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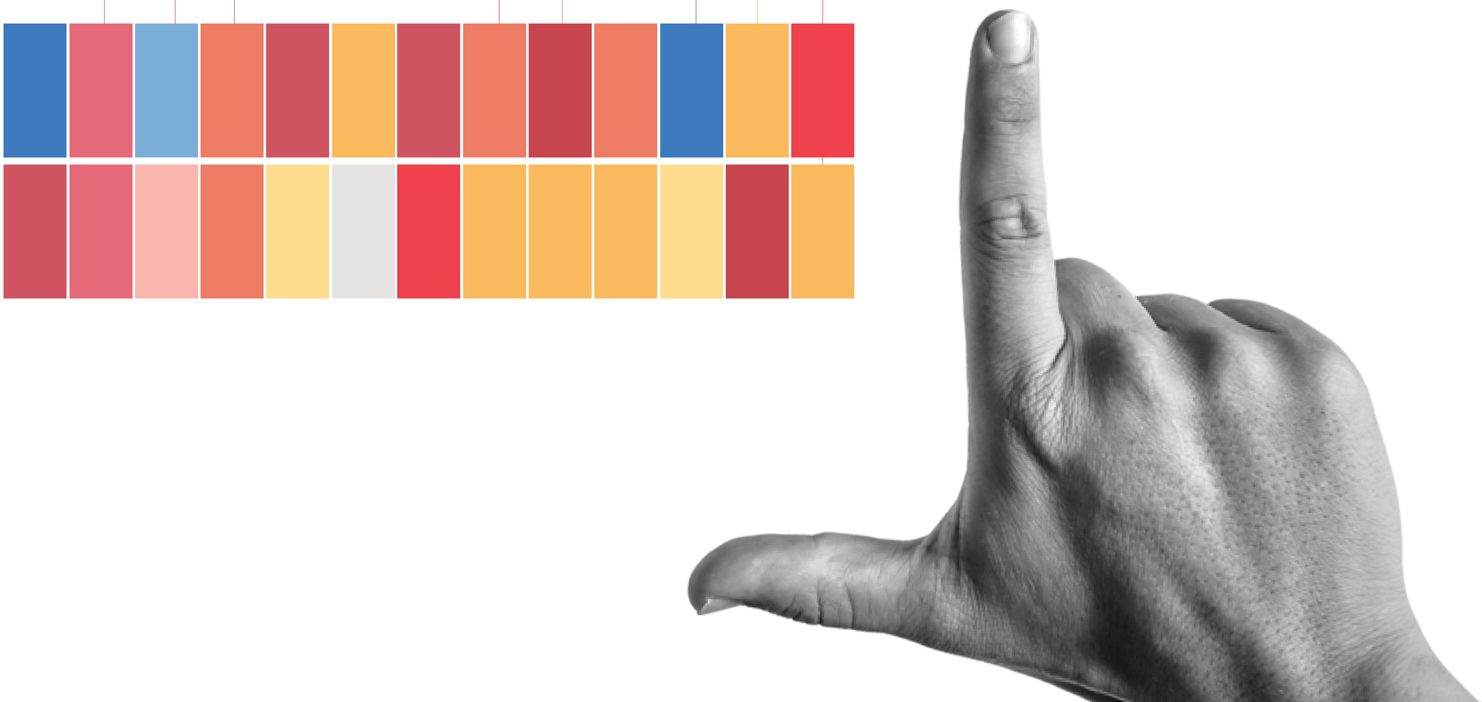


MISSION

To develop, market and operate port, logistics and industrial estate infrastructure for optimal economic growth.

VISION

To be a Global Leader in port and estate management by consistently providing superior, innovative service.

VALUES

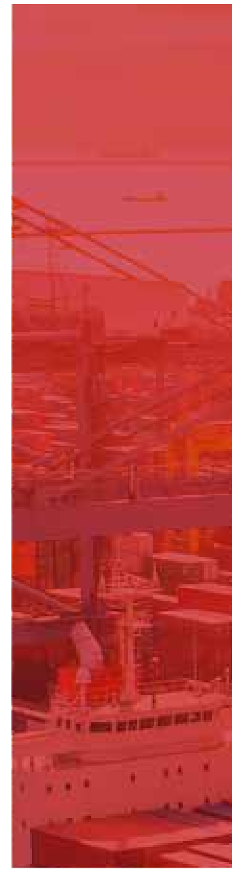
Integrity
We will act with honesty, without compromising the truth and be personally accountable for the highest standards of behaviour.

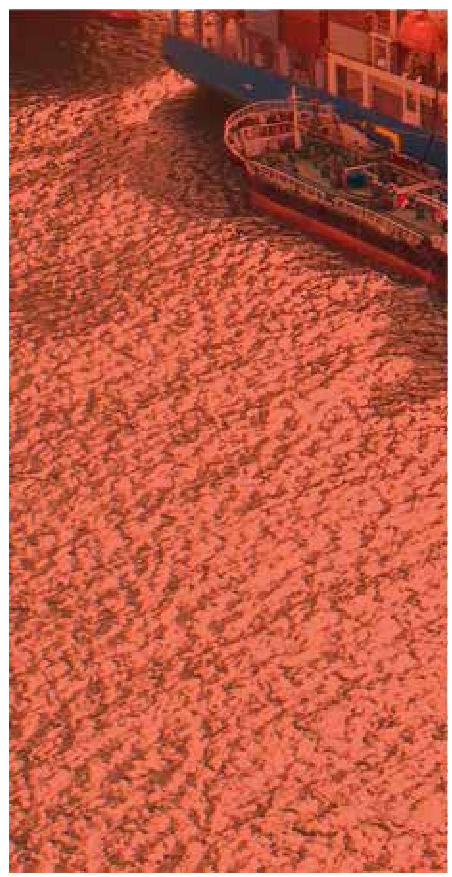
Innovation
We will convert knowledge and ideas to new approaches that will revolutionise the way we work.

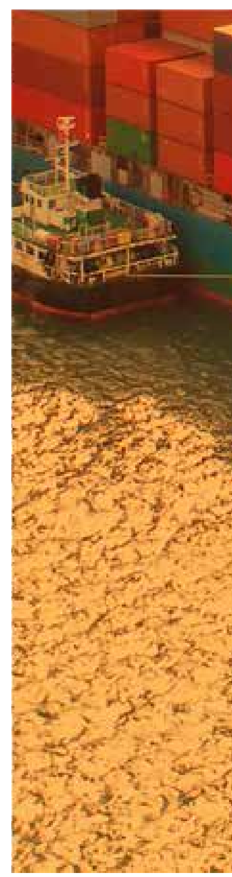
Equity
We are committed to acting with equity when dealing with our employees and other stakeholders, so that we continue to maintain the trust and confidence of those with whom we do business.

Service Excellence
We will provide our customers with service and professionalism that far surpasses their expectations.

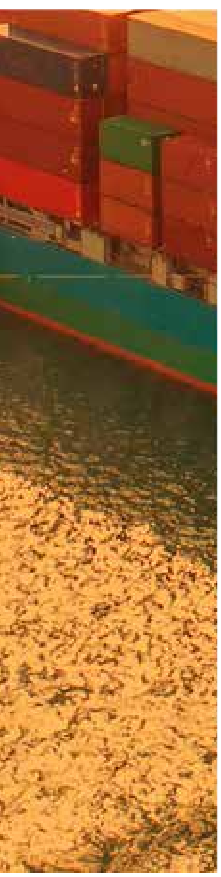
Health, Safety and Environment
We are committed to ensuring that the working environment is safe and that all individuals take responsibility for achieving this.









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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Fifty-First (51st) Annual Meeting of Shareholders** of Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited ("the Corporation") will be held on **Thursday June 7th, 2018 commencing at 2:00 p.m.** at PLIPDECO's Conference Centre, PLIPDECO House, Orinoco Drive, Point Lisas Industrial Estate, Couva, Trinidad for the following purposes:

ORDINARY BUSINESS:

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Group's Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended December 31st, 2017, together with the Report of the Auditors thereon and to note the final dividend.

2. To elect Directors.

3. To appoint Auditors of the Company and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration and expenses for the ensuing year.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

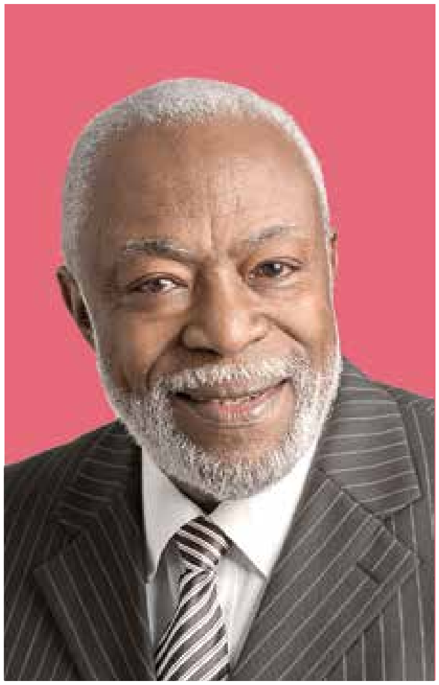
Michael A. Phillip
Corporate Secretary
April 6th, 2018

Notes

1. No service contracts were entered into between the Company and any of its Directors.

2. A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote in his or her stead. Such Proxy need not also be a member of the Company.

3. Attached is a Proxy Form which must be completed, signed and then deposited with the Secretary of the Company not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the meeting.



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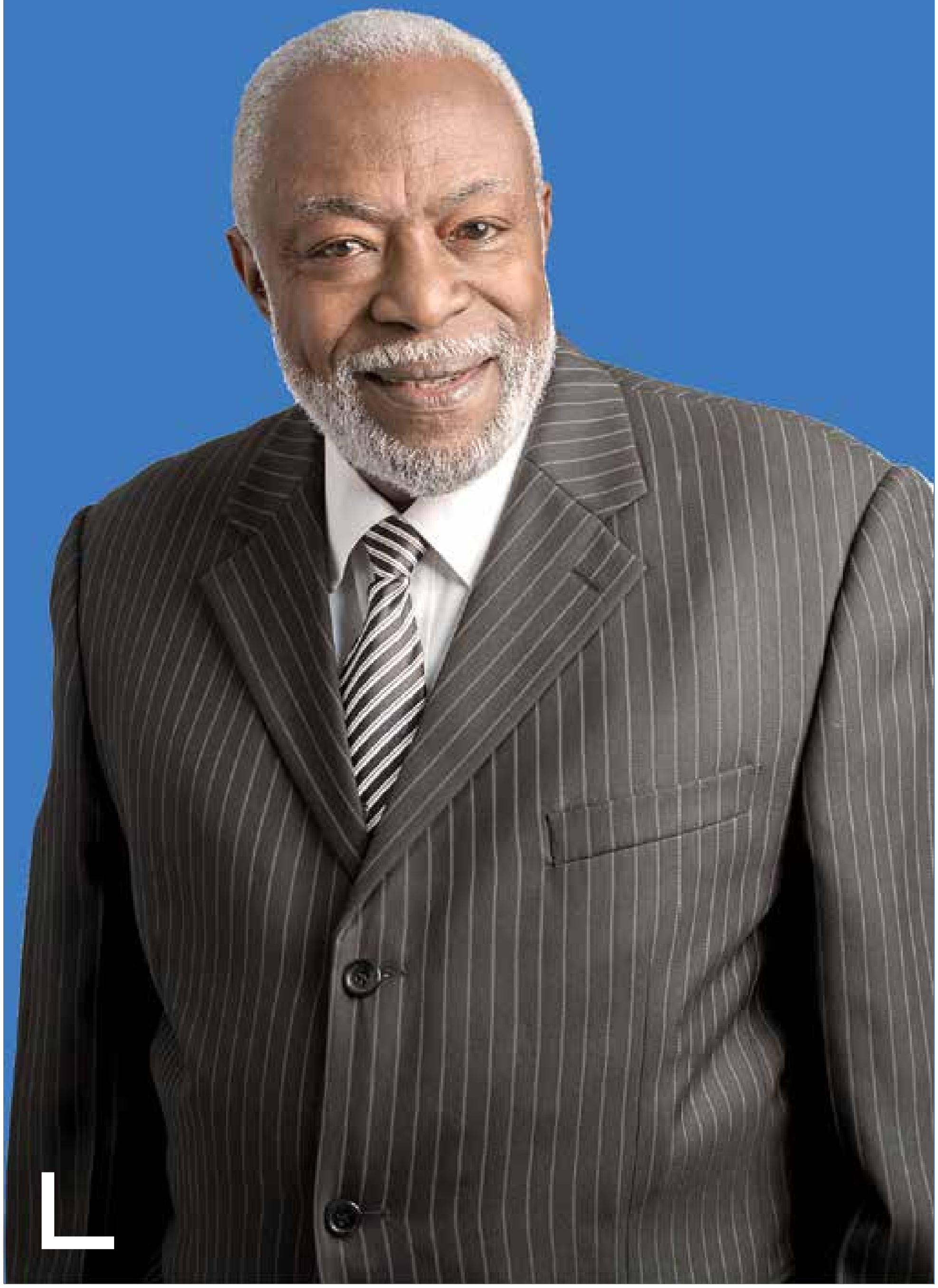
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



"TO BE A GLOBAL LEADER IN PORT AND ESTATE MANAGEMENT BY CONSISTENTLY PROVIDING SUPERIOR, INNOVATIVE SERVICE"

MR. IAN R. H. ATHERLY
CHAIRMAN

I am pleased to report on the performance of the Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited (PLIPDECO) for the financial year 2017.

The challenges being faced by the country due to the declining economy has continued to negatively impact the fortunes of the Corporation. This has ultimately affected the volume of trade, demand for goods and services and ultimately PLIPDECO's revenue. The Central Bank's indicative statistics show for 2017 a contraction in GDP of 2.5%. Though significant, this was not as impactful as 2016 when a contraction of 6.0% was recorded. Inflation remained low at 1.9%. The net effect has been a further reduction in the throughput volumes at the Port of almost 4%. The Industrial Estate has not been affected in the same way due to the fortunes of larger Estate tenants being mostly dependent on international commodity prices and demand and gas availability.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the Financial Year 2017, the Corporation recorded a Group Profit Before Tax inclusive of Fair Value Gains of $39m. Excluding the impact of Fair Value Gains, Profit Before Tax was $1.3m representing a 90% drop compared with 2016 when Profit Before Tax was $13.2m. The value of the Group's total asset base moved from $2.808bn in 2016 to $2.822bn in 2017 representing a modest increase of 0.5%. Earnings per Share was 2 cents excluding fair value gains, a reduction of 5 cents compared to 2016. Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation (EBITDA) and excluding Fair Value Gains were $40m. The equivalent EBITDA for 2016 was $53m.

Group Revenue declined by $12m from $268.8m. The revenue reduction was due largely to decreases in both containerised and general cargo throughput. Containerised cargo fell by 4% to 162,498 teus due to reductions of 0.2%, 1.7% and 21.7% in imports, exports and transhipment respectively. General cargo fell by 23% to 234,487 tonnes due to a 67k tonne drop in imports.

MARITIME AND SHIPPING

The major international carriers have maintained their global growth objectives through a combination of strategies that include vessel sharing arrangements, partnerships and acquisitions of smaller or struggling shipping lines. Two of the major mergers that took place during the year were the following:

- Maersk Line acquisition of Hamburg Sud, thereby further consolidating Maersk's position as the largest global container line. Prior to the acquisition Hamburg Sud was ranked among the top ten shipping lines.
- Hapag-Lloyd's acquisition of the United Arab Shipping Company (UASC) thereby making Hapag-Lloyd the fifth largest shipping line with the addition of UASC's 58 vessels. Prior to the merger, UASC was ranked as the 18th largest container carrier.

In addition to the preceding, a number of shipping lines joined forces to form three key alliances that are further defining the direction of the industry. The key alliances are outlined below:

- 2M Alliance which originally featured Maersk and MSC, now includes Hyundai Merchant Marine on a slot purchase option.
- The Ocean Alliance consisting of CMA CGM, OOCL, Cosco and Evergreen.
- The Alliance consisting of Hapag-Lloyd, MOL, K Line, NYK and Yang Ming.

The acquisitions and alliances aside, the Panama Canal expansion, which has now been a full 18 months since implementation, is continuing to have a significant impact on the way trade is being conducted regionally and globally. Apart from enhancing cross-Atlantic trade the Canal expansion has also increased the level of competition among ports as well as shipping lines for transhipment cargo. In fact prior to the increase in size of the locks the largest vessel that could be accommodated was 5,000 teus. Today vessels up to 14,000 teus can be handled resulting in ports in Panama and the US East Coast making substantial investments to facilitate direct calls of these mega vessels.

A shift in the volume of cargo through the US East Coast ports away from the West Coast ports, such as Los Angeles is already being seen. Year-on-year increases for US East Coast ports is 8% compared with the national average of 6%. The preceding has the potential to also negatively impact the fortunes of Jamaica, Bahamas and the Dominican Republic who are directly positioned in the trade lane between Panama and the US East Coast. The Caribbean and Latin American trade lanes through the Panama Canal have not been substantially affected due to the expansion of the Canal and this will ultimately be a key determinant in any plans for expansion at Point Lisas.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (continued)

THE ENERGY SECTOR AND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

The importance of the downstream energy sector and the Point Lisas Industrial Estate to the economy cannot be overstated. The sector however has continued to be severely affected by challenges posed by the shortage of natural gas. Figures from the Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries show a slight increase in natural gas production, though substantially lower than the pre-2011 period. The increase in output was led by two key initiatives, the Trinidad Onshore Compression (TROC) project and the Juniper project that kicked off in April and August 2017 respectively.

The preceding however has not been sufficient to offset the deficit in relation to the total installed capacity at the various plants, and due to the continued shortages, Methanol Holdings Limited took a strategic decision to temporarily close two of its five operating methanol plants. The downside to the plants' producing below capacity is that the Government would have foregone significant revenue in taxes and, in addition, companies would also be losing revenue opportunities especially as commodity prices, in particular methanol, have risen in 2017. Apart from higher production costs and higher demand globally the effect of reduced global supply due to maintenance upgrades and constrained production in Trinidad have also driven methanol prices upward.

While the closure of the ArcelorMittal Plant has served to allow more gas to be distributed to other companies in the downstream sector, the bigger picture is that hundreds of workers had been displaced from their jobs. The Liquidators have been working to secure a new buyer for the facility and it is very likely that a final decision will be made before the end of the third quarter 2018.

The medium to long-term outlook for the downstream energy sector is promising as the development of local and cross border fields with Venezuela will ensure the required stability of supply in the medium to long term.

STRATEGIC OUTLOOK

As the Corporation completes its current strategic planning cycle it is clear that new strategies will need to be developed to not only address a prolonged period of economic recovery but to formulate sustainable revenue streams.

One of the key initiatives in furtherance of this has been the development of new warehouse space aimed primarily at repositioning the Corporation in the logistics sector. The conceptual designs have been completed for the project and includes 140,000 square feet of warehouse space that will be established in phases at two discrete locations on the Industrial Estate. Construction will commence in 2018 on the first phase consisting of 40,000 square feet. The already launched LCL Export and FCL Import Services will be an integral part of the long-term development of the warehouse services product, as well as leasing of space for logistics services. Strong interest is already being received from local and international entities for lease of warehouse space.

The Corporation has now seen over a full year of implementation of the new Navis N4 Terminal Operating System. The organisation has worked through most of the implementation issues usually linked with projects of this nature, and additionally the expected efficiencies due to implementation of the System are being seen. The informational technology team is continuing to work with Customs and Excise to integrate the Navis System with the Customs Asycuda System to enable the automated release of cargo, as well as the provision of electronic bill of lading information. This will not only assist in improving the level of security but also facilitate improved data mining and analysis.

The relationship with the Seamen and Waterfront Workers Trade Union (SWWTU), the Union representing the majority of the workers, has continued to be positive. In the context of the challenging economic times and the Company's falling throughput and revenues there has been the need to reduce costs in all areas. Discussions with the Union centered around realignment of how staff is allocated for operations. From initial meetings in the latter part of the year, it is anticipated that these talks will progress to implementation of specific measures aimed at aligning labour costs and requirements to operational needs. With the expiration of the Collective Bargaining Agreements in June 2018, it will also require some difficult discussions with the Union as a different approach may need to be taken on how wage increases are generated through the collective bargaining process.

Following on from the acquisition of one empty container handler and six trucks in 2016, the phased equipment replacement continued in 2017 with the commissioning of two additional reach stackers. These acquisitions not only assist in controlling the cost of asset management but ensures cargo handling operations are productive and efficient through the use of reliable equipment. One additional reach stacker, ten trailers and twelve forklifts will also be acquired in 2018.

While the expansion of the Port remains an important growth and development objective for PLIPDECO, the timing of the execution is a major consideration from an investment and returns perspective. As of 2015, the Port was rapidly approaching full capacity, after two successive years of record throughput. It was the intent at that time to put plans in place for construction of additional berthing and storage facilities. With the substantial drop in throughput however, the Board took a strategic decision not to undertake the development programme at this time. What would be done instead is to seek to implement initiatives that would be catalysts for enhancing the levels of efficiency and productivity. Infrastructure repairs such as the currently ongoing berth rehabilitation and replacement of ageing or unreliable equipment has been part of this process.

GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY

A modern and coherent regulatory framework is one of the most crucial components for a sustainable maritime industry. The new Shipping Act which is important to the process has been through several review stages but is yet to be tabled for final approval into law. The repealing of the Droghers Act, and the bringing on stream of the Maritime Authority are also necessary parts for the modernisation of the industry. It is still hoped that with additional lobbying efforts, the relevant changes will be enacted in the short term.

The expected changes from Customs and Excise into the Revenue Authority will also go a long way in standardising operational procedures, reducing bureaucracy and creating a more facilitatory environment for trade.

The Corporation has continued to work with Customs and Excise to implement the container scanning process at the Port and it is now fully anticipated that this initiative will finally be implemented during the 2018 fiscal year. The benefits to be derived will be improved processing time and convenience for truckers and consignees as well as more accurate and detailed assessment of cargo from a taxation and security perspective.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)

PLIPDECO strives to be a model corporate citizen by seeking to create a positive and sustainable impact on the lives of employees, citizens and communities as well as providing support where possible to those who are in underprivileged situations.

The 2017 Atlantic Hurricane Season was one of the worst in recorded history, resulting in widespread devastation to a number of Caribbean islands. The Corporation collaborated with Tropical Shipping and the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) in storage and shipment of goods as part of the regional relief efforts after hurricanes Irma and Maria.

During the month of December, employees of the Corporation volunteered their time to bring some Christmas cheer to well-deserving children of a children's home. The event which was held at the Home included an evening of fun and games followed by a special dinner served by employees of the Corporation and distribution of toys.

In 2017, the Corporation bid farewell to twenty dedicated employees who had varying periods of service. These employees were given tokens of appreciation and farewell functions.

Our support programme for the Couva Government Primary School and Southern Games also continued during the year.

PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS

While recognising the Corporation's reduced profitability, the Board is nevertheless cognisant of the need to also maintain some level of confidence in the financial strength of the organisation and its share value. Based on the preceding, the Board of Directors has recommended a Dividend Payment to Shareholders of three cents per share.

APPRECIATION TO STAKEHOLDERS

As Chairman of the Corporation and on behalf of the Board and Management, I would like to thank the Government, employees, shipping lines, agents, unions, support agencies and all other stakeholders for their support and the confidence that continues to be shown in the organisation and its management.

We reiterate our commitment to you and the Corporation as we navigate the challenges that lie ahead.

Ian R. H. Atherly
Chairman

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

"TO DEVELOP, MARKET AND OPERATE PORT, LOGISTICS AND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OPTIMAL ECONOMIC GROWTH"

MR. ASHLEY TAYLOR
PRESIDENT

CARGO PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Corporation continued to be affected by the country's economic slowdown as evidenced by the reduced cargo throughput. The declines were not as steep as what occurred during 2016 when a drop of 24% in containerised cargo was recorded. The year, in fact, ended with a further decline in containerised throughput of 3.7%. The decline was characterised by 0.2%, 1.7% and 21.7% drops in imports, exports and transhipment cargo respectively.

Over 80% of the shipping lines that utilise the Port recorded a fall in throughput. The biggest drop was King Ocean with a 59% reduction. Seaboard, which is the largest carrier to the Port in terms of throughput, saw its share of the business fall from 27% to 23%. The overall reduction for the line compared to 2016 was 18%.

This was the first year since Crowley acquired Seafreight where the full throughput fell under the Crowley banner. The combined volumes, however, showed a 23% reduction. Only Maersk and Tropical showed increased throughput in 2017 of 12% and 27% respectively resulting in 18% and 20% share of the Port's container business.

Overall, PLIPDECO maintained its national market share of domestic cargo (import and export) of 52% which is an indication that the drop in volumes was tied to the economic conditions as opposed to being related to a loss in business to Port of Spain.

For the year, the Port handled 234,487 tonnes of general cargo representing a 23% decline when compared with 2016. This was reflected in decreases of 23% and 39% in imports and exports respectively. The fall in import tonnage handled represented 67,062 tonnes. Bulk cargo imports represents the largest category of general cargo handled at the Port and recorded a 26% or 51,952 tonnes decline over the previous year with total throughput falling to 145,259 tonnes. The next largest category was steel imports which recorded a decline of 10.7% or 5,672 tonnes or total throughput of 47,388 tonnes.

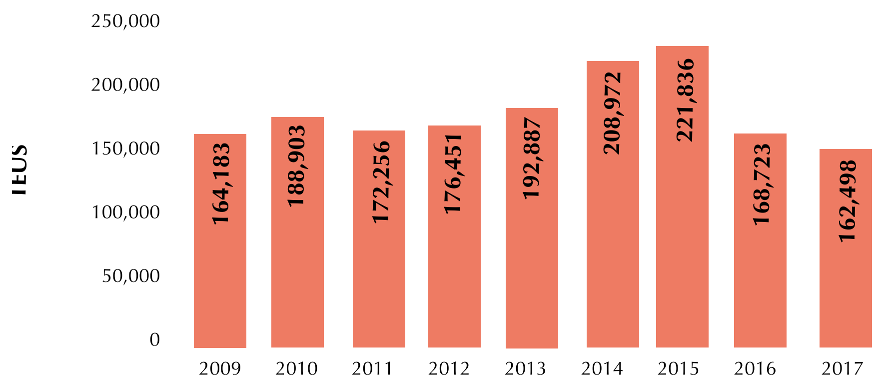
The considerable reduction in bulk imports was due to the ongoing repairs at Berth 3 and the consequent loss of business to other competing entities. The fall in steel imports has largely been due to reduced demand as a result of the slowdown in the construction sector.

Vessel Productivity

For 2017, Average Gross Productivity for the containerised operations was 17.8 moves per hour while Average Net Productivity was 24.2, giving a Gross to Net Variance of 6.4 moves per hour. Comparable performance for 2016 was Average Gross Productivity of 17.2 moves per hour and Average Net Productivity of 25.7 moves per hour with a resultant Gross to Net Variance of 8.5 moves per hour.

The figures represent a slight improvement in gross vessel productivity of 0.6 moves per hour, while the net productivity dropped by 1.5 moves per hour. The Gross to Net Variance of 6.4 actually represents an improvement over the previous year as it is an indicator of the extent to which delays have affected productivity. The improvements seen are attributable to increased equipment deployment and availability as well as better vessel and yard planning consistent with the deployment of the new Navis N4 Terminal Operating System.

Containerised Cargo



PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

Warehouse Operations

For the year, 2,222 containers were unstuffed at the LCL Warehouse compared with 2,265 for 2016. The 2% drop is slightly more than the 0.21% reduction recorded for import containers overall. Deliveries on the other hand increased 4% from 20,846 to 21,642. Deliveries per container inched upward slightly from 9.1 deliveries per container to 9.7. The data suggests that despite a fall in trade overall with larger businesses, the shipment of goods as personal effects or for smaller traders fared better.

Container Examination Station (CES)

Of the 35,454 non-LCL Warehouse containers delivered from the Port during the year, 4,972 or 14% were referred to the CES. Compared to 2016, 37,914 containers were delivered from the Port with 5,044 or 13% being referred to the CES for further examination. Overall 2,460 fewer non-Warehouse containers were delivered from the Port in 2017.

The average number of containers examined per day remained at 19 containers; however the average time taken to examine a container dropped drastically from 68 minutes to 38 minutes. This has significantly benefitted hauliers and consignees alike as the number of days waiting for a container to be bayed was considerably reduced.

Harbour Management

The Harbour Management Department is responsible for the coordination of vessel movements within the Point Lisas Harbour as well as berthing and un-berthing activities at the Port of Point Lisas, Iscott Dock and the Savonetta Piers. Overall there was an 8% decrease in the total number of vessels handled. Where a total of 1,213 vessels were handled compared with 1,323 in the previous year. Overall there was a 16% decline in the number of vessels utilising the PLIPDECO berths while for the Savonetta Piers there was a 4% increase. The former equated to 129 fewer vessel calls to the Port of Point Lisas.

The reduction in the calls to the Port of Point Lisas can be attributed to the ongoing work being done at Berth 3 and the loss of business to other facilities as well as the state of the economy. At the National Energy-owned Savonetta Piers, the increase in the number of vessels handled is consistent with the delink between the downstream operations and the economy but rather the dependency on commodity prices and gas availability.

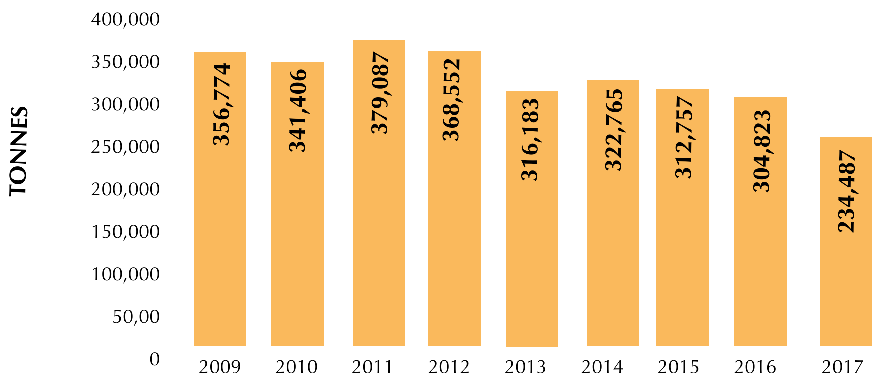
Estate Operations

The Estate team continued with its scheduled programme of maintenance of the infrastructure on the Industrial Estate; this included the drain cleaning and repair programme and general road maintenance inclusive of spot repairs.

During the year twenty-five tenant rent reviews were completed consistent with the terms of the individual leases. Additionally there were nine lease renewals. Consistent with the lease arrangements with the respective tenants, twenty-eight environmental audits were also completed. The Estate and Legal Departments completed the review of the lease templates to tighten up on general terms and conditions. The revisions will form the basis for new leases going forward.

The ArcelorMittal liquidation process is ongoing and it is hoped that a sale will be finalised in 2018.

General Cargo



MILESTONES, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND INITIATIVES

This section outlines the key milestones, accomplishments and initiatives for 2017. The accomplishments and initiatives are undertaken based on the requirements of strategic and operational objectives and sustainability utilising a balanced scorecard approach.

Equipment
In furtherance of an effective asset management programme, there are two key pillars towards achieving this objective. The first is ensuring that the Port operating equipment is properly maintained during the asset life cycle, and second is having an optimal replacement programme. In furtherance of this, the Maintenance Department maintains equipment according to a dedicated preventative programme based on guidelines established by the original equipment manufacturers and internal failure mode analysis. To complement this, overhaul programmes are planned and executed based on the age of equipment and operability requirements. During the year, major repairs were done on the 280E Mobile Harbour Crane and the Gantry Cranes. The repairs to the Mobile Harbour Crane entailed the change-out and modernisation of the drive system. The Gantry Cranes repairs entailed structural repairs according to the corrosion control protocol.

According to the phased equipment replacement programme, two additional reach stackers were commissioned into service. This is the second consecutive year of yard equipment acquisition as the Corporation acquired one empty container handler and six trucks in 2016.

Infrastructure
Work continued throughout the year on the rehabilitation of Berths 3 and 4 project. With the work on Berth 4 already completed, Berth 3 has been progressing and due to be completed by July 2018.

The conceptual designs for the construction of 140,000 square feet of warehouse space on the Industrial Estate have been completed with the intention that construction work will commence in 2018.

Electrical related repairs and upgrade work were done in various areas to improve the reliability of supply. These included the following:
- Rehabilitation of the electrical kiosk at the Port
- Replacement of transformers at the Port
- Electrical upgrade work at the Estate Warehouses
- General upgrade of the electrical supply and maintenance of electrical supply on the Port

Technology and Systems
Several systems of a technical nature were implemented to complement the operational improvements and efficiency objectives.

This included the automation of the Weighbridge process was completed using RFID related technology. This was in partial fulfilment of the SOLAS Container Verified Gross Mass mandate and the necessity of improving truck processing speed. A second phase of this project will include the use of the RFID tags to track the location of the trucks on the Port. GPS was also installed on each piece of Port equipment to allow dynamic monitoring and tracking during the cargo handling process.

Corporate and Strategic
The Caribbean Information and Credit Rating Services Limited (CariCRIS) performed its fourth annual assessment of PLIPDECO and reaffirmed its A+ ratings as outlined in its June 2017 report.

As part of its strategy of revenue diversification into logistics, the Corporation expanded its warehouse services by launching the Full Container Load product. This included container transportation from the Port to Warehouse, unstuffing of cargo and temporary storage for importers or consignees who do not have their own warehouse space or those that may have spill-over storage requirements.

At the Caribbean Shipping Association's Annual General Meeting in November 2017, the Port of Point Lisas received the Award for Dependability and Flexibility.

MILESTONES AND INITIATIVES FOR 2018

This section outlines the projected milestones and initiatives planned for 2018.

Equipment
Following on from the acquisition of six trucks, one empty container handler and two reach stackers over the last two financial years, there are plans to continue the equipment replacement programme with the procurement of one reach stacker, twelve forklifts, four skeletal trailers and six port trailers. The purchases as outlined are to fulfil a requirement to replace older equipment or in the case of the port trailers, to complement the trucks obtained in 2016.

Key maintenance programmes would include structural repairs to the 280E Mobile Harbour Crane, mechanical repairs to the Gantry Cranes and completion of rehabilitation work on RTG #2.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

Infrastructure

Following on from the completion of the conceptual designs for the first two phases of the 140,000 square foot warehouse development, construction work is expected to commence during the year. Apart from the warehouse construction, other Estate related projects to be undertaken include rehabilitation of drainage and retaining wall at two sites and repairs to roadways throughout the network.

At the Port, the rehabilitation work on Berth 3 is expected to be concluded by the end of July. This is certainly much anticipated as it will restore full availability of berths to the operations after having a significant impact on throughput over the last two years. On completion of the berth repairs the other major project to be undertaken from an infrastructure perspective is the RTG Bay Rehabilitation. The Secondary RTG Bays project will be executed prior to the RTG Bay Rehabilitation as it will serve as a buffer area during and after the rehabilitation project.

Technology and Systems

Following years of delay, the implementation of the container scanners is expected to be fully initiated. With the use of this new technology to be managed by Customs and Excise, benefits are expected to be derived in relation to the following:

- Ability to quickly screen cargo to assist Customs and Excise in determining declaration compliance for the payment of taxes and duties
- Streamlining and expediting the container screening and examination process thus significantly benefitting importer, consignees and hauliers
- Screening and examination of containers to determine the presence of illegal items such as arms, ammunition and narcotics.

Following on from the implementation of the new Navis Terminal Operating System in 2016, the system is expected to be configured to facilitate the scanning process to allow Customs to review, hold or release containers. The system is also to be integrated with the Customs Asycuda System.

Security is enhanced and supported by the presence of 200 CCTV cameras strategically located throughout the Port and key intersections on the Industrial Estate. Some of these cameras are already integrated into the National Security infrastructure. Additional cameras are to be brought online during the year to improve the level of operational and security coverage.

The already existing camera network and the GPS on the Port operating equipment complement each other. The GPS System is to be further improved by superimposing a detailed Port layout to assist, in particular, the planning personnel to more accurately monitor and execute yard tasks.

After a comprehensive planning and testing period, the Corporation will also finally commission its automated Labour Call-out System. The procedures involved will negate the need for casual employees seeking spot employment, to be physically present themselves prior to knowing whether they will be employed. Using complex algorithms for determining labour requirements and selecting personnel, automated SMS messages will be sent to employees advising of their requirements to work.

Corporate and Strategic

The period 2018 to 2020 will represent a new Strategic Plan period for the Corporation. While some of the objectives and initiatives may be a combination of the previous strategic planning horizon, the new plan will certainly be reflective of a new global, regional and local paradigm.

Consistent with the preceding and the challenging economic times, the Corporation had started to engage the Union on the need to relook the labour structure of the Port and Warehouse operations. The Corporation expects that the relevant changes will be executed through a process of collaboration.

Following the initial rollout of the FCL Warehouse Services in 2017 and the related marketing thrust, substantial new business is expected to be generated in 2018.

The leadership of the organisation looks to the future with optimism and excitement for the opportunities that lie ahead and anticipate the continued support of all stakeholders as we implement our strategies for sustainable growth and development.

I wish to thank the Board, employees, shareholders and stakeholders for the confidence they continue to show in the management team as we continue to execute the vision for the future.

Ashley Taylor
President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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors have pleasure in presenting their Report and the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended December 31st, 2017.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS ($'000)

	GROUP	
	December 31, 2017	**December 31, 2016**
Turnover	256,774	268,843
Profit before Taxation (excluding Fair Value Gains)	1,318	13,248
Taxation	(478)	(10,439)
Profit after Taxation (excluding Fair Value Gains)	840	2,809
Dividend	(2,378)	(3,963)
Retained Earnings	2,015,332	1,974,423
Earnings per Share	$0.97	$6.67

Dividends
The Directors declared a final dividend of three cents (3 ¢) per share for the financial year. The dividend will be paid on May 25th, 2018 to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of members of the Corporation at the Record Date of May 4th, 2018.

Directors
Mr. Ian R. H. Atherly, Mr. Haroon Fyzool Awardy, Mr. Ibn Llama de Leon, Mr. Charles Percy, Mr. Prakash Ramnarine, and Dr. Dale Sookoo retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors
The Auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, retire and being eligible offer themselves for re-appointment.

Directors', Senior Officers' and connected Persons' Interests
Set out below are the Directors, Senior Officers and their connected persons with interests in the shares of Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited.

Directors and Senior Officers	Shareholdings	Connected Persons Shareholdings
Mr. Ian R. H. Atherly	Nil	Nil
Mr. Haroon Fyzool Awardy	Nil	Nil
Mr. Ibn Llama de Leon	Nil	Nil
Mr. Charles Percy	Nil	Nil
Mr. Prakash Ramnarine	Nil	Nil
Dr. Dale Sookoo	Nil	Nil
Mr. Ernest Ashley Taylor	4,000	Nil
Mr. Averne Pantin	Nil	Nil
Mr. Harold Ragbir	4,046	Nil
Mr. Niegel Subiah	543	Nil
Mr. Michael Phillip	Nil	Nil

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

HOLDERS OF THE TEN (10) LARGEST BLOCKS OF SHARES
Issued Share Capital: 39,625,684

Name	Balance	Percentage
The Minister of Finance	20,210,296	51.00%
RBC Trust (Trinidad & Tobago) Limited	2,419,502	6.11%
Chan Ramlal Limited	2,015,896	5.09%
Tatil Life Assurance Limited	1,928,067	4.87%
Republic Bank Limited	1,182,328	2.98%
Atlantic Investments Company Limited	1,000,000	2.52%
Bourse Nominee Account	1,004,159	2.53%
Trintrust Limited	773,759	1.95%
Olympic Manufacturing Limited	500,000	1.26%
George Aboud & Sons Limited	483,974	1.22%

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Michael A. Phillip
Corporate Secretary
April 6th, 2018

Corporate Social Responsibility Initiatives

Administrative Professionals Week

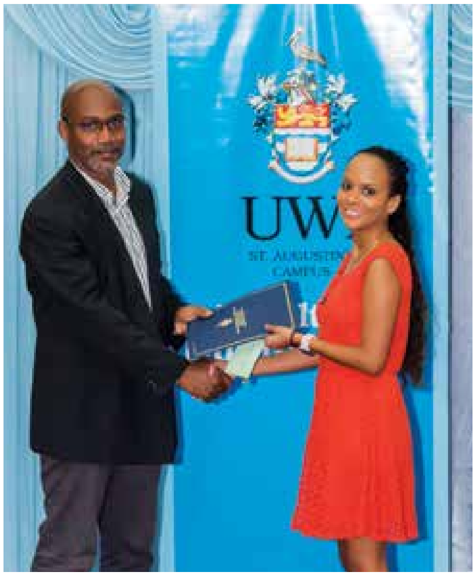
PLIPDECO recognises and celebrates the work of its Administrative Professionals for the vital roles they play within the Corporation.

In 2017, these women were treated to a relaxing Spa Day at Salybia Nature Resort & Spa in Matura.

Partners In Education

- **Couva South Government Primary School Graduation**

PLIPDECO's adopted school, Couva South Government Primary, held its Graduation Ceremony in June 2017. Ms. Gizelle Crooks, Supervisor, Corporate Communications provided the feature address to the audience. Awards were also presented to the Best Performing Male and Female students.



The Corporation partnered with The University of the West Indies (The UWI), St. Augustine Campus to sponsor a prize for Best 1st Year student in MSc Project Management Programme for 2017/2018.

Christmas

On December 15th, 2017 employees spent an evening with a special group of children, bringing them some Christmas cheer. The children were treated to games, a visit by Santa Claus and a scrumptious dinner which was served by PLIPDECO's staff volunteers.

Retirements

The Corporation bid farewell to 20 dedicated employees for their invaluable contribution to the Corporation.

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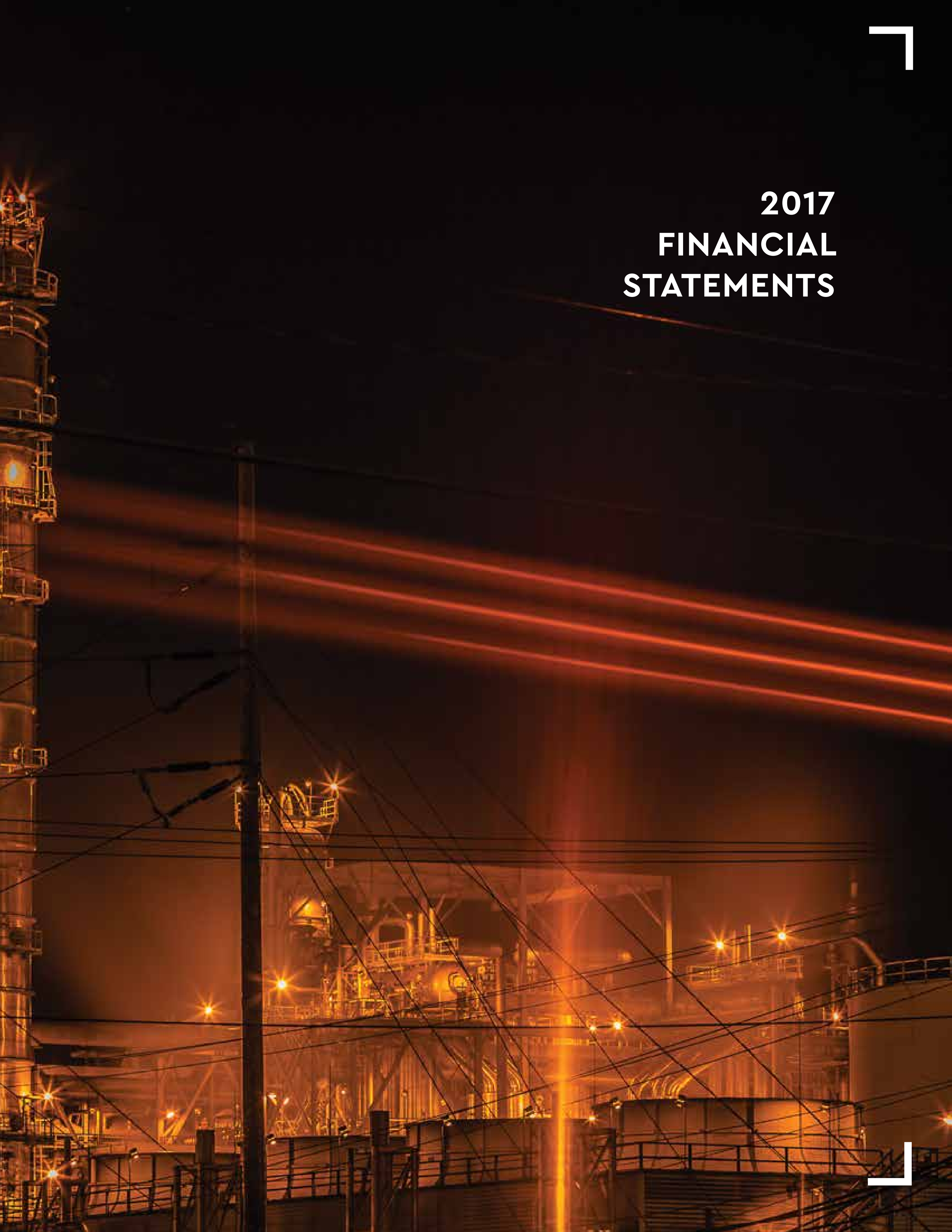


STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Management is responsible for the following:

- Preparing and fairly presenting the accompanying parent and consolidated financial statements of Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited (the Group) which comprise the parent and consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017 and the parent and consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information;

- Ensuring that the Group keeps proper accounting records;

- Selecting appropriate accounting policies and applying them in a consistent manner;

- Implementing, monitoring and evaluating the system of internal control that assures security of the Group's assets, detection/prevention of fraud, and the achievement of Group operational efficiencies;

- Ensuring that the system of internal control operated effectively during the reporting period;

- Producing reliable financial reporting that comply with laws and regulations, including the Companies Act; and

- Using reasonable and prudent judgment in the determination of estimates.

In preparing these audited parent and consolidated financial statements, management utilised the International Financial Reporting Standards, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Trinidad and Tobago. Where International Financial Reporting Standards presented alternative accounting treatments, management chose those considered most appropriate in the circumstances.

Nothing has come to the attention of management to indicate that the Group will not remain a going concern for the next twelve months from the reporting date; or up to the date the accompanying parent and consolidated financial statements have been authorised for issue, if later.

Management affirms that it has carried out its responsibilities as outlined above.

President
22 March 2018

Vice President – Business Services
22 March 2018

Independent Auditor's Report

To the shareholders of Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited

Report on the audit of the parent and consolidated financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, the parent and consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the parent and consolidated financial position of Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited (the Parent) and its subsidiary (together, 'the Group') as at 31 December 2017, and their parent and consolidated financial performance and their parent and consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

What we have audited

Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited's Parent and Group's consolidated financial statements comprise:

- the parent and consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017;
- the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the parent and consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the parent and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the parent and consolidated financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the parent and consolidated financial statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

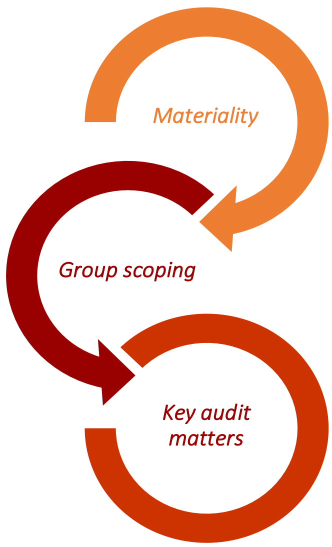
Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code). We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

Our audit approach

Overview



- Overall group materiality of *$4.011* million, which represents 3% of the last 3 years' average profit before tax.

- The consolidated group consists of the Parent and one fully owned subsidiary (Point Lisas Terminals Limited), with both registered in Trinidad and Tobago.
- The audit engagement team was the auditor for both the Parent and the subsidiary.

Areas of audit focus which we allocated the greatest amount of resources and effort were:

- Valuation of investment properties.
- Valuation of net retirement benefit obligation and casual employee retirement benefit.

Context

Our 2017 audit was planned and executed having regard to the fact that the operations of Group were largely unchanged from the prior year. In light of this, our overall audit approach in terms of scoping and key audit matters were largely unchanged with continued focus on the key assumptions related to the fair value movements on investment properties.

Audit scope

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the parent and consolidated financial statements. In particular, we considered where management made subjective judgments; for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including among other matters consideration of whether there was evidence of bias that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

How we tailored our group audit scope

We tailored the scope of our audit in order to perform sufficient work to enable us to provide an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the Group, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which the Group operates.

A full scope audit was performed on the Parent as it was deemed individually financially significant. We scoped the subsidiary as inconsequential based on the limited transactional activity and balances and performed group analytical procedures in respect thereof. Both entities were audited by PwC Trinidad.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

Our audit approach (continued)

Materiality

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. An audit is designed to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They 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 consolidated financial statements.

Based on our professional judgment, we determined certain quantitative thresholds for materiality, including the overall group materiality for the consolidated financial statements as a whole as set out in the table below. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and to evaluate the effect of misstatements, both individually and in aggregate on the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

Overall parent and group materiality	$3,997,000 and $4,011,000 respectively.
How we determined it	3% of the last 3 years' average profit before tax from each year's financial results.
Rationale for the materiality benchmark applied	We chose profit before tax as the benchmark because, in our view, it is the benchmark against which the performance of the Group is most commonly measured by users, and is a generally accepted benchmark. We chose 3% which is within the range of acceptable standards.

We agreed with the Audit Committee that we would report to them misstatements identified during our parent and group audits above $199,500 and $200,500 respectively as well as misstatements below those amounts that, in our view, warranted reporting for qualitative reasons.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the parent and consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the parent and consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the Key audit matter
Valuation of investment properties	
See note 6 to the parent and consolidated financial statements.	
Investment properties, carried at fair value, were $1,869 million as at 31 December 2017 for the Parent and Group. Included in the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is $37.7 million of fair value gains arising from the revaluation of these properties. The investment properties, principally comprising freehold and leasehold land, represent a significant portion of the asset base of the Parent and Group. Management values these assets at fair value using valuation models, which include unobservable inputs. Management uses a valuation expert to compute the fair value annually.	We obtained, understood and evaluated management's valuation method. We tested the mathematical accuracy of the calculations and obtained support for the data inputs. We assessed the independence and competence of management's valuation expert. We read the valuation report which included all investment properties and discussed the report with the valuation expert. We inspected and evaluated that the valuation approach for each property was in accordance with professional valuation standards and suitable for use in determining the carrying value of investment properties. It was evident from our testing procedures and our review of the valuation reports that close attention had been paid to each property's individual characteristics and its overall quality, geographic location and desirability as a whole. There was no evidence of management bias or influence on the valuation expert.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

Key audit matters (continued)

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the Key audit matter
Data from the lease contracts of the land size, rent rates, currency of agreement and lease tenure are provided to the expert, which is then used to determine a present value of the future cash flows associated with the lands whilst it is occupied by tenants. Projected cash flows also consider the renewal of existing leases for a further 30 years as allowed within the lease agreements. The present value of the vacated lands at the end of the lease term is included in the estimate of the fair value. This is determined based on land prices used in the most recent real estate market transactions and is modified for relative location of the property compared with the Group's other properties. There are significant judgments and estimates to be made in relation to the valuation of the Group's investment properties. The most significant judgment being the extension of the leases for an additional 30 years and the adjusted land prices. The existence of significant estimation uncertainty, coupled with the material value of the properties, is why we have given specific audit focus and attention to this area.	We challenged management's assumptions by performing the following procedures: • We assessed the likelihood of the continued occupation and extension of the leases using corroboratory evidence on the receivable balances from those tenants and market data surrounding the tenants' ability and intent for continuation of their own operations on the leased properties. • We compared current real-estate listings available from reputable realtors, to the land prices used by management's expert. • We compared the discount rates used by management to external data. We did not identify any contradictory information that would require adjustment to management's assumptions. We tested, on a sample basis, the accuracy of the data inputs into the valuation model by verifying the size of property, rent rates, currency of agreement and rent expiry dates against signed contractual lease agreements and related addendums as applicable. We found no material exceptions to the testing performed.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

Key audit matters (continued)

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the Key audit matter
Valuation of net retirement benefit obligation and casual employee retirement benefit *See notes 18 a. and 18 b. to the parent and consolidated financial statements.* The amounts for the retirement benefit obligation and the casual employee retirement benefit on the face of the parent and consolidated statement of financial position are presented as (i) the net of the fair value of the pension plan assets and the present value of the defined benefit obligation, and (ii) present value of the casual employee retirement benefit. The Group sponsors one pension plan for its eligible full time employees (funded) and a retirement benefit for its casual employees (unfunded). As at 31 December 2017, the Group and Parent had a combined net retirement benefit obligation of $53.8 million. Pension plan assets: • Management utilises the work of the plan's institutional Trustee to perform valuation of the plan's assets that are not traded on active markets. • The Trustee uses a methodology that they have developed to value these unquoted investments. Significant judgment and assumptions are utilised because of the limited external evidence to support the valuations. Retirement benefit obligation and casual employee retirement benefit: • Management utilises the work of an actuarial expert to perform certain calculations with respect to the estimated obligations. • The present value of the retirement benefit obligations depends on certain factors that are determined using a number of assumptions in assessing the obligations. Based on the magnitude and the high degree of estimation uncertainty in assessing both the asset values and the retirement benefit obligations, this is an area of focus for the audit.	Pension plan assets: • We assessed the methodology used for valuing the plan's assets, focusing particularly on the valuation of unquoted investments. • For the more judgmental valuations, which depend on unobservable inputs, we evaluated the assumptions, methodologies and models used by the Trustee by performing an independent valuation of a sample of positions, which in some cases resulted in a different valuation to that calculated by the Trustee. In our view, the differences were within a reasonable range of outcomes. Retirement benefit obligations: • We evaluated the key assumptions, in particular the discount rate, mortality rates and salary increases assumptions as follows: • We compared the discount rate used by management to the yield of a Government of Trinidad and Tobago bond of a similar period and found to be within an acceptable range. • We compared the mortality rate to publicly available statistics. • Salary increases were compared to historical increases and taking into account the current economic climate. • We tested the integrity of the census data used in the actuarial calculation by comparing it to personnel files. • We assessed the independence and competence of the actuary used by management to calculate the retirement benefit obligations. There were no material exceptions noted in our testing of the retirement benefit obligations.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited's Annual Report, which is expected to be made available to us after the date of our audit opinion.

Our opinion on the parent and consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the parent and consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the parent and consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the Annual Report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance before the annual general meeting of the Group is held.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the parent and consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the parent and consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of parent and consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the parent and consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group and Parent'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 management either intends to liquidate the Group, the Parent or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group and Parent's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the parent and consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the parent and consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these parent and consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the parent and consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the parent and consolidated financial statements (continued)

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group and Parent's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group and Parent's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the parent and consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group or Parent to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the parent and consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the parent and consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the parent and consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Haseeb Mohammed.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

22 March 2018
Port of Spain
Trinidad, West Indies

PARENT AND CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

Parent As at 31 December 2016 $'000	Parent As at 31 December 2017 $'000		Notes	Group As at 31 December 2017 $'000	Group As at 31 December 2016 $'000
		Assets			
		Non-current assets			
761,667	760,811	Property, plant and equipment	5	760,811	761,667
1,832,312	1,869,233	Investment properties	6	1,869,233	1,832,312
–	2,645	Trade receivables	10	2,645	–
16,254	16,143	Deferred income tax assets	8 c.	16,143	16,254
320	320	Investment in subsidiary	1 a.	–	–
1,292	1,317	Available-for-sale financial assets	7 b.	1,317	1,292
2,611,845	2,650,469			2,650,149	2,611,525
		Current assets			
16,411	17,073	Inventory	9	17,073	16,411
33,668	32,038	Trade and other receivables	10	32,923	34,551
–	–	Taxation recoverable		739	739
144,553	121,041	Cash and cash equivalents	11	121,057	144,745
194,632	170,152			171,792	196,446
2,806,477	2,820,621	**Total assets**		2,821,941	2,807,971
		Equity and liabilities			
		Equity attributable to owners of the parent			
139,968	139,968	Stated capital	12	139,968	139,968
(32)	(32)	Unallocated ESOP shares	14	(32)	(32)
252,301	249,960	Revaluation reserves	15	249,960	252,301
1,972,342	2,013,220	Retained earnings		2,015,332	1,974,423
2,364,579	2,403,116			2,405,228	2,366,660
		Non-current liabilities			
161,945	150,059	Long and medium-term borrowings	16	150,059	161,945
31,680	28,360	Retirement benefit obligation	18 a.	28,360	31,680
22,500	25,445	Casual employee retirement benefit	18 b.	25,445	22,500
101,270	97,628	Deferred income tax liabilities	8 c.	97,628	101,270
60,198	59,131	Deferred lease rental income	19	59,131	60,198
377,593	360,623			360,623	377,593

PARENT AND CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (continued)

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

Parent As at 31 December				Group As at 31 December	
2016 $'000	2017 $'000		Notes	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
		Current liabilities			
14,761	14,385	Long and medium-term borrowings	16	14,385	14,761
4,392	4,498	Deferred lease rental income	19	4,498	4,392
43,702	36,266	Trade and other payables	20	35,466	42,918
1,450	1,733	Current income tax liabilities		1,741	1,647
64,305	56,882			56,090	63,718
441,898	417,505	**Total liabilities**		416,713	441,311
2,806,477	2,820,621	**Total equity and liabilities**		2,821,941	2,807,971

The notes on pages 43 to 96 are an integral part of these parent and consolidated financial statements.

On 22 March 2018, the Board of Directors of Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited authorised these parent and consolidated financial statements for issue.

Director

Director

PARENT AND CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

Parent Year ended 31 December 2016 $'000	Parent Year ended 31 December 2017 $'000		Notes	Group Year ended 31 December 2017 $'000	Group Year ended 31 December 2016 $'000
268,843	256,774	Revenue	21	256,774	268,843
(92,367)	(87,728)	Cost of providing services	22	(86,635)	(91,400)
176,476	169,046	**Gross profit**		170,139	177,443
261,610	37,695	Unrealised fair value gains on investment properties	6	37,695	261,610
(94,828)	(93,895)	Administrative expenses	22	(94,511)	(95,414)
(67,948)	(73,260)	Other operating expenses	22	(73,260)	(67,948)
275,310	39,586	**Operating profit**		40,063	275,691
5,994	2,200	Investment income	7 c.	2,200	5,994
(6,825)	(3,248)	Finance costs		(3,250)	(6,827)
274,479	38,538	**Profit before taxation**		39,013	274,858
(10,047)	(34)	Taxation charge	8 a.	(478)	(10,439)
264,432	38,504	**Profit for the year**		38,535	264,419
		Other comprehensive income			
		Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss			
(10)	25	Change in value of available-for-sale financial assets	7 b.	25	(10)
		Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss			
		Remeasurements of:			
–	215	Gain on revaluation of property, plant and equipment	15 a.	215	–
127,961	–	Gain on revaluation of land, buildings and own site improvements	15 a.	–	127,961
5,723	2,355	Retirement benefit obligation	18 a.	2,355	5,723
1,411	(184)	Casual employee retirement benefit	18 b.	(184)	1,411
399,517	40,915	**Total comprehensive income for the year**		40,946	399,504
		Earnings per share			
667¢	97¢	**Basic earnings per share**	13	97¢	667¢

The notes on pages 43 to 96 are an integral part of these parent and consolidated financial statements.

PARENT AND CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

Parent	**Notes**	**Stated capital $'000**	**Revaluation reserves $'000**	**Investment revaluation reserves $'000**	**Unallocated ESOP shares $'000**	**Retained earnings $'000**	**Shareholders' equity $'000**
Year ended 31 December 2017							
Balance as at 1 January 2017		139,968	251,947	354	(32)	1,972,342	2,364,579
Transfer of revaluation reserve to retained earnings	15	–	(2,581)	–	–	2,581	–
Comprehensive income							
- Profit for the year		–	–	–	–	38,504	38,504
Other comprehensive income							
- Change in value of available-for-sale financial assets	7 b.	–	–	25	–	–	25
- Remeasurements of retirement benefit obligation	18 a.	–	–	–	–	2,355	2,355
- Remeasurements of casual employee retirement benefit	18 b.	–	–	–	–	(184)	(184)
- Gain on revaluation of property, plant and equipment (PPE)	15 a.	–	215	–	–	–	215
Transactions with owners							
- Dividends	12 b.	–	–	–	–	(2,378)	(2,378)
Balance as at 31 December 2017		139,968	249,581	379	(32)	2,013,220	2,403,116
Year ended 31 December 2016							
Balance as at 1 January 2016		139,968	121,197	364	(32)	1,709,582	1,971,079
Transfer of revaluation reserve to retained earnings	15	–	2,789	–	–	(2,789)	–
Change in tax rate and other adjustments	8 c.	–	–	–	–	(2,054)	(2,054)
Comprehensive income							
- Profit for the year		–	–	–	–	264,432	264,432
Other comprehensive income							
- Change in value of available-for-sale financial assets	7 b.	–	–	(10)	–	–	(10)
- Gain on revaluation of land, buildings and own site improvements	15 a.	–	127,961	–	–	–	127,961
- Remeasurements of retirement benefit obligation	18 a.	–	–	–	–	5,723	5,723
- Remeasurements of casual employee retirement benefit	18 b.	–	–	–	–	1,411	1,411
Transactions with owners							
- Dividends	12 b.	–	–	–	–	(3,963)	(3,963)
Balance as at 31 December 2016		139,968	251,947	354	(32)	1,972,342	2,364,579

The notes on pages 43 to 96 are an integral part of these parent and consolidated financial statements.

PARENT AND CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (continued)

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

Group	Notes	Stated capital $'000	Revaluation reserves $'000	Investment revaluation reserves $'000	Unallocated ESOP shares $'000	Retained earnings $'000	Shareholders' equity $'000
Year ended 31 December 2017							
Balance as at 1 January 2017		139,968	251,947	354	(32)	1,974,423	2,366,660
Transfer of revaluation reserve to retained earnings	15	–	(2,581)	–	–	2,581	–
Comprehensive income							
- Profit for the year		–	–	–	–	38,535	38,535
Other comprehensive income							
- Change in value of available-for-sale financial assets	7 b.	–	–	25	–	–	25
- Remeasurements of retirement benefit obligation	18 a.	–	–	–	–	2,355	2,355
- Remeasurements of casual employee retirement benefit	18 b.	–	–	–	–	(184)	(184)
- Gain on revaluation of property, plant and equipment (PPE)	15 a.	–	215	–	–	–	215
Transactions with owners							
- Dividends	12 b.		–	–	–	(2,378)	(2,378)
Balance as at 31 December 2017		139,968	249,581	379	(32)	2,015,332	2,405,228
Year ended 31 December 2016							
Balance as at 1 January 2016		139,968	121,197	364	(32)	1,711,676	1,973,173
Transfer of revaluation reserve to retained earnings	15	–	2,789	–	–	(2,789)	–
Change in tax rate and other adjustments	8 c.	–	–	–	–	(2,054)	(2,054)
Comprehensive income							
- Profit for the year		–	–	–	–	264,419	264,419
Other comprehensive income							
- Change in value of available-for-sale financial assets	7 b.	–	–	(10)	–	–	(10)
- Gain on revaluation of land, buildings and own site improvements	15 a.	–	127,961	–	–	–	127,961
- Remeasurements of retirement benefit obligation	18 a.	–	–	–	–	5,723	5,723
- Remeasurements of casual employee retirement benefit	18 b.	–	–	–	–	1,411	1,411
Transactions with owners							
- Dividends	12 b.	–	–	–	–	(3,963)	(3,963)
Balance as at 31 December 2016		139,968	251,947	354	(32)	1,974,423	2,366,660

The notes on pages 43 to 96 are an integral part of these parent and consolidated financial statements.

POINT LISAS INDUSTRIAL PORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

PARENT AND CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

Parent Year ended 31 December 2016 $'000	Parent Year ended 31 December 2017 $'000		Notes	Group Year ended 31 December 2017 $'000	Group Year ended 31 December 2016 $'000
42,938	32,431	**Cash generated from operating activities**	11 c.	32,888	42,526
		Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
(5,834)	(2,771)	Interest paid		(2,771)	(5,836)
37,104	29,660			30,117	36,690
(5,048)	(4,212)	Income tax paid		(4,845)	(5,264)
32,056	25,448	**Net cash generated from operating activities**		25,272	31,426
		Cash flows from investing activities			
(44,200)	(35,122)	Purchases of property, plant and equipment	5	(35,122)	(44,200)
17	162	Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		162	17
40,194	–	Proceeds from held to maturity assets		–	40,194
5,081	588	Interest received		588	5,081
1,092	(34,372)	**Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities**		(34,372)	1,092
		Cash flows from financing activities			
(55,195)	–	Repayment of floating rate bonds		–	(55,195)
(9,823)	(13,323)	Repayment of long and medium-term borrowings		(13,323)	(9,823)
113,620	1,061	Proceeds from long and medium-term borrowings		1,061	113,620
(3,963)	(2,378)	Dividends paid		(2,378)	(3,963)
44,639	(14,640)	**Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities**		(14,640)	44,639
77,787	(23,564)	**Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents**		(23,740)	77,157
66,579	144,553	**Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year**		144,745	67,401
187	52	Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		52	187
144,553	121,041	**Cash and cash equivalents at end of year**	11	121,057	144,745

The notes on pages 43 to 96 are an integral part of these parent and consolidated financial statements.

NOTES TO THE PARENT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Incorporation and principal activities

Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited (the Corporation) was incorporated on 16 September 1966 under the laws of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and has a primary listing on the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange. Its registered office is located at PLIPDECO House, Orinoco Drive, Point Lisas Industrial Estate, Point Lisas, Couva, Trinidad, West Indies. The Corporation Sole (Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago) is owner of 51% of the issued share capital.

Point Lisas Terminals Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary, was incorporated in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in 1981 and is solely involved in the supply of labour to the parent company for its cargo handling operations at the port.

Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited and its wholly owned subsidiary, Point Lisas Terminals Limited (together, the Group), are engaged in the following provision of services:

Industrial estate management	Development and maintenance of onshore infrastructure, such as roads, lighting, drainage and including a Free Zone area, for the purpose of leasing.
Cargo handling	Provision of cargo handling services for import, export and transhipment vessels. The Port facilitates the receipt, storage and delivery of containerised, dry and liquid bulks, breakbulk and general cargo.
Marine	Coordination of all movement of vessels at the Port and neighbouring piers, inclusive of the berthing and unberthing operations as well as mooring and unmooring services.
Warehousing	Provision of less than container load warehousing services for both import and export trade and non-trade cargo. The less than container load warehousing service for export cargo facilitates intra-regional trade.
Security	Provision of security support to tenants on the Industrial Estate and Port users. Matters relating to the Port and Ship-to-Shore activities as it relates to the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) are handled by this unit.

a. *Investment in subsidiary*

The Group's subsidiary at 31 December 2017 consists of Point Lisas Terminals Limited which is 100% owned for $320,002 (320,002 shares of no par value) (2016: $320,002 (320,002 shares of no par value)).

2 Transactions with related parties

	2017 $'000	**2016 $'000**
Labour (See Note 1)	60,790	52,264
Post retirement benefits	423	168
Key management compensation	2,940	2,773

NOTES TO THE PARENT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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2 Transactions with related parties (continued)

a. *Principles of consolidation*

The consolidated financial statements include those of the parent company and its wholly owned subsidiary, Point Lisas Terminals Limited. All inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains/losses have been eliminated in the preparation of the Group's financial statements.

(i) *Subsidiaries*

Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

The Group applies the acquisition method to account for business combinations. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary is the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred to the former owners of the acquiree and the equity interests issued by the Group. The consideration transferred includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. The Group recognises any non-controlling interest in the acquiree on an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the recognised amounts of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains and losses on transactions between Group companies are eliminated.

In the parent company financial statements, the investment in the subsidiary is shown at cost less impairment.

(ii) *Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries without change in control*

Transactions with non-controlling interests that do not result in loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions – that is, as transactions with the owners in their capacity as owners. The difference between fair value of any consideration paid and the relevant share acquired of the carrying value of net assets of the subsidiary is recorded in equity. Gains or losses on disposals to non-controlling interests are also recorded in equity.

(iii) *Disposal of subsidiaries*

When the Group ceases to have control any retained interest in the entity is re-measured to its fair value at the date when control is lost, with the change in carrying amount recognised in profit or loss. The fair value is the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequently accounting for the retained interest as an associate, joint venture or financial asset. In addition, any amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in respect of that entity are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. This may mean that amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss.

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3 Critical estimates, judgments and errors

The preparation of parent and consolidated financial statements requires the use of accounting estimates which, by definition, will seldom equal the actual results. Management also needs to exercise judgment in applying the Group's accounting policies.

This note provides an overview of the areas that involve a higher degree of judgment or complexity, and of items which are more likely to be materially adjusted due to estimates and assumptions turning out to be wrong. Detailed information about each of these estimates and judgments is included in notes referred to below together with information about the basis of calculation for each affected line item in the parent and consolidated financial statements. In addition, this note also explains where there have been actual adjustments this year as a result of changes to previous estimates.

a. *Significant estimates and judgments*

The areas involving significant estimates or judgments are:

- Estimation of fair values of land and buildings and investment properties – Notes 5 and 6
- Estimation of retirement benefit pension obligation – Note 18 a.
- Estimation of casual employee retirement benefit – Note 18 b.
- Estimation of income taxes

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated. They are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the entity and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Income taxes

Estimates are required in determining the provision for income taxes. There are some transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Group recognises liabilities for anticipated tax issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the current and deferred income tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made. See Note 8 c.

4 Financial risk management

The Group has exposure to the following risks:

a. Credit risk
   - (i) Risk management
   - (ii) Security
   - (iii) Credit quality
   - (iv) Impaired trade receivables
   - (v) Exposure to credit risk

b. Liquidity risk

c. Market risk
   - (i) Foreign exchange risk
   - (ii) Interest rate risk
   - (iii) Price risk

d. Capital risk management

NOTES TO THE PARENT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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4 Financial risk management (continued)

The note contains information about the Group's exposure to each of the above risks and the objectives, policies and processes for managing and measuring the risk. Further quantitative disclosures are also included in the referred notes.

a. *Credit risk*

The Group is exposed to credit risk, which is the risk that its customers and counterparties may cause a financial loss by failing to discharge their contractual obligations. Credit risk arises from cash equivalents, deposits with financial institutions as well as outstanding receivables. The credit quality of customers, their financial position, past experience and other factors are taken into consideration in assessing credit risk. Management does not expect any losses from non-performance by counterparties. There was no concentration of risk due to the number and diversity of operations of the customer base.

There were no changes in the policies and procedures for managing credit risk compared with prior year.

(i) *Risk management*

Cash and deposits are held with a number of reputable financial institutions, in amounts varying between $8,000 and $62,984,000 (2016: $8,000 and $81,964,000).

(ii) *Security*

There are no trade receivables for which the Group has obtained any form of guarantee, deeds of undertaking or letters of credit.

(iii) *Credit quality*

The credit quality of financial assets that are neither past due nor impaired can be assessed by reference to historical information about counterparty default rates:

Cash at bank	**2017 $'000**	**2016 $'000**
Cash at bank	120,940	144,585

The rest of the parent and consolidated statement of financial position item cash and cash equivalents comprises cash in hand.

Trade receivables

All counterparties below do not have external credit ratings.

Group 2	2,430	4,780

Group 1 – new customers (less than 6 months).
Group 2 – existing customers (more than 6 months) with no defaults in the past.
Group 3 – existing customers (more than 6 months) with some defaults in the past. All defaults were fully recovered.

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4. Financial risk management (continued)

a. *Credit risk (continued)*

(iv) *Impairment trade receivables*

The main considerations for impairment include whether payments are in arrears for trade receivables. It is done on a specific loss component which relates to significant specific exposures (See Note 10). For amounts expected to be received after more than one year were discounted to determine its fair value.

(v) *Exposure to credit risk*

The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum exposure to credit risk:

Parent	**Fully performing $'000**	**Past due $'000**	**Impaired $'000**	**Provision for impairment $'000**	**Total $'000**
31 December 2017					
Cash at bank	120,925	–	–	–	120,925
Trade receivables	2,430	15,250	925	(925)	17,680
Other receivables (excluding prepayments)	6,475	–	–	–	6,475
	129,830	15,250	925	(925)	145,080
31 December 2016					
Cash at bank	144,395	–	–	–	144,395
Trade receivables	4,780	17,331	1,399	(1,399)	22,111
Other receivables (excluding prepayments)	5,519	–	–	–	5,519
	154,694	17,331	1,399	(1,399)	172,025

The Company does not hold any collateral in relation to these assets.

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4 Financial risk management (continued)

a. *Credit risk (continued)*

(v) *Exposure to credit risk (continued)*

Group

	Fully performing $'000	Past due $'000	Impaired $'000	Provision for impairment $'000	Total $'000
31 December 2017					
Cash at bank	120,940	–	–	–	120,940
Trade receivables	2,430	15,250	925	(925)	17,680
Other receivables (excluding prepayments)	7,360	–	–	–	7,360
	130,730	15,250	925	(925)	145,980
31 December 2016					
Cash at bank	144,585	–	–	–	144,585
Trade receivables	4,780	17,331	1,399	(1,399)	22,111
Other receivables (excluding prepayments)	6,426	–	–	–	6,426
	155,791	17,331	1,399	(1,399)	173,122

The Group does not hold any collateral in relation to these assets.

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4 Financial risk management (continued)

b. *Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group is unable to meet its payment obligations associated with its financial liabilities when they fall due. The Group's liquidity risk management process is measured and monitored by senior management within the Group. This process includes:

- Monitoring cash flows and liquidity on a daily basis. This incorporates an assessment of expected cash flows and the availability of collateral which can be used to secure facilities.
- Maintaining committed lines of credit.
- Maintaining liquidity ratios.

There were no changes in the policies and procedures for managing liquidity risk compared with prior year.

Parent

	< 1 year $'000	1–2 years $'000	2–5 years $'000	More than 5 years $'000	Contractual cash flows $'000	Carrying amount $'000
31 December 2017						
Borrowings	21,507	20,871	57,691	76,537	176,606	164,444
Trade payables	4,060	–	–	–	4,060	4,060
Due to subsidiary	6,406	–	–	–	6,406	6,406
Other payables (excluding statutory liabilities	24,593	–	–	–	24,593	24,593
Total	56,566	20,871	57,691	76,537	211,665	199,503

	< 1 year $'000	1–2 years $'000	2–5 years $'000	More than 5 years $'000	Contractual cash flows $'000	Carrying amount $'000
31 December 2016						
Borrowings	21,011	20,820	58,719	93,075	193,625	176,706
Trade payables	4,158	–	–	–	4,158	4,158
Due to subsidiary	5,551	–	–	–	5,551	5,551
Other payables (excluding statutory liabilities	32,382	–	–	–	32,382	32,382
Total	63,102	20,820	58,719	93,075	235,716	218,797

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4 Financial risk management (continued)

b. *Liquidity risk*

Group

	< 1 year $'000	1–2 years $'000	2–5 years $'000	More than 5 years $'000	Contractual cash flows $'000	Carrying amount $'000
31 December 2017						
Borrowings	21,507	20,871	57,691	76,537	176,606	164,444
Trade payables	4,060	–	–	–	4,060	4,060
Other payables (excluding statutory liabilities	26,866	–	–	–	26,866	26,866
Total	52,433	20,871	57,691	76,537	207,532	195,370

	< 1 year $'000	1–2 years $'000	2–5 years $'000	More than 5 years $'000	Contractual cash flows $'000	Carrying amount $'000
31 December 2016						
Borrowings	21,011	20,820	58,719	93,075	193,625	176,706
Trade payables	4,158	–	–	–	4,158	4,158
Other payables (excluding statutory liabilities	34,232	–	–	–	34,232	34,232
Total	59,401	20,820	58,719	93,075	232,015	215,096

The fair values are based on cash flows discounted using the borrowing rates and the facilities drawn down at year end as disclosed in Note 16. There were no fixed rate loans as at 31 December 2017.

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4 Financial risk management (continued)

c. *Market risk*

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of the financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Group takes on exposure to market risks from changes in foreign exchange rates and interest rates. Market risk exposures are measured using sensitivity analysis.

(i) *Foreign exchange risk*

Foreign exchange risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Group is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from various currency exposures, primarily with respect to the US dollar. Foreign exchange risk arises from future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities.

The Group manages its foreign exchange risk by the following:

- Ensuring that the net exposure in foreign assets and liabilities is kept to an acceptable level by monitoring currency positions.
- Holding foreign currency balances.
- Invoicing only in an exchange currency like the US$ or in TT$.

There were no changes in the policies and procedures for managing foreign currency risk compared with prior year. The impact on the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income at 31 December 2017 if the US$ strengthened/weakened against the TT$ by an average rate of 5% is a loss or gain of $457,507 (2016: $1,808,964) respectively.

(ii) *Interest rate risk*

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market rates. The Group finances its operations through a mixture of retained profits and borrowings. The Group is also exposed to interest rate risk on cash held on deposit and borrowings. The Group manages the interest rate risk by maintaining an appropriate mix of fixed and variable rate instruments. There were no changes in the policies and procedures for managing interest rate risk compared with prior year.

At 31 December 2017 and 2016, there were no fixed rate interest borrowings for the Group. The sensitivity to interest rate fluctuations are disclosed in Note 16 d. The contractual cash flows and carrying amounts of these floating rate borrowings are also disclosed in Note 16 e.

(iii) *Price risk*

The Group's exposure to equity securities price risk arises from investments held by the Group and classified in the parent and consolidated statement of financial position as available-for-sale. The Group is not exposed to commodity price risk. To manage its price risk arising from investments in equity securities, the Group diversifies its portfolio. Diversification of the portfolio is done in accordance with the limits set by the Group. There were no changes in the policies and procedures for managing price risk compared with prior year.

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4 Financial risk management (continued)

d. *Capital risk management*

The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

Consistent with others in the industry, the Group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. This ratio is calculated as net debt divided by total capital. Net debt is calculated as total borrowings (including 'current and non-current borrowings' as shown in the parent and consolidated statement of financial position) less cash and cash equivalents. Total capital is calculated as 'shareholders' equity' as shown in the parent and consolidated statement of financial position plus net debt. Gearing is the measure of financial leverage, demonstrating the degree to which the Group's activities are funded by owner's funds versus creditor's funds.

The Group's policy is to keep the ratio at less than or equal to 50%.

There were no changes in the policies and procedures for managing capital risk management compared with prior year.

There are no externally imposed capital requirements that the Group must adhere to.

The gearing ratios as at 31 December 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

Parent	**2017 $'000**	**2016 $'000**
Total borrowings (Note 16)	164,444	176,706
Less: cash and cash equivalents (Note 11)	(121,041)	(144,553)
Net debt	43,403	32,153
Total equity	2,403,116	2,364,579
Total capital	2,446,519	2,396,732
Gearing ratio	2%	1%
Group		
Total borrowings (Note 16)	164,444	176,706
Less: cash and cash equivalents (Note 11)	(121,057)	(144,745)
Net debt	43,387	31,961
Total equity	2,405,228	2,366,660
Total capital	2,448,615	2,398,621
Gearing ratio	2%	1%

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31 December 2017 (Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

4 Financial risk management (continued)

e. *Financial instruments by category*

Parent

Loans and receivables

The accounting policies for financial instruments have been applied to the line items below:

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Trade receivables	17,680	22,111
Other receivables (excluding prepayments)	6,475	5,519
Cash at bank	120,925	144,395
	145,080	172,025
Available-for-sale financial assets	1,317	1,292
	146,397	173,317

The Company has no assets at fair value through profit or loss.

Other financial liabilities

Liabilities as per parent and consolidated statement of financial position

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Trade payables	4,060	4,158
Other payables (excluding statutory liabilities)	24,593	32,382
Due to subsidiary	6,406	5,551
Borrowings	164,444	176,706
	199,503	218,797

The Company has no liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

Group

Loans and receivables

The accounting policies for financial instruments have been applied to the line items below:

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Trade receivables	17,680	22,111
Other receivables (excluding prepayments)	7,360	6,402
Cash at bank	120,940	144,585
	145,980	173,098
Available-for-sale financial assets	1,317	1,292
	147,297	174,390

The Group has no assets at fair value through profit or loss.

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4 Financial risk management (continued)

e. *Financial instruments by category (continued)*

Group	**2017 $'000**	**2016 $'000**
Other financial liabilities		
Liabilities as per parent and consolidated statement of financial position		
Trade payables	4,060	4,158
Other payables (excluding statutory liabilities)	26,866	34,232
Borrowings	164,444	176,706
	195,370	215,096

The Group has no liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

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5 Property, plant and equipment – parent/group

The subsidiary has no property, plant and equipment.

	Land $'000	Own Site improvements $'000	Estate infrastructure $'000	Berths and piers $'000	Port equipment $'000	Buildings $'000	Equipment, furniture and fittings $'000	Capital work in progress $'000	Total $'000
Year ended 31 December 2017									
Opening net book amount	255,620	78,515	62,452	155,940	90,296	48,055	30,135	40,654	761,667
Additions	–	215	–	–	162	185	933	33,627	35,122
Transfers from capital work in progress	–	50	–	871	10,151	–	722	(11,794)	–
Revaluation	–	–	–	–	–	–	215	–	215
Disposals/adjustments	–	–	–	–	–	–	(927)	–	(927)
Depreciation	–	(5,978)	(773)	(4,592)	(13,206)	(1,770)	(8,947)	–	(35,266)
Closing net book amount	255,620	72,802	61,679	152,219	87,403	46,470	22,131	62,487	760,811
At 31 December 2017									
Cost/valuation	255,620	78,780	77,330	229,890	233,582	48,240	84,901	62,487	1,070,830
Accumulated depreciation	–	(5,978)	(15,651)	(77,671)	(146,179)	(1,770)	(62,770)	–	(310,019)
Net book amount	255,620	72,802	61,679	152,219	87,403	46,470	22,131	62,487	760,811
Year ended 31 December 2016									
Opening net book amount	159,140	53,189	63,226	152,127	98,139	36,766	14,538	31,444	608,569
Additions	–	–	–	–	942	–	3,334	39,924	44,200
Transfers from capital work in progress	–	578	–	8,393	4,163	275	17,305	(30,714)	–
Revaluation	96,480	29,703	–	–	–	15,270	–	–	141,453
Disposals/adjustments	–	–	–	–	–	–	(8)	–	(8)
Depreciation	–	(4,955)	(774)	(4,580)	(12,948)	(4,256)	(5,034)	–	(32,547)
Closing net book amount	255,620	78,515	62,452	155,940	90,296	48,055	30,135	40,654	761,667
At 31 December 2016									
Cost/valuation	255,620	78,515	83,983	229,018	248,280	48,055	88,352	40,654	1,072,477
Accumulated depreciation	–	–	(21,531)	(73,078)	(157,984)	–	(58,217)	–	(310,810)
Net book amount	255,620	78,515	62,452	155,940	90,296	48,055	30,135	40,654	761,667
At 31 December 2015									
Cost/valuation	159,140	63,001	83,983	220,625	243,173	45,369	67,743	31,444	914,478
Accumulated depreciation	–	(9,812)	(20,757)	(68,498)	(145,034)	(8,603)	(53,205)	–	(305,909)
Net book amount	159,140	53,189	63,226	152,127	98,139	36,766	14,538	31,444	608,569

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5 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

a. *Accounting policy*

Land, own site improvements and buildings comprise mainly properties used in connection with the port operations and offices and are shown at fair value based on valuations by external independent valuators, less subsequent depreciation for buildings and own site improvements (land is not depreciated). Independent valuations are performed with sufficient regularity to ensure that the fair value of a revalued asset does not differ materially from its carrying amount. Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset, and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land, own site improvements and buildings are credited to other comprehensive income and shown as revaluation reserves in shareholders' equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged in other comprehensive income and debited against the revaluation reserves directly in equity; all other decreases are charged to the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. The difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the asset charged to the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, and depreciation based on the asset's original cost is transferred from "revaluation reserve" to retained earnings. See Note 15.

All other property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation on assets (except land) is calculated at varying rates to allocate cost or revalued amounts of each asset to their residual values over their estimated useful lives. Depreciation is calculated as follows:

Own site improvements	–	5%	straight-line basis
Estate infrastructure	–	1%	straight-line basis
Berths and piers	–	2%	straight-line basis
Port equipment	–	6.67%	straight-line basis
Buildings	–	3.33%	straight-line basis
Equipment, furniture and fittings	–	10% – 33.3%	reducing balance basis

Equipment, furniture and fittings comprise motor vehicles, computer equipment and other assets.

Based on independent professional advice, buildings are being written off over their estimated useful lives, on the straight-line basis, over a period not in excess of thirty years.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting period. Where the carrying amount of an asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, it is written down immediately to its recoverable amount. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amounts and are recorded within the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. On disposal of revalued assets, the amounts included in the revaluation reserves are transferred to retained earnings.

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5 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

b. *Significant fair value estimate*

The land, buildings and own site improvements were last revalued on 31 December 2017 by independent professional qualified valuers, Raymond & Pierre Chartered Valuation Surveyors.

The following table analyses the non-financial assets carried at fair value. The different levels of fair value measurements have been defined in Note 24 c.:

Fair value measurements using

	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (level 1) $'000	Significant other observable inputs (level 2) $'000	Significant unobservable inputs (level 3) $'000
As at 31 December 2017			
Recurring fair value measurements			
- Land	–	–	255,620
- Own site improvements	–	–	72,802
- Buildings	–	–	46,470
As at 31 December 2016			
Recurring fair value measurements			
- Land	–	–	255,620
- Own site improvements	–	–	78,515
- Buildings	–	–	48,055

There were no transfers between levels during the year.

The Group's management annually reviews the latest valuations performed by the independent valuator for financial reporting purposes. At each financial year end the finance department:

- verifies all major inputs to the independent valuation report;
- assesses property valuation movements when compared to the prior year valuation report;
- holds discussions with the independent valuator.

The property has been developed as an individual estate with its own port facilities with emphasis on energy-based industries. The existing use is the highest and best to which the property could be put. The size and layout of the property was taken into consideration in the valuation. Based on the valuation the buildings appeared to be modern, structurally sound and in fair to good decorative condition and assumed to be adequate and appropriate for a structure of its size, type and use.

Level 3 fair values of land has been derived using the Sales Comparison Approach. Sales prices of comparable land in close proximity are adjusted for differences in key attributes such as property size. The most significant input into this valuation approach is price per square foot.

Level 3 fair value of buildings and own site improvements have been derived using the Depreciated Replacement Cost Method. Under the Depreciated Replacement Cost Method, the gross replacement costs of the buildings were estimated and appropriate deductions were made for economic and functional obsolescence and environmental factors in order to arrive at a net or depreciated replacement cost. Gross replacement costs include the costs of infrastructural works and professional fees. The most significant input into this valuation approach is the construction price per square foot.

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5 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

b. *Significant fair value estimate (continued)*

The subsidiary has no property, plant and equipment.

	Land $'000	Own Site Improvements $'000	Buildings $'000	Total $'000
Opening balance 1 January 2017	255,620	78,515	48,055	382,190
Additions/transfers	–	265	185	450
Amounts recognised in profit or loss				
- Depreciation	–	(5,978)	(1,770)	(7,748)
Closing balance 31 December 2017	255,620	72,802	46,470	374,892

The subsidiary has no property, plant and equipment.

	Land $'000	Own Site Improvements $'000	Buildings $'000	Total $'000
Opening balance 1 January 2016	159,140	53,189	36,766	249,095
Additions/transfers	–	578	275	853
Amounts recognised in profit or loss				
- Depreciation	–	(4,955)	(4,256)	(9,211)
Gains recognised in other comprehensive income	96,480	29,703	15,270	141,453
Closing balance 31 December 2016	255,620	78,515	48,055	382,190

c. *Carrying amounts that would have been recognised if land, buildings and own-site improvements were stated at cost*

If the land, buildings and own site improvements were stated on the historical cost basis, the amounts would be as follows:

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Cost	100,209	99,759
Accumulated depreciation	(67,295)	(63,799)
Net carrying amount	32,914	35,960

d. *Assets pledged as security*

Refer to Note 16 b. for information on property, plant and equipment pledged as security by the Group.

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5 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

e. *Capital commitments*

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Authorised and contracted for and not provided for in the parent and consolidated financial statements	15,695	22,859

(i) *Depreciation charge*

Depreciation expense has been included in 'other operating expenses' in the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

(ii) *Borrowing cost capitalised*

Included within the additions during the year is borrowing cost of $4,188,915 (2016: $4,165,950). The capitalisation rate is the interest rate applicable to the specific borrowing for the rehabilitation of the berths, in this case 4.75% (2016: 4.75%).

6 Investment properties

PARENT			GROUP	
2016 $'000	2017 $'000		2017 $'000	2016 $'000
		30 year leases:		
1,511,900	1,773,510	At beginning of year	1,773,510	1,511,900
261,610	37,695	Unrealised fair value gains	37,695	261,610
1,773,510	1,811,205	At end of year	1,811,205	1,773,510
58,802	58,028	96 years and longer leases	58,028	58,802
1,832,312	1,869,233	At the end of year	1,869,233	1,832,312

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6 Investment properties (continued)

a. *Accounting policy*

Investment properties, principally comprising freehold and leasehold land, are held for long term rental yields and are not occupied by the Group. Investment properties are carried at fair value, representing open market value determined annually by independent external valuators. The fair value of investment properties reflects rental income from current leases and assumptions about rental income from future leases in light of current market conditions. Changes in fair value are recorded in the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

b. *Significant fair value estimate*

The Group's investment properties were valued at 31 December 2017 by independent professional qualified valuers, Raymond & Pierre Chartered Valuation Surveyors, who hold a recognised relevant professional qualification and have recent experience in the locations and segments of the investment properties valued.

The Group's Finance department reviews the valuations performed by the independent valuers for financial reporting purposes. This department reports directly to the Vice President of Business Services. Discussions of valuations processes and results are held between the Vice President of Business Services, the Estate department, the Finance department and the independent valuers at least once every quarter, in line with the Group's quarterly reporting dates.

At each financial reporting date the Finance department:

- verifies all major inputs to the independent valuation report;
- assesses property valuation movements when compared to the prior valuation report;
- holds discussions with the independent valuator.

Thirty year leases are stated at fair value. The open market value represents the best price at which interest in a property might reasonably be expected to be sold at the end of the financial year. For all investment properties, their current use equates to the highest and best use. The valuation is based upon Open Market Value which comprises both the Investment Method and Direct Capital Comparison Method.

Under the Investment Method, the estimated net rental income from a property by a year's purchase (multiplier) is calculated to arrive at a capital value for the property. The net income is derived from an estimated gross income less outgoings i.e. rates, insurance, repairs and management allowance. The present value is obtained by discounting at the risk free rate of 5%. The valuation also assumes that all tenants will have renewal clauses in their current leases which will extend the lease for an additional 30 years. Under the Direct Capital Comparison Method, sales of comparable acreage of the properties are analysed to determine a value for the leased land under consideration.

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6 Investment properties (continued)

b. *Significant fair value estimate (continued)*

The following table analyses the non-financial assets carried at fair value. The different levels of fair value measurements have been defined in Note 24 c.:

	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (level 1) $'000	Significant other observable inputs (level 2) $'000	Significant unobservable inputs (level 3) $'000
As at 31 December 2017			
Recurring fair value measurements			
- Investment properties	–	–	1,811,205
As at 31 December 2016			
Recurring fair value measurements			
- Investment properties	–	–	1,773,510

There were no transfers between levels during the year. Level 3 fair values have been derived using the Open Market Value Method. Evidence of arm's length open market transactions of similar lands were analysed and the results applied to the subject lands after taking into consideration appropriate adjustments for location, size and other relevant factors. The most significant input into this valuation approach is future rental cash inflows based on the actual location and quality of the properties and supported by the terms of any existing leases.

The methods used in the valuation of land, building and own site improvement have been classified as level 3 as the inputs used in the methods are not readily available to the public and assumptions applied are based on the experience and judgment of the valuators prior to being reviewed and adopted by Management.

c. *Other disclosures*

PARENT 2016 $'000	PARENT 2017 $'000		GROUP 2017 $'000	GROUP 2016 $'000
		The following amounts have been recognised in the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income		
84,029	80,508	Lease rental income (Note 19)	80,508	84,029
(1,201)	(1,117)	Costs arising from investment properties	(1,117)	(1,201)

d. *Sensitivity analysis*

The calculation of the fair value of investment property is sensitive to the assumptions used. The following table summarises how the fair value as at 31 December 2017 and 2016 would have changed as a result of a change in the discount rate used of 5%.

	2017 1% pa increase $'000	2017 1% pa decrease $'000
(Decrease)/increase in fair value	(267,175)	363,465

	2016 1% pa increase $'000	2016 1% pa decrease $'000
(Decrease)/increase in fair value	(260,470)	355,380

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7 Financial assets (excluding cash and cash equivalents)

PARENT			GROUP	
2016 $'000	2017 $'000		2017 $'000	2016 $'000
1,292	1,317	Available-for-sale financial assets (Note 7 b.)	1,317	1,292
22,111	17,680	Trade receivables (Note 10)	17,680	22,111
5,519	6,475	Other receivables (excluding prepayments)	7,360	6,402
28,922	25,472		26,357	29,805

The above has been classified as follows in the parent and consolidated statement of financial position:

PARENT 2016 $'000	PARENT 2017 $'000		GROUP 2017 $'000	GROUP 2016 $'000
		Non-current assets		
1,292	1,317	Available-for-sale financial assets	1,317	1,292
–	2,645	Trade receivables (Note 10)	2,645	–
		Current assets		
22,111	15,035	Trade receivables (Note 10)	15,035	22,111
5,519	6,475	Other receivables (excluding prepayments)	7,360	6,402
28,922	25,472		26,357	29,805

a. *Accounting policy*

(i) *Classification*

The Group classifies its financial assets in the following categories:

- loans and receivables (Note 10),
- available-for-sale financial assets (Note 7 b.).

The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition and, re-evaluates this designation at the end of each reporting period.

(ii) *Reclassification*

The Group may choose to reclassify a non-derivative trading financial asset out of the held for trading category if the financial asset is no longer held for the purpose of selling it in the near term. Financial assets other than loans and receivables are permitted to be reclassified out of the held for trading category only in rare circumstances arising from a single event that is unusual and highly unlikely to recur in the near term. In addition, the Group may choose to reclassify financial assets that would meet the definition of loans and receivables out of the held for trading or available-for-sale categories if the Group has the intention and ability to hold these financial assets for the foreseeable future or until maturity at the date of reclassification.

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7 Financial assets (excluding cash and cash equivalents) (continued)

a. *Accounting policy (continued)*

(ii) *Reclassification (continued)*

Reclassifications are made at fair value as of the reclassification date. Fair value becomes the new cost or amortised cost as applicable, and no reversals of fair value gains or losses recorded before reclassification date are subsequently made. Effective interest rates for financial assets reclassified to loans and receivables are determined at the reclassification date. Further increases in estimates of cash flows adjust effective interest rates prospectively.

(iii) *Recognition and derecognition*

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

When securities classified as available-for-sale are sold, the accumulated fair value adjustments recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss as gains and losses from investment securities.

(iv) *Measurement*

At initial recognition, the Group measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in profit or loss. Loans and receivables and held-to-maturity investments are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Available-for-sale financial assets are subsequently carried at fair value. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value are recognised as follows:

- For available-for-sale financial assets that are monetary securities denominated in a foreign currency – translation differences related to changes in the amortised cost of the security are recognised in profit or loss and other changes in the carrying amount are recognised in other comprehensive income.
- For other monetary and non-monetary securities classified as available-for-sale – in other comprehensive income.

(v) *Impairment*

The Group assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated. In the case of equity investments classified as available-for-sale, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the security below its cost is considered an indicator that the assets are impaired.

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7 Financial assets (excluding cash and cash equivalents) (continued)

a. *Accounting policy (continued)*

(v) *Impairment (continued)*

Assets carried at amortised cost:

For loans and receivables, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced and the amount of the loss is recognised in profit or loss. If a loan or held-to-maturity investment has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract. As a practical expedient, the Group may measure impairment on the basis of an instrument's fair value using an observable market price.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised (such as an improvement in the debtor's credit rating), the reversal of the previously recognised impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment testing of trade receivables is described in Note 10.

Assets classified as available-for-sale:

If there is objective evidence of impairment for available-for-sale financial assets, the cumulative loss – measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognised in profit or loss – is removed from equity and recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment losses on equity instruments that were recognised in profit or loss are not reversed through profit or loss in a subsequent period.

If the fair value of a debt instrument classified as available-for-sale increases in a subsequent period and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised in profit or loss, the impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

(vi) *Income recognition*

Interest income:

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method. When a receivable is impaired, the Group reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument, and continues unwinding the discount as interest income. Interest income on impaired loans is recognised using the original effective interest rate.

Dividends:

Dividends are recognised as revenue when the right to receive payment is established. This applies even if they are paid out of pre-acquisition profits. However, the investment may need to be tested for impairment as a consequence.

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7 Financial assets (excluding cash and cash equivalents) (continued)

b. *Available-for-sale financial assets*

PARENT			GROUP	
2016 $'000	**2017 $'000**		**2017 $'000**	**2016 $'000**
1,302	1,292	At beginning of year	1,292	1,302
(10)	25	Change in value transferred to equity	25	(10)
1,292	1,317	At end of year	1,317	1,292

Available-for-sale financial assets comprise solely of securities listed on the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange and are denominated in Trinidad and Tobago dollars. The valuation method used is categorised as Level 1 as it utilises quoted prices in active markets. The different levels of fair value measurements have been defined in Note 24 c.

c. *Investment income*

PARENT			GROUP	
2016 $'000	**2017 $'000**		**2017 $'000**	**2016 $'000**
5,081	588	Interest income – tax exempt	588	5,081
913	1,612	Other income	1,612	913
5,994	2,200		2,200	5,994

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8 Taxation

a. *Taxation charge*

PARENT 2016 $'000	PARENT 2017 $'000		GROUP 2017 $'000	GROUP 2016 $'000
4,497	4,383	Corporation tax	4,383	4,497
(439)	113	Prior year under/(over) accrual for tax	113	(439)
–	–	Business levy – current year	444	392
5,989	(4,462)	Deferred income tax (Note 8 c.)	(4,462)	5,989
10,047	34		478	10,439

The tax charge differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the basic tax rate of 30% (2016 – 25%) as follows:

PARENT 2016 $'000	PARENT 2017 $'000		GROUP 2017 $'000	GROUP 2016 $'000
274,479	38,538	Profit before taxation	39,013	274,858
68,620	11,511	Tax calculated at applicable tax rate	11,654	68,715
(66,777)	(11,853)	Allowances/income not subject to tax	(11,853)	(66,920)
791	668	Expenses not deductible for tax	750	839
(439)	113	Prior year over accrual for tax	113	(439)
7,852	(405)	Change in tax rate and other movements	(630)	7,852
–	–	Business levy	444	392
10,047	34		478	10,439

b. *Accounting policy*

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred income tax. Tax is recognised in the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively. The current income tax is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantially enacted at the statement of financial position date.

Deferred income tax is recognised, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the parent and consolidated financial statements. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the statement of financial position date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled. Deferred income tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income tax asset and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority.

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8 Taxation (continued)

c. *Deferred taxation*

PARENT 2016 $'000	PARENT 2017 $'000		GROUP 2017 $'000	GROUP 2016 $'000
60,424	85,016	At beginning of year	85,016	60,424
2,054	–	Change in tax rate and other movements	–	2,054
2,453	1,010	Tax on remeasurement of defined benefit obligation recognised in other comprehensive income (Note 18 a.)	1,010	2,453
605	(79)	Tax on remeasurement of casual employee retirement benefit recognised in other comprehensive income (Note 18 b.)	(79)	605
13,491	–	Tax on gains on revaluation of buildings and own site improvements (Note 5)	–	13,491
5,989	(4,462)	Charge for the year (Note 8 a.)	(4,462)	5,989
85,016	81,485	At end of year	81,485	85,016

Deferred income taxes are calculated in full, on temporary differences under the liability method using a principal tax rate of 30% (2016: 30%). The deferred income tax (asset)/liability in the parent and consolidated statement of financial position and the deferred income tax charge/(credit) in the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income are attributable to the following:

Parent/Group	**2016 $'000**	**Charge to OCI $'000**	**Charge/ (credit) to SOCI $'000**	**2017 $'000**
Year ended 31 December 2017				
Deferred income tax liabilities				
Accelerated tax depreciation – property, plant and equipment carried at cost	74,606	–	(2,368)	72,238
Accelerated tax depreciation – property, plant and equipment revalued and own site improvements	26,664	–	(1,274)	25,390
	101,270	–	(3,642)	97,628
Deferred income tax assets				
Casual employee retirement benefit	(6,750)	(79)	(805)	(7,634)
Retirement benefit obligation	(9,504)	1,010	(15)	(8,509)
	(16,254)	931	(820)	(16,143)
Net deferred income tax liabilities	85,016	931	(4,462)	81,485

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8 Taxation (continued)

c. *Deferred taxation (continued)*

Parent/Group	2015 $'000	Charge to OCI $'000	Charge/ (credit) to SOCI $'000	2016 $'000
Year ended 31 December 2016				
Deferred income tax liabilities				
Accelerated tax depreciation	65,708	–	8,898	74,606
Revaluation of buildings and own site improvements	9,916	16,748	–	26,664
	75,624	16,748	8,898	101,270
Deferred income tax assets				
Casual employee retirement benefit	(5,403)	589	(1,936)	(6,750)
Retirement benefit obligation	(9,797)	1,266	(973)	(9,504)
	(15,200)	1,855	(2,909)	(16,254)
Net deferred income tax liabilities	60,424	18,603	5,989	85,016

9 Inventory

The inventory balance comprises consumable maintenance spares and is shown net of provision for obsolete spares of $1,669,000 (2016: $1,669,000).

a. *Accounting policy*

Consumable spares are stated at cost, allowance having been made for slow moving and obsolete items. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

10 Trade and other receivables

PARENT 2016 $'000	PARENT 2017 $'000		GROUP 2017 $'000	GROUP 2016 $'000
23,510	18,605	Trade receivables	18,605	23,510
(1,399)	(925)	Less: provision for impairment	(925)	(1,399)
22,111	17,680	Trade receivables – net	17,680	22,111
7,126	9,930	Other receivables and prepayments	10,815	8,009
4,431	7,073	Value added tax	7,073	4,431
33,668	34,683		35,568	34,551
–	(2,645)	Non-current portion	(2,645)	–
33,668	32,038	Current portion	32,923	34,551

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10 Trade and other receivables (continued)

a. *Accounting policy*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for rental fees or services performed in the ordinary course of business. If collection is expected in one year or less, they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non- current assets.

Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost less provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of trade and other receivables is established where there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. Trade receivables that are less than 3 months past due are not considered impaired. Payments on invoices are due 30 days after issue. The creation and release of provision for impaired receivables have been included in 'administrative expenses' in the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default or delinquency in payments are considered indicators that the trade receivables are impaired. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account, and the amount of the loss is recognised in the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income within distribution costs. When a receivable is uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account for trade receivables. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against finance costs in the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

b. *Fair value of trade receivables*

Due to the short-term nature of the current receivables, their carrying amount is assumed to be the same as their fair value.

c. *Impairment and risk exposure*

Trade receivables of $15,250,000 (2016: $17,331,000) were past due but not impaired. These relate to a number of customers for whom there is no recent history of default. The ageing analysis of trade receivables in arrears is as follows:

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Up to 1 month	1,202	2,472
1 to 2 months	1,014	1,026
Over 2 months	13,034	13,833
	15,250	17,331

As at 31 December 2017, trade receivables of $680,000 (2016: $1,399,000) were impaired and fully provided for. Included in the provision for impairment is $245,000, which represent the impairment loss after discounting the non-current portion of trade receivables. The individually impaired receivables mainly relate to customers, which are in unexpectedly difficult economic situations or have disputed invoiced amounts. The ageing of these receivables is as follows:

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Over 12 months	925	1,399

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10 Trade and other receivables (continued)

c. *Impairment and risk exposure (continued)*

Movements on the Group's provision for impairment of trade receivables are as follows:

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
At 1 January	1,399	1,399
Write back of provision	(719)	–
Impairment loss (discounting)	245	–
At 31 December	925	1,399

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable mentioned above. The Group does not hold any collateral as security. Bad debts written off during the year amounted to $818,000 (2016: nil).

11 Cash and cash equivalents

PARENT			GROUP	
2016 $'000	2017 $'000		2017 $'000	2016 $'000
16,340	13,560	Current bank and cash balances	13,576	16,532
128,213	107,481	Short-term bank deposits	107,481	128,213
144,553	121,041	Cash at bank and on hand	121,057	144,745

a. *Accounting policy*

For the purpose of presentation in the parent and consolidated statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, short-term bank deposits, and bank overdrafts. Short term bank deposits are presented as cash and cash equivalents if they have a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition and are repayable within 24 hours' notice with no loss of interest. Bank overdrafts are shown in current liabilities in the parent and consolidated statement of financial position.

b. *Financial risk management*

The effective interest rates on cash and short-term deposits were between 0.8% and 1.51% (2016: 0.8% and 1.32%) per annum. Short term deposits have original maturities of three months or less.

The Group has unsecured overdraft facilities of $20,000,000. Interest is charged at the average rate of 8.25% per annum (2016: 8.25% per annum).

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11 Cash and cash equivalents (continued)

c. *Cash generated from operating activities*

PARENT 2016 $'000	PARENT 2017 $'000		GROUP 2017 $'000	GROUP 2016 $'000
274,479	38,538	Profit before taxation	39,013	274,858
(261,610)	(37,695)	Unrealised fair value gains on investment properties	(37,695)	(261,610)
32,547	35,266	Depreciation	35,266	32,547
(9)	712	Loss/(gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	712	(9)
(1,680)	(662)	Increase in inventory	(662)	(1,680)
(4,924)	(1,015)	Increase in trade and other receivables	(1,017)	(4,904)
668	45	Net movement in retirement benefit obligation	45	668
2,901	2,682	Net movement in casual employee retirement benefit	2,682	2,901
567	2,183	Interest (net)	2,183	567
(121)	(187)	Decrease in deferred lease rental income	(187)	(121)
120	(7,436)	(Increase)/decrease in trade and other payables	(7,452)	(691)
42,938	32,431	Cash generated from operating activities	32,888	42,526

12 Stated capital

PARENT 2016 $'000	PARENT 2017 $'000		GROUP 2017 $'000	GROUP 2016 $'000
		Authorised: An unlimited number of ordinary shares of no par value An unlimited number of preference shares of no par value		
		Issued and fully paid:		
139,968	139,968	39,625,684 ordinary shares of no par value	139,968	139,968

a. *Accounting policy*

Share capital

Ordinary shares have no par value and entitle the holder to participate in dividends, and to share in the proceeds of winding up the parent company in proportion to the number of the shares held. On show of hands every holder of ordinary shares present at a meeting in person or by proxy, is entitled to one vote, and upon a poll share is entitled to one vote.

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new ordinary shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

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12 Stated capital (continued)

a. *Accounting policy (continued)*

Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution to the Group's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the Group's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Group's directors.

b. *Dividends declared and payable*

On 22 March 2018, the Board of Directors approved a final dividend of 3¢ per share, amounting to $1,189,000 in respect of the year ended 31 December 2017. On 16 March 2017, the Board of Directors approved a final dividend of 6¢ per share, amounting to $2,378,000 in respect of the year ended 31 December 2016. This is reflected in these parent and consolidated financial statements.

13 Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit for the year attributable to the ordinary shareholders of the parent company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.

	PARENT	
	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Basic earnings per share		
Profit for the year	38,504	264,432
Weighted average number of shares (excluding treasury shares) 39,619,607 (2016 – 39,619,607)		
Basic earnings per share		
- Including fair value gains	97¢	667¢
- Excluding fair value gains	2¢	7¢

	GROUP	
	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Basic earnings per share		
Profit for the year	38,535	264,419
Weighted average number of shares (excluding treasury shares) 39,619,607 (2016 – 39,619,607)		
Basic earnings per share		
- Including fair value gains	97¢	667¢
- Excluding fair value gains	2¢	7¢

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14 Employee share ownership plan (ESOP) – parent/group

	No of shares '000	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Fair value of shares held – unallocated	6	34	34
Fair value of shares held – allocated	224	829	829
	230	863	863
Cost of unallocated ESOP shares		32	32
Charge to earnings for shares allocated to employees		–	–

a. *Accounting policy*

The parent company operates an Employee Share Ownership Plan (ESOP) to give effect to a contractual obligation to pay profit sharing bonuses to employees via shares of the parent company based on a set formula. Employees may acquire additional company shares to be held in trust by the Trustees but the costs of such purchases are for the employee's account. All permanent employees of the parent company and its subsidiary (Note 1) are eligible to participate in the Plan that is directed by a Management Committee comprising management of the company and representatives of the general membership. Independent Trustees are engaged to hold in trust all shares in the Plan as well as to carry out the necessary administrative functions. Shares acquired by the ESOP are funded by parent company contributions and cash advances by the parent company to the ESOP. The cost of the shares so acquired and which remain unallocated to employees have been recognised in Shareholders' Equity under 'Unallocated ESOP Shares'. Any further dealings in the shares will be credited against the same account at fair value. The fair value of shares was derived from the closing market price prevailing on the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange at the year-end.

15 Revaluation reserves

a. *Nature and purpose of revaluation reserves*

The revaluation reserves include the following amounts:

Revaluation surplus – property, plant and equipment:

The property, plant and equipment revaluation surplus is used to record increments and decrements on the revaluation of non-current assets. In the event of a sale of an asset, any balance in the reserve in relation to the asset is transferred to retained earnings (Note 5).

Available-for-sale financial assets:

Changes in the fair value and exchange differences arising on translation of investments that are classified as available-for-sale financial assets (e.g. equities), are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in a separate reserve within equity. Amounts are reclassified to profit or loss when the associated assets are sold or impaired (Note 7 b.).

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15 Revaluation reserves (continued)

PARENT			GROUP	
2016 $'000	2017 $'000		2017 $'000	2016 $'000
121,561	252,301	At beginning of year	252,301	121,561
(10)	25	Fair value loss of available-for-sale financial assets (Note 7 b.)	25	(10)
–	215	Revaluation of property, plant and equipment (Note 5)	215	–
127,961	–	Revaluation of land, buildings and own site improvements (net of tax) (Note 5)	–	127,961
2,789	(2,581)	Transfer/adjustment to retained earnings	(2,581)	2,789
252,301	249,960	At end of year	249,960	252,301

a. Property, plant and equipment

PARENT			GROUP	
2016 $'000	2017 $'000	2017 $'000	2016 $'000	
121,197	251,947	At beginning of year	251,947	121,197
–	215	Revaluation of property, plant and equipment (Note 5)	215	–
127,961	–	Revaluation of land, buildings and own site improvements (net of tax) (Note 5)	–	127,961
2,789	(2,581)	Transfer/adjustment to retained earnings	(2,581)	2,789
251,947	249,581	At end of year	249,581	251,947

b. Available-for-sale financial assets

PARENT			GROUP	
2016 $'000	2017 $'000		2017 $'000	2016 $'000
364	354	At beginning of year	354	364
(10)	25	Fair value gain/(loss) of available-for-sale financial assets (Note 7 b.)	25	(10)
354	379	At end of year	379	354

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16 Financial liabilities (excluding trade payables and accruals)

PARENT 2016 $'000	PARENT 2017 $'000		GROUP 2017 $'000	GROUP 2016 $'000
176,706	164,444	First Citizens Bank Limited (b)(i)	164,444	176,706

The above has been classified as follows in the parent and consolidated statement of financial position:

PARENT 2016 $'000	PARENT 2017 $'000		GROUP 2017 $'000	GROUP 2016 $'000
		Non-current liabilities		
161,945	150,059	Long and medium-term borrowings	150,059	161,945
		Current liabilities		
14,761	14,385	Long and medium-term borrowings	14,385	14,761
176,706	164,444		164,444	176,706

a. *Accounting policy*

Recognition and measurement

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortised cost; any difference between proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method. Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

Borrowing costs

The Group capitalises general and specific borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use.

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16 Financial liabilities (excluding trade payables and accruals) (continued)

b. *Loan agreements*

(i) *First Citizens Bank Limited*

On 30 June 2015, the Corporation established four (4) Term Loan facilities with First Citizens Bank Limited as follows:

Facility (i) is for TT$5,000,000 to provide financing assistance for the purchase of vehicles. As at 31 December 2015, TT$2,237,510 was drawn down with no further drawdowns as the facility expired on 31 January 2016. The financing arrangement allows for a full drawdown of the loan to be repayable via blended monthly amortised payments of principal and interest of $29,331 using an amortised period of 7 years. The interest rate is Prime less 2.25% per annum subject to a floor rate of 6% per annum. The current effective interest rate per annum is 7%. The schedule of repayment on the drawn balance is reflected in Note 16 e.

Facility (ii) is for US$12,390,428 of which US$10,371,945 was drawn down to settle existing loans. The financing arrangement allows for a full drawdown of the loan to be repayable over 10 years by 19 semi-annual principal and interest instalments of US$345,731.52 and a final bullet payment of US$3,668,481.89. The interest rate is Libor plus 2.6743% per annum, to be reset semi-annually subject to a floor rate of 3% per annum. The current effective interest rate per annum is 4.456%. The schedule of repayment on the drawn balance is reflected in Note 16 e.

Facility (iii) is for TT$117,743,430 which was fully drawn as at 31 December 2016 for infrastructural work to the Port. The financing arrangement allows for a full drawdown of the loan to be repayable over 10 years with a one year moratorium on principal. The repayment terms consist of semi-annual principal payments of TT$3,924,781 and a final bullet payment of TT$51,022,153. The interest rate is Prime less 4.5% per annum subject to a floor rate of 3% per annum. The current effective interest rate per annum is 4.75%. The schedule of repayment on the drawn balance is reflected in Note 16 e.

Facility (iv) is for TT$15,000,000 to be drawn in either Trinidad & Tobago Dollars or equivalent United States Dollars. This facility is to assist with working capital requirements. Interest payments to be serviced monthly; principal to be repaid within ninety (90) days of each drawdown. The interest rate for amounts drawn in Trinidad & Tobago Dollars is Prime less 1.0% per annum subject to a floor rate of 6% per annum. Amounts drawn in United States Dollars accrues interest at LIBOR plus 4.0% per annum subject to a floor rate of 4% per annum. There was no drawdown of this facility at year end.

Facility (v) is for US$800,00 which was fully drawn as at 31 October 2016. The financing arrangement allows for a full drawdown of the loan to be repayable over 5 years. The repayment terms consist of semi-annual principal payments of US$40,000. The interest rate is Libor plus 2.6743% per annum, to be reset semi-annually subject to a floor rate of 3% per annum. The current effective interest rate per annum is 4.2056%.

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16 Financial liabilities (excluding trade payables and accruals) (continued)

b. *Loan agreements (continued)*

(i) *First Citizens Bank Limited (continued)*

Security on Facilities (i) and (iv) is a Debenture Charge stamped to cover the aggregate amount of $20,000,000 over the fixed and floating assets of the Corporation.

Security on Facilities (ii) and (iii) is a Debenture Charge over the fixed and floating assets of the Corporation and a collateral chattel mortgage over the equipment financed.

(ii) *Ansa Merchant Bank Limited*

On 1 October 2017 and 30 November 2017, the Corporation established hire purchase facilities with Ansa Merchant Bank Limited to purchase 3 new vehicles. The repayment terms consist of monthly principal payments of TT$11,575.

c. *Fair value*

The fair values are not materially different to their carrying amounts since the interest payable on these borrowings are at floating rates (i.e. current market rates).

The carrying amounts of the Group's borrowings are denominated in the following currencies:

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
US dollar	60,074	65,139
TT dollar	104,370	111,567
	164,444	176,706

d. *Sensitivity analysis – variable rate instruments*

	Increase/decrease in PRIME %	(Decrease)/increase effect on profit $'000
2017	+20	(1,037)
	-15	777
2016	+20	(827)
	-15	621

	Increase/decrease in LIBOR %	(Decrease)/increase effect on profit $'000
2017	+20	(525)
	-15	394
2016	+20	(1,272)
	-15	954

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16 Financial liabilities (excluding trade payables and accruals) (continued)

e. *Contractual cash flows of floating rate borrowings*

Group	< 1 year $'000	1-2 years $'000	2-5 years $'000	More than 5 years $'000	Contractual cash flows $'000	Carrying amount $'000
31 December 2017						
Borrowings	21,507	20,871	57,691	76,537	176,606	164,444

	< 1 year $'000	1-2 years $'000	2-5 years $'000	More than 5 years $'000	Contractual cash flows $'000	Carrying amount $'000
31 December 2016						
Borrowings	21,011	20,820	58,719	93,075	193,625	176,706

17 Staff costs

PARENT 2016 $'000	PARENT 2017 $'000		GROUP 2017 $'000	GROUP 2016 $'000
145,080	141,864	Wages, salaries and benefits	141,105	144,464
14,315	13,343	Retirement benefit obligation expense (Note 18 a.)	13,343	14,315
3,418	3,433	Casual employee retirement benefit expense (Note 18 b.)	3,433	3,418
162,813	158,640		157,881	162,197

a. *Accounting policy*

Termination benefits

Benefits are payable when employment is terminated before the normal retirement date, or whenever an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. The Group recognises termination benefits when it is demonstrably committed to terminating employment of current employees according to a formal plan without the possibility of withdrawal. In the case of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy, the termination benefits are measured based on the number of employees expected to accept the offer. Benefits falling due more than 12 months after the end of the reporting period are discounted to their present value.

Bonus plans

The Group recognises a provision where contractually obliged or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation. Liabilities for bonus plans are expected to be settled within 12 months.

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17 Staff costs (continued)

a. *Accounting policy (continued)*

Employee share ownership plan

The Group accounts for profit sharing entitlements which are settled in the shares of the parent company through an Employee Share Ownership Plan (ESOP) as an expense determined at market value. The cost of the unallocated shares of the parent company is recognised as a separate component within equity.

Post retirement benefits

Pension obligations (Note 18 a (i))

Casual employee retirement benefit (Note 18 b.(i))

18 Long term employee benefits

a. *Retirement benefit obligation*

The Group operates a defined benefit pension plan for its eligible employees regulated by the Insurance Act Chapter 84:01 of Trinidad and Tobago. The plan is a final salary pension plan which provides benefits to members in the form of a guaranteed level of pension payable for life. The level of benefits provided depends on members length of service and their salary in the final years leading up to retirement. The plan is operated in accordance with a Trust Deed between the parent company and First Citizens Trustee Services Limited dated 19 July 1985. Fund managers appointed by the trustees of the plan administer the funds of the plan. The pension plan is generally funded by payments from employees and the company, taking account of the recommendations of independent qualified actuaries.

There were no plan amendments, curtailments and settlements during the year.

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Net liability in the parent and consolidated statement of financial position (parent/group)		
Present value of defined benefit obligation	204,977	192,113
Fair value of assets	(176,617)	(160,433)
Net defined benefit liability	28,360	31,680
Reconciliation of opening and closing parent and consolidated statement of financial position entries (parent/group)		
Opening defined benefit liability	31,680	39,188
Pension expense	13,343	14,315
Re-measurements recognised in other comprehensive income	(3,365)	(8,176)
Company contributions paid	(13,298)	(13,647)
Closing defined benefit liability	28,360	31,680

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18 Long term employee benefits (continued)

a. *Retirement benefit obligation (continued)*

(i) *Accounting policy*

Defined benefit plans define an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, dependent on the following factors age, years of service and compensation.

The liability recognised in the parent and consolidated statement of financial position in respect of the defined benefit plan is the present value of the defined benefit obligations less the fair value of plan assets at the financial position date, together with adjustments for unrecognised actuarial gains or losses and past service costs.

The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method, and a full valuation is done every three years. Roll forward valuations, which are less detailed than full valuations are performed annually. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of long-term government securities that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related pension obligation. Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are charged or credited to equity in other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

Past-service costs are recognised immediately in income, unless the changes to the pension plan are conditional on the employees remaining in service for a specified period of time (the vesting period). In this case, the past service costs are amortised on a straight-line basis over the vesting period.

(ii) *Movement in present value of defined benefit obligation*

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Defined benefit obligation at start of year	192,113	188,278
Current service cost	11,087	11,834
Interest cost	10,729	9,602
Members' contributions	2,770	2,841
Experience adjustments	(3,851)	1,860
Actuarial gains from changes in financial assumptions	–	(15,245)
Benefits paid	(7,871)	(7,057)
Defined benefit obligation at end of year	204,977	192,113

The defined benefit obligation is allocated between the plan's members as follows:

	2017	2016
Active members	67%	70%
Deferred members	4%	5%
Pensioners	29%	25%
The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation at year end	15.5yrs	15.8yrs

71% (2016: 93%) of the active member benefits are vested.
32% (2016: 30% of the active member defined benefit obligation is conditional on future salary increases.

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18 Long term employee benefits (continued)

a. *Retirement benefit obligation (continued)*

(iii) *Movement in fair value of plan assets*

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Plan assets at start of year	160,433	149,090
Interest income	9,031	7,674
Return on plan assets, excluding interest income	(486)	(5,209)
Company contributions	13,298	13,647
Members' contributions	2,770	2,841
Benefits paid	(7,871)	(7,057)
Expense allowance	(558)	(553)
Fair Value of Plan assets at end of year	176,617	160,433
Actual return on plan assets	8,545	2,465
Asset allocation		
Locally listed equities	33,131	29,923
Overseas equities	17,238	13,929
Government bonds	58,640	49,481
Corporate bonds	58,177	50,812
Cash and cash equivalents	5,117	12,222
Other (immediate annuity policies)	4,314	4,066
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	176,617	160,433

The asset values as at 31 December 2017 were provided by the Plan's Investment Manager (First Citizens Asset Management Limited). Overseas equities have quoted prices in active markets. Local equities also have quoted prices but the market is illiquid. The Investment Manager calculates the fair value of the Government bonds and corporate bonds by discounting expected future proceeds using a constructed yield curve. The value of the Plan's annuity policies with CLICO was estimated using the same assumptions used to calculate the defined benefit obligation. The value of these policies is not quoted and is reliant on CLICO's financial strength.

The majority of the plan's Government bonds were issued by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, which also guarantees many of the corporate bonds held by the Plan.

The Plan's assets are invested in accordance with a strategy agreed between the Plan's Trustee and Management Committee. This strategy is largely dictated by statutory constraints (at least 80% of the assets must be invested in Trinidad and Tobago and no more than 50% in equities) and the availability of suitable investments. There are no asset-liability matching strategies used by the Plan other than the decision to purchase immediate annuity policies to secure some pensions in payment and in deferment.

(iv) *Funding*

The Group meets the balance of the cost of funding of the defined benefit pension plan and the Group must pay contributions at least equal to those paid by members, which are fixed. The funding requirements are based on regular (at least every 3 years) actuarial valuations of the plan and the assumptions used to determine the funding required may differ from those set out above. The Group expects to pay $13.7 million to the pension plan during 2018.

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18 Long term employee benefits (continued)

a. *Retirement benefit obligation (continued)*

(v) *Expense recognised in the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income*

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Current service cost	11,087	11,834
Net interest on net defined benefit liability	1,698	1,928
Administration expense allowance	558	553
Pension expense (Note 17)	13,343	14,315

(vi) *Remeasurements recognised in other comprehensive income*

Experience gains	(3,365)	(8,176)
Deferred income tax (Note 8 c.)	1,010	2,453
Total amount recognised in other comprehensive income	(2,355)	(5,723)

(vii) *Significant accounting estimate*

The present value of the pension obligations depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a number of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions will impact the carrying amount of obligations.

The parent company determines the appropriate discount rate at the end of each year. This is the interest rate that should be used to determine the present value of estimated future cash outflows expected to be required to settle the obligations. In determining the appropriate discount rate, the company considers the interest rates of long term Government securities that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid and that have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related pension liability.

Summary of principal assumptions	2017 Per annum	2016 Per annum
Discount rate	5.50%	5.50%
Underlying salary and wage inflation	4.00%	4.00%
Promotional/merit increases	1.00%	1.00%
Average individual salary increases	5.00%	5.00%
Future pension increases	0.00%	0.00%

These assumptions affect the deferred tax asset calculated on the pension benefit liability. The most recent completed actuarial valuation was as at 31 December 2017.

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18 Long term employee benefits (continued)

a. *Retirement benefit obligation (continued)*

(viii) *Significant accounting estimate (continued)*

Assumptions regarding future mortality are based on published mortality tables. The life expectancies underlying the value of the defined benefit obligation as at year end are as follows:

	2017	2016
Life expectancy at age 60 for current pensioner in years		
Male	21	21
Female	25.1	25.1
Life expectancy at age 60 for current members age 40 in years		
Male	21.4	21.4
Female	25.4	25.4

Sensitivity analysis

The calculation of the defined benefit obligation is sensitive to the assumptions used. The following table summarises how the defined benefit obligation as at 31 December 2017 and 2016 would have changed as a result of a change in the assumptions used.

			Impact on defined benefit obligation			
	Change in Assumptions		Increase in assumptions		Decrease in assumptions	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Discount rate	1%pa	1%pa	-13.2%	-13.4%	+16.6%	+16.9%
Future salary increases	1%pa	1%pa	+6.1%	+6.1%	-5.3%	-5.3%
Life expectancy	1%pa	1%pa	+1.4%	+1.3%	-1.4%	-1.5%

These sensitivities were computed by re-calculating the defined benefit obligations using the revised assumptions. The methods and types of assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis did not change compared with the prior year.

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18 Long term employee benefits (continued)

b. *Casual employee retirement benefit*

The Group implemented a retirement benefit for casual employees in 2013 in accordance with its collective agreement. The benefit is for eligible employees who met several criteria as agreed with the bargaining body and the benefit is managed in house and financed by the Group. Lump sums will be paid as they fall due.

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Net liability in the parent and consolidated statement of financial position (parent/group)		
Present value of casual employee retirement benefit obligation	25,445	22,500
Reconciliation of opening and closing statement of financial position entries (parent/group)		
Opening net retirement benefit liability	22,500	21,615
Net benefit cost	3,433	3,418
Re-measurements recognised in other comprehensive income	263	(2,016)
Lump sums paid	(751)	(517)
Closing casual employee retirement benefit liability	25,445	22,500

(i) *Accounting policy*

The liability recognised in the parent and consolidated statement of financial position in respect of casual employee retirement benefit is the present value of the obligation at the financial position date, together with adjustments for unrecognised actuarial gains or losses.

The casual employee retirement benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the casual employee retirement benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of long-term government securities that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related benefit obligation.

Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are charged or credited to other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

(ii) *Funding*

The Group pays the termination lump sums as they fall due. The Group expects to pay lump sums of $1.005 million in 2018 ($0.613 million in 2017).

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18 Long term employee benefits (continued)

b. *Casual employee retirement benefit (continued)*

(iii) *Movement in present value of casual employee retirement benefit obligation*

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Obligation at start of year	22,500	21,615
Current service cost	2,158	2,293
Interest cost	1,275	1,125
Experience adjustments	263	(354)
Actuarial gains from changes in financial assumptions	–	(1,662)
Benefits paid	(751)	(517)
Obligation at end of year	25,445	22,500

The casual employee retirement benefit obligation is allocated between the members as follows:

	2017	2016
Casual employees	92%	91%
Former casual employees made permanent	6%	7%
Outstanding benefits	2%	2%
The weighted average duration of the retirement benefit obligation at year end	14.6yrs	14.8yrs

15% (2016: 15%) of the benefits are vested.
42% (2016: 42%) of the retirement obligation is conditional on future salary increases.

(iv) *Expense recognised in the other comprehensive income*

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Current service cost	2,158	2,293
Net interest on net retirement benefit liability	1,275	1,125
Casual employee retirement benefit expense (Note 17)	3,433	3,418

(v) *Re-measurements recognised in other comprehensive income*

	2017	2016
Experience losses/(gains)	263	(2,016)
Deferred income tax (Note 8 c.)	(79)	605
Total amount recognised in other comprehensive income	184	(1,411)

(vi) *Significant accounting estimate*

The present value of the retirement benefit depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a number of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost for the benefit include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions will impact the carrying amount of obligations.

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18 Long term employee benefits (continued)

b. *Casual employee retirement benefit (continued)*

The Group determines the appropriate discount rate at the end of each year. This is the interest rate that should be used to determine the present value of estimated future cash outflows expected to be required to settle the obligations. In determining the appropriate discount rate, the Group considers the interest rates of long term Government securities that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid and that have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related benefit liability.

Other key assumptions for casual employee retirement benefit are based in part on current market conditions.

	2017 Per annum	**2016 Per annum**
Summary of principal assumptions		
Discount rate	5.50%	5.50%
Average individual pay increases	4.00%	4.00%

There is limited experience data on casual employees hence management has used the same assumptions as that of the pension plan.

These assumptions affect the deferred tax asset calculated on the casual employee retirement benefit liability.

Sensitivity analysis

The calculation of the casual employee retirement benefit obligation is sensitive to the assumptions used. The following table summarises how the retirement benefit obligation as at 31 December 2017 and 2016 would have changed as a result of a change in the assumptions used.

			Impact on defined benefit obligation			
	Change in Assumptions		**Increase in assumptions**		**Decrease in assumptions**	
	2017	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Discount rate	1%pa	1%pa	-12.5%	-12.7%	+15.3%	+15.6%
Future salary increases	1%pa	1%pa	+14.6%	+14.8%	-12.1%	-12.3%

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18 Long term employee benefits (continued)

b. *Casual employee retirement benefit (continued)*

These sensitivities were computed by re-calculating the casual employee retirement benefit obligation using the revised assumptions. The methods and types of assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis did not change compared with the prior year.

19 Deferred lease rental income

PARENT 2016 $'000	PARENT 2017 $'000		GROUP 2017 $'000	GROUP 2016 $'000
		At beginning of year:		
5,909	5,788	30 year leases and unearned revenue	5,788	5,909
59,575	58,802	96 years and longer leases	58,802	59,575
65,484	64,590		64,590	65,484
83,135	79,548	Amounts received during the year	79,548	83,135
148,619	144,138		144,138	148,619
(84,029)	(80,508)	Income brought into account (Note 21b.)	(80,508)	(84,029)
64,590	63,630	At end of year	63,630	64,590
		Summarised as follows:		
5,788	5,601	30 year leases and unearned revenue	5,601	5,788
58,802	58,028	96 years and longer leases	58,028	58,802
64,590	63,629		63,629	64,590
(60,198)	(59,131)	Less: long-term portion	(59,131)	(60,198)
4,392	4,498	Current portion	4,498	4,392

a. *Accounting policy*

Refer to Note 21 a.

20 Trade and other payables

PARENT 2016 $'000	PARENT 2017 $'000		GROUP 2017 $'000	GROUP 2016 $'000
4,158	4,060	Trade payables	7,571	4,158
33,993	25,800	Other payables and accruals	27,895	38,760
38,151	29,860		35,466	42,918
5,551	6,406	Due to subsidiary	–	–
43,702	36,266		35,466	42,918

a. *Accounting policy*

Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods and services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. They are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

NOTES TO THE PARENT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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20 Trade and other payables (continued)

a. *Accounting policy (continued)*

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of service rendered by employees up to the end of the reporting period.

b. *Fair value of trade payables*

Due to the short term nature of the current payables, their carrying amount is assumed to be the same as their fair value.

21 Segment information – group

a. *Accounting policy*

Segments

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the President and the management team, which is the team responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments and is also responsible for making strategic decisions. The Group's executive management team, consisting of the President, the Vice Presidents of Business Services, Port and Technical, examines the Group's performance from an operations perspective and has identified two reportable segments of its business.

(i) Port operations – This covers services supplied for the import, export and transhipment of containers and general cargo. The fees for these services include handling charges, storage rents, stuffing/unstuffing and other miscellaneous services. These are all based on an established tariff.

(ii) Estate operations – This covers operations involved in the development, maintenance and supply of onshore infrastructure which are leased to tenants at contracted rates as charged for occupancy, wayleaves and common service charges.

These are the reportable segments of the Group as they form the basis used by the President and management team, as the chief operating decision makers, for assessing performance and allocating resources.

These reported segments are closely integrated as the viability of one segment depends on the continued operations of the other. As such, the operation comprises one cash generating unit, which is taxed as one unit and for which other expenses do not relate entirely to one segment.

NOTES TO THE PARENT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

31 December 2017 (Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

21 Segment information – group (continued)

a. *Accounting policy (continued)*

Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of services in the ordinary course of the Group's activities. Revenue represents the amounts earned for lease rents, port and warehousing services and management fees, and is shown net of value added tax, discounts and after eliminating sales within the Group.

The Group recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured; when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity and when specific criteria have been met as follows:

(i) *Port operations*

The fees for services are recognised in the period in which the services are provided.

(ii) *Estate operations*

Lease rental income

Revenue earned as rental income is recognised on an accrual basis in accordance with the terms of the individual lease agreements with tenants. Lease premiums are deferred and recognised as revenue over the term of the lease.

Investment property lease premiums

Leases between the parent company and tenants on the Industrial Estate are usually of two types, 30 year leases and 96 years and longer leases. The premiums received on 96 year leases are accounted for on a deferral basis. They are taken into income in equal annual amounts over the lives of the leases.

Commitment fees

Commitment fees received on all leases are taken into income upon receipt.

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21 Segment information – group (continued)

b. *Segment operations*

	Port and related activities $'000	Estate $'000	Support activities $'000	Total $'000
Year ended 31 December 2017				
Revenue	175,361	80,508	905	256,774
Gross profit	88,726	80,508	905	170,139
Unrealised fair value gains on investment properties	–	37,695	–	37,695
Depreciation	(31,983)	(1,117)	(2,166)	(35,266)
Repairs and maintenance	(15,673)	(837)	(2,244)	(18,754)
Other expenses – net	(54,402)	(5,116)	(52,033)	(111,551)
Finance costs	(3,016)	–	(234)	(3,250)
Profit before taxation				39,013
Year ended 31 December 2016				
Revenue	183,765	84,029	1,049	268,843
Gross profit	92,365	84,029	1,049	177,443
Unrealised fair value gains on investment properties	–	261,610	–	261,610
Depreciation	(27,718)	(1,201)	(3,628)	(32,547)
Repairs and maintenance	(18,370)	(217)	(1,045)	(19,632)
Other expenses – net	(51,828)	(3,552)	(49,809)	(105,189)
Finance costs	(3,754)	(2,627)	(446)	(6,827)
Profit before taxation				274,858

The revenue reported to the chief operating decision makers is measured in a manner consistent with that in the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

c. *Segment assets*

	Port and Related activities $'000	Estate $'000	Support activities $'000	Total $'000
Total segment assets				
31 December 2017	575,668	2,067,031	36,205	2,678,904
31 December 2016	570,713	2,034,211	36,515	2,641,439

Total assets are measured in a manner consistent with that of the parent and consolidated financial statements. These assets are allocated based on the operations of the segment.

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21 Segment information – group (continued)

c. *Segment assets (continued)*

Reportable segments' assets are reconciled to total assets as follows:

	31 December 2017 $'000	31 December 2016 $'000
Total segment assets	2,678,904	2,641,439
Cash and cash equivalents	121,057	144,745
Deferred income tax	16,143	16,254
Other assets	5,837	5,533
Total assets as per statement of financial position	2,821,941	2,807,971

Total segment assets include additions to property, plant and eqiupment as follows:

	Port and Related activities $'000	Estate $'000	Support activities $'000	Total $'000
31 December 2017	34,227	138	757	35,122
31 December 2016	43,021	186	993	44,200

d. *Segment liabilities*

Total liabilities are centrally managed and are not allocated by segments.

22 Expenses by nature

PARENT 2016 $'000	PARENT 2017 $'000		GROUP 2017 $'000	GROUP 2016 $'000
162,813	158,640	Staff costs (Note 17)	157,881	162,197
32,547	35,266	Depreciation (Note 5)	35,266	32,547
13,801	10,980	Repairs and maintenance spares utilised	10,980	13,801
5,831	7,774	Repairs and maintenance on property, plant and equipment	7,774	5,831
11,984	13,560	Utilities	13,560	11,984
6,901	7,088	Office expenses	7,360	7,126
7,475	6,812	Other	6,812	7,475
3,783	5,434	Insurance	5,434	3,783
3,231	3,192	Vehicle and transport	3,192	3,231
1,802	1,887	Communication	1,897	1,812
2,217	1,991	Legal and professional fees	1,991	2,217
1,929	1,052	Marketing	1,052	1,929
–	245	Impairment loss	245	–
829	829	Directors' remuneration	829	829
–	133	Bad debts	133	–
255,143	254,883	Total cost of providing services, administrative expenses and other operating expenses	254,406	254,762

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23 Contingent liabilities

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
a. Customs bonds	2,250	2,250

b. The Corporation is a party to various legal actions. In the opinion of the directors, after taking appropriate legal advice, the outcome of such actions will not result in any significant additional liabilities and therefore no provision has been made in these parent and consolidated financial statements.

c. Lease commitments
The Company/ Group leases certain vehicles and copiers under non-cancellable operating lease agreement. The lease terms are for periods ranging between 1 to 3 years. The lease expenditure charged to the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss during the year was $2,942,210 (2016: $2,942,829).

The future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Less than 1 year	1,602,708	837,136
Between 1 and 2 years	1,543,200	59,508
Between 2 and 5 years	1,543,200	–
	4,689,108	896,644

24 Summary of significant accounting policies

This Note provides a list of the significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these parent and consolidated financial statements to the extent they have not already been disclosed in the other Notes above. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated. The financial statements are for the Group consisting of Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited and its subsidiary, Point Lisas Terminals Limited.

a. *Basis of preparation*

(i) *Compliance with IFRS*

These parent and consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRS IC) applicable to Companies reporting under IFRS. The parent and consolidated financial statements comply with IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

(ii) *Historical cost convention*

The parent and consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for the following:
- the revaluation of land, buildings and own site improvements – measured at fair value,
- investment properties – measured at fair value,
- available-for-sale financial assets – measured at fair value, and
- defined benefit pension plans – plan assets measured at fair value.

(iii) *New standards, amendments and interpretations adopted by the Group*

The Group has applied the following standards and amendments for the first time for their annual reporting period commencing 1 January 2017:

Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses – Amendments to IAS 12,

Disclosure initiative – amendments to IAS 7,

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24 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

a. *Basis of preparation (continued)*

(iii) *New standards, amendments and interpretations adopted by the Group (continued)*

The group also elected to adopt the following amendments early:

Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2014–2016 Cycle, and

Transfers of Investment Property – Amendments to IAS 40.

The adoption of these amendments did not have any impact on the current period or any prior period and is not likely to affect future periods.

(iv) *New standards, amendments and interpretations not yet adopted*

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 31 December 2017 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the Group. The Group is yet to assess the impact of these new standards.

Financial reporting standard and effective date	**Nature of change**
IFRS 7 **IFRS 9** Effective for years beginning on or after 1 January 2018	**Financial instruments** IFRS 9 includes a third measurement category for financial assets – fair value through other comprehensive income and a single, forward –looking expected loss impairment model. IFRS 7 was amended to require additional disclosures on transition to IFRS 9.
IFRS 15 Amendment to IFRS 15 issued in September 2015 to defer effective date of IFRS 15 by one year: Effective for first interim periods within years on or after 1 January 2018	**Revenue from Contracts with Customers** – New standard on revenue recognition, superseding IAS 18, IAS 11, and related interpretations. The objective of IFRS 15 is to provide a single, comprehensive revenue recognition model for all contracts with customers to improve comparability within industries, across industries and across capital markets. It contains principles that an entity will apply to determine the measurement of revenue and timing of when it is recognised. The underlying principle is that an entity will recognise revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers at an amount that the entity expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. Almost all entities will be affected to some extent by the significant increase in required disclosures. But the changes extend beyond disclosures and the effect on entities will vary depending on industry and current accounting practices. Entities will need to consider changes that might be necessary to information technology systems, processes and internal controls to capture new data and address changes in financial reporting.
Amendments to IFRS 2 – Effective for years beginning on or after 1 January 2018	**Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions**

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24 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

a. *Basis of preparation (continued)*

(iv) *New standards, amendments and interpretations not yet adopted (continued)*

Financial reporting standard and effective date	Nature of change
IFRS 16 Leases – Effective for years beginning on or after 1 January 2019.	**Leases** – IFRS 16 was issued in January 2016. It will result in almost all leases being recognised on the balance sheet, as the distinction between operating and finance leases is removed. Under the new standard, an asset (the right to use the leased item) and a financial liability to pay rentals are recognised. The only exceptions are short-term and low-value leases. The accounting for lessors will not significantly change.
IFRIC Interpretation 22 – Effective for years beginning on or after 1 January 2018	**Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration** – addresses the exchange rate to use in transactions that involve advance consideration paid or received in a foreign currency.
Transfers of Investment Property – Amendments to IAS 40. Effective for years beginning on or after 1 January 2018	The amendments clarify that transfers to, or from, investment property can only be made if there has been a change in use that is supported by evidence. A change in use occurs when the property meets, or ceases to meet, the definition of investment property. A change in intention alone is not sufficient to support a transfer. The list of evidence for a change of use in the standard was re-characterised as a non-exhaustive list of examples to help illustrate the principle. The Board provided two option for transition: – prospectively, with any impact from the reclassification recognised as adjustment to opening retained earnings as at the date of initial recognition, or – retrospectively – only permitted without the use of hindsight. **Additional disclosures are required if an entity adopts the requirements prospectively.**
IAS 19 Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement (February 2018)	Effective for plan amendments, curtailments or settlements occurring on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period that begins on or after 1 January 2019. Earlier application is permitted.

There are no other standards that are not yet effective and that would be expected to have a material impact on the entity in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

b. *Foreign currency translation*

(i) *Functional and presentation currency*

Items included in the parent and consolidated financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). These parent and consolidated financial statements are presented in Trinidad and Tobago dollars, which is the Parent and Group's functional and presentation currency.

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24 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

b. *Foreign currency translation (continued)*

(ii) *Transactions and balances*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings are presented in the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, within finance costs. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss on a net basis within other income or other expenses.

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. Translation differences on assets and liabilities carried at fair value are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss.

c. *Fair value hierarchy*

Judgments and estimates are made in determining the fair values for items measured at fair value in the parent and consolidated financial statements. The valuation methods used by management were classified into the following levels:

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices).

Level 3 – Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

d. *Property, plant and equipment (Note 5 a.)*

e. *Investment properties (Note 6 a.)*

f. *Leases*

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the parent and consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

g. *Financial assets (Note 7 a.)*

h. *Current and deferred income tax (Note 8 b.)*

i. *Inventory (Note 9 a.)*

j. *Trade receivables (Note 10 a.)*

k. *Cash and cash equivalents (Note 11 a.)*

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24 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

l. *Impairment of non- financial assets*

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are largely independent cash inflows (cash generating units). Non-financial assets that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

m. *Share capital (Note 12 a.)*

n. *Borrowings (Note 16 a.)*

o. *Trade payables (Note 20 a.)*

p. *Provisions (Note 20 a.)*

q. *Employee benefits*

- Termination benefits (Note 17 a.)
- Bonus plans (Note 17 a.)
- Employee share ownership plan (Note 17 a.)
- Pension obligations (Note 18 a. (i))
- Casual employee retirement benefit (Note 18 b. (i))

r. *Segment reporting (Note 21 a.)*

s. *Revenue recognition (Note 21 a.)*

t. *Rounding of amounts*

All amounts disclosed in the parent and consolidated financial statements and notes have been rounded to the nearest thousand currency units unless otherwise stated.

MANAGEMENT PROXY CIRCULAR

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
THE COMPANIES ACT, Ch. 81:01
(Section 144)

1. Name of Company:
POINT LISAS INDUSTRIAL PORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED — Company No. P70(C)

2. Particulars of Meeting:
Fifty-First (51st) Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company to be held on **Thursday June 7th, 2018** at PLIPDECO's Conference Centre, PLIPDECO House, Orinoco Drive, Point Lisas Industrial Estate, Couva, Trinidad.

3. Solicitation:
It is intended to vote the Proxy hereby solicited by the Management of the Company (unless the Shareholder directs otherwise) in favour of all resolutions specified in the Proxy Form.

4. Any Director's statement submitted pursuant to Section 76 (2):
No statement has been received from any Director pursuant to Section 76 (2) of the Companies Act, Ch. 81:01

5. Any Auditor's statement submitted pursuant to Section 171 (1):
No statement has been received from the Auditors of the Company pursuant to Section 171(1) of The Companies Act, Ch. 81:01

6. Any Shareholder's proposal submitted pursuant to Sections 116(a) and 117(2):
No proposal has been received from any shareholder pursuant to Sections 116(a) and 117(2) of the Companies Act, Ch. 81:01

Date	Name and Title	Signature
April 6th, 2018	Mr. Michael A. Phillip Corporate Secretary	

NOTES

PROXY FORM

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
THE COMPANIES ACT, CH. 81:01
(Section 143 (1))

Name of Company:

POINT LISAS INDUSTRIAL PORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

Company No. P70(C)

Particulars of Meeting:

Fifty-First (51st) Annual Meeting of the Shareholders to be held on Thursday June 7th, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at PLIPDECO's Conference Centre, PLIPDECO House, Orinoco Drive, Point Lisas Industrial Estate, Couva, Trinidad.

I/We ....

of ....

shareholder(s) of the above named Company hereby appoint the Chairman of the Meeting, or failing him

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to be my/our proxy to attend and act on my/our behalf at the above Meeting, and at any adjournment or adjournments thereof, to the same extent and with the same power as if I/we were personally present at the said Meeting or such adjournment or adjournments thereof and, without limiting the generality of the authorisation and power hereby conferred, to vote for me/us on my/our behalf as indicated below on the Resolutions to be proposed at the above Meeting and at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Dated this .... day of 2018

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Signature(s) of Shareholder(s)

PROXY FORM (CONTINUED)

Please indicate with an "X" in the spaces below how you wish your Proxy to vote on the Resolutions referred to. If no such indication is given the Proxy will exercise his discretion as to how he votes or whether he abstains from voting.

NO.	ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS	FOR	AGAINST
1.	To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the financial year ended December 31st, 2017 together with the Report of the Auditors thereon.		
2.	To elect Directors and for such purpose pass the following resolutions: (i) Be it resolved that the Directors to be elected be elected en bloc. (ii) Be it resolved that Mr Ian R. H. Atherly, Mr Haroon Fyzool Awardy, Mr Ibn Llama de Leon, Mr Charles Percy, Mr Prakash Ramnarine and Dr. Dale Sookoo be elected Directors of Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited.		
3	Be it resolved that PricewaterhouseCoopers be appointed Auditors of the Company for the period ending at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting and that the Directors be authorised to fix their remuneration and expenses for the ensuing year.		

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Signature(s) of Shareholder(s)

NOTES:

1. A Shareholder may appoint a proxy of his/her own choice. If such an appointment is made, delete the words "the Chairman of the Meeting" and insert the name and address of the person appointed proxy in the space provided.
2. If the appointer is a corporation, this Proxy Form must be under Common Seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorised in that behalf.
3. A Shareholder who is a body corporate may, in lieu of appointing a proxy, authorise an individual by resolution of its directors or governing body to represent it at this Annual Meeting.
4. In the case of joint holders, the signature of any one holder will be sufficient, but the names of all the joint holders should be stated on the Proxy Form.
5. If this form is returned without any indication as to how the person appointed proxy shall vote, he will exercise his discretion as to how he votes or whether he abstains from voting.
6. To be valid, the Proxy Form must be completed and deposited at the Registered Office of the Company at the address below not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time fixed for holding the Annual Meeting or adjourned Meeting.

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