

**Stredoslovenská energetika, a.s.**

**Independent Auditor's Report and  
Consolidated Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2015**

**Prepared in accordance with  
International Financial Reporting Standards  
(IFRS) as adopted by the European Union**

Translation note:

This version of the accompanying consolidated financial statements is a translation from the original, which was prepared in Slovak. All possible care has been taken to ensure that the translation is an accurate representation of the original. However, in all matters of interpretation of information, views or opinions, the original language version of the consolidated financial statements takes precedence over this translation.

## Stredoslovenská energetika, a.s.

Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union have been prepared and authorised for issue on 18 January 2016.



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Chairman of the Board of Directors



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Vice chairman of the Board of Directors

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**Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Shareholders, Supervisory Board and Board of Directors of Stredoslovenská energetika, a.s.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Stredoslovenská energetika, a.s. ("the Company"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2015, the consolidated income statement and statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

*Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management as represented by the statutory body is responsible for the preparation of these consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

*Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

*Opinion*

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2015, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union.

17 March 2016  
Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Auditing company:  
KPMG Slovensko spol. s r.o.  
License SKAU No. 96



Responsible auditor:  
Ing. Branislav Prokop  
License UDVA No. 1024

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**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

|   |      | As at               |                     |
|---|------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | Note | 31 December<br>2015 | 31 December<br>2014 |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                   |      |                     |                     |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>                       |      |                     |                     |
| Property, plant and equipment                   | 5    | 483 145             | 465 854             |
| Intangible assets                               | 6    | 19 892              | 20 685              |
| Investments in joint ventures                   | 8    | 1 615               | 1 488               |
|   |      | <b>504 652</b>      | <b>488 027</b>      |
| <b>Current assets</b>                           |      |                     |                     |
| Inventories                                     |      | 2 321               | 2 209               |
| Trade and other receivables                     | 9    | 78 857              | 72 829              |
| Accrued income                                  | 10   | 76 702              | 41 528              |
| Current financial assets                        | 8    | 23                  | 32                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                       | 11   | 52 511              | 34 204              |
| Assets held for sale                            | 12   | 23 611              | 25 711              |
|   |      | <b>234 025</b>      | <b>176 513</b>      |
| <b>Total assets</b>                             |      | <b>738 677</b>      | <b>664 540</b>      |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                   |      |                     |                     |
| <b>Equity</b>                                   |      |                     |                     |
| Share capital                                   | 13   | 116 754             | 116 754             |
| Legal reserve fund                              | 13   | 26 493              | 26 493              |
| Other funds                                     |      | 2 319               | 2 323               |
| Actuarial gain from long-term employee benefits |      | 196                 | 875                 |
| Retained earnings                               | 13   | 345 744             | 286 810             |
| <b>Total equity</b>                             |      | <b>491 506</b>      | <b>433 255</b>      |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                              |      |                     |                     |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>                  |      |                     |                     |
| Non-current bank loans                          | 16   | 24 485              | 33 323              |
| Non-current provisions                          | 18   | 9 407               | 8 352               |
| Non-current portion of deferred income          | 14   | 47 584              | 34 528              |
| Deferred tax liability                          | 17   | 20 729              | 17 596              |
|   |      | <b>102 205</b>      | <b>93 799</b>       |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                      |      |                     |                     |
| Trade and other payables                        | 15   | 111 176             | 105 957             |
| Income tax payable                              |      | 10 187              | 3 430               |
| Current bank loans                              | 16   | 8 838               | 10 569              |
| Current provisions                              | 18   | 798                 | 1 303               |
| Liabilities related to the assets held for sale | 12   | 13 967              | 16 227              |
|   |      | <b>144 966</b>      | <b>137 486</b>      |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                        |      | <b>247 171</b>      | <b>231 285</b>      |
| <b>Total equity and liabilities</b>             |      | <b>738 677</b>      | <b>664 540</b>      |

**Stredoslovenská energetika, a.s.**

Consolidated Income Statement and Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2015 prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union

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**Consolidated Income Statement**

|   | Note | Year ended 31 December |                |
|---|------|------------------------|----------------|
|   |      | 2015                   | 2014           |
| Revenues  | 19   | 923 118                | 871 390        |
| Purchase of electricity and related fees, distribution fees | 20   | (682 207)              | (665 807)      |
| Personnel expenses  | 21   | (40 238)               | (36 321)       |
| Depreciation, amortization and impairment provision         | 5, 6 | (30 340)               | (31 659)       |
| Material and merchandise consumed                           |      | (6 303)                | (6 256)        |
| Other operating income                                      | 23   | 12 325                 | 6 779          |
| Other operating expense                                     | 22   | (27 905)               | (22 111)       |
| <b>Operating profit</b>                                     |      | <b>148 450</b>         | <b>116 015</b> |
| Interest income   | 24   | 75                     | 111            |
| Interest expense  | 24   | (1 626)                | (2 006)        |
| Other financial income, net                                 | 24   | 383                    | 125            |
| <b>Financial expenses, net</b>                              |      | <b>(1 168)</b>         | <b>(1 770)</b> |
| Share of profit of joint ventures                           | 8    | 127                    | 930            |
| <b>Profit before tax</b>                                    |      | <b>147 409</b>         | <b>115 175</b> |
| Income tax expense  | 25   | (36 688)               | (26 934)       |
| <b>Profit for the year</b>                                  |      | <b>110 721</b>         | <b>88 241</b>  |

**Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income**

|   | Note | Year ended 31 December |               |
|---|------|------------------------|---------------|
|   |      | 2015                   | 2014          |
| <b>Profit for the year</b>                      |      | <b>110 721</b>         | <b>88 241</b> |
| Other items of comprehensive income:            |      |                        |               |
| Actuarial loss from long-term employee benefits |      | (871)                  | (324)         |
| Deferred tax                                    |      | 192                    | 72            |
| Total other items of comprehensive income       |      | (679)                  | (252)         |
| <b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>        |      | <b>110 042</b>         | <b>87 989</b> |

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 December 2015 prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union  
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**Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**

|  | Share capital  | Legal reserve fund | Other reserves | Retained earnings | Actuarial gain from long-term employee benefits | Total equity   |
|--|----------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|---|----------------|
| <b>Balance at 1 January 2015</b>           | <b>116 754</b> | <b>26 493</b>      | <b>2 323</b>   | <b>286 810</b>    | <b>875</b>                                      | <b>433 255</b> |
| Profit for the year 2015                   | -              | -                  | -              | 110 721           | -   | 110 721        |
| Other items of comprehensive income        | -              | -                  | -              | -                 | (679)   | (679)          |
| Dividends declared                         | -              | -                  | -              | (51 791)          | -   | (51 791)       |
| Other                                      | -              | -                  | (4)            | 4                 | -   | -              |
| <b>Balance at 31 December 2015</b>         | <b>116 754</b> | <b>26 493</b>      | <b>2 319</b>   | <b>345 744</b>    | <b>196</b>                                      | <b>491 506</b> |
| <b>Balance at 1 January 2014</b>           | <b>116 754</b> | <b>24 990</b>      | <b>2 316</b>   | <b>252 078</b>    | <b>1 127</b>                                    | <b>397 265</b> |
| Profit for the year 2014                   | -              | -                  | -              | 88 241            | -   | 88 241         |
| Other items of comprehensive income        | -              | -                  | -              | -                 | (252)   | (252)          |
| Dividends declared                         | -              | -                  | -              | (52 000)          | -   | (52 000)       |
| Allocation of profit to legal reserve fund | -              | 1 503              | -              | (1 503)           | -   | -              |
| Other                                      | -              | -                  | 7              | (6)               | -   | 1              |
| <b>Balance at 31 December 2014</b>         | <b>116 754</b> | <b>26 493</b>      | <b>2 323</b>   | <b>286 810</b>    | <b>875</b>                                      | <b>433 255</b> |



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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2015 prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union  
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**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

|   | Note | Year ended 31 December |                |
|---|------|------------------------|----------------|
|   |      | 2015                   | 2014           |
| Profit before income tax  |      | 147 409                | 115 175        |
| Adjustment for:   |      |                        |                |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 5, 6 | 31 211                 | 31 673         |
| Changes in impairment provision for property, plant and equipment       | 5    | (871)                  | (14)           |
| Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment                       | 23   | (2 690)                | (372)          |
| Interest expense (net)  | 24   | 1 551                  | 1 895          |
| Share of profit of joint ventures                                       | 8    | (127)                  | (930)          |
| Change in impairment provision for receivables                          | 9    | 1 641                  | 2 334          |
| Change in provisions  | 18   | 1 513                  | (2 604)        |
| Other non-cash movements  |      | (11)                   | 66             |
| <b>Profit from operations before changes in working capital</b>         |      | <b>179 626</b>         | <b>147 223</b> |
| Changes in working capital:   |      |                        |                |
| Increase in trade and other receivables and accrued revenue             |      | (42 027)               | (51 750)       |
| (Increase) / decrease in inventories                                    |      | (152)                  | 52             |
| Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables and deferred revenues |      | 2 574                  | (5 560)        |
| <b>Cash generated from operations</b>                                   |      | <b>140 021</b>         | <b>89 965</b>  |

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|   | Note | Year ended 31 december |                 |
|---|------|------------------------|-----------------|
|   |      | 2015                   | 2014            |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                     |      |                        |                 |
| Cash generated from operations                                  |      | 140 021                | 89 965          |
| Income tax paid   |      | (27 878)               | (26 363)        |
| <b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>             |      | <b>112 143</b>         | <b>63 602</b>   |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>                     |      |                        |                 |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets |      | (33 185)               | (33 967)        |
| Dividends received  | 24   | 346                    | 235             |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment             |      | 5 589                  | 3 380           |
| Proceeds from financial assets                                  |      | 9                      | 9               |
| Interest received   | 24   | 75                     | 111             |
| <b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>                    |      | <b>(27 166)</b>        | <b>(30 232)</b> |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>                     |      |                        |                 |
| Repayments of borrowings  |      | (12 963)               | (12 976)        |
| Interest paid   | 24   | (1 916)                | (2 408)         |
| Dividends paid  | 13   | (51 791)               | (52 000)        |
| <b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>                    |      | <b>(66 670)</b>        | <b>(67 384)</b> |
| <b>Net (decrease)/ increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>    |      | <b>18 307</b>          | <b>(34 014)</b> |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year</b>   | 11   | <b>34 204</b>          | <b>68 218</b>   |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>         | 11   | <b>52 511</b>          | <b>34 204</b>   |

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**1 General Information****Trade name and registered seat of the Company**

Registered seat of the company Stredoslovenská energetika a.s. (hereinafter referred to as “the Company”, “the SSE”) is:

Pri Rajčianke 8591/4B  
010 47 Žilina  
Slovak Republic

Identification number (IČO) of the Company is: 36403008

Tax identification number (DIČ) of the Company is: SK2020106682

Identification number for VAT (IČ DPH) of the Company is: SK2020106682

The SSE in its current legal form as a joint stock company was established on 17 December 2001 and incorporated in the Commercial Register on 1 January 2002 (Commercial Register of the District Court Žilina in Žilina Section Sa, Insert No. 10328/L).

Throughout these consolidated financial statements SSE together with its subsidiaries is referred to as “Group”.

Following subsidiaries are part of the SSE Group as at 31 December 2015:

| Name  | Country of incorporation | Percentage of shareholding in the ordinary share capital |
|---|--------------------------|--|
| Stredoslovenská energetika – Distribúcia, a.s.            | Slovakia                 | 100%   |
| Elektroenergetické montáže, a.s.                          | Slovakia                 | 100%   |
| SSE – Metrológia, s.r.o.                                  | Slovakia                 | 100%   |
| Stredoslovenská energetika – Project Development, s. r.o. | Slovakia                 | 100%   |
| SSE – Solar, s.r.o.                                       | Slovakia                 | 100%   |
| SSE – CZ, s.r.o.  | Czech Republic           | 100%   |

Certain Group’s operations are governed by the terms of its license granted under the Energy Law (“the Energy License”). The Regulatory Office of Network Industries of the Slovak Republic (“URSO”) regulates certain aspects of the Group’s relationships with its customers including the pricing of electricity and services provided to certain customers of the Group.

**Following are the principal activities of the Group:**

- Purchase and supply of electricity;
- Distribution of electricity in Central Slovakia;
- Purchase and supply of gas
- Construction and maintenance of distribution network and related assets;
- Production of electricity;
- Meters calibration;
- Provision of power engineering services.

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**(i) Additional information about the Company as the entity preparing the consolidated financial statements**

The Company is one of the successors of Stredoslovenské energetické závody, a state owned entity. At 31 December 2001, this state enterprise was wound up without liquidation based on the resolution No. 686/2001 of the Slovak government. The following day, its assets and liabilities were transferred to the National Property Fund ("FNM") of the Slovak Republic in accordance with the privatization project.

The assets and liabilities were valued at historic carrying amounts as reported by Stredoslovenské energetické závody as at 31 December 2001.

On 31 October 2002, the National Property Fund of the Slovak Republic sold 49% of the total share capital of SSE to E.D.F. INTERNATIONAL ("EDFI"), France.

On 1 July 2007, the Company carved out a part of its business that conducted principal distribution activities and contributed it to the subsidiary Stredoslovenská energetika – Distribúcia, a.s. („SSE-D“) in accordance with the Slovak and European legislation ("unbundling of part of the company").

On 27 November 2013, EDFI and Energetický a průmyslový holding, a. s. ("EPH") completed a transaction, subject of which was a transfer of the 49% minority shareholding and managerial control in the Company from EDFI to EPH Financing II, a.s.

On 26 May 2014, the companies EPH Financing II a.s. (dissolved company) and EP Energy a.s. (successor company) agreed on a project of a merger based on which the share capital of the dissolved company was transferred to the successor company. Decisive date of the transaction was 1 January 2014. The company EPH Financing II a.s. was deleted from the Commercial register on 25 August 2014.

On 1 August 2014, according to the Act No. 197/2014 the shareholding held by the National Property Fund of the Slovak Republic (51%) was transferred to the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic.

Activities of the Company are governed by the terms of its license granted under the Energy Law ("the Energy License"). The Regulatory Office of Network Industries of the Slovak Republic ("URSO") regulates certain aspects of the Company's relationships with its customers including the pricing of electricity and services provided to certain customers of the Company. Price of the electricity (the commodity) is regulated for households and small businesses with the annual consumption of up to 30 MWh. The price of electricity for wholesale customers is not regulated. Distribution fees are fully regulated for all customers. The Company engages also in purchase and sale of gas. A detailed breakdown of revenues is disclosed in the Note 19.

The structure of the Company's shareholders as at 31 December 2015 and as at 31 December 2014 was as follows:

|   | Absolute amount in<br>thousand of EUR | Ownership<br>interest % | Voting rights<br>% |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Ministry of Economy of the<br>Slovak Republic | 59 545                                | 51%                     | 51%                |
| EP Energy, a.s.                               | 57 209                                | 49%                     | 49%                |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>116 754</b>                        | <b>100%</b>             | <b>100%</b>        |

**Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic**, based in Mierová 19, 827 15 Bratislava owns 51 % shareholding in the registered capital of the Company since 1 August 2014.

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**EP Energy, a.s.** („investor“, „EPE“) based in Příkop 843/4, Zábřovice, 602 00 Brno, Česká republika, IČO: 29 259 428, incorporated in the Commercial Register of the Regional Court in Brno, Husova 353/15, 602 00 Brno – střed, Czech Republic owns a 49 % shareholding in the registered capital of the Company. EP Energy, a. s. is a fully owned subsidiary of EPH based in Příkop 843/4, Zábřovice, 602 00 Brno, Czech Republic, IČO: 28 356 250.

The Company as well as the Group is included in the consolidated financial statements of EPE which are included in the consolidated financial statements of EPH holding.

EPH holding's consolidated financial statements are prepared by EPH with its seat noted above. These consolidated financial statements are available at the registered office of EPH Pařížská 26, 110 00 Praha 1, Czech Republic. The address of the registration court maintaining the Commercial Register in which these consolidated financial statements are deposited is District court in Brno, Husova 353/15, 602 00 Brno, Czech Republic.

As part of the sale of 49% of shares to EPH Financing II, a.s., the National Property Fund of the Slovak Republic, Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic, EPH Financing II, a. s. and EPH have entered into a shareholders' agreement which sets out the areas of responsibility and decision making for the Board of Directors and for the Supervisory Board of the Company.

The Chairman and two members of the Board of Directors are nominated by the investor. The Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic (FNM until 31 July 2014) is represented by the Vice Chairman and one member of the Board of Directors. One Vice Chairman of the Supervisory Board is nominated by the investor. Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic (FNM until 31 July 2014) is represented by the Chairman and four members of the Supervisory Board. The employees of the Company are represented by three members of the Supervisory Board.

Competencies of the Board of Directors (BoD) in addition to legally defined competencies include the following:

- The BoD manages the Company on a daily basis and can approve and commit the Company to transactions other than those that are within the competency of the Supervisory Board as described below;
- The BoD submits to the General Meeting for its approval the ordinary and extraordinary separate financial statements and the consolidated financial statements and proposal for the profit distribution or loss settlement;
- The BoD produces "Related Parties Agreements Report" and provides the copy of this report to Supervisory Board within 180 days from the end of accounting period;
- The BoD submits the Strategic Business Plan – further development of SSE Group and significant projects of SSE Group for period of the next 3 financial years to the Supervisory Board and General Meeting for approval;
- The BoD submits to the Supervisory Board the Annual budget, business plan of SSE Group and Individual annual budget and business plan of the Company for the review and comments.
- The BoD submits proposals of decisions concerning the subsidiaries, that are subject to prior consent of the General Meeting, to the General Meeting of SSE for approval;
- The BoD submits to General Meeting proposals for appointment, removal or replacement of the auditors of the Company.

Competencies of the Supervisory Board:

- The Supervisory Board is the supreme controlling body of the Company;
- The Supervisory Board reviews and may submit to General Meeting reports concerning:
  - proposals of Board of Directors regarding to Annual budget and business plan;
  - proposals of Board of Directors regarding the Individual annual budget and business plan of the Company;
  - announcements of financial transaction, which the Company made with related parties of companies in the Group (except SSE-D).

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The Supervisory Board makes decisions about:

- reducing the number of employees of the Company, which would lead to redundancies equal to or higher than five percent (5 %) of all employees of the Company;
- the Strategic Business Plan for a three year period of further development and significant projects;
- any use of property, plant and equipment (except for assets of SSE-D), if the value of transaction or total value of related transactions exceeds five percent (5 %) of net assets stated in last audited financial statements of the Company (except for establishing of pledge for the purpose of financing);
- investment projects of the Company in the case the value of one investing project exceeds EUR 4 million (€ 4 000 000) (even if the capital expenditures arise during more than one year);

According to the Articles of Association of the Company, BoD prepares on an annual basis the Strategic Business Plan. The Strategic Business Plan is presented for a three-year period that sets the further development and significant projects of the SSE Group. The Strategic Business plan is submitted to the Supervisory Board for approval and subsequently to the General Meeting for approval.

**Information on unlimited liability**

The Company is not a shareholder with unlimited liability in other entities.

**Date of the approval of the consolidated financial statements for the previous accounting period**

The Company's General Meeting approved the Group's consolidated financial statements for the previous accounting period ended 31 December 2014 on 29 June 2015.

**Publication of the consolidated financial statements for the previous accounting period**

The Group's consolidated financial statements including the auditor's report on the financial statements as at 31 December 2014 were filed and published in the Register of Financial Statements on 31 March 2015. The Group's consolidated annual report with the supplement to the auditor's report on the audit of consistency as at 31 December 2014 was filed in the Register of Financial Statements on 2 July 2015.

**Appointment of the auditor**

The Company's General Meeting approved KPMG Slovensko spol. r. o. as an auditor of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 on 16 June 2014.

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**Information about the Group's bodies**

The members of the statutory bodies of the Company during the year ended 31 December 2015 were as follows:

|                       | <b>Board of Directors</b>  | <b>Supervisory board</b>   |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| <b>Chairman:</b>      | Mgr. Martin Fedor (since 30 June 2015)<br>Ing. Jan Špringl (until 29 June 2015)  | Ing. Ján Voštenák  |
| <b>Vice Chairman:</b> | Mgr. Ing. Máriaus Hričovský, Dr. Oec.  | Ing. Jozef Antošík   |
| <b>Members:</b>       | Ing. Pavol Mertus<br>Ing. Jiří Feist<br>Mgr. Richard Flimel (since 30 June 2015)<br>Mgr. Martin Fedor (until 29 June 2015) | Ing. Tibor Lehotský<br>Ing. Eduard Rada<br>Ing. Pavol Čerňan<br>JUDr. Vladimír Urblik<br>Ing. Igor Pištík<br>Ing. Miroslav Martoník<br>Mgr. Juraj Kadaši (since 29 April 2015)<br>Ing. Dušan Majer (until 29 April 2015) |

On average, the Group employed 1 616 employees during 2015 (2014: 1 608), 235 of which were management (2014: 228).

**(ii) Additional information about the subsidiaries**

SSE – Metrológia, s.r.o. was established on 3 April 2003 and incorporated in the Commercial Register on 17 April 2003 as a limited liability company fully owned by the Company. On 1 January 2004, SSE transferred to SSE – Metrológia, s.r.o. part of its business relating to calibration of electricity metering equipment.

Elektroenergetické montáže, a.s. was established on 2 July 2003 and incorporated in the Commercial Register on 12 August 2003 as a company fully owned by the Company. On 1 September 2004, SSE transferred to Elektroenergetické montáže a.s. part of its business relating to the construction of electricity distribution structures.

SSE - CZ s.r.o. was established on 13 October 2005 and incorporated in the Commercial Register of the Czech Republic on 12 December 2005 as a limited liability company fully owned by the Company. SSE - CZ trades with electricity and provides purchase and sale of electricity between the Company and foreign partners.

Stredoslovenská energetika – Distribúcia, a.s. was established on 22 March 2006 and incorporated in the Commercial Register on 8 April 2006 as a joint-stock company fully owned by the Company. The company engages in distribution of electricity in the region of Central Slovakia since 1 July 2007 when it was unbundled from the Company. The requirement to legally unbundle the distribution business from other commercial activities of integrated electricity companies has been established by the European directive 2003/54 on common rules for internal market with electricity. The directive has been transposed into Slovak legislation by the Act on Energy No. 656/2004 issued in 2004.

Stredoslovenská energetika – Project Development, s.r.o. was established on 3 June 2008 and incorporated in the Commercial Register on 11 June 2008 as a company fully owned by the Company. The company was established with purpose to build and operate a power plant in central Slovakia.

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SSE – Solar, s.r.o. - was established on 29 March 2010 and incorporated in the Commercial Register on 2 April 2010. The company was established with purpose to build and operate photovoltaic power stations.

Subsidiaries mentioned above do not have subsidiaries of their own.

Neither the Company, nor its subsidiaries are shareholders with unlimited liability in other accounting entities.



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**2 Summary of significant accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented.

**2.1. Basis for preparation**

Legal reason for preparing the financial statements:

The Group's consolidated financial statements at 31 December 2015 have been prepared as ordinary consolidated financial statements under § 22 Sec. 6 of the Slovak Act No. 431/ 2002 Coll. ("Act on Accounting") for the accounting period from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015.

The Act on Accounting requires the Company to prepare consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union ("IFRS EU").

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS EU. The Company applies all IFRSs issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (hereinafter "IASB") and interpretations issued by International Financial Reporting Interpretation Committee (hereinafter "IFRIC") as adopted by the EU which were in force as at 31 December 2015.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost measurement basis except for the equity method applied to interests in joint ventures.

The consolidated financial statements were prepared on accrual basis and under the going concern principle.

The Board of Directors may propose to the Company's shareholders to amend the consolidated financial statements until their approval by the General Meeting. If, after the consolidated financial statements are approved, management identifies that comparative information would not be consistent with the current period information, the IFRS EU allows entities to restate comparative information in the accounting period in which the relevant facts are identified.

The preparation of these consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies on complex transactions. The areas involving higher degree of judgement or complexity or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note 4.

These consolidated financial statements are prepared in thousands of euro ("EUR") unless stated otherwise.

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**New standards and interpretations not yet adopted**

Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards that are not yet effective for the financial year ended 31 December 2015 and have not been applied in preparing of these financial statements.

- Amendments to IFRS 11: Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations (Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016; to be applied prospectively. Early application is permitted.) These Amendments require business combination accounting to be applied to acquisitions of interests in a joint operation that constitutes a business. Business combination accounting also applies to the acquisition of additional interests in a joint operation while the joint operator retains joint control. The additional interest acquired will be measured at fair value. The previously held interests in the joint operation will not be remeasured.

The impact of the adoption of the Amendments can only be assessed in the year of initial application of the Amendments, as this will depend on the acquisition of joint operations that take place during that reporting period. The Company does not intend to adopt the Amendments early; therefore it is not possible to estimate the impact adoption of the Amendments will have on the Company's financial statements.

- Amendments to IAS 1 (Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016. Early application is permitted.) The Amendments to IAS 1 include the following five improvements, narrowly focused on the disclosure requirements contained in the standard. The guidance on materiality in IAS 1 has been amended to clarify that: immaterial information can detract from useful information, materiality applies to the whole of the financial statements, and materiality applies to each disclosure requirement in an IFRS.

The guidance on the order of the notes (including the accounting policies) have been amended, to: remove language from IAS 1 that has been interpreted as prescribing the order of notes to the financial statements, and clarify that entities have flexibility about where they disclose accounting policies in the financial statements.

The Company expects that the Amendments, when initially applied, will not have a material impact on the presentation of the financial statements of the Company.

- Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 38: Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation (Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016; to be applied prospectively. Early application is permitted.) Revenue-based depreciation banned for property, plant and equipment. The amendments explicitly state that revenue-based methods of depreciation cannot be used for property, plant and equipment.

**New restrictive test for intangible assets**

The amendments introduce a rebuttable presumption that the use of revenue-based amortisation methods for intangible assets is inappropriate. This presumption can be rebutted only when revenue and the consumption of the economic benefits of the intangible asset are 'highly correlated', or when the intangible asset is expressed as a measure of revenue.

It is expected that the Amendments, when initially applied, will not have material impact on the Company's financial statements as the Company does not apply revenue-based methods of amortisation/depreciation.

- Amendments to IAS 16 Property Plant and Equipment and IAS 41 Agriculture (Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016. Earlier application is permitted.) These amendments result in bearer plants being in the scope of IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment, instead of IAS 41 Agriculture, to reflect the fact that their operation is similar to that of manufacturing.

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The Company does not expect that the Amendments, when initially applied, will have material impact on the financial statements as the Company has no bearer plants.

- Amendments to IAS 19 – Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions (Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 February 2015. The amendments apply retrospectively. Earlier application is permitted.) The amendments are relevant only to defined benefit plans that involve contributions from employees or third parties meeting certain criteria. Namely that they are: set out in the formal terms of the plan, linked to service and independent of the number of years of service. When these criteria are met, a company is permitted (but not required) to recognise them as a reduction of the service cost in the period in which the related service is rendered.

The Company does not expect the Amendments to have any impact on the financial statements since it does have any defined benefit plans that involve contributions from employees or third parties.

- Amendments to IAS 27: Equity method in the separate financial statements (Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016 and apply retrospectively. Early application is permitted). The amendments to IAS 27 allow an entity to use the equity method in its separate financial statements to account for investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures.

The Company does not expect that the Amendments, when initially applied, will have material impact on the financial statements as the Company intends to continue to carry its investments in subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures at cost.

- Annual Improvements to IFRSs

The improvements introduce ten amendments to ten standards and consequential amendments to other standards and interpretations. These amendments are applicable to annual periods beginning on or after either 1 February 2015 or 1 January 2016, with earlier adoption permitted.

The Company does not expect that these Amendments will have a material impact on the financial statements.

\*Post-employment defined benefits plans or other long-term employee benefit plans.

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**2.2. Subsidiaries and joint ventures****(i) Subsidiaries**

Subsidiaries are all entities including structured entities over which the Group has the power to govern because it (i) has a right to control relevant activities of the entity that have significant influence on its profitability and revenues, (ii) is exposed or has the right to variable returns of the entity and (iii) has the ability to use its powers to affect the return on investment in the entity. The existence and effect of substantive rights, including potential voting rights should be considered when assessing whether the Group has power over another entity. For a right to be substantive the holder of a right needs to have a practical ability to exercise the right in time when relevant decisions on entity's activities are made. The Group may have right over the entity even though it owns less than half of the voting rights. In such a case, the Group assesses the size of the voting rights of other investors in comparison with its own rights. The Group also assesses the structure of ownership of the other investor's voting rights in order to determine whether the Group has de-facto decision-making power over the entity. Protecting rights of other investors, such as those that relate to substantive changes in the activities of the entity, or those which are applicable only in exceptional circumstances, shall not prevent the Group to control another entity.

The Group accounts for business combinations using the acquisition method when control is transferred to the Group. The consideration transferred in the acquisition is generally measured at fair value, as are the identifiable net assets acquired. Any goodwill that arises is tested annually for impairment. Any gain on a bargain purchase is recognized in profit or loss immediately. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred, except if related to the issue of debt or equity securities.

The consideration transferred does not include amounts related to the settlement of pre-existing relationships. Such amounts are recognized in profit or loss.

Any contingent consideration is measured at fair value at the date of acquisition. If an obligation to pay contingent consideration that meets the definition of a financial instrument is classified as equity, then it is not remeasured and its settlement is accounted for within equity. Otherwise, subsequent changes in the fair value of the contingent consideration are recognized in profit or loss.

If share-based payment awards (replacement awards) are required to be exchanged for awards held by the acquiree's employees (acquiree's awards), then all or a portion of the amount of the acquirer's replacement awards is included in measuring the consideration transferred in the business combination. This determination is based on the market-based measure of the replacement awards compared with the market-based measure of the acquiree's awards and the extent to which the replacement awards relate to pre-combination service.

When the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, and any related non-controlling interests and other components of equity. Any resulting gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss. Any interest retained in the former subsidiary is measured at fair value when control is lost.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains from transactions among the companies within the Group are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment. Accounting methods of subsidiaries were changed only if necessary to ensure the consistency with the Group.

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**(ii) Interests in equity-accounted investees**

The Group's interests in equity-accounted investees comprise interests in associates and joint ventures.

Associates are those entities in which the Group has significant influence, but not control or joint control, over the financial and operating policies. A joint venture is an arrangement in which the Group has joint control, whereby the Group has rights to the net assets of the arrangement, rather than rights to its assets and obligations for its liabilities.

Interests in associates and the joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method. They are initially recognized at cost, which includes transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, the consolidated financial statements include the Group's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of equity-accounted investees, until the date on which significant influence or joint control ceases.

**Scope of consolidation**

As at 31 December 2015, 9 entities were included into the consolidation (2014: 9 entities), out of which 7 entities (2014: 7 entities) were consolidated using full consolidation method and 2 entities (2014: 2 entities) using equity method. All entities prepared their financial statements as at 31 December 2015. These entities are presented in Note 1 (Subsidiaries) and Note 8 (Joint ventures).

**2.3. Foreign currency transactions and translation****(i) Functional and presentation currency**

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are presented in EUR using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The consolidated financial statements are presented in thousands of Euro (thousand EUR) which is the functional and presentation currency of each group entity except for SSE-CZ, s.r.o., whose functional currency is Czech Koruna (CZK).

**(ii) Transactions and balances in the Statement of financial position**

Transactions denominated in foreign currency are translated to Euro as at the date of the accounting transaction by the reference exchange rate determined and declared by the European Central Bank ("ECB") or the National Bank of Slovakia ("NBS") as at the date preceding the date of the accounting transaction.

Financial assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated to Euro at the reporting date according to the reference exchange rate determined and declared by the ECB or the NBS as at the reporting date, and are recorded with an impact on profit or loss.

Non-financial assets and liabilities, advance payments made and advance payments received denominated in foreign currencies are translated to Euro as at the date of the accounting transaction by the reference exchange rate determined and declared by the ECB or the NBS as at the date preceding the date of accounting transaction.

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**2.4. Property, plant and equipment**

All property, plant and equipment is measured at cost less accumulated depreciation less accumulated impairment losses.

**(i) Acquisition cost**

Acquisition cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of assets. Borrowing costs are capitalized if they meet criteria of IAS 23 as a part of acquisition cost, otherwise they are expensed as incurred.

Self-constructed non-current assets are valued at their conversion cost. Conversion cost includes all direct costs incurred during production or other activities and indirect costs related to production or other activities.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the costs of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Consolidated Income Statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

The most significant part of property, plant and equipment is represented by the distribution network. The network includes mainly power lines, pylons and switching stations.

**(ii) Depreciation**

The depreciation of property, plant and equipment starts in the month when it is available for use. Property plant and equipment is depreciated in line with the approved depreciation plan using the straight-line method. Monthly depreciation charge of an asset is determined as the ratio between its depreciable amount and estimated useful life. The depreciable amount is the acquisition cost decreased by expected residual value at the time of asset's disposal.

The estimated useful lives of individual groups of assets in 2015 and 2014 is following:

|  | <b>2015 - 2014</b> |
|--|--------------------|
| Buildings, halls and constructions           | 10 – 100 years     |
| Distribution network, equipment and vehicles | 4 – 45 years       |
| Other non-current assets                     | 5 – 15 years       |

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each reporting date.

Buildings, halls, constructions and network include mainly distribution network, administrative offices, sales offices, warehouses and garages.

Machines, equipment and vehicles include mainly switching stations, hardware, servers, switchboards, remote control equipment system, failure detectors, air conditions, constructions and personal vehicles and others.

Land and assets under construction are not depreciated.

The residual value of an asset is the estimated amount that the Group would currently obtain from disposal of the asset less the estimated costs of disposal, if the asset was already of the age and in the conditions expected at the end of its useful life. The residual value of an asset is null or equals to its scrap value if the Group expects to use the asset until the end of its physical life.

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Each part of an item of property, plant and equipment with a cost that is significant in relation to the total cost of the item is depreciated separately. The Group allocates the amount initially recognized in respect of an item of property, plant and equipment proportionally to its significant parts and depreciates separately each such part.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (Note 2.6).

Assets that are retired or otherwise disposed of are derecognized from the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position along with the corresponding accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount and are included in operating profit or loss.

**2.5. Intangible assets**

Intangible assets are initially measured at cost. Intangible assets are recognized if it is probable that the future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the Group and the cost of the asset can be measured reliably. After initial recognition the intangible assets are measured at cost less accumulated amortization and any accumulated impairment losses. Borrowing costs are capitalized as a part of acquisition cost, if they meet criteria of IAS 23, otherwise they are expensed as incurred. The Group does not have intangible assets with indefinite useful lives. Intangible assets are amortized on the straight-line basis over their useful lives not exceeding a period of 10 years.

The amortization of an intangible asset starts in the month when the intangible asset is put in use. Intangible assets are amortized in line with the approved amortization plan using the straight-line method. Monthly amortization charge of an asset is determined as the ratio between its depreciable amount and estimated useful life. The amortizable amount is the acquisition cost decreased by expected residual value at the time of asset's disposal.

The residual value of intangible assets is assumed to be zero unless:

- there is a commitment by a third party to purchase the asset at the end of its useful life or;
- there is an active market for the asset and residual value can be determined by the reference to that market and it is probable that such a market will exist at the end of the asset's useful life.

Costs associated with maintaining computer software programs are recognized as an expense as incurred.

Costs, which enhance or extend the performance of computer software programs beyond their original specifications and meet criteria for recognition as intangible assets according to IAS 38 are recognized as capital improvements and are added to the original cost of the software. Each part of an item of intangible asset which value is in comparison to the total value of the asset material, is amortized separately. The Group divides the value originally allocated to the intangible assets item to significant parts proportionally to every part and amortize the parts separately.

**2.6. Impairment of non-financial assets**

Assets that have an indefinite useful life and intangible assets not yet in use are not subject to amortization and are tested for impairment annually. Non-financial assets, except for deferred tax asset and inventory are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount is higher than recoverable amount. If an indicator of impairment exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An impairment loss is recognized in the Consolidated Income Statement for the amount by which the asset's or cash generating unit's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the asset's fair value less costs to sell or value in use, depending on which one is higher.

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For the purpose of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are individually identifiable cash flows. Non-financial assets other than goodwill that were impaired are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

**2.7. Financial assets**

The Group initially recognizes loans, receivables and deposits on the date that they are originated. All other financial assets (including assets designated at fair value through Consolidated income statement) are recognized initially on the trade date at which the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

The Group derecognizes financial assets when (a) the assets are redeemed or the rights to cash flows from the assets otherwise expired or (b) the Group has transferred the rights to the cash flows from the financial assets or entered into a qualifying pass-through arrangement while (i) also transferring substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the assets or (ii) neither transferring nor retaining substantially all risks and rewards of ownership but not retaining control. Control is retained if the counterparty does not have the practical ability to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party without needing to impose additional restrictions on the sale.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position when and only when the Company has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

The Group classifies its financial assets in the following categories: at fair value through profit or loss, held-to-maturity investments, available-for-sale financial assets and loans and receivables. The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired, whether they are quoted in an active market and on management intentions.

The Company holds the following financial assets:

**Loans and receivables**

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Such assets are recognized initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs.

Subsequent to initial recognition loans and receivables are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. Loans and receivables comprise trade receivables, receivables from cash-pooling and other receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents are defined in the Note 2.13.

**2.8. Financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities (including liabilities carried at fair value through profit or loss) are recognized initially on the trade date at which the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. At initial recognition, the Group measures it at its fair value net of transaction costs that are directly attributable to the origination of the financial liability. After initial recognition, the Group measures all financial liabilities at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

Financial liability (or a part of a financial liability) is derecognized from the Group's Consolidated Statement of Financial Position when and only when it is extinguished - i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

The Group has the following non-derivative financial liabilities: loans and borrowings, bank overdrafts and trade and other payables.



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**2.9. Leases**

IAS 17 defines a lease as an agreement whereby the lessor conveys to the lessee in return for a payment or series of payments the right to use the asset for an agreed period of time.

Leases of property, plant and equipment in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of the ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating lease. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the Consolidated Income Statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

The Group has no financial leases.

**2.10. Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of their acquisition cost and net realizable value. The inventories are recognized at acquisition cost that is determined using the weighted average cost method. The acquisition costs include all costs associated with the acquisition of the inventories such as customs duties or transportation costs, net of discounts and rebates. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less applicable selling costs.

**2.11. Construction contracts**

Contract costs are recognized when incurred.

When the outcome of a construction contract cannot be estimated reliably, contract revenue is recognized only to the extent of contract costs incurred that are likely to be recoverable.

When the outcome of a construction contract can be estimated reliably and it is probable that the contract will be profitable, contract revenue is recognized over the period of the contract. When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total expected revenue, the expected loss is recognized as an expense immediately.

Variations in contract work, claims and incentive payments are included in contract revenue to the extent that have been agreed with the customer and under assumption that can be reliably measured.

The Group uses the 'percentage-of-completion method' to determine the appropriate amount to recognize in a given period. The stage of completion is measured by reference to the contract costs incurred up to the reporting date as a percentage of total estimated costs for each contract separately.

The Group presents as an asset the gross amount due from customers for contract work for all contracts in progress for which costs incurred plus recognized profits (less recognized losses) exceed progress billings. Progress billings not yet paid by customers and retentions are included within 'trade and other receivables'.

The Group presents as a liability the gross amount due to customers for contract work for all contracts in progress for which progress billings exceed costs incurred plus recognized profits (less recognized losses).

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**2.12. Trade and other receivables**

Trade receivables are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method net of any impairment provision. Revenue recognition policy is described in the Note 2.21.

Impairment provision to trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all the amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter into bankruptcy or financial reorganization, default or delinquency in payments are considered indicators that the trade receivable is impaired. The amount of the impairment provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted by the effective interest rate.

Impairment of trade receivables is recognized through an allowance account. Impairment losses and their reversals are recognized in the Consolidated Income Statement within Other operating expenses. Trade receivables that cannot be collected are written off. Trade receivables that were written off and are subsequently repaid by the debtors are recognized in the Consolidated Income Statement within Other operating income.

**2.13. Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of six months or less.

Bank overdrafts that are payable on demand are part of the cash management of the Group and are included in cash and cash equivalents for the purposes of the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement.

**2.14. Share capital**

Ordinary shares are classified as share capital.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are presented in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

**2.15. Current and deferred income tax**

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date. Management periodically evaluates positions in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation and establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred income tax is calculated using the balance sheet liability method based on temporary differences arising between the tax basis of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. However, the deferred income tax is not accounted for, if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination if at the time of the transaction, neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss is affected.

Current and deferred tax is recognized in the Consolidated Income Statement except when it relates to items recognized directly in equity or in Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realized or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred income tax assets are recognized to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized.

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Deferred income tax is calculated on temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries and joint ventures except for cases where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Group and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Dividend income is not subject to income taxes in the Slovak Republic.

The Group offsets deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities where the Group has a legally enforceable right to offset tax assets against tax liabilities and these relate to income taxes collected by the same tax authority.

**2.16. Borrowings**

Borrowings are recognized initially at fair value net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortized cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognized in the Consolidated Income Statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date.

**2.17. Provisions**

Provisions are recognized when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events and it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made. Provisions are not recognized for future operating losses. Where the Group expects a provision to be reimbursed, for example under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognized as a separate asset but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow of resources will be required in the settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognized even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be 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 obligation. The increase of the provision due to passage of time is recognized as interest expense.

**2.18. Contingent liabilities**

Contingent liabilities are not recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. They are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements, if an outflow of resources embodying the economic benefits is not probable. They are not disclosed in the notes to the financial statements if the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying the economic benefits is remote.

**2.19. Trade and other payables**

Trade and other payables are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using effective interest method.

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**2.20. Employee benefits**

The Group has both defined benefit and defined contribution plans.

**Pension plans**

A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that defines an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive upon retirement usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and compensation.

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Group pays fixed contributions into a separate entity or to the Government and will have no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if the funds do not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

**Unfunded defined benefit pension plan**

According to the Corporate Collective Agreement for the years 2015-2016 the Group is obliged, based on the number of years in service, to pay its employees upon retirement or in the case of disability the following multiples of their average monthly salary:

|                | <b>Multiple of average monthly salary</b> |
|----------------|---|
| Up to 10 years | 2   |
| 11-15          | 4   |
| 16-20          | 5   |
| 21-25          | 6   |
| Over 25 years  | 7   |

The minimum requirement of the Labour Code of one-month average salary payment upon retirement is included in the above multiples.

Effect of the decrease in multiples of the average monthly salary according to the Corporate Collective Agreement for the years 2015 - 2016 is recognized in full amount in the Consolidated Income Statement for the accounting period ended 31 December 2014 as decrease of cost of past-service.

**Other defined benefits**

The Group also pays the following life and work jubilee benefits:

- one additional monthly salary on 25th annual work anniversary;
- single payment of 40% to 110% of employee's monthly salary depending on the number of years worked for the Group when the employee reaches the age of 50 years.

The Group had created expectations on the part of its employees that it will continue to provide the benefits and it is management's judgement that it is not probable that the Group will cease to provide them.

The liability recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position in respect of defined benefit pension plans is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the reporting date.

The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by actuaries using the Projected Unit Credit Method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by (a) discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of high quality government or corporate bonds which have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related pension liability and (b) then attributing the calculated present value to the periods of service based on the plan.

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Actuarial gain and loss arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are immediately recognized in the period when incurred. Pension liabilities are recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and life and work jubilee benefits in the Consolidated Income Statement. Past-service costs are recognised immediately in the Consolidated Income Statement.

**Defined contribution pension plans**

The Group makes contributions to government and private contribution pension plans.

The Group makes contributions to the health, sickness, retirement, accident and guarantee insurance and unemployment schemes at the statutory rates in force during the year based on gross salary payments.

Throughout the year, the Group made contributions amounting to 35.2% (2014: 35.2%) of gross salaries up to a monthly assessment base, which is defined by the relevant law to maximum of EUR 4 120 depending on the type of scheme (2014: max. to EUR 4 025), together with contributions made by employees of a further 13.4% (2014: 13.4%). The cost of these payments is charged to the Consolidated Income Statement in the same period as the related salary cost.

In addition, with respect to employees who have chosen to participate in a supplementary pension scheme, the Group makes contributions to the supplementary scheme, between 2% and 6% from the total of monthly tariff wages maximum to EUR 1 400 (2014: EUR 1 400).

**Termination benefits**

Termination benefits are payable whenever an employee's employment is terminated by the employer before the normal retirement date upon agreement between the employer and the employee resulting from redundancy in exchange for these benefits. The Group recognises termination benefits when it is demonstrably committed to either: (a) terminate the employment of current employees according to a detailed formal plan without possibility of withdrawal or (b) provide termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy. Present value of termination benefit does not significantly differ from carrying amount as the impact of discounting is not significant.

**Profit sharing and bonus plans**

Liability for any employee benefits in the form of profit sharing and bonus plans is recognized as other payables when there is no realistic alternative but to settle the liability and at least one of the following conditions is met:

- there is a formal plan and the amounts to be paid are determinable before the financial statements are authorized for issue; or
- the past practice created a valid expectation of employees that they will receive a profit sharing or other bonus and the amount can be determined before the financial statements are authorized for issue.

Liabilities for profit sharing and bonus plans are expected to be settled within 12 months and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when they are settled.

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**2.21. Revenue recognition**

Revenue comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and services in the ordinary course of the Group's activities. Revenue is recognized net of value-added tax, excise duties, estimated returns, rebates and discounts.

The Group recognizes revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the Group and specific criteria as described below were met.

The amount of revenue is not considered to be reliably measurable until all conditions related to sale are met. The Group bases its estimates on historical results, taking into consideration the type of customer, the type of transaction and the specific conditions of each contract.

Revenue from sale of electricity and distribution services is recognized when the electricity is delivered and distribution services rendered to the customer. Consumption of wholesale customers is metered and billed on a monthly basis. Consumption of retail customers (households and small businesses with yearly consumption up to 30 MWh) is metered and billed on an annual basis.

Revenue from sale of gas is recognized when the gas is delivered to the customer. Consumption of wholesale customers is metered and billed on a monthly basis. Consumption of retail customers (households and small business with yearly consumption up to 100 MWh) is metered and billed on an annual basis.

Revenue from unbilled electricity is an accounting estimate which is based on the estimate of the electricity supply in technical units (GWh) at low voltage level and its price. The estimate of the electricity supply at this voltage level is mainly based on the estimate of yearly consumption at the offtake point and the value of relevant typical supply profile for a rate to which the offtake point is included.

Sales of services are recognized in the accounting period in which the services are rendered by reference to completion of the specific transaction assessed on the basis of the actual service provided as a proportion of the total services to be provided.

Dividend income is recognized when the right to receive the payment is established and inflow of economic benefits is probable.

Interest income is recognized in the period when it is earned on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method.

Revenues from connection fees from customers for connection to the distribution network and subsequent access to the delivery of distribution services are recorded as deferred income and are released to revenues over the useful life of connections.

Assets obtained by withholding (transformer stations) free of charge are recorded in accordance with existing legislation, initially recorded at fair value as deferred income. Subsequently, an amount equal to the annual accounting depreciation of these assets is recognised in the revenues of the current period.

Fees for relocation of energy devices are treated similarly to the withheld transformer stations, meaning the value of such fees is recorded as deferred revenues, while the amount equal to the annual accounting depreciation for these assets is recognised in the revenues for the current period.

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**2.22. Dividend distribution**

Dividend distribution to the Group's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the consolidated financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Group's shareholders.

**2.23. Assets held for sale**

Assets and group of assets held for sale (including non-current and current assets) are classified as assets held for sale in the Statement of Financial Position, if the Group plans on using their carrying value primarily for sale (including loss of control over the subsidiary, which owns the particular assets) within twelve months from periods end. The assets are classified as held for sale, if they meet all of the following requirements: (a) assets are available for immediate sale in their current condition; (b) management of the Company approved and actively began with searching of a buyer (c) assets are actively presented on the market in adequate values; (d) sale is expected to happen no later than in one year (e) it is improbable, that significant changes happen in sales plan or the plan will be cancelled.

Assets and group of assets for disposal classified as held for sale in the Statement of Financial Position for current accounting period do not influence classification and disclosure of these items in the Statement of Financial Position for preceding accounting period.

Assets and group of assets for disposal classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. Once classified as held-for-sale, assets are no longer amortised or depreciated.

Liabilities directly related to assets and group of assets for disposal classified as held for sale are classified and presented in the Statement of Financial Position separately.

### **3. Financial risk management**

#### **3.1. Financial risk factors**

The Group's activities are exposing it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign exchange risk, price risk, interest rate risk), operational risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The Group's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance.

Financial risk management is carried out by a central treasury department under policies approved by the Board of Directors. The central treasury department identifies, evaluates and hedges financial risks in cooperation with the Group's operating units. The Board of Directors and management of the Group provide written principles for overall risk management as well as written policies covering specific areas such as foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, credit risk and use of non-derivative financial instruments.

##### **(i) Market risk**

###### **(a) Foreign exchange risk**

The Group is not exposed to foreign exchange risk as expenses and revenues in foreign currency are not significant for the Group.

###### **(b) Price risk**

##### **Supply of electricity**

The Group secures against changes in purchase and sales price of electricity by entering into contracts with fixed purchase and selling price. The period for which the Group guarantees the selling prices, is usually identical with the period, for which the Group purchases electricity. The individual selling prices for customers are set based on the market prices, for which the Group can purchase electricity on the market at the time of the sale.

The Group segments its customers based on the supplied volume of electricity. The Group secures itself against price changes and losses from customer agreements by contractual conditions, which are set differently according to probability of customer loss for each customer segment.

The sales price of electricity for households and small businesses is subject to price regulation by URSO.

The difference between the electricity already sold and purchased electricity ("open position") is regularly monitored and evaluated in order to minimize the risk resulting from changes in prices and the cost of variances. The Group purchases electricity for certain customers based on individual contracts defining a conditional sale to the specified customer (back-to-back) which helps the Group to minimize the risk resulting from the open positions in the segment. For regular customers, the Group purchases electricity continuously one or two years prior to the commencement of the delivery. Open positions have to comply with the Risk Management Policy. According to the Policy, the spread between the electricity already sold and purchased cannot exceed limit set for the open position (50 GWh for the wholesale customers).



### **Distribution service**

Significant part of distribution services provided by the Group is subject to price regulation by URSO. URSO has set new regulatory framework for years 2012 – 2016. URSO sets price decrees for distribution services provided by the Group generally for the period of one calendar year ahead and these are mandatory for the Group's invoicing. The allowed return is derived from Regulated Asset Base ("RAB") and rate of return. Despite this, circumstances outside of the control of the Group might occur that will result in a change of the price decree during a calendar year and therefore have a negative or a positive impact on the Group's results. It is not possible to quantify the level of such risk in advance.

#### **(c) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk**

The Group's interest rate risk arises from long-term borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates expose the Group to risk of cash flow fluctuation. Borrowings issued at fixed rates expose the Group to fair value changes. According to the set principles, the Group should keep the level of the fixed interest rate borrowings at least at the level of 50 % (2014: 50 %).

The Group regularly analyses its interest rate exposure. Various scenarios are simulated taking into consideration refinancing, renewal of existing positions and alternative financing. Based on these scenarios the Group calculates the impact of a defined interest rate changes on the Consolidated Income Statement. The scenarios are run only for liabilities that bear the most significant interest rates.

At 31 December 2015, if interest rates on EUR-denominated borrowings had been 50 basis points higher/lower (at 31 December 2014: 50 basis points) with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit for the year ended 31 December 2015 would have been lower/higher by EUR 5 thousand (EUR 8 thousand) mainly as a result of higher/lower interest expense on floating rate borrowings.

At 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014, all borrowings denominated in EUR are interest-bearing with fixed and floating interest rates and are recorded at amortized costs. For more details see Note 16.

#### **(ii) Operational risk**

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a wide variety of causes associated with the Group's processes, personnel, technology and infrastructure and from external factors other than credit, market and liquidity risks, such as those arising from legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted standards of corporate behaviour. Operational risk arises from all of the Group's operations.

The Group's objective is to manage operational risk so as to balance the avoidance of financial losses and damage to the Company's reputation with overall cost effectiveness and to avoid control procedures that restrict initiative and creativity. The primary responsibility for the development and implementation of controls to address operational risk is assigned to senior management.

Compliance with Group standards is supported by a program of periodic reviews undertaken by Internal Audit. The results of Internal Audit review are discussed with senior management of the Group.

#### **(iii) Credit risk**

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents and deposits with banks and financial institutions as well as credit exposures to wholesale and retail customers including outstanding receivables and future committed transactions. As for the banks and financial institutions, the Group has relationships only with those ones that have high independent rating assessment. If wholesale customers are independently rated these ratings are used.

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Otherwise, if there is no independent rating, assessment of credit quality of the customer is performed, taking into account its financial position, past experience and other factors.

The key commodity of the Group is electricity, which is invoiced to the customers usually together with distribution and other services related to electricity in form of an integrated contract.

The Group also invoices distribution and related services to the suppliers of electricity (traders) operating within the Group's distribution area, as well as to final customers who have signed an individual contract relating to the distribution of electricity and access to the distribution system.

The Group implemented an individual assessment of major customer's credit risk based on its own valuation model. The input information of the model are e.g. rating of external credit risk rating companies, payment discipline of the customer, performance indicators derived from their financial statements, available information on a customer's indebtedness. This group of customers include those with highest purchases of electricity supply and distribution. Payment conditions are set-up according to the results of the model. In addition, prepayments are used to mitigate the risk.

The Group is managing risk of non-payment of wholes customers, small entrepreneurs and households via advance payments system. Customers with a higher risk of insolvency pay higher prepayments.

As far as the trade receivables are concerned, the Group does not have a significant concentration of credit risk mainly due to a large number of diverse customers. The Group uses a system of reminders, which may culminate in a supply restriction, disconnection from the distribution network, which is the most commonly used way to enforce compliance with payment discipline for all categories of customers.

The table below shows the balances of due from banks at the reporting date:

| Counterparty                 | Rating** | As at 31 December |               |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|
|                              |          | 2015              | 2014          |
| Banks *                      |          |                   |               |
| Všeobecná úverová banka, a.s | A2       | 16 400            | 18 800        |
| UniCredit Bank, a.s.         | Baa1     | 9 637             | 4 760         |
| Tatra banka, a.s.            | Baa1     | 361               | 397           |
| ČSOB, a.s., Bratislava       | Baa1     | 24 324            | 8 365         |
| Slovenská sporiteľňa, a.s.   | BBB+     | 1 106             | 1 226         |
| Komerční banka, a.s.         | A2       | 583               | 641           |
| Prima banka Slovensko, a.s.  | n/a      | 84                | 2             |
| Other                        | n/a      | 16                | 13            |
| <b>Total</b>                 |          | <b>52 511</b>     | <b>34 204</b> |

\* The amount of cash and short-term deposits at banks as at 31 December 2015 was EUR 52 511 thousand (2014: EUR 34 204 thousand). As at 31 December 2015, the Group has had an overdraft facility agreed with the banks on the current accounts in the amount of EUR 20 000 thousand (2014: EUR 20 000 thousand). As at 31 December 2015 the Group can freely dispose with cash and cash equivalents.

\*\* The Group uses independent ratings Moody's, Standard & Poor's, Fitch.

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**Exposure to credit risk**

The carrying amount of financial assets represents maximum credit exposure which as at 31 December 2015 and 2014 was as follows:

| Financial assets                | Note | Carrying amount as at 31 December |                |
|---------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
|                                 |      | 2015                              | 2014           |
| CO <sub>2</sub> emission quotas | 8    | 23                                | 32             |
| Other investments               | 8    | 1 615                             | 1 488          |
| Trade and other receivables     | 9    | 78 857                            | 72 829         |
| Accrued income                  | 10   | 76 702                            | 41 528         |
| Cash and cash equivalents       | 11   | 52 511                            | 34 204         |
|                                 |      | <b>209 708</b>                    | <b>150 081</b> |

**(iv) Liquidity risk**

A prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities, the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to close out market positions. Due to the dynamic nature of the underlying businesses, the Group aims to maintain flexibility in funding by keeping open credit lines.

The Group manages liquidity risk by utilizing bank overdrafts, which should cover an immediate shortage of cash. The Group regularly monitors its liquidity position and uses overdrafts only in exceptional cases. The Group also uses the advantages of commercial terms between the Group and its suppliers to secure sufficient financing funds to cover its needs. The maturity of supplier's invoices is on average between 14 to 90 days.

The Group monitors movements of financial resources on its bank accounts on a regular basis.

Expected cash flow is prepared as follows:

- expected future cash inflows from main operations of the Group;
- expected future cash outflows securing operations of the Group and leading to settlement of all liabilities of the Group including tax payables.

A cash flow forecast is prepared monthly. It identifies the immediate need for cash and, if funds are available, it enables the Group to make term deposits and other investments.

On the basis of expected cash flows, the management monitors rolling forecasts of the Group's liquidity reserve which comprises undrawn credit line (Note 16) and cash and cash equivalents (Note 11).

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The table below analyses the Group's financial liabilities according to relevant maturity groups based on the remaining period to maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows. The difference between the carrying and estimated value of liabilities represents future expected interest.

|   | Carrying amount | Less than 1 year | Between 1 and 2 years | Between 2 and 5 years | Over 5 years  | Total          |
|---|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>As at 31 December 2015</b>   |                 |                  |                       |                       |               |                |
| Bank loans (principal incl. future interest charges)                    | 33 323          | 9 841            | 7 574                 | 11 035                | 7 756         | 36 206         |
| Liabilities related to assets held for sale *                           | 12 000          | 13 296           | -                     | -                     | -             | 13 296         |
| Trade and other payables (excluding liabilities not in scope of IFRS 7) | 108 488         | 108 488          | -                     | -                     | -             | 108 488        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>153 811</b>  | <b>131 625</b>   | <b>7 574</b>          | <b>11 035</b>         | <b>7 756</b>  | <b>157 990</b> |
| <b>As at 31 December 2014</b>   |                 |                  |                       |                       |               |                |
| Bank loans (principal incl. future interest charges)                    | 43 892          | 11 969           | 9 839                 | 15 910                | 10 455        | 48 173         |
| Liabilities related to assets held for sale *                           | 14 400          | 16 213           | -                     | -                     | -             | 16 213         |
| Trade and other payables (excluding liabilities not in scope of IFRS 7) | 103 935         | 103 935          | -                     | -                     | -             | 103 935        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>162 227</b>  | <b>132 117</b>   | <b>9 839</b>          | <b>15 910</b>         | <b>10 455</b> | <b>168 321</b> |

\* Amount of liabilities related to assets held for sale in interval "Less than 1 year" represents principal and related interest. For more information see Note 12.

**3.2. Capital risk management**

Management considers equity being capital. The Group's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital. The Group's management manages shareholders' capital reported under IFRS as adopted by the EU amounting to EUR 491 506 thousand as at 31 December 2015 (2014: EUR 433 255 thousand).

Consistent with other companies within the industry, the Group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. This ratio is calculated as total debt divided by total liabilities and equity. Total debt is calculated as total of bank loans and current liabilities as presented in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

In 2015 as well as in 2014, the Group's strategy was to maintain the gearing ratio below 60% limit stated in the Group's loan agreements.

During 2015 and 2014, the Group complied with all externally imposed capital requirements (mainly bank covenants) on the level required by its creditors.

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**3.3. Fair value estimation**

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the reporting date. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price and the spot ask price for the financial liabilities.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example over-the-counter derivatives) is determined by using valuation techniques. The Group uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each reporting date. Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments are used for long-term debt. Other techniques such as expected discounted cash flows are used to determine fair value for the remaining financial instruments.

The carrying amount of trade receivables and payables, less any impairment provisions, approximates their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Group for similar financial instruments.

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**4 Significant accounting estimates and judgements**

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will by definition seldom equal the actual results. Fundamental 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 discussed below.

**Use of estimates and judgments**

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS EU requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and assumptions are based on past experience and other miscellaneous factors deemed appropriate under circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Information on critical judgments and estimation uncertainties used in connection with the application of accounting policies and accounting principles that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment are stated below.

**(i) Estimated useful life of assets**

Management estimates useful life of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets based on the cooperation with internal and external experts. If the revised estimated useful life of non-current assets was shorter by 10% than management's estimate at 31 December 2015, the Group would have recognized an additional depreciation of property and equipment consisting of distribution network charged to the Consolidated Income Statement of EUR 3 197 thousand (2014: EUR 2 959 thousand).

**(ii) Impairment provision for receivables**

A specific impairment provision is calculated for individual receivables with indicators of impairment. Impairment provision is calculated in the amount of 100% of the value of individual receivables from companies in bankruptcy, restructuring and receivables subject to court proceedings. A general provision is calculated based on overdue receivables for other receivables.

Impairment provision is released or used only when a receivable provided for is written-off, collected or if reasons for creation of impairment provision cease to exist.

**(iii) Estimate of unbilled electricity**

Revenues generated from customers whose energy consumption is not metered at the reporting date, particularly customers supplied at a low-voltage electricity level, must be estimated for delivered but not billed electricity at the reporting date.

The Group developed a model allowing it to estimate revenue with a satisfactory level of accuracy. The model will also ensure that risk of a significant variance between the quantities sold and the estimated revenues can be considered as not significant.

The historical differences between the estimates of unbilled electricity and the actual results are in average below 1% (2014: below 1%).

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**5 Property, plant and equipment**

|   | Land         | Buildings,<br>halls, network<br>and<br>constructions | Machinery,<br>equipment,<br>vehicles<br>and other<br>assets | Capital<br>work in<br>progress<br>(CIP) | Total          |
|---|--------------|--|---|---|----------------|
| <b>At 1 January 2014</b>                        |              |  |   |   |                |
| Cost  | 8 272        | 461 075  | 382 625   | 52 834                                  | 904 806        |
| Accumulated depreciation and impairment charges | (76)         | (207 600)  | (202 199)   | (2 968)                                 | (412 843)      |
| <b>Net book value</b>                           | <b>8 196</b> | <b>253 475</b>                                       | <b>180 426</b>  | <b>49 866</b>                           | <b>491 963</b> |
| <b>Year ended 31 December 2014</b>              |              |  |   |   |                |
| Opening net book value                          | 8 196        | 253 475  | 180 426   | 49 866                                  | 491 963        |
| Additions                                       | 291          | 10 629   | 4 713   | 14 876                                  | 30 509         |
| Transfers                                       | 7            | 15 399   | 13 776  | (29 182)                                | -              |
| Transfer to assets held for sale (Note 13)      | (437)        | (5 160)  | (20 038)  | -                                       | (25 635)       |
| Disposals                                       | (142)        | (2 527)  | (351)   | (151)                                   | (3 171)        |
| Depreciation charge                             | -            | (12 905)   | (14 921)  | -                                       | (27 826)       |
| Release/(creation) of impairment provisions     | -            | (106)  | 678   | (558)                                   | 14             |
| <b>Closing net book value</b>                   | <b>7 915</b> | <b>258 805</b>                                       | <b>164 283</b>  | <b>34 851</b>                           | <b>465 854</b> |
| <b>At 31 December 2014</b>                      |              |  |   |   |                |
| Cost  | 7 991        | 472 391  | 364 580   | 36 246                                  | 881 208        |
| Accumulated depreciation and impairment charges | (76)         | (213 586)  | (200 297)   | (1 395)                                 | (415 354)      |
| <b>Net book value</b>                           | <b>7 915</b> | <b>258 805</b>                                       | <b>164 283</b>  | <b>34 851</b>                           | <b>465 854</b> |
| <b>At 1 January 2015</b>                        |              |  |   |   |                |
| Cost  | 7 991        | 472 391  | 364 580   | 36 246                                  | 881 208        |
| Accumulated depreciation and impairment charges | (76)         | (213 586)  | (200 297)   | (1 395)                                 | (415 354)      |
| <b>Net book value</b>                           | <b>7 915</b> | <b>258 805</b>                                       | <b>164 283</b>  | <b>34 851</b>                           | <b>465 854</b> |
| <b>Year ended 31 December 2015</b>              |              |  |   |   |                |
| Opening net book value                          | 7 915        | 258 805  | 164 283   | 34 851                                  | 465 854        |
| Additions                                       | 34           | 33 639   | 5 990   | 4 989                                   | 44 652         |
| Transfers                                       | 5            | 18 276   | 13 387  | (31 668)                                | -              |
| Disposals                                       | (141)        | (598)  | (101)   | (10)                                    | (850)          |
| Depreciation charge                             | -            | (14 680)   | (12 702)  | -                                       | (27 382)       |
| Release/(creation) of impairment provisions     | -            | 181  | 694   | (4)                                     | 871            |
| <b>Closing net book value</b>                   | <b>7 813</b> | <b>295 623</b>                                       | <b>171 551</b>  | <b>8 158</b>                            | <b>483 145</b> |
| <b>At 31 December 2015</b>                      |              |  |   |   |                |
| Cost  | 7 889        | 523 043  | 381 297   | 8 488                                   | 920 717        |
| Accumulated depreciation and impairment charges | (76)         | (227 420)  | (209 746)   | (330)                                   | (437 572)      |
| <b>Net book value</b>                           | <b>7 813</b> | <b>295 623</b>                                       | <b>171 551</b>  | <b>8 158</b>                            | <b>483 145</b> |

Buildings, halls and constructions include mainly distribution network, administrative offices, sales offices, warehouses and garages.

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Machines, equipment and vehicles include mainly switching stations, hardware, servers, telephone exchanges, remote control equipment, system failure detectors, air conditions, assembling and personal vehicles and others.

The additions are represented mainly by construction and technical enhancement of distribution networks and acquisition of IT technologies.

For information on property, plant and equipment acquired by free of charge (withheld assets, relocations of energy devices) and contributions for acquisition of property, plant and equipment refer to Note 14.

There are no restrictions of ownership relating to property, plant and equipment. No property, plant and equipment is pledged.

The created impairment provisions represent an impairment loss due mainly to the idle gas power plant and idle buildings (recreation facilities, flats and other idle assets). As at 31 December 2015, the impairment provisions to the gas power station was in the amount of EUR 18 029 thousand (2014: EUR 18 914 thousand) and to other assets in the amount of EUR 307 thousand (2014: EUR 1 555 thousand).

**Type and amount of insurance of property, plant and equipment**

The Group has insured its property, plant and equipment except for electric distribution networks against the following risks:

|  | <b>Insured amount as at 31 December</b> |                  |
|--|---|------------------|
|  | <b>2015</b>                             | <b>2014</b>      |
| <b>Insurance against natural disaster</b>        | <b>885 389</b>                          | <b>1 076 399</b> |
| Buildings, halls and structures                  | 281 122                                 | 468 469          |
| Machines, devices and equipment                  | 596 649                                 | 600 331          |
| Other non-current movable assets                 | 2 194                                   | 2 195            |
| Other (damage liability)                         | 5 424                                   | 5 404            |
| <b>Insurance in case of robbery and burglary</b> | <b>1 628</b>                            | <b>1 628</b>     |
| <b>Insurance of machinery</b>                    | <b>19 093</b>                           | <b>19 777</b>    |



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**6 Intangible assets**

|  | Computer<br>software | Other<br>intangible<br>assets | Intangible<br>assets not<br>yet in use<br>including<br>advances | Total         |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------|
| <b>At 1 January 2014</b>                           |                      |                               |   |               |
| Cost   | 48 537               | 472                           | 313   | 49 322        |
| Accumulated depreciation<br>and impairment charges | (25 752)             | (461)                         | -   | (26 213)      |
| <b>Net book value</b>                              | <b>22 758</b>        | <b>11</b>                     | <b>313</b>  | <b>23 109</b> |
| <b>Year ended 31 December 2014</b>                 |                      |                               |   |               |
| Opening net book value                             | 22 785               | 11                            | 313   | 23 109        |
| Additions  | 1 005                | 5                             | 413   | 1 423         |
| Transfers  | 172                  | -                             | (172)   | -             |
| Amortization charge                                | (3 845)              | (2)                           | -   | (3 847)       |
| <b>Closing net book value</b>                      | <b>20 117</b>        | <b>14</b>                     | <b>554</b>  | <b>20 685</b> |
| <b>At 31 December 2014</b>                         |                      |                               |   |               |
| Cost   | 48 227               | 477                           | 554   | 49 258        |
| Accumulated depreciation<br>and impairment charges | (28 110)             | (463)                         | -   | (28 573)      |
| <b>Net book value</b>                              | <b>20 117</b>        | <b>14</b>                     | <b>554</b>  | <b>20 685</b> |
| <b>At 1 January 2015</b>                           |                      |                               |   |               |
| Cost   | 48 227               | 477                           | 554   | 49 258        |
| Accumulated depreciation<br>and impairment charges | (28 110)             | (463)                         | -   | (28 573)      |
| <b>Net book value</b>                              | <b>20 117</b>        | <b>14</b>                     | <b>554</b>  | <b>20 685</b> |
| <b>Year ended 31 December 2015</b>                 |                      |                               |   |               |
| Opening net book value                             | 20 117               | 14                            | 554   | 20 685        |
| Additions  | 2 375                | 24                            | 637   | 3 036         |
| Transfers  | 517                  | 1                             | (518)   | -             |
| Amortization charge                                | (3 827)              | (2)                           | -   | (3 829)       |
| <b>Closing net book value</b>                      | <b>19 182</b>        | <b>37</b>                     | <b>673</b>  | <b>19 892</b> |
| <b>At 31 December 2015</b>                         |                      |                               |   |               |
| Cost   | 51 085               | 502                           | 673   | 52 260        |
| Accumulated depreciation<br>and impairment charges | (31 903)             | (465)                         | -   | (32 368)      |
| <b>Net book value</b>                              | <b>19 182</b>        | <b>37</b>                     | <b>673</b>  | <b>19 892</b> |

The computer software consists mainly from SAP ERP, SAP ISU/CRM, ECM, trading software and a graphical information system.

The additions are represented mainly by implementation of a new system for managing customer relationships SAP ISU/CRM, upgrades of software (SAP ERP, GIS, ECM).

There are no restrictions of ownership relating to intangible assets and no intangible assets are pledged.

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**7 Financial instruments by category**

The reconciliation of classes of financial instruments with measurement categories under IAS 39 is as follows:

| <b>As at 31 December 2015</b>                                     | <b>Loans and receivables</b> | <b>Held-to-maturity</b> | <b>Total</b>   |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Assets as per Consolidated Statement of Financial Position</b> |                              |                         |                |
| Emission quotas (Note 8)  | -                            | 23                      | 23             |
| Other investments (Note 8)  | -                            | 1 615                   | 1 615          |
| Trade receivables (before impairment provision) (Note 9)          | 97 145                       | -                       | 97 145         |
| Cash and cash equivalents (Note 11)                               | 52 511                       | -                       | 52 511         |
| Assets held for sale (Note 12)                                    | 23                           | -                       | 23             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>149 679</b>               | <b>1 638</b>            | <b>151 317</b> |

| <b>As at 31 December 2014</b>                                     | <b>Loans and receivables</b> | <b>Held-to-maturity</b> | <b>Total</b>   |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Assets as per Consolidated Statement of Financial Position</b> |                              |                         |                |
| Emission quotas (Note 8)  | -                            | 32                      | 32             |
| Other investments (Note 8)  | -                            | 1 488                   | 1 488          |
| Trade receivables (before impairment provision) (Note 9)          | 90 953                       | -                       | 90 953         |
| Cash and cash equivalents (Note 11)                               | 34 204                       | -                       | 34 204         |
| Assets held for sale (Note 12)                                    | 14                           | -                       | 14             |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>125 171</b>               | <b>1 520</b>            | <b>126 691</b> |

| <b>As at 31 December 2015</b>  | <b>Other financial liabilities – carrying amount</b> | <b>Total</b>   |
|--|--|----------------|
| <b>Liabilities as per Consolidated Statement of Financial Position</b> |  |                |
| Trade and other payables (Note 15)                                     | 111 176  | 111 176        |
| Bank loans (Note 16)   | 33 323   | 33 323         |
| Liabilities related to assets held for sale (Note 12)                  | 12 000   | 12 000         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>156 499</b>                                       | <b>156 499</b> |

| <b>As at 31 December 2014</b>  | <b>Other financial liabilities – carrying amount</b> | <b>Total</b>   |
|--|--|----------------|
| <b>Liabilities as per Consolidated Statement of Financial Position</b> |  |                |
| Trade and other payables (Note 15)                                     | 105 957  | 105 957        |
| Bank loans (Note 16)   | 43 892   | 43 892         |
| Liabilities related to assets held for sale (Note 12)                  | 14 400   | 14 400         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>164 249</b>                                       | <b>164 249</b> |

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**8 Financial assets****(i) Emission quotas**

|   | <b>As at 31 December</b> |             |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b> |
| <b>At the beginning of the year</b>                           | <b>32</b>                | <b>41</b>   |
| Additions   | 99                       | 11          |
| Disposals   | (108)                    | (20)        |
| <b>At the end of the year</b>                                 | <b>23</b>                | <b>32</b>   |
| Less non-current portion of held-to-maturity financial assets | -                        | -           |
| Current portion of held-to-maturity financial assets          | <b>23</b>                | <b>32</b>   |

**(ii) Investments in joint ventures**

|                                     | <b>As at 31 December</b> |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
|                                     | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>  |
| <b>At the beginning of the year</b> | <b>1 488</b>             | <b>558</b>   |
| Share on profit of joint ventures   | 127                      | 930          |
| <b>At the end of the year</b>       | <b>1 615</b>             | <b>1 488</b> |

Increase of EUR 127 thousand in 2015 (2014: EUR 930 thousand) represents share on profit of joint ventures (revaluation by the equity method).

SSE owns a shareholding in the registered capital of the following companies:

| <b>Company name</b>                  | <b>Registration Country</b> | <b>Interest in %</b> | <b>Activities</b>                     | <b>As at 31 December</b> | <b>As at 31 December</b> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                                      |                             |                      |                                       | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>              |
| Energotel, a.s.                      | Slovak Republic             | 20,00%               | Data and telecommunication activities | 1 572                    | 1 448                    |
| SPX, s.r.o.                          | Slovak Republic             | 33,30%               | Advisory in power engineering         | 43                       | 40                       |
| <b>Investments in joint ventures</b> |                             |                      |                                       | <b>1 615</b>             | <b>1 488</b>             |

The Group together with other investors has a joint control over financial and operating activities of these companies based on the shareholder's agreement.

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Information on the financial performance of significant joint ventures is as follows:

| <b>Energotel, a.s.</b>                     | <b>As at 31 December</b>      |               |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------|
|  | <b>2015</b>                   | <b>2014</b>   |
| <b>Assets</b>                              |                               |               |
| Non-current assets                         | 5 023                         | 5 141         |
| Current assets                             | 8 579                         | 7 673         |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>13 602</b>                 | <b>12 814</b> |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                         |                               |               |
| Non-current liabilities                    | 68                            | 260           |
| Current liabilities                        | 5 674                         | 5 314         |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>5 742</b>                  | <b>5 574</b>  |
| <b>Net assets</b>                          | <b>7 860</b>                  | <b>7 240</b>  |
| <br>                                       |                               |               |
| <b>Energotel, a.s.</b>                     | <b>Year ended 31 December</b> |               |
|  | <b>2015</b>                   | <b>2014</b>   |
| Operating revenues                         | 13 742                        | 13 278        |
| Operating costs                            | 10 710                        | 11 049        |
| Financial revenues, net                    | 3                             | 5             |
| Profit before tax                          | <b>3 035</b>                  | <b>2 234</b>  |
| Income tax                                 | 687                           | 505           |
| Profit for the period                      | <b>2 348</b>                  | <b>1 729</b>  |
| Other comprehensive income                 | -                             | -             |
| <b>Comprehensive income for the period</b> | <b>2 348</b>                  | <b>1 729</b>  |

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**9 Trade and other receivables**

|  | <b>As at 31 December</b> |               |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
|  | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>   |
| <b>Current receivables and advance payments made:</b>  |                          |               |
| Neither past due nor impaired trade receivables        | 71 508                   | 66 105        |
| Past due but not impaired trade receivables            | 1 158                    | 1 300         |
| Individually impaired trade receivables                | 24 479                   | 23 548        |
| <b>Trade receivables (before impairment provision)</b> | <b>97 145</b>            | <b>90 953</b> |
| Less: Impairment provision to receivables              | (23 264)                 | (22 403)      |
| <b>Trade receivables – net</b>                         | <b>73 881</b>            | <b>68 550</b> |
| Other receivables                                      | 4 976                    | 4 279         |
| <b>Trade receivables and other receivables</b>         | <b>78 857</b>            | <b>72 829</b> |

The structure of trade receivables according to ageing is as follows:

|                     | <b>As at 31 December</b> |               |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
|                     | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>   |
| Receivables due     | 71 508                   | 66 105        |
| Receivables overdue | 25 637                   | 24 848        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>97 145</b>            | <b>90 953</b> |

The structure of trade receivables that are neither past due nor impaired by their credit quality is as follows:

|  | <b>As at 31 December</b> |               |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
|  | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>   |
| Retail – households                                    | 885                      | 819           |
| Retail – small businesses                              | 16 225                   | 13 721        |
| Wholesale – large business                             | 17 364                   | 20 250        |
| Traders with electricity                               | 13 929                   | 8 506         |
| SEPS, OKTE – regulator for energy industry             | 13 153                   | 14 589        |
| Electricity producers                                  | 80                       | 94            |
| Other customers  | 9 872                    | 8 126         |
| <b>Neither past due nor impaired trade receivables</b> | <b>71 508</b>            | <b>66 105</b> |

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As at 31 December 2015, trade receivables of EUR 1 158 thousand (2014: EUR 1 300 thousand) were past due but not impaired. These receivables represent mainly overdue trade receivables as at 31 December 2015 which were paid before these financial statements were prepared and receivables against regular customers of the Group and the risk of impairment is remote.

The ageing structure of these receivables is as follows:

|  | <b>As at 31 December</b> |              |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|
|  | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>  |
| 1 to 90 days   | 1 105                    | 1 266        |
| 91 to 180 days   | 12                       | 12           |
| 181 to 360 days  | 16                       | 2            |
| Over 361 days  | 25                       | 20           |
| <b>Total past due but not impaired trade receivables</b> | <b>1 158</b>             | <b>1 300</b> |

As at 31 December 2015, the Group had impaired trade receivables in a gross amount of EUR 24 479 thousand (2014: EUR 23 548 thousand). An impairment provision to these receivables was created as at 31 December 2015 in the total amount of EUR 23 264 thousand (2014: EUR 22 403 thousand). Impaired receivables relate to both wholesalers and retailers who came into unexpectedly difficult economic situation. It is expected that part of these receivables will be repaid.

The ageing structure of these receivables is as follows:

|  | <b>As at 31 December</b> |               |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
|  | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>   |
| 1 to 90 days                                   | 1 863                    | 1 856         |
| 91 to 180 days                                 | 642                      | 567           |
| 181 to 360 days                                | 1 231                    | 894           |
| Over 361 days                                  | 20 743                   | 20 231        |
| <b>Total individually impaired receivables</b> | <b>24 479</b>            | <b>23 548</b> |

The movements in the impairment provision of trade receivables are recognized in the Consolidated Income Statement in Other operating expenses. Movements are presented below:

|   | <b>As at 31 December</b> |               |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|
|   | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>   |
| At the beginning of the year            | 22 403                   | 21 447        |
| Creation of impairment provision        | 2 019                    | 2 632         |
| Reversal of unused impairment provision | (378)                    | (298)         |
| Use of impairment provision             | (780)                    | (1 378)       |
| <b>At the end of the year</b>           | <b>23 264</b>            | <b>22 403</b> |

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The reversal of impairment provision was caused by subsequent collection of certain receivables that were originally provided for or written-off. Impairment provision is calculated in the amount of 100% of the value of individual receivables against companies in bankruptcy and receivables subject to court proceedings. Impairment provision for other receivables is calculated based on an ageing analysis of individual receivables and the type of the customer.

The carrying amounts of the Group's trade and other receivables are denominated in the following currencies:

|              | <b>As at 31 December</b> |                      |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
|              | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>          |
| EUR          | 78 741                   | 70 609               |
| CZK          | 116                      | 2 220                |
| <b>Total</b> | <b><u>78 857</u></b>     | <b><u>72 829</u></b> |

The carrying amounts of trade and other receivables as at 31 December 2015 and as at 31 December 2014 are not substantially different from their fair value. The maximum exposure to credit risk is equal to the carrying amount of receivables. There is no concentration of credit risk with respect to trade receivables as the Group has a large number of customers. The Group does not hold any significant collateral as a security for the receivables.

No receivables have been pledged as collateral. The Group's rights over the receivables are not restricted.

**10 Accrued income**

The Company has an obligation to connect the renewable energy sources should they meet requirements set by URSO and bear all expenses related to supporting OZE/KVET that represent: purchase of electricity from OZE/KVET, taking responsibility for variance and payment of additional charge in the amount approved by URSO. These expenses are covered in the tariff for system operation (TPS). In 2014 (2014: year 2013), the Group incurred a loss as a difference between expenses related to purchase of electricity from renewable sources and support of electricity produced from domestic coal and revenues from TPS. Based on a decision of URSO from December 2015 (2014: from December 2014), the Group recorded accrued income in the Statement on Financial Position in the amount of URSO approved compensation of a 2014 loss (2014: for the year 2013) that enters the TPS for 2016 (2014: in year 2015) in the amount of EUR 76 702 thousand (2014: EUR 41 528 thousand).

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**11 Cash and cash equivalents**

|                          | <b>As at 31 December</b> |               |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
|                          | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>   |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 12 600                   | 12 629        |
| Short-term bank deposits | 39 911                   | 21 575        |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>52 511</b>            | <b>34 204</b> |

The effective interest rate on short term bank deposits is 0.09% (2014: 0.18%) and these deposits had an average maturity of 2 days (in 2014: 2 days).

At 31 December 2015, cash and cash equivalents were fully available for the Group's use.

For the purposes of the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, the cash and cash equivalents comprise of the following:

|  | <b>As at 31 December</b> |               |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
|  | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>   |
| Cash and bank balances and deposits with original maturities of less than three months | 52 511                   | 34 204        |
| Cash and bank balances and deposits with original maturities from three to six months  | -                        | -             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>52 511</b>            | <b>34 204</b> |

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December 2015 and as at 31 December 2014 are not substantially different from their fair value. The maximum exposure to credit risk is equal to the carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents.

The analysis by credit quality is reported in Note 3.1. (iii).



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**12 Assets held for sale and liabilities related to assets held for sale**

|  | <b>As at 31 December</b> |               |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
|  | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>   |
| <b>Assets held for sale</b>                        |                          |               |
| Non-current assets                                 | 23 526                   | 25 635        |
| Trade receivables and other receivables            | 23                       | 14            |
| Inventories  | 62                       | 62            |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>23 611</b>            | <b>25 711</b> |
| <b>Liabilities related to assets held for sale</b> |                          |               |
| Non-current bank loans                             | 9 600                    | 12 000        |
| Deffered tax liability                             | 1 967                    | 1 827         |
| Current bank loans                                 | 2 400                    | 2 400         |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>13 967</b>            | <b>16 227</b> |

As at 31 December 2015, the following assets and categories of assets and liabilities were classified as assets held for sale and related liability:

- Assets and liabilities of the subsidiary SSE-Solar, s.r.o. The carrying amount of assets and liabilities represents EUR 11 611 thousand (excluding deferred tax).
- Deferred tax related to these assets and liabilities in the amount of EUR 1 967 thousand.

As at 31 December 2014, the following assets and categories of assets and liabilities were classified as assets held for sale and related liability:

- Personal vehicles designated for sale to the third party outside of the Group in the carrying amount of EUR 2 109 thousand. The transaction was carried out on 1 January 2015.
- Assets and liabilities of the subsidiary SSE-Solar, s.r.o. The carrying amount of assets and liabilities represents EUR 9 202 thousand (excluding deferred tax).
- Deferred tax related to these assets and liabilities in the amount of EUR 1 827 thousand.

Assets and related liabilities held for sale are recognized at their original carrying amount that is lower than their fair value less costs to sell.

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**13 Equity**

The total authorized number of ordinary shares of the Group as at 31 December 2015 is 3 516 682 (2014: 3 516 682) with a par value of EUR 33.2 per share. All authorized shares are issued and fully paid in.

No changes in share capital of the Company occurred during 2014 and 2015. The Company does not have any equity subscribed but not recorded in the Commercial Register.

As at 31 December 2015, the total number of 1 793 508 shares (51%) is owned by the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic and 1 723 174 shares (49%) are owned by EP Energy, a.s., Czech Republic.

Legal reserve fund is mandatorily created from the Company's profit in accordance with the Slovak Commercial Code. The Commercial Code defines that a joint stock companies are obliged to create a legal reserve fund in the amount of 10% of their share capital at the time of the incorporation of the Company. This amount must be increased annually by at least 10% from net profit until the Legal reserve fund reaches 20% of the share capital. The use of this fund is restricted under the Commercial Code only to cover losses of the Company and it is not a distributable reserve. The legal reserve fund of the Company as at 31 December 2015 amounted to EUR 26 493 thousand (2014: EUR 26 493 thousand) and reached the required amount.

The General Meeting held on 29 June 2015 approved the consolidated financial statements of the Company for the previous period and at the same time decided to pay dividends to the shareholders for 2014 in the amount of EUR 51 791 thousand (2014: EUR 52 000 thousand). Dividend per share represents EUR 14,73.

The retained earnings of the Group at 31 December 2015 amounted to EUR 345 744 thousand (2014: EUR 286 810 thousand).

The Board of Directors has not proposed the distribution of the 2015 profit as at the date of a preparation of the financial statements.

**14 Non-current portion of deferred income**

|  | <b>As at 31 December</b> |               |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|
|  | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>   |
| Capital expenditure grants (a)                   | 3 331                    | 3 547         |
| Withheld property (b)                            | 3 050                    | 4 644         |
| Connection fees (c)                              | 24 150                   | 22 495        |
| Relocation of energy devices (d)                 | 15 866                   | 3 836         |
| Assets surplus found during a physical count (e) | 1 187                    | 6             |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>47 584</b>            | <b>34 528</b> |

(a) Capital expenditure grants are paid primarily by customers for capital expenditures made in their interest as well as distribution network assets transferred to the Group by its customers free of charge. The grants are non-refundable and are recognized in other operating income based upon depreciable lives of related assets.

(b) Assets obtained by withholding (transformer stations, wirings) free of charge are recorded in accordance with the existing legislation, initially recorded at fair value as deferred income. Subsequently, an amount equal to the annual accounting depreciation of these assets is recognized in the revenues of the current accounting period.

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(c) Connection fees represent mainly fees from customers for connection to the existing distribution network and subsequent access to the delivery of distribution services. Revenues in the form of contributions are recorded as deferred income and released to revenues over the useful life of the related assets.

(d) Fees for relocation of energy devices are accounted for similarly as withheld assets as described in (b) so as collected fees for energy devices relocation are accounted for as deferred income and are released to revenues in the amount equal to annual accounting depreciation of these assets.

(e) Assets that were evidenced on the letters of ownership of the Group and were not recognized. The value of such assets is recorded similarly to withheld assets free of charge (described in note (b) above), i.e. their value is recorded in deferred income and released to revenues in the amount equal to annual accounting depreciation of these assets.

**15 Trade and other payables**

|                                      | <b>As at 31 December</b> |                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
|                                      | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>    |
| Trade payables – current             | 85 345                   | 84 398         |
| Current portion of deferred income   | 2 688                    | 2 022          |
| Payables to employees                | 1 556                    | 2 104          |
| Social security                      | 1 061                    | 1 302          |
| Accrued personnel expenses           | 7 677                    | 5 963          |
| Social fund                          | 338                      | 163            |
| VAT – payable                        | 7 942                    | 5 802          |
| Payment to the National nuclear fund | 3 121                    | 2 886          |
| Other payables                       | 1 448                    | 1 317          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>111 176</b>           | <b>105 957</b> |

The fair value of trade and other payables is not significantly different from their carrying amount.

No payables are secured by a lien or other collateral.

The structure of payables by the remaining period to maturity is as follows:

|                  | <b>As at 31 December</b> |                |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
|                  | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>    |
| Payables not due | 110 838                  | 104 983        |
| Overdue payables | 338                      | 974            |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>111 176</b>           | <b>105 957</b> |

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The carrying amount of payables is denominated in the following currencies:

|              | <b>As at 31 December</b> |                       |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
|              | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>           |
| EUR          | 111 126                  | 105 759               |
| CZK          | 48                       | 197                   |
| GBP          | 2                        | -                     |
| USD          | -                        | 1                     |
| <b>Total</b> | <u><u>111 176</u></u>    | <u><u>105 957</u></u> |

**Social fund**

Contribution to and drawing of the social fund during the accounting period are shown in the following table:

|                                       | <b>As at 31 December</b> |                   |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|                                       | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>       |
| <b>Opening balance at 1 January</b>   | <b>163</b>               | <b>132</b>        |
| Contribution                          | 565                      | 681               |
| Drawing                               | (390)                    | (650)             |
| <b>Closing balance at 31 December</b> | <u><u>338</u></u>        | <u><u>163</u></u> |

According to the Act on the Social Fund, part of the social fund must be created against expenses and part can be created from retained earnings. According to the Act on the Social Fund, the social fund is used to satisfy social, health, recreation, and other needs of employees.

**16 Bank loans**

|                                  | <b>As at 31 December</b> |                      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
|                                  | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>          |
| Long term portion of bank loans  | 24 485                   | 33 323               |
| <b>Non-current</b>               | <u><u>24 485</u></u>     | <u><u>33 323</u></u> |
| Short term portion of bank loans | 8 838                    | 10 569               |
| <b>Current</b>                   | <u><u>8 838</u></u>      | <u><u>10 569</u></u> |

Fair value of loans as at 31 December 2015 is not significantly different from their carrying amount as the impact from discounting is not significant.

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The maturity of bank loans is as follows:

| <b>Maturity</b>                  | <b>As at 31 December</b> |               |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
|                                  | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>   |
| Short term portion of bank loans | 8 838                    | 10 569        |
| Long term portion of bank loans  |                          |               |
| 1-5 years                        | 16 985                   | 23 323        |
| Over 5 years                     | 7 500                    | 10 000        |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>33 323</b>            | <b>43 892</b> |

The Group has the following un-drawn credit facilities:

| <b>Maturity</b>            | <b>As at 31 December</b> |               |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
|                            | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>   |
| Floating rate              |                          |               |
| - Expiring within one year | 20 000                   | 20 000        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>20 000</b>            | <b>20 000</b> |

As at 31 December 2015, the Group has had an overdraft facility agreed with VÚB on its current account in the amount of EUR 20 000 thousand (2014: EUR 20 000 thousand).

Loan agreements with VÚB, Slovenská sporiteľňa, ČSOB and Komerční banka include specific financial covenants related to limits on indebtedness, liquidity, profitability, cash receipts, interest cover, and debt to operating profit ratios calculated on the basis of the consolidated financial statements of the Group. The Group complied with all of these covenants at the reporting date.

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Structure of bank loans as at 31 December 2015 and 2014 is as follows:

| Bank/Creditor                 | Type       | Currency | 2015          | 2014          | Interest rate %<br>p.a. | Final<br>Maturity | Form of<br>security           | Due within 12<br>months in<br>thousand<br>EUR | Due after 12<br>months in<br>thousand<br>EUR |
|-------------------------------|------------|----------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Všeobecná úverová banka, a.s. | Investment | EUR      | 1 730         | 2 165         | Fixed 3.88 % +<br>0.3%  | 30.06.2019        | -                             | 435   | 1 295  |
| Všeobecná úverová banka, a.s. | Investment | EUR      | -             | 730           | Fixed 3.85 %            | 01.12.2015        | -                             | -   | -  |
| Všeobecná úverová banka, a.s. | Investment | EUR      | 3 500         | 4 375         | Fixed 4.80 %            | 01.12.2019        | Bianco bill<br>of<br>exchange | 875   | 2 625  |
| Tatra banka, a.s.             | Investment | EUR      | -             | 996           | Fixed 4.08 %            | 31.12.2015        | -                             | -   | -  |
| Tatra banka, a.s.             | Investment | EUR      | 713           | 1 431         | 3M EURIBOR +<br>0.30 %  | 31.12.2016        | -                             | 713   | -  |
| Tatra banka, a.s.             | Investment | EUR      | 730           | 1 095         | Fixed 4.84%             | 29.12.2017        | -                             | 365   | 365  |
| Tatra banka, a.s.*            | Investment | EUR      | -             | -             | Fixed 3.55 %            | 31.12.2020        | -                             | -   | -  |
| ČSOB, a.s.                    | Investment | EUR      | 1 250         | 2 500         | Fixed 4.06 %            | 14.09.2016        | -                             | 1 250   | -  |
| KBB, a.s.                     | Investment | EUR      | 5 400         | 8 100         | Fixed 5.16 %            | 29.12.2017        | -                             | 2 700   | 2 700  |
| Slovenská sporiteľňa, a.s.    | Investment | EUR      | 20 000        | 22 500        | Fixed 2.25%             | 30.06.2023        | -                             | 2 500   | 17 500                                       |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>X</b>   | <b>X</b> | <b>33 323</b> | <b>43 892</b> | <b>X</b>                | <b>X</b>          | <b>X</b>                      | <b>8 838</b>                                  | <b>24 485</b>                                |

\* The loan was classified as a liability related to assets held for sale (Note 12.)

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**17 Deferred income tax**

Deferred income taxes are calculated on temporary differences under the balance sheet liability method using the basic tax rate of 22% for the year ended 31 December 2015 (2014: 22%).

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current asset against current liabilities and when the deferred income taxes relate to the same tax authority.

|  | <b>As at 31 December</b> |                 |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|
|  | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>     |
| <b>Deferred tax assets:</b>                                    |                          |                 |
| - Deferred tax asset to be recovered after more than 12 months | 2 856                    | 1 975           |
| - Deferred tax asset to be recovered within 12 months          | 3 244                    | 3 208           |
|  | <b>6 100</b>             | <b>5 183</b>    |
| <b>Deferred tax liability</b>                                  |                          |                 |
| - Deferred tax liability to be paid after more than 12 months  | (26 815)                 | (22 768)        |
| - Deferred tax liability to be paid within 12 months           | (14)                     | (11)            |
|  | <b>(26 829)</b>          | <b>(22 779)</b> |
| <b>Net deferred tax liability</b>                              | <b>(20 729)</b>          | <b>(17 596)</b> |

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The movements in the deferred tax assets and liabilities were as follows:

|   | At 1<br>January<br>2015 | (Charged)/<br>credited to<br>Consolidated<br>Income<br>Statement | Recorded<br>to equity | Transfer<br>to/from<br>liabilities<br>related to<br>assets<br>held for<br>sale | At 31<br>December<br>2015 |
|---|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Difference in depreciation*                   | (22 760)                | (4 195)  | -                     | 140  | (26 815)                  |
| Pension liability and bonuses<br>to employees | 2 534                   | 251  | 192                   | -  | 2 977                     |
| Impairment provisions to<br>trade receivables | 1 284                   | 69   | -                     | -  | 1 353                     |
| TPS, OZE liabilities, unbilled<br>supplies    | 926                     | 391  | -                     | -  | 1 317                     |
| Other   | 420                     | 19   | -                     | -  | 439                       |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>(17 596)</b>         | <b>(3 465)</b>   | <b>192</b>            | <b>140</b>   | <b>(20 729)</b>           |

|   | At 1<br>January<br>2014 | (Charged)/<br>credited to<br>Consolidated<br>Income<br>Statement | Recorded<br>to equity | Transfer<br>to/from<br>liabilities<br>related to<br>assets<br>held for | At 31<br>December<br>2014 |
|---|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Difference in depreciation*                   | (21 159)                | (3 428)  | -                     | 1 827  | (22 760)                  |
| Pension liability and bonuses<br>to employees | 3 101                   | (639)  | 72                    | -  | 2 534                     |
| Impairment provisions to<br>trade receivables | 1 214                   | 70   | -                     | -  | 1 284                     |
| TPS, OZE liabilities, unbilled<br>supplies    | 976                     | (50)   | -                     | -  | 926                       |
| Other   | (80)                    | 500  | -                     | -  | 420                       |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>(15 948)</b>         | <b>(3 547)</b>   | <b>72</b>             | <b>1 827</b>   | <b>(17 596)</b>           |

\*Difference in depreciation represents difference between carrying value and tax base of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets.



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**18 Provisions for liabilities**

|                                  | <b>Pensions<br/>benefits<br/>(a)</b> | <b>Termination<br/>benefits<br/>(b)</b> | <b>Legal<br/>claims<br/>(c)</b> | <b>Onerous<br/>contract<br/>(d)</b> | <b>Other</b> | <b>Total</b>  |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>At 1 January 2015</b>         | <b>7 533</b>                         | <b>1 365</b>                            | <b>99</b>                       | <b>477</b>                          | <b>181</b>   | <b>9 655</b>  |
| Creation of provisions           | 1 513                                | -                                       | -                               | 177                                 | 97           | 1 727         |
| Use of provisions                | (360)                                | (93)                                    | -                               | (477)                               | (33)         | (963)         |
| Reversals of unused<br>provision | -                                    | (190)                                   | (99)                            | -                                   | (6)          | (214)         |
| <b>At 31 December 2015</b>       | <b>8 686</b>                         | <b>1 163</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>117</b>                          | <b>239</b>   | <b>10 205</b> |

|                                  | <b>Pensions<br/>benefits<br/>(a)</b> | <b>Termination<br/>benefits<br/>(b)</b> | <b>Legal<br/>claims<br/>(c)</b> | <b>Onerous<br/>contract<br/>(d)</b> | <b>Other</b> | <b>Total</b>  |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>At 1 January 2014</b>         | <b>9 980</b>                         | <b>1 748</b>                            | <b>1 299</b>                    | <b>-</b>                            | <b>41</b>    | <b>13 068</b> |
| Creation of provisions           | 878                                  | -                                       | -                               | 477                                 | 179          | 1 534         |
| Use of provisions                | (519)                                | (257)                                   | -                               | -                                   | (33)         | (809)         |
| Reversals of unused<br>provision | (2 806)                              | (126)                                   | (1 200)                         | -                                   | (6)          | (4 138)       |
| <b>At 31 December 2014</b>       | <b>7 533</b>                         | <b>1 365</b>                            | <b>99</b>                       | <b>477</b>                          | <b>181</b>   | <b>9 655</b>  |

| <b>Analysis of total provisions</b> | <b>As at 31 December</b> |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
|                                     | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>  |
| Non-current                         | 9 407                    | 8 352        |
| Current                             | 798                      | 1 303        |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>10 205</b>            | <b>9 655</b> |

**(a) Pension and other long term benefits**

The following amounts have been recognized with respect of the defined benefit pension plan and other long-term benefits:

**(i) Post-employment benefits**

|  | <b>As at 31 December</b> |              |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|
|  | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>  |
| Present value of unfunded retirement obligations                     | 7 333                    | 6 125        |
| <b>Liability in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position</b> | <b>7 333</b>             | <b>6 125</b> |

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The amounts recognised in Consolidated Income Statement are as follows:

|   | <b>As at 31 December</b> |               |
|---|--------------------------|---------------|
|   | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>   |
| Current service cost  | 364                      | 302           |
| Past service cost   | -                        | (2 790)       |
| Interest expense  | 122                      | 142           |
| <b>Total charge included in personnel expenses in Consolidated Income Statement</b> | <b>486</b>               | <b>-2 346</b> |

Movements in the present value of defined benefit obligation are:

|  | <b>As at 31 December</b> |              |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|
|  | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>  |
| Present value of unfunded retirement obligations at beginning of the year      | 6 125                    | 8 532        |
| Current service cost   | 364                      | 302          |
| Interest expense   | 122                      | 142          |
| Paid   | (149)                    | (385)        |
| Past service cost  | -                        | (2 790)      |
| Actuarial loss   | 871                      | 324          |
| <b>Present value of unfunded retirement obligations at the end of the year</b> | <b>7 333</b>             | <b>6 125</b> |

**(ii) Other long-term benefits (jubilees and loyalties)**

|  | <b>As at 31 December</b> |              |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|
|  | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>  |
| Present value of unfunded retirement obligations                 | 1 353                    | 1 408        |
| <b>Liability in Consolidated Statement of Financial Position</b> | <b>1 353</b>             | <b>1 408</b> |

The amounts recognised in Consolidated Income Statement are as follows:

|   | <b>As at 31 December</b> |             |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b> |
| Current service cost  | 94                       | 92          |
| Actuarial loss / (gain)   | 50                       | (16)        |
| Interest expense  | 12                       | 18          |
| <b>Total charge included in personnel expenses in Consolidated Income Statement</b> | <b>156</b>               | <b>94</b>   |

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Movements in the present value of defined benefit obligation are:

|   | <b>As at 31 December</b> |              |
|---|--------------------------|--------------|
|   | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b>  |
| Present value of unfunded obligations at beginning of the year      | 1 408                    | 1 448        |
| Current service cost  | 94                       | 92           |
| Interest expense  | 12                       | 18           |
| Paid  | (211)                    | (134)        |
| Actuarial loss/(gain)   | 50                       | (16)         |
| <b>Present value of unfunded obligations at the end of the year</b> | <b>1 353</b>             | <b>1 408</b> |

The principal actuarial assumptions to determine the pension liability were as follows:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Average number of employees at 31 December 2015  | 1 616   |
| Percentage of employees who will terminate their employment with the Group prior to retirement (withdrawal rate) | Approximately 2.00 % p.a. for the Group differing with age and gender |
| Expected salary increases - long-term  | 1.70 % p.a.   |
| - short-term   | 0.70 % p.a.   |
| Discount rate  | 0.00 – 2.55% p.a. (2016-2059)   |
|  |   |
| Average number of employees at 31 December 2014  | 1 608   |
| Percentage of employees who will terminate their employment with the Group prior to retirement (withdrawal rate) | Approximately 1.90 % p.a. for the Group differing with age and gender |
| Expected salary increases - long-term  | 1.80 % p.a.   |
| - short-term   | 0.50 % p.a.   |
| Discount rate  | 0.15 – 3.09% p.a. (2015-2058)   |

If the actual discount rates differed by 1% from management's estimated discount rate, the carrying amount of pension obligations would be an estimated EUR 853 thousand lower or EUR 999 thousand higher (2014: EUR 744 thousand lower or EUR 720 thousand higher).

**b) Termination benefits**

The termination benefits represent an estimate of the payment to employees as a result of the approved and communicated restructuring process which is expected to be completed by 2018 (2014: to be completed by 2017). It is expected that the payments in accordance with relevant detailed plan accompanying the restructuring process will be made as follows:

| <b>Termination benefits</b> | <b>2015</b>  | <b>2014</b>  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Expected payment in 2015    | -            | 546          |
| Expected payment in 2016    | 442          | 336          |
| Expected payment in 2017    | 341          | 483          |
| Expected payment in 2018    | 380          | -            |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>1 163</b> | <b>1 365</b> |

**(c) Provision for legal claims**

The Group annually reviews the provision for legal claims, which are settled by legal proceedings. In 2015, the Group reversed the provision for legal claims. Management has decided not to disclose details in respect of these claims.

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**(d) Provision for onerous contracts**

The Company has assessed its rights and obligations from contracts with suppliers and customers and has recorded a provision for unavoidable losses from its contractual liabilities as the costs of meeting the obligations under the contract exceed the economic benefits expected to be received under it in the amount of EUR 177 thousand EUR (2014: EUR 477 thousand).

**19 Revenues**

Revenues include the following:

|   | <b>2015</b>    | <b>2014</b>    |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Revenues for electricity supply and distribution:                                   |                |                |
| Large and small business  | 391 505        | 421 872        |
| Households  | 179 276        | 187 271        |
| Long-term contracts, spot contracts, intermediation, variances cross-border profile | 99 820         | 60 025         |
| Compensation for green energy purchase  | 163 696        | 142 111        |
| TPS revenues – correction URSO (Note 10)  | 35 174         | 41 528         |
| Other revenue:  |                |                |
| Revenues for gas sale   | 43 330         | 9 126          |
| Maintenance and operation of the transmission grid                                  | 26             | 26             |
| Revenues for construction works   | 6 118          | 5 334          |
| Other revenue   | 4 173          | 4 097          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>923 118</b> | <b>871 390</b> |

Revenues from the sale of electricity on the spot market and from settlement of variances in consumption represent especially revenues from the sale of surplus electricity purchased on the short-term market for standard customers. The surplus arises because of an unexpected short-term variance in their consumption diagrams. Moreover, they are represented by fees paid by long-term customers for variances from their planned consumption curve. These revenues are usually realized on the spot market or by the sale abroad. Revenues from the mediation represent fees for a transfer of electricity to customers who are not long-term customers of the Group. All these revenues are recognized when the electricity is delivered or in the moment of fulfilment of the contractual conditions.

URSO regulates certain aspects of the Group's relationships with its customers including the pricing of electricity and services provided to certain of the Group's customers.

Revenues from distribution of electricity are regulated by USRO throughout the mandatory decisions which define distribution fees during specified period and for specified groups of customers based on their tariffs.

Distribution fees are invoiced to all customers in the region of central Slovakia who use the distribution network of SSE-D regardless of the supplier of the electricity.

The Group receives fees from customers for the connection to the electric distribution network. Revenues from these fees are recorded as deferred income and released to revenues during the useful life of related assets.

The Group records revenues from compensation for purchases of OZE/KVET. The compensation is invoiced to OKTE, a.s. (2014: to OKTE, a.s.). Basis for these compensations are purchases of

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electricity which SSE-D is obliged to make under the current legislation. The amount of revenues directly depends on the amount of electricity purchased and a compensation fee that is regulated and approved by URSO.

**20 Purchase of electricity and related fees, distribution fees**

The following items have been included in purchase of electricity and related fees:

|   | 2015           | 2014           |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Purchase of electricity from:   |                |                |
| Long-term contracts   | 148 618        | 177 154        |
| Spot agreements and costs of variance settlement  | 86 811         | 55 649         |
| Imports from abroad   | 27             | 36             |
| Heating plants  | 5 126          | 6 875          |
| Renewable resources costs   | 225 934        | 236 373        |
| Other   | 10 920         | 11 191         |
| Fees paid to the operator of the transmission network (system service fees, fees for network operation, fees for access to the distribution network and other fees) | 162 045        | 169 637        |
| Purchase of gas   | 42 726         | 8 892          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>682 207</b> | <b>665 807</b> |

**21 Personnel expenses**

|  | 2015          | 2014          |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Wages and salaries   | 28 168        | 27 022        |
| Other staff costs  | 2 025         | 2 619         |
| Social and health insurance costs – defined contribution plans | 9 403         | 8 932         |
| Pensions and other long-term employee benefits                 | 642           | (2 252)       |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>40 238</b> | <b>36 321</b> |

**22 Other operating expenses**

|   | 2015          | 2014          |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| IT services   | 4 184         | 5 108         |
| Operating leasing                                       | 5 257         | 1 002         |
| Repairs and maintenance                                 | 2 214         | 1 638         |
| Audit and advisory fees                                 | 2 118         | 943           |
| Post and telecommunication costs                        | 1 906         | 2 276         |
| Creation of provisions for doubtful receivables         | 1 641         | 2 334         |
| Forrest cutting   | 1 564         | 1 312         |
| Subcontracted construction work                         | 1 023         | 1 047         |
| Taxes and other fees                                    | 639           | 722           |
| Insurance costs   | 529           | 549           |
| Metering of consumed electricity                        | 357           | 575           |
| Reversal of provision for legal claims and assets lease | (99)          | (1 200)       |
| Other operating expense                                 | 6 572         | 5 805         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>27 905</b> | <b>22 111</b> |

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Audit and advisory fees include costs related to audit of the financial statements of the Group and other services provided by the auditing company:

|                                     | <b>2015</b> | <b>2014</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Audit of financial statements       | 195         | 134         |
| Other assurance services            | -           | -           |
| Related audit services              | -           | -           |
| Other services not related to audit |             | 5           |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>195</b>  | <b>139</b>  |

**23 Other operating income**

|  | <b>2015</b>   | <b>2014</b>  |
|--|---------------|--------------|
| Gain from sale of property, plant and equipment    | 2 690         | 372          |
| Release of deferred income (Note 14)               | 2 594         | 1 931        |
| Revenues from rent of property                     | 1 760         | 1 787        |
| Telecommunication and IT services                  | 855           | 849          |
| Non-commodity products                             | 833           | -            |
| Foreign exchange gains from operating transactions | 126           | 24           |
| Other  | 3 467         | 1 816        |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>12 325</b> | <b>6 779</b> |

**24 Financial expenses, net**

|   | <b>2015</b>    | <b>2014</b>    |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Interest income   |                |                |
| Interest income—short-term bank deposits and current accounts | 75             | 111            |
| Interest expense  |                |                |
| Interest expense – bank loans                                 | (1 626)        | (2 006)        |
| Foreign exchange gains/(loss)                                 | 89             | (52)           |
| Dividends income  | 346            | 235            |
| Other financial expenses                                      | (52)           | (58)           |
| <b>Financial expenses, net</b>                                | <b>(1 168)</b> | <b>(1 770)</b> |

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**25 Income tax expense**

Reconciliation from the theoretical to the reported income tax charge is presented in following table:

|   | <b>Year ended 31 December</b> |               |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------|
|   | <b>2015</b>                   | <b>2014</b>   |
| Profit before tax                                       | 147 409                       | 115 175       |
| Theoretical income tax related to current period at 22% | 32 430                        | 25 339        |
| - Income not subject to tax                             | (277)                         | (2 068)       |
| - Non-deductible expenses                               | 1 500                         | 1 762         |
| - Income tax related to prior periods                   | 99                            | 71            |
| - Special levy on business in the regulated sector      | 4 153                         | 2 936         |
| - Special levy tax impact                               | (914)                         | (646)         |
| - Other   | (303)                         | (460)         |
| <b>Income tax expense</b>                               | <b>36 688</b>                 | <b>26 934</b> |
| The tax charge for the period comprises:                |                               |               |
| - Deferred tax expense (Note 17)                        | 3 465                         | 3 547         |
| - Current tax expense                                   | 33 124                        | 23 316        |
| - Income tax related to prior periods                   | 99                            | 71            |
|   | <b>36 688</b>                 | <b>26 934</b> |

The Slovak corporate tax rate valid for 2015 is 22% (2014: 22%). Effective income tax rate for 2015 is 24.89% (2014: 23.39%).

The Group has not recognized the deferred tax asset in the amount of EUR 3 966 thousand (2014: EUR 4 161 thousand) relating to impairment provision for the gas power plant as its future utilization is not probable.

In 2013, the National Council of the Slovak Republic approved the government's bill amending the Act on a Special Levy until December 2016. The Act regulates the obligation of a regulated entity to pay a levy on business activities in regulated sectors. The obligation to pay a special levy applies to a regulated entity that has an authorization to carry out activities in the areas such as energy industries, insurance, pharmaceutical industry, etc.

The basis for the levy is profit before tax for the accounting period lessened by EUR 3 000 thousand. The rate of the levy is 0.00363 per calendar month, which accounts for 0.04356 (4.356%) per twelve months. The levy is calculated as the product of the levy rate and the amount of the levy basis. The levy shall be paid on a monthly basis, with the first period for the levy being September 2012 (based on the profit of 2011) and the last period being December 2016.

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**26 Contingent assets and liabilities****Contingent asset from Tariff for system operation (TPS)**

The Group is legally bound to connect producers of OZE/KVET, if they comply with requirements set by URSO and purchase the generated electricity, which is used to cover network losses, take over responsibility for the variance and pay them additional charge approved by URSO. These costs are covered by TPS.

The costs related to purchase of electricity from OZE/KVET producers exceeded revenues from TPS. As a result, a contingent assets arises to the Group for compensation of the 2015 loss in the estimated amount of EUR 73 471 thousand. Based on the current Regulatory Framework, the loss incurred will be compensated through TPS in the period t+2, which is in 2017.

Based on the decision of URSO from December 2015, the Group recognized an accrued income in the Statement of Financial Position in the amount of URSO approved compensation of 2014 loss included in the TPS for 2016.

**Taxation**

Many parts of Slovak tax legislation remain untested and there is uncertainty about the interpretation that the tax authorities may apply in a number of areas. The effect of this uncertainty cannot be quantified and will only be resolved as legislative precedents are set or when the official interpretations of the authorities are available. Management is not aware of any circumstances that would cause any significant costs for the Group.

**Legal Dispute**

The Company faces a lawsuit for EUR 42 952 thousand plus legal charges. Based on the legal analysis of the case Management of the Group does not expect any impact on the Group and considers the risk of failure in this case as highly improbable. The Group did not record any provision related to this lawsuit.



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**27 Commitments****(a) Future capital expenditures**

Capital expenditure contracted at the reporting date but not recognized in the Consolidated Income Statement of Financial Position is as follows:

|                               | <b>2015</b>  | <b>2014</b>   |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Property, plant and equipment | 7 090        | 10 936        |
| Intangible assets             | 2 678        | 678           |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>9 768</b> | <b>11 614</b> |

**(b) Operating lease commitments – Group as lessee**

The Group leases various machinery and equipment under cancellable operating lease agreements. The Group is required to give a 12 month notice for the termination of these agreements.

The lease expenditure charged to the Consolidated Income Statement during the year is disclosed in Note 22.

The future aggregate minimum lease payments under cancellable operating leases (i.e. annual charge of leases with annual notice for termination) are as follows:

|                        | <b>2015</b>  | <b>2014</b>  |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| No later than one year | 4 893        | 4 175        |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>4 893</b> | <b>4 175</b> |

**(c) Purchase contracts (electricity and gas)**

Agreed purchases contracts on purchase of electricity and gas as at reporting date but not recognized in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position are as follows:

|                                  | <b>2015</b>    | <b>2014</b>    |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Purchase contracts for year 2015 | -              | 185 127        |
| Purchase contracts for year 2016 | 183 224        | 43 584         |
| Purchase contracts for year 2017 | 20 668         | 7 710          |
| Purchase contracts for year 2018 | 4 739          | -              |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>208 631</b> | <b>236 421</b> |

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**28 Related party transactions**

On 26 May 2014, the companies EPH Financing II a.s. (dissolved company) and EP Energy a.s. (successor company) agreed on a project of a merger based on which the share capital of the dissolved company was transferred to the successor company.

Parties related to the Group include:

- a. the parent and ultimate parent:
  - EP Energy, a.s. since 26 May 2014
  - EPH Financing II, a.s. until 26 May 2014
  - Energetický a průmyslový holding, a.s.
- b. entities under common control of EPH Group, affiliated businesses and their branches
  - EP ENERGY TRADING, a.s., branch
  - EP Investment Advisors, s.r.o.
  - Eustream, a.s.
  - SPP - distribúcia, a.s.
- c. key management personnel of the companies within the Group:
  - Members of the Board of Directors
  - Members of the Supervisory Board
  - Divisional directors
- d. Slovak state-controlled entities:
  - OKTE, a.s.
  - Slovenská elektrizačná prenosová sústava, a.s.
  - Železnice Slovenskej republiky
  - Stredoslovenská vodárenská prevádzková spoločnosť, a.s.
  - Ministerstvo vnútra Slovenskej republiky
  - Západoslovenská distribučná, a.s.
  - ZSE Energia, a.s.
  - Východoslovenská distribučná, a.s.
  - Martinská teplárenská, a.s.
  - Others (municipalities, water utilities, public hospitals, etc.)
- e. joint ventures:
  - Energotel, a.s. Bratislava
  - SPX, s.r.o. Žilina

Value of transactions with joint ventures in 2015 (as well as 2014) were not significant, therefore, are not disclosed.

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**Transactions and balances with related parties**

The related party transactions for those related parties with whom the Group entered into significant transactions or had significant balances outstanding at 31 December 2015 are detailed below. The related party transactions were carried out under common market conditions.

At 31 December 2015, the outstanding balances with related parties were as follows:

|                                   | <b>a</b> | <b>b</b> | <b>c</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Gross amount of trade receivables | -        | 3 814    | 201      |
| Trade and other payables          | -        | (10 109) | (10)     |

The income and expense items with related parties for the period ended 31 December 2015 were as follows:

|   | <b>a</b> | <b>b</b>  | <b>c</b> |
|---|----------|-----------|----------|
| Sales of electricity, gas                     | -        | 49 265    | 1 703    |
| Revenues from sale of services                | -        | -         | 95       |
| Purchase of electricity, gas and related fees | -        | (106 742) | -        |
| Purchase of raw materials and consumables     | -        | -         | -        |
| Services                                      | (27)     | (113)     | (52)     |

At 31 December 2014, the outstanding balances with related parties were as follows:

|                                   | <b>a</b> | <b>b</b> | <b>c</b> |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Gross amount of trade receivables | -        | 1 599    | 265      |
| Trade and other payables          | (57)     | (1 461)  | (1)      |

The income and expense items with related parties for the period ended 31 December 2014 were as follows:

|   | <b>a</b> | <b>b</b> | <b>c</b> |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| Sales of electricity                          | -        | 5 058    | 1 714    |
| Revenues from sale of services                | -        | -        | -        |
| Purchase of electricity, gas and related fees | -        | (5 141)  | (2)      |
| Purchase of raw materials and consumables     | -        | -        | -        |
| Services                                      | (57)     | (13)     | -        |

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The Government of the Slovak Republic has a significant influence over the Group and is therefore related party to the Group. Currently, the Government of the Slovak Republic does not provide to the general public or entities under its influence a complete list of the entities which are owned or controlled directly or indirectly by the State. Under these circumstances, the Group disclosed only information that its current internal management accounting systems allow to present in relation to operations with state-controlled entities and where Management believes such entities could be considered as state-controlled based on its best knowledge.

Transactions with government bodies and state-controlled entities are entered into in the normal course of business and priced at market rates. At 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014, the outstanding balances with state-controlled entities and government bodies were as follows:

|                                   | <b>As at 31 December</b> |             |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
|                                   | <b>2015</b>              | <b>2014</b> |
| Gross amount of trade receivables |                          |             |
| - SEPS / OKTE                     | 19 142                   | 19 461      |
| - Other companies                 | 5 238                    | 2 991       |
| Trade and other payables          |                          |             |
| - SEPS / OKTE                     | (9 970)                  | (10 971)    |
| - Other companies                 | (3 715)                  | (2 691)     |

The income and expense items with state-controlled entities and government bodies were as follows:

|   | <b>2015</b> | <b>2014</b> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Sales of electricity and related fees         |             |             |
| - SEPS / OKTE                                 | 180 299     | 173 499     |
| - Other companies                             | 57 739      | 57 206      |
| Purchase of electricity, gas and related fees |             |             |
| - SEPS / OKTE                                 | (195 703)   | (184 993)   |
| - Other companies                             | (30 828)    | (25 405)    |

SEPS a.s. (the Slovak transit grid operator) is under control of the Slovak Republic represented by the Ministry of Finance.

OKTE a.s. (organizer of a short-term market with electricity) is a subsidiary of SEPS a.s. It organizes and evaluates short-term market with electricity and ensures the settlement of deviations in Slovakia. OKTE is subordinated to the regulations of URSO.

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**Key management compensation**

The structure of remuneration received by the directors and other members of statutory bodies in 2015 and in 2014:

| <b>Members of Boards of Directors and other key management</b> | <b>Year ended 31 December</b> |              |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------|
|  | <b>2015</b>                   | <b>2014</b>  |
| Salaries and short-term employee benefits                      | 1 475                         | 1 501        |
| Other non-monetary income                                      | 51                            | 46           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>1 526</b>                  | <b>1 547</b> |

  

| <b>Supervisory Board</b>                  | <b>Year ended 31 December</b> |             |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>2015</b>                   | <b>2014</b> |
| Salaries and short-term employee benefits | 226                           | 227         |
| Other non-financial income                | 1                             | 3           |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>227</b>                    | <b>230</b>  |

**29 Events after the reporting period**

No events with a material impact on the true and fair presentation of facts subject to bookkeeping occurred after 31 December 2015.