

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE
GUYANA POWER AND LIGHT INCORPORATED**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2019**

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Ms. Laurian Bancroft
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Guyana Power and Light Incorporated
15 Duke Street
Georgetown.

Dear Ms. Bancroft,

AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE
GUYANA POWER AND LIGHT INCORPORATED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Please find attached seven copies of the audited financial statements, together with the report of the Auditor General, thereon.

Should you need any further explanation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best regards.

Yours sincerely,


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REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE GUYANA POWER AND LIGHT INCORPORATED
ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Opinion

Chartered Accountants Parmesar Chartered Accountants have audited on my behalf the financial statements of Guyana Power and Light Incorporated, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies as set out on pages 5 to 40.

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Guyana Power and Light Incorporated as at 31 December 2019 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) issued by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), the International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs) and the Audit Act 2004. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Guyana, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Going Concern

The Company's financial statements have been prepared using the going concern basis of accounting. The use of this basis of accounting is appropriate unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. As part of my audit of the financial statements, I have concluded that management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the Company's financial statements is appropriate.

Management has not identified a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, and accordingly none is disclosed in the financial statements. Based on my audit of the financial statements, I also have not identified such a material uncertainty. However, neither management nor the auditor can guarantee the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Emphasis of Matter

Without qualifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 13 (ii) which explains that the recoverability of \$2,282,626,833 representing net amount due from the Guyana Sugar Corporation Incorporated is dependent on the outcome of ongoing discussions between the Company and the Government of Guyana.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in my professional judgement, were of most significance in my audit of the financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2019. These matters are selected from the matters communicated with those charged with governance, but are not intended to represent all the matters that were discussed with them. My audit procedures relating to these matters were designed in the context of my audit of the financial statements as a whole. My opinion on the financial statements is not modified with respect to certain key audit matters described below, and I do not express an opinion on these individual matters.

- Valuation and impairment of Property, Plant and Equipment

The financial statements detailed property, plant and equipment with a net book value of \$29.9 billion. No revaluation of property, plant and equipment was done during the year.

Property, plant and equipment are considered Key Audit Matters as significant management judgement was used to select depreciation rates for each item of property, plant and equipment. I found that the assumptions used by management in relation to the carrying value of property, plant and equipment were in line with my expectations and the disclosure in note 6 to be appropriate.

My procedures in relation to management's valuation included:

Test calculation of depreciation rates for property, plant and equipment to ensure consistency with accounting policies and industry rates;

Obtain and check written representation by management on their assessment of impairment;

Assess the methodology used by management to carry out impairment review;

Physical verification of selected assets which were acquired during the current and prior years; and

Verification of the policy for acquisition and disposals of property, plant and equipment.

- Valuation of Defined Benefit Liability (Employee Retirement Benefits)

The Company has recognized a defined benefit liability of \$851M. This is considered to be a Key Audit Matter since assumptions that underpin the valuation of the defined benefit pension liability is important and also involve subjective judgements as the surplus/deficit balance is volatile and affects the Company's distributable reserves. Management has employed actuarial specialists in order to calculate this balance and uncertainty arises as a result of estimates made based on the Company's expectation about long-term trends and market conditions.

My procedures in relation to actuarial valuation included:

Review of the actuarial report for the year ended 31 December 2019 and ensuring information was presented and disclosed in accordance with IAS 19;

Obtain an understanding of the methodology and assumptions used by the actuary and assessing whether these were consistent with prior years and my understanding of the client;

Review the source data used by the Company actuary and performing tests to ascertain its completeness and accuracy; and

Assess the professional competence, including the qualifications, experience and reputation of the actuary.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines 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, management is 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 management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My 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 my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and ISSAIs 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 and ISSAIs, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I 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 my 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 management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company 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.

I 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 I identify during my audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

The financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1991.



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**REPORT OF THE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
PARMESAR
TO THE AUDITOR GENERAL
ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
GUYANA POWER & LIGHT INC.
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

OPINION:

We have audited the attached financial statements of Guyana Power & Light Inc. which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2019, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes as set out on pages 9 to 40.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Guyana Power & Light Inc. as of 31 December 2019, and of its financial performance and its statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 December 2019 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

BASIS OF OPINION:

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described 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 International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Guyana, and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

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REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.

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1 December 2020

Guyana Power and Light, Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2019

ASSETS	Notes	2019 G\$ '000	2018 G\$ '000
Non Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	6	29,944,445	27,780,237
Intangible assets	7	832,295	744,123
Work-in-progress	8	8,503,723	8,147,658
Deferred tax assets	9	5,623,183	6,040,782
		44,903,646	42,712,800
Current assets			
Inventories	10	4,444,132	5,023,171
Receivables and prepayments	11	9,850,783	7,018,976
Deposits	12	1,024,425	2,299,599
Related parties	13	5,483,618	5,348,658
Investments	14	828,000	4,786,000
Cash resources	15	3,154,697	3,140,600
		24,785,655	27,617,004
Total Assets		69,689,301	70,329,804
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Share capital	16	23,118,244	23,118,244
Accumulated deficit		(14,002,356)	(11,019,636)
		9,115,888	12,098,608
Non Current Liabilities			
Related parties	13	28,845,071	29,396,978
Advances customer financed project	17	2,188,448	2,833,777
Provision for decommissioning	18	242,900	242,900
Customer deposits	19	3,262,510	2,987,507
Defined benefit liability	20	851,300	856,600
Deferred tax liability	9	946,735	1,832,105
		36,336,964	38,149,867
Current liabilities			
Related parties	13	13,001,877	10,893,755
Deferred Income	21	32,163	29,858
Advances customer financed project	17	713,960	707,950
Payables and accruals	22	10,451,159	8,408,809
Taxation		37,290	40,957
		24,236,449	20,081,329
Total Equity and Liabilities		69,689,301	70,329,804

On behalf of the Board

GUYANA POWER & LIGHT INC.



Chairman



Director

The notes on pages 9 to 40 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Guyana Power and Light, Inc.
Statement of Comprehensive Income
As at December 31, 2019

	Notes	2019 GS '000	2018 GS '000
Revenue		31,550,948	29,242,532
Generation cost	23	(22,966,895)	(23,496,944)
Operating profit		<u>8,584,053</u>	<u>5,745,588</u>
Other Income		<u>890,159</u>	<u>934,732</u>
EXPENSES			
Employment Costs	24	(4,432,640)	(3,680,149)
Repairs and Maintenance - T & D		(603,214)	(420,517)
Depreciation	25	(3,394,975)	(3,319,314)
Administrative Expenses	26	(2,424,314)	(2,181,679)
Rates and Taxes		(50,345)	(50,024)
Loss on Exchange		(5,954)	(127,609)
Bad Debts		(421,475)	(401,038)
PUC Assessment and License		(50,000)	(50,000)
Interest Expenses		(1,504,496)	(1,372,062)
		<u>(12,887,413)</u>	<u>(11,602,392)</u>
Loss before taxation		(3,413,201)	(4,922,072)
Taxation	27	<u>430,481</u>	<u>1,050,857</u>
Loss after taxation		<u>(2,982,720)</u>	<u>(3,871,215)</u>
Loss per share	28	<u>(23)</u>	<u>(30)</u>

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Guyana Power and Light, Inc.
Statement of Changes in Equity
As at December 31, 2019

	Notes	Share capital GS'000	Reserves GS'000	Total GS'000
Year ended 31 December 2019				
As at beginning of year		23,118,244	(11,019,636)	12,098,608
Loss for the year		-	(2,982,720)	(2,982,720)
As at end of year		<u>23,118,244</u>	<u>(14,002,356)</u>	<u>9,115,888</u>
Year ended 31 December 2018				
As at beginning of year		23,118,244	(7,148,421)	15,969,823
Loss for the year		-	(3,871,215)	(3,871,215)
As at end of year		<u>23,118,244</u>	<u>(11,019,636)</u>	<u>12,098,608</u>

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Guyana Power and Light, Inc.
Statement of Cash Flows
As at December 31, 2019

	2019	2018
	GS '000	GS '000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Loss before taxation	(3,413,201)	(4,922,072)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	3,394,975	3,319,314
Deferred income	2,305	5,505
Defined pension benefit liability	(5,300)	(476,900)
Interest expense	1,504,496	1,372,063
Operating profit / (loss) before working capital changes	1,483,275	(702,090)
Working capital changes		
Decrease / (increase) in inventories	579,039	(103,650)
Increase in receivables and prepayments	(2,831,807)	(1,346,021)
Increase in payables and accruals	2,042,350	769,886
(Increase) / decrease in related parties	(134,960)	201,152
Taxes paid	(40,957)	(55,070)
Net Cash Inflow / (Outflow) - Operating Activities	1,096,940	(1,235,793)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(5,559,183)	(5,087,994)
Acquisition of intangible assets	(88,172)	(48,403)
Increase in work in progress	(356,065)	-
Redemption / (acquisition) of treasury bills	3,958,000	(26,800)
Decrease / (increase) in deposit	1,275,174	(1,795,580)
Net Cash Outflow - Investing Activities	(770,246)	(6,958,777)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Advance from non current related parties	1,556,215	3,712,302
Interest paid	(1,504,496)	(1,372,063)
Customer deposits	275,003	234,518
Increase in advances customer financed project	6,010	-
Decrease in advances customer financed projects	(645,329)	(631,440)
Net Cash (Outflow) / Inflow - Financing Activities	(312,597)	1,943,317
NET MOVEMENT IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	14,097	(6,251,253)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,140,600	9,391,853
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS AT END OF YEAR	3,154,697	3,140,600
Represented By:		
Cash on Hand and at Bank	3,154,697	3,140,600

The notes on pages 9 to 40 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Guyana Power and Light, Inc.
Notes to the Financial Statements
As at December 31, 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Incorporation and principal activity

(i) Incorporation

The Company was incorporated in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana on September 29, 1999 under the Companies Act, 1991.

(ii) Principal activity

The principal activity of the Company is the generation and distribution of electricity in Guyana.

These financial statements were approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 25 November, 2020.

(iii) Statement of significant accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in Guyana Dollars in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). They have been prepared under the historical cost convention method as modified by the valuation of financial assets available for sale and financial assets at fair value through the statement of income and no account has been taken for the effects of inflation.

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reports amount of assets, liabilities, contingent assets and contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and income and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement of complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 4.

2. NEW AND AMENDED STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS

The following standards or pronouncements if applicable are mandatorily effective for the current financial period:

New or Revised Standards	Effective Date
IFRS 16 Leases	1 January 2019
IFRIC 23 Uncertainty Over Income Tax Treatments	1 January 2019
Prepayment Features With Negative Compenstaion (Amendments to IFRS 9)	1 January 2019
Long Term Interests in Associates and Joint Ventures (Ammendments to IAS 28)	1 January 2019
Annual Improvement to IFRS 2015-2017 Cycle	1 January 2019
Plan Amendment, Curtailment or Settlement (Amendments to IAS 19)	1 January 2019

Guyana Power and Light, Inc.
Notes to the Financial Statements
As at December 31, 2019

2. NEW AND AMENDED STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS CONT'D

The following standards or pronouncements have been issued but are not yet effective. However, they are available for early adoption.

New and revised standards	Effective Date
IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts	1 January 2021
Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in IFRS Standards	1 January 2020
Definition of a Business (Amendments to IFRS 3)	1 January 2020
Definition of Material (Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8)	1 January 2020
Interest Rate Benchmark Reform (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7)	1 January 2020
Classification of Liabilities as Current and Non Current (Amendments to IAS 1)	1 January 2022

The Company has not opted for early adoption.

The standards and amendments that are expected to have a material impact on the Company's accounting policies when adopted are explained below.

IFRS 16 - Leases

IFRS 16 specifies how an IFRS reporter will recognise, measure, present and disclose leases. The standard provides a single lease accounting model, requiring leases to recognise assets and liabilities for all leases unless the lease term is 12 months or less or the underlying asset has a low value. Lessors continue to classify leases as operating or finance, with IFRS 16's approach to lessor accounting substantially unchanged from its predecessor, IAS 17.

IFRS 17 - Insurance liabilities

IFRS 17 requires insurance liabilities to be measured at a current fulfillment value and provides a more uniform measurement and presentation approach for all insurance contracts. These requirements are designed to achieve the goal of a consistent, principle-based accounting for insurance contracts. IFRS 17 supersedes IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts as of 1 January 2021.

Guyana Power and Light, Inc.
Notes to the Financial Statements
As at December 31, 2019

2. NEW AND AMENDED STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS (CONT'D)

IFRIC 22 Foreign currency transactions and advance consideration

- There is consideration that is denominated or priced in a foreign currency;
- The entity recognises a prepayment asset or a deferred income liability in respect of that consideration, in advance of the recognition of the related asset, expense or income; and
- The prepayment asset or deferred income liability is non-monetary

The interpretation committee came to the following conclusion:

- The date of the transaction, for the purpose of determining the exchange rate, is the date of initial recognition of the non-monetary prepayment asset or deferred income liability.
- If there are multiple payments or receipts in advance, a date of transaction is established for each payment or receipt.

IFRIC 23 Uncertainty over income tax treatment

The interpretation addresses the determination of taxable profit (tax loss), tax bases, unused tax losses, unused tax credits and tax rates, when there is uncertainty over income tax treatments under IAS 12. It specifically considers:

- Whether tax treatment should be considered collectively;
- Assumptions for taxation authorities' examinations;
- The determination of taxable profit (tax loss), tax bases, unused tax losses, unused tax credits and tax rates;
- the effect of changes in facts and circumstances.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

3.1 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Expenditure on assets, which will benefit the company economically for a period greater than the current financial accounting period, is capitalised and written off over the useful life of the assets.

Individual assets or group of items making up a single identifiable asset of value less than \$10,000 is not capitalised but is expensed in the accounting period in which the costs are incurred.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
As at December 31, 2019

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Property, plant and equipment (cont'd)

The capitalised asset value of purchased assets is measured at the full cost of bringing the assets to working condition for the intended use. Self constructed assets are stated at the accumulated cost of purchased elements together with the element of internal cost incurred in constructing the asset. Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the constructing of the tangible assets are capitalised as part of the cost of those asset. Capitalisation of borrowing costs ceases when the asset is brought into use.

Subsequent expenditure on existing assets is capitalised where the expenditure provides an enhancement of the economic benefits of the asset in excess of the previously assessed standard of performance.

Previous to 2013, interest on loans expensed rather than capitalized.

Revaluation

Any revaluation increase arising on the revaluation of assets is recognised in other comprehensive income, except to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease for the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss, in which case the increase is credited to profit or loss to the extent of the decrease previously expended. A decrease in the carrying amount arising on the revaluation of the land and buildings is recognised in profit or loss to the extent that it exceeds the balance, if any, held in the properties revaluation reserve relating to a previous revaluation of that asset.

Depreciation on revalued building and machinery is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income. On the subsequent sale or retirement of a revalued property, the attributable revaluation surplus remaining in the properties revaluation reserve is transferred directly to retained earnings. No transfer is made from the revaluation reserve to retained earnings except when an asset is derecognised.

Properties in the course of construction for production, supply or administrative purposes, or for purposes not yet determined, are carried at cost, less impairment loss. Cost includes professional fees and, for qualifying assets, borrowing costs capitalised in accordance with the company's accounting policy. Depreciation of these assets on the same basis as other property assets commences when the assets are ready for their intended use.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

Revaluation (cont'd)

Fixtures and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets (other than freehold land and properties under construction) less their residual values over their useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of the financial year and any changes in estimate is accounted for immediately.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over their expected useful lives on the same basis as owned assets or where shorter the term of the relevant lease.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceed and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Depreciation

Depreciation on all property, plant & equipment is charged on a straight-line basis. The following rates used are expected to write off the value of the assets over their useful economic lives.

	Vested Assets	New Assets
Land	Unlimited	Unlimited
Buildings	33 years	33 years
Generation Plant – New	20 years	20 years
Generation Plant – Mobile	N/A	10 years
Generation Plant – Other	10 years	10 years
Transmission & Distribution Networks	13 years	13 years
Motor Vehicles	2 years	5 years
Office and Computer Equipment	3 years	3 years

Vested assets are those assets that were transferred from Guyana Electricity Corporation to Guyana Power & Light Inc.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.2 Impairment of tangible and intangible assets

At the end of each reporting period, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Where a reasonable and consistent basis of allocation can be identified, corporate assets are allocated to individual cash-generating units, or otherwise they are allocated to the smallest group of cash-generating units for which a reasonable and consistent allocation basis can be identified.

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

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

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in the prior years. Reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income, unless the relevant asset is carried at the revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

3.3 Work-in-progress

Depreciation is not charged on work in progress. The useful life of assets transferred from work in progress commences when the assets have been put into use.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.4 Leased assets

Fixed assets acquired under finance leases are included in the statement of financial position at their equivalent capital value and are depreciated over their expected useful lives. The interest element of the finance lease payments is charged to the statement of comprehensive income. Operating lease rentals are charged to the statement of comprehensive income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

3.5 Inventories

These are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The weighted average cost method is primarily used to determine cost.

3.6 Receivables and provision for bad and doubtful debts

Receivables are recorded at the invoiced amount and do not bear interest. The Company review the accounts receivable and determine the necessity and amount of an allowance for doubtful accounts as their best estimate of probable credit losses in existing accounts receivable.

Provision is made in these financial statements for amounts included in receivables of which the eventual cash realisation is considered remote. The provision has been estimated at 1.5% of turnover (excluding revenue from prepaid sales) based on previous experience and is provided for in the statement of income as at 31 December 2018.

3.7 Foreign currency

Functional and presentation currency

The company's financial statements are presented in Guyana Dollars. This is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (its functional currency)

Transaction and balances

In preparing the financial statements, transactions in currencies other than the entity's functional currency (foreign currencies) are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each statement of financial position date, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at the statement of financial position date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated. Exchange differences are recognised in the statement of Comprehensive Income in the period in which they arise.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.8 Provisions

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

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, 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 those cash flows.

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, a receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

3.9 Revenue

Revenue comprises billed sales of electricity and services to customers. Rates payable by customers are determined by reference to the company's licence.

3.10 Taxation

Tax charged against profits for the year comprises current and deferred tax.

3.11 Statutory taxation

The tax payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from the net profits as reported in the statement of comprehensive income because it excludes items of income and expenses that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The current tax charge is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted at the date of the statement of financial position.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.12 Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profits nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of differed tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the assets to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted at the end of the reporting period. The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the company expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities.

3.13 Statutory and deferred taxes for the period

Current and deferred taxes are recognised as an expense or income in profit or loss, except when they relate to items that are recognised outside the Statement of Comprehensive Income (whether in other comprehensive income or directly in equity), in which case the tax is also recognised outside the statement of Comprehensive Income, or where they arise from the initial accounting for a business combination. In the case of a business combination, the tax effect is included in the accounting for the business combination.

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3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

3.14 Employee benefits

The company's pension scheme is managed independently by the Hand in Hand Trust Corporation Inc and is governed by a Trust Deed. The Trust Deed requires an actuarial valuation at least once every three year. However pension costs are assessed annually in accordance with the advice of independent actuaries.

The provisions in respect of the guaranteed post-employment benefits and the termination gratuities represent the present value of the obligations at the statement of financial positions' date minus the fair value of any plan assets held to cover the obligations, together with adjustment for actuarial gains/losses.

The obligations have been calculated by an independent actuary using hybrid method as charged or credited to income over the average remaining lives of the related employees.

Remeasurement of the net defined benefit liability, which comprise actuarial gains and losses and return on plan assets (excluding interest) are recognised immediately through other comprehensive income

3.15 Advance customer financed projects

The non-refundable amounts contributed by the Inter American Development Bank through the Government of Guyana, Guyana Power and Light Inc., the Government of Guyana and private customers in respect of capital works carried out under the Unserved Areas Electrification Programme (U.A.E.P.), are accounted for as deferred income which is amortised over the same period that the related asset is depreciated.

3.16 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise of cash on hand and short term highly liquid investments that are both readily convertible into known amounts of cash and so near to maturity that they present insignificant risk of changes in value due to changing interest rates.

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4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENT IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. Management evaluates estimates and judgement incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Company.

The carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities are often determined based on estimates and assumptions of future events. The key estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities within the next annual reporting period are:

(i) Statutory taxes

Provision is made for taxes at the tax rate effective at the date of the statement of financial position. Any additional tax due is provided for as a current tax expense.

(ii) Provisions

Provisions are made for expenses relating to the current year for which there is no set amount to be incurred. These amounts are best estimates based on the closest comparable amount.

5. JUDGEMENT IN APPLYING THE COMPANY'S POLICIES

The Company exercises judgement in the following areas:

- Provisions for bad debts
- Depreciation
- Pension and obligation
- Intangible assets
- Deferred income

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6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Cost	Land and Buildings GS'000	Generation Facilities GS'000	Transmission & Distribution Facilities GS'000	Motor Vehicles GS'000	Furniture & Equipment GS'000	2019 Total GS'000
As at beginning of the year	1,503,732	29,527,599	29,156,399	713,540	1,126,101	62,027,371
Additions	923,991	3,537,727	1,040,913	122	56,430	5,559,183
As at end of the year	2,427,723	33,065,326	30,197,312	713,662	1,182,531	67,586,554
Depreciation						
As at beginning of the year	436,537	16,910,762	15,325,147	540,268	1,034,420	34,247,134
Charges for the year	41,214	1,363,552	1,843,844	84,805	61,560	3,394,975
As at end of the year	477,751	18,274,314	17,168,991	625,073	1,095,980	37,642,109
Net Book Value						
As at end of the year	1,949,972	14,791,012	13,028,321	88,589	86,551	29,944,445

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6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Cost	Land and Buildings G\$'000	Generation Facilities G\$'000	Transmission & Distribution Facilities G\$'000	Motor Vehicles G\$'000	Furniture & Equipment G\$'000	2018 Total G\$'000
As at beginning of the year	1,362,360	29,450,271	27,393,065	644,768	1,072,890	59,923,354
Additions	141,372	77,328	1,763,334	68,772	53,211	2,104,017
As at end of the year	<u>1,503,732</u>	<u>29,527,599</u>	<u>29,156,399</u>	<u>713,540</u>	<u>1,126,101</u>	<u>62,027,371</u>
Depreciation						
As at beginning of the year	403,085	15,536,561	13,574,986	443,121	970,067	30,927,820
Charges for the year	33,452	1,374,201	1,750,161	97,147	64,353	3,319,314
As at end of the year	<u>436,537</u>	<u>16,910,762</u>	<u>15,325,147</u>	<u>540,268</u>	<u>1,034,420</u>	<u>34,247,134</u>
Net Book Value						
As at end of the year	<u>1,067,195</u>	<u>12,616,837</u>	<u>13,831,252</u>	<u>173,272</u>	<u>91,681</u>	<u>27,780,237</u>

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7. INTANGIBLE ASSETS	2019 G\$'000	2018 G\$'000
As at beginning of the year	744,123	695,721
Additions	88,172	48,402
As at end of the year	<u>832,295</u>	<u>744,123</u>

This represents the cost of the Customer Information System (CIS) and Pre-Paid software that were capitalised based on the recognition criteria set out under the International Accounting Standard (IAS) 38. This standard prescribes an assessment for impairment at the end of each reporting year in accordance with IAS 36.

8. WORK-IN-PROGRESS

As at beginning of the year	8,147,658	5,163,680
Additions	5,065,050	4,310,661
Transfers to property, plant and equipment	(4,615,722)	(1,270,441)
Transfers to inventory and expense	(93,263)	(56,242)
As at end of the year	<u>8,503,723</u>	<u>8,147,658</u>

Work-in-progress represents amount spent on tangible fixed assets which have not been completed at the end of the financial year.

9. DEFERRED TAX

Deferred tax asset arising from :

(a) Tax losses	5,410,358	5,805,217
Defined benefit pension liability	212,825	235,565
	<u>5,623,183</u>	<u>6,040,782</u>

DEFERRED TAX LIABILITY

Deferred tax liability arising from :

(b) Excess capital allowance over depreciation	(946,735)	(1,832,105)
	<u>(946,735)</u>	<u>(1,832,105)</u>

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10. INVENTORIES	2019	2018
	G\$'000	G\$'000
Fuel	710,959	859,245
Capital Items & Spares	2,797,769	3,144,801
Goods in Transit	935,404	1,019,125
	<u>4,444,132</u>	<u>5,023,171</u>

The recoverable amount for the inventory on hand at the end of the year approximates the current market prices. Majority of these items are expected to be utilised within twelve (12) months.

11. RECEIVABLES

Customer accounts	18,754,375	15,647,435
Others	627,849	481,507
Less: provision for bad debts	(9,531,441)	(9,109,966)
	<u>9,850,783</u>	<u>7,018,976</u>

This Company makes an annual provision of 1.5% of turnover net of prepaid sales.

12. DEPOSITS

(i) Letters of Credit	12	12
(ii) Republic Bank (Guyana) Ltd - Cash Collateral Account	1,431	1,458
(iii) Bank of Guyana IDB Project (EMISDE)	40,335	-
(iv) Bank of Guyana IDB Project (Power Utility Upgrade)	982,647	2,298,129
Total	<u>1,024,425</u>	<u>2,299,599</u>

(ii) Represent amounts held against letters of credit for the purchase of supplies from Hexing Electrical Company Limited for the use in the Unserved Areas Electrification Programme.

(iv) The Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana (GOG) and the Inter-American Development Bank signed a financing agreement on the 10 October 2014 for the execution of the Power Utility Upgrade Program for the enhancement of operational efficiency and corporate performance. The Program is also co-financed by the European Union's Caribbean Investment Facility (CIF) through a Project Specific Grant (PSG). This deposit balance represents funding received and unspent at year end.

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13. RELATED PARTIES	2019	2018
	GS'000	GS'000
Current Assets		
(i) Bill Direct	183,636	183,636
Impairment provision	(183,636)	(183,636)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
(ii) Guyana Sugar Corporation Inc.	2,282,627	2,282,627
(iii) Skeldon Energy Inc.	3,200,991	3,066,031
	<u>5,483,618</u>	<u>5,348,658</u>
Current Liabilities		
(iv) Guyana Electricity Corporation - Customer Deposits	12	12
(v) Government of Guyana - Petro Caribe Loan	9,172,083	7,347,022
(vi) Government of Guyana - Infrastructural development	1,096,232	1,007,819
(vii) Government of Guyana - Capital expenditure	2,733,550	2,538,902
	<u>13,001,877</u>	<u>10,893,755</u>
Non-Current Liabilities		
(viii) Government of Guyana - Infrastructural development	5,340,789	6,061,506
(ix) Government of Guyana - Petro Caribe Loan	8,256,681	10,122,830
(x) Government of Guyana - SOESIQSP Loan	1,028,748	1,028,748
(xi) Government of Guyana - PUUP Loan	9,176,584	7,008,184
(xii) Government of Guyana - Capital Expenditure	4,987,016	5,175,710
(xiii) Government of Guyana - EMISDE	55,253	-
	<u>28,845,071</u>	<u>29,396,978</u>

(i) This represents amount owed by collection agent - Bill Direct, for remittances received from GPL's customers which were not remitted to GPL. Despite receiving judgment from the High Court in its favour, management has assessed the recoverability of this amount as remote and has accordingly recognised an impairment provision.

(ii) This represents the net amount owing by Guyana Sugar Corporation for Heavy Fuel Oil loaned and/or utilised from GPL's inventory and for electricity purchased under the Power Purchase Agreement. As of April 2015, the Power Purchase Agreement came to an end. No interest is charged on this amount. During the year Guysuco did not make any payment towards the balance outstanding. Management is currently engaged in discussions with the Government of Guyana to determine the terms of settlement of this amount. Management believes that on conclusion of these discussions the company will be able to recover the full amount, hence no provision for impairment has been recognised.

(iii) This amount comprise the net of: (1) loan of eleven million United States Dollar (USD11M)-terms of repayment of this loan is being finalised; (2) expenses paid on behalf of Skeldon Energy Inc and (3) cost of purchased power for the period April 2015 to December 2016.

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13. RELATED PARTIES (CONT'D)

(iv) This represents the amount remaining due to the Guyana Electricity Corporation for amounts collected on its behalf in respect of electricity sold prior to the incorporation of Guyana Power & Light Inc. in accordance with the Operations and Agency Agreement. These were written off in 2009 and the balance represents the amount that is still owing as a result of a stale dated cheque.

(v) and (ix) This represents financing under the Petrocaribe Loan Agreement between the Government of Guyana and the Guyana Power & Light Inc. for the procurement of the 20.7MWW and 15.6MW Kingston Wartsila Power Plants, 26MW Vreed-en-Hoop Wartsila Power Plant, and five(5) Caterpillar Sets. Interest is charged at 3% per annum and repayment is over a fifteen year (15) period.

(vi) and (viii) This represents financing under the GPL Infrastructure Development Project - Government Concessional Loan Agreement between the Government of Guyana and the Export-Import Bank of China(EXIM) for the development of the company's high voltage 69kv transmission lines, 36/13.8kv substations and all relevant interconnections. Interest is charged at 4% per annum and repayment is over a twelve year (12) period, with a five (5) years moratorium.

(vii) and (xii) This represent two loans from the Government of Guyana for capital expenditure in the sum of \$4,770,000,000 and US\$12,065,000. The terms of repayment of these loans are as follows:

- Interest at the rate of 3% per annum shall be capitalised as part of the loan for the first two years. The sum of \$4,770,000,000 plus interest capitalised for the first two years shall be repaid in fifteen (15) annual instalments commencing on 14 November, 2016.

- Interest at the rate of 3% per annum shall be capitalised as part of the loan for the first two years. The sum of US\$12,065,000 plus interest capitalised for the first two years shall be repaid in fifteen (15) equal annual instalments commencing on 29 October,2017, The rate of interest on this loan is 3% per annum

(x) This represents US\$5 million financing under the Sustainable Operation of the Electricity Sector and Improved Quality of Service Project funded, through a Concessional Loan Agreement between the Government of Guyana (GOG) and the Inter- American Development Bank (IDB). The Project covers three (3) components (a) - Capacity Building and Energy Conservation, (b) Rehabilitation of the Low Voltage Distribution Network, and (c) Commercial Loss Reduction Actions. This loan is proposed to attract an interest rate at 1% above the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR). The total loan was disbursed as at 31 December 2017.

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13. RELATED PARTIES (CONT'D)

(c) (x) This represents US\$64.573 million financing under the Power utility Upgrade Program funded through a Financing Agreement between the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana (GOG) and the Inter- American Development Bank (IDB) and co-financed by the European Union's Caribbean Investment Facility (CIF). The Program covers three (3) components (a) – Strengthening GPL's Management Capabilities, (b) Operational Efficiency, and (c) Infrastructure Investment for Loss Reduction. This loan is proposed to attract an interest rate at 1% above the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR). A total of US\$6,899 million was disbursed to date.

14. INVESTMENTS

	2019	2018
	G\$'000	G\$'000
Skeldon Energy Inc. 45.45% shares	828,000	828,000
Government Treasury Bills	-	3,958,000
	<u>828,000</u>	<u>4,786,000</u>

(i) This represents GPL's investment in Skeldon Energy Inc.(SEI) of 45.45% share capital based on Cabinet Decision made on February 3rd, 2015. SEI officially took control of the generating assets of GuySuCo effective April 1, 2015.

15. CASH RESOURCES

Cash at bank	3,144,627	3,130,480
Cash in hand	10,070	10,120
	<u>3,154,697</u>	<u>3,140,600</u>

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			2019	2018
	Number	Minimum Issue Price	G\$'000	G\$'000
16. SHARE CAPITAL				
Authorised:				
(i) Common shares	Unlimited	100	-	-
(ii) Class A Preference Shares	12,000,000	100	-	-
(iii) Class B Preference Shares	12,000,000	100	-	-
Special Share	1	100	-	-
Issued:				
Common shares	55,074,228	182	9,999,361	9,999,361
Net Liabilities converted to				
(iv) Common Shares	18,496,667	182	3,366,394	3,366,394
Promissory Note converted to				
(v) Common Shares	3,450,000	180	621,000	621,000
Conversion of Subsidy	8,241,758	182	1,500,000	1,500,000
(vi) Conversion of subsidy	32,967,033	182	6,000,000	6,000,000
Conversion of subsidy	5,494,505	182	1,000,000	1,000,000
Conversion of subsidy	3,469,720	182	631,489	631,489
	<u>127,193,911</u>		<u>23,118,244</u>	<u>23,118,244</u>

All shares are owned by the Co-operative Republic of Guyana.

(i) The company is authorised to issue an unlimited amount of common shares at a minimum price of G\$100.

(ii) In 2004, all Class A preference shares were automatically and permanently converted to 12,000,000 common shares of G\$180 each.

(iii) In 2005, all class B preference shares were converted to common shares retroactively to October 1, 2004.

(iv) and (v) In 2010, the Government of Guyana approved the retroactive conversion of G\$3.336B in net liabilities and a G\$621M promissory note to common shares.

(vi) In 2011, Government of Guyana converted G\$1.5B of fuel subsidy to common shares at G\$182 each.

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	2019	2018
	G\$'000	G\$'000
17. ADVANCE CUSTOMER FINANCED PROJECTS		
Contributions		
As at beginning of the year	9,696,182	9,619,675
Contributions during the year	74,641	76,507
As at end of the year	<u>9,770,823</u>	<u>9,696,182</u>
Amortisation		
As at beginning of the year	(6,154,456)	(5,446,507)
Amortisation during the year	(713,960)	(707,949)
As at end of the year	<u>(6,868,416)</u>	<u>(6,154,456)</u>
Net advance customer financed projects	<u>2,902,407</u>	<u>3,541,726</u>
Current Liabilities:		
Capital Contributions (CFP)	241,275	236,178
Capital Contributions (UAEP) Government	200,602	200,231
Capital Contributions (GOG)	272,083	271,541
	<u>713,960</u>	<u>707,950</u>
Non-Current Liabilities:		
Capital Contributions (CFP)	379,453	561,344
Capital Contributions (UAEP) Government	73,335	269,765
Capital Contributions (GOG)	1,735,660	2,002,668
	<u>2,188,448</u>	<u>2,833,777</u>
18. PROVISION FOR DECOMMISSIONING		
<p>This provision was made at incorporation to be utilised for the future cost of decommissioning certain generation facilities as and when they arise. Management reviews this for adequacy on an ongoing basis. As at December 31, 2019 management considered this amount to be adequate.</p>		
19. CUSTOMER DEPOSITS		
Customer deposits	<u>3,262,510</u>	<u>2,987,507</u>

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19. CUSTOMER DEPOSITS CONT'D

This represents monies for security deposits collected from customers prior to the provision of service. Up to 31 October, 2011 interest was accrued on security deposit at the rate of 7% per annum. Pursuant to a request made by GPL to the Public Utilities Commission the rate of interest has been reduced to 2.4%. Amounts initially paid by customers along with accumulated interest are refunded when customers cease to utilise the service.

20. DEFINED BENEFIT LIABILITY

(a) Description of Scheme

The Guyana Power and Light Inc. Pension Plan is managed independently by the Hand in Hand Trust Corporation Inc. and continues to operate under the original name Guyana Electricity Corporation Superannuation Scheme as a hybrid between a defined contributions scheme and a final pension scheme in that the benefit paid on retirement is either:

- (i) A pension payable for life based on completed service and final average salary at retirement, or
- (ii) The benefit otherwise payable on termination of service, which is a refund of members' own contributions with interest plus, if the member has more than 10 years service, the Company's contributions with interest.

(b) Funding

Members pay regular contribution of 5% of salaries. The Company finance the balance of the cost funding the defined benefits. Currently the company pays a contribution of 7% of salaries. The Company expects to pay \$222 million in 2020.

(c) Reconciliation for inclusion in the statement of financial position.

	2019	2018
	GS'000	GS'000
Present value of defined benefit obligation	5,216,400	4,821,600
Fair value of assets	(4,365,100)	(3,965,000)
Net IAS 19 defined benefit liability	<u>851,300</u>	<u>856,600</u>

(d) Reconciliation of opening and closing statement of financial position entries.

Defined benefit liability	4,821,600	4,523,000
Current service cost	225,100	194,000
Interest cost	237,400	222,500
Members' contribution	89,500	83,200
Re-measurements	(8,200)	(51,600)
Benefits paid	(149,000)	(149,500)
	<u>5,216,400</u>	<u>4,821,600</u>

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	2019	2018
	GS'000	GS'000
20. DEFINED BENEFIT LIABILITY (CONT'D)		
(e) Liability profile		
The defined benefit obligation was allocated between the Scheme's members as follows:		
Active members	85%	
Pensioners	15%	
The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation at the year-end was 19 years		
65% of the benefits for active members were vested.		
27% of the defined benefit obligation for active members were conditional on future salary increases.		
(f) Movement in fair value of plan assets		
Fair value of plan assets at start of year	3,965,000	3,189,500
Interest income	199,300	160,700
Return on plan assets, excluding interest income	156,700	566,200
Company contributions	103,600	114,900
Members' Contributions	89,500	83,200
Benefits paid	(149,000)	(149,500)
	<u>4,365,100</u>	<u>3,965,000</u>
Asset allocation		
Local equities	1,640,900	1,444,400
Local bonds	341,400	376,800
Overseas equities and bonds	502,900	485,400
Money market instruments	1,776,400	1,586,300
Cash and net current assets	103,500	72,100
	<u>4,365,100</u>	<u>3,965,000</u>
(g) Items for inclusion in the statement of comprehensive income:		
Current service cost	225,100	194,000
Net interest on net defined benefit obligation	38,100	61,800
	<u>263,200</u>	<u>255,800</u>
(h) re-measurement recognised in other comprehensive income:		
Experience (loss) / gain	<u>(164,900)</u>	<u>(617,800)</u>

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20. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION SCHEME (CONT'D)	2019 G\$'000	2018 G\$'000
(i) Summary of main assumptions		
Discount Rate	5	5
Salary increases	8	8
Proportion of retirees opting for pension rather than joint balance	90	90
Assumptions regarding future mortality are based on published mortality tables. The life expectancies underlying the value of the defined benefit obligation as at 31 December 2019 are as follows:		
Life expectancy at age 60 for current pensioner in years		
Male	18.0	18.0
Female	22.5	22.5
Life expectancy at age 60 for current members age 40 in years		
Male	18.7	18.7
Female	23.4	23.4

(j) Sensitivity analysis

The calculation of the defined benefit obligation is sensitive to the assumptions used. The following table summarises how the defined benefit obligation as at 31 December 2019 would have changed as a result of a change in the assumptions used.

	1% pa higher	1% pa lower
Discount rate	1,074,300	998,900
Future salary increases	(367,600)	(352,100)
Future pension increases	n/a	n/a
Proportion of retirees opting for pension rather than joint balance	10% higher (203,000)	10% lower (181,700)

An increase of 1 year in the assumed life expectancies shown above would increase the defined benefit obligation at 31 December 2019 by \$120M.

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	2019	2018
	GS'000	GS'000
21. DEFERRED INCOME		
Deferred income	32,163	29,858
<p>This represents prepaid services sold at the end of the year but not consumed. The Company's policy is to account for 10% of prepaid sales in any given month as deferred income. Additionally the Company has deferred income of advance customer deposits.</p>		
22 PAYABLES		
Trade creditors	1,864,353	1,530,909
Employment costs	89,209	99,679
Other accruals	8,497,597	6,778,221
	<u>10,451,159</u>	<u>8,408,809</u>
23. GENERATION COSTS		
Fuel	16,749,423	16,868,815
Fuel agency fee	92,073	66,335
Operations and maintenance contract	2,761,057	2,907,939
Purchased power	2,490,103	2,665,383
Repairs and maintenance - generation facilities	619,140	460,960
Rental of equipment - generation	255,099	527,512
	<u>22,966,895</u>	<u>23,496,944</u>
24. EMPLOYMENT COSTS		
Gross salaries	4,114,228	3,850,724
Social security costs	211,348	195,408
Pension costs	(5,300)	(476,684)
Superannuation	112,364	110,701
	<u>4,432,640</u>	<u>3,680,149</u>

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	G\$'000	G\$'000
25. DEPRECIATION		
Buildings	41,214	33,452
Plant and machinery	1,363,552	1,374,201
Transmission and distribution networks	1,843,844	1,750,161
Motor vehicles	84,805	97,147
Furniture and equipment	61,560	64,353
	<u>3,394,975</u>	<u>3,319,314</u>
26. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Administrative Expenses	<u>2,424,314</u>	<u>2,181,679</u>
The following expenses were charged in the above amounts:		
Repairs and maintenance		
- Motor vehicles & tools	136,521	131,088
- Buildings & wharf	451,512	201,405
- Equipment	12,372	8,500
Audit Fees and other expenses	<u>17,000</u>	<u>8,500</u>
27. TAXATION		
Corporation tax	-	-
Deferred tax - current year	(407,990)	(1,290,346)
prior year	(59,781)	191,323
Property tax - current year	37,290	40,957
prior year	-	7,209
	<u>(430,481)</u>	<u>(1,050,857)</u>
Reconciliation of corporation tax expense and accounting loss:	<u>(3,413,201)</u>	<u>(4,922,072)</u>
Corporation tax - 25% (2018 -27.5%)	(853,300)	(1,353,570)
Effects of change in tax rate	444,595	-
Property tax	37,290	48,166
Prior year corporation tax / deferred tax	(59,781)	191,381
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	715	958
Deferred tax not recognised	-	62,208
	<u>(430,481)</u>	<u>(1,050,857)</u>

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28. LOSS PER SHARE	2019 GS'000	2018 GS'000
<p>Loss per share is calculated by dividing the total comprehensive income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year.</p>		
Net loss after tax	(2,982,720) =====	(3,871,215) =====
Weighted average number of ordinary shares	127,193,912 =====	127,193,912 =====
Loss per share	(23) ==	(30) ==

29. FOREGONE REVENUE

During the year, the Company maintained its policy of foregoing revenues where actual rates charged to customers were lower than that determined by the licence. Under its licence, the Company has the option of including foregone revenues as a notional expense in determining future rates of electricity payable by customers.

30. COMPENSATION TO KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The remuneration paid to 31 (2018-31) key management personnel during the year was as follows:

(a) Short-term employee benefits	432,853	408,985
(b) Post-employment benefits	9,351	9,374
	<u>442,204</u>	<u>418,359</u>

31. CONTINGENCIES

(a) The company is a defendant or plaintiff in several matters for while the ultimate liability or asset of the company, if any, has not been determined. Management does not believe that the outcome of these proceedings will have material adverse effect on the company's result of operations and accordingly no provision is necessary.

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32. CONTINGENCIES

(b) Operating Lease Commitment

2019
G\$'000

2018
G\$'000

Operating lease commitment are as follows:

Less than one year

12,870

20,900

2 to 5 years

43,787

33,884

56,657

54,784

33 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Categories of financial instruments

Financial instruments as at the date of the statement of financial position include loans, receivables, borrowings, related party balances and payables.

The Company classifies financial instruments as follows:

(i) Held to maturity assets

These comprise primarily of non-derivative instruments with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that management intends to hold to maturity.

(ii) Loans and receivables

These comprise of non-derivative instruments with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market.

(iii) Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Financial liabilities which are not classified as fair value through profit or loss are classified as financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

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2019

	Loans and receivables G\$'000	Financial liabilities G\$'000	Total G\$'000
Financial assets			
Receivables and prepayments	9,850,783	-	9,850,783
Deposits	1,024,425	-	1,024,425
Related parties	5,483,618	-	5,483,618
Investments	828,000	-	828,000
Cash resources	3,154,697	-	3,154,697
	<u>20,341,523</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,341,523</u>
Financial liabilities			
Advances customer financed project	-	2,902,408	2,902,408
Provision for decommissioning	-	242,900	242,900
Customer deposits	-	3,262,510	3,262,510
Related parties	-	41,846,948	41,846,948
Deferred income	-	32,163	32,163
Payables and accruals	-	10,451,159	10,451,159
Taxation	-	37,290	37,290
	<u>-</u>	<u>58,775,378</u>	<u>58,775,378</u>

2018

Financial assets			
Receivables and prepayments	7,018,976	-	7,018,976
Deposits	2,299,599	-	2,299,599
Related parties	5,348,658	-	5,348,658
Investments	4,786,000	-	4,786,000
Cash resources	3,140,600	-	3,140,600
	<u>22,593,833</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,593,833</u>
Financial liabilities			
Advance customer financed projects	-	3,541,727	3,541,727
Provision for decommissioning	-	242,900	242,900
Customer deposits	-	2,987,507	2,987,507
Related parties	-	40,290,733	40,290,733
Deferred income	-	29,858	29,858
Payables and accruals	-	8,408,809	8,408,809
Taxation	-	40,957	40,957
	<u>-</u>	<u>55,542,491</u>	<u>55,542,491</u>

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONT'D)

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risks, credit risk, liquidity risk, and foreign exchange risk. These risks are inherent to the Company's operation and management of these risks lies with the Board of Directors whose objectives is to identify, assess, monitor and control in an effort to minimise these risks in order to increase profitability.

The main financial risks affecting the Company are as follows:

(i) Credit risk

Credit risk refers to the risk that a counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss to the Company.

The Company's exposure and the credit ratings of its counterparties are continuously monitored and the aggregate value of transactions concluded is spread amongst approved counterparties.

The carrying amount of financial assets recognised in the financial statements which is net of impairment loss, represents the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk. No collateral is held as security for balances receivable from third parties.

The following tables shows the Company's maximum exposure. It does not include those assets that are not deemed to give rise to credit risks.

On statement of financial position

	2019	2018
	G\$'000	G\$'000
Receivables and prepayments	9,850,783	7,018,976
Deposits	1,024,425	2,299,599
Related parties	5,483,618	5,348,658
Investments	828,000	4,786,000
Cash resources	3,154,697	3,140,600
	<u>20,341,523</u>	<u>22,593,833</u>

Cash resources and deposits are held with reputable financial institutions, related parties balances and deposit on shares represent balances due from entities controlled by the Government of Guyana and receivables are stated net of provision.

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(ii) Liquidity risk

Management of the Company's liquidity lies with the Board of Directors. This is managed using forecasted cash flows and negotiated credit from financial institutions.

2019	Within 1 Year G\$	2-5 Years G\$	Over 5 Years G\$	Total G\$
	G\$'000	G\$'000	G\$'000	G\$'000
Assets				
Receivables and prepayments	9,850,783	-	-	9,850,783
Deposits	1,024,425	-	-	1,024,425
Related parties	5,483,618	-	-	5,483,618
Investments	-	-	828,000	828,000
Cash resources	3,154,697	-	-	3,154,697
Total assets	19,513,523	-	828,000	20,341,523
Liabilities				
Advances customer financed project	713,960	-	2,188,448	2,902,408
Provision for decommissioning	-	-	242,900	242,900
Customer deposits	-	-	3,262,510	3,262,510
Related parties	13,001,877	12,790,209	16,054,862	41,846,948
Deferred income	32,163	-	-	32,163
Payables and accruals	10,451,159	-	-	10,451,159
Taxation	37,290	-	-	37,290
Total liabilities	24,236,449	12,790,209	21,748,720	58,775,378
Net assets / (liabilities)	(4,722,926)	(12,790,209)	(20,920,720)	(38,433,855)
2018				
Assets				
Receivables and prepayments	7,018,976	-	-	7,018,976
Deposits	2,299,599	-	-	2,299,599
Related parties	5,348,658	-	-	5,348,658
Investments	3,958,000	-	828,000	4,786,000
Cash resources	3,140,600	-	-	3,140,600
Total assets	21,765,833	-	828,000	22,593,833

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33. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONT'D)
(ii) Liquidity risk

2018	Within 1 Year	2-5	Over 5	Total
	G\$	Years	Years	
	G\$'000	G\$'000	G\$'000	G\$'000
Liabilities				
Advances customer financed project	707,950		2,833,777	3,541,727
Provision for decommissioning			242,900	242,900
Customer deposits	-	-	2,987,507	2,987,507
Related parties	10,893,755	12,790,209	16,606,769	40,290,733
Deferred income	29,858	-	-	29,858
Payables and accruals	8,408,809	-	-	8,408,809
Taxation	40,957	-	-	40,957
Total liabilities	20,081,329	12,790,209	22,670,953	55,542,491
Net assets / (liabilities)	1,684,504	(12,790,209)	(21,842,953)	(32,948,658)

(iii) Interest rate risk

2019	Average Interest rate	Within 1 Year	Two to Five Years	Over 5 Years	Non-interest Bearing	Total
		G\$	G\$	G\$	G\$	
		G\$'000	G\$'000	G\$'000	G\$'000	G\$'000
Assets						
Receivables and prepayments		-	-	-	9,850,783	9,850,783
Deposits		1,024,425	-	-	-	1,024,425
Related parties		-	-	-	5,483,618	5,483,618
Investments	2	-	-	-	828,000	828,000
Cash resources		-	-	-	3,154,697	3,154,697
		1,024,425	-	-	19,317,098	20,341,523
Liabilities						
Advances customer financed project		-	-	-	2,902,408	2,902,408
Provision for decommissioning		-	-	-	242,900	242,900
Customer deposits	2.4	-	-	3,262,510	-	3,262,510
Related parties	3.25	13,001,877	12,790,209	16,054,862	-	41,846,948
Deferred income		-	-	-	32,163	32,163
Payables and accruals		-	-	-	10,451,159	10,451,159
Taxation		-	-	-	37,290	37,290
		13,001,877	12,790,209	19,317,372	13,665,920	58,775,378
Interest sensitivity gap		(11,977,452)	(12,790,209)	(19,317,372)	5,651,178	(38,433,855)

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(iii) Interest rate risk

2018	Average Interest rate	Within 1 Year G\$	Two to Five Years G\$	Over 5 Years G\$	Non-interest Bearing G\$	Total G\$
		G\$'000	G\$'000	G\$'000	G\$'000	G\$'000
Assets						
Receivables and prepayments		-	-	-	7,018,976	7,018,976
Deposits		2,299,599	-	-	-	2,299,599
Related parties		-	-	-	5,348,658	5,348,658
Investments	2	3,958,000	-	-	828,000	4,786,000
Cash resources		-	-	-	3,140,600	3,140,600
		6,257,599	-	-	16,336,234	22,593,833
Liabilities						
Advances customer financed project		-	-	-	3,541,727	3,541,727
Provision for decommissioning		-	-	-	242,900	242,900
Customer deposits	2.4	-	-	2,987,507	-	2,987,507
Related parties	3.25	10,893,755	12,790,209	16,606,769	-	40,290,733
Deferred income					29,858	29,858
Payables		-	-	-	8,408,809	8,408,809
Taxation		-	-	-	40,957	40,957
		10,893,755	12,790,209	19,594,276	12,264,251	55,542,491
Interest sensitivity gap		(4,636,156)	(12,790,209)	(19,594,276)	4,071,983	(32,948,658)

(iii) Foreign exchange risk

Foreign currency risk management lies with the Board of Directors. The Company is exposed to this risk primarily from trading. The Company has not entered into any contractual arrangement to mitigate this risk but they maintain an appropriate amount of liquid funds in the respective currencies to settle liabilities as the need arises.

The following table details the sensitivity to an increase or decrease in the Guyana dollars against the United States dollars. This shows a decrease of profit amounting to G\$331,020 (2018 - G\$302,725,000), if the Guyana dollar weakened against the United States dollars by 1%.

	Financial Assets G\$	Financial Liabilities G\$	Net Liability G\$	% Change G\$	Impact on Profit G\$
2019					
G\$ equivalent to US dollars	1,024,413	34,126,370	(33,101,957)	1	(331,020)
2018					
G\$ equivalent to US dollars	2,303,591	32,576,109	(30,272,518)	1	(302,725)