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THE EUROPEAN MARINE ENERGY CENTRE LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

	Notes	2018 £	£	2017 £	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	3		93,420		138,158
Tangible assets	4		5,756,424		6,568,355
Investments	5		91		-
			<u>5,849,935</u>		<u>6,706,513</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	7	2,124,799		1,408,621	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,641,329		3,229,339	
		<u>4,766,128</u>		<u>4,637,960</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(1,044,340)</u>		<u>(361,895)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>3,721,788</u>		<u>4,276,065</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>9,571,723</u>		<u>10,982,578</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	9		(20,000)		(28,000)
Provisions for liabilities	10		(788,708)		(939,484)
Deferred income	11		(5,470,814)		(6,640,504)
Net assets			<u>3,292,201</u>		<u>3,374,590</u>
Reserves					
Other reserves	13	2,950,000		2,950,000	
Income and expenditure account		342,201		424,590	
Members' funds			<u>3,292,201</u>		<u>3,374,590</u>

The directors of the company have elected not to include a copy of the income and expenditure account within the financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 28 November 2018 and are signed on its behalf by:



D Ritch
Director

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

1 Accounting policies

Company information

The European Marine Energy Centre Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Scotland. The registered office is Old Academy Business Centre, Back Road, Stromness, Orkney, KW16 3AW.

1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The disclosure requirements of section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied other than where additional disclosure is required to show a true and fair view.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under section 399 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare consolidated accounts, on the basis that the group of which this is the parent qualifies as a small group. The financial statements present information about the company as an individual entity and not about its group.

1.2 Income and expenditure

Income and expenses are included in the financial statements as they become receivable or due.

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

Berth fee income is recognised evenly over the period of the lease.

Income from research and consultancy arises over the course of the respective contract as the company satisfies its contractual obligations.

Turnover includes amounts charged to developers for the transfer of contractual decommissioning obligations to the company.

1.3 Research and development expenditure

Research expenditure is written off against profits in the year in which it is incurred.

1.4 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Software	25% - 33% straight line basis
Property leases	2% - 10% straight line basis
Development costs	25% straight line basis

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1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings Freehold	2% - 10% straight line basis
Land and buildings Leasehold	8% - 10% straight line basis
Plant and machinery	3% - 33% straight line basis
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% straight line basis
Computer equipment	33% straight line basis
Motor vehicles	25% straight line basis

Assets in the course of construction are not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to surplus or deficit.

1.6 Fixed asset investments

Interests in subsidiaries are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. The investments are assessed for impairment at each reporting date and any impairment losses or reversals of impairment losses are recognised immediately in surplus or deficit.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be identified, assets are allocated to individual cash-generating units, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of cash-generating units for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis can be identified.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

1.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments.

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1.9 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in surplus or deficit.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in surplus or deficit.

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, are initially recognised at transaction price.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.10 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

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1 Accounting policies

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Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the profit and loss account, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

1.11 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the company will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value. When a provision is measured at present value, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in surplus or deficit in the period in which it arises.

1.12 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.13 Retirement benefits

The company contributes to personal pension plans for the benefit of employees. Contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account in the year they are payable.

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1.14 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to income on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

Amounts due from lessees under finance leases are recognised as receivables at the amount of the company's net investment in the leases. Finance lease income is allocated to accounting periods so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return on the company's net investment outstanding in respect of leases.

Rental income from operating leases is recognised in turnover on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

1.15 Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

Government grants relating to turnover are recognised as income over the periods when the related costs are incurred. Grants relating to an asset are recognised in income systematically over the asset's expected useful life. If part of such a grant is deferred it is recognised as deferred income rather than being deducted from the asset's carrying amount.

2 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was 38 (2017 - 28).

3 Intangible fixed assets

	Software £	Property leases £	Development costs £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 July 2017	374,178	82,581	17,885	474,644
Additions - separately acquired	8,365	-	-	8,365
At 30 June 2018	382,543	82,581	17,885	483,009
Amortisation and impairment				
At 1 July 2017	309,305	9,571	17,610	336,486
Amortisation charged for the year	50,014	2,814	275	53,103
At 30 June 2018	359,319	12,385	17,885	389,589
Carrying amount				
At 30 June 2018	23,224	70,196	-	93,420
At 30 June 2017	64,874	73,009	275	138,158

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4 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery etc	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 July 2017	1,101,979	18,272,727	19,374,706
Additions	15,697	227,278	242,975
Disposals	-	(436,741)	(436,741)
At 30 June 2018	1,117,676	18,063,264	19,180,940
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 July 2017	87,872	12,718,479	12,806,351
Depreciation charged in the year	15,475	628,806	644,281
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(26,116)	(26,116)
At 30 June 2018	103,347	13,321,169	13,424,516
Carrying amount			
At 30 June 2018	1,014,329	4,742,095	5,756,424
At 30 June 2017	1,014,107	5,554,248	6,568,355

The company occupies certain property under the terms of a finance lease.

5 Fixed asset investments

	2018 £	2017 £
Investment in subsidiaries	91	-

6 Subsidiaries

Details of the company's subsidiaries at 30 June 2018 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held Direct Indirect	
Blue-H2 Limited	United Kingdom	Hydrogen Generation	Ordinary	100.00	-
Stronsay Tidal Company	United Kingdom	Marine Energy	Ordinary	100.00	-
The European Marine Energy Centre Ireland Limited	Ireland	Marine Energy	Ordinary	100.00	-

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7 Debtors	2018	2017
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	172,809	366,369
Other debtors	1,943,054	1,022,120
	<u>2,115,863</u>	<u>1,388,489</u>
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Deferred tax asset	8,936	20,132
	<u>8,936</u>	<u>20,132</u>
Total debtors	<u><u>2,124,799</u></u>	<u><u>1,408,621</u></u>
8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2018	2017
	£	£
Trade creditors	383,688	83,905
Other taxation and social security	37,255	74,435
Other creditors	623,397	203,555
	<u>1,044,340</u>	<u>361,895</u>
9 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2018	2017
	£	£
Obligations under finance leases	20,000	28,000
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>28,000</u>
10 Provisions for liabilities	2018	2017
	£	£
Decommissioning	788,708	939,484
	<u>788,708</u>	<u>939,484</u>

The company recognises a provision for the estimated cost of decommissioning when there is a contractual or constructive obligation to decommission specific test sites.

Releases to the profit and loss during the year consist of differences between the actual costs of decommissioning specific test sites and the previous estimates of those costs.

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10 Provisions for liabilities

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Movements on provisions:

	Decommissioning £
At 1 July 2017	939,484
Additional provisions in the year	74,984
Reversal of provision	(97,060)
Utilisation of provision	(128,700)
At 30 June 2018	<u>788,708</u>

11 Deferred income

	2018 £	2017 £
Grants relating to non-current assets	4,965,683	5,406,919
Other deferred income	505,131	1,233,585
	<u>5,470,814</u>	<u>6,640,504</u>

Grant funding relating to non-current assets is deferred and released as income over the useful economic life of the associated asset.

Other deferred income includes revenue grant funding and trading income relating to future periods.

12 Members' liability

The company is limited by guarantee, not having a share capital and consequently the liability of members is limited, subject to an undertaking by each member to contribute to the net assets or liabilities of the company on winding up such amounts as may be required not exceeding £1.

13 Other reserves

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13 Other reserves

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	Operating reserve £	Special reserve £	Total £
At 1 July 2016	1,754,813	195,187	1,950,000
Additions	975,187	24,813	1,000,000
At 30 June 2017	2,730,000	220,000	2,950,000
At 30 June 2018	2,730,000	220,000	2,950,000

The company makes transfers to strategic reserves, including the operating reserve, from time to time, as agreed by the directors. These funds are held by the company for the following purposes:

1. To provide emergency funding to repair/replace assets to ensure continuity of services to clients that the company is contractually obliged to provide.
2. To provide emergency liquidity to keep the business afloat due to an unplanned or sudden deterioration in trading activity or to provide short term operational cash flow support due to the timing of operational issues.

Included in the operating reserve was £420k of pre-financing on grant funded projects.

14 Audit report information

As the income statement has been omitted from the filing copy of the financial statements the following information in relation to the audit report on the statutory financial statements is provided in accordance with s444(5B) of the Companies Act 2006:

The auditor's report was unqualified.

The senior statutory auditor was Ivan Houston.

The auditor was A J B Scholes Ltd.

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15 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

The company leases seabed sites from The Crown Estate. The company is required to return the seabed to its original state at the end of each lease. Developers who sign an agreement to test their marine energy converter (MEC) at EMEC facilities normally assume a contractual obligation to decommission their MEC and restore the Marine Test Facilities (including without limitation the seabed, and any other affected property of EMEC), and must make good all physical damage occasioned by the removal of the MEC in accordance with a Decommissioning Plan agreed with the regulator as part of the licensing agreement, and to the satisfaction of EMEC and shall leave the Marine Test Facilities (and any other property of EMEC) in substantially the same condition (fair wear and tear excluded) as it was in prior to commencement of the Installation and Testing Works.

Provision has been made for decommissioning EMEC's equipment and the appropriate licences and consents for its operations have been obtained. EMEC permits developers to access its site in order for them to undertake their activities. The acquisition of the consents for such operations is a matter between the regulators and the developer. The directors are therefore firmly of the opinion that the responsibility for ensuring decommissioning provision for projects sits squarely with the appropriate regulator.

In certain circumstances a contract with a developer may subsequently be varied so that, in return for a consideration, EMEC will accept the obligation to decommission a specific test site. In such circumstances, provision is made for the estimated cost of decommissioning the site in question.

16 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

The company is party to leases for the rental of certain land and property.

At the reporting end date the company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, as follows:

2018	2017
£	£
356,676	432,450

17 Capital commitments

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the financial statements:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets	20,000	49,091

18 Non-audit services provided by auditor

In common with many businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.