



Report & Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2017

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GNI (UK) LIMITED

DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

R Jemmett
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L O'Sullivan (Resigned 27th March 2018)
J Burchill (Alternate Director)
D O'Sullivan (Appointed 27th March 2018)

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GNI (UK) LIMITED

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 £92.7 million at 31 December 2017. 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. These facilities include an interest free facility of £110 million for general corporate purposes and an interest bearing facility of £160 million which funded the purchase of Interconnector 1 in connection with the termination of the leasing arrangements. Both of these facilities were denominated in 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 2018. 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 2017 GNI (UK) Limited had a net cash balance of £10.9 million, the company also held £3.6 million in restricted deposits.

The Utility Regulator in Northern Ireland and the Regulatory Authority in the UK, Ofgem, 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 2017 works continued on the construction of the new 50km natural gas pipeline in Scotland, following allocation of €34 million (maximum) of EU grant aid, initially secured in 2014. There are currently two high pressure pipelines running from Moffat, in Scotland, to Ireland and the Isle of Man, 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 along the 50km section to create two separate and independent pipelines. This infrastructure project will be the final step in full twinning of the two pipelines which supply the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Isle of Man and the project will be completed in 2018.

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 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.

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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 £27.2 million in 2017 a decrease of £3.2 million on the previous financial year. The target for 2018 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 £71.8 million to £92.7 million together with capital expenditure of £56.1m in 2017 compared to a spend of £30.4m in 2016. 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 during 2017. In addition all planned maintenance activities were completed in line with agreed targets.

During 2017, extensive work was undertaken with other Transmission System Operators in the Northern Ireland market to develop a "single system operator model" called "Gas Market Operator Northern Ireland". This project was completed in October 2017. The Northern Ireland gas transmission market was 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 offers 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 the Regulation of Utilities for the Interconnector System and by the Utility Regulator for the Northern Ireland Transmission System. In 2017, both regulators completed their reviews to determine the allowed revenues for the five years from October 2017 to September 2022.

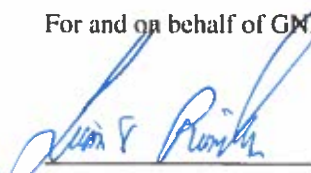
FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The EU continued to develop a single internal energy market in 2017, with further developments expected in 2018. New Security of Gas Supply Regulations, part of the Clean Energy Package, came into force on 1 November 2017. The development of the incremental capacity and tariff network codes were also completed in the first quarter of 2017, and came into force on 6 April 2017. During 2018, GNI (UK) Limited will continue to work with the Commission for Regulation of Utilities, the Utility Regulator and Ofgem to ensure compliance with the Regulations.

In 2018, GNI (UK) will construct and commission a new connection to the GNI (UK) network at Derryhale in Northern Ireland. The connection will facilitate the expansion of the Northern Ireland gas network as part of the "Gas to the West" project.

With Brexit scheduled for 2019, GNI (UK) Limited will continue its close liaison with all relevant stakeholders in Ireland, the UK, and Brussels in order to minimise the impact and optimise the opportunities for the company.

For and on behalf of GNI (UK) Limited:


Liam O'Riordan
Secretary


Date of Approval

GNI (UK) LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors submit their report together with the audited financial statements for the year from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017.

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 2018 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, 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 £19.9 million (2016: £23.4 million).

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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

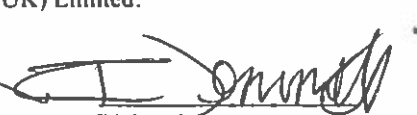
Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- 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 ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself 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:


Denis O' Sullivan
Director


Richard Jemmett
Director


Date of Approval

GNI (UK) LIMITED

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:


Denis O' Sullivan
Director


Richard Jemmett
Director

11th April 2018
Date of Approval

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of GNI (UK) Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union and IFRSs as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements of GNI (UK) Limited (the 'company') 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 24.

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.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs(UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of GNI (UK) Limited

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Responsibilities of directors

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, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), the auditor exercises professional judgment and maintains professional scepticism throughout the audit. The auditor also:

- Identifies and assesses the risks of material misstatement of the entity's financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designs and performs audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtains audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for the auditor's opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtains an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluates the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Concludes on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If the auditor concludes that a material uncertainty exists, the auditor is required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the auditor's opinion. The auditor's conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluates the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (i.e. gives a true and fair view).

The auditor communicates with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that the auditor identifies during the audit.

***Independent Auditor's Report
to the Members of GNI (UK) Limited***

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.



Kevin Butler, FCA
Senior Statutory Auditor
For and on behalf of Deloitte UK
Statutory Auditor
Cork, Ireland

Date: 26/4/18

GNI (UK) LIMITED
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
for the year ended 31 December 2017

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2017</i> <i>£'000</i>	<i>2016</i> <i>£'000</i>
Continuing operations			
Revenue	3	60,908	63,649
Operating costs	5	<u>(33,728)</u>	<u>(33,186)</u>
Profit from operating activities		27,180	30,463
Finance costs	6	<u>(2,715)</u>	<u>(3,802)</u>
Profit before income tax		24,465	26,661
Income tax expense	7	<u>(4,608)</u>	<u>(3,253)</u>
Profit for the year	13	<u>19,857</u>	<u>23,408</u>
<u>Other comprehensive income</u>			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Translation differences on conversion of foreign divisions to presentation currency		1,055	1,955
Total items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	13	<u>1,055</u>	<u>1,955</u>
Total other comprehensive income for the year		<u>1,055</u>	<u>1,955</u>
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Owners of the company		<u>20,912</u>	<u>25,363</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>20,912</u>	<u>25,363</u>

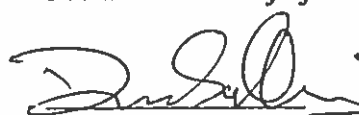
The notes on pages 15 to 35 form part of these financial statements.


GNI (UK) LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
as at 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	348,580	304,360
Intangible assets	9	<u>1,124</u>	<u>267</u>
Total non-current assets		349,704	304,627
Current assets			
Inventory	10	43	28
Trade and other receivables	11	8,402	7,371
Cash and cash equivalents	12	10,861	2,373
Restricted deposits	12	3,633	3,829
Derivative financial instruments	17	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Total current assets		22,939	13,602
Total assets		<u>372,643</u>	<u>318,229</u>
EQUITY			
Called up share capital	13	(400)	(400)
Other reserves	13	(6,433)	(5,378)
Retained earnings	13	<u>(85,878)</u>	<u>(66,021)</u>
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the company		<u>(92,711)</u>	<u>(71,799)</u>
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Government grants	14	(33,534)	(23,234)
Trade and other payables	15	(181,666)	(163,506)
Deferred tax liabilities	16	(12,479)	(10,284)
Derivative financial instruments	17	<u>(35)</u>	<u>(19)</u>
Total non-current liabilities		<u>(227,714)</u>	<u>(197,043)</u>
Current liabilities			
Government grants	14	(1,520)	(1,520)
Trade and other payables	15	(50,698)	(47,731)
Derivative financial instruments	17	<u>-</u>	<u>(136)</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>(52,218)</u>	<u>(49,387)</u>
Total liabilities		<u>(279,932)</u>	<u>(246,430)</u>
Total equity and liabilities		<u>(372,643)</u>	<u>(318,229)</u>

The notes on pages 15 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

For and on behalf of GNI (UK) Limited:


 Denis O' Sullivan
 Director


 Richard Jemmett
 Director


 Date of Approval

GNI (UK) LIMITED
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
for the year ended 31 December 2017

	<i>Called-up Share Capital £'000</i>	<i>Retained Earnings £'000</i>	<i>Other Reserves £'000</i>	<i>Total Equity £'000</i>
At 1 January 2016	400	42,613	3,423	46,436
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>23,408</u>	<u>1,955</u>	<u>25,363</u>
Balance at 31 December 2016	400	66,021	5,378	71,799
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>19,857</u>	<u>1,055</u>	<u>20,912</u>
Balance at 31 December 2017	<u>400</u>	<u>85,878</u>	<u>6,433</u>	<u>92,711</u>

GNI (UK) LIMITED
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Year Ended 31 December 2017

	<i>Notes</i>	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Cashflows from operating activities			
Profit for the year		19,857	23,408
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation and amortisation (net)	5	18,505	16,995
Finance cost		2,841	3,380
(Gain)/ Loss on derivatives		(126)	422
Income tax		<u>4,608</u>	<u>3,253</u>
		45,685	47,458
Working capital changes:			
Change in inventories		(11)	23
Change in trade and other receivables		(1,098)	(589)
Change in trade and other payables		8,708	(12,504)
Change in deferred grants		<u>11,567</u>	<u>2,860</u>
Cash generated from operating activities		<u>64,851</u>	<u>37,248</u>
Income tax paid		<u>(3,903)</u>	<u>(2,855)</u>
Net cash generated from operating activities		<u>60,948</u>	<u>34,393</u>
Cashflows from investing activities			
Movement in restricted deposits		196	(373)
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(51,873)	(33,175)
Payments for intangible assets		<u>(872)</u>	<u>(286)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(52,549)</u>	<u>(33,834)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		8,399	559
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		2,373	1,481
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held		<u>89</u>	<u>333</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	12	<u>10,861</u>	<u>2,373</u>

GNI (UK) LIMITED

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 2018 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 2017.

(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.

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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 2017. The application of these amendments to standards did not have a material impact on the GNI (UK) Limited financial statements for 2017.

Standard/Amendment	EU Effective Date	Endorsed by the EU
Amendments to IAS 7: Disclosure Initiative	1 January 2017	November 2017
Amendments to IAS 12: Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses	1 January 2017	November 2017

The table below sets out the standards, amendments to standards and interpretations that are in issue but are not yet effective under IFRS, as endorsed by the EU, for the year ended 31 December 2017 and thus have not been applied in preparing these financial statements.

Standard/Amendment	EU Effective Date ¹	Endorsed by the EU
IFRS 9 Financial Instruments	1 January 2018	November 2016
IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers	1 January 2018	September 2016
Amendments to IAS 40: Transfers of Investment Property	1 January 2018	(Outstanding)
IFRIC Interpretation 22 Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration	1 January 2018	(Outstanding)
Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2014-2016 Cycle	1 January 2018/ 1 January 2017	February 2018
Amendments to IFRS 4: Applying IFRS 9 Financial Instruments with IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts	1 January 2018	November 2017
Amendments to IFRS 2: Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions	1 January 2018	February 2018
Clarifications to IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers	1 January 2018	October 2017
Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28: Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture	Deferred Indefinitely	n/a
IFRS 16 Leases	1 January 2019	October 2017
IFRIC Interpretation 23 Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments	1 January 2019	(Outstanding)

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

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

Standard/Amendment	EU Effective Date ¹	Endorsed by the EU
Amendments to IFRS 9: Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation	1 January 2019	(Outstanding)
Amendments to IAS 28: Long Term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures	1 January 2019	(Outstanding)
Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2015-2017 Cycle	1 January 2019	(Outstanding)
Amendments to IAS 19: Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement	1 January 2019	(Outstanding)
IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts	1 January 2021	(Outstanding)

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

IFRS 9, issued on 24 July 2014, introduced new requirements for recognition, measurement, and impairment and de-recognition of financial instruments and general hedge accounting. The Company will apply IFRS 9 from its effective date under IFRS, as endorsed by the EU (1 January 2018). Application of this standard will impact on the recognition and measurement of the Company's financial instruments. Under the provisions of this standard, where the Company has chosen to measure borrowings at fair value through profit or loss, the portion of the change in fair value due to changes in the Company's own credit risk will be recognised in other comprehensive income rather than within profit or loss. If this standard is adopted, there will be no significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

IFRS 16 Leases was issued on 13 January 2016 with an IASB effective date of 1 January 2019, as endorsed by the EU (October 2017). 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.

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.

It is anticipated that application of the remaining IFRS/amendments/annual improvements, in issue at 31 December 2017 but not yet effective, will not have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

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(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.

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 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.

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(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.

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.

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(h) Profit from operating activities

Profit from operating activities is stated before finance costs.

(i) 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.

(j) 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.

(k) 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.

(l) 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.

(m) 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.

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3. Revenue

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

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	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Board members' emoluments		
-fees	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
Total	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>

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

5. Operating costs

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Depreciation	20,008	18,496
Amortisation of intangible assets	17	19
Grant amortisation	(1,520)	(1,520)
Auditor's remuneration	17	16
Board members' fees	20	20
Network maintenance	6,478	6,521
Rates	4,134	4,534
Management services	2,203	2,114
Other operating costs	<u>2,371</u>	<u>2,986</u>
Total	<u>33,728</u>	<u>33,186</u>

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6. Finance (Income)/Costs

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Fair value adjustments on derivative financial instruments (i)	<u>(126)</u>	<u>422</u>
Interest payable to parent undertaking	3,250	3,525
Other interest charges	145	65
Capitalised interest	<u>(554)</u>	<u>(210)</u>
Total	<u>2,715</u>	<u>3,802</u>

(i) These are remeasurements arising on financial instruments of a financing nature which are accounted for as if held for trading or as fair value hedges in accordance with the Ervia Group accounting policy. The impact of these remeasurements on net finance costs for 2017 was £0.1 million gain (2016: £0.4 million loss). Further details on derivative financial instruments falling within the scope of IAS 39 are set out in note 17.

7. Income Tax Expense

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Current tax expense:		
Current tax	3,719	4,628
Prior year over provision	<u>(90)</u>	<u>(57)</u>
	<u>3,629</u>	<u>4,571</u>
Deferred tax expense		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	932	(668)
Prior year under provision	<u>47</u>	<u>(650)</u>
	<u>979</u>	<u>(1,318)</u>
Total tax expense	<u>4,608</u>	<u>3,253</u>
Reconciliation of effective tax rate:		
Profit before tax	24,465	26,661
Tax at 19.25% (2016: 20%)	4,710	5,332
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	64	51
Exchange adjustments	-	276
Effect of tax rate change	(123)	(1,699)
Adjustments to tax change in respect of previous years	<u>(43)</u>	<u>(707)</u>
Income tax expense	<u>4,608</u>	<u>3,253</u>

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8. Property, plant and equipment

	<i>Land and Buildings £'000</i>	<i>Plant, Pipeline & Equipment £'000</i>	<i>Assets under Construction £'000</i>	<i>Total £'000</i>
Cost				
At 1 January 2016	6,160	422,944	13,050	442,154
Effect of movement in exchange rates	977	36,976	3,321	41,274
Additions	-	-	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
Effect of movement in exchange rates	288	11,233	1,712	13,233
Additions	-	2,300	53,826	56,126
Transfers in year	-	8,132	(8,132)	-
At 31 December 2017	7,425	495,215	79,417	582,057
Accumulated Depreciation				
At 1 January 2016	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
Effect of movement in exchange rates	146	4,985	-	5,131
Depreciation charge for the year	246	19,762	-	20,008
At 31 December 2017	3,936	229,541	-	233,477
Net Book Value				
At 31 December 2016	<u>3,593</u>	<u>268,756</u>	<u>32,011</u>	<u>304,360</u>
At 31 December 2017	<u>3,489</u>	<u>265,674</u>	<u>79,417</u>	<u>348,580</u>

During the period GNI (UK) Limited capitalised £0.55 million in interest. The capitalisation rate was 1.3%.

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9. Intangible Assets

	<i>Software</i> £'000	<i>Software Under</i> <i>Development</i> £'000	<i>Total</i> £'000
Cost			
At 1 January 2016	548	200	748
At 31 December 2016	548	200	748
Additions	-	874	874
At 31 December 2017	548	1,074	1,622
Accumulated Amortisation			
At 1 January 2016	481	-	481
At 31 December 2016	481	-	481
Amortisation charge for the year	17		17
At 31 December 2017	498	-	498
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2016	<u>67</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>267</u>
At 31 December 2017	<u>50</u>	<u>1,074</u>	<u>1,124</u>

10. Inventory

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Engineering materials	<u>43</u>	<u>28</u>

In 2017 inventories recognised as maintenance costs amounted to £214,000 (2016: £170,000). There were no write-downs of inventories to net realisable value in 2017 (2016: £nil).

11. Trade and other receivables

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Current:		
Trade debtors	2,626	2,959
Use of system receivable	3,856	2,763
Prepayments	1,646	980
VAT	253	648
Withholding tax	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>
Total	8,402	7,371

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11. Trade and other receivables (Cont'd)

Use of system receivable comprises unbilled transportation revenue. In respect of 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 Gas Market Operator, non-payment of invoices attracts a daily interest charge.

12. Cash and cash equivalents

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Restricted Deposits*	3,633	3,829
Cash	<u>10,861</u>	<u>2,373</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	14,494	6,202

*Restricted deposits comprise security deposits received from certain customers.

13. Equity

i. Share capital

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
<i>Authorised:</i>		
400,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	400	400
<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid:</i>		
400,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	400	400

ii. Retained earnings

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
At 1 January	66,021	42,613
Profit for the year	<u>19,857</u>	<u>23,408</u>
At 31 December	85,878	66,021

iii. Other reserves

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
At 1 January	5,378	3,423
Other comprehensive income	<u>1,055</u>	<u>1,955</u>
At 31 December	6,433	5,378

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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14. Government Grants

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
<i>At 1 January</i>	24,754	23,024
Received in year	11,567	2,860
Amortised in year	(1,520)	(1,520)
Effect of movement in exchange rates	<u>253</u>	<u>390</u>
<i>At 31 December</i>	35,054	24,754
<i>Current</i>	1,520	1,520
<i>Non-Current</i>	<u>33,534</u>	<u>23,234</u>
	35,054	24,754

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. £11.6 million was received in 2017 in respect of the ICI twinning of Southwest Scotland onshore system between Cluden and Brighthouse 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 2017 are £52.9 million (2016: £41.3 million).

15. Trade and Other Payables

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Non-Current Liabilities:		
Amounts due to parent undertaking	181,666	163,506
Non-Current liabilities	<u>181,666</u>	<u>163,506</u>
Current Liabilities:		
Amounts due to parent undertaking	33,608	34,033
Trade creditors	424	2,084
Accruals	14,806	9,479
Current tax	<u>1,860</u>	<u>2,135</u>
Current liabilities	<u>50,698</u>	<u>47,731</u>

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16. Deferred tax assets and liabilities

	<i>Property, plant and equipment</i> £'000	<i>Other</i> £'000	<i>Total</i> £'000
At 1 January 2016	(14,608)	6,722	(7,886)
Charge to statement of comprehensive income	1,654	(336)	1,318
Exchange adjustment	<u>(3,716)</u>	—	<u>(3,716)</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>(16,670)</u>	<u>6,386</u>	<u>(10,284)</u>
Charge to statement of comprehensive income	(979)		(979)
Exchange adjustment	<u>(1,216)</u>	—	<u>(1,216)</u>
At 31 December 2017	<u>(18,865)</u>	<u>6,386</u>	<u>(12,479)</u>

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:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Deferred tax assets	6,386	6,386
Deferred tax liabilities	<u>(18,865)</u>	<u>(16,670)</u>
Net deferred tax liability	<u>(12,479)</u>	<u>(10,284)</u>

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.

17. 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.

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17. 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:

	<i>Amortised Cost 2017 £'000</i>	<i>Derivatives not in hedging relationship 2017 £'000</i>	<i>Total Carrying Value 2017 £'000</i>	<i>Fair value 2017 £'000</i>
Assets				
<i>Current financial assets</i>				
Trade and other receivables (excluding prepaids)	6,756	-	6,756	6,756
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	10,861	-	10,861	10,861
Restricted deposits	<u>3,633</u>	-	<u>3,633</u>	<u>3,633</u>
Total current assets	<u>21,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,250</u>	<u>21,250</u>
Liabilities				
Derivative financial instruments	-	(35)	(35)	(35)
Amounts due to parent undertaking	<u>(181,666)</u>	-	<u>(181,666)</u>	<u>(181,666)</u>
Total non-current financial liabilities	<u>(181,666)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(181,701)</u>	<u>(181,701)</u>
<i>Current liabilities:</i>				
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-
Trade and other payables	<u>(48,838)</u>	-	<u>(48,838)</u>	<u>(48,838)</u>
Total current financial liabilities	<u>(48,838)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(48,838)</u>	<u>(48,838)</u>

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

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

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.

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17. 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 Ervia 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

	<i>Level 2 2017 £'000</i>	<i>Level 2 2016 £'000</i>
Financial assets		
Forward exchange contracts	—	1
Total financial assets	—	1
Financial liabilities		
Forward exchange contracts	<u>(35)</u>	<u>(155)</u>
Total financial liabilities	<u>(35)</u>	<u>(155)</u>
Net financial assets/liabilities	<u>(35)</u>	<u>(154)</u>

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.

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17. 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 Ervia 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:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Financial Assets		
Trade and other receivables (excluding prepaids)	6,756	6,391
Derivative Financial Instruments *	-	1
Cash and cash equivalents	10,861	2,373
Restricted deposits	<u>3,633</u>	<u>3,829</u>
Total	<u>21,250</u>	<u>12,594</u>

* 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 2017.

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

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
United Kingdom	6,756	6,375
Other	-	16
Total	<u>6,756</u>	<u>6,391</u>

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

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Not past due	6,313	5,308
0-30 days	152	56
31-120 days	290	968
>120 days	<u>1</u>	<u>59</u>
Total	<u>6,756</u>	<u>6,391</u>

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17. 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:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
At 1 January	-	7
Provision utilised	:	(7)
At 31 December	:	:

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 ultimate 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 2017 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.

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17. 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 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 Company's reputation.

18. Related Party

A number of agreements exist between GNI (UK) Limited and Gas Networks Ireland. These agreements underpin the relationship between the subsidiary and the parent company. The following agreements relate to financial transactions.

I. Transportation agreement

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Transportation agreement	34,982	38,504

II. Management services agreement

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Management services agreement payments	2,203	2,114

III. Finance charges

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Interest charges due to Parent Undertaking	3,250	3,525

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18. 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 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 2018.

Balances with related parties

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
GNI Parent: Twinning Loan	45,691	24,727
GNI Parent: ICI Funding	121,396	119,014
Ervia Group: Northern Ireland Project	<u>14,580</u>	<u>53,798</u>
Total Loans to from Parent Company	<u>181,667</u>	<u>197,539</u>

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 2017.

19. 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.

20. Commitments

Capital expenditure	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Contracted for but not provided in the Financial Statements:	<u>9,697</u>	<u>45,143</u>
Approved by the Board but not contracted for:	<u>6,856</u>	<u>18,723</u>

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21. 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:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Restricted Deposit Accounts	3,633	3,829
Other bank balances	<u>10,861</u>	<u>2,373</u>
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted deposits	<u>14,494</u>	<u>6,202</u>

22. Events after the reporting period

There have been no events between 31 December 2017 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.

23. 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.

24. Approval of financial statements

The Directors approved and authorised for issue the financial statements on 11th April 2018.