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# GDF SUEZ Energy UK Limited

## Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2011

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# GDF SUEZ Energy UK Limited

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Registered No 02706333

## **Directors**

Dr S Riley  
Mr D Park  
Mr J Lester

## **Secretary**

Ms H Berger

## **Auditor**

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## Directors' report

The directors present their report and company financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011

### Results and dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, increased to £22,756,000 (2010 £18,567,000) due to increased dividend income. Of this, all is attributable to the members of the company.

Net assets increased by £356,000 (0.6%) due to the profit, offset by the dividend paid of £22,400,000 (2010 £18,645,000).

The directors recommend a dividend of 49 pence (2010 43 pence) per share, amounting to £25,428,000 (2010 £22,400,000) for the year. Dividends are recognised in the accounts in the year in which they are paid.

### Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is that of a holding company.

### Principal risks and uncertainties facing the company

The key risks are treasury, business continuity and internal controls failure. The company maintains a strong balance sheet backed by the support of its parent company.

The company has a business continuity plan ready to be implemented in response to a critical business event.

An Internal Control Review Project combined with a Continuous Improvement Programme was in place throughout the year. The combination of these two initiatives is the documentation of policies, procedures and key processes throughout the business with the objective of achieving a greater level of control, process consistency, efficiency and improvement.

There is a comprehensive budgeting system in place with an annual budget approved locally by the executive management team and also centrally by International Power plc and GDF SUEZ SA. Management information systems provide the executive management team and directors with relevant and timely reports that identify significant deviations from approved plans and include regular re-forecasts for the year, in order to facilitate timely analysis and appropriate decisions and actions.

International Power plc and GDF SUEZ SA group instruction manuals set out the policies and procedures with which the UK subsidiaries are required to comply. The executive management team are responsible for ensuring that the UK companies observe and implement the policies and procedures set out in the manual which is regularly reviewed and updated.

Details of the company's financial risk management and the use of financial instruments is included in note 13 and 14 to the financial statements.

### Going concern

The directors have considered the going concern basis and concluded that it is appropriate. In performing this assessment the directors have considered the forecasts for the company and the uncertain current economic conditions. Further detail is provided in note 1 to the financial statements.

## Directors' report

### Directors

The directors who served during the year ended 31 December 2011 and subsequently were

Mr S Brimont	resigned 3 February 2011
Mr M J Hirt	resigned 3 February 2011
Mr L de Salivet de Fouchecour	resigned 12 September 2011
Mr A Janssens	resigned 12 September 2011
Mr J Roncato	resigned 12 September 2011
Dr S Riley	appointed 3 February 2011
Mr D Park	appointed 1 October 2011
Mr J Lester	appointed 1 October 2011

### Change of Ownership

On 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011, as part of the merger between International Power plc and GDF SUEZ SA the immediate parent company, Stopper Finance BV was acquired by International Power plc, a company registered in England and Wales. Under the merger GDF SUEZ SA acquired 70% of International Power plc and GDF SUEZ SA therefore remains the company's ultimate parent and controlling interest.

### Acquisition

On 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011 the company acquired 100% of the ordinary share capital of International Power Retail Supply Company (UK) Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

International Power Retail Supply Company (UK) Limited is the holding company for IPM Energy Trading Limited whose principal activity was the purchase, supply and management of electricity to industrial and commercial customers.

### GDF SUEZ Shotton Limited

As part of the GDF SUEZ group merger with International Power the management and control of the Shotton Power Station was transferred from Leeds to Deeside, where operations for a number of other International Power plc generation assets are managed. The company remains a wholly owned subsidiary of GDF SUEZ Energy UK Limited.

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012 the International Power group announced the proposed closure of the Shotton Power Station with operations ceasing by the end of 2012.

### Auditor

Ernst and Young LLP resigned as auditor of the company in July 2011 and Deloitte LLP was appointed as the company's statutory auditor for 2011. Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and Deloitte LLP will therefore continue in office.

## Directors' report

### Directors' statement as to disclosure of information to the auditor

The directors who were members of the board at the time of approving the directors' report are listed on page 1. Having made enquiries of fellow directors and of the company's auditor, each of these directors confirms that

- To the best of each director's knowledge and belief, there is no information (that is, information needed by the company's auditor in connection with preparing their report) of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- Each director has taken all the steps a director might reasonably be expected to have taken to be aware of relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006

By order of the Board



D Park

Director

17 July 2012

## Directors' responsibilities statement

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare such financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors are required to prepare the group financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, International Accounting Standard 1 requires that directors

- properly select and apply accounting policies,
- present information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information,
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IFRSs are insufficient to enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the entity's financial position and financial performance, and
- make an assessment of the company's ability to continue as a going concern

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

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

# **Independent auditor's report**

## **to the members of GDF SUEZ Energy UK Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of GDF SUEZ Energy UK Limited for the year ended 31 December 2011 which comprise the Income Statement, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes 1 to 17. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

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

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor**

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the financial statements to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2011 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

# **Independent auditor's report**

**to the members of GDF SUEZ Energy UK Limited**

## **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

## **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

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



Robert Knight FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP,  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor  
St Albans, United Kingdom

20 July 2012



## Income statement

for the year ended 31 December 2011

	Note	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
<b>Revenue</b>		-	-
Cost of sales		-	-
<b>Gross profit</b>		-	-
Administrative expenses – intercompany write off		(12,683)	-
<b>Operating loss</b>	3	(12,683)	-
Finance revenue	5	476	1,169
Finance costs	6	-	(661)
Dividend Income		35,089	18,201
<b>Profit before taxation</b>		22,882	18,709
Tax charge	7	(126)	(142)
<b>Profit for the year</b>		22,756	18,567

All amounts relate to continuing activities

## Statement of comprehensive income

for the year ended 31 December 2011

There was no other comprehensive income attributable to the shareholders of the company other than the profit for the year ended 31 December 2011 of £22,756,000 (2010 £18,567,000)

## Balance sheet

at 31 December 2011

	Note	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Investments accounted for using the equity method	8	4,604	3,566
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>4,604</b>	<b>3,566</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Trade and other receivables	9	12,024	22,990
Cash and cash equivalents	10	47,478	37,234
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>59,502</b>	<b>60,224</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	11	36	-
Current tax liability	12	66	142
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>102</b>	<b>142</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>59,400</b>	<b>60,082</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>64,004</b>	<b>63,648</b>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Share capital	15	51,901	51,901
Retained earnings		12,103	11,747
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>64,004</b>	<b>63,648</b>

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 17 July 2012. They were signed on its behalf by



D Park  
Director  
17 July 2012

**Statement of changes in equity**

for the year ended 31 December 2011 and 31 December 2010

	<b>Share Capital £'000</b>	<b>Retained Earnings £'000</b>	<b>Total Equity £'000</b>
At 1 January 2010	51,901	11,825	63,726
Profit for the year	-	18,567	18,567
Dividend paid	-	(18,645)	(18,645)
At 31 December 2010	51,901	11,747	63,648
Profit for the year	-	22,756	22,756
Dividend paid (note 17)	-	(22,400)	(22,400)
At 31 December 2011	51,901	12,103	64,004

## Statement of cash flows

for the year ended 31 December 2011

	Note	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Profit before taxation		22,882	18,709
<i>Adjustments to reconcile profit before taxation to net cash flows from operating activities</i>			
Finance revenue	5	(476)	(1,169)
Finance cost	6	-	661
Decrease /(increase) in trade and other receivables		10,966	(5,451)
Decrease in other financial assets		-	153,505
Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables		36	(110,798)
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>		<u>33,408</u>	<u>55,457</u>
Tax paid		(202)	(86)
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>		<u>33,206</u>	<u>55,371</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of investment in subsidiary	8	(1,038)	-
<b>Net cash flows used in investing activities</b>		<u>(1,038)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Dividend Paid	17	(22,400)	(18,645)
Finance revenue	5	476	1,169
Finance cost	6	-	(661)
<b>Net cash flows used in financing activities</b>		<u>(21,924)</u>	<u>(18,137)</u>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<u>10,244</u>	<u>37,234</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January</b>		<u>37,234</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December</b>	10	<u><u>47,478</u></u>	<u><u>37,234</u></u>

## Notes to the financial statements

at 31 December 2011

### 1. Authorisation of financial statements and statement of compliance with IFRSs

The financial statements of GDF SUEZ Energy UK Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2011 were authorised for issue by the board of the directors on 17 July 2012 and the balance sheet was signed on the board's behalf by D Park. GDF SUEZ Energy UK Limited is a private limited company incorporated and domiciled in England & Wales.

#### Basis of Preparation

The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union as they apply to the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2011 and applied in accordance with Companies Act 2006. The principle accounting policies adopted by the company are set out in note 2.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for the assets.

The company financial statements are presented in Pounds Sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand Pounds Sterling (£000) except when otherwise indicated.

#### Going concern

The directors have considered the going concern basis and concluded that it is appropriate. In performing this assessment the directors have considered the forecasts for the company and its subsidiaries taking account of the uncertain current economic conditions, together with the balance sheet strength of the company which includes cash and short term deposits of £47,478,000.

### 2. Accounting Policies

#### Change in accounting policies

In the current year, the following new and revised Standards and Interpretations have been adopted:

#### Standards affecting the financial statements

The following amendment was made as part of *Improvements to IFRSs (2010)*

Amendment to IFRS 7  
*Financial Instruments*  
*Disclosures*

The amendment clarifies the required level of disclosure around credit risk and collateral held and provides relief from disclosure of renegotiated financial assets.

The impact of this amendment has been to reduce the level of disclosure provided on collateral that the entity holds as security on financial assets that are past due or impaired.

## Notes to the financial statements

at 31 December 2011

### 2. Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Change in accounting policies (continued)

##### Standards not affecting the reported results nor the financial position

The following new and revised Standards and Interpretations have been adopted in the current year. Their adoption has not had any significant impact on the amounts reported in these financial statements but, with the exception of the amendment to IFRS 1, may impact the accounting for future transactions and arrangements.

<i>Amendment to IFRS 1 Limited Exemption from Comparative IFRS 7 Disclosures for First-time Adopters</i>	The amendment provides a limited exemption for first-time adopters from providing comparative fair-value hierarchy disclosures under IFRS 7.
<i>Amendment to IFRS 3 Business Combinations</i>	IFRS 3 has been amended such that only those non-controlling interests which are current ownership interests and which entitle their holders to a proportionate share of net assets upon liquidation can be measured at fair value or the proportionate share of net identifiable assets. Other non-controlling interests are measured at fair value, unless another measurement basis is required by IFRSs.
<i>IAS 24 (2009) Related Party Disclosures</i>	The revised Standard has a new, clearer definition of a related party, with inconsistencies under the previous definition having been removed.
<i>Amendment to IAS 32 Classification of Rights Issues</i>	Under the amendment, rights issues of instruments issued to acquire a fixed number of an entity's own non-derivative equity instruments for a fixed amount in any currency and which otherwise meet the definition of equity are classified as equity.
<i>Amendments to IFRIC 14 Prepayments of a Minimum Funding Requirement</i>	The amendments now enable recognition of an asset in the form of prepaid minimum funding contributions.
<i>IFRIC 19 Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments</i>	The Interpretation provides guidance on the accounting for 'debt for equity swaps' from the perspective of the borrower.
<i>Improvements to IFRSs 2010</i>	Aside from those items already identified above, the amendments made to standards under the 2010 improvements to IFRSs have had no impact on the group.

## Notes to the financial statements

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### 2. Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Change in accounting policies (continued)

##### Standards and interpretations issued but not yet applied

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, the following Standards and Interpretations which have not been applied in these financial statements were in issue but not yet effective (and in some cases had not yet been adopted by the EU)

IFRS 1 (amended)	<i>Severe Hyperinflation and Removal of Fixed Dates for First-time Adopters</i>
IFRS 7 (amended)	<i>Disclosures – Transfers of Financial Assets</i>
IFRS 9	<i>Financial Instruments</i>
IFRS 10	<i>Consolidated Financial Statements</i>
IFRS 11	<i>Joint Arrangements</i>
IFRS 12	<i>Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities</i>
IFRS 13	<i>Fair Value Measurement</i>
IAS 1 (amended)	<i>Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income</i>
IAS 12 (amended)	<i>Deferred Tax Recovery of Underlying Assets</i>
IAS 19 (revised)	<i>Employee Benefits</i>
IAS 27 (revised)	<i>Separate Financial Statements</i>
IAS 28 (revised)	<i>Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures</i>
IFRIC 20	<i>Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine</i>

The directors do not expect that the adoption of the standards listed above will have a material impact on the financial statements of the Group in future periods, except as follows

- IFRS 9 will impact both the measurement and disclosures of Financial Instruments, and
- IFRS 13 will impact the measurement of fair value for certain assets and liabilities as well as the associated disclosures

Beyond the information above, it is not practicable to provide a reasonable estimate of the effect of these standards until a detailed review has been completed

#### Significant accounting policies

##### Impairment of non-financial assets

The company assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the company makes an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash-generating unit's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimate of future cash flows have not been adjusted. Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. Impairment losses on continuing operations are recognised in the income statement in those expense categories consistent with the function of the impaired asset.

## Notes to the financial statements

at 31 December 2011

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Significant accounting policies (continued)

##### Impairment of non-financial assets (continued)

For assets where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset or cash generating unit is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, not to exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment losses been recognised for the asset or cash generating unit in prior years. A reversal of impairment loss is recognised immediately in the income statement.

Management considers the impairment of non-financial assets to be a critical accounting judgement.

#### Financial Assets

##### *Loans and receivables*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest (EIR) method, less impairment. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included in finance revenue in the income statement. The losses arising from impairment are recognised in the income statement in other operating expenses.

##### *Effective interest method*

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the debt instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

Income is recognised on an effective interest basis for debt instruments other than those financial assets classified as at FVTPL.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and short-term deposits in the balance sheet comprise cash at banks and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less. For the purpose of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

#### Income taxes

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities, based on tax rates and laws that are enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax is recognised on all temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements, with the following exceptions:

- where the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss, and
- deferred income tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, carried forward tax credits or tax losses can be utilised.



## Notes to the financial statements

at 31 December 2011

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Income taxes (continued)

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply when the related asset is realised or liability is settled, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

Income tax is charged or credited to other comprehensive income if it relates to items that are charged or credited to other comprehensive income. Similarly, income tax is charged or credited directly to equity if it relates to items that are credited or charged directly to equity. Otherwise income tax is recognised in the income statement.

#### Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the company and revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes. The following criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

##### *Finance income*

Revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument to its net carrying amount.

#### Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less, where appropriate, provisions for impairment.

### 3. Auditor remuneration

The audit fee of £4,000 has been borne by other subsidiary companies in both years.

### 4. Directors' remuneration and staff costs

No remuneration was paid by GDF SUEZ Energy UK Limited to directors during the years ended 31 December 2011 and 31 December 2010 in respect of services to the company. Directors who perform services for the company are employed by other group companies and their costs are not recharged to the company.

Staff who perform services for the company are employed by GDF SUEZ Marketing Limited and their costs are not recharged to the company.

### 5. Finance revenue

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Interest receivable on deposits with group undertakings	471	1,169
Other finance income	5	-
	<u>476</u>	<u>1,169</u>

For terms and conditions relating to related party receivables, refer to note 16

## Notes to the financial statements

at 31 December 2011

### 6. Finance cost

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
On loans from group undertakings	-	661
	<u>-</u>	<u>661</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>661</u>

For terms and conditions relating to related party payables, refer to note 16

### 7. Taxation

(a) Tax charge	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
<b>Current income tax:</b>		
UK corporation tax on profits of the year	126	142
Total current income tax	<u>126</u>	<u>142</u>
<b>Deferred tax:</b>		
Deferred income tax relating to the origination and reversal of temporary differences	-	-
<b>Tax charge in the income statement</b>	<u>126</u>	<u>142</u>

#### (b) Reconciliation of tax charge

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
<b>Profit before tax</b>	22,882	18,709
Profit multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax of 26.5% (2010: 28%)	6,064	5,238
Tax effect of non-deductible or non-taxable items	(5,938)	(5,096)
<b>Tax charge in the income statement</b>	<u>126</u>	<u>142</u>

#### (c) Change in Corporation Tax rate

Finance Act 2011, which was substantively enacted in July 2011, included provisions to reduce the rate of corporation tax to 26% with effect from 1 April 2011 and 25% with effect from 1 April 2012.

The government has announced that it intends to further reduce the rate of corporation tax to 24% with effect from 1 April 2012, 23% from 1 April 2013 and 22% from 1 April 2014. As this legislation was not substantively enacted by 31 December 2011, the impact of the anticipated rate change is not reflected in the tax provisions reported in these accounts.

## Notes to the financial statements

at 31 December 2011

### 8. Investments in subsidiaries

Shares in subsidiary undertakings	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£'000</b>
Cost	
At 1 January 2011	3,566
Additions	1,038
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<b>31 December 2011</b>	<b>4,604</b>
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On 30 September 2011 the group acquired 100 per cent of the issued share capital of International Power Retail Supply Company (UK) Limited. This is a holding company for IPM Energy Retail Limited whose primary activity is the supply of Electricity to small industrial and commercial business. The company was purchased as part of an internal reorganisation.

The company's subsidiary undertakings at 31 December 2011 are listed below

<i>Held directly</i>	<i>Country of incorporation</i>	<i>Class of shares held</i>	<i>Proportion held by the company</i>
GDF SUEZ Solutions Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%
GDF SUEZ Sales Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%
GDF SUEZ Marketing Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%
GDF SUEZ Services Limited <sup>(2)</sup>	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%
GDF SUEZ Shotton Limited <sup>(3)</sup>	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%
International Power Retail Supply Company UK Limited <sup>(4)</sup>	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%

(1) The principal activities of the subsidiaries are the purchase, supply and management of natural gas and electricity to industrial and commercial customers

(2) The subsidiary is dormant

(3) The principal activity of the subsidiary was the generation of electricity, it is proposed that operations will cease during 2012

(4) The subsidiary was acquired during the year and acts as a holding company

### 9. Trade and other receivables

	2011	2010
	£'000	£'000
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	12,019	22,985
Prepayments	5	5
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	12,024	22,990
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For terms and conditions relating to related party receivables, refer to Note 16

## Notes to the financial statements

at 31 December 2011

### 10. Cash and cash equivalents

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Cash at bank and in hand	47,478	37,234
	<u>47,478</u>	<u>37,234</u>

### 11. Trade and other payables

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings	36	-
	<u>36</u>	<u>-</u>

For terms and conditions relating to related party receivables, refer to Note 16

### 12. Current tax liabilities

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Corporation tax liability	66	142
	<u>66</u>	<u>142</u>

### 13. Financial risk management objectives and policies

#### Capital Risk Management

The company's primary capital risk management objective is to maintain a strong credit rating and healthy capital ratios

The GDF SUEZ Energy UK Group monitors capital on a consolidated basis using return on capital employed (ROCE), which is operating profit divided by net assets

The capital structure of the company consists of share capital and accumulated reserves

There are no externally imposed capital requirements

The company's financial assets comprise cash and short-term deposits and the company also has loans to subsidiaries

The main risk arising from the company's financial instruments is interest rate risk. There are no significant liquidity or credit risks or foreign currency risk

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### 13. Financial risk management objectives and policies (continued)

#### Interest rate maturity profile of financial assets and liabilities

The following table sets out the carrying amount, by maturity, of the company's financial instruments that are exposed to interest rate risk

Year ended 31 December 2011	Within 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	>5	Total
	year	years	years	years	years	years	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash and short term deposits	47,478	-	-	-	-	-	47,478
Amount owed by subsidiary undertaking	-	12,019	-	-	-	-	12,019

  

Year ended 31 December 2010	Within 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	> 5	Total
	year	years	years	years	years	years	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash and short term deposits	37,234	-	-	-	-	-	37,234
Amount owed by subsidiary undertakings	-	22,985	-	-	-	-	22,985

#### Interest rate risk

Amounts owed to/from the GDF SUEZ intercompany cash pooling facility, loans owed to/from fellow subsidiaries and amounts owed to the parent undertaking all bear interest at floating rates. Floating rate interest on financial instruments varies according to the underlying reference rate.

The other financial assets and financial liabilities of the company are non-interest bearing and therefore are not subject to interest rate risk.

#### Interest rate risk table

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, of the profit before tax (through the impact on floating rate borrowings)

	<i>Increase/decrease in base rate</i>	<i>Effect on profit before tax £'000</i>	<i>Effect on other comprehensive income £'000</i>
2011	+0.25	238	182
	-0.25	(238)	(182)
2010	+0.25	197	142
	-0.25	(197)	(142)

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### 14 Financial instruments

#### Fair values

Set out below is a comparison by category of carrying amounts and fair values of all of the company's financial instruments, that are carried in the financial statements. Note that in all cases the fair value is equal to the carrying value of those assets and liabilities

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
<i>Financial Assets</i>		
Cash and short term deposits	47,478	37,234
Loans and receivables	12,019	22,985
<i>Financial Liabilities</i>		
Amortised cost	35	-

### 15. Share capital

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
<i>Authorised</i>		
52,500,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	52,500	52,500
<i>Called up, allotted and fully paid</i>		
51,900,792 ordinary shares of £1 each	51,901	51,901

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### 16. Related party transactions

The company's immediate parent undertaking is Stopper Finance BV, a company registered in The Netherlands and subsidiary undertaking of International Power plc. The accounts of GDF SUEZ Energy UK Limited are consolidated within the Financial Statements of International Power plc.

The ultimate controlling parent undertaking of the group of undertakings for which group financial statements are drawn up, and of which the company is a member, is GDF SUEZ SA, a company registered in France. Copies of GDF SUEZ SA's group financial statements can be obtained from GDF SUEZ SA, Tour T1, 1 place Samuel de Champlain, Faubourg de l'Arche, 92930 Paris La Défense, France.

#### 2011

	Sales	Purchases	Interest	Interest	Amount	Amount
	£'000	£'000	receivable	payable	owed from	owed to
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
GDF SUEZ Treasury Management Sarl	-	-	115	-	-	-
GDF SUEZ Marketing Limited	-	-	58	-	2,704	-
GDF SUEZ Shotton Limited	-	-	294	-	7,700	36
International Power Retail Supply Company UK Limited	-	-	-	-	215	-
IPM Energy Retail Limited	-	-	4	-	1,400	-

A dividend of £22,400,000 (2010: 18,645,000) was paid to Stopper Finance BV.

#### 2010

	Sales	Purchases	Interest	Interest	Amount	Amount
	£'000	£'000	receivable	payable	owed from	owed to
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
GDF SUEZ Treasury Management Sarl	-	-	667	200	-	-
GDF SUEZ Solutions Limited	-	-	-	461	133	-
GDF SUEZ Marketing Limited (non-current loan)	-	-	-	-	2,763	-
GDF SUEZ Shotton Limited	-	-	502	-	502	-
GDF SUEZ Shotton Limited (non-current loan)	-	-	-	-	19,587	-

#### *Terms and conditions of transactions*

Interest receivable from GDF SUEZ Shotton Limited represents amounts charged on intercompany loan balances, the rate charged on these balances is equal to Bank of England Base Rate + 1.00%.

The company operates a cash pooling facility with GDF SUEZ Treasury Management Sarl under which any shortfalls or surpluses of cash are transferred. Interest on short term deposits accrues at the Sterling Overnight Interbank Average (SONIA) interest rate less 0.15% and interest on short term borrowings are charged at the SONIA interest rate plus 0.45%.

The company operates loan drawdown facilities with GDF SUEZ Marketing Limited, IPM Energy Retail Limited and IP Retail Supply Company (UK) Limited. Interest accrues at SONIA interest rate +0.45%.

The dividend paid to Stopper Finance BV is a minimum of the previous years profit after tax distributable reserves, or available cash and was paid within 6 months of the year end.

There have been no transactions with the Directors of the company during the year.

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### 17. Dividends proposed

	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>
	<i>£'000</i>	<i>£'000</i>
Proposed for approval at the board meeting on 17 July 2012 (2010 3 May 2011) (not recognised as a liability as at 31 December)		
Dividends on ordinary shares		
Final dividend (49 pence per share, 2010 43 pence)	25,428	22,400