

Report & Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2016

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DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

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STRATEGIC REPORT

FAIR REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

GNI (UK) Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Gas Networks Ireland and part of the Ervia group of companies. The principal activity of the business is the transportation of gas. The company owns part of the interconnector system connecting Ireland and Scotland and a transmission network in Northern Ireland to carry out this activity. GNI (UK) Limited's network in Northern Ireland supplies the Coolkeeragh Power Plant, the 10-towns network (circa 30,000 downstream end-users) and reinforces supplies to the Belfast area. GNI (UK) Limited is capable of supplying gas for the Northern Ireland network from its connection point to the Republic of Ireland network at Gormanston.

The company had net assets of £71.8 million at 31 December 2016. The directors expect the company to continue trading for the foreseeable future. The company has four facility agreements with the parent company, Gas Networks Ireland, to finance the operations of GNI (UK) Limited; an interest free facility of £110 million in respect of the general corporate purposes of GNI (UK) Limited and an interest bearing facility of £160 million arising from the purchase of Interconnector 1 in connection with the termination of the leasing arrangements (both converted to Euro in December 2013). The company also has interest bearing facilities of £165 million in respect of the North-West and South-North pipelines and €88.5m in respect of Interconnector 2. Each of the facility agreements will mature on 31 December 2017. The agreements provide that Gas Networks Ireland will not terminate the loans unless GNI (UK) Limited has alternative committed financing arrangements in place. At 31 December 2016 GNI (UK) Limited had a net cash balance of £2.4 million, the company also held £3.8 million in restricted deposits.

In early 2016, the Utility Regulator in Northern Ireland and the Regulatory Authority in the UK, Of gem, both certified GNI (UK) Limited as Full Ownership Unbundling (FOU) in accordance with the third European Union Gas Directive 2009/73/EC (the "Directive"). This directive provides for the separation of production and supply activities from transmission network operation activities through ownership unbundling.

In 2016 works commenced on the construction of the new 50km natural gas pipeline in Scotland, following allocation of €34 million (maximum) of EU grant aid, initially secured by in 2014. There are two pipelines connecting the island of Ireland to the gas network in the UK, with the exception of a 50km section in Scotland where the two pipelines along this 50km section merge. The pipeline twinning project involves installing a second pipeline to create two separate and independent pipelines between the two systems. This infrastructure project will be the final step in full twinning of the two gas interconnectors between Ireland and the UK and will be completed in 2017.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Safety: GNI (UK) Limited is exposed to the usual risks associated with ownership of onshore and subsea transmission pipelines. A major safety incident could result in injury, loss of life, or a security of supply issue. Attention to safety is a key priority and GNI (UK) Limited operates a comprehensive safety programme.

Regulation: GNI (UK) Limited business activities are subject to a broad range of legislation and regulation. Changes in the regulatory climate and the framework in which GNI (UK) Limited operates may impact unfavourably.

As the UK voted to leave the EU in May 2016, a degree of uncertainty surrounds the form of the exit and the potential impact on the GNI (UK) Limited business. In order to mitigate this risk, the business is working closely with key stakeholders in UK, Ireland, Northern Ireland and Brussels to minimise the impact on the Company.

The Board has analysed these and other risks. Appropriate actions are being taken by management to mitigate these risks. Not all of these risks are within GNI (UK) Limited's control and other factors besides those listed above may also have an adverse effect.

STRATEGIC REPORT (CONT'D)

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

GNI (UK) Limited monitors performance by measuring and tracking key performance indicators (KPIs) that are important to longer-term success. Operating profit is one of the key measures of financial performance. GNI (UK) Limited generated an operating profit of £30.5 million in 2016 an increase of £5.9 million on the previous financial year. The target for 2017 will be to deliver the company's approved budget which is in line with the company's financial plan. In addition to operating profit GNI (UK) Limited also measures the improvement in the financial strength of its statement of financial position with the Shareholder's surplus increasing from £46.4 million to £71.8 million together with capital expenditure of £30.4m in 2016 against a spend of £85m in 2015. In terms of non-financial indicators safety remains a core priority. There were no major incidents which resulted in loss of life or loss of supply on the system. Delivery of regulatory projects were also progressed on time in 2016. The target for 2017 is to achieve those statistics in line with agreed targets.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

During 2016, extensive work was undertaken with other Transmission System Operators in the Northern Ireland market to develop a "single system operator model" or Contractual Joint Venture ('CJV'). This project is planned to be completed in October 2017. It will see the Northern Ireland gas transmission market being consolidated from a commercial point of view with the development of one single code of operations, one single IT system and one central team to engage with gas shippers and administrate the market framework in Northern Ireland. This should offer more efficient business processes for the gas shipping community in Northern Ireland.

As a regulated business, periodic reviews of the revenue requirements to operate the natural gas transmission networks are undertaken by the Commission for Energy Regulation for the Interconnector System and by the Utility Regulator for the Northern Ireland Transmission System. In 2016 both regulators commenced their reviews to determine the allowed revenue for the five years from October 2017 to September 2022. The outcome of these reviews will be determined in 2017.

For and on behalf of GNI (UK) Limited:

Liam O'Riordan

Secretary

13th April 2017 Date of Approval

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors submit their report together with the audited financial statements for the year from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The principal activities and review of the business of GNI (UK) Limited, are addressed in the strategic report.

GOING CONCERN

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis as the Board, after making appropriate enquiries including reviewing and approving the 2017 annual budget and assessing the continuing profitability, is satisfied that GNI (UK) Limited has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The company has four facility agreements with the parent company, Gas Networks Ireland, to finance the operations of GNI (UK) Limited. The agreements provide that Gas Networks Ireland will not terminate the loans unless GNI (UK) Limited has alternative committed financing arrangements in place.

FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

GNI (UK) Limited's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, market risk and liquidity risk.

Credit risk

GNI (UK) Limited's principal financial assets are bank balances, cash and trade and other receivables. The company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the statement of financial position are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified event, which based on previous experience is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with investment grade ratings. The company has no significant concentration of credit risk.

Market risk

Market risk is the possibility that changes in currency exchange rates or interest rates will adversely affect the value of the company's financial assets, liabilities or expected future cashflows. Within the Ervia Group, the treasury function is responsible for managing market risk with respect to interest rates and currency exchange rates. The group buys and sells derivatives and also incurs financial liabilities, in order to manage market risks.

Liquidity risk

The company has four facility agreements with the parent company Gas Networks Ireland, which ensures that sufficient funds are available for on-going operations and future developments.

The company's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet the liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the company's reputation.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the financial year amounted to £23.4 million (2015: £47.6 million). An exceptional profit of £38.8 million arose on the disposal of property, plant and equipment to Ervia in 2015.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONT'D)

DIRECTORS

The directors are as set out on page 2.

None of the directors had any interest in the shares of the company during the year or at the year end. J Burchill and L. O'Riordan (the company secretary) are beneficiaries of the Ervia (formerly Bord Gáis Éireann) Employee Share Ownership Plan.

SECRETARY

The secretary is as set out on page 2.

CREDITOR PAYMENT POLICY

It is GNI (UK) Limited's policy in respect of all suppliers to settle the terms of payment with those suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction and also to ensure that those suppliers are aware of the terms of payment. The standard terms specified in the standard purchase order are 45 days and the company operates a policy of paying all undisputed supplier invoices within these terms.

POLITICAL DONATIONS

There were no donations made during the year to any political party.

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events between the statement of financial position date and the date on which the financial statements were approved.

AUDITOR

The auditor, Deloitte, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm, has expressed its willingness to continue in office as auditor and a resolution proposing their re-appointment will be submitted at the Annual General Meeting.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE AUDITOR

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- the director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act, 2006.

For and on behalf of GNI (UK) Limited:

L O' Sullivan
Director

C J Beattie Director **Date of Approval**

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) 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 company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act, 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial information may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

For and on behalf of GNI (UK) Limited:

LO' Sullivan

Director

Director



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF GNI (UK) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of GNI (UK) Limited, for the year ended 31 December 2016 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes 1 to 25. 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.

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 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 company's affairs as at 31 December 2016 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act, 2006.

Deloitte.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF GNI (UK) LIMITED

OPINION ON MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT, 2006

In our opinion, based on the work under taken 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 requirement.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Kevin Butler, FCA Senior Statutory Auditor for and on behalf of Deloitte

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm

Cork Ireland

Date: 27/4/19

GNI (UK) LIMITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Continuing operations	1.00		
Revenue	3	63,649	54,700
Operating costs	5	(33,186)	(30,128)
Profit from operating activities		30,463	24,572
Exceptional item	6	#	38,751
Finance income	7		215
Finance costs	7	(3,802)	(4,602)
Profit before income tax		26,661	58,936
Income tax expense	8	(3,253)	(11.331)
Profit for the year	14	23,408	47,605
Other comprehensive income			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Translation differences on conversion of foreign divisions to			
presentation currency		1,955	2,045
Total items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	14	<u>1.955</u>	2,045
Total other comprehensive income for the year	110	1,955	<u>2,045</u>
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Owners of the company		<u>25,363</u>	49,650
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>25,363</u>	<u>49.650</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

GNI (UK) LIMITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
ASSETS		2 000	£ 000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	304,360	268,104
Intangible assets	10	<u>267</u>	200,204
Total non-current assets		304,627	268,104
Current assets	22		
Inventory	11	28	28
Trade and other receivables	12	7,371	6,635
Derivative financial instruments	18	1	218
Cash and cash equivalents	13	2,373	1,481
Restricted deposits	13	3,829	3,456
Total current assets		13,602	11,818
Re Comment			
Total assets		318,229	<u>279,922</u>
EQUITY			
Called up share capital	14	(400)	(400)
Other reserves	14	(400)	(400)
	14	(5,378)	(3,423)
Retained earnings	14	(66,021)	(42,613)
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the company		(71,799)	(46,436)
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities	<u> </u>		
Government grants	15	(23,234)	(21,504)
Trade and other payables	16	(163,506)	(167,929)
Deferred tax liabilities	17	(10,284)	(7,886)
Derivative financial instruments	18	(19)	100.000
Total non-current liabilities		(197,043)	(197,319)
Current liabilities			
Government grants	15	(1,520)	(1,520)
Trade and other payables	16	(47,731)	(34,647)
Derivative financial instruments	18	(136)	
Total current liabilities		(49,387)	(36,167)
Total liabilities		(246,430)	(233,486)
Total equity and liabilities		(318,229)	(279,922)

The notes on pages 14 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

For and on behalf of GNI (UK) Limited:

L O' Sullivan Director C J Beattie Director Date of approval

GNI (UK) LIMITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 31 December 2016

	Called-up			
	Share	Retained	Other	Total
	Capital	Earnings	Reserve	Equity
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 January 2015	400	(4,992)	1,378	(3,214)
Total comprehensive income for the				
year		47,605	<u>2,045</u>	49,650
Balance at 31 December 2015		15		
4-1 4-1	400	42,613	3,423	46,436
Total comprehensive income for the				
year		23,408	<u>1,955</u>	25,363
Balance at 31 December 2016	<u>400</u>	66,021	<u>5,378</u>	71.799

GNI (UK) LIMITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS Year Ended 31 December 2016

No	tes	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Cashflows from operating activities			
Profit for the year		23,408	47,605
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation and amortisation (net)	5	16,995	14,936
Finance cost		3,380	4,602
Loss/(Gain) on derivatives		422	(215)
Income tax		3,253	10,374
Exceptional Items		S	(38,751)
		47,458	38,551
Working capital changes:		,	
Change in inventories		23	(28)
Change in trade and other receivables		(589)	901
Change in trade and other payables		(12,504)	(30,551)
Change in deferred grants		2,860	400
Cash generated from operating activities		37,248	9,273
Income tax paid		(2,855)	(495)
Net cash generated from operating activities		34,393	<u>8,778</u>
Cashflows from investing activities			
Movement in restricted deposits		(373)	(311)
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(33,175)	(8,864)
Payments for intangible assets		(286)	Secretary Property of the Control of
Net cash used in investing activities		(33,834)	(9,175)
Net cash increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		559	(397)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		1,481	1,907
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held		333	(29)
	13	2.373	1.481

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared in pound sterling (GBP), under the historical cost convention, except for certain assets which are measured at fair value.

Going Concern

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis as the Board, after making appropriate enquiries including reviewing and approving the 2017 annual budget and assessing the continuing profitability is satisfied that GNI (UK) Limited has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. The company has four facility agreements with the parent company, Gas Networks Ireland, to finance the operations of GNI (UK) Limited. The agreements provide that Gas Networks Ireland will not terminate the loans unless GNI (UK) Limited has alternative committed financing arrangements in place.

(a) Statement of Compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union and in accordance with the Companies Act, 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with those IFRS and International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) interpretations issued and effective for accounting periods ending on or before 31 December 2016.

(b) Use of Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of judgements, estimates and assumptions in determining the value of assets and liabilities, income and expenses recorded for the year and positive and negative contingencies at year-end. Actual results in future financial statements may differ from current estimates due to changes in these assumptions or economic conditions.

The principal estimates and judgements are described below. Given their importance in the company's financial statements, the impact of any change in assumption in these areas could be significant.

Measurement

The measurement of certain assets, liabilities, income and costs which require a high degree of estimation and judgement, including; impairment allowance in respect of trade and other receivables, the useful lives of property, plant and equipment and various operating accruals. These items are estimated in accordance with relevant IFRSs and the company's accounting policies.

Certain assets and liabilities are measured at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received in selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Impairment of long-term assets

Impairment tests on long-term assets are sensitive to the macro- economic and segment assumptions used, and medium-term financial forecasts. The company therefore revises the underlying estimates and assumptions based on regularly updated information.

Other judgements

When there is no standard or interpretation applicable to a specific transaction, the company exercises judgement to determine the most appropriate accounting policy that will supply relevant, reliable information for preparation of its financial statements.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the year in which these estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The policies set out below have been consistently applied to all years presented in these financial statements.

(a) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations

In the current year, the company has applied a number of new and revised IFRS, as set out below, that are mandatorily effective under IFRS, as endorsed by the EU, for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016. The application of these amendments to standards did not have a material impact on the GNI (UK) Limited financial statements for 2016.

Standard/Amendment	Effective Date (as endorsed by the EU)	Endorsed by the EU
Annual Improvements to IFRS 2010-2012	1 February 2015	December 2014
Annual Improvements to IFRS 2012-2014	1 January 2016	December 2015
Amendment to IAS 19 Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions	1 February 2015	December 2014
IFRS 14 Regulatory Deferral Accounts	1 January 2016	(Outstanding)
Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 41: Bearer Plants	1 January 2016	November 2015
Amendments to IFRS 11: Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations	1 January 2016	November 2015
Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 38: Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation	1 January 2016	December 2015
Amendments to IAS 1: Disclosure Initiative	1 January 2016	December 2015
Amendments to IAS 27: Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements	1 January 2016	December 2015
Amendments to IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 28: Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exception	1 January 2016	September 2016

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are not yet effective for the year ended 31 December 2016 and have not been applied in preparing these financial statements. The application of these new standards, amendments and interpretations is either not expected to have a material impact on the financial statements or is still under assessment:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

(a) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations (cont'd)

Standard/Amendment	IASB Effective Date	Endorsed by the EU
Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28: Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture	Deferred Indefinitely	(Outstanding)
IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers	1 January 2018 1	September 2016
Clarifications to IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers	1 January 2018 ¹	(Outstanding)
IFRS 9 Financial Instruments	1 January 2018 ¹	November 2016
IFRS 16 Leases	1 January 2019 ¹	(Outstanding)
Amendments to IAS 40: Transfers of Investment Property	1 January 2018 ¹	(Outstanding)
IFRIC Interpretation 22 Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration	1 January 2018 ¹	(Outstanding)
Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2014-2016 Cycle	1 January 2017/ 1 January 2018 ¹	(Outstanding)
Amendments to IFRS 4: Applying IFRS 9 Financial Instruments with IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts	1 January 2018 ¹	(Outstanding)
Amendments to IFRS 2: Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions	1 January 2018 ¹	(Outstanding)
Amendments to IAS 7: Disclosure Initiative	1 January 2017 ¹	(Outstanding)
Amendments to IAS 12: Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses		
1 ax Assets for Officialised Losses	I January 2017 ¹	(Outstanding)

¹ IASB date provided if not yet endorsed by the EU.

IFRS 16 Leases was issued on 13 January 2016 with an IASB effective date of 1 January 2019 (not yet endorsed by the EU). This new standard will replace IAS 17 Leases (and associated interpretative guidance), and offers a new comprehensive model for the identification of lease arrangements and their treatment in the financial statements of both lessees and lessors. The most significant change will be to lessee accounting, where the distinction between operating and finance leases is removed, and will effectively bring onto the statement of financial position the accounting for assets and liabilities associated with operating leases. There will be no significant changes in respect of lessor accounting. The company continues to assess the impact of adopting the standard, but from initial assessments it appears that IFRS 16 will not have a significant impact on the financial statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

(a) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations (cont'd)

IFRS 15 establishes a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers. IFRS 15 will supersede the current revenue recognition guidance including IAS 18 Revenue, IAS 11 Construction Contracts and the related interpretations when it becomes effective (1 January 2018). The core principle of IFRS 15 is that an entity should recognise revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The standard introduces a five step approach to revenue recognition. Under IFRS 15, an entity should recognise revenue when the performance obligation is satisfied i.e. when 'control' of the goods or services underlying the particular performance obligation is transferred to the customer. IFRS 15 provides prescriptive guidance to deal with specific scenarios. Furthermore, extensive disclosures are required by IFRS 15. The Company continues to assess the impact of adopting the standard, but from initial assessments it appears that IFRS 15 will not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

(b) Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies have been translated into the functional currency at rates ruling at the reporting date. The resulting foreign currency gain or loss arising on translation is recognised in profit or loss. Non-monetary assets and liabilities in a foreign currency that are measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction, and are not subsequently retranslated. The assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated to GBP at exchange rates at the reporting date. The results of foreign operations are translated to GBP at average rates for the year, when they represent a reasonable approximation of the actual rates incurred. Exchange differences on retranslation on the opening net assets and the results are recognised in other comprehensive income and dealt with as a separate component of equity (other reserve).

(c) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses thereon. Cost includes direct costs (including direct labour), overheads and interest incurred in financing the construction of the asset. Capitalisation of interest ceases when the asset is commissioned or where active development has been interrupted for an extended period. Assets under construction represent the cost of purchasing, constructing and installing property, plant and equipment ahead of their productive use.

The charge for depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of property, plant and equipment less estimated residual value over their expected useful lives on a straight line basis over their expected useful lives. The asset classification and depreciation rates are as follows:

Buildings 3%
Pipeline Systems Owned Assets 3% - 5%
Plant & Equipment 14% - 33.3%

Depreciation is not charged on land or assets under construction.

Subsequent expenditure, for example, the cost of replacing a component of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company, and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced component is derecognised. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property, plant and equipment are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

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(c) Property, plant and equipment (cont'd)

Borrowing costs are capitalised as a cost of an asset if they are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset. A qualifying asset is an asset that necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use. Capitalisation of interest ceases when the asset is commissioned or where active development has been interrupted for an extended period. All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the year in which they were incurred.

(d) Intangible Assets

Software costs include both include both internally developed and externally purchased assets. Internally developed software refers to costs directly associated with the production of identifiable and unique software products that are controlled by the company. These costs are recognised as intangible assets as it is considered probable that these products will generate economic benefits exceeding the recognised costs. These costs are capitalised only if the criteria set out in IAS 38 are met. The expenditure includes the cost of materials, direct labour, overhead costs that are directly attributable to preparing the asset for its intended use, and borrowing costs on qualifying assets.

Acquired computer software licenses are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring into use the specific assets.

Intangible assets are amortised on a straight-line basis in profit or loss over their estimated useful lives of up to seven years, from the date that they are available for use. Amortisation is not charged on development assets not yet available for use.

(e) Impairment of assets

The carrying amounts of assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If an indication of impairment exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units or CGUs). An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which an asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised in respect of CGUs are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the CGU, and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the CGU on a pro rata basis.

(f) Financial assets and liabilities

Non-derivative financial assets and liabilities

Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are initially recognised at fair value, which is the original invoiced amount net of transaction costs, and are subsequently carried at this value less an appropriate allowance for impairment.

Impairment losses are recognised where there is objective evidence of a dispute or an inability to pay.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

(f) Financial assets and liabilities (Cont'd)

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits repayable on demand and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, less overdrafts payable on demand.

Restricted deposits include amounts held in respect of collateral held by third parties, credit support agreements and gas network related security deposits.

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are initially recorded at fair value, which is usually the original invoiced amount, net of transaction costs and subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Loans from group companies

Loans from group companies are non-derivative financial assets which are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current liabilities on the statement of financial position, except for those with maturities greater than twelve months after the reporting date, which are included in non-current liabilities.

(g) Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services in the normal course of the business, net of discounts VAT and other sales related taxes.

One of the company's sources of revenue is dependent on being approved by the Commission for Energy Regulation (CER). Certain circumstances may result in the regulatory "allowed" revenue being over or under recovered in the financial year. Any over or under recovery may be included, within certain parameters, in the calculation of the following years' regulatory revenue. No adjustment is made for over or under recoveries in the year that they arise.

In line with IFRIC (18) Transfer of Assets from Customers, non-repayable supply contributions received are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as revenue in accordance with IAS 18 Revenue. Contributions are recognised in deferred revenue when received, and are released to the income statement in accordance with fulfilment of performance obligations.

(h) Profit from operating activities

Profit from operating activities is stated before finance costs.

(i) Exceptional items

An item is considered exceptional if it is considered unusual by nature and scale and of such significance that separate disclosure is required for the financial statements to be properly understood.

(j) Net finance costs

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested and fair value gains on financial derivative instruments. Interest income is recognised as it accrues in profit or loss, using the effective interest method. Finance costs comprise interest payable on borrowings. Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

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(k) Derivatives

Financial derivative instruments are used by GNI (UK) Limited to hedge currency exposures. All such derivatives are recognised at fair value and are remeasured to fair value at the reporting date.

Derivatives not part of effective hedging relationships are treated as if held for trading, with all fair value movements being recorded through profit or loss.

(i) Income tax

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is measured, at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the temporary differences are expected to reverse based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

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

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

(m) Inventory

Inventory, which comprise engineering materials, are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value, using the first in, first out (FIFO) cost formula in line with IAS 2 Inventories. Cost comprises purchase and all direct costs that have been incurred in bringing inventories to their present location and condition. Net realisable value is the actual or estimated selling price less all costs to be incurred prior to disposal.

Specific allowance is made for damaged, deteriorated, obsolete and unusable items where appropriate.

(n) Capital grants

Capital grants received in respect of the purchase property, plant and equipment are treated as a deferred credit, a portion of which is amortised to the statement of comprehensive income annually over the useful economic life of the asset to which it relates.

3. Revenue

Revenue, which was derived solely from gas transportation services, arose solely in the United Kingdom.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

4. Employees and remuneration

The company is a transporter of gas and does not have any direct employees. Operating costs are stated after charging:

Key Management Remuneration	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Board members' emoluments -fees Total	<u>20</u> 20	<u>20</u> 20

The Board of Directors are considered to be the key management of the company.

5. Operating costs

	2016	2015
	£'000	£'000
Depreciation	18,496	16,456
Amortisation of intangible assets	19	
Grant amortisation	(1,520)	(1,520)
Auditor's remuneration	16	16
Board members' fees	20	20
Network maintenance	6,521	6,195
Rates	4,534	4,100
Management services	2,114	3,201
Other operating costs	2,986	1,660
Total	33,186	30,128

6. Exceptional item

The exceptional item arises due to profit on disposal of property plant & equipment. On 1 August 2015 assets with a net book value of £26.8 million and a market value of £65.6 million were disposed of to the parent company Ervia. In return, assets to the value of £72.4 million were acquired from Ervia by GNI (UK) Limited.

7. Finance Costs/(Income)

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Fair value adjustments on derivative financial instruments	422	(215)
Interest payable to parent undertaking Other interest charges Capitalised interest Total	3,525 65 (210) 3,802	4,097 505 - <u>4,602</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

8. Income Tax Expense

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Current tax expense:		
Current tax	4,628	957
Prior year under provision	(57)	
	4,571	957
Deferred tax expense		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(668)	10,417
Prior year under provision	(650)	(43)
	(1,318)	10,374
Total tax expense	3,253	11,331
Reconciliation of effective tax rate:		
Profit before tax	26,661	58,936
Tax at 20% (2015: 20.25%)	5,332	11,934
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	51	34
Exchange adjustments	276	(468)
Effect of tax rate change	(1,699)	(126)
Adjustments to tax change in respect of previous years	(707)	(43)
Income tax expense	3.253	11,331

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

9. Property, plant and equipment

	Land and Buildings £'000	Plant, Pipeline & Equipment £'000	Assets under Construction £'000	Total £'000
Cost		44-43-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4-4		
At 1 January 2015	6,487	435,219	6,639	448,345
Effect of movement in exchange rates	(327)	(12,266)	(162)	(12,755)
Additions		73,829	11,187	85,016
Transfers in year		4,614	(4,614)	
Disposals	-	(78,452)		(78,452)
At 31 December 2015	6,160	422,944	13,050	442,154
Effect of movement in exchange rates	977	36,976	3,321	41,274
Additions	11119	The same of the same of	30,375	30,375
Transfers in year		14,735	(14,735)	
Disposals		(1,105)		(1,105)
At 31 December 2016	7,137	473,550	32,011	512,698
Accumulated Depreciation				
At 1 January 2015	2,807	214,581	_	217,388
Effect of movement in exchange rates	(137)	(7,969)	-	(8,106)
Depreciation charge for the year	182	16,274	-	16,456
Disposals		(51,688)	-	(51,688)
At 31 December 2015	2,852	171,198	•	174,050
Effect of movement in exchange rates	462	15,330		15,792
Depreciation charge for the year	230	18,266		18,496
At 31 December 2016	3,544	204,794	-,	208,338
Net Book Value				
At 31 December 2015	3,308	251,746	13.050	268.104
At 31 December 2016	3.593	268,756	32.011	304,360

During the period GNI (UK) Limited capitalised £0.2 million in interest. The capitalisation rate was 1.3%. GNI (UK) Limited also capitalised £0.16 million in payroll costs during the year.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

10. Intangible Assets

	Software £'000	Software Under Development £'000	Total £'000
Cost			
At I January 2015	462	•	462
At 31 December 2015	462		462
Additions	86	200	286
At 31 December 2016	548	200	748
Accumulated Amortisation At 1 January 2015	462		462
At 31 December 2015	462	•	462
Amortisation charge for the year	19		19
At 31 December 2016	481		481
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2015		200	
At 31 December 2016	<u>67</u>	200	267

GNI (UK) Limited capitalised £1.7k in payroll costs during the year.

11. Inventory

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Engineering materials	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>

In 2016 inventories recognised as maintenance costs amounted to £170,000 (2015: £189,000). There were no write-downs of inventories to net realisable value in 2016 (2015: £nil).

12. Trade and other receivables

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Current:		
Trade debtors	2,959	1,512
Use of system receivable	2,763	1,597
Prepayments	980	1,916
VAT	648	
Withholding tax	<u>21</u>	<u>1,610</u>
Total	7,371	6.635

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

12. Trade and other receivables (Cont'd)

Use of system receivable comprises unbilled transportation revenue. In respect of the GNI (UK) Limited's business in Northern Ireland, revenue is derived principally from charges for use of the North-West transmission pipeline and the South-North pipeline. A postalised system is in place in Northern Ireland. Invoices are issued by the administrator, non-payment of invoices attracts a daily interest charge.

13. Cash and cash equivalents

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Restricted Deposits*	3,829	3,456
Cash	<u>2,373</u>	1,481
Total cash and cash equivalents	6,202	4,937

^{*}Restricted deposits comprise security deposits received from certain customers.

14. Equity

i. Share capital

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Authorised:		
400,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	400	400
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
400,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	400	400

ii. Retained earnings

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
At 1 January	42,613	(4,992)
Profit for the year	23,408	47,605
At 31 December	66,021	42,613

iii. Other reserves

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
At I January	3,423	1,378
Other comprehensive income	1,955	2,045
At 31 December	5,378	3,423

Other reserves comprise translation reserves arising on the translation of branches with a Euro functional currency to the presentation currency of GBP.

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15. Government Grants

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
A. I. Fannian	22.024	24 120
At 1 January	23,024	24,138
Received in year	2,860	400
Amortised in year	(1,520)	(1,520)
Effect of movement in exchange rates		6
At 31 December	<u>390</u> 24,754	23,024
Current	1,520	1,520
Non-Current	23,234	21,504
	24,754	23,024

The capital grants are from the Northern Ireland Department of Enterprise, Trade & Investment in respect of the North-West pipeline connecting Belfast with Derry which was commissioned in October 2004 and the South-North pipeline from Dublin to Belfast which was commissioned in November 2006. £2.9 million was received in 2016 in respect of the IC1 twinning of Southwest Scotland onshore system between Cluden and Brighouse Bay (UK). The grants are being amortised to the statement of comprehensive income over the life of the pipeline. In certain circumstances the grants may become repayable if conditions laid down in the grant agreements are not adhered to. Total grants received as at 31 December 2016 are £41.3 million (2015:£38.4 million).

16. Trade and Other Payables

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Non-Current Liabilities:		
Amounts due to parent undertaking	163,506	167,929
Non-Current liabilities	<u>163,506</u>	<u>167,929</u>
Current Liabilities:		
Amounts due to parent undertaking	34,033	17,913
Trade creditors	2,084	1,404
Accruals	9,479	14,855
Value added tax		56
Current tax	2,135	_419
Current liabilities	47,731	34,647

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D

17. Deferred tax assets and liabilities

	Property, plant and equipment £'000	Losses forward £'000	Other £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2015	(7,257)	1,890	7,548	2,181
Charge to statement of comprehensive income	(7,658)	(1,890)	(826)	(10,374)
Exchange adjustment	307	-	-	<u>307</u>
At 31 December 2015	(14,608)	*********	6.722	(7,886)
Charge to statement of comprehensive income	1,654		(336)	1,318
Exchange adjustment	(3,716)		3	(3,716)
At 31 December 2016	<u>(16,670)</u>		6.386	(10,284)

Certain deferred tax asset and liabilities have been offset, including the asset balances analysed in the table above. The following is an analysis of the deferred tax balances (after offset) for financial reporting purposes:

	2016	2015
	£'000	£'000
Deferred tax assets	6,386	6,722
Deferred tax liabilities	(16,670)	(14,608)
Net deferred tax liability	(10,284)	(7,886)

A deferred tax provision has been made in respect of accelerated capital allowances and other temporary differences. As required by IAS 12 *Income Taxes*, deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary difference can be utilised. Potential deferred tax asset utilisation falling outside that planning horizon is not currently recognised on the statement of financial position. As required by IAS 12, deferred tax asset recognition is regularly reassessed.

18. Financial Risk Management and Financial Instruments

Nature and extent of risks

The main risks that GNI (UK) Limited are facing and actively monitoring and managing are the following:

- (i) credit risk derived from the possible default of a counterparty.
- (ii) market risk derived from exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.
- (iii) liquidity risk derived from the risk that suitable sources of funding for the company's operations will not be available.

This note presents information about GNI (UK) Limited's exposure to the above risks, its objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and its management of capital. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout these financial statements.

GNI (UK) Limited was subject to the Ervia Group governance structures, including financial risk management, and group wide risk management objectives, policies and processes during the periods presented. Consequently, disclosures in these financial statements in respect of governance and risk management structures and policies are representative of Ervia Group structures, which also applied to GNI (UK) Limited during the periods presented.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

18. Financial Risk Management and Financial Instruments (cont'd)

The fair values of the primary financial assets and liabilities of GNI (UK) Limited together with their carrying values can be analysed as follows:

	Amortised Cost 2016 £'000	Derivatives not in hedging relationship 2016 £'000	Total Carrying Value 2016 £'000	Fair value 2016 £'000
Assets Current financial assets				
Trade and other receivables (excluding prepaids)	6,391		6,391	6,391
Derivative financial instruments	-	1	1	1
Cash and cash equivalents	2,373		2,373	2,373
Restricted deposits	3,829	2	3,829	3,829
Total current assets	12,593	<u>1</u>	12,594	12,594
Liabilities				
Derivative financial instruments		(19)	(19)	(19)
Amounts due to parent undertaking	(163,506)		(163,506)	(163,506)
Total non-current financial liabilities	(163,506)	<u>(19)</u>	(163,525)	(163,525)
Current liabilities:				
Derivative financial instruments		(136)	(136)	(136)
Trade and other payables	(47,731)	3.	(47,731)	(47,731)
Total current financial liabilities	(47,731)	(136)	(47,867)	(47,867)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

18. Financial Risk Management and Financial Instruments (cont'd)

	Amortised Cost 2015 £'000	Derivatives not in hedging relationship 2015 £'000	Total Carrying Value 2015 £'000	Fair value 2015 £'000
Assets Current Financial Assets				
Trade and Other Receivables (excluding prepaids)	4,719		4,719	4,719
Derivative Financial Instruments		218	218	218
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,481		1,481	1,481
Restricted Deposits	<u>3,456</u>	=	3,456	<u>3,456</u>
Total current assets	<u>9.656</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>9.874</u>	<u>9,874</u>
Liabilities				
Amounts due to parent undertakings	(167,929)		(167,929)	(167,929)
Total non-current financial liabilities	(167.929)	'' 11 12	(167.929)	(167.929)
Current Liabilities:				
Trade and Other Payables	(34,647)	:	(34,647)	(34,647)
Total current financial liabilities	(34.647)	=	(34.647)	(34.647)

A number of the company's accounting policies and disclosures require the measurement of fair values for financial assets and liabilities. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the company uses market observable data to the extent that it is available.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

18. Financial risk management and financial instruments (cont'd)

Valuation technique

The fair value of quoted foreign exchange contracts is based on their quoted price, if available. If a quoted price is not available, then fair value is estimated as the difference between the contractual forward price and the current forward price for the residual maturity of the contract.

All significant inputs required to fair value the instrument are observable.

Fair values are categorised into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).
- Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

If the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset or a liability might be categorised in different levels of the fair value hierarchy, then the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement. The Group recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

Fair Value Hierarchy

	Level 2 2016 £'000	Level 2 2015 £'000
Financial assets		
Forward exchange contracts	1	<u>218</u>
Total financial assets	1	<u>218</u>
Financial liabilities		
Forward exchange contracts	(155)	i
Total financial liabilities	(155)	
Net financial assets/liabilities	(154)	218

Credit/counterparty risk

Description

Counterparty risk is defined as the risk of GNI (UK) Limited, sustaining a loss on its business and market transactions if a counterparty defaulted and failed to perform its contractual obligations. These include assets held with banks and financial institutions and credit exposures arising from trading relationships with customers.

Objective

The objective of credit risk management is to manage and control credit risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

18. Financial risk management and financial instruments (cont'd)

Credit/counterparty risk (cont'd)

Policies and processes for the management and control of counterparty/credit risk

Credit risk is managed by the parent company Ervia. Ervia develops and maintains relationships with a small number of key relationship banks who have a long-term commitment to Ervia, who understand the business, and who provide funding on competitive terms. Ervia ensures that banking and treasury services are obtained at competitive prices. Ervia's policy is to manage treasury related credit risk through the use of counterparty credit limits which take account of, among other relevant factors, published credit ratings. Exposure to credit risk on cash and derivative financial instruments is monitored by Ervia's Treasury function. Ervia regularly evaluates and measures its treasury counterparty exposures. Where the exposure on derivative instruments has the potential to be material to Ervia's net worth, Ervia will consider entering into credit support arrangements. The Group Credit rating was moved to Gas Networks Ireland in 2015. Gas Networks Ireland is rated A by Standard & Poor's and A3 by Moody's Investors Services.

Exposure to credit risk

The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	2016	2015
	£'000	£'000
Financial Assets		
Trade and other receivables (excluding prepaids)	6,391	4,719
Derivative Financial Instruments *	1	218
Cash and cash equivalents	2,373	1,481
Restricted deposits	3,829	3,456
Total	12,594	9,874

^{*} Derivative Financial Instruments are comprised of foreign exchange forward contracts used to hedge exposure on the foreign currency balances of GNI (UK) Limited as at 31 December 2016.

The maximum exposure to credit risk for trade and other receivables at the reporting date by geographic location is as follows:

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
United Kingdom	6,375	4,713
Other	<u>_16</u>	6
Total	<u>6,391</u>	4,719

The aging of trade and other receivables, net of impairment is as follows:

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Not past due	5,308	4,521
0-30 days	56	70
31-120 days	968	128
>120 days	<u>59</u>	
Total	6,391	4.719

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

18. Financial risk management and financial instruments (cont'd)

The movement in the allowance for impairment in respect of trade receivables during the year was as follows:

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
At 1 January	7	14
Provision utilised	(7)	<u>(7)</u>
At 31 December	•	<u>z</u>

Market risk

Description

Market risk is the possibility that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the value of GNI (UK) Limited's financial assets, liabilities or expected future cash flows.

Objective

The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimizing the return.

Policies and processes for the management and control of market risk

GNI (UK) Limited actively manages market risk with respect to exchange rate risk through its parent company Ervia's treasury function, who operate in accordance with a set of policies and guidelines that provide a centralised model of conducting finance, treasury and risk management operations.

No sensitivity analysis has been prepared in respect of the derivative financial instruments held at 31 December 2016 on the basis that it is not material to the financial statements.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that suitable sources of funding for GNI (UK) Limited may not be available, or the company is unable to sell its assets on the market place so as to be able to meet short-term finance requirements and to settle obligations. Such a situation would negatively impact the company's results as it could result in the incurrence of higher borrowing expenses to meet obligations.

The company has four facility agreements with the parent company, Gas Networks Ireland, which ensures that sufficient funds are available for on-going operations and future developments.

The Ervia Group's and in effect GNI (UK) Limited's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the group's reputation.

The Ervia Group seeks to ensure it has a mix of funding sources at acceptable terms and conditions to finance the development of the business and to meet financial obligations as they fall due. The Ervia Group maintains a balanced maturity profile to minimise, insofar as possible, peaked repayments and refinancing risk.

The Ervia Group's Treasury function negotiate the appropriate pricing and terms for all relevant financial transactions. Cash and liquidity management are undertaken centrally by treasury. Cash pooling is carried out and account balances netted where possible to minimise cash leakage and to minimise the interest expense. The Ervia Group Treasury function undertake cash forecasting and planning in conjunction with the Business Units/Departments on a regular basis. Cash flow forecasts are updated on a daily and weekly basis and used to manage liquidity.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

18. Financial risk management and financial instruments (cont'd)

Liquidity risk (cont'd)

Cash surpluses are used primarily to reduce the level of debt. The Ervia Group does not systematically and continually deposit and borrow funds, although circumstances will arise from time to time where it is necessary or advantageous to hold cash on deposit. Cash surpluses may be invested in, but not limited to; Deposit Accounts, Time Deposits, Commercial Paper, Exchequer Bills, Government Gilts, Money Market Funds and Certificates of Deposit. The Ervia Group will invest surplus cash in euro or in the currency of overseas operations.

The Ervia Group's policy and in effect the GNI (UK) Limited policy is to develop and maintain relationships to facilitate its long-term liquidity, access to capital and availability of risk management facilities.

19. Related Party

On 1 August 2015, Ervia's investment in GNI (UK) Limited transferred to Gas Networks Ireland at book value.

A number of agreements that had existed between GNI (UK) Limited and Ervia transferred to Gas Networks Ireland on this date. These agreements underpin the relationship between the subsidiary and the parent company. The following agreements relate to financial transactions.

I. Transportation agreement

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Transportation agreement	38,504	26,875

II. Operations and maintenance agreement

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Operation and maintenance agreement payments		<u>5,940</u>

III. Management services agreement

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Management services agreement payments	2,114	3,201

IV. Finance charges

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Interest charges due to Parent Undertaking	3,741	4,097

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19. Related Party (cont'd)

The company has four facility agreements with the parent company, Gas Networks Ireland, to finance the operations of GNI (UK) Limited; an interest free facility of £110 million in respect of the general corporate purposes of GNI (UK) Limited and an interest bearing facility of £160 million arising from the purchase of Interconnector 1 in connection with the termination of the leasing arrangements (both converted to Euro in December 2013). The company also has interest bearing facilities of £165 million in respect of the North-West and South-North pipelines and €88.5m in respect of the twinning of Interconnector 2. Each of the facility agreements will mature on 31 December 2017.

Balances with related parties

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
GNI Parent: General Corporate Loan	9.	17,913
GNI Parent: Twinning Loan	24,727	
GNI Parent: IC1 Funding	119,014	114,812
Ervia Group: Northern Ireland Project	_53.798	53.117
Total Loans to from Parent Company	197.539	185.842

Interests of Board Members, Secretary and Key Management Personnel

All Board Members and the Secretary had no interests in the company during the year or at the year end. Some of the Board Members and Secretary have a beneficial interest in the parent through their participation in the Ervia Employee Share Ownership Scheme. The details of this scheme are included in the Ervia Group Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2016.

20. Contingencies

Contingent liabilities may arise in respect of contractual agreements to which GNI (UK) Limited is a party. These are estimated based on information available of the potential cost associated with the outturn of any such events which exist at the reporting date. Liabilities over and above those provided for in the financial statements could arise as a result of the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events but given the nature of the contingencies it is not practicable to make an estimate of the financial impact.

21. Commitments

Capital expenditure	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Contracted for but not provided in the Financial Statements:	<u>38,901</u>	22,301
Approved by the Board but not contracted for:	<u>268,460</u>	<u>220,555</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

22. Notes to the statement of cashflows

Cash and cash equivalents and restricted deposits

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and in bank. Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period as shown in the statement of cashflows can be reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Restricted Deposit Accounts	3,829	3,456
Other bank balances	2,373	1,481
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted deposits	6,202	4,937

23. Events after the reporting period

There have been no events between 31 December 2016 and the date on which the financial statements were approved by the Directors, which would require adjustment to the financial statements or any additional disclosures.

24. Ultimate parent undertaking

The company is a 100% owned subsidiary of Gas Networks Ireland, and part of the Ervia Group of companies. Ervia is the ultimate parent undertaking and ultimate controlling party, for which group financial statements are drawn up. Copies of the Group financial statements can be obtained from the secretary of Ervia at Webworks, Eglinton Street, Cork, Ireland.

25. Approval of financial statements

The Directors approved and authorised for issue the financial statements on 13/04/2017