
Registered No. 02985756

Directors' Report

The Directors submit their Report and the audited Financial Statements for the Company for the period ended 31 March 2021.

Directors

The Directors who served during the period and subsequently were as follows:

IG Funnell

AJ Myatt

MJ Hasnip Appointed 14 May 2021

AP Bennett Resigned 20 May 2020

Directors' Qualifying Third Party Indemnity Provisions

The Company has granted indemnity to one or more of its Directors against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third-party indemnity provision remains in force as at the date of approving the Directors' Report.

Political and Charitable Donations

The Company made no political or charitable donations or incurred any political or charitable expenditure during the period (2019: £nil).

Disabled employees

The Company gives full consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons where the candidate's particular aptitudes and abilities are consistent with adequately meeting the requirements of the job. Opportunities are available to disabled employees for training, career development and promotion.

Where existing employees become disabled, it is the Company's policy to provide continuing employment wherever practicable in the same or an alternative position and to provide appropriate training to achieve this aim.

Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR)

This is the first period ABB Power Grids UK Limited has been required to report greenhouse gas ('GHG') emissions in the Directors' Report in line with the Companies (Directors' Report) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Energy and Carbon Report) Regulations 2018.

Our GHG reporting approach:

Our GHG emissions are reported in tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e), for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Our approach to reporting is based on the GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard. In line with the guidance on SECR we have included the energy and emissions for the buildings we own and operate (those within our financial control boundary) and also those where we lease facilities and are responsible for the energy consumption (but which are outside our financial control).

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Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR) (continued)

We have used the latest Defra emissions factors, and our gross emissions total in the table applies the 'location based' accounting methodology for grid emissions. We have also shown the net benefit of our renewable energy procurement via our suppliers, applying the 'market-based' approach, which is included in our net emissions total.

We have chosen the intensity measure gross scope 1 and 2 emissions in tCO₂e per square meter as our activity is predominantly office based.

ABB Power Grids UK Limited Energy Consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions.	2020/21
Consumption	
Total Energy consumption (electricity) (kWh)	1,007,903
Total Energy consumption (gas) (kWh)	16,043
Total vehicle fuel consumption (kWh)*1	10.87
Emissions	
Emissions from combustion of fuel– gas (Scope 1) (tCO ₂ e)	2.95
Emissions from business travel – company owned (Scope 1) (tCO ₂ e)	39.275
Emission from electricity purchased for own use – company owned (Scope 2) (tCO ₂ e)	234.983
Emissions from business travel – rental or employee owned (Scope 3) (tCO ₂ e)	73.324
Total Annual Gross Emissions	350.532
Total Annual Net Emissions	350.532
Annual GHG intensity measure (tCO₂/unit)	2020/21
GHG emissions tCO ₂ e/sqm	0.017

*1 – assumption made that hybrid vehicles are petrol fuel for conversion to kWh

Directors' Report (continued)

Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR) (continued)

In the first reporting period, any activities to improve energy use and reduce emissions will not have quantitative data to measure the positive environmental impacts.

For the reporting period the following energy efficiency improvement measures have been identified and implemented including:

- Energy Management/carbon management included in the Health, Safety & Environmental/Sustainability Policy.
- Awareness Training delivered to all employees of the new energy standard/targets including Sustainability Targets.
- The launch of the ABB Power Grids' EconiQ – eco-efficient portfolio of products, services and solutions including replacing SF6 gas with an eco-alternative with a lower GHG emission factor by 99% - to deliver exceptional environmental performance. Reinforcing its commitment towards a carbon-neutral energy future.
- Roof repairs completed on our Head Office/Stone Office facility and lighting LED replacement scheme which has reduced energy loss and improved energy efficiency.
- Working with key suppliers (scope 3) to report their carbon emissions and help find low carbon alternatives e.g. low carbon steel, aluminium, concrete.
- Changing our working practices from on-site visits to virtual conferences, audits and Factory Acceptance Tests with the use of Augmented Reality headsets.
- Replacing traditional fossil fuel/diesel generators with hybrid generators.
- Solar powered lighting columns and battery/electrically powered plant and equipment.
- Using EPOD tool supply/management stores on projects to reduce the number of deliveries/movements associated with tool hire collection and associated carbon.
- Using ECO cabins as standard on all projects.

Other information

An indication of likely future developments in the business and particulars of significant events which have occurred since the end of the financial year have been included in the Strategic Report on page 3.

Engagement with suppliers, customers and others is set out in the Strategic Report above on pages 3 to 7.

Auditor


In June 2021 KPMG LLP resigned and Ernst & Young LLP were appointed.

Ernst & Young LLP will be seeking re-appointment as auditors at the forthcoming AGM. A resolution to appoint the Company's auditor will be put to the forthcoming AGM.

Disclosure of Information to the Auditor

So far as each person who was a Director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware. Having made enquiries of fellow Directors and the Company's auditor, each Director has taken all the steps that they are obliged to take as a Director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by order of the Board



C Roberts

Company Secretary

30 June 2021