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Statutory auditors' report on the "consolidated accounting statements"

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To the Chairman of Eurotunnel Holding S.A.S.,

In our capacity as statutory auditors of Eurotunnel Holding S.A.S. and in accordance with your request in connection with the Permanent Facility Agreement amended on 13 April 2018, we have audited the "consolidated accounting statements" of Eurotunnel Holding S.A.S. They include the consolidated income statement, the consolidated financial position and the consolidated cash flows statement for the year ended 31 December 2021 as explained in note C.1 to the accompanying consolidated accounting statements.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the "consolidated accounting statements". Inasmuch as they were not intended for the sole shareholder, they were not subject to approval by the Chairman of the Company. The "consolidated accounting statements" have been prepared in the context of the evolving environment of the Covid-19 pandemic. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these "consolidated accounting statements" based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with professional standards applicable in France and the professional doctrine of the French national auditing body (Compagnie nationale des commissaires aux comptes) related to this engagement; these standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the "consolidated accounting statements" are free of material misstatement. An audit involves performing procedures, using sampling techniques or other methods of selection, to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the "accounting statements". An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made, as well as the overall presentation of the "consolidated accounting statements". We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

In our opinion, the "consolidated accounting statements" have been prepared in all material aspects in accordance with the accounting and valuation principles described in the accompanying Explanatory note.

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw your attention to the paragraph “General Principles” of the Explanatory Note that explains how the “consolidated accounting statements” have been prepared and that the “consolidated accounting statements” do not constitute a complete set of financial statements prepared in accordance with the IFRS accounting principles. According to the IFRS as adopted by the European Union, only a complete set of financial statements (including a statement of financial position, statements of profit and losses, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information) can present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company and its financial performance.

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Courbevoie, 24 March 2022



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CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTING
STATEMENTS
FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER
2021**

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INTRODUCTION

This document has been prepared in order to meet the requirements under clause 23 of the Permanent Facility Agreement dated 20 March 2007 as amended on 13 April 2018. These accounting statements consolidate the accounts of Getlink SE's sub-group (the "Eurotunnel Group") which consists of Eurotunnel Holding SAS and its subsidiaries, including most notably The Channel Tunnel Group Limited (CTG) and France Manche SA, concessionaires of the Fixed Link and holders of the Term Loan.

These accounting statements cover the same scope of consolidation as the "Eurotunnel" segment in the Getlink Group's consolidated reporting and have been prepared on the same basis as the Getlink Group's consolidated financial statements which are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union at 31 December 2021.

SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

Income statement

€'000	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Exchange rate €/£	1.167	1.126
Revenue	643,696	692,688
Other income	3,959	–
Operating expenses	(170,111)	(203,948)
Employee benefits expense	(175,313)	(171,554)
Operating margin (EBITDA)	302,231	317,186
Depreciation	(164,618)	(161,563)
Trading profit	137,613	155,623
Other operating income	2,929	988
Other operating expenses	(35,969)	(4,026)
Operating profit	104,573	152,585
Finance income	6,398	7,501
Finance costs	(322,170)	(254,196)
Net finance costs	(315,772)	(246,695)
Other financial income	5,130	39,870
Other financial charges	(43,163)	(8,027)
Pre-tax loss	(249,232)	(62,267)
Income tax expense	12,246	3,934
Net loss for the year	(236,986)	(58,333)

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Statement of financial position

€'000	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Exchange rate €/£	1.190	1.112
ASSETS		
Intangible assets	3,189	3,614
Concession property, plant and equipment	5,676,290	5,785,347
Total property, plant and equipment (tangible and intangible)	5,679,479	5,788,961
Deferred tax asset	470,489	462,403
Other financial assets: external	58	21
Other financial assets: intragroup	322,401	314,091
Total non-current assets	6,472,427	6,565,476
Trade receivables: external	51,321	53,699
Trade receivables: intragroup	13,499	3,131
Other receivables: external	28,633	43,048
Other receivables: intragroup	664,998	727,883
Other financial assets	3,544	1,154
Cash and cash equivalents	429,106	329,823
Total current assets	1,191,101	1,158,738
Total assets	7,663,528	7,724,214
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Issued share capital	508,621	508,621
Share premium account	894,718	894,718
Other reserves	(1,113,194)	(1,359,253)
Loss for the period	(236,986)	(58,333)
Cumulative translation reserve	208,798	302,176
Total equity	261,957	287,929
Retirement benefit obligations	104,699	150,235
Financial liabilities: external	4,324,054	4,150,123
Financial liabilities: intragroup	1,466,431	1,517,766
Other financial liabilities	30,276	31,120
Interest rate derivatives	1,100,909	1,306,194
Total non-current liabilities	7,026,369	7,155,438
Provisions	33,980	5,420
Financial liabilities	92,472	73,190
Other financial liabilities: external	4,092	3,284
Other financial liabilities: intragroup	56,207	15,933
Trade payables: external	112,705	106,963
Trade payables: intragroup	15,154	25,758
Other payables: external	60,500	50,213
Other payables: intragroup	92	86
Total current liabilities	375,202	280,847
Total equity and liabilities	7,663,528	7,724,214

Intragroup comprises fellow Getlink Group entities not part of the Eurotunnel Group.

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Cash flow statement

€'000	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Exchange rate €/£	1.190	1.112
Operating margin (EBITDA)	302,231	317,186
Exchange adjustment *	3,022	(2,177)
Increase in working capital	48,891	51,635
Net cash inflow from trading	354,144	366,644
Other operating cash flows received	13,091	12,218
Net cash inflow from taxation	536	–
Net cash inflow from operating activities	367,771	378,862
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	(62,931)	(78,018)
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(62,931)	(78,018)
Fees paid on loans	(2,556)	(5,889)
SPV Noteholder ongoing fee	(976)	(899)
Interest paid on external loans (CLEF)	(167,678)	(162,341)
Interest received on loans (Funding Loan / Permitted advance loan ETH/Getlink)	–	3,359
Interest paid and repayments on leasing contracts	(2,846)	(2,594)
Scheduled repayment of loans	(59,623)	(53,072)
Movement in intercompany with Getlink	13,413	33,902
Interest received on cash and cash equivalents	283	1,005
Cash received from the novation of hedging contracts	–	5,004
Net cash outflow from financing activities	(219,983)	(181,525)
Increase in cash in year	84,857	119,319

* The adjustment relates to the restatement of elements of the income statement at the exchange rate ruling at the period end.

Notes to the accounting statements

Eurotunnel Holding SAS (ETH) is a private simplified joint stock company (*Société par Actions Simplifiée*, SAS) registered in France on 21 December 2016 which has been a wholly-owned subsidiary of Getlink SE since April 2018. ETH is the holding company of France Manche SA (FM) and The Channel Tunnel Group Ltd (CTG) (the concessionaires of the Channel Tunnel under the Concession Agreement dated 14 March 1986) and other subsidiaries as set out in note B below. ETH's accounts are fully consolidated in the consolidated accounts of Getlink SE. References to the "Eurotunnel Group" in this document relates to the Eurotunnel Holding SAS and all its subsidiaries. References to the "Getlink Group" in this document relates to the Getlink SE and all its subsidiaries.

The main activities of the Eurotunnel Group are the design, financing, construction and operation of the Fixed Link's infrastructure and transport system in accordance with the terms of the Concession which will expire in 2086. ETH has as its object the holding and the management of all participations and all interests in all companies and groups of French and foreign law, and more generally, all operations of any nature, legal, economic and financial, civil or commercial, related to the object indicated above.

A. Important events

A.1 Activity in 2021

A.1.1 Covid-19 pandemic

The containment and population movement restriction measures put in place in 2020 by the French and British governments in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic were extended to 2021.

The health crisis and the measures taken by governments have had a significant impact on the Group's traffic and internal organisation, and more particularly on Eurotunnel's activities, which have continued to experience a substantial reduction in traffic throughout 2021, particularly that of Passenger Shuttles and in the number of Eurostar passengers.

Faced with this situation, the Group has continued to apply the various measures launched in 2020, aimed at allowing the movement of goods, while ensuring the health safety of its customers and staff.

It also continued to take action to preserve its cash flow by continuing the partial activity schemes for some of its staff in France and the UK. The UK government terminated the furlough part-time work scheme in the United Kingdom as of 30 September 2021. The Group has also continued its cost reduction plan to limit its expenditure to the strict minimum necessary, and to postpone a significant part of its capital expenditure planned for 2021, while ensuring that expenditure required for safety and continuity of operations is maintained. Some of these measures remain in place as at the balance sheet date.

Getlink's additional Green Bond transaction completed in October 2021 enabled the Group to strengthen its cash position.

Despite this unfavourable environment, the various measures taken by the Group during 2021 have enabled it to comply with the covenants relating to the Eurotunnel Term Loan at 31 December 2021 and to strengthen its liquidity position. At 31 December 2021, the Group held cash and cash equivalent investments of €718 million, an increase of €89 million compared to the end of 2020.

In October 2021, in the context of the health crisis and as a precautionary measure, the Group extended the waiver agreement that was put in place in 2020 under its main financial covenant. As a result, the waiver will apply for testing as at 30 June 2022 and 31 December 2022, unless the Group decides that it is not required no later than five weeks prior to either of these two dates. The Group did not make use of the waiver at either 30 June 2021 or 31 December 2021. The waiver is subject to certain conditions including the holding of a minimum cash balance of approximately €200 million at the Eurotunnel sub-group level on the relevant dates. At 31 December 2021, cash held by the Eurotunnel Holding sub-group totalled €429 million.

A.1.2 Brexit: the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union

Following the referendum decision on 23 June 2016 and the triggering of article 50 by the UK Government at the end of March 2017, the transition period for the UK's official exit from the European Union ended on 31 December 2020. The new procedures for managing vehicle and goods controls on entry to the European Union were applied from 1 January 2021 at the Coquelles terminal, and Truck Shuttle traffic was impacted throughout 2021, and particularly in the first few months of the year, by the adaptation of its customers to these new administrative rules for crossing the border.

During 2021, the UK Government delayed the implementation of the new arrangements for border controls on entry to the UK. These controls are now in place and have been applied at the border since 1 January 2022.

The consequences for the Group of the Covid-19 pandemic and Brexit in 2022 will depend on the evolution of the pandemic over the coming months and the decisions and actions of the French and British authorities, as well as their impact on the economy in general and on cross-Channel transport in particular.

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The Group has updated its budget estimates for 2022 and beyond based on the information available to date and its best assessment of how the situation, particularly in terms of health and regulations, could evolve in the short and medium term. Based on these estimates, the Group will have sufficient liquidity to cover its debt servicing for 2022 and 2023 and to finance its activities.

The Group has taken this context into account in determining the main estimates and assumptions made in the context of the preparation of its consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 as set out in note B.2 below. The indication of impairment identified on the Concession's assets led the Group to carry out an impairment test on these assets at 31 December 2021, which did not lead to the recognition of an impairment loss at that date.

A.2 Social measures

As part of its action plan to address the dual impact of the Covid-19 crisis and Brexit on Eurotunnel's business, and with the aim of better adapting its organisation to the new economic reality, the Group launched a voluntary redundancy programme for all employees of the Eurotunnel segment in October 2021. This plan, which aims to reduce Eurotunnel's workforce by between 200 and 250 people, was announced to all staff on 19 October 2021 and externally on 21 October 2021.

The voluntary departure programme for Eurotunnel's UK workforce was launched in November 2021 and the first departures took place before the end of 2021. In France, a collective bargaining agreement (Rupture Conventionnelle Collective) was concluded with the trade unions. The Group expects the bulk of the voluntary redundancy programme to be completed in 2022.

In its consolidated financial statements at 31 December 2021, the Group has recognised a provision of €29 million for costs related to the implementation of this voluntary redundancy programme.

A.3 Settlement agreement with the French State

On 17 March 2021, the Group entered into a settlement agreement with the French government following a claim for compensation for part of the costs incurred by the Group in connection with the investments requested by the government for the construction of structures and facilities required to enable the new customs, sanitary and phytosanitary border controls made compulsory by the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union, and also for financial compensation following the industrial action by French Customs officers in March 2019. Under the terms of this agreement, the Group received a settlement indemnity of €22 million in 2021. In the Group's consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2021, €18 million of this receipt is recognised in respect of Brexit-related investments and €4 million is recognised in other income in respect of the compensation for the disruption caused by the industrial action by French Customs officers.

A.4 Duty Free

As part of the new regulatory arrangements in place following Brexit, the Group launched duty-free sales at its Folkestone terminal in April 2021.

On 10 June 2021, the French government announced the decision to allow the return of duty-free at Eurotunnel's French terminal in Coquelles. This activity began on 22 November 2021 following the completion of the necessary administrative procedures.

B. Principles of preparation, main accounting policies and methods

These consolidated accounts consist of the consolidation of the accounts of Eurotunnel Holding SAS and its subsidiaries. The accounting periods of the Eurotunnel Group companies run from 1 January to 31 December.

B.1 General principles

The consolidated accounting statements (the income statement, the statement of financial position and the cash flow statement) have been prepared in accordance with the valuation and accounting principles described in the accompanying explanatory notes and the notes to the consolidated financial statements of Getlink SE for the year ending 31 December 2021¹.

The consolidated accounting statements are prepared in the specific context of the Amended Permanent Facility Agreement. They do not constitute a complete set of financial statements prepared in accordance with the IFRS accounting principles.

The Eurotunnel Group has control over the nature and price of the services it provides, and therefore does not meet the criteria set out in IFRIC 12 relating to concession contracts.

B.1.1 Texts adopted by the European Union whose application is compulsory

Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7 - interest rate benchmarks reform, phase 2

A reform of the main reference rates is underway with the replacement of Interbank Offered Rates (IBOR) with alternative risk free rates.

¹ Except for some accounting treatments elected in the specific case of the first-time preparation of ETH consolidated accounts and the corporate reorganisation (common control transaction) and the specific context of the Amended Permanent Facility Agreement.

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The Eurotunnel Group has applied the provisions of the amendments to IFRS 9 Phase 2 and IFRS 7 as of 1 January 2021, which include a series of temporary provisions allowing hedging relationships to continue without interruption in the event of a change in the reference rate affecting a hedged item and/or a hedging instrument.

For the Eurotunnel Group, the main exposure is the sterling LIBOR associated with certain financial instruments (the C1a tranche of the Term Loan with a nominal value of £350 million) and the related hedging contract with a nominal value of £350 million and to a lesser extent certain commercial contracts (interest on arrears, etc.).

The Eurotunnel Group is continuing to work on updating its contracts or implementing fallback provisions in response to this reform.

The transition of the rates has had no impact on the Eurotunnel Group's consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2021.

The following other texts, concerning accounting rules and methods specifically applied by the Eurotunnel Group, have been approved by the European Union:

- amendments to IFRS 4 - extension of the temporary exemption from applying IFRS 9;
- amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7 - interest rate benchmark reform, phase 2;
- amendments to IFRS 16 - rent arrangements beyond 30 June 2021.

The potential impact of these texts will be assessed by the Eurotunnel Group in subsequent years.

Texts adopted by the European Union but not yet compulsory

The following texts, concerning accounting rules and methods specifically applied by the Eurotunnel Group, have been approved by the European Union but are not yet compulsory:

- amendments to IFRS 3 - references to the conceptual framework;
- amendments to IAS 37 - onerous contracts – cost of fulfilling a contract.

B.1.2 Texts and amendments published by the IASB but not approved by the European Union

The following texts concerning accounting rules and methods specifically applied by the Eurotunnel Group have not yet been approved by the European Union:

- amendments to IAS 1 - classification of liabilities as current or non-current;
- amendments to IAS 1 and Practice Statement 2 - disclosures about accounting policies;
- amendments to IAS 8 - definition of estimates.

The potential impact of these texts will be assessed by the Eurotunnel Group in subsequent years.

B.1.3 IAS 19 Employee benefits

An IFRS Agenda decision in May 2021 on IAS 19 Employee benefits confirmed that benefit amounts should not be allocated to periods of service rendered by staff which under the rules of the benefit plan would not ultimately contribute to the future amount of the benefit. The Eurotunnel end of career benefit in France is payable on condition of presence at retirement age. It is capped at three months of final annual salary and is earned after 10 years of service. In this context, amounts that had been accrued under the Eurotunnel Group's interpretation of IAS 19 in respect of staff in particular under 54 years of age as at 31 December 2020 were not in line with this IFRS Agenda decision. The impact of the application of this interpretation, which results in a decrease of €10.3 million in the provision for end-of-career indemnities, has been recognised in the opening equity of the 2021 financial year.

B.2 Basis of preparation

Conversion of foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are converted into the reporting currency of each individual company at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies other than those mentioned below are translated at the rate ruling at the end of the reporting period. Exchange differences are dealt with in the income statement.

Exchange rates for consolidated entities

The Eurotunnel Group consolidated accounts are prepared in euros.

The accounts of the Eurotunnel Group's British subsidiaries, and notably CTG and its subsidiaries, are prepared in sterling and are converted into euros as follows:

- Retained reserves brought forward and Concession property, plant and equipment and related depreciation, at historical rates².
- All other assets and liabilities at the rate ruling at the end of the reporting period.
- Income statement items, except for the Concessionaires' depreciation, at the average rate for the year.

² In the specific context of the preparation of the consolidated accounting statements of ETH for the purposes of the Permanent Facility Agreement, the historical rates used are the same as those used for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements of the Getlink Group.

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- Exchange differences arising from the application of the above are included in the cumulative translation reserve in the statement of financial position.
- The closing and average €/£ exchange rates for 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

€/£	2021	2020
Closing rate	1.190	1.112
Average rate	1.167	1.126

Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires estimates and assumptions to be made that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses for the period. The valuations and estimates are periodically reviewed based on experience and various other factors considered relevant for the determination of reasonable and appropriate estimates of the assets' and liabilities' carrying value. In addition, the estimates underlying the preparation of these annual financial statements as at 31 December 2021 have been established in the context of the uncertainties concerning the uncertainties concerning the Covid-19 pandemic and Brexit. Depending on the evolution of these assumptions, actual results may differ from current estimates.

The use of estimations by the Eurotunnel Group concerns mainly the valuation of intangible and tangible property, plant and equipment, the evaluation of its deferred tax situation, the valuation of its retirement liabilities and certain elements of the valuation of its financial assets and liabilities.

C. Scope of consolidation

C.1 Accounting policies

Global integration

The accounts of entities under the Eurotunnel Group's direct or indirect control are included in the consolidated financial statements using the full consolidation method. Control of an entity is deemed to exist when the Eurotunnel Group:

- holds power over the entity,
- is exposed to, or entitled to, variable returns due to its involvement with the entity, and
- has the ability to exercise its power over the relevant activities of the entity in order to affect the amount of returns it obtains.

All significant transactions between the consolidated subsidiaries are eliminated, as are the Eurotunnel Group's internal results (capital gains, profits on inventories, dividends).

The results of acquired subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is exercised. Companies acquired or incorporated during the period are consolidated from the date of acquisition or incorporation.

Business combinations

Business combinations are recorded in accordance with the acquisition accounting method as set out in the revised IFRS 3. Under this method, the assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed are recorded at fair value.

When a business is acquired in stages, the Group's previously held interest in the business acquired is revalued to fair value through profit or loss at the time of full acquisition. For the determination of goodwill at the date of control, the fair value of the consideration transferred (for example the price paid) is increased by the fair value of the interest previously held by the Group.

Costs directly attributable to acquisition transactions are recognised in the operating result for the year.

In the specific case of the corporate internal reorganisation within the Getlink Group, that meets the definition of a common control transaction, ETH elected for book value accounting in 2018 for the preparation of its consolidated accounting statements.

C.2 List of consolidated companies

The Eurotunnel Group was created following the Getlink group's internal corporate reorganisation in April 2018.

For the purposes of this consolidation, the Eurotunnel Group comprises the following companies at 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2021:

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	Country of registration or incorporation	Consolidation method	31 December 2021		31 December 2020		
			% interest	% control	% interest	% control	
Eurotunnel segment							
Eurotunnel Holding SAS	France	FC	100	100	100	100	
France Manche SA (FM, the French Concessionaire)	France	FC	100	100	100	100	
The Channel Tunnel Group Limited (CTG, the British Concessionaire)	England	FC	100	100	100	100	
Eurotunnel Financial Services Limited	England	FC	100	100	100	100	
Eurotunnel SE	Belgium	FC	100	100	100	100	
Eurotunnel Services GIE (ESGIE)	France	FC	99	99	99	99	
Eurotunnel Services Limited (ESL)	England	FC	100	100	100	100	
Gamond Insurance Company Limited (GICL)	Guernsey	FC	100	100	100	100	
Companies with no significant activity during 2021							
Eurotunnel Finance Limited (EFL)	England	FC	100	100	100	100	
Eurotunnel Trustees Limited (ETRL)	England	FC	100	100	100	100	
EurotunnelPlus Limited	England	FC	100	100	100	100	
EurotunnelPlus GmbH*	Germany	FC	100	100	100	100	

* EurotunnelPlus GmbH is in the process of being wound up.

D. Operating data

Revenue

Sales are recognised in revenue when the service is delivered.

- For the Truck Shuttle activity, revenue is recognised when the crossing has been made.
- For the Passenger Shuttle activity:
 - when the reservation is made, the tickets are recorded in “deferred income”,
 - then the revenue is recognised when the crossing has been made.
- For the Railway Network passenger and rail freight tolls, revenue is recognised when the crossing has been made. For the Railway Network’s annual fixed charges and contributions to its operating and investment costs, revenue is recognised as a function of the Fixed Link’s availability.

EBITDA/operating margin

EBITDA (or operating margin) as used by the Eurotunnel Group is calculated by adding back depreciation charges to the trading profit.

Other operating income and (expenses)

Distinction between the trading result and the operating result

The Eurotunnel Group considers that it is helpful to include an additional result line in the presentation of its income statement within the operating result, in order to understand better its financial performance. This line is called the “trading result”, and excludes income or charges which are non-recurrent in terms of their frequency and nature and for which the amount is significant. The Eurotunnel Group therefore applies recommendation number 2013-03 of the French national authority for accounting standards, the Autorité des Normes Comptables.

Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are included in the category “Financial assets measured at amortised cost”.

For trade receivables, receivables with a proven risk and considered doubtful are subject to an impairment loss determined on the basis of the estimated recoverable amount.

In accordance with the provisions of IFRS 9, receivables that do not present a proven risk are subject to an impairment calculation for expected impairment losses. In accordance with the provisions of IFRS 9, the Eurotunnel Group has adopted the simplified approach for trade receivables. Impairment losses are estimated using an impairment matrix based on historical default rates of receivables over their lifetime.

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Provisions

Provisions are recognised when there exists a legal or constructive obligation stemming from a past event and when the related future cash flows can be reliably estimated.

E. Personnel expenses and benefits

Retirement benefits

The Eurotunnel Group provides for its legal and contractual obligations for retirement indemnities of employees under French contracts, and for the defined benefit retirement schemes of employees under UK contracts operated by CTG and ESL. The liability for defined benefits, recorded in the statement of financial position, is the present value of the obligation under defined benefit plans at the end of the financial year less the fair value of plan assets. These liabilities are valued using the actuarial method of projected unit of credit on the basis of actuarial valuations made at the end of each financial year. The current service cost of the period and the interest on the obligation are accounted for in the "staff benefit expense" line of the consolidated income statement. Valuation of the liability for defined benefit plans in respect of (i) actuarial gains and losses, (ii) the actual return on plan assets and (iii) changes in the effect of the asset ceiling benefits are recognised in the consolidated statement of other comprehensive income.

Share-based payments

Share options are accounted for in accordance with IFRS 2. The options are valued at their fair value at the date on which they are granted (see next paragraph) and any variations in value occurring after the grant date are not taken into account. The value is charged to employee benefits expense on a straight-line basis between the date of the grant and the maturity date (the vesting period), with an equal and opposite entry directly to equity.

Measurement of fair value

The fair value of stock option plans is measured by applying the binomial Black & Scholes model and the Monte Carlo approach. The basis of calculation includes the share price on the grant date, the exercise price of the options, expected volatility of the underlying shares, expected period before exercise, expected dividends and share yield, and the expected turnover of beneficiaries. Performance conditions which are not related to the market are not included in the fair value measurement.

F. Intangible and tangible property, plant and equipment

Goodwill and intangible assets (except for common control transaction accounted for on the basis of the book value)

Goodwill represents the excess of the acquisition cost over the fair value of the acquired portion of identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities. It is measured in the functional currency of the acquired entity and is recognised in the statement of financial position.

When the share of the fair value of the acquired assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities exceeds the cost of acquisition, a negative goodwill is recognised immediately in the income statement.

The fair value of intangible assets acquired following a business combination is measured using the present value of forecast future cash flows after taxation generated by the assets concerned. The method of depreciation of these intangible assets is determined according to the nature of the assets concerned.

With effect from 1 January 2018, intangible assets includes leasing contract obligations following the application of IFRS 16.

Tangible property, plant and equipment

Items of property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Property, plant and equipment is depreciated on a systematic basis in order to write down the costs of assets over their expected useful lives as follows:

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Tunnels	Concession *
Land, construction, fixtures and fittings	
Terminals and related land:	
Freehold land	not depreciated
Concession land	Concession *
Landscaping	5 to 57 years
Terminals	5 years to life of Concession *
Fixed equipment and machinery:	
Fixed equipment	5 years to life of Concession *
Fixtures and fittings	5 to 57 years
Buildings	5 to 30 years
Machinery and other equipment	5 to 30 years
Industrial equipment	
Rolling stock	
Vehicles	5 to 60 years
Parts	5 to 40 years
Office equipment:	
Office equipment	3 to 10 years
IT equipment	3 to 10 years
Software	3 to 20 years

* *The Concession expires in 2086.*

The expected useful lives of the assets are kept under review and revised when necessary, according to experience.

Concession property, plant and equipment whose useful life is greater than the duration of the Concession, is depreciated over the life of the Concession on a straight-line basis. Depreciation on assets whose useful life is less than the duration of the Concession ("renewable assets") is calculated on a straight-line basis.

As all property, plant and equipment will be written down to €nil at the end of the Concession in 2086, depreciation of the final renewal cost of renewable assets will be based on the residual duration of the Concession.

Subsidies on capital expenditure received during the year have been allocated to the asset to which they relate.

Impairment of property, plant and equipment

In accordance with IAS 36, the carrying amounts of assets and groups of assets are reviewed at the end of each reporting period to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication of impairment exists, an impairment test is carried out: the net book value of the asset is compared to its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of assets is the greater of their market value and their value in use. The market value is determined by reference to studies carried out by independent experts. The value in use is calculated by discounting operating cash flows after taxation and capital expenditure incurred to replace assets as forecast in the business plan as validated by the Eurotunnel Group's management as part of its operational management. The period covered by the business plan is five years. For Concession assets, cash flows are extrapolated on the basis of an assumption of growth over the residual duration of the Concession. The discount rate retained is the WACC calculated at each year end. An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount.

Impairment losses on property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (excluding goodwill) may be reversed subsequently if the recoverable amount becomes higher than the carrying amount, up to the amount of the impairment loss initially recognised less any additional depreciation or amortisation that would have been recognised had no impairment loss been recognised.

G. Financing and financial instruments

Financial instruments

Financial assets

Classification and evaluation

In accordance with IFRS 9, financial assets are classified as financial assets at amortised cost, fair value through equity or at fair value through profit or loss depending on the nature of the instrument (debt or equity), characteristics of their contractual flows and how the entity manages its financial instruments (business model).

The business model of the entity represents the way in which financial assets are managed to generate cash flow. The exercise of judgment is necessary to appreciate the business model.

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A financial asset is said to be “basic” if the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise, on specified dates, to cash flows corresponding solely to repayments of principal and interest calculated on the capital remaining due. The determination of the basic character is to be carried out for each financial asset, debt instrument, when it is initially recognised.

i. Debt instruments measured at amortised cost

A debt instrument is measured at amortised cost if it satisfies both of the following conditions:

- the asset is held as part of a business model for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows, and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset define the latter as basic (SPPI) within the meaning of the standard.

Debt instruments at amortised cost are initially measured at fair value and then at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. For short-term receivables with no stated interest rate, the fair value is treated as the amount of the invoice unless the interest rate has a significant impact.

Income accrued or acquired on debt instruments is recorded under “Finance income” using the effective interest rate method.

These instruments are subject to the IFRS 9 requirements for impairment.

Trade receivables fall into this category.

ii. Debt instruments measured at fair value through equity

A debt instrument is measured at fair value through equity only if it meets both of the following conditions:

- the asset is held as part of a business model whose objective is both the collection of contractual cash flows and the sale of financial assets, and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset define the latter as basic (SPPI) within the meaning of the standard.

Debt instruments at fair value through equity are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs. At the balance sheet date, they are measured at their fair value and changes in fair value are recorded in gains and losses recognised directly in equity (recyclable in profit or loss). The assets in foreign currencies being monetary, fair value for the currency component affects the result.

Income accrued or acquired on debt instruments is recorded under “Finance income” using the effective interest rate method.

These instruments are subject to the IFRS 9 requirements for impairment.

The Eurotunnel Group does not hold debt instruments at fair value through equity.

iii. Equity instruments measured at fair value through equity

Equity instruments are recorded at fair value through profit or loss, except in the case of an irrevocable option for fair value measurement through non-recyclable equity (provided these instruments are not held for trading) without subsequent reclassification in profit or loss.

Equity instruments at fair value through equity are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs. Unrealised and realised impairment losses remain recognised in equity without ever affecting the result. These financial assets are not impaired. In the event of a sale, changes in fair value are not transferred to profit but directly to the consolidated reserves in equity. Only dividends affect the result if they correspond to a return on the investment. They are recorded under “Finance income”. The fair value corresponds, for quoted securities, to a market price. For unlisted securities, it is determined by reference to recent transactions or by valuation techniques that incorporate reliable and observable market data.

The Eurotunnel Group does not hold equity instruments at fair value through equity.

iv. Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss

All other financial assets are classified at fair value through profit or loss. These financial assets include financial assets held for trading, financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss and non-basic assets. These assets are measured at fair value with changes in value recorded in profit or loss.

This category also includes derivative financial instruments (positive fair values).

When classified as current assets in cash equivalents, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include, in particular, units of cash UCITS.

Impairment

Pursuant to the provisions of IFRS 9, financial instruments measured at amortised cost and debt instruments at fair value through equity are recognised, as at the date of first recognition, as a write-down for expected credit losses (Expected Credit Losses or ECL). Where the financial assets concerned have not been subject to objective indications of individual impairment losses, the depreciation for expected credit losses is evaluated on the basis of historical losses and reasonable and justifiable forecasts of future cash flows.

Financial instruments are divided into three categories according to the deterioration in credit risk observed since their initial recognition: S1 (no significant increase in credit risk), S2 (significant increase in credit risk) and S3 (credit risk proven). Each credit category has a specific credit risk assessment method: expected credit losses at 1 year for outstanding S1, credit losses expected at maturity for outstanding amounts of S2 and S3.

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With regard to impairment, IFRS 9 provides for the possibility of adopting a simplified approach for trade receivables: impairment losses are determined on the basis of the expected loss at maturity and do not require monitoring of changes in the credit quality category of the receivable. The Eurotunnel Group has adopted the simplified approach for trade receivables. Impairment losses are estimated based on an impairment matrix based on historical credit default rates over the expected life of the receivables.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities include, in accordance with IFRS 9:

i. Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value less transaction costs, and subsequently at amortised cost according to the effective interest rate method.

For financial liabilities that are at a fixed interest rate, interest costs are recognised at a constant interest rate until maturity of the debt using the effective interest rate method. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts all of the contractual cash flows due on the debt until its maturity. These cash flows are calculated on the basis of the estimated cash flows due on each instrument constituting the debt. The calculation takes into account the transaction related costs and all other premiums and discounts.

For financial liabilities that are at a variable interest rate, cash flows are periodically re-estimated to reflect changes in market interest rates, thereby changing the effective interest rate.

For financial liabilities that are at a fixed interest rate indexed to inflation, cash flows are periodically re-estimated to take account of actual fluctuations in the inflation rate, thereby changing the effective interest rate.

A substantial change in the terms of all or part of an existing financial liability is accounted for as an extinguishment of the original liability and the recognition of a new financial liability. The terms are substantially different if the discounted present value of the cash flows under the new terms, including any fees paid net of any fees received and discounted using the original effective interest rate, differs by at least 10% of the discounted present value of the remaining cash flows of the original financial liability. If a modification of terms is accounted for as an extinguishment, any costs or unamortised fees are recognised in the income statement on the extinguishment. The amendment to IFRS 9 of 12 October 2017 clarified the treatment under IFRS 9 of changes in liabilities recognised at amortised cost, in the event that the change does not result in derecognition: the gain or loss resulting from the difference between the original cash flows and the modified cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate should be recorded in profit or loss.

ii. Interest rate hedging instruments

All the derivative instruments are designed to hedge exposure to interest rate risk. They are measured at market value and are used as cash flow hedges.

Cash flow hedges: the derivative instruments designed to hedge the floating rate element of the debt are accounted for as cash flow hedges. The portion of the gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value that is deemed to be an effective hedge is taken directly to equity until the underlying transaction is recognised in the Group's financial statements. The portion deemed ineffective is accounted for in the income statement for the period. The gains and losses included in equity are recycled to the income statement in the period when the hedged item affects the income statement. The interest rate hedging instruments meet the criteria set out in IFRS 9 and are therefore accounted for as cash flow hedges.

Net gains or net losses on each category of financial instrument

Interest income and charges recognised in profit or loss include:

- Interest on the financial assets and liabilities accounted for at amortised cost and at fair value through equity (debt instruments) using the effective interest rate method. The calculation of the effective interest rate includes all commissions and margins payable or receivable between the contracting parties which are an integral part of the effective interest rate, and all transaction costs and all other premiums and discounts. The transaction costs are the marginal costs directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of a financial asset or liability.
- Changes in the fair value of derivatives categorised as hedges (for the ineffective portion).

Measurement of fair value

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and short-term investments with maturities less than or equal to three months from date of acquisition which do not carry a significant risk of variation in value and which are used by the Group to manage short term commitments. Money market funds are evaluated at their market value at the end of the reporting period.

Financial instruments

Financial assets accounted for at their fair value are classified in accordance with the following levels of fair value:

- Level 1: fair value using quoted prices (unadjusted) observed in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: fair value using data ("inputs") other than quoted prices included in level 1, which are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (in the form of price) or indirectly (determined from the price).

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- Level 3: fair value from valuation techniques which rely completely or in part on non-observable data such as prices on an inactive market or the valuation on a multiples basis for non-quoted securities.

Derivative instruments

The fair value of hedging instruments is measured by discounting contractual future cash flows and integrating the credit risk (CVA) or the counterparty risk (DVA).

H. Income tax expense

Income tax

Income tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the income statement except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity.

Current tax

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Additional tax payable on the distribution of dividends is accounted for when the dividends are recognised as a liability.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities, for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes, except as provided by IAS 12 "Income Taxes".

The tax rates used are those in effect at the end of the reporting period.

Net deferred tax is determined at the level of each tax group.