Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016

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Directors' report

for the year ended 31 December 2016

The Directors present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016.

The financial statements will be annexed and delivered to the registrar in September 2017.

Prinicpal activities

The Company continues to hold all of the ordinary share capital of European Rail Finance Holdings Limited. The Company forms part of the Eversholt Rail Group ("ERG" or "Group") more fully described in note 19.

On 20 December 2016 the place of central management and control was transferred to the UK. As a result of this transfer, the Company became tax resident in the UK on 20 December 2016.

Business review

The Company is funded by borrowings from Group undertakings and immediate parent.

Risk management

The Company is subject to the risk management objectives and policies of the Group. These objectives, together with an analysis of the exposure to such risks, are set out in note 18 of the financial statements.

The principal business risks for the Company are in respect of the risk of diminution in the value of the investment in its subsidiaries.

Financial performance

The Company's results for the year are as detailed in the Income statement on page 6.

The Group is financed by a mix of equity and senior debt. The terms of senior debt require compliance with certain covenants and ratios which are calculated and forecast as part of monthly internal management reporting. In addition to key financial measures, the Group monitors a number of key non-financial indicators relating to asset performance including condition, reliability and maintenance as well as the number and value of off-lease assets.

The Group manages its operations on a consolidated basis, therefore the Company's directors believe that further specific performance measures for the company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of its performance.

Future developments

No significant developments are currently anticipated but the Directors keep opportunities under regular review.

Dividends

On 14 December 2016 the Directors declared dividends of £14,772,150 (2015: £20,751,074).

Going concern basis

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, as the Directors are satisfied that the Company has the resources, with the support of the Group, to continue in business for the foreseeable future. In making this assessment, the Directors have considered a wide range of information relating to present and future conditions.

Directors

The Directors who served during the year were as follows:

Name

B Hayden	Resigned	19 December 2016
C Cullen	Resigned	19 December 2016
M Walsh	Resigned	19 December 2016
M B Kenny	Appointed	20 December 2016
A J Course	Appointed	20 December 2016
A J Wesson	Appointed	20 December 2016
l Bodden	Appointed	20 December 2016

The Directors resigned with effect from midnight of 19 December 2016.

Directors' report (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2016

Directors (continued)

The Articles of Association of the Company provide that in certain circumstances the Directors are entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against claims from third parties in respect of certain liabilities arising in connection with the performance of their functions. Indemnity provisions of this nature have been in place during the financial year but have not been utilised by the Directors. The Directors have no interests in the share capital of the Company.

Capital management

The Company is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements and is dependent on the Group to provide necessary capital resources which are therefore managed on a group basis.

It is the Group's objective to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of its business.

Disclosure of information to the auditor

Each person who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware and the Director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that iinformation.

Accounting records

The Directors believe that they have complied with the requirements of Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 with regard to books of account by employing a service provider, which has appropriate expertise and provides adequate resources to the financial function. The accounting records of the Company are maintained primarily by Eversholt Rail (UK) Limited, 210 Pentonville Road, London N1 9JY and held by Eversholt Investment Limited, Newmount House, 22-24 Mount Street Lower, Dublin 2, Ireland.

Auditor

Pursuant to Section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014, the Auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and Deloitte LLP will therefore continue in office.

Signed on behalf of the Board by:

M B Kenny

Director

A J Wesson Director

Registered Office: Newmount House 22-24 Mount Street Lower Dublin 2 Ireland

13 February 2017

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

for the year ended 31 December 2016

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union (EU) and applicable law.

Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, International Accounting Standard 1 requires that directors:

- properly select and apply accounting policies;
- present information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information:
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IFRSs are insufficient
 to enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the
 entity's financial position and financial performance; and
- make an assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2014. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdiction.

These financial statements have been approved by the Board of Directors on 13 February 2017 and were signed on its behalf by:

M B Kenny

Director

Registered office: Newmount House 22-24 Mount Street Lower Dublin 2

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A J Wesson Director

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Eversholt Investment Limited for the year ended 31 December 2016

We have audited the financial statements of Eversholt Investment Limited for the financial year ended 31 December 2016 which comprise Income Statement, the Statement of comprehensive income, the Statement of financial position, the Statement of cash flows, the Statement of changes in equity and the related notes 1 to 21. The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Companies Act 2014 and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union ("relevant financial reporting framework").

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2016 and of the loss for the financial year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework and, in particular, with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Matters on which we are required to report by the Companies Act 2014

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion the accounting records of the Company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited.
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.
- In our opinion the information given in the Directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the provisions in the Companies Act 2014 which require us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions specified by law are not made.

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for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

2 New Street Square, London EC4A 3BZ

United Kingdom

BHL February 2017

Income statement

for the year ended 31 December 2016

		2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Revenue	Note		
Service charge income		910	821
Total revenue		910	821
Dividend income		35,000	93,500
Finance income	4	603	623
Finance expense	5	(52,130)	(51,046)
Administrative expense	6	(1,457)	(2,263)
(Loss)/profit before tax		(17,074)	41,635
Income tax charge	9	(37)	(50)
(Loss)/profit for the year		(17,111)	41,585

There were no discontinued or discontinuing operations during the year.

The notes on pages 10 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of comprehensive income

for the year ended 31 December 2016

There has been no comprehensive income or expense other than the (loss)/profit for the year as shown above (2015: £nil).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 13 February 2017. They were signed on its behalf by:

M B Kenny

Director

Company registration number IR490363

A J Wesson Director

Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2016

Assets	Note	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Non-current assets	40	70	400
Property, plant and equipment	10	70	102
Investments in subsidiaries	12	393,238	393,238
		393,308	393,340
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	11	60	71
Cash and cash equivalents	13	26,658	26,816
		26,718	26,887
Total assets		420,026	420,227
Liabilities and equity Current liabilities Trade and other payables Current tax	14	674 1 675	200 2 202
Non-current liabilities Borrowings	15	404,047	372,838
Total liabilities		404,722	373,040
Equity Share capital Share premium Retained earnings Total equity Total equity and liabilities	16	12 13,660 1,632 15,304 420,026	12 13,660 33,515 47,187 420,227

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M B Kenny

Director

Company registration number IR490363

A J Wesson Director

Statement of cash flows

for the year ended 31 December 2016

	Note	2016 £'000	2015 Σ'000
Cash flow from operating activities (Loss)/profit before tax Adjustments for:		(17,074)	41,635
- Depreciation		32	34
- Finance income		(603)	(623)
- Finance expense	4	52,130	51,046
- Dividend income	5	(35,000)	(93,500)
Operating cash flow before movements in working capital		(515)	(1,408)
Decrease in trade and other receivables		11	26
Decrease in provisions			(10)
Increase in trade and other payables		474	33
Cash utilised in operating activities		(30)	(1,359)
Taxation paid		(38)	(52)
Net cash utilised in operating activities		(68)	(1,411)
Cash flow from investing activities			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment			(3)
Dividend received		35,000	93,500
Net cash generated by investing activities		35,000	93,497
Cash flow from financing activities			
Movement in working capital loan with Eversholt Rail (UK) Limited		55,351	(44,843)
Interest paid to Eversholt Investment Group (Luxembourg) sarl		(50,085)	(23,749)
Intercompany interest paid on working capital loan		(2,045)	(3,155)
Finance income received		603	623
Shareholder loans repaid		(24,142)	121
Shareholder dividends paid		(14,772)	(20,751)
Net cash utilised in financing activities		(35,090)	(91,875)
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents		(158)	211
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		26,816	26,605
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	13	26,658	26,816

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2016

	Note	Share capital £'000	Share premium £'000	Retained earnings £'000	Total equity £'000
Balance at 1 January 2015	16	12	13,660	12,681	26,353
Profit for the year		9€2	18	41,585	41,585
Dividends paid	17	,	ē	(20,751)	(20,751)
Balance at 31 December 2015	-	12	13,660	33,515	47,187
Loss for the year		14.9	E:	(17,111)	(17,111)
Dividends paid	17	(*)		(14,772)	(14,772)
Balance at 31 December 2016	_	12	13,660	1,632	15,304

During the year the Company paid a dividend of £1,231 per share (2015: £1,729 per share).

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2016

1 General Information

Eversholt Investment Limited (the "Company") is a private company incorporated in the Republic of Ireland under the Companies Act and is limited by authorised shares (see note 16). The registered office of the Company is Newmount House, 22-24 Mount Street Lower, Dublin 2, Ireland. The Company forms part of the Eversholt Rail Group more fully described in note 19.

On 20 December 2016 the place of central management and control was transferred to the UK. As a result of this transfer, the Company became tax resident in the UK on 20 December 2016.

2 Basis of Preparation

These financial statements are presented in sterling being the Company's functional currency. All amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise indicated.

2.1 Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards

The financial statements of Eversholt Investment Limited have been prepared on the historical cost basis. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRSs') as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB') and as endorsed by the European Union ('EU'). EU-endorsed IFRSs may differ from IFRSs as issued by the IASB if, at this point in time, new or amended IFRSs have not been endorsed by the EU. At 31 December 2016, there were no unendorsed standards effective for the year ended 31 December 2016 affecting these financial statements, and there was no difference between IFRSs endorsed by the EU and IFRSs issued by the IASB in terms of their application to the Company. Accordingly, the financial statements of Eversholt Investment Limited for the year ended 31 December 2016 are prepared in accordance with IFRSs as issued by the IASB and endorsed by the EU.

IFRSs comprise accounting standards issued by the IASB and its predecessor body as well as interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee and its predecessor body.

2.2 Standards and Interpretations issued by the IASB

During the year, the Company adopted a number of interpretations and amendments to standards which had an insignificant effect on the financial statements. At 31 December 2016, a number of standards and amendments to standards have been issued by the IASB, which are not effective for the Company's financial statements as at 31 December 2016. The following Adopted IFRSs have been issued but have not been applied by the Company in these financial statements. Their adoption is not expected to have a material effect on the financial statements unless otherwise indicated.

- IFRIC 22 Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration (mandatory for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018).
- Amendments to IAS 7 Disclosure Initiative (mandatory for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017).
- Amendments to IAS 12 Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses (mandatory for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017).
- IFRS 16 Leases (mandatory for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019).
- IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (mandatory for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018).
- IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (mandatory for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018).
- Clarifications to IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (mandatory for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018).

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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2 Basis of Preparation (continued)

2.3 Going concern

The Company's forecasts and projections taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance show that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

3 Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below and have been applied consistently to all years presented in these financial statements.

3.1 Finance income and expense

Finance income and expense for all interest bearing financial instruments is recognised in 'Finance income' and 'Finance expense' in the Income statement using the effective interest rate method. The effective interest rate method is a way of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or a financial liability and of allocating the interest income or expense over the relevant year.

The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts or payments through the expected life of the financial instrument or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability on initial recognition.

When calculating the effective interest rate, the Company estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument but excluding future credit losses.

The calculation includes all amounts paid or received by the Company that are an integral part of the effective interest rate of a financial instrument, including transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

3.2 Fees and commission income

Income earned on the execution of a significant act is recognised as revenue when the act is completed. Income earned from the provision of services is recognised as revenue as the services are provided and income which forms an integral part of the effective interest rate of a financial instrument is recognised as an adjustment to the effective interest rate and recorded in 'Interest income'.

3.3 Income tax

Income tax comprises current tax and is recognised in the Income statement.

Current tax is the tax expected to be payable on the taxable profit for the year, calculated using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting year and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years. Current tax assets and liabilities are offset when the relevant entity intends to settle on a net basis and the legal right to offset exists.

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the Statement of financial position and the amounts attributed to such assets and liabilities for tax purposes. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred tax is calculated using the tax rates expected to apply in the years in which the assets will be realised or the liabilities settled, based on tax rates and laws enacted, or substantively enacted, by the end of the reporting year. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when they arise in the same tax reporting group and relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority, and when the Company has a legal right to offset.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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3 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

3.4 Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded in the functional currency at the rate of exchange prevailing on the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the rate of exchange ruling at the end of the reporting year. Any resulting exchange differences are included in the Income statement.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured at historical cost in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency using the rate of exchange at the date of the initial transaction. Non-monetary assets and liabilities measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency using the rate of exchange at the date the fair value was determined.

3.5 Property, plant and equipment

Equipment, fixtures and fittings are stated at cost being the fair value at acquisition date less any impairment losses and depreciation calculated on a straight-line basis to write-down the assets over 5 years.

The depreciation charge is included in the Income statement.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal or scrapping of an asset is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset.

3.6 Subsidiaries

The Company classifies investments in entities which it controls as subsidiaries. The Company's investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less any impairment losses. Any impairment loss recognised in prior years shall be reversed through the Income statement if, and only if, there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the investment in subsidiary's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised.

3.7 Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Company's Statement of financial position when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are classified into the following specified categories: financial assets at 'fair value through profit or loss' (FVTPL); 'held to maturity investments'; 'available for sale (AFS) financial assets' and 'loans and receivables'. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of initial recognition. The Company holds the following classes of financial assets.

3.7.1 Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables include receivables originated by the Company which are not classified either as held for trading or designated at fair value. Loans and receivables are recognised when cash is advanced to borrowers. They are derecognised when either borrowers repay their obligations, or the loans are sold or written off, or substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred. They are initially recorded at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment losses.

3.7.2 Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the Statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. Such investments are normally those with less than three months' maturity from the date of acquisition, and include cash.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2016

3 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

3.7 Financial instruments (continued)

3.7.3 Impairment of financial instruments

Financial assets, other than those at FVTPL are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting 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 of the investment have been affected. If there is an indication that impairment exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated to determine the extent of the impairment.

Losses for impaired loans are recognised immediately in the Income statement when there is objective evidence that impairment of a loan or portfolio of loans has occurred. Impairment losses are calculated on individual loans and on groups of loans assessed collectively. Impairment losses are recorded as charges to the Income statement. The carrying amount of impaired loans on the Statement of financial position is reduced through the use of impairment allowance accounts. Losses expected from future events are not recognised.

Individually assessed impairment losses are calculated by discounting the expected future cash flows of a loan at its original effective interest rate, and comparing the resultant present value with the loan's current carrying amount.

Collectively assessed impairment losses are calculated on the basis of past experience, current economic conditions and other relevant factors to provide for losses not yet specifically identified.

Financial assets are written off to the extent that there is no realistic prospect of recovery.

3.7.4 Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as either financial liabilities at 'FVTPL' or 'other' financial liabilities.

Financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value less any transaction costs that are directly attributable to the purchase or issue. Financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The Company derecognises the financial liability when the obligations specified in the contract expire, are discharged or cancelled. Subsequent to initial recognition, financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

3.7.5 Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

3.7.6 Determination of fair value

All financial instruments are recognised initially at fair value. In the normal course of business, the fair value of a financial instrument on initial recognition is the transaction price (that is, the fair value of the consideration given or received).

Subsequent to initial recognition, the fair values of financial instruments measured at fair value that are quoted in active markets are based on bid prices for assets held and offer prices for liabilities issued. When independent prices are not available, fair values are determined by using valuation techniques which refer to observable market data. These include comparison to similar instruments where market observable prices exist, discounted cash flow analysis and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants. Fair values are calculated by discounting future cash flows on financial instruments, using equivalent current interest rates.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2016

3 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

3.8 Statement of cash flows

The Statement of cash flows has been prepared on the basis that, with the exception of tax related transactions which are classified under 'Operating activities', movements in intercompany transactions are shown under the heading of 'Financing activities'. Such movements arise ultimately from the Company's financing activities, through which the Company will acquire resources intended to generate future income and cash flows.

3.9 Share capital

Shares are classified as equity when there is no contractual obligation to transfer cash or other financial assets

Dividends payable in relation to equity shares are recognised as a liability in the year in which they are declared.

3.10 Use of assumptions and estimates

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, management are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from those estimates. There are no accounting policies that are deemed critical to the Company's IFRS results and financial position, in terms of materiality of the items to which the policy is applied, which involve a high degree of judgement and estimation.

3.11 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present legal or constructive 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 provision is recognised as the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of these cash flows.

3.12 Preference shares

Fixed rate preference share capital is included within investment in subsidiaries. The dividend receivable is recorded within finance income.

4 Finance income

	£'000	£'000
Fixed rate preference dividend	495	495
Bank interest	108	128
	603	623

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2016

5 Finance expense

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Interest payable to Eversholt Investment Group (Luxembourg)		
sarl	(50,085)	(47,891)
Interest payable to Eversholt Rail (UK) Limited	(2,045)	(3,155)
	(52,130)	(51,046)
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6 Administrative expense

Administrative expense includes:	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Foreign exchange gain/(loss) Depreciation Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the	33 (32)	(8) (34)
Company's annual accounts	(30)	(20)

Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the Company (including Directors of the Company) during the year was as follows:

Directors Operations Administration	2016 Number 3 2 3 8	2015 Number 3 2 4 9
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:		
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Wages and salaries (excluding Directors' emoluments) Social security costs	(356) (41)	(325) (36)
Contributions to defined contribution pension scheme	(39) (436)	(36) (397)
Directors' emoluments		

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2016	2015
£'000	£'000
(217)	(152)
(1)	(3)
(218)	(155)
	£'000 (217) (1)

The emoluments of the highest paid Director, including benefits in kind were £73,200 (2015: £52,144). None of the Directors have any share options or interest in the share capital of the Company.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2016

9 Income tax charge

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Current tax		
On current year profit	(43)	(51)
On prior year profit	6	1
Income tax charge	(37)	(50)

The Irish corporation tax rate applying to the Company until 19 December 2016 was 12.5% (2015: 12.5%). The UK tax rate applying to the profits of the Company from 20 December 2016 was 20%.

The following table reconciles the tax expense which would apply if all profits had been taxed at the UK corporation tax rate in 2016 and the Irish corporation tax rate in 2015:

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Taxation at corporation tax rate 20% (2015: 12.5%)	3,415	(5,205)
Prior year adjustment	6	1
Permanent tax differences	(3,458)	5,154
Income tax charge	(37)	(50)

10 Property, plant and equipment

	Fixtures and fittings £'000
Cost	
Balance at 1 January 2015	170
Additions	3
Balance at 31 December 2015	173
Additions Balance at 31 December 2016	173
Depreciation	
Balance at 1 January 2015	37
Charge for the year	34 71
Balance at 31 December 2015	32
Charge for the year Balance at 31 December 2016	103
Dalatice at 01 December 2010	
Carrying value at 31 December 2016	70
Carrying value at 31 December 2015	102

Notes to the financial statements (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2016

11 Trade and other receivables

	2016	2015 £'000
	£'000	£ 000
Trade receivables	12	-
Dividends receivable	42	42
Prepayments	6	29
	60	71
12 Investments in subsidiaries		

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Cost at 1 January and 31 December	393,238	393,238

The subsidiary undertakings of the Company at the end of the reporting year were:

Name of Undertaking	Class of Capital	Country of Incorporation	Type of business	Ownership Percentage	Ownership Percentage
				2016	2015
European Rail Finance Holdings Limited	Ordinary Shares	Ireland**	Investment	100	100
European Rail Finance Limited	l*Ordinary Shares	Ireland**	Leasing	100	100
European Rail Finance (GB) Limited*	Ordinary Shares	England***	Leasing	100	100
Eversholt Rail Holdings (UK) Limited*	Ordinary Shares	England***	Investment	100	100
Eversholt Rail (UK) Limited*	Ordinary Shares	England***	Management services	100	100
Eversholt Depot Finance (UK) Limited*	Ordinary Shares	England***	Leasing	100	100
Eversholt Rail (365) Limited*	Ordinary Shares	England***	Leasing	100	100
Eversholt Rail (380) Limited*	Ordinary Shares	England***	Dormant	100	100
Eversholt Finance Holdings Limited*	Ordinary Shares	England***	Investment	100	100
Eversholt Funding plc*	Ordinary Shares	England***	Provision of finance to the Eversholt Rail Group	100	100
European Rail Finance (2) Limited*	Ordinary Shares	Ireland**	Investment	100	100

^{*} Indirect subsidiaries

^{**} Registered office: Newmount House, 22-24 Mount Street Lower, Dublin 2, Ireland Registered office: 210 Pentonville Road, London, N1 9JY

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13 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are analysed as:

	2016	2015
	£,000	£'000
Bank accounts	26,658	26,816

Within cash and cash equivalents there is a deposit of £26,417,500 (2015: £26,417,500) which provides security for the Profit Participating Shares issued by one of the Group undertakings.

14 Trade and other payables

Accruals	2016 £'000 674	2015 £'000 200
15 Borrowings – non-current	2016	2015
Eversholt Rail (UK) Limited	£'000 63,485	£'000 8,134
Eversholt Investment Group (Luxembourg) sarl	<u>340,562</u> 404,047	364,704 372,838

The intragroup loan with Eversholt Rail (UK) Limited is classified as non-current as it is repayable on 4 November 2018. Borrowing entities may prepay and redraw loans until the repayment date. Interest on the loan is payable monthly at a floating rate, which substantially matches the rate of the Group's senior debt, plus margin (2015: Group's senior debt, plus margin).

The loans with Eversholt Investment Group (Luxembourg) sarl are unsecured and have no fixed repayment terms and are therefore technically repayable on demand although the amount that the Company can pay in each accounting period is limited by the terms of its external financing agreements.

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16 Share capital

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Authorised 100,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each (2015: 100,000)	100	100
Allotted, called up and fully paid 12,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	12	12

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to attend and vote at general meetings and receive dividends as and when declared.

17 Dividends

For the year ended 31 December 2016 dividends of £14,772,150 were paid (2015: £20,751,074).

18 Risk management

Exposure to liquidity risk and market risk arises in the normal course of the Company's business. The policies for managing all risks which are significant together with the quantitative disclosures not already included elsewhere in the financial statements are described in this note.

Capital risk management

The Board actively monitors the capital structure of the Company to ensure that the Company is able to continue as a going concern. Consideration is given to the availability, cost and risks associated with each class of capital and to maximising the return to stakeholders through the optimisation of the debt to equity ratio.

The Company is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements.

As part of that process, management reviews the monthly management accounts of the Group.

Liquidity risk management

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company monitors its cash flow requirements on a daily basis and will compare expected cash flow obligations with expected cash flow receipts to ensure they are appropriately aligned. In light of this the Company will borrow funds as and when required from a fellow group undertaking.

The Company's assets are funded principally by borrowings from another group undertaking and immediate parent.

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18 Risk management (continued)

Liquidity risk management (continued)

	Carrying value £'000	Contractual cash flows £'000	On demand £'000	Due within 1 year £'000	Due between 1-5 years £'000	Due after 5 years £'000
31 December 2016						
Financial assets						
- Trade and other receivables	60	60		60	Ĭ.	\ -
- Cash and cash equivalents	26,658	26,658	240		26,418	74
	26,718	26,718	240	60	26,418	72
Financial liabilities						
Non – derivative instruments – amortised cost						
 Trade and other payables 	674	674	<u>=</u>	674	2	16
- Borrowings	404,047	404,047			63,485	340,562
	404,721	404,721	*	674	63,485	340,562
Total financial instruments	(378,003)	(378,003)	240	(614)	(37,067)	(340,562)
31 December 2015						
Financial assets						
- Trade and other receivables	71	71	9	71	8	÷
- Cash and cash equivalents	26,816	26,816	398		26,418	- 8
	26,887	26,887	398	71	26,418	÷
Financial liabilities Non – derivative instruments – amortised cost						
 Trade and other payables 	200	200	520	200	52	=
- Borrowings	372,838	372,838	5=8		8,134	364,704
	373,038	373,038	<u> </u>	200	8,134	364,704
Total financial instruments	(346,151)	(346,151)	398	(129)	18,284	(364,704)

Of the cash and cash equivalents, £26,417,500 relates to cash held on deposit as security for the holders of the PPS in European Rail Finance Holdings Limited (2015: £26,417,500).

There are no material differences between the carrying value and the fair value of financial liabilities as at 31 December 2016 (2015: nil).

Undiscounted cash flows in respect of the intercompany loan with Eversholt Rail (UK) Limited include the principal amount of working capital loans only, due to the uncertainty of working capital movements and of interest estimation. Interest on working capital loans is settled as part of working capital cash movements and not accrued.

Market risk management

Interest rate risk management

The Company has exposure to fluctuations in interest rates. This exposure is managed at a group level through the use of interest rate swaps. The cost or benefit derived from the use of swaps is taken into account in determining the interest on the loan accounts.

Interest rate Sensitivity Analysis

The impact of a 50 basis points increase in GBP LIBOR would have resulted in a decrease in intercompany working capital interest expense of £19,030 and an increase in cash deposit interest received of £8,801. The sensitivity analysis is applied to the borrowing or lending rate and performed on the monthly balance of the relevant financial instrument.

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19 Related-party transactions

19.1 Identity of related parties

The Company has a related party relationship with its directors (refer page 2) and with other entities in the Eversholt Rail Group, namely:

- European Rail Finance Holdings Limited
- Eversholt Investment Limited
- European Rail Finance Limited
- European Rail Finance (GB) Limited
- Eversholt Rail Holdings (UK) Limited
- Eversholt Finance Holdings Limited
- Eversholt Funding plc
- Eversholt Depot Finance (UK) Limited
- Eversholt Rail (380) Limited
- Eversholt Rail (365) Limited
- European Rail Finance (2) Limited

The ultimate parent undertaking (which is the ultimate controlling party) is CK Hutchison Holdings Limited, incorporated in Hong Kong. It was previously Eversholt Investment Group (Luxembourg) sarl, which is now the immediate holding company. The parent undertaking of the largest and smallest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are drawn up and of which the Company is a member is CK Hutchison Holdings Limited. The results of the Company are included in the Group financial statements of CK Hutchison Holdings Limited.

Copies of the Group financial statements may be obtained from the following address:

PO Box 309 Ugland House Grand Cayman KY1-1104 Cayman Islands

19.2 Transactions with related parties

Loans with Eversholt Investment Group (Luxembourg) sarl and with Eversholt Rail (UK) Limited are more fully described in note 15. Interest on these loans is disclosed in note 5.

The Company has received fees for management services to other group companies as follows:

	2016	2015
	£'000	£'000
Eversholt Rail (UK) Limited	10,000	10,000
European Rail Finance Limited	10,000	60,000
Eversholt Rail Finance (GB) Limited	60,000	10,000
Eversholt Rail (365) Limited	10,000	10,000
Eversholt Rail Depot Finance Limited	10,000	10,000
Eversholt Rail (380) Limited	-	10,000
Eversholt Funding plc	10,000	10,000
European Rail Finance Holdings Limited	10,000	10,000
Eversholt Rail Finance (2) Limited	7,000	7,000

The Company has paid European Rail Finance (GB) Limited a service charge of £110,000 (2015: £110,000).

Directors' emoluments are disclosed in note 8.

20 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities for the Company at 31 December 2016 (2015: nil).

21 Subsequent events

There are no subsequent events requiring disclosure in these financial statements.