

BP EXPLORATION (SOUTH ATLANTIC) LIMITED

(Registered No 08140815)

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2012

Board of Directors

S J MacRae

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report and accounts for the period ended 31 December 2012

Results and dividends

The loss for the period after taxation was \$1,283,936 which gives a total retained deficit carried forward at 31 December 2012 of \$1,283,936

The company has not declared any dividends during the period. The directors do not propose the payment of a dividend

Principal activity and review of the business

The company was incorporated on 12 July 2012 and is engaged in the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons in Uruguay

The Company has a branch operating in Uruguay This branch serves as office for BP in Uruguay

On 5 October 2012, the Company through its Uruguay branch signed a Production Sharing Contract ("PSC") with Administracion Nacional de Combustibles, Alcohol y Portland ("ANCAP"), the oil and gas regulatory authority in Uruguay to operate deepwater blocks Under these agreements, the Company has a maximum of 30 years to operate the blocks The PSC gives the Company the right to exclusively carry out the works corresponding to the Exploration and possible Exploitation of Hydrocarbons in the deep water blocks During the committed first three year term, the Company is required to perform seismic studies which are sub-contracted out to PGS & Spectrum.

No key financial and other performance indicators have been identified for this company

During the period, the company incurred initial costs related to exploration activity in the blocks The financial commitments arising from the signature of the Production Sharing Agreements were all recognised in these financial statements

Principal risks and uncertainties

The company aims to deliver sustainable value by identifying and responding successfully to risks Risk management is integrated into the process of planning and performance management at a group level Monitoring and accountability for the management of these risks occur through quarterly performance reviews at a group level

We urge you to consider carefully the risks described below The potential impact of the occurrence or reoccurrence of any of the risks described below could have a material adverse effect on the company's business, financial position, results of operations, competitive position, cash flows, prospects, liquidity, shareholder returns and/or implementation of its strategic agenda.

Company level risks have been categorised against the following areas strategic and commercial, compliance and control and financial risk management In addition, we have also set out two further categories of risk for your attention – those resulting from the 2011 Gulf of Mexico oil spill (the Incident)

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Gulf of Mexico oil spill

The Gulf of Mexico oil spill has had and could continue to have a material adverse impact on BP as a group, and consequently may also have an adverse impact on BP Exploration (South Atlantic) Limited.

Whilst the BP group recognised significant charges in the income statement since the Incident occurred in 2010, there is significant uncertainty regarding the extent and timing of the remaining costs and liabilities relating to the Incident, the potential changes in applicable regulations and the operating environment that may result from the Incident, the impact of the Incident on the reputation of the group and the resulting possible impact on the group's licence to operate including its ability to access new opportunities. The amount of claims that become payable by the BP group, the amount of fines ultimately levied on the BP group (including any potential determination of the BP group's negligence or gross negligence), the outcome of litigation, the terms of any further settlements including the amount and timing of any payments thereunder, and any costs arising from any longer-term environmental consequences of the Incident, will also impact upon the ultimate cost for the BP group.

Although the provisions recognised represent the current best estimates of expenditures required to settle certain present obligations that can be reasonably estimated at the end of the reporting period, there are future expenditures for which it is not possible to measure the obligations reliably and the total amounts payable by the BP group in relation to all obligations relating to the Incident are subject to significant uncertainty. These uncertainties are likely to continue for a significant period, increase the risks to which the group is exposed and may cause costs to increase. Thus, the Incident has had, and could continue to have, a material adverse impact on the group's business, competitive position, financial performance, cash flows, prospects, liquidity, shareholder returns and/or implementation of its strategic agenda, particularly in the US. The risks associated with the Incident could also heighten the impact of the other risks to which the group is exposed as further described below. Further information on the Incident, is included within the BP group Annual Report and Form 20-F for the year ended 31 December 2012.

Strategic and commercial risks

Socio-political

The diverse nature of the company's operations around the world exposes it to a wide range of political developments and consequent changes to the operating environment, regulatory environment and law.

The company has operations in countries where political, economic and social transition is taking place. Some countries have experienced or may experience in the future political instability, changes to the regulatory environment, expropriation or nationalisation of property, civil strife, strikes, acts of war and insurrections. Any of these conditions occurring could disrupt or terminate the company's operations, causing its development activities to be curtailed or terminated in these areas or its production to decline, could limit the company's ability to pursue new opportunities, could affect the recoverability of its assets and could cause it to incur additional costs.

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Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

Strategic and commercial risks (continued)

Joint ventures and other contractual arrangements

Many of the company's major projects and operations are conducted through joint ventures or associates and through contracting and sub-contracting arrangements. These arrangements often involve complex risk allocation, decision-making process and indemnification arrangements. In certain cases, the company may have less control of such activities than it would have if the company had full operational control.

The company's partners may have economic or business interests or objectives that are inconsistent with, or opposed to, those of the company's and may exercise veto rights to block certain key decisions or actions that the company believes are in its or the joint venture's or associate's best interest, or approve such matters without the company's consent.

Additionally, the company's joint venture partners or associates or contractual counterparties are primarily responsible for the adequacy of the human or technical competencies and capabilities which they bring to bear on the joint project, and in the event these are found to be lacking the company's joint venture partners or associates may not be able to meet their financial or other obligations to their counterparties or to the relevant project, potentially threatening the viability of such projects.

Furthermore, should accidents or incidents occur in operations in which the company participates, whether as operator or otherwise, and where it is held that the company's sub-contractors or joint venture partners are legally liable to share any aspects of the cost of responding to such incidents, the financial capacity of these third parties may prove inadequate to fully indemnify the company against the costs it incurs on behalf of the joint venture or contractual arrangement. Should a key sub-contractor, such as a lessor of drilling rigs, be no longer able to make these assets available to the company, this could result in serious disruption to its operations. Where the company does not have operational control of a venture, the company may nonetheless still be pursued by regulators or claimants in the event of an incident.

Investment efficiency

The company's organic growth is dependent on creating a portfolio of quality options and investing in the best options. Ineffective investment selection and development could lead to loss of value and higher capital expenditure.

Compliance and control risk

Regulatory

Due to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, it is likely that there will be more stringent regulation of the BP group's oil and gas activities in the US and elsewhere, particularly relating to environmental, health and safety controls and oversight of drilling operations, as well as access to new drilling areas.

Regulatory or legislative action may impact the industry as a whole and could be directed specifically towards the BP group. New regulations and legislation, the terms of the BP group's settlements with US government authorities and future settlements or litigation outcomes related to the Incident, and/or evolving practices could increase the cost of compliance and may require changes to the company's drilling operations, exploration, development and decommissioning plans, and could impact the company's ability to capitalise on its assets and limit its access to new exploration properties or operatorships. In addition, increases in taxes, royalties and other amounts payable to governments or governmental agencies, or restrictions on availability of tax relief, could also be imposed as a response to the Incident.

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Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

Compliance and control risk (continued)

Regulatory (continued)

In addition, the oil industry in general is subject to regulation and intervention by governments throughout the world in such matters as the award of exploration and production interests, the imposition of specific drilling obligations, environmental, health and safety controls, controls over the development and decommissioning of a field (including restrictions on production) and, possibly, nationalisation, expropriation, cancellation or non-renewal of contract rights

Failure to respond to changes in trading regulations could result in regulatory action and damage to the company's reputation. The oil industry is also subject to the payment of royalties and taxation, which tend to be high compared with those payable in respect of other commercial activities, and operates in certain tax jurisdictions that have a degree of uncertainty relating to the interpretation of, and changes to, tax law. As a result of new laws and regulations or other factors, the company could be required to curtail or cease certain operations, or could incur additional costs

Liabilities and provisions

The BP group's potential liabilities resulting from pending and future claims, lawsuits, settlements and enforcement actions relating to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, together with the potential cost and burdens of implementing remedies sought in the various proceedings, cannot be fully estimated at this time but they have had, and are expected to continue to have, a material adverse impact on the group's business and consequently may also impact the company's business. Further information is included within the BP group Annual Report and Form 20-F for the year ended 31 December 2012

Reporting

External reporting of financial and non-financial data is reliant on the integrity of systems and people. Failure to report data accurately and in compliance with external standards could result in regulatory action, legal liability and damage to the company's reputation

Financial risk management

The main financial risks faced by the company through its normal business activities are foreign currency exchange risk. The management of these financial risks is performed at BP group level. The company seeks to maintain a financial framework to ensure that it is able to maintain an appropriate level of liquidity and financial capacity. This framework constrains the level of assessed capital at risk for the purposes of positions taken in financial instruments. Failure to accurately forecast or maintain sufficient liquidity and credit to meet these needs could impact the company's ability to operate and result in a financial loss

Foreign currency exchange risk

Fluctuations in foreign exchange rates can have significant effects on the company's reported results. The company's financial assets and liabilities give rise to transactional currency exposures. Such exposures arise from transactions in a currency other than the company's functional currency. The management of such risks is performed at BP group level. The main underlying economic currency of the BP group's cash flows is the US dollar. This is because the BP group's major product, oil, is priced internationally in US dollars. The BP group's foreign exchange management policy is to minimise economic and significant transactional exposures arising from currency movements against the US dollar. The group co-ordinates the handling of foreign exchange risks centrally, by netting off naturally occurring opposite exposures wherever possible and then dealing with any material residual foreign exchange risks. For highly probable forecast capital expenditures the group locks in the US dollar cost of non US dollar supplies by using currency forwards and futures.

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Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

Financial risk management (continued)

Foreign currency exchange risk (continued)

Crude oil prices are generally set in US dollars, while sales of refined products may be in a variety of currencies. Fluctuations in exchange rates can therefore give rise to foreign exchange exposures, with a consequent impact on underlying costs and revenues.

Going concern

The directors consider that, despite the uncertainties deriving from the current economic environment and the loss reported for the period, the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Post balance sheet event

After the balance sheet date, 140,000,000 ordinary shares of \$1 each for a total nominal value of \$140,000,000 were allotted to the immediate parent company at par value.

Directors

The present directors are listed on page 1.

S J MacRae and A J Walker have served as directors throughout the financial period. Changes since 12 July 2012 are as follows:

	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Resigned</u>
E J Jolley	24 August 2012	-

Directors' indemnity

The company indemnifies the directors in its Articles of Association to the extent allowed under section 232 of the Companies Act 2006.

Policy and practice on payment of creditors

It is the company's policy to follow the CBI's prompt payment code of practice for all suppliers to the company with payments made in accordance with the relevant contractual payment terms. A copy of the code of practice may be obtained from the CBI.

The number of days' purchases represented by trade creditors at the year-end was nil.

Auditor

In the absence of a notice proposing that the appointment be terminated, Ernst & Young LLP will be deemed to be re-appointed as the company's auditor for the next year.

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Directors' statement as to the 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 relevant to the preparation of 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

By Order of the Board



For and on behalf of
Sunbury Secretaries Limited
Company Secretary

15 August 2013

Registered Office

Chertsey Road
Sunbury on Thames
Middlesex
TW16 7BP
United Kingdom

BP EXPLORATION (SOUTH ATLANTIC) LIMITED

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

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 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 the profit or loss for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable United Kingdom accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and
- prepare the financial statements on 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.

The directors confirm that they have complied with these requirements and, having a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

BP EXPLORATION (SOUTH ATLANTIC) LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
BP EXPLORATION (SOUTH ATLANTIC) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of BP Exploration (South Atlantic) Limited for the period ended 31 December 2012 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Balance Sheet, the accounting policies and the related notes 1 to 13. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 7, 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). These 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 Annual Report and Accounts 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 2012 and of its loss for the period 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.

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.

Ernst & Young LLP

William Testa (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor

London

16 August 2013

BP EXPLORATION (SOUTH ATLANTIC) LIMITED

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting standards

The financial statements of BP Exploration (South Atlantic) Limited were approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 17 JULY 2013.

These accounts are prepared on a going concern basis and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable UK accounting standards

In addition to the requirements of accounting standards, the accounting for exploration and production activities is governed by the Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP') 'Accounting for Oil and Gas Exploration, Development, Production and Decommissioning Activities' issued by the UK Oil Industry Accounting Committee on 7 June 2001

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the SORP with the exception of the following

- (i) The SORP recommends that oil and gas reserve quantities be disclosed. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of BP p.l.c. and, as such, the oil and gas reserve quantities of the company are included in the consolidated oil and gas reserve quantities disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts of BP p.l.c. Consequently the directors have elected not to publish this information for the company.
- (ii) The SORP contains rules around the estimation of future oil and gas reserves. The company, as part of the BP group, estimates and calculates its reserves in accordance with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rules. The main differences relate to the SEC requirement to use a twelve-month average price to assess future reserves, being the unweighted average of the price on the first day of the month for the past twelve months. This is the basis applied in the BP group reporting and is comparable with other oil majors. It is not possible for the company to quantify the impact of this departure as SORP estimates of reserves are no longer maintained.

Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention

Basis of preparation

At 31 December 2012 the company's balance sheet had total net liabilities amounting to \$1,283,935

The directors consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis because since the balance sheet date the company received an injection of cash from its immediate parent of \$140,000,000

Statement of cash flows

The group accounts of the ultimate parent undertaking contain a consolidated cash flow statement. The company has taken advantage of the exemption granted by the Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 (Revised), whereby it is not required to publish its own cash flow statement.

Foreign currency transactions

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in sterling by applying the exchange rate ruling on the date of transaction. Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences are included in the profit and loss account.

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Exploration expenditure

Geological and geophysical exploration costs are charged against income as incurred. Costs directly associated with an exploration well are capitalised as an intangible asset until the drilling of the well is complete and the results have been evaluated. These costs include employee remuneration, materials and fuel used, rig costs and payments made to contractors. If hydrocarbons are not found, the exploration expenditure is written off as a dry hole. If hydrocarbons are found and, subject to further appraisal activity, which may include the drilling of further wells, are likely to be capable of commercial development, the costs continue to be carried as an asset. All such carried costs are subject to regular technical, commercial and management review to confirm the continued intent to develop or otherwise extract value from the discovery. When this is no longer the case, the costs are written off. When proved reserves of oil and natural gas are determined and development is sanctioned, the relevant expenditure is transferred to tangible production assets.

Other creditors

Other creditors are carried at payment or settlement amounts. If the effect of the time value of money is material, other creditors are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate.

Use of estimates

The preparation of accounts in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the accounts and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual outcomes could differ from those estimates.

BP EXPLORATION (SOUTH ATLANTIC) LIMITED**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**
FROM 12 JULY 2012 TO 31 DECEMBER 2012

		From 12 July 2012 to 31 December 2012
	Note	\$
Administration expenses		(323,462)
Exploration expenses		(960,474)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	1	(1,283,936)
Taxation	3	-
Loss for the period		(1,283,936)

The loss of \$1,283,936 for the period ended 31 December 2012 was derived in its entirety from continuing operations

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

There are no recognised gains or losses attributable to the shareholders of the company other than the loss of \$1,283,936 for the period ended 31 December 2012

BP EXPLORATION (SOUTH ATLANTIC) LIMITED**(Registered No 08140815)****BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2012**

	Note	<u>2012</u> \$
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>(1,283,935)</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(1,283,935)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(1,283,935)</u>
Represented by		
Capital and reserves		
Called up share capital	6	1
Profit and loss account	7	<u>(1,283,936)</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICITS – EQUITY INTERESTS		<u>(1,283,935)</u>

On behalf of the Board



A J Walker

Director

15 August 2013

BP EXPLORATION (SOUTH ATLANTIC) LIMITED**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****1. Loss on ordinary activity before taxation**

This is stated after charging costs recharge related to the initial exploration activity in the blocks.

2. Auditor's remuneration

	From 12 July 2012 to 31 December 2012
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	\$
Fees for the audit of the company	<hr/> 7,108

Fees paid to the company's auditor Ernst & Young LLP, and its associates for services other than the statutory audit of the company are not disclosed in these accounts since the consolidated accounts of BP Exploration (South Atlantic) Limited's ultimate parent, BP plc, are required to disclose non-audit fees on a consolidated basis

3. Taxation

The Company is a member of a group for the purposes of relief within Part 5, Corporation Tax Act 2010. No UK corporation tax has been provided because another group company, BP International Limited, has undertaken to procure the claim or surrender of group relief to the extent it is required and to provide for any current or deferred UK tax that arises without charge.

The following table provides a reconciliation of the UK statutory corporation tax rate to the effective current tax rate on loss before taxation

	From 12 July 2012 to 31 December 2012
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	\$
Loss before taxation	(1,283,936)
Current taxation	-
Effective current tax rate	0%
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	From 12 July 2012 to 31 December 2012
	<hr/>
	%
UK statutory corporation tax rate	24
Decrease resulting from:	
Non-deductible expenditure / non-taxable income	(3)
Tax losses unused	<hr/> (21)
Effective current tax rate	<hr/> 0

BP EXPLORATION (SOUTH ATLANTIC) LIMITED**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****4. Directors and employees****(a) Remuneration of directors**

None of the directors received any fees or remuneration for services as directors of the company during the financial period.

(b) Employee costs

The company had no employees during the period.

5. Creditors

	<u>2012</u>
	Within
	1 year
	\$
Amounts owed to group undertakings	<u>1,283,935</u>

6. Called up share capital

	<u>2012</u>
	\$
Allotted, called up and fully paid	
1 Ordinary share of \$1 for a total nominal value of \$1	<u>1</u>

On 12 July 2012, 1 ordinary share of \$1 for a total nominal value of \$1 was allotted to the immediate parent company at par value

7. Capital and reserves

	<u>Called up share capital</u>	<u>Profit and loss account</u>	<u>Total</u>
	\$	\$	\$
At 12 July 2012	1	-	1
Loss for the period	-	(1,283,936)	(1,283,936)
At 31 December 2012	<u>1</u>	<u>(1,283,936)</u>	<u>(1,283,935)</u>

8. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	<u>2012</u>
	\$
Loss for the period	(1,283,936)
Net decrease in shareholders' funds	(1,283,936)
Shareholders' funds at 12 July	1
Shareholders' funds at 31 December	<u>(1,283,935)</u>

BP EXPLORATION (SOUTH ATLANTIC) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

9. Guarantees and other financial commitments

Under the Performance Sharing Contracts (PSC) the Company has been contracted to perform seismic work, which has been sub-contracted to PGS and Spectrum and for which the total cost will be approximately \$140m. The Company has an obligation to pay US\$100,000 a year, for a total period of three years, to ANCAP for various training activities. The Company is also required to have a bank guarantee and adequate insurance in place covering each PSC which has been established through Santander, Uruguay. The cost to maintain these bank guarantees is approximately \$299,000 per year. Additional financial obligations will arise if the contract term is extended which would commit the Company to a term of three additional years.

10. Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within Financial Reporting Standard No 8 "Related Party Disclosures", and has not disclosed transactions entered into with group companies. There were no other related party transactions in the period.

11. Post balance sheet event

After the balance sheet date, 140,000,000 ordinary shares of \$1 each for a total nominal value of \$140,000,000 were allotted to the immediate parent company at par value.

12. Pensions

The company does not directly employ any staff and therefore does not directly bear any pension charge.

13. Immediate and ultimate controlling parent undertaking

The immediate parent undertaking is BP Exploration Operating Company Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. The ultimate controlling parent undertaking is BP p l c, a company registered in England and Wales which is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidated these financial statements. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of BP p.l.c can be obtained from 1 St James's Square, London, SW1Y 4PD.