

Ebico Limited

Accounts 31 December 2017
together with directors' report

Registered number: 3507095



Directors' report

The directors present their annual report on the affairs of the Company, for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Principal activity and business review

The principal activity of the Company has been the retail marketing of equitable electricity and gas tariffs. However, with effect from 28th February 2017 the partnership agreement, under which the Company received commission, was terminated. The Company's subsidiary, Ebico Trading Limited, negotiated a replacement partnership agreement, leaving the Company as a holding company for Ebico Group activities.

Results

The profit for the period after taxation amounted to £20,183 (2016 - £11,125.)

Donations

During the year the company made charitable contributions amounting to £nil (2016 - £273,000.)

Directors

The directors who served during the year were as follows:

HEO Balfour	Non-executive Chairman	
PJC Levermore	Chief Executive	
PJ Bridgewater	Non-executive	
SG Knight	Non-executive	
JCH Lee	Non-executive	Resigned 7 April 2017

Auditor

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

So far as each of the directors at the time the report is approved are aware:

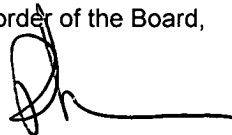
- (a) there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- (b) the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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23 March 2018

By order of the Board,



PJC Levermore, Secretary

Statement of directors' responsibilities

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Section 1A of FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.
- Use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so

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 responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor's report

Independent auditor's report to the members of Ebico Limited.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ebico Limited ("the company") for the year ended 31 December 2017, which comprise the Income Statement, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of changes in equity and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 3.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards applicable to smaller entities, including Section 1A of FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*; 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 are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

Going concern

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We have nothing to report in these respects.

Directors' report

The directors are responsible for the directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover that report and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge.

Auditor's report (continued)

Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in that report for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion that report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 2, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; 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 they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities

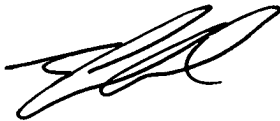
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee that an audit 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

Auditor's report (continued)

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

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.



James Ledward (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants
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23 March 2018

Income Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Turnover		203,599	1,200,486
Cost of sales		(4,424)	(109,526)
Gross profit		<u>199,135</u>	<u>1,090,960</u>
Administrative expenses		(183,012)	(813,756)
Operating profit	4	16,123	277,204
Charitable Donations	5	-	(273,000)
Interest receivable and similar income		7,392	9,993
Profit before taxation		<u>23,515</u>	<u>14,197</u>
Taxation	7	(3,332)	(3,072)
Profit after taxation		<u>20,183</u>	<u>11,125</u>

There were no recognised gains and losses other than the profit for the financial period.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this income statement.

Statement of Financial Position

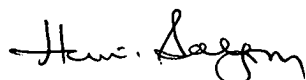
As at 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	-	5,260
Investments	9	100	58,393
		<u>100</u>	<u>63,653</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	10	-	150,712
Cash at bank and in hand		1,861,597	1,709,854
		<u>1,861,597</u>	<u>1,860,566</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(106,179)</u>	<u>(187,832)</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,755,418</u>	<u>1,672,734</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,755,518</u>	<u>1,736,387</u>
Provisions for liabilities and charges	13	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,052)</u>
Net assets		<u>1,755,518</u>	<u>1,735,335</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		<u>1,755,518</u>	<u>1,735,335</u>
Members' funds		<u>1,755,518</u>	<u>1,735,335</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A – Small Entities.

The notes form part of these accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 23 March 2018 and were signed on its behalf by:



HEO Balfour
Director

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 December 2017

	Notes	Profit and Loss account £	Total £
At 1 January 2016		1,724,210	1,724,210
Profit for the financial year 2016		<u>11,125</u>	<u>11,125</u>
At 31 December 2016		1,735,335	1,735,335
Profit for the financial year 2017		20,183	20,183
At 31 December 2017		<u>1,755,518</u>	<u>1,755,518</u>

The notes form part of these accounts.

Notes to accounts

31 December 2017

1 Statutory information

Ebico Limited is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, registration number 3507095. The registered office and principal place of business is the Zinc Building, Broadshires Way, Carterton, Oxon, OX18 1AD.

2 Compliance with accounting standards

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions in part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A small entities. There are no material departures from this standard.

3 Accounting policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the period, is set out below:

a) *Basis of accounting*

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

b) *Basis of consolidation*

The company and its subsidiary undertakings comprise a small group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group accounts.

c) *Tangible fixed assets*

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets, on a straight-line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used for this purpose are 33% pa.

d) *Taxation*

UK Corporation tax payable is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method on all timing differences which are expected to reverse in the future without being replaced, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse.

e) *Investments*

Investments in subsidiary undertakings and associated companies are stated at cost, less any provisions for impairment.

f) *Operating lease agreements*

Rentals applicable to operating leases, where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged against profits on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

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g) Post-retirement benefits

The Company makes contributions to a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The amount charged to the profit and loss account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

h) Trade and other debtors / creditors

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Trade and other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors.

i) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits.

j) Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts invoiced for goods and services, stated net of value added tax.

4 Operating profit

Operating profit is stated after charging:

	2017 £	2016 £
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	3,661	11,116
Operating lease rentals – land and buildings	6,233	36,019
Profit on sale of investment	29,729	-
Auditor's fees for audit of these financial statements	5,500	8,242
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5 Charitable Donations

	2017 £	2016 £
Donations to the Ebico Trust for Sustainable Development	-	273,000
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The Company is a not-for-profit organisation, our mission is to help those affected by fuel poverty. Surplus profits are used to further achieve this objective, by means of donations to the Ebico Trust for Sustainable Development – a registered charity. The Company is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee, and as such profits are not paid to shareholders as dividends.

Notes to accounts (continued)

31 December 2017

6 Staff costs (including directors)

	2017 £	2016 £
Wages and salaries	19,545	262,562
Social security costs	(351)	24,485
Other pension costs	16,348	13,561
	<u>35,542</u>	<u>300,608</u>
	2017	2016
The average monthly number of employees, including directors	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>

7 Taxation

	2017 £	2016 £
United Kingdom corporation tax charge based on profits for the year	-	5,844
Deferred taxation charge/(credit)	3,332	(2,743)
Adjustments in respect of prior years	-	(29)
	<u>3,332</u>	<u>3,072</u>

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8 Tangible fixed assets

	Total £
Cost:	
At 1 January 2017	39,589
Additions during the year	-
Disposals during the year	(4,587)
Intra group transfers	(35,002)
At 31 December 2017	-
Depreciation:	
At 1 January 2017	34,329
Provided during the year	3,661
Disposals during the year	(3,992)
Intra group transfers	(33,998)
At 31 December 2017	-
Net book value	
At 31 December 2016	5,260
At 31 December 2017	-

9 Investments

	2017 £	2016 £
Investments in subsidiary and associated companies		
At start of year	58,393	58,493
Disposal of Eden Solarfair Limited	(58,293)	-
Provisions during the year	-	(100)
At end of year	100	58,393

The company owns 100% of the issued ordinary share capital Ebico Trading Limited. Ebico Trading Ltd is registered in the UK at the address shown in note 1.

On 24th January 2017, the Company completed the sale of its 42.5% shareholding in Eden Solarfair Limited to Green Nation Energy Limited. The consideration for the sale amounted to £88,022, and was paid in cash.

Notes to accounts (continued)

31 December 2017

9 Investments *continued*

	2017	2016
	£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves		
Ebico Trading Limited	115,424	9,700
Eden Solarfair Limited	-	143,966
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Profit/(loss) for the year after taxation		
Ebico Trading Limited	105,724	9,600
Eden Solarfair Limited	-	7,342
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10 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2017	2016
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	118,165
Prepayments	-	18,224
Deferred Tax asset	-	823
Other debtors	-	13,500
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	-	150,712
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11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2017	2016
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	30,979
Accruals	11,981	104,164
Amounts due to group undertakings	87,142	12,991
Taxation and social security costs	7,056	38,342
Other creditors	-	1,356
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	106,179	187,832
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12 Pension commitments

Included within other creditors is an amount of £nil (2016 - £506) being unpaid pension commitments at the year end.

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13 Provisions for liabilities and charges: Deferred Taxation

	2017 £	2016 £
At start of year	1,052	3,753
Charge/(credit) for the year	3,332	(2,743)
Adjustment in respect of prior years	(3,561)	(781)
Allocation against debtors: amounts falling due within one year	(823)	823
Balance at end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>1,052</u>

The elements of deferred taxation are as follows: (asset)/liability

Difference between accumulated depreciation and capital allowances	-	1,052
Other timing differences	-	(823)
Net (asset)/liability	<u>-</u>	<u>229</u>

14 Financial Commitments

Operating leases

Future minimum rentals payable under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	Land and Buildings	
	2017 £	2016 £
within 1 year	-	21,875
	<u>-</u>	<u>21,875</u>

15 Related Party Disclosures

The company makes donations to The Ebico Trust for Sustainable Development, a registered charity (number 1127587) of which P J C Levermore is a Trustee. During the year donations were made to the charity totalling £nil (2016 - £273,000).

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS102 Section 1AC.35 "Related Party Disclosures" from the requirement to disclose transactions with group companies on the grounds that all group companies are wholly owned.

During the year under review the Company paid Kingswick Limited, a total of £nil (2016 - £7,119) for consultancy services. Kingswick Limited is controlled by S G Knight, a director. In addition, Ebico Trading Limited paid Kingswick Limited £15,457 (2016: £4,038) for consultancy services.

Notes to accounts (continued)

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16 Company limited by guarantee

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the four members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the company in the event of a liquidation.