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Enterprise Oil Limited

Annual Report

and

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2018



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Strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2018

The Directors present their strategic report on Enterprise Oil Limited (also referred to as the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2018.

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

Business review

The principal activities of Enterprise Oil Limited are oil and gas exploration and production and to hold investments in subsidiary undertakings engaged in various branches of the oil and gas business. The Company will continue with these activities for the foreseeable future.

The Company's pre tax profit for the financial year decreased to £97.8 million (2017: £459.7 million). This was primarily due to gain on sale of North Sea assets of £337.1 million in 2017 and Benin closure proceeds. The Company made post tax profit of \$ 104.8 million (2017: \$434.3 million) on account of increase in tax credits.

The Directors consider that the year end financial position of the Company was satisfactory.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Shell Group has a single risk based control framework - The Shell Control Framework - to identify and manage risks. The Shell Control Framework applies to all wholly owned Shell companies and to those ventures and other companies in which Royal Dutch Shell has directly or indirectly a controlling interest. From the perspective of the Company, the principal risks and uncertainties affecting the Company are considered to be those that affect the Shell Group. Accordingly, the principal risks and uncertainties of the Shell Group, which are discussed on pages 15 to 20 of Royal Dutch Shell's Annual Report and Form 20-F for the year ended 31 December 2018 (the "Group Report"), include those of the Company. (The Group Report does not form part of this report).

Strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

Key Performance Indicators

Companies of the Shell Group comprise the Upstream businesses of Exploration and Production, Integrated Gas and New Energies and the Downstream businesses of Oil Products and Chemicals. The Company's key performance indicators, that give an understanding of the development, performance and position of the business, are aligned with those of the Shell Group. The development, performance and position of the various businesses is discussed on pages 29 to 61 of the Group Report and the key performance indicators through which the Group's performance is measured are as set out on pages 27 to 28 of the Group Report.

Human Rights

Respect for human rights is embedded in the Shell Group's Business Principles and Code of Conduct. This approach is informed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the core conventions of the International Labour Organization and the United Nations' Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

The Shell Group works closely with other companies and non-governmental organisations to continuously improve the way it applies these principles, with a focus on four key areas: communities, security, labour rights, and supply chain. The Shell Group has systems and processes in place for managing projects, contracting and procurement, recruitment and employment, security and social performance and requires all Group companies and contractors to respect the human rights of their workforce and neighbouring communities.

The Shell Group's Modern Slavery Statement provides more details about the process applied. It can be found at www.shell.com/uk-modern-slavery-act.html.

Approved by the Board on 16 September 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

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C. Bushay

Authorised signatory for

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Shell Corporate Secretary Limited

Company secretary

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2018

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

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

Dividends

Interim dividends of £70.0 million were paid in the year (2017: £nil). The Directors recommend that no further dividend be paid for the year ended 31 December 2018 (2017: £nil).

Future Outlook

No significant change in the business of the Company has taken place during the year or is expected in the immediately foreseeable future.

Directors of the Company

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

G. Archibald

M.W. Eide

S. Ouellette (appointed 12 February 2018)

J.S.M. Van Bunnik (resigned 16 April 2018)

H.E.L. Jones (appointed 28 May 2018)

Shell Corporate Director Limited (appointed 19 July 2018)

Financial risk management

The Company's Directors are required to follow the requirements of Shell Group risk management policies, which include specific guidelines on the management of market, credit and liquidity risk, and advice on the use of financial instruments to manage them. Shell Group risk management policies can be found in the Group Report (see pages 103 to 104 and note 19).

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

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

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

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

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to the auditor

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

Approved by the Board on 16 September 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

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C. Bushay Authorised signatory for Shell Corporate Secretary Limited Company secretary

Independent Auditor's report to the Member of Enterprise Oil Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Enterprise Oil Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2018, which comprise the Profit and loss account, Balance sheet, Statement of changes in equity, and the related notes 1 to 21, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

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

Independent Auditor's report to the Member of Enterprise Oil Limited (continued)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report set out on pages 1 to 4, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Directors are responsible for the other information

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Independent Auditor's report to the Member of Enterprise Oil Limited (continued)

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' responsibilities set out on page 4, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

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

Ernst & Young LLP

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

Date: 17 SEPTEMBEL 2019

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2018

Continuing operations

	Note	2018 £ m	Restated * 2017 £ m
Turnover	5	238.5	318.2
Cost of sales		(137.8)	(189.9)
GROSS PROFIT		100.7	128.3
Administrative expenses		(16.6)	(14.6)
Exploration expenses		(9.8)	(18.5)
Other income		8.4	49.8
OPERATING PROFIT	8	82.7	145.0
Income from shares in subsidiary undertakings		70.0	95.4
Amounts provided against investments		(0.1)	(50.6)
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets		2.9	337.1
PROFIT BEFORE INTEREST AND TAXATION		155.5	526.9
Interest receivable and similar income	6	14.2	9.5
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(71.9)	(76.7)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		97.8	459.7
Tax on profit	10	7.0	(25.4)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		104.8	434.3

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

^{*}Refer note 3 on prior period adjustments.

(Registration number: 01682048) Balance sheet as at 31 December 2018

	Note	2018 £ m	Restated* 2017 £ m
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	1,187.2	1,159.1
Investments	12	1,992.6	1,992.7
Deferred tax	10	<u> </u>	1.2
		3,179.8	3,153.0
Current assets			
Stock	13	20.9	23.7
Debtors	14	2,994.4	2,638.9
Cash at bank and in hand		0.1	0.1
		3,015.4	2,662.7
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(2,477.6)	(2,150.7)
Net current assets		537.8	512.0
Total assets less current liabilities		3,717.6	3,665.0
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(1,491.4)	(1,480.3)
Deferred tax	10	(2.6)	-
Provisions	18	(409.5)	(405.4)
Net assets		1,814.1	1,779.3
Equity			
Called up share capital	19	717.3	717.3
Share premium reserve		110.9	110.9
Other reserves		447.9	457.4
Profit and loss account		538.0	493.7
Total equity		1,814.1	1,779.3

^{*}Refer note 3 on prior period adjustments.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 39 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 16 September 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

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G. Archibald

Director

Enterprise Oil Limited

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2018

	Called up share capital £ m	Share premium £ m	Restated * Profit and loss account £ m	Other reserves £ m	Total £ m
Balance as at 01 January 2017 (as previously reported)	717.3	110.9	50.5	466.3	1,345.0
Profit for the year (as restated*)			434.3		434.3
Total comprehensive income for the year (as restated*)	-	-	434.3	-	434.3
Other transfers			8.9	(8.9)	
Balance as at 31 December 2017 (as restated*)	717.3	110.9	493.7	457.4	1,779.3
Balance as at 01 January 2018	717.3	110.9	493.7	457.4	1,779.3
Profit for the year	<u> </u>		104.8		104.8
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	104.8	-	104.8
Other transfers	-	-	9.5	(9.5)	-
Dividends paid (refer note 20)			(70.0)		(70.0)
Balance as at 31 December 2018	717.3	110.9	538.0	447.9	1,814.1

^{*}Refer note 3 on prior period adjustments.

During the year, interest amounting to £9.5 million (2017: £8.9 million) was amortised through the profit and loss account and the equal amount was transferred from Other reserves (note 16).

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

General information

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

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

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

As applied to the Company, there are no material differences between EU endorsed IFRS and IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, except for the adoption of IFRS 9 and IFRS 15.

New standards applied

The adoption of IFRS 9 and IFRS 15 has had no material impact on the Company's retained earnings or balance sheet as at 1 January 2018.

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

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

- IFRS 7, 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures'
- Paragraphs 91 to 99 of IFRS 13, 'Fair value measurement' (disclosure of valuation techniques and inputs used for fair value measurement of assets and liabilities)
- Paragraph 38 of IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements' comparative information requirements in respect of:
 - (i) paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1 'Presentation of financial statements';
 - (ii) paragraph 73(e) of IAS 16 'Property, plant and equipment';
 - (iii) paragraph 118(e) of IAS 38 'Intangible assets' (reconciliation between the carrying amount at the beginning and end of the period);
- The following paragraphs of IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements':
 - (i) 10(d), (statement of cash flows);
 - (ii) 10(f) (a balance sheet as at the beginning of the preceding period when an entity applies an accounting policy retrospectively or makes a retrospective restatement of items in its financial statements, or when it reclassifies items in its financial statements);
 - (iii) 16 (statement of compliance with all IFRS);
 - (iv) 38A (requirement to present a minimum of two statements for each of the primary financial statements, including cash flow statements and related notes);
 - (v) 38B-D (additional comparative information);
 - (vi) 40A-D (requirements for a third balance sheet);
 - (vii) 111 (cash flow statement information); and
 - (viii) 134-136 (capital management disclosures)
- The following paragraphs of IFRS 15, 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers';
 - (i) the requirements of the second sentence of paragraph 110 (qualitative and quantitative information about contracts with customers, significant judgements, changes in judgements in applying this standard to those contracts, and assets recognised from the costs to obtain or fulfil a contract);
 - (ii) paragraph 113(a) (revenue recognised from contracts with customers);
 - (iii) paragraphs 114 and 115 (disaggregation of revenue);
 - (iv) paragraph 118 (changes in contract asset and liability);
 - (v) paragraphs 119(a) to (c) and 120 to 127 (performance obligations); and
 - (vi) paragraph 129 (practical expedients);
- IAS 7, 'Statement of cash flows';
- Paragraph 30 and 31 of IAS 8 'Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors' (requirement for the disclosure of information when an entity has not applied a new IFRS that has been issued but is not yet effective);
- Paragraph 17 and 18A of IAS 24, 'Related party disclosures' (key management compensation);
- The requirements in IAS 24, 'Related party disclosures' to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more wholly owned members of a group.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Consolidation

The financial statements contain information about Enterprise Oil Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The Company is exempt under section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertakings are included by full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements of its ultimate parent, Royal Dutch Shell plc, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

The immediate parent company is Shell U.K. Limited.

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

The consolidated accounts of Royal Dutch Shell plc are available from:

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

Registered office: Shell Centre, London, SE1 7NA

Income from shares in subsidiary and participating undertakings

Income from shares in subsidiary and participating undertakings represents dividends relating to the current year and prior periods, provided that the dividends have been approved by the Company.

Taxation

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

Current tax

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Deferred tax

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

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

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

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

Amounts relating to deferred tax are undiscounted.

Petroleum revenue tax

Current UK Petroleum Revenue Tax (PRT) is treated as an income tax and is deductible for UK corporation tax purposes. It is charged as a tax expense on chargeable field profits included in the profit and loss account.

Provision for deferred petroleum revenue tax is made on a field-by-field basis using the liability method. Provision is made for temporary differences in respect of capital and revenue expenditure and the decommissioning and restoration provision. The benefits of the oil allowance are assumed to accrue over field life.

Foreign currency translation

(i) Functional and presentation currency

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

(ii) Transaction and balances

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

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

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and provision for impairment. Cost includes the original purchase price of the asset and the costs attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use. A review for the potential impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of a fixed asset may not be recoverable. If assets are determined to be impaired, the carrying amounts of those assets are written down to their recoverable amount, which is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. Value in use is determined as the amount of estimated risk-adjusted discounted future cash flows. For this purpose, assets are grouped into cash-generating units based on separately identifiable and largely independent cash inflows. Any impairments are recorded in the profit and loss account.

If, after an impairment loss has been recognised, the recoverable amount of a fixed asset increases because of a change in economic conditions or in the expected use of the asset, the resulting reversal of the impairment loss is recognised in the current year to the extent that it increases the carrying amount of the fixed asset up to the amount it would have been had the original impairment not occurred.

Depreciation and impairment are not normally charged on assets under construction or on freehold land. In the case of these assets, an impairment review would only be undertaken if, and only if, there was a change in circumstances indicating that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

The cost of licences is carried forward either until a licence is relinquished or the associated costs written off, or until production of oil or gas starts, when the cost is depleted on a unit-of-production basis related to total proved reserves.

Platforms and infield pipelines are depleted from the date field production commences on a unit-of-production basis over the proved developed reserves of the field concerned. Successful exploration, appraisal, production and injection wells are depleted on a unit-of-production basis over the proved developed reserves of the field concerned.

Changes in estimates are accounted for prospectively over the remaining reserves of the field.

Other exploration and production fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, which generally range from 4 to 20 years.

Exploration, appraisal and development costs

Exploration and appraisal costs are accounted for under the successful efforts method.

Exploration costs are charged to income when incurred, except that exploratory drilling costs are included in tangible fixed assets, pending determination of proved reserves. Exploration wells that are more than 12 months old are expensed unless (a) (i) they are in an area requiring major capital expenditure before production can begin and (ii) they have found commercially producible quantities of reserves and (iii) they are subject to further exploratory or appraisal activity in that either drilling of additional exploratory wells is under way or firmly planned for the near future, or (b) proved reserves are booked within 12 months following the completion of exploratory drilling.

Decommissioning and restoration costs

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Significant estimation techniques

Future development costs are estimated using standard techniques applied throughout the oil and gas industry. The estimation method used and the uncertainty range of the estimate depends upon the maturity and extent of the underlying technical work. At the early stages of project feasibility, cost estimating software and benchmarking studies will usually be used as the basis of estimates, while at the later stages of project development, supplier quoted costs will be used along with detailed quantities of materials. Statistical methods are also used to establish uncertainty ranges for the estimates. These methods are used for new capital projects as well as decommissioning of existing facilities.

Production forecasts and reserves are estimated using standard techniques of petroleum engineering. These techniques combine geophysical and geological knowledge with detailed information concerning reservoir porosity and permeability distributions and fluid characteristics with estimates of recovery efficiencies from studies or field analogues. There is uncertainty inherent in the measurement and interpretation of the basic data. These uncertainties are accounted for by using a combination of deterministic and statistical methods to calculate the range of recoverable reserves and to estimate future production profiles. Changes in estimates affecting unit-of-production calculations for depreciation and petroleum revenue tax are accounted for prospectively over the estimated remaining commercial reserves of each field.

Financial instruments

Financial assets

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

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Impairment of financial assets

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

Financial liabilities

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

Derivative contracts

Derivative contracts are held at fair value. Gains or losses arising from changes in fair value are recognised in the profit and loss account within interest income or expenses in the period in which they arise.

Investment in subsidiaries and participating undertakings

These comprise investments in shares and loans that the Company intends to hold on a continuing basis. The investments in subsidiaries and participating undertakings are stated at cost, less provisions for impairment. The Company carries out a review for the potential impairment of an investment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the investment may not be recoverable. Such impairment reviews are performed in accordance with IAS 36. Any impairments are recorded in the profit and loss account.

If, after an impairment loss has been recognised, the recoverable amount of an investment increases because of a change in economic conditions or in the expected use of the asset, the resulting reversal of the impairment loss is recognised in the current year to the extent that it increases the carrying amount of the fixed asset up to the amount it would have been had the original impairment not occurred.

Stock

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. Provision is made for obsolete, slow moving and defective stocks to write stocks down to their net realisable value, wherever necessary.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Underlift and overlift of oil

Underlift and overlift of crude oil is valued at market prices. The resulting impact is recognised within cost of sales in the profit and loss account.

Turnover

Recognition

Turnover from contracts with customers is recognised over time, or at a point in time, when control of the goods or services are transferred to the customer at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

For contracts that contain separate performance obligations the transaction price is allocated to those separate performance obligations by reference to their relative standalone selling prices. Turnover is recognised as the performance obligations are fulfilled.

Sale of goods

Turnover from sales of oil, natural gas, chemicals and other products is recognised at the price at which the Company is expected to be entitled to, after deducting sales taxes, excise duties and similar levies, and when the control of the products have been transferred, which is when the customer has the ability to direct the use of the products and obtain substantially all of the remaining benefits from the products. For turnover from refining operations, it is either when product is placed onboard a vessel or offloaded from the vessel, depending on the contractually agreed terms; and for sales of oil products and chemicals, it is either at the point of delivery or the point of receipt, depending on contractual conditions. Turnover from sales of oil and natural gas generally occurs when product is physically transferred into a vessel, pipe or other delivery mechanism. For turnover resulting from arrangements that do not meet the revenue from contract with customer criteria, turnover is classified as from other sources.

Provisions

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

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Leases

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as non-current assets of the Company at the lower of their fair value at the date of commencement of the lease and at the present value of the minimum lease payments. These assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the useful life of the asset and the lease term. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation.

Lease payments are apportioned between finance costs in the income statement and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Netting off policy

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

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

Joint arrangements

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

2 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

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

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

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

Useful economic life of tangible fixed assets

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets is calculated using management's assessment of the useful economic lives of the underlying assets. Upon purchase or construction of an asset, useful economic life is assessed by reference to a number of underlying assumptions, including the economic lives of other similar assets. As the economic benefit of the assets is consumed over the course of its life, revisions to the useful life of the asset may be made upon assessment of changes in the operating environment or the condition of the asset itself.

Impairment of tangible fixed assets

For the purposes of determining whether impairment of tangible fixed assets has occurred, and the extent of any impairment or its reversal, the key assumptions management uses in estimating risk-adjusted future cash flows for value-in-use measures are future oil and gas prices, expected production volumes and refining margins where appropriate to the local circumstances and environment. These assumptions and the judgements of management that are based on them are subject to change as new information becomes available. Changes in economic conditions can also affect the rate used to discount future cash flow estimates.

Future price assumptions tend to be stable because management does not consider short-term increases or decreases in prices as being indicative of long-term levels, but they are nonetheless subject to change. Expected production volumes, which comprise proved reserves and unproved volumes, are used for impairment testing because management believes this to be the most appropriate indicator of expected future cash flows. As discussed in "Estimation of proved oil and gas reserves", reserves estimates are inherently imprecise. Furthermore, projections about unproved volumes are based on information that is necessarily less robust than that available for mature reservoirs. Due to the nature and geographical spread of the business activity in which those assets are used, it is typically not practicable to estimate the likelihood or extent of impairments under different sets of assumptions. The discount rate applied is reviewed annually.

Changes in assumptions could affect the carrying amounts of assets, and impairment charges and reversals will affect income.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

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

Impairment of investments

Investments are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts for those assets may not be recoverable. For the purposes of determining whether impairment of investments has occurred, and the extent of any impairment or its reversal, management review a range of measures relating to the underlying entity's performance, including the net present value of future cash flows. In assessing these measures, management make a number of assumptions relating (but not restricted) to future oil and gas prices, expected production volumes and refining margins appropriate to the local circumstances and environment. These assumptions and the judgements of management that are based on them are subject to change as new information becomes available. Changes in economic conditions can also affect the rate used to discount future cash flow estimates.

Estimation of proved oil and gas reserves

Unit-of-production depreciation, depletion and amortisation charges are principally measured based on management's estimates of proved developed oil and gas reserves. Also, exploration drilling costs are capitalised pending the results of further exploration or appraisal activity, which may take several years to complete and before any related proved reserves can be booked.

Proved reserves are estimated by reference to available geological and engineering data and only include volumes for which access to market is assured with reasonable certainty. Estimates of proved reserves are inherently imprecise, require the application of judgement and are subject to regular revision, either upward or downward, based on new information such as from the drilling of additional wells, observation of long-term reservoir performance under producing conditions and changes in economic factors, including product prices, contract terms or development plans.

Changes to estimates of proved developed reserves affect prospectively the amounts of depreciation, depletion and amortisation charged and, consequently, the carrying amounts of exploration and production assets. It is expected, however, that in the normal course of business the diversity of the asset portfolio will limit the effect of such revisions. The outcome of, or assessment of plans for, exploration or appraisal activity may result in the related capitalised exploration drilling costs being recognised in income in that period.

Provision for expected credit losses of trade debtors

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

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

Decommissioning and restoration provisions

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

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

Stock provision

In the course of management's assessment of the recoverability of stock balances, assumptions are made over the expected economic benefit to be derived from stock assets. These include, but are not limited to, future oil and gas prices; exchange rates and other economic indices. Provisions are made where management do not believe that the book value of the stock will be recovered through sale or use, the value of which will change in line with the underlying economic indicators that influence the market for such goods.

Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

Where the fair value of financial assets and liabilities cannot be derived from active markets, they are determined using a variety of valuation techniques that include the use of mathematical models. The input to these models is derived from observable markets where available, but where this is not feasible, a degree of judgement is required in determining assumptions used in the models. Changes in assumptions used in the models could affect the reported fair value of financial assets and liabilities.

3 Prior period adjustments

The prior year figures have been restated to correct a misallocation of tangible assets balances during the years 2013 to 2015 between the Company and another group Company. This has resulted in restatement of tax balances also.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

3 Prior period adjustments (continued)

	Balance as at 31 December 2017	Restatement for 2017	Restated balance as at 31 December 2017
	£ m	£ m	£ m
Balance Sheet			
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	1,189.9	(30.8)	1,159.1
Current assets			
Debtors			
Amount owed by parent undertakings	1,712.7	30.8	1,743.5
Tax receivable	26.8	(9.3)	17.5
Deferred Tax	(1.8)	3.0	1.2
Profit and loss account			
Tax on profit	(19.1)	(6.3)	(25.4)

4 Financial instruments

The Company has the following financial asset and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss:

	2018 £ m	2017 £ m
Derivative financial liabilities	1.7	10.1
Derivative financial assets	11.2	-

The Company is party to a contract which is required to be recognised at fair value because of pricing and delivery conditions, even though they are entered into to meet organisational requirements.

The key assumption used in valuing this contract is the forward gas price, which is based on forward gas price formulae used in similar contracts.

The Company holds contingent consideration receivable related to the sale of the Beryl field which is required to be recognised at fair value because of pricing conditions. The key assumptions used in valuing the derivatives is the forward oil price.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

5 Turnover

The analysis of the Company's turnover for the year from continuing operations is as follows:

	2018	2017
	£ m	£ m
Oil and gas exploration and production	238.5	318.2
	238.5	318.2
The analysis of the Company's turnover for the year by market is as	follows:	
	2018	2017
	£ m	£ m
Europe	209.8	285.3
North America	0.2	-
Eastern hemisphere	28.5	32.9
	238.5	318.2
6 Interest receivable and similar income		
	2018	2017
	£ m	£ m
Interest from Group undertakings:		
Fellow subsidiary undertakings	5.2	0.1
Profit on currency translation - financial items	9.0	9.4
	14.2	9.5
7 Interest payable and similar charges		
	2018	2017
	£ m	£ m
Interest on loans from Group undertakings:		
Parent undertakings	38.7	34.9
Fellow subsidiary undertakings	12.5	12.6
Interest on finance leases	4.3	5.5
Unwinding of discount on long term provisions (note 18)	16.3	22.8
Interest on debenture loans	-	0.8
Other interest payable	0.1	0.1
	71.9	<u>76.7</u>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

8 Operating profit

Arrived at after charging:

	2018 £ m	2017 £ m
Operating lease rental charged:		
Hire of plant and machinery	1.8	11.2
Depreciation:		
On owned assets	92.7	109.3
On assets held under finance leases	7.2	8.5

The Company had no employees during 2018 (2017: none).

None of the Directors received any emoluments (2017: none) in respect of their services to the Company.

9 Auditor's remuneration

The Auditor's remuneration of £21,565 (2017: £21,571) in respect of the statutory audit was borne by the immediate parent company for both the current and preceding years.

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

10 Tax on profit

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

The tax credit for the year of (£7.0) million (2017: charge of £25.4 million) is made up as follows:

	•	Restated*
	2018	2017
	£ m	£ m
Current taxation		
UK corporation tax	1.4	(1.5)
UK corporation tax adjustment to prior periods	(12.2)	(27.8)
Total current tax credit	(10.8)	(29.3)
Deferred taxation		
Arising from origination and reversal of temporary differences	(9.1)	(22.5)
Arising from adjustment in respect of prior periods	12.9	76.7
Total deferred tax charge	3.8	54.2
Current petroleum revenue tax at 50% (2017: 50%)		0.5
Tax (credit)/charge in the profit and loss account	(7.0)	25.4

^{*}Refer note 3 on prior period adjustments.

Reconciliation of total tax (credit)/charge

The tax on profit before tax for the year applicable to oil and gas exploration and production companies differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 40% (ring fence corporation tax of 30% and supplementary charge of 10%) (2017: 40%).

The differences are reconciled below:

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

10 Tax on profit (continued)

		Restated*
	2018	2017
	£ m	£ m
Profit before tax	97.8	459.7
Tax on profit calculated at standard rate (2018-40%) (2017-40%)	39.1	183.8
Effects of:		
Income exempt from taxation	(14.5)	(209.7)
Expenses not deductible	5.2	36.1
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	0.7	48.9
Tax decrease from utilisation of tax losses	(29.9)	(28.6)
Ring fence/non-ring fence tax rate differentials	(7.6)	(7.0)
Corporation tax relief on petroleum revenue tax	-	2.0
Tax on imputed interest		(0.1)
Total tax (credit)/charge	(7.0)	25.4

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

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

The relevant deferred tax balances were re-measured to 40% corporation tax and supplementary charge rate, the rate enacted by the balance sheet date. The deferred petroleum revenue tax (PRT) balances were re-measured to 0%, the rate enacted by the balance sheet date with an exception to majority of the deferred petroleum taxes on decommissioning which is expected to unwind against petroleum revenue tax paid in previous periods.

^{*}Refer note 3 on prior period adjustments.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

10 Tax on profit (continued)

Deferred tax (liabilities)/assets as at:

2018	Asset £ m	Liability £ m	Net deferred tax £ m
Tax losses carried forward Accelerated tax depreciation	290.4	- (456.8)	290.4 (456.8)
Provision for decommissioning and restoration not yet allowed for tax	163.8	(+30.6)	163.8
Other items	454.2	(456.8)	(2.6)
			Restated* Net deferred
2017	Asset £ m	Liability £ m	tax £ m
Tax losses carried forward	283.2	-	283.2
Accelerated tax depreciation	-	(444.2)	(444.2)
Provision for decommissioning and restoration not yet allowed for tax Other items	162.2	-	162.2
Onici items	-	_	-

^{*}Refer note 3 on prior period adjustments.

Deferred tax movement during the year:

	At 1 January 2018 £ m	Recognised in profit and loss account £ m	Recognised in equity £ m	At 31 December 2018 £ m
Tax losses carried forward	283.2	7.2	-	290.4
Accelerated tax depreciation Provision for decommissioning and	(444.2)	(1.9)	(10.7)	(456.8)
restoration not yet allowed for tax	162.2	(9.1)	10.7	163.8
Other items				
Net tax (liabilities)/assets	1.2	(3.8)	_	(2.6)

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

10 Tax on profit (continued)

Deferred tax movement during the prior year:

	At 1 January 2017 £ m	Recognised in profit and loss account £ m	Recognised in equity	Restated* At 31 December 2017 £ m
Tax losses carried forward	353.6	(70.4)	-	283.2
Accelerated tax depreciation Provision for decommissioning and	(565.9)	99.1	22.6	(444.2)
restoration not yet allowed for tax	267.5	(82.9)	(22.4)	162.2
Other items	(1.4)	<u>-</u>	1.4	<u> </u>
Net tax assets	53.8	(54.2)	1.6	1.2

Unrecognised deferred tax asset

There are £22.3 million of unused tax losses (2017 - £22.3 million) for which no deferred tax asset is recognised in the statement of financial position.

The provision for deferred tax consists of the following deferred tax (liabilities)/assets:

		Restated*
	2018 £ m	2017 £ m
Deferred tax assets due more than 12 months	461.5	454.0
Deferred tax liabilities due more than 12 months	(464.1)	(452.8)
Total deferred tax	(2.6)	1.2

^{*}Refer note 3 on prior period adjustments.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

11 Tangible assets

	Oil and gas properties £ m	Other fixed assets £ m	Total £ m
Cost or valuation			
Balance at 1 January 2018 (as restated*)	2,348.6	18.5	2,367.1
Additions	108.7	-	108.7
Change in estimates	27.0	-	27.0
Unsuccessful exploration expenditure	(7.7)	<u> </u>	(7.7)
Balance at 31 December 2018	2,476.6	18.5	2,495.1
Accumulated Depreciation			
Balance at 1 January 2018	(1,189.5)	(18.5)	(1,208.0)
Charge for the year	(99.9)		(99.9)
Balance at 31 December 2018	(1,289.4)	(18.5)	(1,307.9)
Net book amount			
At 31 December 2018	1,187.2	-	1,187.2
At 31 December 2017 (as restated*)	1,159.1		1,159.1

^{*}Refer note 3 on prior period adjustments.

Aggregate net decommissioning costs included in tangible fixed assets of the Company as at 31 December 2018 were £20.7 million (2017: negative £7.1 million). Note that the aggregate net decommissioning costs can be negative, as long as the net book value of the oil & gas producing assets is more positive than this negative figure.

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts

The net carrying amount of tangible assets includes the following amounts in respect of assets held under finance leases:

	2018 £ m	2017 £ m
Cost	103.2	95.4
Depreciation	(32.1)	(24.9)
	71.1	70.5

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

12 Investments

	Subsidiary undertakings shares £ m	Other investments £ m	Total £ m
Cost			
Balance at 1 January 2018	2,635.9	0.2	2,636.1
Balance at 31 December 2018	2,635.9	0.2	2,636.1
Amounts provided			
Balance at 1 January 2018	(643.2)	(0.2)	(643.4)
Additions	(0.1)		(0.1)
Balance at 31 December 2018	(643.3)	(0.2)	(643.5)
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2018	1,992.6	_	1,992.6
At 31 December 2017	1,992.7	-	1,992.7

The Directors believe that the carrying value of the investments is supported by their underlying net assets.

Details of the subsidiaries as at 31 December 2018 are as follows:

	Registered office and		% of
Name of subsidiary	County of incorporation	Class of shares	ownership
Shell North Sea Holdings Limited	Ugland House, Grand Cayman, KY1-1104	Ordinary	100%
	Cayman Islands		
Enterprise Oil Middle East Limited	Shell Centre, London, SE17NA	Ordinary	100%
	United Kingdom		
Enterprise Oil U.K. Limited	Shell Centre, London, SE17NA	Ordinary	100%
	United Kingdom		

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

12 Investments (continued)

Name of subsidiary	Registered office and County of incorporation	Class of shares	% of ownership
Saxon Oil Limited	Shell Centre, London, SE17NA	Ordinary	100%
	United Kingdom		
Shell EP Holdingselskab Danmark ApS	Midtermolen 3, 4, Copenhagen, 2100	Ordinary	100%
	Denmark		
Shell Benin Upstream Limited #	15 Canada Square, London, E14 5GL	Ordinary	100%
	United Kingdom		
Beryl North Sea Limited	Whitehall House, Grand Cayman KY1-1102	Ordinary	100%
	Cayman Islands		
Shell Upstream Overseas Services	Shell Centre, London, SE17NA	Ordinary	100%
(I) Limited*	United Kingdom		
Saxon Oil Miller Limited *	Shell Centre, London, SE17NA	Ordinary	100%
	United Kingdom		
Shell Egypt N.V.*	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30,The Hague, 2596 HR	Ordinary	100%
	Netherlands		
Shell EP Offshore Ventures	Shell Centre, London, SE17NA	Ordinary	100%
Limited	United Kingdom		
Shell Clair UK Limited *	Shell Centre, London, SE17NA	Ordinary	100%
	United Kingdom		

^{*} These subsidiaries are indirectly held by the Company. # Under liquidation.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

13 Stock

	2018	2017
	£ m	£ m
Raw materials and consumables	20.9	23.7

There is no significant difference between the replacement cost of work in progress and finished goods and goods for resale and their carrying amounts.

14 Debtors

Debtors: amounts due within one year

	2018 £ m	Restated* 2017 £ m
Trade debtors	0.5	0.4
Amounts owed by Group undertakings:		
Parent undertakings	783.7	732.3
Subsidiary undertakings	1,864.9	1,743.5
Fellow subsidiary undertakings	259.5	73.8
Prepayments and accrued income	14.1	52.8
Other debtors	58.7	18.6
Tax receivable	1.8	17.5
Derivative assets	8.1	
	2,991.3	2,638.9

^{*}Refer to note 3 on prior period adjustments.

Included within Other debtors is underlift of £6.3 million (2017: £4.6 million).

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

Debtors: amounts due after one year

	2018 £ m	2017 £ m
Derivative assets	3.1	
	3.1	_

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

14 Debtors (continued)

The Company holds contingent consideration receivable related to the sale of the Beryl field which is required to be recognised at fair value because of pricing conditions. The key assumptions used in valuing the derivatives is the forward oil price.

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2018 £ m	2017 £ m
Trade creditors	5.1	3.2
Amounts owed to Group undertakings		
Parent undertakings	2,062.9	1,719.4
Subsidiary undertakings	314.5	326.1
Fellow subsidiary undertakings	45.5	10.9
Derivative liabilities	1.7	10.1
Obligations under finance lease (note 17)	5.9	6.8
Accrued expenses	16.2	28.9
Debenture loans	-	16.3
Other creditors	25.8	29.0
	2,477.6	2,150.7

Included within Other creditors is overlift of £12.6 million (2017: £8.9 million).

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

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2018 £ m	2017 £ m
Amounts due to Group undertaking	4	~
Parent undertakings	542.2	532.7
Fellow subsidiary undertakings	884.0	884.0
Obligations under finance lease (note 17)	65.2	63.6
	1,491.4	1,480.3

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year (continued)

	2018 £ m	2017 £ m
Amounts falling due after more than five years		
Amounts owed to fellow subsidiary undertakings	-	884.0
Loan from a parent undertaking	165.4	532.7
Obligations under finance lease (note 17)	36.2	34.7
	201.6	1,451.4

A loan agreement exists between the Company and a fellow subsidiary totalling £884.0 million (2017: £884.0 million). Loan carries an interest at LIBOR +261 basis points per annum and is repayable on 30 August 2023.

A loan agreement exists between the Company and a parent undertaking totalling £376.7 million at 31 December 2018 (2017: £376.7 million). This loan is repayable on 1 October 2023 and carries interest at LIBOR+266 basis points per annum.

In 2015, an interest free loan amounting to £250.0 million was received from the parent company. The loan is repayable in 10 years and has been classified as long term. The loan was revalued at fair value amounting to £139.6 million and the difference of £110.4 million between the fair value and the loan amount has been taken to Other reserves. During the year interest amounting to £9.5 million (2017: £8.9 million) was amortised against the interest free loan received from parent company.

17 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts

Finance leases

2018	Minimum lease payments £ m	Interest £ m	Present value £ m
Within one year	10.2	(4.3)	5.9
In two to five years	42.3	(13.3)	29.0
In over five years	36.7	(0.5)	36.2
	89.2	(18.1)	71.1

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

17 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts (continued)

	Minimum lease		
	payments	Interest	Present value
2017	£ m	£m	£ m
Within one year	11.0	(4.2)	6.8
In two to five years	41.7	(12.8)	28.9
In over five years	40.0	(5.3)	34.7
	92.7	(22.3)	70.4
The present values of future finance lease payme	ents are analysed as fol	lows:	
		2018	2017
		£ m	£ m
Current liabilities		5.9	6.8
Non-current liabilities		65.2	63.6
	_	71.1	70.4
Operating leases			
The total future value of minimum lease paymen	ats is as follows:		
		2018	2017
		£m	£ m
Within one year		3.4	10.5
In two to five years		<u>7.1</u>	
		10.5	10.5

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18 Provisions

]	Decommissioning and restoration £ m	Other provisions £ m	Total £ m
Balance as at 1 January 2018	405.4	-	405.4
Increase in existing provisions	19.1	0.1	19.2
Increase due to foreign exchange differences	14.8	-	14.8
Provisions used	(1.6)	-	(1.6)
Increase due to unwinding of discount (note 6)	16.3	-	16.3
Decrease due to change in estimates	(44.6)		(44.6)
Balance as at 31 December 2018	409.4	0.1	409.5

At 31 December 2018, the Company has provided £409.4 million (2017: £405.4 million) in respect of the decommissioning of its oil and gas fields and related infrastructure and the restoration of the sites. It is anticipated that decommissioning and restoration costs will be incurred over the next 29 years. The exact timing of these costs is dependent upon a number of factors such as reservoir performance, new near field developments and the oil price. The provision has been estimated using existing technology, at current prices and discounted using a discount rate of 4% (2017: 4%).

Change in estimates and foreign exchange differences includes £37.6 million (2017: £2.2 million) which majorly relates to fully written down decommissioning and restoration assets and therefore has been credited directly to the profit and loss account. Following completion of the North Sea assets divestment in 2017, the Company has a retained decommissioning and restoration liability in regards to the Beryl field, capped at USD 323.1 million. The Company will pay this to the assets' purchaser, whenever abandonment costs are incurred on Beryl.

19 Called up share capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	No.	2018 £ m	No.	2017 £ m
Issued share capital of £0.25 each	2,869,361,095	717.3	2,869,361,095	717.3

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20 Dividends

Interim dividends of £70.0 million were paid in the year (2017: £nil) The Directors recommend no further dividend be paid for the year ended 31 December 2018 (2017: £nil).

21 Commitments

Capital commitments

The total amount contracted for but not provided in the financial statements was £51.2 million (2017 - £60.4 million).