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VAN OORD OFFSHORE WIND UK LTD.
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023



VAN OORD OFFSHORE WIND UK LTD.

COMPANY INFORMATION

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STRATEGIC REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The directors present the strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company is the design, procurement, construction, maintenance and repair activities for offshore windfarms.

Fair review of the business

The Directors report that this trading year has seen continued growth in activity levels with significant demand for offshore wind farm maintenance work.

Work has also begun on the new Sofia Offshore Wind Farm installation contract awarded to the Company by RWE in late 2020. This EPCI (Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation) contract was priced and awarded prior to signing of supply sub-contracts. Since then the unprecedented cost inflationary pressures (particularly energy and steel prices) resulting from macroeconomic events such as the Ukraine war have impacted the contract's potential profitability significantly.

The Company's key financial and other performance indicators during the year were as follows:

	Unit	2023	2022
Turnover	£000	245,182	35,661
Profit/ (loss) before taxation	£000	6,723	(1,047)
Profit after taxation	£000	5,130	40
Shareholder funds	£000	7,191	2,061
Current assets as % of current liabilities	%	107	141
Average number of employees	No.	83	73

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Directors have reviewed the business risks in the context of economic factors including geopolitical events (such as the Russian invasion of Ukraine) and their future possible adverse effects on the Company's future operating profits, cash flow and financial position.

Prices and margins are improving, although clients maintain giving weighting to price rather than quality when awarding contracts. However, by continuously delivering quality and by successful tendering on long term framework agreements, it is expected that a continuous revenue will lead to steady project results.

The Company is supported by a very strong Group structure which maintains favourable liquid resources and the Directors do not believe that the Company will suffer liquidity shortages in the foreseeable future.

The Directors have considered the principal risks and challenges to the continued trading of Van Oord Offshore Wind UK Ltd, over the medium term period to the end of calendar year 2024. The Directors understand the challenges of trading in the installation and maintenance sectors of the offshore wind market. Trading activities have increased in both these sectors in 2023 and are forecasted to increase further going forwards thanks to the award of new contracts to the Company.

The Directors anticipate risks from economic or global factors and plan accordingly. The Company has remained vigilant over the warning signs exhibited in the global economy and uncertainty in the United Kingdom economy, which is partly due to Britain's exit from the European Union and the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. The Company has assessed the potential impact on its business on a short to medium term view of the risks, Brexit remains a risk, and it is impossible to take a longer term view of this risk until there is more clarity about the future trade relationship between the UK and EU. Inflationary pressures continue to be considered as a risk and the Company assesses the potential impact on the business and factors this into the price of project work to be delivered in future years.

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STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Section 172(1) statement

Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 requires a director of a Company to act in the way he or she considers, in good faith, would most likely promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole. The Directors of the Company recognise the importance of and the effect that different groups of stakeholders have on the Company and its success. As a result, the Directors are careful to consider the effects of the Company's actions on different groups of stakeholders when they make decisions.

Customers

The Directors recognise that customer relationships are critical to the success of the Company. As the nature of business of the Company involves multi-year frame agreements, it is of paramount importance that the Company maintains a positive relationship with its customers in order to be in a position to win repeat business.

The Company carries out regular evaluations with customers to foster and maintain a positive working relationship. The evaluations provide essential feedback, enabling the Company to give an improved service in engineering and project management.

Suppliers

The Directors recognise that the Company's suppliers also play an important role in the success of the Company. Receiving quality products in a timely and efficient manner from suppliers has a positive effect on the Company's ability to control costs and delivery project results, this makes suppliers a key group of stakeholders.

The Company maintains an active supplier management process whereby individual suppliers are scored against their agreed supplier contract. The results of this process are presented to the Directors on a regular basis, this enables the Directors to better direct key purchasing decisions.

Communities

As the Company's workforce is primarily derived from the local community, the Directors recognise that they must recognise the local community when they make business decisions as the local community potentially represents a large part of the Company's future workforce. It is therefore important for the Company to improve its reputation and minimise its negative effects on the community.

The Directors have implemented an apprenticeship scheme which selects candidates from the local colleges. This increases interaction between the Company and the local community helps to educate members of the community about the activities of the business.

The Directors believe that greater awareness of the Company's activities amongst the community will help to improve the Company's reputation within the local community and therefore increase the number of quality applicants for positions within the Company which can help to improve the Company's long-term prospects.

Environment

The Directors recognise that the Company must act in an environmentally responsible manner in all its business activities to ultimately achieve a net - positive impact on people, the planet and prosperity. The Company also seeks to reduce its energy usage through installing fixtures and fittings which reduce energy consumption.

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Employees

The Directors recognise that the Company's employees are crucial to the long-term success of the Company. It is important that the Company maintains and improves upon the skill base of its employees as this will directly affect the day to day performance of the Company. A properly trained workforce will enable the Company to meet its customer service goals whilst making efficient use of its resources. The Directors seek to identify the training needs of its employees through the use of regularly scheduled performance appraisals combined with budgeting for training needs on a yearly basis.

The Directors also want to encourage employee participation in the business as this leads to better employee retention which inevitably leads to a more skilled workforce which is better able to meet the ongoing requirements of the business. In order to encourage employee participation, the Directors organise regular business update presentations where they present updates on the status of the business and seek to include employees through question and answer sessions.

Principle Decisions

The Directors consider principle decisions to be those decisions which are of key strategic importance to the Company and affect one or more groups of stakeholders. The Directors recognise that considering the impact on stakeholders in its decisions is key to the success of the Company.

Pay Award

The Directors approved an average of 3.00% pay increase for its office employees in 2023. During the process of agreeing the increase, the Directors consulted the employees in order to receive feedback on the proposal and ensure that all viewpoints were considered. The pay award was approved by the Directors after it was agreed.

Environmental, quality, health and safety statement

Clients requiring the services of Van Oord Offshore Wind UK Ltd, in our core activities of offshore wind construction and maintenance, are constantly demanding higher standards, with the environment being one of the key indicators. Therefore, good environmental performance is of paramount importance to the Company. The Company strives to continually improve its environmental and quality performance. In 2023 the Company had a good health and safety performance, measured through quarterly Van Oord reporting using a set of H&S KPIs, which the Directors believe is a direct result of its continued investment in training, education and monitoring systems. However, the Directors are not complacent and understand that constant vigilance is important.

On behalf of the board



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R van Loveren

Director

Date: 22 August 2024

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 13.

No ordinary dividends were paid (2022: £nil). The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend (2022: £nil).

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

A Kuis

J Kwakemaak

R van Loveren

(Appointed 9 November 2023)

Financial instruments

Interest rate risk

Interest has been incurred at a floating rate of 2-5% on group facilities. Therefore, financial assets, liabilities, interest income and interest charges and cash flows are not affected by movements in interest rates with no significant exposure.

Price risk

The Company includes price inflation indices and adjustment mechanisms within contracts in order to mitigate exposure to price changes in costs of operating activity. Pricing changes are factored into forward forecasts of contract outturns and, so, are a central part of ongoing risk planning and management.

Credit risk

The Directors do not consider that there is any significant credit risk due to the nature of the business, its customers and the operation of a tight credit control process.

Liquidity risk

The Company aims to mitigate liquidity risk by managing cash generated by its operations. The Company achieves this through the use of intercompany loan funding and other banking facilities. The Company also has a cash pooling arrangement with the Parent Company, which sweeps cash on a daily basis.

Foreign currency risk

The Company's principle transactions in foreign currency are in Euros. As a result, the Company's future cashflows arising from these transactions can be affected by movements in exchange rates. Any significant payments forecast that are not denominated in Euros are hedged through the Company's corporate Treasury team in the Netherlands.

Future developments

High demand for offshore wind farm maintenance and repair has continued into 2024 with another strong year forecast. Going forwards into 2025 and beyond, the contract pipeline looks strong and the Company is well placed in terms of both track record and vessel availability to grow its activity further.

In addition to the ongoing Sofia Offshore Wind Farm ECPI contract, the Company is actively bidding for other similar contracts. Stretching UK Government targets for growth in offshore wind electricity generation plus limited contractor and vessel availability to deliver such work puts the Company in a strong position to be awarded further work in this area. These factors are also anticipated to realign commercial and contract terms in order to deliver the works more profitably.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Going Concern

The Company's business activities, together with the factors which the directors foresee will impact upon the future commercial successes of the Company, are set out in this report.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the Company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and meet its liabilities as they fall due.

At the balance sheet date, the Company had net current assets of £16,954,000 (2022 - £17,881,000) and total net assets of £7,191,000 (2022 - £2,061,000) including amounts owed (from) / to its parent undertaking and other group undertakings (net) of £68,549,000 (2022 - £26,736,000).

The Company meets its day to day working capital requirements through cash deposits held and loans from its parent undertakings. The Company is dependent on continued financial support from its parent undertaking.

The Company's offshore wind farm maintenance activities and revenues have increased significantly in 2023, with sales expected to improve further going forwards due to contracts awarded and good vessel utilisation.

The Sofia Offshore Wind Farm EPCI (Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation) contract was priced and awarded prior to signing of supply sub-contracts. Since then the unprecedented cost inflationary pressures (particularly energy and steel prices) resulting from macroeconomic events such as the Ukraine war have impacted the contract's potential profitability significantly.

In order to monitor the situation and ensure that the Company remains a going concern, the Directors are reviewing weekly and monthly forecasts of the Company's expected future performance based on the most up to date information that is available. The information that these forecasts are based on changes on an almost daily basis and therefore regular reviews are essential in order to control the Company's exposure to risks.

The Company is dependent on continuing financial support being made available from its parent undertaking. The Directors have received formal confirmation via a letter from Van Oord N.V (the Parent Company) that financial assistance will be provided, for at least 12 months from the date of the approval of these financial statements. On this basis, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The Directors have determined that the Parent Company will be able to provide financial support to the Company as and when required as detailed cashflow analysis has been done by the Parent Company for both current and future years. The results of this analysis is that the Parent Company will be able to support the Company for at least 12 months from the date of the approval of these financial statements.

In view of the circumstances referred to above, the Directors have satisfied themselves that financial support will continue to be available to the Company in the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Directors of the Company believe that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statement on a going concern basis.

Auditor

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Ernst & Young LLP be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Energy and carbon report

Sustainability, innovation and collaboration are key to successfully facing today's global challenges. Together we can create new solutions that contribute to a better world. The ultimate goal of our sustainability framework is to have a net-positive impact on people, the planet and prosperity.

Environmental protection and climate change are among the greatest challenges we face, both as a society and as a business. We have a key part to play through minimising the environmental impact and carbon footprint of our operations to ensure the long-term sustainability of the services we provide.

Policies & Management

Our Environmental Policy sets out our commitment to integrating the assessment, management and control of environmental issues into the management of our business. This is complemented by our Energy Policy, which recognises the impact of energy use on climate change and commits us to effectively and efficiently manage our energy use.

Our policies require us to play our part in accelerating the energy transition, minimising the amount of waste going to landfill by designing out and reducing waste, reusing materials wherever possible, recycling more, and increasing the use of recycled and recovered materials.

We identify, manage and mitigate our environmental impacts from project to company level through our ISO 14001 certified management system, supported by our QSHE department. We make our people aware of environmental standards and policies that are integrated into our management system, through extensive training and promoting the right behaviours we expect of our employees, as set out in our Code of Conduct. Compliance with our environmental standards and policies is assessed through the same process as our Health and Safety standards. We also monitor environmental performance improvement using key indicators (for example carbon), which are regularly reviewed and reported. All environmental incidents are fully investigated and reported by our SHEQ department to ensure any appropriate lessons are learned to prevent further recurrences.

	2023	2022
<i>Energy consumption</i>	kWh	kWh
Aggregate of energy consumption in the year		
- Electricity purchased	140,066	-
- Fuel consumed for transport	50,871,316	-
	<u>51,011,382</u>	<u>-</u>
	2023	2022
<i>Emissions of CO2 equivalent</i>	metric	metric
	tonnes	tonnes
Scope 1 - direct emissions		
- Gas combustion	-	-
- Fuel consumed for owned transport	13,962.00	-
	<u>13,962.00</u>	<u>-</u>
Scope 2 - indirect emissions		
- Electricity purchased	29.00	-
Scope 3 - other indirect emissions		
Fuel consumed for transport not owned by the company	4.00	-
	<u>13,995.00</u>	<u>-</u>
Total gross emissions		
	<u>13,995.00</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Intensity ratio</i>		
Tonnes of CO2e / £100k turnover	<u>5.71</u>	<u>-</u>

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Quantification and reporting methodology

In order to calculate the required information, we have used:

- The 2019 UK Government Environmental Reporting Guidance;
- The Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Protocol – Corporate Standard (revised edition);
- UK Governments Greenhouse Gas Conversion Factors and Methodology for Company Reporting 2019; and
- UK Government Greenhouse Gas Conversion Factors for 2023.

We have reported carbon dioxide equivalent emissions (tCO₂e) from sources required under the Companies (Director's Report) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Energy and Carbon Report) Regulations 2018. Emissions cover all those from our own marine fleet when working on VOOW UK projects, fuel used directly on our project sites, electricity in our offices and fuel used in private/hire cars for business use. Where energy use was not directly recorded in kWh and where data was obtained in litres used and distance travelled, relevant conversion factors have been used to convert to CO₂e and kWh. The sources of energy use that have been quantified are as follows:

- Scope 1 – Direct greenhouse gas emissions
- Scope 2 – Indirect energy emissions
- Scope 3 – Indirect emissions (upstream and downstream supply chain)

2023 is the first year that we have been required to capture, monitor and report our carbon footprint so there are no prior year comparatives as yet.

The carbon quantification encompasses activities undertaken in the UK by Van Oord Offshore Wind UK Ltd.

Intensity measurement

VOOW UK's GHG reporting covers all operations conducted in the UK for which VOOW UK has operational control. The associated energy use and emissions (in terms of equivalent carbon) for scope 1, 2 and business travel by car (scope 3) for the reporting period (this being 2023) are set out above. As this is our first mandatory reporting period no prior year comparatives are presented.

Our main source of emissions and energy use is fuel used in our marine equipment, which is related to the volume of work we undertake and also the type of work we deliver. The selected intensity ratio therefore relates emissions to turnover.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Measures taken to improve energy efficiency

In the period covered by the report we have undertaken the following energy efficiency actions:

- Each vessel in the Van Oord fleet has a Ship Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP) in order to help document, target and monitor ship efficiency performance. Key energy saving measures include:
 - Sailing with reduced speed whenever possible in order to reduce fuel consumption;
 - Clean hull & remove all unnecessary weight (e.g. used spare parts) to reduce drag;
 - Conversion of all onboard lighting to LED in order to reduce electricity use;
 - Thermal insulation fitted to cabins to reduce heat loss;
 - Installation of Lidar windmeter to reduce unnecessary crane operation time;
 - Provision of fuel and power consumption data to crew to raise awareness of usage;
 - Installation of tumble dryers with heat pumps to reduce energy consumption.
- The majority of electricity supplied to our permanent office has come from renewable sources.

In the future we hope to implement further measures such as:

- Developing a Roadmap to Carbon Neutrality - our vessel fleet accounts for the majority of Van Oord's carbon emissions. Reducing GHG emissions associated with fuel usage in our marine equipment is therefore a key focus area. We continuously seek out ways to reduce GHG emissions through finding alternative, more eco-friendly solutions and optimising the efficiency of our operations. In addition, we are systematically renewing our fleet and delivering new, greener equipment. Measures to be investigated and, if possible, implemented include:
 - Use of alternative fuels to Marine Gas Oil (e.g. biofuel);
 - Engine and propeller improvements (e.g. turbocharger upgrade, propeller design, etc.);
 - Deck switchboard upgrade to reduce diesel generator use;
 - Alternative cooling water & ballast water transfer pumps to reduce fuel consumption;
 - Further weight reduction to reduce drag (e.g. osmose to replace fresh water tanks);
 - Heat recovery system to recover thermal energy from exhaust gas.

Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

On behalf of the board



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R van Loveren
Director

Date: 22 August 2024

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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 United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). 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 then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- present information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBER OF VAN OORD OFFSHORE WIND UK LTD.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Van Oord Offshore Wind UK Ltd for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 22, 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 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (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 2023 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

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report.

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

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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBER OF VAN OORD OFFSHORE WIND UK LTD.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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 material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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.

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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBER OF VAN OORD OFFSHORE WIND UK LTD.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the company and determined that the most significant are those relating to the reporting framework (FRS102 and Companies Act 2006) and the relevant direct and indirect tax legislation in the United Kingdom. In addition, the Company is required to comply with laws and regulations relating to its operations including the Health and Safety Act and employment regulations.
- We understood how the Company is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management to understand how the Company maintains and communicates its policies in these areas. These enquiries confirmed that the Company has a process for monitoring legal requirements; has training policies designed to determine and all employees are properly trained and understand the code of conduct relating to compliance with laws and regulations and has a process for reporting matters of non-compliance and taking appropriate action. We corroborated our enquiries through review of Board minutes and correspondence with relevant authorities.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the risk of management override and by assessing revenue to be a fraud risk. Our procedures were designed to address the risk of the potential for revenue to be misstated due to the complexity in estimating the costs to complete on projects as it involves forecasts that are inherently uncertain. We tested the revenue recognised and management's forecasts of projected costs, focusing on the key assumptions to address the risk. We also tested the historical accuracy of management's forecasts to assess the reliability of the forecasting process. Applying our data techniques, we identified the manual journal population deemed most susceptible to fraud (based on fraud risk criteria) and substantiated those transactions back to supporting documentation including appropriate authorisation.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved making enquiries of management and those charged with governance as to their awareness of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We also considered the results of our substantive procedures on other areas of the audit that may indicate non-compliance with such laws and regulations.

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 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 the member 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, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Richard Lingwood (Senior statutory auditor)
for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor
Newcastle upon Tyne

22 August 2024

VAN OORD OFFSHORE WIND UK LTD.**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023 £'000	2022 £000
Turnover	3	245,182	35,661
Cost of sales		(240,169)	(35,814)
Gross profit/(loss)		5,013	(153)
Administrative expenses		(58)	(803)
Other operating income		-	81
Operating profit/(loss)	4	4,955	(875)
Interest receivable and similar income	8	3,174	28
Interest payable and similar expenses	9	(1,406)	(200)
Profit/(loss) before taxation		6,723	(1,047)
Tax on profit/(loss)	10	(1,593)	1,087
Profit for the financial year		5,130	40

The income statement has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

VAN OORD OFFSHORE WIND UK LTD.**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION****AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£'000	£'000	£000	£000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		-		-
Current assets					
Debtors	12	248,421		58,030	
Cash at bank and in hand		4		3,423	
		248,425		61,453	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(231,471)		(43,572)	
Net current assets			16,954		17,881
Provisions for liabilities					
Provisions	14	9,763	(9,763)	15,820	(15,820)
Net assets			7,191		2,061
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	17		33		33
Share premium account	18		32,467		32,467
Profit and loss reserves	19		(25,309)		(30,439)
Total equity			7,191		2,061

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 22 August 2024 and are signed on its behalf by:



Roy Van Loveren 22 Aug 2024 13:14:39 BST (UTC +1)

R van Loveren
Director

Company Registration No. 11006425

VAN OORD OFFSHORE WIND UK LTD.**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Profit and loss reserves £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 1 January 2022		25	-	(30,479)	(30,454)
Year ended 31 December 2022:					
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	40	40
Transactions with owners:					
Issue of share capital	17	8	32,467	-	32,475
Balance at 31 December 2022		33	32,467	(30,439)	2,061
Year ended 31 December 2023:					
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	5,130	5,130
Balance at 31 December 2023		33	32,467	(25,309)	7,191

VAN OORD OFFSHORE WIND UK LTD.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Van Oord Offshore Wind UK Ltd. is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Resolution House, 18 Ellerbeck Court, Stokesley, North Yorkshire, TS9 5PT.

1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £'000.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

This company is a qualifying entity for the purposes of FRS 102, being a member of a group where the parent of that group prepares publicly available consolidated financial statements, including this company, which are intended to give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the group. The company has therefore taken advantage of exemptions from the following disclosure requirements:

- Section 7 'Statement of Cash Flows': Presentation of a statement of cash flow and related notes and disclosures;
- Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instrument Issues: Interest income/expense and net gains/losses for financial instruments not measured at fair value; basis of determining fair values; details of collateral, loan defaults or breaches, details of hedges, hedging fair value changes recognised in profit or loss and in other comprehensive income;
- Section 33 'Related Party Disclosures': Compensation for key management personnel.

The financial statements of the company are consolidated in the financial statements of Van Oord N.V. These consolidated financial statements are available from its registered office, PO Box 8574, 3009 AN Rotterdam, the Netherlands, and are available on the group website: www.vanoord.com/news/publications.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.2 Going concern

The Company's business activities, together with the factors which the directors foresee will impact upon the future commercial successes of the Company, are set out in this report.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the Company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and meet its liabilities as they fall due.

At the balance sheet date, the Company had net current assets of £16,954,000 (2022 - £17,881,000) and total net assets of £7,191,000 (2022 - £2,061,000) including amounts owed (from) / to its parent undertaking and other group undertakings (net) of £68,549,000 (2022 - £26,736,000).

The Company meets its day to day working capital requirements through cash deposits held and loans from its parent undertakings. The Company is dependent on continued financial support from its parent undertaking.

The Company's offshore wind farm maintenance activities and revenues have increased significantly in 2023, with sales expected to improve further going forwards due to contracts awarded and good vessel utilisation.

The Sofia Offshore Wind Farm EPCI (Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation) contract was priced and awarded prior to signing of supply sub-contracts. Since then the unprecedented cost inflationary pressures (particularly energy and steel prices) resulting from macroeconomic events such as the Ukraine war have impacted the contract's potential profitability significantly.

In order to monitor the situation and ensure that the Company remains a going concern, the Directors are reviewing weekly and monthly forecasts of the Company's expected future performance based on the most up to date information that is available. The information that these forecasts are based on changes on an almost daily basis and therefore regular reviews are essential in order to control the Company's exposure to risks.

The Company is dependent on continuing financial support being made available from its parent undertaking. The Directors have received formal confirmation via a letter from Van Oord N.V (the Parent Company) that financial assistance will be provided, for at least 12 months from the date of the approval of these financial statements. On this basis, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The Directors have determined that the Parent Company will be able to provide financial support to the Company as and when required as detailed cashflow analysis has been done by the Parent Company for both current and future years. The results of this analysis is that the Parent Company will be able to support the Company for at least 12 months from the date of the approval of these financial statements.

In view of the circumstances referred to above, the Directors have satisfied themselves that financial support will continue to be available to the Company in the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Directors of the Company believe that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statement on a going concern basis.

1.3 Turnover

Turnover is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, and is shown net of VAT and other sales related taxes. The fair value of consideration takes into account trade discounts, settlement discounts and volume rebates.

Revenue from contracts for the provision of professional services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion when the stage of completion, costs incurred and costs to complete can be estimated reliably. The stage of completion is calculated by comparing costs incurred, mainly in relation to contractual hourly staff rates and materials, as a proportion of total costs. Where the outcome cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent of the expenses recognised that it is probable will be recovered.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Computers	3 years straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to profit or loss.

1.5 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's statement of financial position when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Other financial assets

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publicly traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

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1 Accounting policies

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Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Other financial liabilities

Derivatives, including interest rate swaps and forward foreign exchange contracts, are not basic financial instruments. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised in profit or loss in finance costs or finance income as appropriate, unless hedge accounting is applied and the hedge is a cash flow hedge.

Debt instruments that do not meet the conditions in FRS 102 paragraph 11.9 are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss. Debt instruments may be designated as being measured at fair value through profit or loss to eliminate or reduce an accounting mismatch or if the instruments are measured and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy.

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1 Accounting policies

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Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.8 Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of transaction costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

1.9 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the income statement, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

1.10 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive present obligation 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.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value. When a provision is measured at present value, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in profit or loss in the period in which it arises.

1.11 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

The Company operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Company has no further payment obligations. Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Company in independently administered funds.

1.13 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease except where another more systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leases asset are consumed.

1.14 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

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

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

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2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

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Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows.

Long-term contracts

Profit on long-term contracts is taken as the work is carried out, if the final outcome can be assessed with reasonable certainty. The profit included is calculated to reflect the proportion of the work carried out at the year end, by recording turnover and related costs as the contract activity progresses.

Stage of completion is measured by reference to costs incurred to date as a percentage of total estimate costs for each contract. Where the contract outcome cannot be measured reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent of the expenses recognised that are recoverable. An expected loss on the contract is recognised immediately as an expense.

Turnover is stated as the value which has been certified. Revenues derived from variations on contracts are recognised to the extent that it has been accepted by the client. Amounts recoverable on contracts, which are included in debtors, are stated at cost plus attributable profit, to the extent that reliability is reasonably certain. Cost for this purpose includes valuation of all work undertaken by subcontractors.

Long-term contract balances represent total cost incurred net of amount transferred to the profit and loss account in respect of work carried out to date, less foreseeable losses and applicable payments on account. Payments received from customers in advance are deducted from work in progress to the extent of the cost of the work carried out and any excess is shown as payments on account on long-term contracts.

VAN OORD OFFSHORE WIND UK LTD.**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****3 Turnover and other operating income**

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Turnover analysed by geographical market		
UK	215,804	21,808
Europe	29,378	13,853
	<u>245,182</u>	<u>35,661</u>

Other operating income

Other operating income in the prior year which amounted to £81k (2023: £nil) included residual port side kit sales and consultancy services.

4 Operating profit/(loss)

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Operating profit/(loss) for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Exchange losses/(gains)	515	(77)
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	-	13
Operating lease charges	285	159
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5 Auditor's remuneration

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Fees payable to the company's auditor and associates:		
For audit services		
Audit of the financial statements of the company	97	90
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Administrative staff	43	35
Marine crew	40	38
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u>83</u>	<u>73</u>

VAN OORD OFFSHORE WIND UK LTD.**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****6 Employees (Continued)**

Their aggregate remuneration comprised:

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	6,044	4,932
Social security costs	679	600
Pension costs	321	274
	<u>7,044</u>	<u>5,806</u>

Employees project wages and salaries costs are recharged to associated Companies. The project recharges for the year were £5,226,987 (2022 - £4,487,193).

The Company contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions in the year totalled £321,278 (2022 - £274,000). There were contributions amounting to £71,460 (2022 - £92,530) outstanding at the balance sheet date.

7 Directors' remuneration

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Remuneration for qualifying services	44	-
	<u>44</u>	<u>-</u>

The remaining directors, excluding the above, are remunerated for their services to the European Group, as a whole, of which the Company is a member. No charge is made to the Company for the remuneration of the directors who service the European Group (2022 - £Nil).

8 Interest receivable and similar income

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Interest income		
Interest receivable from group companies	3,174	-
Other interest income	-	28
	<u>3,174</u>	<u>28</u>
Total income	<u>3,174</u>	<u>28</u>

9 Interest payable and similar expenses

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Interest payable to group undertakings	1,358	200
Other interest	48	-
	<u>1,406</u>	<u>200</u>

VAN OORD OFFSHORE WIND UK LTD.**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****10 Taxation**

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Current tax		
UK corporation tax on profits for the current period	1,591	(1,073)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	2	(14)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total tax charge/(credit)	1,593	(1,087)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The actual charge/(credit) for the year can be reconciled to the expected charge/(credit) for the year based on the profit or loss and the standard rate of tax as follows:

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Profit/(loss) before taxation	6,723	(1,047)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Expected tax charge/(credit) based on the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 23.52% (2022: 19.00%)	1,581	(199)
Tax effect of expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit	12	-
Group relief	-	(888)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Taxation charge/(credit) for the year	1,593	(1,087)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers
	£'000
Cost	
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	120
	<u> </u>
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	120
	<u> </u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	-
	<u> </u>
At 31 December 2022	-
	<u> </u>

VAN OORD OFFSHORE WIND UK LTD.**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****12 Debtors**

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amounts recoverable on contracts	16,331	10,515
Amounts owed by group undertakings	230,437	40,129
Other debtors	8	54
Prepayments and accrued income	1,633	7,318
	<u>248,409</u>	<u>58,016</u>
Deferred tax asset (note 15)	12	14
	<u>248,421</u>	<u>58,030</u>

Amounts owed from fellow group undertakings are non-interest bearing and are repayable on demand.

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Payments received on account	27,311	26,370
Trade creditors	14,506	711
Amounts owed to group undertakings	161,888	13,393
Corporation tax	1,597	-
Other taxation and social security	107	93
Other creditors	26,062	3,005
	<u>231,471</u>	<u>43,572</u>

Amounts owed to fellow group undertakings are non-interest bearing and are repayable on demand, with the exception of Van Oord Finance, where interest has been payable at a floating rate of 2-5%.

VAN OORD OFFSHORE WIND UK LTD.**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****14 Provisions for liabilities**

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
	9,763	15,820
	<u>9,763</u>	<u>15,820</u>
Movements on provisions:		
		£'000
At 1 January 2023		15,820
Utilisation of provision		(6,057)
		<u>9,763</u>
At 31 December 2023		<u>9,763</u>

A provision is recognised for the expected loss on the Sofia project. It is anticipated that these costs will be incurred between 2023 - 2025, with an amount totalling £8,626,000 forecast to crystallise within one year and £1,137,000 in more than one year.

15 Deferred taxation

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities and assets recognised by the company and movements thereon:

	Assets	Assets
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Balances:		
Arising from origination and reversal of timing difference	12	14
	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>
Movements in the year:		2023
		£'000
Asset at 1 January 2023		(14)
Charge to profit or loss		2
		<u>(12)</u>
Asset at 31 December 2023		<u>(12)</u>

16 Retirement benefit schemes

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	321	274
	<u>321</u>	<u>274</u>

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

VAN OORD OFFSHORE WIND UK LTD.**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****17 Share capital**

	2023	2022	2023	2022
	No. 000	No.000	£'000	£'000
Ordinary share capital Issued and fully paid				
Ordinary Shares of £1 each	33	33	33	33
	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>

Ordinary shares have the following rights, preferences and restrictions:
There is a single class of ordinary shares. There are no restrictions on the distribution of dividends and the repayment of capital.

This reserve records the nominal value of the issued share capital of the Company.

Share issue

On 15 December 2022 7,500 Ordinary shares were issued each with a nominal value of £1 per share for consideration of £4,330 per share.

18 Share premium account

Consideration received for shares issued above their nominal value net of transaction costs.

19 Profit and loss reserves

This reserve records cumulative profits and losses less any dividends paid.

20 Operating lease commitments**Lessee**

At the reporting end date the company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Within one year	1,106	158
Between two and five years	493	446
	<u>1,599</u>	<u>604</u>

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21 Related party transactions

As the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary within the group headed by Van Oord N.V. the Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 102 paragraph 33.1A and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group due to all other group Companies being 100% owned within the Van Oord Group. The consolidated financial statements of Van Oord N.V. within which this Company is included, can be obtained from the address given in the note for the ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party.

22 Ultimate controlling party

The Company's immediate parent undertaking, is Van Oord Offshore Wind B.V., a company incorporated in the Netherlands.

In the directors' opinion the Company's ultimate parent undertaking, controlling party and largest and smallest group in whose financial statements the Company is consolidated is Van Oord N.V., a company incorporated in the Netherlands.

The Group financial statements may be obtained from Van Oord N.V., PO Box 8574, 3009 AN Rotterdam, the Netherlands, and are available on the group website: www.vanoord.com/news/publications.