

# **European Rail Finance Limited**

## **Annual report and financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2021**

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**Annual report and financial statements**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

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## **Directors' report**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

The Directors present their Annual report together with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2021.

### **Principal activities**

European Rail Finance Limited's (the "Company") principal activity is the leasing of rolling stock assets to another group undertaking, Eversholt Rail Leasing Limited. This finance lease arrangement, which was prepaid in 2016, was established for the expected remaining useful economic lives of the rolling stock.

The Company forms part of the Eversholt UK Rails Group ("Group") more fully described in note 15. The Company also forms part of the group of companies (the "Security Group") that are bound by the terms of the financing arrangements established on 4 November 2010 (the "Financing Documents") for the debt raised by Eversholt Funding plc, a fellow Security Group company. The Security Group comprises the Group excluding Eversholt UK Rails Limited, the parent company of the Group.

### **Business review**

In the financial year the Company generated a profit of £23,068,000 (2020 loss: £580,000) attributable to a tax credit arising from resolution of outstanding issues with tax authorities in respect of prior years. As at 31 December 2021 the Company had net assets of £79,054,000 (2020: £55,986,000).

The Company is funded primarily by equity from its immediate parent.

The business lends its surplus cash to Eversholt Rail Limited. The Company has no employees. Directors have been remunerated by another group undertaking, Eversholt Rail Limited.

### **Risk management**

The Company is subject to the risk management objectives and policies of the Group. The risks relevant to the Company together with an analysis of the exposure to such risks are set out in note 14 of the financial statements. Matters in relation to COVID-19 are set out below.

### **COVID-19**

The Directors have considered the potential impacts of COVID-19 upon the Company and its ability to meet commitments for the period of at least 12 months from the date the financial statements are authorised for issue. The Company is exposed to the impacts of COVID-19 through its relationships with fellow group undertakings, which are ultimately dependent on the viability of the Group's rolling stock leasing business.

Given the nature of the Group's underlying contracts, the Directors have a good degree of certainty over its cashflows in the short to medium term and do not expect any significant negative impacts arising from the pandemic over the next 12 months. However, one area of potential impact upon the Group's business in the longer term is a sustained decline in demand for passenger rolling stock, given the pandemic's impact on commuting and transport habits. The extent to which passenger numbers recover in the medium to long-term is uncertain, albeit this may not necessarily adversely affect rolling stock capacity requirements. The Group's current rolling stock maintenance and enhancement plans may be subject to delays caused by COVID-19, however this is not considered a material risk. In common with UK businesses generally, the Group is also exposed to other risks including access to capital markets, impacts on supply chains, employee health and access to the workplace. The Group has introduced governance processes to closely monitor the impacts and where possible, mitigation has been put in place to limit the impact. The Directors continue to keep the demand for its passenger rolling stock under review as the full impact of COVID-19 emerges. The Group maintains a prudent level of liquidity to cater for adverse business conditions in the event of a prolonged severe period of disruption.

At this stage, the Directors do not believe that COVID-19 presents any material risks to the Company, nor changes to risk management as described in note 14. In light of the above therefore, the Directors consider the key critical judgement in reaching this conclusion to be the medium to long-term demand for passenger rolling stock.

## **Directors' report (continued)**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

### **Financial performance**

The Company's results for the financial year are detailed in the Income statement on page 10.

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. Performance measures for the Group are disclosed in the accounts of Eversholt UK Rails Limited.

### **Business environment**

The Directors monitor the business environment in which the Company operates from a group perspective and details of relevant matters, including the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union, changes in the UK rail industry and climate change, are disclosed in the financial statements of Eversholt UK Rails Limited.

### **Political donations**

No political donations were made during the financial year (2020: £nil).

### **Directors**

The Directors who served at any time during the financial year and up to the date of signing were as follows:

#### **Name**

M B Kenny  
A J Wesson

The Company Secretary who served at any time during the financial year and up to the date of signing was Michelle Sharma.

The Directors and the Company Secretary do not have any interest in the equity shares of the parent company.

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.

### **Streamlined energy and carbon reporting**

In preparing the Directors' report, the Company has considered the 'Companies (Directors' Report) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Energy and Carbon Report) Regulations 2018' (the "Regulations"), effective from 1 January 2020.

During 2020 and 2021:

- the Company did not consume any energy within the scope of the Regulations and therefore has been excluded from disclosure;
- the only company within the Eversholt UK Rails Group that consumed energy is Eversholt Rail Limited, from which the Company had received services during the year. Information required by the Regulations in respect of Eversholt Rail Limited is set out in its Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

### **Future developments**

No significant developments are currently anticipated.

## **Directors' report (continued)**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

### **Dividends**

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2021: nil (2020: £nil).

### **Going concern basis**

The Directors have considered the Company's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, including the potential impact of COVID-19.

As well as its own resources, the Company is able to rely on financial support and access cash generated from other members of the Security Group, to the extent necessary, under the terms of the financing arrangements with lenders. In relation to the Security Group, the Directors have considered: its forecasts and projections; current financial resources (including cash of £225,064,000 (2020: £81,534,000) and undrawn committed borrowing facilities of £600,000,000 as at 31 December 2021 (2020: £600,000,000 undrawn)); projected performance against financial covenants; the high level of forecast revenue underpinned by existing lease agreements; the legal arrangements in place in the event of an operator default and the extent to which the UK Government is the "operator of last resort" in such circumstances; and potential mitigating actions. Multiple scenarios were run against the most recent forecasts as well as assessing the level of forecast revenue that would need to be lost before the Security Group breached any of its borrowing covenants.

Eversholt UK Rails (Holding) Limited has provided a letter of support to enable the Company to meet its liabilities as they fall due and to carry on their business for a period of at least 12 months following the date of approval of the financial statements.

The Directors are satisfied that under all reasonable sensitivities that the Company has adequate resources to continue in existence for the period of at least 12 months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Accordingly, the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

The potential impact of COVID-19 upon the business is described above under the heading COVID-19.

### **Disclosure of information to the auditor**

Each person who is a director at the date of approval of this Annual 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 she ought to have taken as a director to make herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Section 330 of the Companies Act 2014 (as amended).

### **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 Limited, Ground Floor, WeWork 1 Waterhouse Square, 138-142 Holborn, London, EC1N 2ST, United Kingdom and held by European Rail Finance Limited, Riverside One, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, D02 X576, Ireland.

Having regard to section 167 Companies Act 2014, the Board has decided not to establish an audit committee for the Company. This reflects the nature of the Company's activities and systems in relation to financial reporting processes, internal control and risk management. This, in turn, reflects the fact that the Company has a limited number of transactions to be reported in the Company's Financial statements. Activities that would have been undertaken by such a committee, including the review and monitoring of the independence of the statutory auditors and financial reporting, falls in the scope of the Audit and Risk Committee of Eversholt UK Rails Limited.

The Directors acknowledge that they are responsible for securing the Company's compliance with relevant obligations.

**Directors' report (continued)**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

**Auditor**

The auditors, Deloitte Ireland LLP continue in office.

Approved by the Board on 28 February 2022 and signed on its behalf on 15 March 2022 by:



**M B Kenny**  
Director



**A J Wesson**  
Director

## **Statement of Directors' responsibilities**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

Irish company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law, the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union ("relevant financial reporting framework"). 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 assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at the financial year end date and of the profit or loss of the company for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Company financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that the Company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the Company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Directors' report comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. 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.

Legislation in Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions. The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website, where this is applicable.

## **Independent Auditor's report to the Members of European Rail Finance Limited** for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

#### **Opinion on the financial statements of European Rail Finance Limited (the 'Company')**

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 2021 and of the profit 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.

The financial statements we have audited comprise:

- the Income Statement
- the Statement of Comprehensive Income;
- the Statement of Financial Position
- the Statement of Cash Flows
- the Statement of Changes in Equity;
- the related notes 1 to 17, including a summary of significant accounting policies as set out in note 3.

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 ("the relevant financial reporting framework").

#### **Basis for opinion**

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

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue. Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report and financial statements other than the financial statements and our Auditor's report thereon. The Directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.



## **Independent Auditor's report to the Members of European Rail Finance Limited (continued)**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Director's 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, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company'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 the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 (Ireland) 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 financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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.
- 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 company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' 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 Company'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 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 the Auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity (or where relevant, the Group) to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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 the auditor identifies during the audit.

## **Independent Auditor's report to the Members of European Rail Finance Limited (continued)**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

### **Report on other legal and regulatory requirements**

#### **Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014**

Based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- 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 and the Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' report.

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.

#### **Use of our report**

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 Auditor's 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.



Brian Murphy

For and on behalf of Deloitte Ireland LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm

Deloitte & Touche House, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2

Date: 22 March 2022

## Income statement

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Finance income	4	40	117
Finance expense	5	2,277	(821)
Administrative expense	6	(44)	(12)
<b>Profit/(loss) before tax</b>		<b>2,273</b>	<b>(716)</b>
Income tax credit	7	20,795	136
<b>Profit/(loss) for the financial year</b>		<b>23,068</b>	<b>(580)</b>

There were no discontinued or discontinuing operations during the financial year.

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of comprehensive income

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

There has been no comprehensive income or expense other than the result for the year as shown above (2020: £nil).

**Statement of financial position**

as at 31 December 2021

	<i>Note</i>	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Amounts owed by group undertaking	<b>9</b>	<u>69,765</u>	<u>69,631</u>
		<u>69,765</u>	<u>69,631</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Current tax	<b>7</b>	<u>9,727</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>9,727</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u><b>79,492</b></u>	<u><b>69,631</b></u>
<b>Liabilities and equity</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	<b>10</b>	<u>6</u>	<u>2,281</u>
Current tax		<u>432</u>	<u>11,364</u>
		<u>438</u>	<u>13,645</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u><b>438</b></u>	<u><b>13,645</b></u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Share capital	<b>12</b>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Retained earnings		<u>29,054</u>	<u>5,986</u>
<b>Total equity</b>		<u><b>79,054</b></u>	<u><b>55,986</b></u>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<u><b>79,492</b></u>	<u><b>69,631</b></u>

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 28 February 2022 and authorised for issue on 15 March 2022. They were signed on its behalf by:



**M B Kenny**  
Director



**A J Wesson**  
Director

Company registration number: IR443563

**Statement of cash flows**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2021 £'000</b>	<b>2020 £'000</b>
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>			
Profit/loss before tax		2,273	(716)
Adjustments for:			
- Finance income	4	(40)	(117)
- Finance expense	5	(2,277)	821
<b>Operating cash flow before changes in working capital</b>		<u>(44)</u>	<u>(12)</u>
Increase in trade and other payables		2	3
<b>Cash flow utilised in operating activities</b>		<u>(42)</u>	<u>(9)</u>
Receipt in respect of group relief		136	203
<b>Net cash generated by operating activities</b>		<u>94</u>	<u>194</u>
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>			
Movement in intercompany loan with Eversholt Rail Limited	11	(94)	(194)
<b>Net cash utilised in investing activities</b>		<u>(94)</u>	<u>(194)</u>
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial		-	-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**Statement of changes in equity**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

	<i>Note</i>	Share capital £'000	Retained earnings £'000	Total shareholder's equity £'000
Balance at 1 January 2020		50,000	6,566	56,566
Total comprehensive expense		-	(580)	(580)
Dividends paid	<b>8</b>	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2020</b>		<u>50,000</u>	<u>5,986</u>	<u>55,986</u>
Total comprehensive income		-	23,068	23,068
Dividends paid	<b>8</b>	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 31 December 2021</b>		<u>50,000</u>	<u>29,054</u>	<u>79,054</u>

Dividends of £nil per share were paid during the financial year (2020: £nil per share).

## Notes to the annual financial statements

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

### 1 General Information

European Rail Finance Limited is a private company incorporated in the Republic of Ireland under the Companies Act 2014 and is limited by shares (see note 12). The registered office of the Company is Riverside One, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2, D02 X576, Ireland.

The place of central management and control of the Company is based in the UK, where the Company is tax resident.

### 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 IFRSs

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared on the historical cost basis. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2021, there were no unendorsed standards effective for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 affecting these Company 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 the Company for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 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 the following interpretations and amendments to standards which were EU endorsed during 2020 and 2021 and were effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021, unless otherwise indicated; They have no material effect on the financial statements :

- Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16 Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2.

Adopting these amendments enables the Company to reflect the effects of transitioning from an interbank offered (London Inter-Bank Offered Rate – "LIBOR") to an alternative benchmark interest rate (Sterling Overnight Index Average – "SONIA") plus an appropriate credit adjustment spread, without giving rise to accounting impacts that would not provide useful information to users of financial statements. In summary, the only modification made to financial instruments is the change from LIBOR to SONIA plus an appropriate credit adjustment spread and the new basis for calculating cash flows is "economically equivalent" to the previous basis. Under the amendments therefore:

- i) the effective interest rate on floating-rate financial instruments is adjusted;
- ii) the formal designation of hedge relationships is amended and hedge accounting will continue; and
- iii) the cumulative gain or loss in the cash flow hedge reserve for designated cash flow hedges is deemed to be based on the alternative benchmark rate.

The Company has applied the amendments retrospectively. However, there have no adjustments to either the prior period nor to the components of equity as at 1 January 2021;

- Amendments to IFRS 16 Leases: Covid-19 - Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021- effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2021; and
- Amendments to IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts – deferral of IFRS 9.

## Notes to the annual financial statements (continued)

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

### 2 Basis of Preparation

#### 2.2 Standards and Interpretations issued by the IASB (continued)

At 31 December 2021, 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 2021. Subject to EU endorsement (unless otherwise stated), they are applicable for periods for the following accounting periods and are not anticipated to have a material impact on the financial statements:

Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022 (EU endorsed):

- Amendments to IFRS 3 Business Combinations; IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment; IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets; and Annual Improvements 2018-2020.

Effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023:

- Amendments to IAS 8 Accounting policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors: Definition of Accounting Estimates;
- Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements and IFRS Practice Statement 2: Disclosure of Accounting policies;
- Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes: Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction;
- IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts; including Amendments to IFRS 17; and
- Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current - Deferral of Effective Date.

#### 2.3 Going concern

The Company's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, including the potential impact of COVID-19, show that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the period of at least 12 months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue. The Company is also able to rely on financial support and access cash generated from other members of the Security Group, to the extent necessary under the terms of the financing arrangements with lenders. Eversholt UK Rails (Holding) Limited has provided a letter of support to enable the Company to meet its liabilities as they fall due and to carry on their business for a period of at least 12 months following the date of approval of the financial statements. Accordingly, the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

In reaching this conclusion, the Directors have also considered: the current financial position of the Security Group, which has cash of £225,064,000 (2020: £81,534,000) and undrawn committed borrowing facilities of £600,000,000 as at 31 December 2021 (2020: £600,000,000 undrawn); projected performance against financial covenants; the high level of forecast revenue underpinned by existing lease agreements; the legal arrangements in place in the event of an operator default and the extent to which the UK Government is the "operator of last resort" in such circumstances; and potential mitigating actions. Multiple scenarios were run against the most recent forecasts as well as assessing the level of forecast revenue that would need to be lost before the Security Group breached any of its borrowing covenants. The Directors are satisfied that under all reasonable sensitivities to the Company's forecasts and projections that the Company has adequate resources to continue in existence for the period of at least 12 months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

The potential impact of COVID-19 upon the business is described in the Directors' report.



## Notes to the annual financial statements (continued)

for the financial year ended 31 December 2021

### 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 non-derivative 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 financial years.

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.

Finance expense also includes interest payable in relation to derivative instruments.

#### 3.2 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 financial year, calculated using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the financial year and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous financial years. Current tax assets and liabilities are offset when the Company intends to settle on a net basis and the legal right to offset exists.

#### 3.3 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 financial 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.

#### 3.4 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.

##### Classification and measurement

Financial assets are classified and measured by reference to the business model in which assets are managed and their cash flow characteristics.

The Company holds the following classes of financial instruments:

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### 3 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.4 Financial instruments (continued)

##### Amounts owed by group undertaking

“Amounts owed by group undertaking” are held in order to collect the related contractual cash flows and contain contractual terms that give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest. Amounts owed are initially recorded at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs and is subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment losses.

It is derecognised when either the borrower repays its obligations, or the loan is sold or written off, or substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred.

##### Financial liabilities

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

##### Impairment of financial assets

12 month expected credit loss (“ECL”) allowance is carried for financial assets carried at amortised cost where the credit risk has not increased significantly since the initial recognition. Where credit risk has increased significantly, lifetime ECL allowance will be carried.

Financial assets for which there is objective evidence of impairment, are considered to be in default or otherwise credit-impaired for disclosure purposes.

Financial assets (and the related impairment allowances) are written off, either partially or in full, when there is no realistic prospect of recovery. The amounts written off reflect the proceeds from realisation of any collateral underpinning the asset.

##### 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 paid 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.

Where required, fair values are calculated by discounting future cash flows on financial instruments, using equivalent current interest rates.

#### 3.5 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 balances are shown under the heading of “Investing activities”.

#### 3.6 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 financial year in which they are declared.

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**3 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)****3.7 Use of judgements, estimates and assumptions**

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 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. With the exception of tax, described below, there are no sources of estimation uncertainty in the financial year that may have a significant risk of causing material adjustments to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

**3.7.1 Tax**

The Company's current tax asset and current tax liability reflect management's best estimate and judgement regarding the amount of UK corporation tax payable for the current and previous periods. Management uses its judgement to evaluate uncertain tax provisions, which are assessed on advice from independent tax advisers and the status of ongoing discussions with the relevant tax authorities.

**3.8 Leases**

A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. Otherwise, the lease is classified as an operating lease.

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

Assets leased under operating leases are presented as fixed assets and depreciated over their useful economic lives to their estimated residual value.

**4 Finance income**

	<b>2021</b> <b>£'000</b>	<b>2020</b> <b>£'000</b>
Interest receivable from Eversholt Rail Limited	<u>40</u>	<u>117</u>

Finance income represents income on financial assets carried at amortised cost.

**5 Finance expense**

	<b>2021</b> <b>£'000</b>	<b>2020</b> <b>£'000</b>
Other interest*	<u>2,277</u>	<u>(821)</u>

\*Other interest costs relate to costs that were accrued at 31 December 2020 and during 2021, it was agreed that the costs were not payable. Therefore, the interest accrual has been released as part of "finance expense".

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**6 Administrative expense**

Administrative expense includes the following:

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Fees payable by Eversholt Rail Limited to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements.	<u>(10)</u>	<u>(9)</u>

The Company has no employees and hence no staff costs (2020: £nil). The Directors have been paid by another group undertaking, Eversholt Rail Limited. No specific charge has been made to the Company in this regard, therefore, the Directors' remuneration is £nil (2020: £nil) and all disclosures relating to sections 305 and 306 of Companies Act 2014 are £nil (2020: £nil).

**7 Income tax credit**

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
<b>Current tax</b>		
UK corporation tax on current financial year profit	(432)	136
Adjustment in respect of prior years	<u>21,227</u>	-
Income tax credit	<u>20,795</u>	<u>136</u>

The UK corporation tax rate for the year ended 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020 was 19%.

The prior year adjustment of £21,227,000 arose from the resolution of outstanding issues with tax authorities in respect of prior years.

The following table reconciles the tax credit which would apply if all profits had been taxed at the UK corporation tax rate:

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
<b>Profit/(loss) before tax</b>	<u>2,273</u>	<u>(716)</u>
Taxation at UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2020: 19%)	(432)	136
Adjustment in respect of prior year	<u>21,227</u>	-
<b>Income tax credit</b>	<u>20,795</u>	<u>136</u>

**Tax receivable in the Statement of financial position**

The Company's tax receivable at 31 December 2021 relates to tax recoverable in relation to prior years.

During 2021, the Company settled a number of outstanding issues with the tax authorities and, as a consequence, it is now estimated that the Company has overpaid tax of £9,727,000 for these years. This has led to a credit of £21,227,000 included in the prior year adjustment shown in the above tax charge analysis. The tax receivable amount is the Company's expected value of amounts to be recovered, determined by reference to the measurement principles of IFRIC 23 Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments.

**8 Dividends**

During the financial year, the Company paid no dividend (2020: £nil) to European Rail Finance (2) Limited.

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**9 Amounts owed by group undertaking**

<b>Non-current</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Eversholt Rail Limited	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
	<u>69,765</u>	<u>69,631</u>

The intercompany loan to Eversholt Rail Limited is classified as non-current as it is repayable on 4 November 2023. The borrower may prepay and withdraw loans until the repayment date. Interest on the loan was receivable monthly at LIBOR, less margin (2020: LIBOR, less margin).

By 31 December 2021, the Company has replaced LIBOR as the reference interest rate in its intercompany loan described above. LIBOR has been replaced by SONIA plus an appropriate credit adjustment spread, determined at the date of change. Interest will be paid under the new rate for the first time in early 2022. The change in rate has had no material impact and the replacement rate does not introduce any significant change in risk - therefore the Company's current risk management strategy remains in place.

In preparing the Statement of Cashflow, the amounts due from Eversholt Rail Limited have been presented as "Cash flow from investing activities".

**10 Trade and other payables**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Accruals	<u>6</u>	<u>2,281</u>

**11 Reconciliation of assets arising from investing activities**

<b>31 December 2021</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2020 £'000</b>	<b>Non-cash finance income £'000</b>	<b>Cash Flows payment £'000</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2021 £'000</b>
<b>Investing activities attributable to:</b>				
<b>Assets</b>				
Amounts owed by group undertaking	<u>69,631</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>69,765</u>

<b>31 December 2020</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2018 £'000</b>	<b>Non-cash finance income £'000</b>	<b>Cash Flows payment £'000</b>	<b>As at 31 December 2020 £'000</b>
<b>Investing activities attributable to:</b>				
<b>Assets</b>				
Amounts owed by group undertaking	<u>69,320</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>194</u>	<u>69,631</u>

**12 Share capital**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
<b>Authorised</b>		
100,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
<b>Issued, allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
50,000,001 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>

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

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### 13 Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

There are no material differences between the carrying value and the fair value of financial assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020.

### 14 Risk management

The Company has exposure to the following types of risk arising from its use of financial instruments: capital risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. Market risk includes foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk. In addition, there are risks associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, details of which are considered in note 2.3 "Going concern".

Sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are disclosed in note 3.7.

The management of all risks which are significant, together with the quantitative disclosures not already included elsewhere in the financial statements, is described in this note.

#### Capital risk management

The Board actively monitors the capital structure of the Company to ensure that it is able to continue as a going concern and can generate attractive and predictable returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders. Consideration is given to the availability, cost and risks associated with each class of capital.

The capital structure of the Company consists principally of equity from its immediate parent.

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

#### Credit risk management

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss if a counterparty fails to meet its obligations under a contract. The Company's principal credit exposure arises from the ability of its counterparties to service their obligations under the lending arrangements.

The Company monitors the exposure to Eversholt Rail Limited on a regular basis. This includes considering the borrower's ability to service its obligations to the Company and other creditors, having regards to past, current and future circumstances.

As part of the Company's processes for credit risk management and assessment of ECL, as well as assessments as to whether there has been significant increase in the credit risk since the exposure first arose or whether a financial asset is credit impaired, management takes into account the following:

- Historical credit experience of the counterparty;
- Third party credit reports and analysis;
- Past, current and future events and circumstances that could impinge upon the counterparty's performance and ability to perform and service its obligations as they fall due and meet its commitments as they arise. This will include assessment of actual and potential external events, as well as the Company's internal information;
- The nature of the arrangements with the counterparty and whether there is related collateral/security which can be applied;
- The existence of any parties to which the Company might have recourse in the event of a counterparty default, for example, where a counterparty's activities and related obligations (wholly or partly) might be assumed by a successor; and
- The duration of the exposure under review.

The loan is performing in accordance with the terms of the arrangement i.e. all payments to date as well as those expected in the future, have been made/are expected to be made in accordance with the underlying contractual terms. No part of the financial asset is credit impaired, overdue, or in default. For these purposes, the Company defines "default" as where the obligor has failed to meet its obligations under the contract and "credit impaired" where there is objective evidence as to a credit event for the obligor. The definition has been applied historically by the Company and is regarded as appropriate having regard to the nature of the Company's exposure and past experience.

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**14 Risk management (continued)****Credit risk management (continued)**

The carrying value of the loan receivable represents the Company's maximum credit exposure to the borrower.

In light of the above, the Company has determined that no ECL allowance is required in relation to its loan receivable. This reflects the Company's assessment of the borrower's risk and exposure, together with nature of recourse to which the lender and borrower would have access in the event of a potential issue.

**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 compares expected cash flow obligations with expected cash flow receipts to ensure they are appropriately aligned. Cash is managed on a consolidated basis across the Group which enables the Company to borrow funds from another group undertaking to meet any shortfall. Conversely, the Company lends any surplus funds to other group undertakings. Liquidity is further under-pinned by the ability of certain group undertakings to borrow under a £600,000,000 revolving credit facility which matures on 4 November 2023 and lend proceeds to the Company.

Undiscounted cash flows in respect of financial assets and financial liabilities are analysed below by their contractual due date:

	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
<b>31 December 2021</b>						
<b>Financial assets</b>						
Amortised cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts owed by group undertaking	69,765	69,765	-	-	69,765	-
<b>Financial liabilities</b>						
Amortised cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trade and other payables	6	6	-	6	-	-
<b>Total financial instruments</b>	<b>69,759</b>	<b>69,759</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>69,765</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>31 December 2020</b>						
<b>Financial assets</b>						
Amortised cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts owed by group undertaking	69,631	69,631	-	-	69,631	-
<b>Financial liabilities</b>						
Amortised cost	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trade and other payables	2,281	2,281	-	2,281	-	-
<b>Total financial instruments</b>	<b>67,350</b>	<b>67,350</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,281)</b>	<b>69,631</b>	<b>-</b>

Undiscounted cash flows in respect of the intercompany loan with Eversholt Rail Limited include the principal amount of intercompany loans only, due to the uncertainty of intercompany movements and of interest estimation. Interest on intercompany loans is settled as part of intercompany cash movements.

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### 14 Risk management (continued)

#### Market risk management

The Company has no exposure to foreign exchange risk on its financial assets and financial liabilities.

The Company has exposure to fluctuations in interest rates. The exposure is managed at a group level through the use of interest rate swaps. The net cost or benefit of the use of swaps is taken into account in determining the interest charged on loans from other group entities.

#### Interest rate sensitivity analysis

A 50 basis points increase in GBP LIBOR would have resulted in an increase in intercompany interest receipt of £35,000 (2020: £67,000). The sensitivity analysis is applied to the loan rate and performed on the monthly balance of the relevant financial instrument and represents a reasonable approximation of possible change.

### 15 Related-party transactions

#### 15.1 Identity of related parties

The Company has a related party relationship with its directors (refer page 3) and with its fellow group undertakings of the Eversholt UK Rails Group, namely:

- Eversholt UK Rails Limited
- Eversholt UK Rails (Holding) Limited
- European Rail Finance Holdings Limited
- Eversholt Investment Limited
- Eversholt Rail Leasing Limited
- Eversholt Finance Holdings Limited
- Eversholt Rail Holdings (UK) Limited (dissolved on 4 February 2020)
- Eversholt Funding plc
- Eversholt Rail Limited
- Eversholt Depot Finance Limited
- European Rail Finance (2) Limited

The Company has been informed by the former ultimate parent and controlling party, CK Hutchison Holdings Limited ("CKHH"), incorporated in the Cayman Islands, that by virtue of contractual arrangements entered into with other parties, with effect from 30 December 2019, it ceased to have a controlling interest in the Company and, as required by the applicable accounting standards, it has ceased accounting for the Company as a subsidiary from that date.

The results of the Company before 30 December 2019 are consolidated in the consolidated financial statements of CKHH. The Directors of the Company consider CKHH was the ultimate parent and controlling party prior to 30 December 2019.

In light of the above, the Directors of the Company consider the ultimate parent and controlling party from 30 December 2019 to be UK Rails S.A.R.L. incorporated in Luxembourg.

The parent undertaking of the largest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are drawn up and which the Company is a member of, is UK Rails S.A.R.L..

The parent undertaking of the smallest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are drawn up and which the Company is a member of, is Eversholt UK Rails (Holding) Limited.

Copies of the consolidated financial statements of UK Rails S.A.R.L. may be obtained from the following registered address:

7, rue du Marché-aux-Herbes  
L-1728 Luxembourg



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### **15 Related-party transactions (continued)**

#### **15.1 Identity of related parties (continued)**

Copies of the consolidated financial statements of Eversholt UK Rails (Holding) Limited may be obtained from the following registered address:

Ground Floor  
WeWork 1 Waterhouse Square  
138-142 Holborn  
London  
EC1N 2ST

#### **15.2 Transactions with related parties**

Loans with related parties are more fully described in note 9 and the Directors' report. Interest receivable on these loan accounts are more fully described in note 4.

### **16 Contingent liabilities**

There were no contingent liabilities for the Company at 31 December 2021 (2020: £nil).

### **17 Subsequent events**

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