# Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Dublin Port Company

#### **Report on the financial statements**

In our opinion, Dublin Port Limited's financial statements (the "financial statements"):

- give a true and fair view of the company's assets, liabilities and financial position as at 31 December 2016 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland: and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

#### What we have audited

The financial statements comprise:

- the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2016;
- the Profit and Loss account for the year then ended;
- the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year then ended;
- the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended;
- the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended;
- the Accounting Policies; and
- the Notes to the Financial Statements, which include other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is Irish law and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland". In applying the financial reporting framework, the directors have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

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

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

# Matter on which we are required to report by exception

### Directors' remuneration and transactions

Under the Companies Act 2014 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of Directors' remuneration and transactions specified by sections 305 to 312 of that Act have not been made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

#### Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies

Under the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies ("the Code") we are required to report to you if the statement regarding the system of internal financial control required under the Code as included in the Corporate Governance Statement on page 31 does not reflect the Company's compliance with paragraph 13.1 (iii) of the Code or if it is not consistent with the information of which we are aware from our audit work on the financial statements. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

#### Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit Our responsibilities and those of the Directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 28, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with Irish law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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## What an audit of financial statements involves

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of:

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed;
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Directors; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We primarily focus our work in these areas by assessing the Directors' judgements against available evidence, forming our own judgements, and evaluating the disclosures in the financial statements.

We test and examine information, using sampling and other auditing techniques, to the extent we consider necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtain audit evidence through testing the effectiveness of controls, substantive procedures or a combination of both. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### Enda McDonagh

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm Dublin

31st March 2017

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### **Accounting Policies**

The significant accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all financial years presented, unless otherwise stated. The company adopted FRS 102 for the first time in the 2015 financial statements.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the measurement of investment properties and certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS 102 requires the use of certain key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date. It also requires the Directors to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or areas where assumptions and estimates 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.

#### **Going concern**

After making enquiries, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

#### **Revenue recognition**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents the amount receivable for services rendered, net of returns, discounts and rebates allowed by the Company and value added taxes.

The Company recognises revenue when the amount of revenue and costs can be measured reliably; it is probable that future benefits will flow to the entity and when the specific criteria relating to each of the Company's sale channels have been met, as described below.

#### Port Dues:

Port Dues revenue arises from charges to port users and comprises of goods dues, vessel dues and other key services provided such as towage and pilotage. Goods Dues are charged by reference to a schedule of charges based on Standard International Trade Classifications. Vessel Dues are charged in respect of the arrival of a vessel and rates are based and chargeable on the greater of the net tonnage or half the gross tonnage of a vessel. Towage and Pilotage Services are charged based on usage.

Port Dues revenue is recognised by reference to the date of arrival of the vessel in the Port.

#### Rents:

Rental income arises mainly from port related rental properties and is recognised by reference to the period to which the rent relates. Rent is charged in accordance with the terms of the rental agreement.

#### **Other Revenue:**

Other revenue included in Turnover comprises Licence Fees and income from the Company's integrated Service Station and Truck Park. Revenue is recognised by reference to the period to which the income relates.

#### **Other Income:**

The Company also earns interest income and grant income. Each of these revenue streams are accounted for as set out below:

#### Interest Income:

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest rate method. Interest income is presented as 'interest receivable' in the Profit and Loss account.

#### Grant Income:

The Company applies the accruals model in the recognition of grant income.

Grants relating to revenue are recognised on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Company recognises the related costs for which the grant is intended to compensate. A grant that becomes receivable as compensation for expenses already incurred with no future related costs is recognised in income in the period in which it becomes receivable.

Grants relating to assets are recognised in income on a systematic basis over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred it is recognised as deferred income and not deducted from the carrying amount of the asset.

Grants are not recognised until there is reasonable certainty that:

- (a) the Company will comply with the conditions attaching to them; and
- (b) the grants will be received.

Where a grant becomes repayable it is recognised as a liability when the repayment meets the definition of a liability.

#### Tangible fixed assets (i) Cost

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost at the date of transition to FRS 102, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, except for the Company's investment property which is stated at fair value. Please refer to separate policy on investment property below.

Cost includes the original purchase price, costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to its working location and condition for its intended use, dismantling and restoration costs and borrowing costs capitalised.

Infrastructure assets are those assets characterised by having virtually infinite useful lives and which, in general, were constructed many years ago but are unlikely to be constructed in their existing format today. They include assets such as the North Bull Wall and Great South Wall. Infrastructure assets are carried at a nil valuation and the cost of their upkeep is charged to the Profit and Loss Account.

#### (ii) Depreciation and residual values

Depreciation on assets is calculated, using the straight-line method, to allocate the cost to their residual values over the estimated useful lives as follows:

### **Accounting Policies**

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Buildings, quays, roads and terminals	50 years
Dock structures, dry docks	
and quays	30 - 50 years
Capital dredging	30 years
Floating craft	up to 30 years
Cranes	up to 30 years
Plant and machinery	2 - 30 years
Routine dredging	2 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. The effect of any change is accounted for prospectively.

# (iii) Subsequent additions and major components

Subsequent costs, including major inspections, are included in the assets carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the cost can be measured reliably.

The carrying amount of any replaced component is derecognised. Major components are treated as a separate asset where they have significantly different patterns of consumption of economic benefits and are depreciated separately over its useful life.

Repairs, maintenance and minor inspection costs are expensed as incurred.

#### (iv) Assets in the course of construction

Assets in the course of construction are carried at cost. These assets are not depreciated until they are available for use.

#### (v) Derecognition

Tangible assets are derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected. On disposal, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is recognised in profit or loss and included in "Profit on disposal of assets".

#### Dredging

Capital dredging, which enhances Port access or infrastructure, is capitalised as part of the related fixed asset and depreciated over its estimated useful life.

#### **Investment properties**

The Company measures investment property at its cost on initial recognition. The cost of a purchased investment property comprises its purchase price and any directly attributable costs, such as professional fees for legal services, property transfer taxes and other transaction costs. Costs incurred in undertaking market studies before the purchase of a property are expensed as incurred.

Investment properties whose fair value can be measured reliably without undue cost or effort are measured at fair value at each reporting date with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

The Company engaged independent valuation specialists to determine fair value at 31 December 2016. The key assumptions used to determine the fair value of investment property are further explained in note 12.

Although the Companies Acts would normally require the systematic annual depreciation of fixed assets, the Directors believe that the policy of not providing depreciation is necessary in order for the financial statements to give a true and fair view, since the current value of the investment property, and changes to its value, are of prime importance rather than a calculation of systematic annual depreciation. Depreciation is only one of the many factors reflected in the annual valuation, and the amount, which might otherwise have been included, cannot be separately identified or quantified.

#### Intangible assets

Computer software is carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Software is amortised over its estimated useful life, of 10 years, on a straight-line basis. Software is not considered to have a residual value. Where factors, such as technological advancement or changes in market prices, indicate that the software's useful life has changed, the useful life is amended prospectively to reflect the new circumstances. Intangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment if there is an indication that the intangible fixed asset may be impaired.

#### Impairment of non-financial assets

At each Balance Sheet date non-financial assets not carried at fair value are assessed to determine whether there is an indication that the asset (or asset's cash generating unit) may be impaired. If there is such an indication the recoverable amount of the asset (or asset's cash generating unit) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of the asset (or asset's cash generating unit) is the higher of the fair value less costs to sell and value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from continuing use of the asset (or cash-generating unit) and from its ultimate disposal. In measuring value in use pre-tax and interest cash flows are discounted using a pre-tax discount rate that represents the current risk-free market rate and the risks specific to the asset for which the future cash flow estimates have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of the asset (or asset's cash generating unit) is estimated to be lower than the carrying amount, the carrying amount is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised in the Profit and Loss account, unless the asset has been re-valued when the amount is recognised in other Comprehensive Income to the extent of any previously recognised revaluation. Thereafter any excess is recognised in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or asset's cash generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but only to the extent that the revised carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of depreciation) had no impairment loss been recognised in prior periods. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in the Profit and Loss account, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Bank deposits which have original maturity dates of more than three months are not cash and cash equivalents and are presented as current asset investments.

#### **Restricted cash**

Restricted Cash comprises cash held in escrow which is ring-fenced for specific financing arrangements, and to which we do not have access.

#### Inventories

Inventories are stated at cost. Inventories are consumable items and are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are used.

Cost includes cost of purchase, and where appropriate, import duties and transportation costs.

At the end of each reporting period, inventories are assessed for impairment. If an item of inventory is impaired, the identified inventory is reduced to its recoverable amount and an impairment charge is recognised in the Profit and Loss account. Where a reversal of the impairment is recognised the impairment charge is reversed, up to the original impairment loss, and is recognised as a credit in the Profit and Loss account.

#### **Foreign currencies**

thousands ('000).

(i) Functional and presentation currency The Company's functional and presentation currency is the euro, denominated by the symbol "€" and unless otherwise stated, the financial statements have been presented in

#### (ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated to Euro using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Profit and Loss account.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the Profit and Loss account within 'interest payable/receivable'. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the Profit and Loss account within 'administration expenses'.

#### **Employee benefits**

The Company provides a range of benefits to employees, including short term employee benefits such as paid holiday arrangements and post-employment benefits such as defined benefit and defined contribution pension plans and annual bonus arrangements, for certain employees.

#### (i) Short term benefits

Short term benefits, including wages and salaries, holiday pay and other similar nonmonetary benefits, are recognised as an expense in the period in which the service is received.

The Company operates an annual bonus plan for certain employees. An expense is recognised in the Profit and Loss account when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation to make payments under the plan as a result of past events and a reliable estimate of the obligation can be made.

#### ii) Post-employment benefits Defined contribution plan

The Company operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Company has no further payment obligations. The contributions are recognised as an expense when they are due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals in the Balance Sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Company in independently administered funds.

#### Defined benefit pension plan

The Company operates a defined benefit plan for certain employees. A defined benefit plan defines the pension benefit that the employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent upon several factors including age, length of service and remuneration. A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that is not a defined contribution plan. The liability recognised in the Balance Sheet in respect of the defined benefit plan is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting date less the fair value of the plan assets at the reporting date.

The defined benefit obligation is calculated using the projected unit credit method. Annually the Company engages independent actuaries to calculate the obligation. The present value is determined by discounting the estimated future payments using market yields on high quality corporate bonds that are denominated in Euro and that have terms approximating the estimated period of the future payments.

The fair value of plan assets is measured in accordance with the FRS 102 fair value hierarchy and in accordance with the Company's policy for similarly held assets. For most plan assets this is the quoted price in an active market. Where quoted prices are not available appropriate valuation techniques are used to estimate the fair value.

The cost of the defined benefit plan, recognised in profit or loss as employee costs, except where included in the cost of an asset, comprises:

- the increase in pension benefit liability arising from employee service during the period; and
- (b) the cost of plan introductions, benefit changes, curtailments and settlements.

The net interest cost is calculated by applying the discount rate to the net balance of the defined benefit obligation and the fair value of plan assets. This cost is recognised in profit or loss as 'other finance cost'.

### **Accounting Policies**

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Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are charged or credited to Other Comprehensive Income. These amounts together with the return on plan assets, less amounts included in net interest, are presented as 're-measurement of net defined benefit liability' in Other Comprehensive Income.

#### Taxation

Taxation expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax recognised in the reporting period. Tax is recognised in the Profit and Loss account, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other Comprehensive Income or directly in equity. In this case tax is also recognised in other Comprehensive Income or directly in equity respectively.

Current or deferred taxation assets and liabilities are not discounted.

#### (i) Current tax

Current tax is the amount of income tax payable in respect of the taxable profit for the year or prior years. Tax is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the period end. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

#### (ii) Deferred tax

Deferred tax arises from timing differences that are differences between taxable profits and total Comprehensive Income as stated in the financial statements. These timing differences arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in financial statements.

Deferred tax is recognised on all timing differences at the reporting date except for certain exceptions. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are only recognised when it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the period end and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

#### **Exceptional items**

The Company's income statement separately identifies exceptional items. Exceptional items are those that in our judgement need to be disclosed separately by virtue of their size, nature or incidence. The Company believes that this presentation provides additional analysis as it highlights exceptional items. Such items include gains on disposal of assets and business restructuring costs to the extent they are significant.

In this regard the determination of 'exceptional items' as included in our definition uses qualitative and quantitative factors. Judgement is used by the Company in assessing the particular items, which by virtue of their size, nature and incidence, are disclosed in the Company income statement and related notes as exceptional items.

#### Reclassification

Certain immaterial prior year amounts have been reclassified to align with the current period presentation of those items. Computer software, with a carrying amount of  $\in$ 312,000 at 1 January 2015, has been reclassified from tangible fixed assets to intangible fixed assets.

#### **Financial instruments**

The Company has chosen to adopt the Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in respect of financial instruments.

#### (i) Financial assets

Basic financial assets, including trade and other receivables, cash and bank balances and short term deposits, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

At the end of each reporting period financial assets measured at amortised cost are assessed for objective evidence of impairment. If an asset is impaired the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

If, in a subsequent financial year, the amount of an impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial assets are derecognised when (a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or (b) substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred to another party or (c) control of the financial asset has been transferred to another party who has the practical ability to unilaterally sell the financial asset to an unrelated third party without imposing additional restrictions.

#### (ii) Financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

These liabilities are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down. In this case, the fee is deferred until the drawdown occurs. Transactions costs and fees are amortised over the life of the loan. Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the liability is extinguished, that is when the contractual obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### (iii) Derivatives

Derivatives, including interest rate swaps and forward foreign exchange contracts, are not basic financial instruments.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised in profit or loss in finance costs or income as appropriate. The Company does not currently apply hedge accounting for interest rate or foreign exchange derivatives.

#### (iv) Offsetting

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

#### **Provisions and contingencies**

Provisions are liabilities of uncertain timing or amount.

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. Provisions are reviewed at the end of each financial year and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in profit or loss, presented as part of 'interest payable and similar charges' in the financial year in which it arises.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole.

Contingent liabilities, arising as a result of past events, are not recognised as a liability because it is not probable that the company will be required to transfer economic benefits in settlement of the obligation or the amount cannot be reliably measured at the end of the financial year. Possible but uncertain obligations are not recognised as liabilities but are contingent liabilities. Contingent liabilities are disclosed in the financial statements unless the probability of an outflow of resources is remote. Contingent assets are not recognised. Contingent assets are disclosed in the financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

#### **Distributions to equity holders**

Dividends and other distributions to Company's shareholders are recognised as a liability in the financial statements in the period in which the dividends and other distributions are approved by the Company's shareholders. These amounts are recognised in the statement of changes in equity. Interim dividends are recognised when paid.

#### Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity and are recognised at the proceeds received. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new ordinary shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

# **Profit and Loss Account**

For the Financial Year ended 31 December 2016

Not	es	2016	2015
		€'000	€'000
	_	01.000	88.084
Turnover	5	81,633	77,674
Cost of sales		(25,907)	(23,321)
Gross Profit		55,726	54,353
Administrative expenses		(10,691)	(13,246)
Other operating income	6	519	1,834
Operating Profit	9	45,554	42,941
Interest receivable and similar income	8	414	207
Interest payable and similar charges	8	(886)	(1,224)
Net Interest Expense		(472)	(1,017)
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation		45,082	41,924
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	11	(6,042)	(5,552)
Profit for the Financial Year		39,040	36,372

Turnover and Operating Profit arose solely from continuing activities.

# **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

For the Financial Year ended 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016	2015
		€'000	€'000
Profit for the Financial Year		39,040	36,372
Re-measurement (loss)/gain recognised on defined benefit obligations	31	(7,965)	19,347
Deferred tax related to re-measurement loss/(gain) on defined benefit obligations	11	995	(2,418)
Other Comprehensive Income for the financial year, net of tax		(6,970)	16,929
Total Comprehensive Income for the financial year		32,070	53,301

# **Balance Sheet**

As at 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016	2015
		€'000	€'000
			Restated
Fixed assets	_		
Tangible assets	12	329,491	294,394
Intangible assets	13	536	316
	10	330,027	294,710
Current assets		000,011	201,710
Development land	14	1,246	1,246
Inventories	15	520	508
Debtors and prepayments	16	17,166	13,798
Cash at bank and in hand		37,986	5,882
Restricted Cash	17	14,125	-
Investments (including €12,254,000 (2015: €13,248,000) due after more than one year)	18	12,254	77,440
		83,297	98,874
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Creditors – Amounts falling due within one year	19	(43,943)	(9,638)
Net current assets	_	39,354	89,236
Total assets less current liabilities	_	369,381	383,946
Cunditore Automate falling due often and unan	00	(11 100)	
Creditors – Amounts falling due after one year	20	(11,136)	(46,718)
Provisions for liabilities			
Provision for post-employment benefit obligation	31	(1,161)	(1,784)
Other provisions for liabilities	23	(7,436)	(6,954)
Net Assets		349,648	328,490
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital presented as equity	24	14,464	14,464
Capital conversion reserve fund	24	119	119
Profit and loss account	24	334,347	313,189
	24	718	718
Capital contribution	24		

The financial statements on page 35 to 65 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 31st March 2017 and signed on its behalf.

#### On behalf of the Board

Lucy McCaffrey Eamonn O'Reilly

31st March 2017

# **Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the Financial Year ended 31 December 2016

		Called up	Capital conversion	Conitol	Profit and loss	
	Notes	share capital	reserve fund	contribution	account	Total
		€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Balance at 1st January 2015	24	14,464	119	718	268,688	283,989
Profit for the year		-	-	-	36,372	36,372
Other Comprehensive Income for the year		-	-	-	16,929	16,929
Total Comprehensive Income for the year		-	-	-	53,301	53,301
Dividends	10	-	-	-	(8,800)	(8,800)
Balance as at 31st December 2015	24	14,464	119	718	313,189	328,490
Balance at 1st January 2016	24	14,464	119	718	313,189	328,490
Profit for the year		-	-	-	39,040	39,040
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-	-	(6,970)	(6,970)
Total Comprehensive Income for the year		-	-	-	32,070	32,070
Dividends	10	-	-	-	(10,912)	(10,912)
Balance as at 31st December 2016	24	14,464	119	718	334,347	349,648

# **Statement of Cash Flows**

For the Financial Year ended 31 December 2016

Notes	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Net cash from operating activities 25	43,179	46,409
Taxation paid	(4,539)	(3,837)
Net cash generated from operating activities	38,640	42,572
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(45,013)	(15,924)
Grants received	55	1,127
Proceeds from disposal of tangible assets	304	47
Restricted Cash 17	(14,125)	-
Interest received	39	242
Movement in short term investments 18	35,115	(17,962)
Net cash used in investing activities	(23,625)	(32,470)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Dividends paid 10	(10,912)	(8,800)
Interest paid and similar charges	(1,076)	(1,077)
Net cash used in financing activities	(11,988)	(9,877)
Net increase in cash at bank and in hand	3,027	225
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	34,959	34,734
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	37,986	34,959
Cash and cash equivalents consists of:		
Cash at bank and in hand	37,986	5,882
Short term investments (included in current asset investments)	-	29,077
Cash and cash equivalents	37,986	34,959

#### **1. General information**

Dublin Port Ltd ('the Company') is primarily an infrastructure provider whereby it receives fees for allowing port usage and providing other services. Such charges include port dues, vessel dues and other services provided such as towage and pilotage.

The Company is incorporated and domiciled in the Republic of Ireland. The address of its registered office is Port Centre, Alexandra Road, Dublin 1.

#### 2. Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and in accordance with Irish GAAP (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council of the UK and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and the Companies Act 2014). The financial statements comply with Financial Reporting Standard 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2014.

#### 3. Critical judgments and estimates in applying the Company's accounting policies

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

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

#### (i) Useful economic lives of tangible assets

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are re-assessed annually and amended where necessary. See note 12 for the carrying amount of the Company's tangible assets and the Accounting Policies for the useful economic lives for each class of assets.

#### (ii) Defined benefit pension scheme

The Company has an obligation to pay pension benefits to certain employees. The cost of these benefits and the present value of the obligation depend on a number of factors, including; life expectancy, salary increases, asset valuations and the discount rate on corporate bonds. Management estimates these factors in determining the net pension obligation in the Balance Sheet. The assumptions reflect historical experience and current trends. See note 31 for the disclosures relating to the defined benefit pension scheme.

#### 4. Assets and liabilities acquired on Vesting Day

Under the provisions of the Harbours Act, 1996, the Company took over the functions carried on by the former Dublin Port and Docks Board on 3 March 1997 ("Vesting Day").

The cost to the Company of the assets acquired on Vesting Day was determined by the then Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources. Liabilities (including pensions and capital grants) were taken over at their actual or determined amounts. Pension liabilities (see note 31) include those in respect of pre-Vesting Day pension entitlements of the Company's employees and the current and deferred pensioners of its predecessor entity, Dublin Port and Docks Board.

The assets and functions of the Pilotage Committee, established under the Pilotage Act 1913, were transferred by operation of law to Dublin Port Company in July 1997, under the Harbours Act, 1996 (Commencement) (No. 3) Order 1997.

The consideration for the net assets transferred to the Company was satisfied by the creation and issue of 6.023 million ordinary shares of IR $\pounds$ 1 ( $\pounds$ 1.27) each fully paid. One ordinary share is held by the Minister for Finance and the remainder are held by the Minister for Transport at 31 December 2016.

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#### 5. Turnover

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
By class of business (all within Republic of Ireland)		
Port dues	67,585	62,407
Rents	13,122	12,915
East link (see note 7)	-	1,386
Licences	534	558
Other	392	408
	81,633	77,674

#### 6. Other Operating Income

6. Other Operating Income	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Revaluation of investment property	350	800
Grant income	-	1,034
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	169	-
	519	1,834

#### 7. East Link

Under agreements dated the 16 March 1983 and 24 November 1983, the latter being in consideration for the loss of limited berthage and the disposal of certain lands, the Board acquired the right to participate in the future profits of the Toll Scheme for a period of 25 years from the date on which the building costs were finally discharged or until 31 December 2015, whichever date first occurs. The appropriate date, therefore, was 31 December 2015, at which time this arrangement ceased.

8. Net Interest Expense		
	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
(a) Interest payable and similar charges:		
Interest on borrowings wholly repayable within five years	(1,123)	(1,129)
Net finance costs-pension schemes (see note 31)	-	(184)
Derivative financial liability (see note 27)	237	89
	(886)	(1,224)
(b) Interest receivable and similar income:		
Interest receivable	39	207
Net finance income-pension schemes (see note 31)	375	-
	414	207
(c) Net interest expense	(472)	(1,017)

### 9. Operating Profit

9. Operating Profit	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Operating Profit has been arrived at after charging/(crediting):		
Denne sisting (see moto 10)	0.004	7.000
Depreciation (see note 12)	9,004	7,609
Amortisation of intangible assets (see note 13)	78	45
Redundancy payments	365	-
Amortisation of capital grants (see note 22)	(475)	(489)
Surplus on revaluation of investment properties	(350)	(800)
Impairment (loss)/gain on trade receivables	(14)	121
Profit on disposal of tangible assets (see note 6)	(169)	-

#### Auditors remuneration:

Remuneration (including expenses) for the statutory audit and other services carried out by the Company's auditors is as follows:

	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Audit of entity financial statements	46	46
Other assurance services	62	39
Other non-audit services	-	23
Tax advisory services	66	39
	174	147

#### 10. Dividend Paid

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Interim dividend paid of €0.943 per share (2015: €0.76 per share)	(10,912)	(8,800)

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#### 11. Taxation

### (a) Tax expense included in Profit and Loss

(a) Tax expense included in Profit and Loss	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Current tax:		
Based on Port activity profits for the year:		
Corporation Tax at an effective rate of 12.5% (2015:12.5%)	(4,103)	(3,864)
Based on non-Port activity profits		
Corporation Tax at an effective rate of 25% (2015:25%)	(462)	(426)
	(4,565)	(4,290)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	1	8
Total current tax	(4,564)	(4,282)
Deferred tax:		
Timing differences between pension contributions paid and pensions charged	(949)	(593)
Timing differences on accelerated Capital Allowances	(510)	(681)
Origination and reversal of other timing differences	(35)	(3)
Over provision in prior year	16	7
Total deferred tax	(1,478)	(1,270)
Total tax charge	(6,042)	(5,552)
(b) Tax income/(expense) included in other Comprehensive Income		
Deferred tax		
Deferred tax related to defined benefit pension re-measurement loss/(gain)	995	(2,418)
Total tax income/(expense) included in other Comprehensive Income	995	(2,418)

#### **11. Taxation (continued)**

#### (c) Reconciliation of tax charge

The total Corporation Tax charge for the financial year is higher (2015: higher) than the total tax charge that would result from applying the standard rate of Irish Corporation Tax to profit on ordinary activities. The differences are explained below:

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Tax	45,082	41,924
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the average rate of		
Irish Corporation Tax for the year of 12.5% (2015:12.5%)	(5,635)	(5,240)
Effects of:		
Disallowable expenses	(258)	(214)
Non-taxable income	65	100
Passive income liable to tax at 25%	(231)	(213)
Adjustment to tax charge in respect of prior year	17	15
Total tax charge for the year	(6,042)	(5,552)

#### 12. Tangible Assets

12. langible Assets			Dock						
	Land and Buildings	Terminals	Structures, Dry Docks and Quays	Floating Craft	Cranes	Plant and Machinery Restated	Investment Property	CIP	Total Restated
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Cost or valuation									
At 1 January 2015	77,483	210,401	64,171	16,417	3,800	24,308	5,150	11,360	413,090
Additions during year	712	70	995	6	-	1,339	-	13,782	16,904
Revaluation of Investment Property	-	-	-	-	-	-	800	-	800
Transfer from CIP	-	-	10,807	-	-	-	-	(10,807)	-
At 31 December 2015	78,195	210,471	75,973	16,423	3,800	25,647	5,950	14,335	430,794
Accumulated Depreciation									
At 1 January 2015	12,736	75,249	22,071	2,962	3,791	11,981	-	-	128,790
Charge for year	1,412	2,992	1,328	546	3	1,328	-	-	7,609
At 31 December 2015	14,148	78,242	23,399	3,508	3,794	13,309	-	-	136,399
Net Book Amounts									
At 1 January 2015	64,747	135,152	42,102	13,455	9	12,327	5,150	11,360	284,300
At 31 December 2015	64,047	132,229	52,574	12,915	6	12,338	5,950	14,335	294,394

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#### 12. Tangible Assets (continued)

12. Tangible Assets (continued)	Land and Buildings	Terminals	Dock Structures, Dry Docks and Quays	Floating Craft	Cranes	Plant and Machinery	Investment Property	CIP	Total
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Cost or valuation									
At 1 January 2016	78,195	210,471	75,973	16,423	3,800	25,647	5,950	14,335	430,794
Reclassified	10	-	5	-	-	2	-	(17)	-
Additions during year	26,583	306	2,340	12	-	354	-	14,284	43,879
Revaluation of Investment Property	-	-	-	-	-	-	350	-	350
Disposals	(150)	-	-	(3)	-	-	-	-	(153)
Transfer from CIP	8,179	-	2,996	-	-	23	-	(11,198)	-
At 31 December 2016	112,817	210,777	81,314	16,432	3,800	26,026	6,300	17,404	474,870
Accumulated Depreciation									
At 1 January 2016	14,148	78,242	23,399	3,508	3,794	13,309	-	-	136,399
Reclassified	-	1		(2)	-	1	-	-	-
Charge for year	1,751	2,972	2,424	546	3	1,308	-	-	9,004
Disposals	(15)	-	-	(3)	-	-	-	-	(18)
Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	(7)	) –	-	(7)
At 31 December 2016	15,884	81,215	25,823	4,049	3,797	14,611	-	-	145,378
Net Book Amounts									
At 1 January 2016	64,047	132,229	52,574	12,915	6	12,338	5,950	14,335	294,394
At 31 December 2016	96,933	129,562	55,491	12,383	3	11,415	6,300	17,404	329,491

The cost to the Company of assets acquired on Vesting Day, 3 March 1997, under the Harbours Act, 1996 was determined by the then Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in consideration for shares issued.

In 2016 €169,000 profit on disposal of tangible assets was recognised (see note 6). There were no disposals of tangible fixed assets in 2015.

The investment property represents a 50% interest in freehold property and has been independently valued by Savills as at 31 December 2016 on an open market valuation basis. The valuation represented the valuer's opinion of market value at 31 December 2016 and has been prepared in accordance with the RICS Valuation – Professional Standards (incorporating the International Valuation Standards) published March 2012 by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. The valuer noted that values are subject to changes on account of market adjustments and other factors, and that values in the future may therefore be higher or lower than at the valuation date. The revaluation surplus of €0.35m million (2015: €0.8m) million surplus) arising on this revaluation has been credited to the other operating income line of the Profit and Loss account.

#### 13. Intangible assets

20	016	2015
€'0	00	€'000
		Restated
Cost or valuation		
At 1 January 1,2	46	1,197
Additions during year 2	98	49
At 31 December 1,5	44	1,246
Accumulated Amortisation		
At 1 January 9	30	885
Charge for year	78	45
At 31 December 1,0	08	930
Net Book Amounts		
At 1 January 33	16	312
At 31 December 5	36	316

#### **14. Development Land**

The Company entered into a Development Agreement dated 6th July 1999 with Earlsfort East Point and Eastpoint (Development) Two Ltd. ("the Developer"), for a development comprising approximately 14 acres of land adjoining the East Point Business Park Development Phase I.

At 31 December 2016, a receivable of €1.246m remains outstanding relating to the final three sites of land (comprising approximately 6 acres of land) which are subject to this arrangement. The Directors are satisfied that the carrying value of this land is fully recoverable at 31 December 2016.

In addition to consideration for the land sold, the Company is also entitled to further consideration calculated based on a share of the net profits realised on the sale of the developed properties by Eastpoint (Development) Two Ltd.

The consideration under this agreement will be recognised in the financial statements in the period when it is realised by Dublin Port Company. No consideration was recognised during the year (2015: NIL).

The Company is currently engaged in discussions with the developer with a view to finalising the timeframe for receipt of both the consideration in respect of land and any further consideration to be received on the ultimate sale of the relevant properties.

#### **15. Inventories**

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Consumable items	520	508

Inventory comprises consumable items, spare parts and stores used in the maintenance of plant. There was no material difference between the replacement cost of inventory and the above book amount.

Inventories are stated after provisions for impairment of €Nil (2015: €Nil).

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#### 16. Debtors - Amounts falling due within one year

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Trade debtors	12,487	11,758
VAT	2,897	213
Contributions receivable from pension scheme	1,142	957
Other receivables	640	870
	17,166	13,798

Trade debtors are stated after provisions for impairment of €0.1m (2015: €0.1m).

#### 17. Restricted Cash

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Cash held in escrow	14,125	-
	14,125	-

A cash balance is held in escrow in relation to the purchase of lands at Dublin Airport Logistics Park which is subject to appropriate rezoning.

#### **18. Investments**

€'000 €'000   Defined benefit pension asset (see note 31) 12,254		12,254	77,440
€'000 €'00	Short term deposits	-	64,192
	Defined benefit pension asset (see note 31)	12,254	13,248
		2016 €'000	2015 €'000

Investments in short term deposits have an original maturity of 6 months or less. There were no balances in short term deposits at the Balance Sheet date. At 31 December 2015 the average maturity of the deposits was 1 month. The average interest rate was 0.07% (2015: 0.4%).

In accordance with FRS102 short term deposits of €0.0m (2015: €29.077m) with contractual maturities of three months or less are included as cash equivalents in the Statement of Cash Flows.

#### 19. Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year

1,067	885
43,943	9,638
113	132
378	370
303	279
273	104
482	491
6,757	5,898
650	2,364
34,987	-
€'000	€'000
2016	2015
-	650

Trade and other creditors are payable at various dates in the next three months in accordance with the suppliers' usual and customary credit terms.

Tax and social insurance are repayable at various dates over the coming months in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions.

#### 20. Creditors – Amounts falling due after one year

	11,136	46,718
Derivative financial liability (see note 27)	148	385
Bank Loans (see note 21)	-	34,934
Deferred income – grants (see note 22)	10,988	11,399
	€'000	€'000
	2016	2015

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#### 21. Bank Loans

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Bank Loans	34,987	34,934
	34,987	34,934
These loans are repayable in the following periods after the year end:		
Within one year	34,987	-
Between one and two years	-	34,934
	34,987	34,934

Bank Loans are shown net of capitalised debt issue costs of €13k (2015: €66k) which are being amortised over the term of the debt.

The Company has a borrowing facility with Bank of Ireland, which amounts to  $\in$ 50m, consisting of a  $\in$ 35m term loan facility and a  $\in$ 15m revolving credit facility. This facility is for a five year term and is due for repayment in full in March 2017.  $\in$ 35m of the facility was drawn down at the year end.

The rate of interest on the loan is variable based on EURIBOR and the applicable margin. There is no tangible security held by BOI on this facility.

In December 2015 the Company entered into a Finance Contract with the European Investment Bank in respect of a €100m project finance facility. This facility is for a 20 year term and is undrawn at year end.

#### 22. Deferred Income

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Grants and contributions to fixed assets		
Opening Balance	11,890	11,203
Received during the year	55	1,176
Amortised to Profit and Loss Account during the year	(475)	(489)
Closing Balance	11,470	11,890
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year (see note 19)	482	491
Creditors – amounts falling due after one year (see note 20)	10,988	11,399
	11,470	11,890

Capital grants received from various authorities in respect of capital expenditure incurred are recorded as deferred income and released to the Profit and Loss Account over the expected useful lives of the relevant assets.

#### 23. Provisions for Liabilities

The Company had the following deferred tax liabilities during the year:

The Company had the following deferred tax liabilities during the year.	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
At 1 January	(6,954)	(3,265)
Additions dealt with in profit and loss	(1,477)	(1,278)
Additions dealt with in other comprehensive income	995	(2,418)
Unused amounts reversed to the profit and loss	-	7
At 31 December	(7,436)	(6,954)
	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Presented as:		
Deferred tax liabilities within provisions for liabilities	(7,436)	(6,954)

The provision for deferred tax consists of the following deferred tax assets/(liabilities):		
	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
	()	(, , , , , , )
Defined Benefit pension scheme	(1,387)	(1,433)
Derivative financial liabilities	19	48
Other timing differences	44	49
Accelerated capital allowances	(6,112)	(5,618)
	(7,436)	(6,954)

Deferred tax assets of  $\in 0.3m$  (2015:  $\in 0.3m$ ) was not recognised in respect of capital losses on the basis that there is no likelihood of recovering the benefit from these tax losses.

24. Share Capital and Reserves		
	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Authorised		
96.5m ordinary shares of €1.25 each	120,625	120,625
Allotted, called up and fully paid – presented as equity		
11.571m ordinary shares of €1.25 each	14,464	14,464

There is a single class of ordinary shares. There are no restrictions on the distribution of dividends and the repayment of capital. All shares carry equal voting rights and rank dividends to the extent to which the total amount on each share is paid up.

#### Reserves

The opening balance, closing balance and movements in each reserve are outlined in the Statement of Changes in Equity. A description of each reserve is outlined below.

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#### 24. Share Capital and Reserves (continued)

#### Called-up share capital

The authorised share capital of the Company comprises ordinary shares.

#### **Capital conversion reserve fund**

The ordinary shares of the Company were re-nominalised from €1.269738 each to €1.25 each in 2001 and the amount by which the issued share capital of the Company was reduced was transferred to a fund known as the Capital Conversion Reserve Fund.

#### **Capital contribution**

On 12 July 2011, as permitted by the Harbours Acts, 1996 to 2009, the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport ordered that the functions of Dundalk Port Company be transferred to the Company. The assets and liabilities taken on by the Company as a result of this Ministerial Order have been recorded at their fair values at that date. A corresponding amount has been recognised as a Capital Contribution in Shareholders' Funds reflecting that the assets received and liabilities assumed are considered to be a contribution from the Company's principal shareholder.

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#### 25. Note to the statement of cash flow

	Notes	2016	2015
		€'000	€'000
Profit for the financial year		39,040	36,372
		00,040	00,072
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	11	6,042	5,552
Net interest expense	8	472	1,017
Operating Profit		45,554	42,941
Amortisation of capital grants	22	(475)	(489)
Depreciation of tangible assets	12	9,004	7,609
Amortisation of intangible assets	13	78	45
Revaluation of investment property	12	(350)	(800)
Profit on disposal of assets	6	(169)	-
Write-off of fixed assets	12	(7)	-
(Increase)/decrease in inventories		(12)	17
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(3,369)	1,025
Increase in creditors		143	988
Change in relation to pension provision		(7,219)	(4,927)
Net cash inflow from operating activities		43,179	46,409

#### 26. Commitments

At 31 December, the Company had the following capital commitments:

	20,296	6,403
Authorised by the Directors but not contracted for	-	-
Contracted for	20,296	6,403
Future capital expenditure not provided for		
	€'000	€'000
	2016	2015

#### **27. Financial Instruments**

The Company has the following financial instruments:

The Company has the following financial instruments:	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost:		
Trade debtors	12,487	11,758
Other debtors	640	870
Investments (included in current assets)	-	64,192
	13,127	76,820
Cash at bank and in hand	37,986	5,882
Financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss:		
Derivative financial instruments	148	385
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:		
Bank loans	34,987	34,934
Trade creditors	650	2,364
Other creditors	6,587	5,898
	42,224	43,196

#### Derivative financial instruments - Interest rate swaps

The Company enters into interest rate swap contracts to mitigate the interest rate exposure on the Company's borrowings. At 31 December 2016, the contracts all mature within 3 months (2015: 15 months) of the year end.

The interest rate swap contracts are measured at fair value, which is determined using valuation techniques that utilise observable inputs. The fair value takes into account the fixed, floating and market rates prevailing at the year end. As interest rate swaps are marked to market at the year end, their carrying value is equal to their fair value.

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#### 28. Directors' Remuneration

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Emoluments	396	412
Contributions to retirement benefit schemes		
Defined contribution	-	-
Defined benefit	116	117

Retirement benefits are accruing to two Directors (2015: two Directors) under defined benefit schemes.

The Directors do not participate in any long term incentive schemes nor do they have any equity interests in the Company. There were no payments during the year (2015: NIL) in respect of compensation for loss of office or other termination payments.

Included in the above is the remuneration package of the Chief Executive made up as follows:

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Director's Fees	13	10
Salary	185	13 185
Other Benefits including Pension Costs and Taxable Benefits	95	95
	293	293

#### **Directors' Fees**

Directors rees	2016	2015
	€	€
L McCaffrey	21,600	21,600
E O'Reilly	12,600	12,600
P Bates	12,600	12,600
H Collins	7,198	12,600
E Finnan	3,176	12,600
G Darling	12,600	12,600
P Magner	12,600	12,600
J Moore *	12,600	12,600
	94,974	109,800

\*In Addition to the Directors' fees, Mr Moore was paid as an employee of Dublin Port Company.

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#### 28. Directors' Remuneration (continued)

#### Key management compensation

The compensation paid or payable to key management is shown below:

Total key management compensation	1,806	1,769
Post-employment benefits	316	306
Salaries and other short term benefits	1,490	1,463
	€'000	€'000
	2016	2015

The key management compensation amounts disclosed represents compensation to those people having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company. The key management personnel include Board Members and members of the executive management team.

#### 29. Employees

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Staff costs comprise:		
Wages and salaries	10,163	9,946
Social insurance costs	907	889
Other pension costs - Defined Benefit Schemes (see note 31)	(452)	1,524
Other pension costs - Defined Contribution Scheme (see note 31)	239	209
	10,857	12,568

Of the total staff costs €291,000 (2015: NIL) has been capitalised into tangible fixed assets and €10,566,000 (2015: €12,568,000) has been treated as an expense in the Profit and Loss account.

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was 146 (2015: 140).

#### **30. Related Party Transactions**

In accordance with FRS102 the Company is exempt from disclosure of transactions with other state owned entities.

As noted in note 1, one ordinary share is held by the Minister for Finance and the remainder are held by the Minister for Transport at 31 December 2016.

No Board member, who would be regarded as a related party, or members of key management staff have undertaken any material transactions with the Company during the year.

As noted in note 16, there is €1.1m due to the Company from the pension funds (2015: €1.0m).

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#### **31. Post-employment benefits**

The Company operates four defined benefit pension schemes and a defined contribution pension scheme. On 1 January 2005 the defined benefit schemes were closed to new entrants.

#### **Defined Contribution Scheme**

Employees joining the Company after 1 January 2005 are members of the defined contribution scheme. Contributions are paid by the members and by the Company at fixed rates. During the year the Company contributed €239k (2015: €209k) to the defined contribution scheme and this amount was charged to the Profit and Loss account. Irish Pensions Trust Limited, an independent professional trustee Company, is the sole trustee of the defined contribution scheme.

#### **Defined Benefit Schemes**

# (a) The Company operates four defined benefit pension schemes based on final pensionable salaries for eligible employees, including employees and former employees of Dundalk Port Company and the Company's predecessor entity, Dublin Port & Docks Board.

Under the provisions of the Harbours Act, 1996 the Company is responsible for funding the payment of pension entitlements (including the entitlements relating to pre-Vesting Day service with Dublin Port & Docks Board) of:

- (i) all eligible current employees of the Company;
- (ii) all eligible current and deferred pensioners of Dublin Port & Docks Board;
- (iii) former eligible employees of the Company who since Vesting Day have or may become current or deferred pensioners of the Company;
- (iv) eligible spouses and children of eligible employees or former employees.

Separate trustee administered schemes have been established for this purpose and these schemes are "The Dublin Port Superannuation Fund 1996" and "The Dublin Port Company Pilots Superannuation Fund".

In 2012 a formal scheme was established in respect of the Chief Executive and the name of this scheme is "The Dublin Port Company Chief Executive Retirement Benefits Scheme".

A formal trustee administered scheme was established during 2013 in respect of eligible former employees of Dundalk Port Company and the name of this scheme is "The Dublin Port Company Pension Scheme for Former Employees of Dundalk Port Company".

Irish Pensions Trust Limited, an independent professional trustee Company, is the sole trustee of the Pilots Superannuation Fund, the Dublin Port Company Chief Executive Retirement Benefits Scheme and the Dublin Port Company Pension Scheme for Former Employees of Dundalk Port Company.

The Company and scheme members appoint the trustees of the Dublin Port Superannuation Fund 1996. The most recent member trustee election for the Dublin Port Superannuation fund 1996 was held on 25 November 2011 and the appointment of four candidates was ratified by the Board at its meeting on 15 December 2011. In addition to the four member trustees, the Company also appointed a further four trustees.

There are no unfunded schemes in place as at 31 December 2016.

#### 31. Post-employment benefits (continued)

#### (b) Actuarial Valuation

The funding position of the main defined benefit schemes is assessed in accordance with the advice of independent actuaries. The funding position is formally assessed at three yearly intervals. The most recent applicable actuarial valuation reports were prepared at 1 January 2015 and were completed by Mercer, who are neither officers nor employees of the Company. The valuation reports at 1 January 2015 are available for inspection by scheme members but not for public inspection.

The Company intends to make regular contributions to the schemes in accordance with the recommendations set out by the actuaries in their reports at 1 January 2015. The next valuation reports are due to be prepared as at 1 January 2018.

#### Minimum Funding Standard valuation basis (unaudited information):

The funded schemes are required to meet the Minimum Funding Standard (MFS) in accordance with Section 44 of the Pensions Act, 1990 (as amended). The MFS, in general terms, measures whether accumulated assets cover liabilities accrued to members, assuming the schemes were wound up at the valuation date. The assumptions on which the MFS liability is determined are prescribed in legislation and actuarial guidance. The most recently completed actuarial funding certificates, where applicable, were submitted to the Pensions Authority with an effective date of 31 December 2014 and confirmed that the schemes satisfied the MFS at that date.

Following an interim actuarial review at 1 January 2017, it was found that the applicable schemes would have met the MFS as at 1 January 2017. Overall assets of the schemes were €280.00m and overall liabilities under the MFS were €209.2m, resulting in an aggregate surplus of €70.8m on the MFS basis.

#### Long-term valuation basis (unaudited information):

The Company's intention is to continue to provide funding in accordance with the actuary's recommendation to ensure that the schemes continue to operate and provide for pension payments in the long term future.

The valuation at 1 January 2015 for such funding purposes was prepared using an actuarial valuation method known as the "attained age" method. The principal actuarial assumptions adopted in the valuation were that the annual rate of return on investments before retirement would be 2.25% per annum for the Main Fund and 1.35% per annum for the Pilot, CEO and Dundalk Funds, the annual rate of return on investments after retirement would be 1.35% per annum for all funds, the increase in salaries would be nil for 2015, 1.8% in 2016, 2% for 2017-2019 and 3.0% per annum thereafter. The increase in pensions in payment would be nil for 2015, 1.8% in 2016, 2% for 2017-2019 and 2.5% thereafter. Under this valuation method at 1 January 2015, overall assets were €257.2m and overall accrued liabilities were €293.9m. This resulted in an aggregate deficit of €36.7m and a funding ratio (assets: liabilities) as at 1 January 2015 of 88%. This valuation was carried out in respect of the Dublin Port Superannuation Fund 1996, the Dublin Port Company Pilots Superannuation Fund and the Dublin Port Company Chief Executive Retirement Benefits Scheme.

Following an interim actuarial review at 1 January 2017 overall assets were €280.0m and overall liabilities measured under this valuation method were €302.6m resulting in an aggregate deficit of €22.6m and a funding ratio (assets:liabilities) as at 1 January 2017 of 93%.

The next formal valuation will be prepared at 1 January 2018.

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#### 31. Post-employment benefits (continued)

#### (c) FRS 102 - Section 28 - "Employee Benefits"

The defined benefit obligations of the Company have been valued by independent actuaries for the purposes of section 28 of FRS 102 based on data provided for an actuarial valuation of the schemes as at 31 December 2016. As required by section 28 of FRS 102 the valuation was prepared using an actuarial valuation method known as the "projected unit credit" method. As the schemes are closed to new entrants, the schemes have an age profile that is rising and therefore under the projected unit method the current service cost will increase as members of the scheme approach retirement.

#### **Financial Assumptions:**

The main financial assumptions to calculate the benefit obligations (liabilities) under section 28 of FRS 102 at the Balance Sheet date were:

	31 December 2016	31 December 2015
Rate of interest applied to discount benefit obligations	1.75%	2.50%
	2% for 2017-2019, 3%	1.8% in 2016,2% for 2017-
Projected rate of increase of salaries	thereafter	2019, 3% thereafter
	2% for 2017-2019, 2.5%	1.8% in 2016, 2% for 2017-
Projected rate of increase of pensions in payment	thereafter	2019, 2.5% thereafter
	2% for 2017-2019, 2.5%	1.8% in 2016, 2% for 2017-
Rate of increase of pensions in deferment	thereafter	2019, 2.5% thereafter
CPI Inflation	1.75%	1.75%

The discount rate used in the calculation of the pension liability is determined by reference to market yields at the Balance Sheet date on high quality corporate bonds. The currency and term of the corporate bonds is consistent with the currency and estimated term of the benefit obligations. Having regard to the duration of the scheme benefit obligations, a discount rate of 1.75% was adopted at 31 December 2016.

#### **Demographic Assumptions:**

The assumptions relating to the life expectancy at retirement for members is set out below:

	2016		2015	
	Male Years	Female Years	Male Years	Female Years
Current members age 40 (life expectancy at age 65)	25.8	27.9	25.7	27.8
Current pensioners age 65 (life expectancy at age 65)	23.0	25.0	22.9	24.9

#### Scheme Assets:

The investment allocations of assets at the Balance Sheet date were:

Asset Class	Proportion of Scheme assets at 31 December 2016	Proportion of Scheme assets at 31 December 2015
Equities	16.40%	16.50%
Bonds	83.50%	82.50%
Property	0.40%	1.00%
Other	(0.30%)	0.00%
	100.0%	100.0%

Under FRS102, the expected return on assets is set equal to the discount rate.

#### 31. Post-employment benefits (continued)

The fair value of the assets in the pension schemes at the Balance Sheet date were:

	Fair value at 31 December 2016	Fair value at 31 December 2015
	€'000	€'000
Equities	45,964	42,650
Bonds	233,843	212,996
Property	1,004	2,965
Other	(813)	(571)
Total Fair value of Assets	279,998	258,040

The amounts recognised in the statement of financial position are as follows:	31 December 2016	31 December 2015
	€'000	€'000
Fair value of scheme assets	279,998	258,040
Defined benefit obligation	(268,905)	(246,576)
	11,093	11,464
Presented in financial statements as follows:		
Investments – surplus on funded schemes (see note 18)	12,254	13,248
Provision for post-employment benefit obligation – unfunded schemes	(1,161)	(1,784)
Net defined benefit asset	11,093	11,464

2016 2015 €'000 €'000

Cost (excluding interest)		
Current service cost	(1,496)	(1,740)
Past service credit	1,948	216
	452	(1,524)
Net interest cost		
Interest income on scheme assets	6,415	5,116
Interest on pension scheme benefit obligations	(6,040)	(5,300)
Net interest cost	375	(184)
	827	(1,708)

The Profit and Loss charge includes the following credit due to changes in plan provisions:

Past Service Cost: A negative past service cost arises in respect of the permanent reduction in the benefits of active and deferred members of the Dublin Port Superannuation Fund 1996 and the Dublin Port Company Pilots' Superannuation Fund due to the pension levies for the years 2011 to 2015 inclusive. The reduction in benefits was agreed by the trustees of both plans. The gain is the present value of the reduction in pension benefits and calculated as at 31 December 2016 and 2015 using financial assumptions appropriate at that date.

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#### **31. Post-employment benefits (continued)**

#### Analysis of the re-measurements amounts recognised in other Comprehensive Income:

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Return on plan assets (excluding interest income)	18,431	(1,537)
Effect of experience adjustments	4,301	(30)
Effect of changes in assumptions	(30,697)	20,914
Total re-measurements included in other Comprehensive Income	(7,965)	19,347

#### Movement in scheme assets and benefit obligations

Movement in scheme assets and benefit obligations	Assets €'000	Benefit obligations €'000	Net (deficit)/ surplus €'000
At 31 December 2014	257,175	(269,801)	(12,626)
Current service cost	-	(1,740)	(1,740)
Past service credit	-	216	216
Interest on scheme benefit obligations	-	(5,300)	(5,300)
Interest income on scheme assets	5,116	-	5,116
Return on scheme assets (excluding interest income)	(1,537)	-	(1,537)
Remeasurement due to experience adjustments	-	(30)	(30)
Remeasurement due to change in assumptions	-	20,914	20,914
Members' contributions	396	(396)	-
Benefits paid from scheme	(9,561)	9,561	-
Employer contributions	6,451	-	6,451
As at 31 December 2015	258,040	(246,576)	11,464

#### Movement in scheme assets and benefit obligations

	Assets €'000	Benefit obligations €'000	Net (deficit)/ surplus €'000
At 31 December 2015	258,040	(246,576)	11,464
Current service cost	-	(1,496)	(1,496)
Past service credit	-	1,948	1,948
Interest on scheme benefit obligations	-	(6,040)	(6,040)
Interest income on scheme assets	6,415	-	6,415
Return on scheme assets (excluding interest income)	18,431	-	18,431
Remeasurement due to experience adjustments	-	4,301	4,301
Remeasurement due to change in assumptions	-	(30,697)	(30,697)
Members' contributions	333	(333)	-
Benefits paid from scheme	(9,988)	9,988	-
Employer contributions	6,767	-	6,767
As at 31 December 2016	279,998	(268,905)	11,093

The employer expects to contribute €6.5 million to the pension schemes in 2017.

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#### 31. Post-employment benefits (continued)

#### Sensitivity Analysis of Scheme Benefit obligations:

The sensitivity of the defined benefit obligation to changes in the mortality assumptions is set out below:

	2016 Existing Assumption	2016 -1 Year	2016 +1 Year
Current Male Member age 40 (Life Expectancy at age 65)	25.8	24.9	26.7
Current Male Pensioner age 65 (Life Expectancy at age 65)	23.0	22.1	23.8
Benefit obligations (€'000)	268,905	259,630	278,345
Change in benefit obligations (€'000)		9,275	(9,440)
% Change (as % of original)		3.4%	(3.5%)

The sensitivity of the defined benefit obligation to changes in the discount rate is set out below:

	2016 Existing Assumption	2016 -0.25%	2016 +0.25%
Discount Rate	1.75%	1.50%	2.00%
Benefit obligations (€'000)	268,905	280,548	257,998
Change in benefit obligations (€'000		(11,643)	10,907
% Change (as % of original)		(4.3%)	4.1%

#### 32. Events after the reporting date

On 24 March 2017 the land sale transaction completed in respect of the cash held in escrow. This was held in relation to the purchase of lands at Dublin Airport Logistics Park which was subject to appropriate zoning.

On 29 March 2017 the Company put in place a new borrowing facility with Ulster Bank DAC. This facility amounts to a €50m revolving credit facility and is for a five year term with two further one-year extension options.

There have been no further events between the Balance Sheet date and the date on which the financial statements were approved by the Board, which would require adjustment to the financial statements or any additional disclosures.

#### **33. Approval of the Financial Statements**

The Directors approved the financial statements on 31st March 2017.

# **Port Statistics (un-audited)**

The financial statements cover the year ended 31 December 2016 together with comparative figures for 2015.

For comparison purposes, the un-audited statistics reproduced below cover trade for Dublin Port Company for the calendar years 2014 - 2016.

	2016	2015	2014
Vessels – Total Arrivals	7,749	7,166	7,108
Throughput ('000 tonnes)			
Ro-Ro	22,484	21,191	19,796
Lo-Lo	6,328	5,960	5,507
Bulk Liquid	4,017	3,857	3,624
Bulk Solid	2,053	1,780	1,885
Break Bulk	47	50	37
	34,929	32,838	30,849
Ro-Ro units ('000)	945	878	822
Lo-Lo TEU's ('000)	664	614	566
Passenger Numbers (millions)	1.8	1.8	1.7

### Vessels - Total Arrivals

2016	7,749
2015	7,166
2014	7,108

### Ro-Ro units ('000)

2016	945
2015	878
2014	822

### Lo-Lo TEU's ('000)

2016	664
2015	614
2014	566

### Passenger Numbers (millions)

2016	1.8
2015	1.8
2014	1.7

### Throughput ('000 tonnes) Ro-Ro

2016	22,484
2015	21,191
2014	19,796

### Throughput ('000 tonnes) Lo-Lo

2016	6,328
2015	5,960
2014	5,507

### Throughput ('000 tonnes) Bulk Liquid

2016	4,017
2015	3,857
2014	3,624

### Throughput ('000 tonnes) Bulk Solid

2016	2,053
2015	1,780
2014	1,885

### Throughput ('000 tonnes) Break Bulk

2016	47
2015	50
2014	37

## **Towage Accounts (un-audited)**

The Port Services Regulation (Regulation 2017/352) was introduced by the European Parliament on 15 February 2017. The Regulation establishes a framework for the provision of port services and common rules on the financial transparency of ports.

The financial contribution statement in respect of the Company's towage service for the year ended 31 December 2016, together with comparative figures for 2015, is set out below:

	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Revenue	3,192	2,593
Direct Costs	1,323	1,382
Contribution to overheads and administration	1,869	1,211

### Revenue (€'000 )

2016	3,192
2015	2,593

Dire	ct Costs (€'000 )	
2016		1,323
2015		1,382

### Contribution to overheads and administration (€'000)

2016	1,869
2015	1,211