

AFFINITY WATER FINANCE (2004) PLC

UNAUDITED HALF-YEARLY FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

(Registered Number 05139236)

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Interim management report

Introduction

The sole activity of Affinity Water Finance (2004) PLC (the 'company') is to raise finance on behalf of its immediate parent undertaking, Affinity Water Limited. During 2004 the company issued £200.0m of guaranteed notes, maturing in July 2026 with an annual coupon of 5.875%. The company completed a tap issue of £50.0m on the same terms as the existing £200.0m notes on 16 July 2014 (together, the 'Bond'). The proceeds of this tap issue were lent to Affinity Water Limited on the same terms.

No significant events occurred during the period.

Principal risks

As the Bond has a fixed coupon rate, the company faces limited risk or uncertainty. Affinity Water Limited, and the wider Affinity Water group, are responsible for the financing strategy and treasury policies of the company. The aim of this strategy is to assess the on-going capital requirement of the group and to raise funding on a timely basis, taking advantage of any favourable market opportunities.

Surplus funds are invested based upon forecast cash requirements, in accordance with the company's treasury policy.

Interest rates earned on, and the currency of denomination of, the company's financial assets are matched against those of the company's financial liabilities. Accordingly, these assets and liabilities act as a natural hedge for each other, and the company has no net exposure to movements in interest rates.

The condensed interim financial statements do not include all financial risk management information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements; they should be read in conjunction with the company's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 (in particular the strategic report, as well as note 13 to the financial statements).

The principal risks and uncertainties remain unchanged from those reported at 31 March 2015. The Board anticipates that these will remain unchanged for the remaining six months of the financial year.

Going concern

The directors consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the condensed interim financial statements. This is based on assessment of the principal risks of the company and consideration of the company's budgeted cash flows, long term forecasts and related assumptions, as well as available debt facilities, and support of the company's immediate parent undertaking.

Related parties

Details of significant related party transactions can be found in note 8 to the condensed interim financial statements. There has been no change to the nature of related party transactions in the first six months of the financial year which has materially affected the financial position or performance of the company.

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Interim management report (continued)

Forward-looking statements

Certain statements in this interim management report are forward-looking. Although the company believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are reasonable, it can give no assurance that these expectations will prove to have been correct. Because these statements involve risks and uncertainties, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements.

The company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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Condensed interim income statement for the six months ended 30 September 2015

	Note	30 September 2015 £000 Unaudited	30 September 2014 £000 Unaudited
Operating profit		-	-
Finance income	5	7,170	6,479
Finance costs	5	(7,169)	(6,477)
Profit on ordinary activities before income tax		1	2
Income tax expense on ordinary activities		-	-
Profit for the period		1	2

All profits of the company in the current period and prior period are from continuing operations.

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results above; therefore a statement of comprehensive income has not been presented.

The notes on pages 6 to 11 are an integral part of these condensed interim financial statements.

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Condensed interim statement of financial position as at 30 September 2015

	Note	30 September 2015 £000 Unaudited	31 March 2015 £000 Unaudited
Current assets			
Loan receivable falling due after more than one year	6	255,225	255,411
Trade and other receivables		3,149	10,480
Cash and cash equivalents		50	50
		258,424	265,941
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year		(3,146)	(10,478)
Net current assets		255,278	255,463
Total assets less current liabilities		255,278	255,463
Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year	7	(255,225)	(255,411)
Net assets		53	52
Equity			
Ordinary shares		50	50
Retained earnings		3	2
Total shareholder's funds		53	52

The notes on pages 6 to 11 are an integral part of these condensed interim financial statements.

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Condensed interim statement of changes in equity for the six months ended 30 September 2015

	Share capital £000	Retained earnings £000	Total equity £000
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
Balance as at 31 March 2015	50	2	52
Profit for the period	-	1	1
Balance as at 30 September 2015	50	3	53
Balance as at 31 March 2014	50	-	50
Profit for the period	-	2	2
Balance as at 30 September 2014	50	2	52

The notes on pages 6 to 11 are an integral part of these condensed interim financial statements.

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Notes to the condensed interim financial statements

1. General information

The sole activity of Affinity Water Finance (2004) PLC is to raise finance on behalf of its immediate parent undertaking, Affinity Water Limited.

The company is a private company and is incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom. The address of its registered office is Tamblin Way, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL10 9EZ.

Refer to note 9 for details of the company's ultimate parent.

These condensed interim financial statements were approved for issue on 24 November 2015.

These condensed interim financial statements do not comprise statutory accounts within the meaning of section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. Statutory accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 were approved by the Board of directors on 23 June 2015 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The report of the auditor on those accounts was unqualified, did not contain an emphasis of matter and did not contain any statement under section 498 of the Companies Act 2006.

These condensed interim financial statements have not been reviewed or audited by the independent auditor.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these condensed interim financial statements are set out below.

2.1 Basis of preparation

These condensed interim financial statements were prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Disclosure and Transparency Rules ('DTR') of the Financial Conduct Authority and with Financial Reporting Standard ('FRS') 104: 'Interim financial reporting' ('FRS 104') as issued by the Financial Reporting Council, adopting the recognition and measurement requirements of EU-adopted International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS').

The company will prepare its statutory financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2016 in compliance with the requirements of Financial Reporting Standard 101: 'Reduced disclosure framework' ('FRS 101'). Those financial statements will be the first financial statements prepared by the company in accordance with FRS 101.

Under FRS 101, the company applies the recognition and measurement requirements of IFRS, but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with the Companies Act 2006 and The Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/410). For further information on the adoption of the recognition and measurement requirements of IFRS, see note 11.

The comparative information presented in these condensed interim financial statements has not been subject to a statutory audit.

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Notes to the condensed interim financial statements (continued)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.2 Going concern

The directors consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the condensed interim financial statements. This is based on assessment of the principal risks of the company and consideration of the company's budgeted cash flows, long term forecasts and related assumptions, and available debt facilities.

2.3 Loan receivable

The loan receivable is stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment.

2.4 Borrowings

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs. The carrying amount is increased by the finance cost determined by the effective interest rate in respect of the accounting period and reduced by any payments made in the period. The finance cost recognised in the income statement is allocated to periods over the term of the debt at an effective interest rate on the carrying amount.

The Affinity Water group is subject to a number of covenants in relation to its borrowings, which would result in its loans becoming immediately repayable if breached. These covenants specify certain limits in terms of key ratios such as net cash flow to debt interest and net debt to regulatory capital value. At the period end the group was not in breach of any financial covenants.

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Notes to the condensed interim financial statements (continued)

3. Critical accounting estimates and judgments

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

Impairment of loan receivable

Determining whether the company's loan receivable from Affinity Water Limited is impaired requires consideration of factors including Affinity Water Limited's credit rating and ability to generate positive cash flows from its operating activities going forward. The carrying amount of the loan receivable at the balance sheet date was £255,225,000 with no impairment losses recognised in the six month period ended 30 September 2015 (2014: nil) (refer to note 6).

4. Financial risk management and financial instruments

The company's activities primarily expose it to liquidity risk. Interest rates earned on, and the currency of denomination of, the company's financial assets are matched against those of the company's financial liabilities. Accordingly these assets and liabilities act as a natural hedge for each other, and the company has no net exposure to movements in interest rates.

The condensed interim financial statements do not include all financial risk management information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements; they should be read in conjunction with the company's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 (refer to note 13 to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015).

There have been no changes in any risk management policies since 31 March 2015.

Fair value of financial assets and liabilities measured at amortised cost

Between 1 April 2015 and 30 September 2015, market interest rates increased, decreasing the fair value of the company's Bond and related loan receivable as follows:

	30 September 2015 £000	31 March 2015 £000
	Unaudited	Unaudited
Non-current	319,976	329,225

The remaining financial assets and liabilities of the company approximate to their carrying amount.

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5. Finance income and costs

	Six months ended 30 September 2015 £000 Unaudited	Six months ended 30 September 2014 £000 Unaudited
Finance income		
Interest income on loan to parent company	7,169	6,477
Other finance income	1	2
Total interest income on financial assets not measured at fair value through profit and loss	<u>7,170</u>	<u>6,479</u>
Total finance income	<u><u>7,170</u></u>	<u><u>6,479</u></u>
Finance expense		
Interest expense on bonds	7,355	6,502
Amortisation of bond issue costs	(186)	(25)
Total interest expense on financial assets not measured at fair value through profit and loss	<u>7,169</u>	<u>6,477</u>
Total finance expense	<u><u>7,169</u></u>	<u><u>6,477</u></u>
Net finance income		
Finance income	7,170	6,479
Finance expense	(7,169)	(6,477)
Net finance income	<u><u>1</u></u>	<u><u>2</u></u>

6. Loan receivable falling due after more than one year

	30 September 2015 £000 Unaudited	31 March 2015 £000 Unaudited
Amounts owed by parent company	<u>255,225</u>	<u>255,411</u>

No provision for impairment has been recognised at 30 September 2015.

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7. Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year

	30	31
	September	March
	2015	2015
	£000	£000
	Unaudited	Unaudited
5.875% Bond due 2026	255,225	255,411

8. Related party transactions

Interest payments totalling £14,688,000 were received from Affinity Water Limited in July 2015, in relation to a loan from the company of the issue proceeds of the Bond.

There are no other significant related party transactions which require disclosure.

9. Controlling parties

The immediate parent undertaking of the company is Affinity Water Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

Affinity Water Limited is majority owned by Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited. Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate the statutory financial statements of this company.

The directors consider that Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited is the ultimate holding and controlling company in the United Kingdom.

Copies of the group financial statements of Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited for the year ended 31 March 2015 may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Tamblin Way, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL10 9EZ.

Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited is owned by a consortium of investors led by Infracapital Partners II and North Haven Infrastructure Partners. Veolia Environnement S.A. holds a 10 per cent shareholding in Affinity Water Acquisitions (Holdco) Limited, the direct subsidiary of Affinity Water Acquisitions (Investments) Limited, through its subsidiary Veolia Water UK Limited. The directors consider Infracapital Partners II and North Haven Infrastructure Partners to be the company's ultimate controllers, as they are in a position to exercise material influence over the company's policy and affairs.

Infracapital Partners II is one of a number of European infrastructure funds managed by M&G Investment Management Limited, a subsidiary of Prudential Plc. It was established in 2010 to make investments in income-generative infrastructure assets and businesses, including electricity and gas networks, water companies, transport infrastructure and renewable energy.

North Haven Infrastructure Partners is a leading global infrastructure investment fund. It is managed by Morgan Stanley Infrastructure Inc., part of the investment management division of Morgan Stanley. North Haven Infrastructure Partners targets core infrastructure assets that provide essential public goods and services to societies across the globe and seeks to improve asset performance using active management.

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10. Events after the reporting period

There were no significant events after the end of the reporting period.

11. Adoption of the recognition and measurement requirements of IFRS

This is the first year that the company has presented its condensed interim financial statements in accordance with FRS 104, adopting the recognition and measurement requirements of IFRS. Comparative information relating to the six month period ended 30 September 2015, the six month period ended 30 September 2014, has been represented under the recognition and measurement requirements of IFRS; the date of transition being 1 April 2014. There are no differences between amounts previously reported under UK GAAP and those reported under the recognition and measurement requirements of IFRS.

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Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors confirm that these condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 104 as issued by the Financial Reporting Council, adopting the recognition and measurement requirements of IFRS, and that the interim management report includes a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.7 and DTR 4.2.8, namely:

- an indication of important events that have occurred during the first six months and their impact on the condensed set of financial statements, and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year; and
- material related-party transactions in the first six months and any material changes in the related-party transactions described in the last annual report.

The directors of Affinity Water Finance (2004) PLC are listed in the company's annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015, with the exception of the following changes in the period: Simon Cocks was appointed on 1 July 2015, and Georgina Dellacha resigned on 30 July 2015.

The half-yearly financial report has not been reviewed or audited by the independent auditor.

By order of the Board



Duncan Bates

Director

26 November 2015