements Year ended 31 March 2015 £m	Exceptional items and certain re- measurements (note 4) Year ended 31 March 2015 £m	Total Year ended 31 March 2015 £m
<b>Continuing operations</b>	<b>Notes</b>									
Revenue	2	323.4	-	323.4	336.3	-	336.3	1,461.1	-	1,461.1
Operating costs	3	(299.6)	0.6	(299.0)	(307.1)	(2.8)	(309.9)	(1,353.8)	4.9	(1,348.9)
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>	2	<b>23.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>24.4</b>	29.2	(2.8)	26.4	107.3	4.9	112.2
Finance costs	5	(26.4)	(1.3)	(27.7)	(28.6)	(2.3)	(30.9)	(125.0)	(27.5)	(152.5)
Finance income	5	7.9	-	7.9	7.2	-	7.2	28.2	-	28.2
Net finance cost		(18.5)	(1.3)	(19.8)	(21.4)	(2.3)	(23.7)	(96.8)	(27.5)	(124.3)
Share of loss in associates		(0.3)	-	(0.3)	(0.5)	-	(0.5)	(0.9)	-	(0.9)
Profit/(loss) before tax		5.0	(0.7)	4.3	7.3	(5.1)	2.2	9.6	(22.6)	(13.0)
Taxation	6	(1.1)	(0.1)	(1.2)	2.7	0.3	3.0	2.7	0.1	2.8
<b>Profit/(loss) for the period</b>		<b>3.9</b>	<b>(0.8)</b>	<b>3.1</b>	10.0	(4.8)	5.2	12.3	(22.5)	(10.2)

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
for the period ended 30 June 2015

	<b>First Quarter 2016 £m</b>	First Quarter 2015 £m	Year ended 31 March 2015 £m
<b>Profit/(loss) for the period</b>	<b>3.1</b>	5.2	(10.2)
<b>Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	<b>7.0</b>	11.2	(14.4)
(Loss)/gain on net investment hedging instruments	-	(10.8)	16.1
Net gain on net investment hedge	<b>7.0</b>	0.4	1.7
Net gain/(loss) on cash flow hedges	<b>1.5</b>	(5.8)	(14.2)
Transferred loss from equity to income statement on cash flow hedges	<b>1.6</b>	4.7	13.7
Share of associates net gain/(loss) on cash flow hedges	<b>0.3</b>	(0.1)	(0.5)
Income tax effect	<b>(0.1)</b>	0.2	0.4
	<b>3.3</b>	(1.0)	(0.6)
	<b>10.3</b>	(0.6)	1.1
<b>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:</b>			
Remeasurement loss on defined benefit scheme	<b>(0.2)</b>	(0.1)	(0.4)
Income tax effect	-	-	0.2
	<b>(0.2)</b>	(0.1)	(0.2)
<b>Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the period, net of taxation</b>	<b>10.1</b>	(0.7)	0.9
<b>Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the period</b>	<b>13.2</b>	4.5	(9.3)



**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
as at 30 June 2015

**ASSETS**

	Notes	30 June 2015 £m	30 June 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
<b>Non-current assets:</b>				
Property, plant and equipment		263.9	266.6	257.4
Intangible assets		521.8	502.6	515.4
Investment in associates		6.1	6.6	6.1
Derivative financial instruments	13	3.2	0.5	0.6
Other non-current financial assets	8	169.5	147.5	163.2
Deferred tax assets		17.4	17.2	17.5
		<u>981.9</u>	<u>941.0</u>	<u>960.2</u>
<b>Current assets:</b>				
Inventories		4.2	4.8	4.3
Trade and other receivables	9	130.8	147.3	161.3
Derivative financial instruments	13	7.1	8.2	8.6
Other current financial assets	8	3.5	7.2	3.8
Cash and cash equivalents	10	91.0	50.1	72.5
		<u>236.6</u>	<u>217.6</u>	<u>250.5</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>1,218.5</u>	<u>1,158.6</u>	<u>1,210.7</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Current liabilities:</b>				
Trade and other payables	11	(212.5)	(202.5)	(235.3)
Income tax payable		(2.2)	(1.7)	(1.1)
Financial liabilities	12	(16.5)	(12.4)	(7.7)
Derivative financial instruments	13	(9.7)	(22.7)	(10.9)
Deferred income		(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.3)
		<u>(241.2)</u>	<u>(239.5)</u>	<u>(255.3)</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities:</b>				
Financial liabilities	12	(827.6)	(756.2)	(817.8)
Derivative financial instruments	13	(4.7)	(15.5)	(4.8)
Deferred income		(0.3)	(0.6)	(0.3)
Net employee defined benefit liabilities		-	(1.1)	(0.8)
Deferred tax liabilities		(12.9)	(12.9)	(13.0)
Provisions		(11.2)	(11.6)	(11.3)
		<u>(856.7)</u>	<u>(797.9)</u>	<u>(848.0)</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>(1,097.9)</u>	<u>(1,037.4)</u>	<u>(1,103.3)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>120.6</u>	<u>121.2</u>	<u>107.4</u>
<b>Equity</b>				
Share capital		-	-	-
Share premium		510.0	510.0	510.0
Retained earnings		(510.7)	(498.1)	(513.6)
Capital contribution reserve		115.2	115.2	115.2
Hedge reserve		(3.3)	(7.0)	(6.6)
Foreign currency translation reserve		9.4	1.1	2.4
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>120.6</u>	<u>121.2</u>	<u>107.4</u>

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of directors and authorised for issue on 25 August 2015.

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
for the period ended 30 June 2015

	Share capital £m	Share premium £m	Retained earnings £m	Capital contribution reserve £m	Hedge reserve £m	Foreign currency translation reserve £m	Total equity £m
<b>At 1 April 2014</b>	-	<b>510.0</b>	<b>(503.2)</b>	<b>115.2</b>	<b>(6.0)</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>116.7</b>
Profit for the period	-	-	5.2	-	-	-	5.2
Other comprehensive (expense)/income	-	-	(0.1)	-	(1.0)	0.4	(0.7)
<i>Total comprehensive income/(expense)</i>	-	-	5.1	-	(1.0)	0.4	4.5
<b>At 30 June 2014</b>	-	<b>510.0</b>	<b>(498.1)</b>	<b>115.2</b>	<b>(7.0)</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>121.2</b>
<b>At 1 April 2014</b>	-	<b>510.0</b>	<b>(503.2)</b>	<b>115.2</b>	<b>(6.0)</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>116.7</b>
Loss for the year	-	-	(10.2)	-	-	-	(10.2)
Other comprehensive (expense)/income	-	-	(0.2)	-	(0.6)	1.7	0.9
<i>Total comprehensive (expense)/income</i>	-	-	(10.4)	-	(0.6)	1.7	9.7
<b>At 31 March 2015</b>	-	<b>510.0</b>	<b>(513.6)</b>	<b>115.2</b>	<b>(6.6)</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>107.4</b>
Profit for the period	-	-	3.1	-	-	-	3.1
Other comprehensive (expense)/income	-	-	(0.2)	-	3.3	7.0	10.1
<i>Total comprehensive income</i>	-	-	2.9	-	3.3	7.0	13.2
<b>At 30 June 2015</b>	-	<b>510.0</b>	<b>(510.7)</b>	<b>115.2</b>	<b>(3.3)</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>120.6</b>

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
for the period ended 30 June 2015

	Notes	First Quarter 2016 £m	First Quarter 2015 £m	Year ended 31 March 2015 £m
<b>Cash generated from operations before working capital movements</b>	14	<b>27.9</b>	34.1	127.2
<i>Working capital adjustments:</i>				
Decrease in inventories		0.1	0.2	0.8
Decrease in trade and other receivables		30.5	33.4	19.4
Decrease/(increase) in security deposits		0.3	(3.4)	-
Decrease in trade and other payables		(24.3)	(33.7)	(13.4)
Effects of foreign exchange		(0.5)	(0.3)	(2.9)
		<b>34.0</b>	30.3	131.1
Interest received		-	0.1	0.2
Interest paid		(1.0)	(1.7)	(49.1)
Exceptional finance costs		-	-	(23.0)
Note redemption premium		-	-	(1.2)
		<b>(1.0)</b>	(1.6)	(73.1)
Income tax (paid)/received		-	(0.1)	0.4
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>		<b>33.0</b>	28.6	58.4
<b>Investing activities</b>				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(13.8)	(5.8)	(29.6)
Purchase of intangible assets		(15.1)	(7.6)	(44.7)
Proceeds from sale of intangible assets		9.6	3.4	35.2
Disposal of subsidiary, net of cash disposed		(0.1)	-	(0.2)
Dividends received from associates		0.2	0.5	0.5
Interest received from associates		0.1	0.2	0.3
Acquisition of subsidiary		-	(0.5)	(0.5)
<b>Net cash flows used in investing activities</b>		<b>(19.1)</b>	(9.8)	(39.0)
<b>Financing activities</b>				
Proceeds from issue of borrowings		16.7	5.9	466.5
Repayment of borrowings		(4.7)	-	(429.4)
Issue costs of new long term loans		(6.7)	(0.4)	(8.2)
<b>Net cash flows from financing activities</b>		<b>5.3</b>	5.5	28.9
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>19.2</b>	24.3	48.3
Net foreign exchange difference		(0.7)	(0.5)	(2.1)
Cash and cash equivalents at period start	10	72.5	26.3	26.3
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at period end</b>	10	<b>91.0</b>	50.1	72.5

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting as adopted by the European Union.

The accounting policies applied by the Group in these condensed interim consolidated financial statements are the same as those applied by the Group in its consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015.

A number of new European Union endorsed standards and amendments to existing standards are effective for periods beginning on or after 1 April 2015. However, none of these have a material, if any, impact on the annual or condensed interim consolidated financial statements of the Group in 2015/16.

2. SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on its products and services and has four reportable segments, as follows:

- the Energia Group (excluding renewable assets) operates as a vertically integrated energy business consisting of competitive electricity and gas supply to domestic and business customers in the RoI and to business customers in Northern Ireland through Energia, its retail supply business, backed by electricity generation from its two Huntstown CCGT plants, and long term PPAs with third-party renewable generators (including wind generation assets in which the Group has an equity interest);
- Energia renewable assets comprises generation from wholly owned wind generation assets;
- Power NI is the regulated electricity supplier in Northern Ireland; and
- PPB is a regulated business which administers the contracted generation capacity from the Ballylumford power station in Northern Ireland under legacy generating unit agreements which were originally established in 1992 when the Northern Ireland electricity industry was restructured.

Reflecting the Group's continued growth in the renewables sector, the Energia renewable assets business unit has been identified as a separate reportable segment in the current year. This business unit was previously included within the Energia Group reportable segment. Comparative segmental information has been restated reflecting this change.

The Group Board monitors the operating results of its business units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. The measure of profit used by the Group Board is pro-forma EBITDA which is before exceptional items and certain remeasurements (arising from certain commodity, interest rate and currency contracts which are not designated in hedge accounting relationships) and based on regulated entitlement (whereby the adjustment for (under)/over-recovery outlined in the segmental analysis below represents the amount by which the regulated businesses (under)/over-recovered against their regulated entitlement). The Group also monitors revenue on a regulated entitlement basis.

(a) Revenue by segment

	<b>First Quarter 2016 £m</b>	First Quarter 2015 £m	Year ended 31 March 2015 £m
Energia Group (excluding renewable assets)	<b>202.0</b>	202.8	893.3
Energia renewable assets	<b>1.5</b>	0.4	3.6
Power NI	<b>85.4</b>	96.4	420.0
PPB	<b>30.3</b>	27.1	121.0
Inter-group eliminations	<b>(3.4)</b>	(1.3)	(7.0)
<b>Group</b>	<b>315.8</b>	325.4	1,430.9
Adjustment for over-recovery	<b>7.6</b>	10.9	30.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>323.4</b>	336.3	1,461.1

The adjustment for over-recovery represents the amount by which the regulated businesses over-recovered against their regulated entitlement.

## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 2. SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS (continued)

#### (b) Operating Profit

	First Quarter 2016 £m	First Quarter 2015 £m	Year ended 31 March 2015 £m
<b>Segment Pro-Forma EBITDA</b>			
Energia Group (excluding renewable assets)	13.2	15.3	62.3
Energia renewable assets	0.6	0.2	2.8
Power NI	7.3	7.0	28.6
PPB	0.8	1.3	6.4
Other	(0.6)	(0.6)	(2.6)
<b>Group Pro-Forma EBITDA</b>	<b>21.3</b>	23.2	97.5
Adjustment for over-recovery	7.6	10.9	30.2
<b>Group EBITDA</b>	<b>28.9</b>	34.1	127.7
<b>Depreciation/amortisation</b>			
Energia Group (excluding renewable assets)	(3.8)	(4.1)	(16.4)
Energia renewable assets	(0.6)	(0.1)	(1.2)
Power NI	(0.6)	(0.7)	(2.6)
Other	(0.1)	-	(0.2)
<b>Group depreciation and amortisation</b>	<b>(5.1)</b>	(4.9)	(20.4)
<b>Operating profit pre exceptional items and certain remeasurements</b>			
Energia Group (excluding renewable assets)	9.4	11.2	45.9
Energia renewable assets	-	0.1	1.6
Power NI	6.7	6.3	26.0
PPB	0.8	1.3	6.4
Other	(0.7)	(0.6)	(2.8)
<b>Group Pro-Forma operating profit</b>	<b>16.2</b>	18.3	77.1
Adjustment for over-recovery	7.6	10.9	30.2
<b>Operating profit pre exceptional items and certain remeasurements</b>	<b>23.8</b>	29.2	107.3
<b>Exceptional items and certain remeasurements</b>			
Energia Group	0.6	(2.8)	4.9
<b>Group operating profit post-exceptional items and certain remeasurements</b>	<b>24.4</b>	26.4	112.2
Finance cost	(27.7)	(30.9)	(152.5)
Finance income	7.9	7.2	28.2
	(19.8)	(23.7)	(124.3)
Share of loss in associates	(0.3)	(0.5)	(0.9)
<b>Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax</b>	<b>4.3</b>	2.2	(13.0)

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### 3. OPERATING COSTS

	First Quarter 2016 £m	First Quarter 2015 £m	Year ended 31 March 2015 £m
Operating costs are analysed as follows:			
Energy costs	276.4	284.2	1,269.3
Employee costs	5.4	5.5	23.8
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	5.1	4.9	20.4
Other operating charges	12.7	12.5	40.3
<b>Total pre exceptional items and certain remeasurements</b>	<b>299.6</b>	<b>307.1</b>	<b>1,353.8</b>
<i>Exceptional costs and certain remeasurements:</i>			
Energy costs	(0.6)	2.8	(4.9)
<b>Total exceptional costs and certain remeasurements</b>	<b>(0.6)</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>(4.9)</b>
<b>Total operating costs</b>	<b>299.0</b>	<b>309.9</b>	<b>1,348.9</b>

#### 3.1 Depreciation, amortisation and impairment

	First Quarter 2016 £m	First Quarter 2015 £m	Year ended 31 March 2015 £m
Depreciation	4.3	4.1	17.0
Release of contributions in respect of property plant & equipment	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.3)
Amortisation of intangible assets	0.9	0.9	3.7
	<b>5.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>20.4</b>

## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 4. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS AND CERTAIN REMEASUREMENTS

	First Quarter 2016 £m	First Quarter 2015 £m	Year ended 31 March 2015 £m
<b>Exceptional items in arriving at profit from continuing operations:</b>			
Exceptional finance costs <sup>1</sup>	-	-	(44.4)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(44.4)</u>
<b>Certain remeasurements in arriving at profit</b>			
Net profit/(loss) on derivatives at fair value through operating costs <sup>2</sup>	0.6	(2.8)	4.9
Net (loss)/profit on derivatives at fair value through finance costs <sup>3</sup>	(1.3)	(2.3)	16.9
	<u>(0.7)</u>	<u>(5.1)</u>	<u>21.8</u>
<b>Exceptional items and certain remeasurements before taxation</b>	<b>(0.7)</b>	(5.1)	(22.6)
Taxation on exceptional items and certain remeasurements	(0.1)	0.3	0.1
<b>Exceptional items and certain remeasurements after taxation</b>	<b>(0.8)</b>	<b>(4.8)</b>	<b>(22.5)</b>

<sup>1</sup> Exceptional finance costs of £44.4m in year ended 31 March 2015 relate to the refinancing of the Group on 13 February 2015 and primarily reflect bond make whole payments of £21.7m, accelerated amortisation of bond fees and original issue discount of £16.6m, arrangement fees associated with the revolving credit facility of £4.5m and other costs of £1.6m.

<sup>2</sup> Net profit on derivatives at fair value through operating costs of £0.6m (2015 - £2.8m loss) primarily relates to fair value movements in commodity swap contracts and foreign exchange forward contracts.

<sup>3</sup> Net loss on derivatives at fair value through finance costs of £1.3m (2015 - £2.3m) primarily relates to fair value movements in foreign exchange forward contracts associated with the Senior secured notes.

The tax credit in the profit and loss account relating to exceptional items and certain remeasurements is:

	First Quarter 2016 £m	First Quarter 2015 £m	Year ended 31 March 2015 £m
Exceptional finance costs	-	-	0.7
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	-	-	(0.6)
Fair valued derivatives through profit & loss	(0.1)	0.3	-
	<u>(0.1)</u>	<u>0.3</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(0.1)</u>	<u>0.3</u>	<u>0.1</u>

## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 5. FINANCE COSTS/INCOME

#### Finance Costs

	Results before exceptional items and certain remeasurements	Exceptional items and certain remeasurements	Total	Results before exceptional items and certain remeasurements	Exceptional items and certain remeasurements	Total	Results before exceptional items and certain remeasurements	Exceptional items and certain remeasurements	Total
	First Quarter 2016	First Quarter 2016	First Quarter 2016	First Quarter 2015	First Quarter 2015	First Quarter 2015	Year ended 31 March 2015	Year ended 31 March 2015	Year ended 31 March 2015
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Interest on external bank loans and borrowings	(1.8)	-	(1.8)	(1.6)	-	(1.6)	(6.9)	-	(6.9)
Interest on Senior secured notes	(8.1)	-	(8.1)	(10.8)	-	(10.8)	(40.7)	-	(40.7)
Interest payable to parent undertaking	(5.8)	-	(5.8)	(7.5)	-	(7.5)	(29.7)	-	(29.7)
<b>Total interest expense</b>	<b>(15.7)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(15.7)</b>	<b>(19.9)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(19.9)</b>	<b>(77.3)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(77.3)</b>
Amortisation of financing charges	(0.5)	-	(0.5)	(1.7)	-	(1.7)	(7.9)	(16.6)	(24.5)
Unwinding of discount on decommissioning provision	(0.1)	-	(0.1)	-	-	-	(0.3)	-	(0.3)
Unwinding of discount on shareholder loan	(6.4)	-	(6.4)	(5.6)	-	(5.6)	(22.4)	-	(22.4)
Other finance charges	(0.1)	-	(0.1)	-	-	-	-	(27.8)	(27.8)
<b>Total other finance charges</b>	<b>(7.1)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(7.1)</b>	<b>(7.3)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(7.3)</b>	<b>(30.6)</b>	<b>(44.4)</b>	<b>(75.0)</b>
Net exchange (loss)/ gain on net foreign currency borrowings	(4.0)	-	(4.0)	(1.7)	-	(1.7)	(18.4)	-	(18.4)
Net (loss)/gain on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	-	(1.3)	(1.3)	-	(2.3)	(2.3)	-	16.9	16.9
Less interest capitalised in qualifying asset	0.4	-	0.4	0.3	-	0.3	1.3	-	1.3
<b>Total finance costs</b>	<b>(26.4)</b>	<b>(1.3)</b>	<b>(27.7)</b>	<b>(28.6)</b>	<b>(2.3)</b>	<b>(30.9)</b>	<b>(125.0)</b>	<b>(27.5)</b>	<b>(152.5)</b>
<b>Finance income</b>									
Interest income on loan to an associate	0.2	-	0.2	0.2	-	0.2	0.9	-	0.9
Unwinding of discount on junior asset	7.6	-	7.6	6.9	-	6.9	27.1	-	27.1
Interest income on bank deposits	0.1	-	0.1	0.1	-	0.1	0.2	-	0.2
<b>Total finance income</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28.2</b>

The average capitalisation rate applied in determining the amount of borrowing costs to be capitalised in First Quarter 2016 was 5.2% (First Quarter 2015 – 5.4%).



## NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 6. INCOME TAX

The major components of the tax credit for the periods ended 30 June 2015, 30 June 2014 and 31 March 2015 are:

	Results before exceptional items and certain remeasure- ments First Quarter 2016 £m	Exceptional items and certain remeasure- ments First Quarter 2016 £m	Total First Quarter 2016 £m	Results before exceptional items and certain remeasure- ments First Quarter 2015 £m	Exceptional items and certain remeasure- ments First Quarter 2015 £m	Total First Quarter 2015 £m	Results before exceptional items and certain remeasure- ments Year ended 31 March 2015 £m	Exceptional items and certain remeasure- ments Year ended 31 March 2015 £m	Total Year ended 31 March 2015 £m
<b>Current tax:</b>									
Current tax (charge)/credit	(1.1)	(0.1)	(1.2)	(1.5)	0.3	(1.2)	(0.3)	0.1	(0.2)
Adjustments in respect of prior years	-	-	-	3.1	-	3.1	2.8	-	2.8
Total current tax (charge)/credit	(1.1)	(0.1)	(1.2)	1.6	0.3	1.9	2.5	0.1	2.6
<b>Deferred tax:</b>									
Adjustments in respect of current year	-	-	-	0.7	-	0.7	(0.4)	-	(0.4)
Adjustments in respect of prior years	-	-	-	0.4	-	0.4	0.6	-	0.6
Total deferred tax	-	-	-	1.1	-	1.1	0.2	-	0.2
<b>Total taxation (charge)/credit</b>	<b>(1.1)</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>	<b>(1.2)</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>

7. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

	<b>Capital additions to property, plant and equipment</b>		
	<b>First Quarter 2016</b>	First Quarter 2015	Year ended 31 March 2015
	£m	£m	£m
Energia Group (excluding renewable assets)	0.5	0.7	0.8
Energia renewable assets	15.2	6.2	32.9
Other	-	-	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>33.8</b>

	<b>Capital additions to intangible assets</b>		
	<b>First Quarter 2016</b>	First Quarter 2015	Year ended 31 March 2015
	£m	£m	£m
Energia Group (excluding renewable assets)	7.6	3.9	29.7
Energia renewable assets	1.8	-	-
Power NI	7.6	3.4	25.2
Other	0.2	0.2	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>55.3</b>

8. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

	<b>30 June 2015</b>	30 June 2014	31 March 2015
	£m	£m	£m
<i>Loans and receivables:</i>			
Security deposits	2.1	5.8	2.4
Short term managed funds	1.4	1.4	1.4
Total loans and receivables	3.5	7.2	3.8
<i>Financial instruments held to maturity:</i>			
Investment in parent undertaking's junior bank facility	169.0	146.9	162.6
Viridian Growth Fund	0.5	0.6	0.6
<b>Total other financial assets</b>	<b>173.0</b>	<b>154.7</b>	<b>167.0</b>
<b>Total non-current</b>	<b>169.5</b>	<b>147.5</b>	<b>163.2</b>
<b>Total current</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>3.8</b>

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### 9. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	<b>30 June 2015 £m</b>	30 June 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Trade receivables (including unbilled consumption)	<b>102.2</b>	121.7	131.7
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>25.4</b>	19.6	26.8
Other receivables	<b>2.9</b>	5.9	2.6
Amounts owed by fellow group undertaking	<b>0.3</b>	0.1	0.2
	<b><u>130.8</u></b>	<u>147.3</u>	<u>161.3</u>

### 10. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	<b>30 June 2015 £m</b>	30 June 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Cash at bank and on hand	<b>21.2</b>	22.4	24.9
Short-term bank deposits	<b>69.8</b>	27.7	47.6
	<b><u>91.0</u></b>	<u>50.1</u>	<u>72.5</u>

### 11. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	<b>30 June 2015 £m</b>	30 June 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
Trade creditors	<b>40.1</b>	36.0	42.8
Other creditors	<b>32.6</b>	28.0	30.5
Amounts owed to associate	<b>1.5</b>	1.6	2.4
Payments received on account	<b>29.0</b>	28.2	29.2
Tax and social security	<b>5.0</b>	2.0	6.6
Accruals	<b>104.3</b>	106.7	123.8
	<b><u>212.5</u></b>	<u>202.5</u>	<u>235.3</u>

12. FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

	30 June 2015 £m	30 June 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
<b>Current financial liabilities:</b>			
Senior secured notes interest payable	12.0	10.3	4.1
Other interest payable	0.9	1.1	0.6
Project financed bank facilities (Rol)	0.1	0.3	0.4
Project financed bank facilities (NI)	1.3	-	0.9
Project financed interest accruals	0.5	0.2	-
Contingent consideration	1.7	0.5	1.7
<b>Total current financial liabilities</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>7.7</b>
<b>Non-current financial liabilities:</b>			
Senior secured notes (2020)	416.6	-	425.2
Senior secured notes (2017)	-	337.5	-
Subordinated shareholder loan	364.4	396.1	356.9
Project financed bank facilities (NI)	28.3	11.3	27.0
Project financed bank facilities (Rol)	18.3	10.1	8.7
Contingent consideration	-	1.2	-
<b>Total non-current financial liabilities</b>	<b>827.6</b>	<b>756.2</b>	<b>817.8</b>
<b>Total current and non-current financial liabilities</b>	<b>844.1</b>	<b>768.6</b>	<b>825.5</b>

The Senior secured notes are denominated in Euro €600.0m (31 March 2015 - €600.0m) and interest, which is payable semi-annually, is charged at a fixed rate coupon of 7.5% (31 March 2015 – 7.5%). The Senior secured notes are repayable in one instalment on 1 March 2020.

In June 2015 the Group put in place €150.0m foreign exchange forward contracts to hedge the foreign exchange risk on the Euro denominated Senior secured notes associated with the forecast sterling cash generation of the Group.

The Senior secured notes includes an option for the period to 1 September 2017 to redeem annually up to 10% of the original principal at a redemption price of 103%.

Interest is charged under the Senior revolving credit facility at floating interest rates based on Libor and Euribor.

*Subordinated shareholder loan*

The loan payable to the parent undertaking is subordinated to the repayment of the Senior secured notes and the Senior revolving credit facility and becomes repayable on demand once all facilities to which it is subordinated are repaid. Of this loan £189.2m (31 March 2015 £182.8m; 30 June 2014 - £166.1m) is non-interest bearing and £175.2m (31 March 2015 £174.1m; 30 June 2014 - £230.0m) accrues interest at 13.5% on a payment in kind basis.

*Project financed bank facilities*

The project financed bank loan facilities are repayable in semi-annual instalments to 2031 and are secured on a non-recourse basis over the assets and shares of the specific project finance companies. Interest on the project finance bank loan facilities has been predominantly fixed through interest rate swaps resulting in an effective rate of interest of 6.00% on project financed bank facilities NI and 4.31% in the project financed bank facilities Rol.

13. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

**Derivative financial assets**

	<b>30 June 2015 £m</b>	30 June 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
<i>Derivatives at fair value through other comprehensive income</i>			
<b>Cash flow hedges:</b>			
Foreign exchange forward contracts	3.4	1.8	4.4
Commodity swap contracts	2.1	-	0.1
Interest rate swap contracts	2.5	-	-
<b>Total derivatives at fair value through other comprehensive income</b>	<b>8.0</b>	1.8	4.5
<i>Derivatives at fair value through profit and loss</i>			
<b>Derivatives not designated as hedges:</b>			
Foreign exchange forward contracts	2.2	2.2	2.3
Commodity swap contracts	0.1	4.7	2.4
<b>Total derivatives at fair value through profit and loss</b>	<b>2.3</b>	6.9	4.7
<b>Total derivative financial assets</b>	<b>10.3</b>	8.7	9.2
Total non-current	3.2	0.5	0.6
Total current	7.1	8.2	8.6

13. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (continued)

**Derivative financial liabilities**

	<b>30 June 2015 £m</b>	30 June 2014 £m	31 March 2015 £m
<i>Derivatives at fair value through other comprehensive income</i>			
<b>Cash flow hedges:</b>			
Foreign exchange forward contracts	(2.0)	(2.2)	(2.5)
Commodity swap contracts	(5.1)	(4.2)	(2.9)
Interest rate swap contracts	(3.8)	(1.9)	(5.1)
<b>Total derivatives at fair value through other comprehensive income</b>	<b>(10.9)</b>	<b>(8.3)</b>	<b>(10.5)</b>
<i>Derivatives at fair value through profit and loss</i>			
<b>Derivatives not designated as hedges:</b>			
Foreign exchange forward contracts	(2.2)	(0.8)	(0.8)
Commodity swap contracts	(1.3)	(14.4)	(4.4)
Cross currency swap contracts	-	(14.7)	-
<b>Total derivatives at fair value through profit and loss</b>	<b>(3.5)</b>	<b>(29.9)</b>	<b>(5.2)</b>
<b>Total derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>(14.4)</b>	<b>(38.2)</b>	<b>(15.7)</b>
Total non-current	(4.7)	(15.5)	(4.8)
Total current	(9.7)	(22.7)	(10.9)

## 13. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (continued)

**FAIR VALUES**

As indicated in note 3(d) in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015, the Group uses the hierarchy as set out in IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures for determining the fair value of derivatives by valuation technique. A summary of the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the Group together with their carrying values shown in the balance sheet and their fair value hierarchy is as follows:

	30 June 2015		30 June 2014		31 March 2015	
	Carrying value	Fair value	Carrying value	Fair value	Carrying value	Fair value
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
<b>Level 2</b>						
<b>Non-current assets</b>						
Derivative financial instruments	3.2	3.2	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
Investment in parent undertaking's junior bank facility	169.0	169.0	146.9	146.9	162.6	162.6
<b>Current assets</b>						
Trade and other receivables	130.8	130.8	147.3	147.3	161.3	161.3
Derivative financial instruments	7.1	7.1	8.2	8.2	8.6	8.6
Other current financial assets	3.5	3.5	7.2	7.2	3.8	3.8
Cash and cash equivalents	91.0	91.0	50.1	50.1	72.5	72.5
<b>Current liabilities</b>						
Trade and other payables (excluding tax and social security)	(207.5)	(207.5)	(200.5)	(200.5)	(228.7)	(228.7)
Financial liabilities (excluding contingent consideration)	(14.8)	(14.8)	(11.9)	(11.9)	(6.0)	(6.0)
Derivative financial instruments	(9.7)	(9.7)	(22.7)	(22.7)	(10.9)	(10.9)
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>						
Senior secured notes (2020)	(416.6)	(427.6)	-	-	(425.2)	(446.1)
Senior secured notes (2017)	-	-	(337.5)	(397.7)	-	-
Subordinated shareholder loan	(364.4)	(364.4)	(396.1)	(396.1)	(356.9)	(356.9)
Project financed bank facilities (NI)	(28.3)	(28.3)	(11.3)	(11.3)	(27.0)	(27.0)
Project financed bank facilities (ROI)	(18.3)	(18.3)	(10.1)	(10.1)	(8.7)	(8.7)
Derivative financial instruments	(4.7)	(4.7)	(15.5)	(15.5)	(4.8)	(4.8)
<b>Level 3</b>						
<b>Current liabilities</b>						
Financial liabilities (contingent consideration)	(1.7)	(1.7)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(1.7)	(1.7)
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>						
Financial liabilities (contingent consideration)	-	-	(1.2)	(1.2)	-	-

The carrying value of cash, trade receivables, trade payables and other current assets and liabilities is equivalent to fair value due to the short term maturities of these items. Contingent consideration and derivatives are measured at fair value. There have been no transfers between hierarchy.

The fair value of the Group's project financed bank facilities (ROI), project financed bank facilities (NI) and Senior revolving credit facility are determined by using discounted cash flows based on the Group's borrowing rate. The fair value of the Group's Senior secured notes are based on the quoted market price. The fair value of interest rate swaps, foreign exchange forward contracts, foreign exchange cross currency swaps and commodity contracts has been valued by calculating the present value of future cash flows, estimated using forward rates from third party market price quotations.

The fair value of the Group's project financed bank facilities (ROI) and project financed bank facilities (NI) are a close approximation to their carrying value given that they bear interest at floating rates based on Libor/Euribor.

### 13. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (continued)

#### FAIR VALUES (continued)

Included in the subordinated shareholder loan at 30 June 2015 was a non-interest bearing loan from parent undertaking at a carrying value of £189.2m (31 March 2015 £182.8m; 30 June 2014 - £166.1m) and an interest bearing loan from parent undertaking at a carrying value of £175.2m (31 March 2015 £174.1m; 30 June 2014 - £230.0m), both of which are estimated to approximate to their fair value determined by using discounted cash flows based on the parent undertaking's borrowing rate.

Included in financial assets at 30 June 2015 was a non-interest bearing asset due from parent undertaking at a carrying value of £169.0m (31 March 2015 £162.6m; 30 June 2014 - £146.9m) which is estimated to approximate to its fair value determined by using discounted cash flows based on the parent undertaking's borrowing rate.

The fair value of contingent consideration is considered by the Directors to fall within the level 3 fair value hierarchy and is measured using the present value of the probability-weighted average of pay outs associated with each possible outcome arising from the timing and cost milestones associated with grid connection and commissioning timelines set out in the relevant purchase agreement. Management have estimated that using reasonably possible alternative assumptions the amount payable in respect of the remaining contingent consideration obligation would not be materially different to the maximum amount of £1.7m recognised at acquisition. Given the magnitude of the amounts concerned and the expected timing of payments the impact of discounting is not material.



14. NOTES TO GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	<b>First Quarter 2016 £m</b>	First Quarter 2015 £m	Year ended 31 March 2015 £m
<b><i>Operating activities</i></b>			
Profit/(loss) before tax from continuing operations	<b>4.3</b>	2.2	(13.0)
<i>Adjustments to reconcile profit before tax to net cash flows:</i>			
Depreciation and impairment of property, plant and equipment	<b>4.3</b>	4.1	17.0
Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets	<b>0.9</b>	0.9	3.7
Amortisation of contributions in respect of property, plant and equipment	<b>(0.1)</b>	(0.1)	(0.3)
Derivatives at fair value through income statement	<b>0.7</b>	5.1	(21.8)
Net finance costs	<b>18.5</b>	21.4	96.8
Exceptional finance costs	-	-	44.4
Defined benefit charge less contributions paid	<b>(1.0)</b>	-	(0.5)
Share of loss in associates	<b>0.3</b>	0.5	0.9
<b><i>Cash generated from operations before working capital movements</i></b>	<b><u>27.9</u></b>	<u>34.1</u>	<u>127.2</u>

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### 15. ANALYSIS OF NET DEBT

	Cash and cash equivalents £m	Short term managed funds £m	Debt due within one year £m	Debt due after more than one year £m	Junior bank facility asset £m	Total £m
<b>At 1 April 2014</b>	26.3	1.4	(1.6)	(745.6)	144.8	(574.7)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	24.3	-	-	-	-	24.3
Proceeds from issue of borrowings	-	-	-	(5.9)	-	(5.9)
Issue costs on new long term loans	-	-	-	0.4	-	0.4
Increase in interest accruals	-	-	(10.3)	-	-	(10.3)
Amortisation	-	-	-	(1.6)	-	(1.6)
Capitalisation of interest on shareholder loan	-	-	-	(7.7)	-	(7.7)
Translation difference	(0.5)	-	-	11.0	(4.8)	5.7
Unwinding of discount on shareholder loan	-	-	-	(5.6)	-	(5.6)
Unwinding of discount on junior bank facility asset	-	-	-	-	6.9	6.9
<b>At 30 June 2014</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>(11.9)</b>	<b>(755.0)</b>	<b>146.9</b>	<b>(568.5)</b>
<b>At 1 April 2014</b>	26.3	1.4	(1.6)	(745.6)	144.8	(574.7)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	48.3	-	-	-	-	48.3
Proceeds from issue of borrowings	-	-	-	(466.5)	-	(466.5)
Repayment of borrowings	-	-	-	429.4	-	429.4
Issue costs on new long term loans	-	-	-	9.5	-	9.5
(Increase)/decrease in interest accruals	-	-	(3.5)	0.6	-	(2.9)
Amortisation	-	-	-	(24.5)	-	(24.5)
Reclassifications	-	-	(0.8)	0.8	-	-
Capitalisation of interest on shareholder loan	-	-	-	(23.2)	-	(23.2)
Translation difference	(2.1)	-	0.1	24.1	(9.3)	12.8
Unwinding of discount on shareholder loan	-	-	-	(22.4)	-	(22.4)
Unwinding of discount on junior bank facility asset	-	-	-	-	27.1	27.1
<b>At 31 March 2015</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>(5.8)</b>	<b>(817.8)</b>	<b>162.6</b>	<b>(587.1)</b>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	19.2	-	-	-	-	19.2
Proceeds from issue of borrowings	-	-	-	(16.7)	-	(16.7)
Repayment of borrowings	-	-	-	4.7	-	4.7
Issue costs on new long term loans	-	-	-	5.7	-	5.7
Increase in interest accruals	-	-	(8.8)	-	-	(8.8)
Amortisation	-	-	-	(0.5)	-	(0.5)
Capitalisation of interest on shareholder loan	-	-	-	(5.8)	-	(5.8)
Translation difference	(0.7)	-	0.1	9.2	(1.2)	7.4
Unwinding of discount on shareholder loan	-	-	-	(6.4)	-	(6.4)
Unwinding of discount on junior bank facility asset	-	-	-	-	7.6	7.6
<b>At 30 June 2015</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>(14.5)</b>	<b>(827.6)</b>	<b>169.0</b>	<b>(580.7)</b>

### 16. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 30 June 2015 the Group had contracted future capital expenditure in respect of tangible fixed assets of £64.9m (31 March 2015 - £3.5m).

### 17. DISTRIBUTIONS MADE AND PROPOSED

No dividends have been paid or proposed for the First Quarter 2016 (2015 - £nil).

### 18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The nature and type of related party transactions for the period ended 30 June 2015 do not differ significantly from those in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015.

### 19. SEASONALITY OF OPERATIONS

Certain activities of the Group are affected by weather and temperature conditions and seasonal market price fluctuations. As a result of this, the amounts reported for the interim period may not be indicative of the amounts that will be reported for the full year due to seasonal fluctuations in customer demand for gas and electricity, the impact of weather on demand, renewable generation output and commodity prices, market changes in commodity prices and changes in retail tariffs. In retail supply, notable seasonal effects include the impact on customer demand of cooler temperatures in the first half of the financial year. In wholesale generation, there is the impact of lower customer demand on commodity prices, the weather impact on renewable generation and other seasonal effects. The impact of temperature on customer demand for gas is more volatile than the equivalent demand for electricity.