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Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

First Quarter 2024



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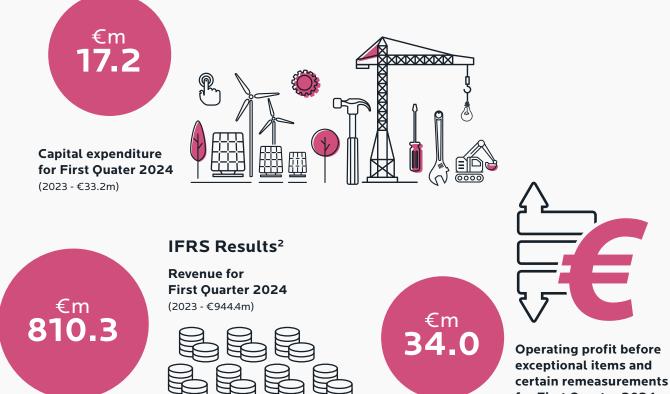
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KEY FACTS & FIGURES

Underlying Business Results¹

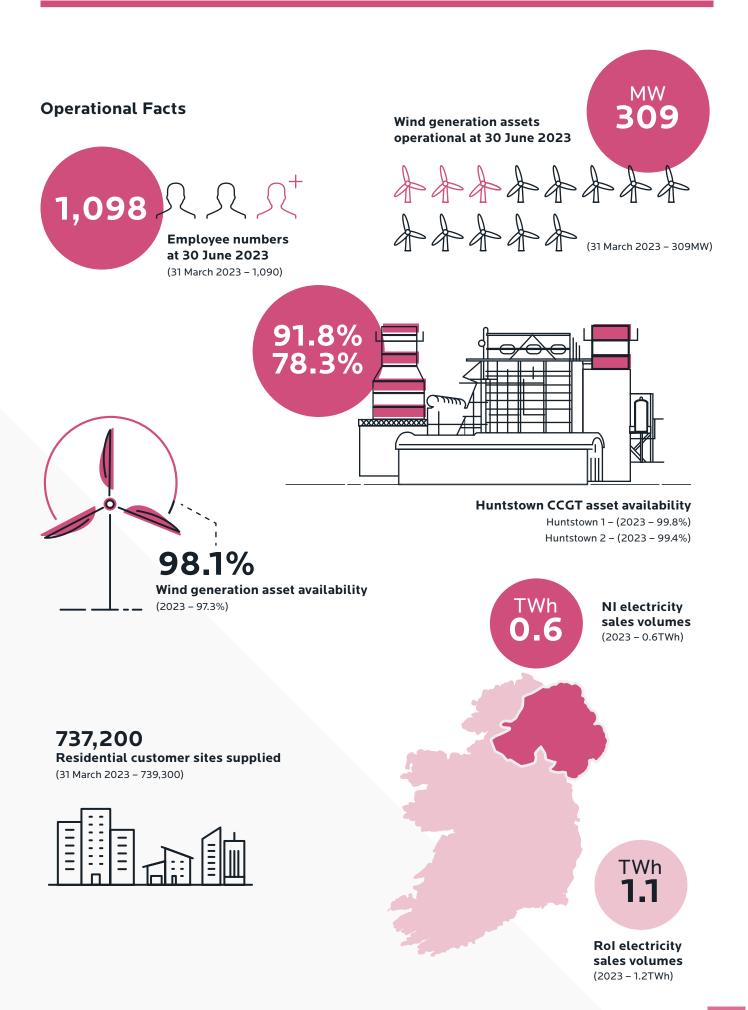
Group pro-forma EBITDA	First Quarter 2024 €m	First Quarter 2023 €m	
Renewables	26.1	46.7	
Flexible Generation	5.9	50.9	
Customer Solutions	29.0	(28.4)	
	61.0	69.2	





for First Quarter 2024 (2023 - €80.0m)

¹Based on regulated entitlement and before exceptional items and certain remeasurements as outlined in note 2. ²Before exceptional items and certain remeasurements.



MANAGEMENT REPORT



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The Director of Energia Group Limited (EGL) presents the condensed interim consolidated financial statements for EGL for the three months ended 30 June 2023 (First Quarter 2024) including comparatives for the three months ended 30 June 2022 (First Quarter 2023). All references in this document to 'Group' denote Energia Group Limited and its subsidiary undertakings and to 'Company' denote Energia Group Limited, the parent company. The principal activity of the Company is that of a holding company.

Business Model and Principal Activities

As disclosed in detail within the Annual Report 2023, the Group is a leading integrated Irish energy business with substantial businesses in both the RoI and Northern Ireland. During First Quarter 2024 there were no changes to the principal activities of the Group's businesses.

At 30 June 2023 the Renewables business owned and operated 309MW of wind assets and purchased electricity from 1,238MW of renewable generation capacity throughout Ireland.

The Flexible Generation business owns and operates 747MW of conventional generation assets in the RoI, procures power under contract with 600MW of conventional generation assets in NI and operates 50MW of battery storge in NI.

The Customer Solutions business supplies electricity and gas to 301,600 customer sites in the RoI and 524,500 customer sites in NI through its two retail brands, Energia and Power NI.

Refinancing of Senior Secured Notes and Revolving Credit Facility

On 31 July 2023, the Group successfully completed the full refinancing of its €350m 4.0% Senior Secured Notes due in September 2025 and its £225m 4.75% Senior Secured Notes due in September 2024, replacing them with €600m 6.875% Senior Secured Notes due in July 2028. At the same time the Group also put in place a new €450.0m Senior Revolving Credit Facility maturing in April 2028 (previously £305.0m facility).

Energy markets and government interventions

Commodity and wholesale electricity prices have somewhat stabilised during the First Quarter 2024, with average gas prices for the First Quarter 2024 of 84p/therm (2023 – 127p/therm), carbon prices on average \in 89/TCO² (2023 - \in 84/TCO²) resulting in average I-SEM prices of \in 116/MWh (2023 - \in 181/MWh). However uncertainty remains over the future impact of volatile commodity prices, higher interest rates and higher inflation on the Group's businesses and customers.

In Second Half 2023 the RoI and UK Governments introduced a number of customer support measures to address the energy related cost of living crisis. Delivery of support payments to customers in both the RoI and NI is now largely complete and have been positive for the Group's residential and business customers. While such support measures are not expected to be extended, it is possible there could be additional targeted measures should extreme high prices out turn in the future. Both the Rol and UK Governments had previously announced a number of market interventions in order to, among other things, raise revenue to help pay for the customer support measures (see FY23 Annual Report for further detail on market interventions and customer support measures implemented in each jurisdiction). The market interventions which are of relevance to the Group are the Inframarginal Revenue Cap on non-gas electricity generators in the Rol and the Electricity Generator Levy in the UK.

The UK Government's Finance (No. 2) Act 2023, which contains provisions to implement the Electricity Generator Levy, was enacted in July 2023. On 1 September 2023 the Rol Government published the Energy (Windfall Gains in the Energy Sector) (Cap on Market Revenues) Bill. This Bill, to implement the Inframarginal Revenue Cap, will now go through the Irish parliamentary process before coming into law. While this is awaited, management continues to monitor and assess the implementation of these market interventions and other developments in the wider energy markets, and the potential impact on the Group's businesses and financial performance. The Group has strong liquidity at 30 June 2023 (with \leq 640.9m cash and cash equivalents excluding project finance cash and restricted cash of \leq 4.5m received from the UK Government in relation to administration of the Energy Bills Support Scheme (EBSS) which is not freely available to the Group) and has undrawn committed revolving credit facilities of \leq 109.6m. This combined with the refinancing of the Group undertaken in July 2023 enables the Group to be well positioned to manage the current trading environment.

BUSINESS REVIEWS Renewables

Overview The Group owns and operates a generation portfolio comprising onshore wind assets across the Rol and NI. In addition, the Group is developing a further pipeline of onshore and offshore wind and solar projects across Ireland. The Group also purchases electricity under longterm off-take Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) contracts with third party renewable generators and the Group's owned renewable assets through its Customer Solutions businesses. In addition, the Renewables business is also currently commissioning a hydrogen electrolyser at one of its onshore windfarms in NI.

Financial performance

The Renewables financial KPIs are shown below:

	First Quarter 2024 €m	First Quarter 2023 €m
EBITDA	26.1	46.7
Capital expenditure	6.4	11.5

Renewables EBITDA (pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements) decreased to €26.1m (2023 – €46.7m) reflecting lower wind generation assets EBITDA (primarily due to lower wind volumes across the portfolio and lower energy prices for NI assets), together with lower EBITDA from the renewable PPAs (primarily due to lower energy prices and lower wind volumes).

Net capital expenditure decreased to €6.4m (2023 - €11.5m) primarily reflecting lower capital expenditure on development projects.

Operational performance

KPIs	First Quarter 2024	First Quarter 2023
Onshore wind generation assets Wind generation capacity in operation in the Rol and NI		
- average during the period (MW)	309	309
- at end of period (MW)	309	309
Availability (%)	98.1	97.3
Wind factor (%)	17.8	24.4
Renewable PPA portfolio Contracted renewable generation capacity in operation in the RoI and NI		
- average during the period (MW)	1,246	1,272
- at end of period (MW)	1,238	1,271

Onshore wind generation assets

The Group owns onshore wind farm assets across the Rol and NI. The average onshore wind generation capacity in operation during the First Quarter 2024 was 309MW (2023 - 309MW) and at 30 June 2023, total generation capacity was 309MW (31 March 2023 – 309MW). This comprised 136MW (31 March 2023 – 136MW) of operating wind generation capacity in the Rol and 173MW (31 March 2023 – 173MW) of operating wind generation capacity in NI. Renewable assets availability was 98.1% (2023 – 97.3%) with a wind factor of 17.8% (2023 – 24.4%). Distributions¹ of $\leq 27.0m$ were made in the First Quarter 2024 (2023 - $\leq 28.8m$) from the wholly owned wind generation assets.

Renewable PPA portfolio

The Group's renewable PPA portfolio primarily consists of off-take contracts with third party owned wind farms alongside wind generation assets in which the Group has an equity interest.

¹Distributions from wholly owned wind generation assets are eliminated on Group consolidation

The Group, via its Customer Solutions business, has entered into contracts with developers under which it has agreed to purchase the long-term output of a number of wind farm projects and with generators from other renewable sources (e.g. anaerobic digestion and biomass technologies). The average contracted generation capacity in operation during the First Quarter 2024 was 1,246MW (31 March 2023 – 1,266MW) with 30 June 2023 operating capacity of 1,238MW (31 March 2023 – 1,247MW) of which the Rol operating capacity was 571MW (31 March 2023 – 583MW) and the Northern Ireland operating capacity was 667MW (31 March 2023 - 664MW).

Solar

The Group is developing four large scale solar projects in the Rol and continues to make good progress in the development of this portfolio. At 30 June 2023 the Group had 313MW of capacity which is fully consented and a further 120MW, which despite receiving local council planning permission, has been appealed and a decision is awaited from An Bord Pleanála. In July 2023, a further 110MW of capacity received local council planning permission.

The Group plans to further increase the scale of its projects and currently has 60MW of capacity for which planning applications have been submitted and a decision is awaited and a further 25MW of capacity in the planning preparation stage. Overall, the Group's current solar pipeline is 628MW.

Hydrogen

The Group is installing an electrolyser to produce electricity from renewable electricity at its Long Mountain wind farm in NI. The Group has a hydrogen supply contract with Translink and a fuelling station located at their depot in Belfast which is used to provide hydrogen to run a number of hydrogen buses. Commissioning of the electrolyser continued during First Quarter 2024 and first hydrogen production was achieved. Commissioning is expected to complete in Second Half 2024.

Onshore wind development assets

The Group continues to progress the development of its onshore wind pipeline projects (49MW under construction and 283MW in development) and expects to enter into Corporate PPAs for such development projects.

Construction of the Drumlin wind farm (49MW) continued during First Quarter 2024 with turbine foundations, site roads and hardstands now largely complete. Commissioning is expected by the end of FY24 and the project will be underpinned by a Corporate PPA with Microsoft.

On 18 August 2023, the Group completed the acquisition of Bracklyn Wind Farm Limited (Bracklyn), a 65MW onshore wind farm development project in County Westmeath. The project also includes a 25MW battery storage development project. It is intended that the Bracklyn wind farm development project will be underpinned by a Corporate PPA with Microsoft.

Offshore wind

During Q1 2024 the Group continued to develop its North Celtic Sea and South Irish Sea offshore wind projects.

On 1 August 2023, the Group announced that it was entering a partnership with Vårgrønn AS to co-develop offshore wind projects that can contribute to the Irish Government's target of at least 5GW of new offshore wind by 2030. The partnership will initially focus on Ireland's south and east coasts, where the Group has already

completed extensive development work over the last 4 years at its North Celtic Sea and its South Irish Sea sites. Vårgrønn AS is a Norway-based offshore wind company powering the energy transition through development, construction, operation and ownership of offshore wind assets. Vårgrønn AS is a joint venture between the energy company Plenitude (Eni) and the Norwegian energy investor HitecVision.

Outlook

The Group continues to develop its pipeline of wind and solar projects across Ireland. The table below summarises the portfolio of renewable projects excluding offshore wind and hydrogen production:

MW	Operating	Under Construction	In Development	Total
Onshore wind generation assets				
- NI	173	-	52	225
- Rol	136	49	231	416
	309	49	283	641
Solar				
- Rol	-	-	628	628
	309	49	911	1,269

The Group continues to assess a number of other opportunities to acquire and develop further renewable development projects.

Flexible Generation

Overview

The Group owns and operates two CCGT plants at the Huntstown site in north Dublin. Huntstown 1, a 343MW CCGT plant was commissioned in November 2002 and Huntstown 2, a 404MW CCGT plant adjacent to Huntstown 1, was commissioned in October 2007. The Group also owns and operates a 50MW battery storage facility in Belfast which was commissioned in October 2022 and is progressing the

development of an emergency generation site and a proposed data centre at its Huntstown campus in Dublin.

In addition, the Group's PPB business administers 600MW of contracted generation capacity from the Ballylumford Power Station in Northern Ireland. This legacy contract expires in September 2023.

Financial performance

	First	First
	Quarter	Quarter
	2024	2023
	€m	€m
EBITDA	5.9	50.9
Capital expenditure	8.3	17.5

Flexible Generation EBITDA (pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements) decreased to $\leq 5.9m$ (2023 – $\leq 50.9m$) primarily reflecting lower availability for both Huntstown plants (due to planned outages for both plants in the First Quarter 2024), lower margins for both plants (associated with lower commodity prices) and higher operating costs (due to the planned outages for both plants) partly offset by the EBITDA contribution from the 50MW battery storage facility in NI (commissioned in October 2022) and development fees received for the emergency generation project under development.

Net capital expenditure decreased to €8.3m (2023 - €17.5m) primarily reflecting lower capital expenditure on the data centre (prior year expenditure relates to the purchase of lands and infrastructure costs) together with lower expenditure on the 50MW battery storage project in NI partly offset by expenditure on the emergency generation project.

Operational performance

KPIs	First Quarter 2024	First Quarter 2023
Huntstown CCGTs Availability (%)		
- Huntstown 1	91.8	99.8
- Huntstown 2	78.3	99.4
Unconstrained utilisation (%)		
- Huntstown 1	79.6	64.3
- Huntstown 2	71.6	79.4
Incremental impact of constrained utilisation (%)		
- Huntstown 1	(12.2)	1.8
- Huntstown 2	(18.2)	(11.4)

Huntstown 1 availability was 91.8% (2023 – 99.8%) and Huntstown 2 availability was 78.3% (2023 – 99.4%) reflecting both plants having planned outages in First Quarter 2024.

Huntstown 1 unconstrained utilisation was 79.6% (2023 – 64.3%). Huntstown 2 unconstrained utilisation was 71.6% (2023 – 79.4%).

The incremental impact of constrained utilisation for Huntstown 1 was 12.2% constrained off (2023 – 1.8% constrained on). The incremental impact of constrained utilisation for Huntstown 2 was 18.2% constrained off (2023 – 11.4%).

Emergency generation capacity

In December 2022 the Group was awarded a contract with EirGrid to provide 50MW of

emergency gas generation capacity to be located at the Huntstown site. The three-year contract includes an option for EirGrid to extend the contract for an additional two years. Construction works continued during First Quarter 2024 and the new gas generation capacity is targeted to be commissioned in Second Half 2024.

Outlook

The Group continues to assess a number of flexible generation, energy storage and behind the meter projects in line with its strategy to grow the business in a manner which supports its renewable asset portfolio and product offerings to customers.

Customer Solutions

Overview

The Group's Customer Solutions business operates under the Energia and Power NI brands.

Energia supplies electricity and natural gas to business and residential customers in the Rol.

Power NI is the regulated electricity supplier in NI and supplies electricity to business and residential customers.





With a digitally-enabled customer centric focus, the business also offers energy efficiency services and car charging solutions across Ireland.

Financial performance

	First	First
	Quarter	Quarter
	2024	2023
	€m	€m
EBITDA	29.0	(28.4)
Capital expenditure	2.5	4.2

Customer Solutions EBITDA (pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements) increased to €29.0m (2023 – €28.4m loss) primarily reflecting higher Energia residential and non-residential margins, favourable Power NI residential regulated margins and favourable Power NI non-residential electricity margins together with lower Customer Solutions operating costs.

Net capital expenditure decreased to €2.5m (2023 - €4.2m) primarily reflecting lower expenditure in respect of IT projects.

Operational performance

KPIs	At 30 June 2023	At 31 March 2023
Customer sites (number) Rol		
- Residential electricity	186,800	194,600
- Residential gas	64,800	66,800
	251,600	261,400
- Non-residential electricity	47,200	47,400
- Non-residential gas	2,800	2,900
	50,000	50,300
Total Rol	301,600	311,700
NI		
- Residential electricity	485,600	477,900
- Non-residential electricity	38,900	38,700
Total NI	524,500	516,600

Energy sales Rol	First Quarter 2024	First Quarter 2023
- Electricity sales (TWh)	1.1	1.2
- Gas sales (million therms)	14.5	19.0
NI		
- Electricity sales (TWh)	0.6	0.6
Complaints (number)		
Complaints to the CRU in the Rol	0	6
Complaints to the CCNI in NI	2	2

Residential electricity and gas customer sites in the RoI were 251,600 at 30 June 2023 (31 March 2023 – 261,400).

Non-residential electricity customer sites in the RoI were 47,200 at 30 June 2023 (31 March 2023 – 47,400). Non-residential gas customer sites in the RoI were 2,800 at 30 June 2023 (31 March 2023 – 2,900).

Residential customer numbers in NI were 485,600 at 30 June 2023 (31 March 2023 – 477,900). Nonresidential customer numbers in NI were 38,900 at 30 June 2023 (31 March 2023 – 38,700).

Total electricity sales volumes in the RoI were 1.1TWh (2023 – 1.2TWh) and in NI were 0.6TWh (2023 – 0.6TWh). RoI gas sales volumes were 14.5m therms (2023 – 19.0m therms).

During the period, the Group received no complaints (2023 – 6) which were referred to the CRU and 2 complaints (2023 – 2) which were referred to the CCNI.

Tariffs

On 2 June 2023, Power NI announced that whilst its underlying regulated tariff would decrease by 7.1%, the actual change to customer bills (net of the UK Government's Energy Price Guarantee (EPG)), would increase by 5.1% for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023. The increase to customers is due to the end of EPG financial support from the UK Government to customers with effect from 1 July 2023.

On 1 September 2023, Energia announced an up to 20% reduction in unit rates for electricity customers and gas customers with effect from 3 October 2023.

Both Energia and Power NI continue to monitor wholesale prices and their implications for tariffs going forward.

Outlook

The Group continues to invest in its development of innovative, enhanced and differentiated product offerings to customers in line with its strategy. Digitalisation will remain a strong focus, and work will continue on a range of initiatives in the 'new energy' space.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE



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Revenue

Revenue from continuing operations decreased to €810.3m (2023 - €944.4m). The breakdown by business is as follows:

	First Quarter 2024 €m	First Quarter 2023 €m
Renewables	75.9	85.5
Flexible Generation (based on regulated entitlement)	205.5	361.1
Customer Solutions (based on regulated entitlement)	539.7	470.0
Adjustment for (under) / over-recovery	(8.7)	26.9
Inter business elimination	(2.1)	0.9
Total revenue from continuing operations	810.3	944.4

Revenue from the Renewables business decreased to €75.9m (2023 - €85.5m) primarily reflecting lower volumes and lower prices partly offset by higher ROC sales.

Flexible Generation revenue decreased to €205.5m (2023 - €361.1m) reflecting lower Huntstown revenues primarily driven by lower availability for both plants (associated with the planned outages for both plants) and lower energy prices together with lower PPB revenues reflecting lower energy prices and utilisation of the Ballylumford plant under contract. Customer Solutions revenue increased to €539.7m (2023 - €470.0m) primarily due to higher Power NI residential revenues (reflecting an increase in tariffs against prior year, higher customer numbers partly offset by a decrease in volumes), higher Energia non-residential revenues (reflecting higher tariffs partly offset by lower volumes), higher Energia residential revenues (reflecting higher tariffs partly offset by lower volumes and customer numbers) partly offset by lower Power NI non-residential revenues (primarily reflecting lower pass through energy prices and lower volumes). During the period the regulated businesses of Power NI and PPB combined under-recovered against their regulated entitlement by ≤ 8.7 m (2023 – ≤ 26.9 m over-recovered) and at 30 June 2023 the cumulative over-recovery against regulated entitlement was €210.3m. The (under) / over-recovery of regulated entitlement reflects the phasing of tariffs.

Other income

The following table shows other income by business:

	First	First
	Quarter	Quarter
	2024	2023
	€m	€m
Renewables	0.3	-
Customer Solutions	15.3	-
Total other income	15.6	-

Other income of €15.6m primarily relates to the UK Government's EPG income of €15.3m for Power NI's residential customers.

Operating Costs

Operating costs (pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements and excluding depreciation) decreased to €773.6m (2023 - €848.3m). The breakdown is as follows:

	First Quarter 2024 €m	First Quarter 2023 €m
Energy costs	727.3	807.7
Employee costs	15.7	14.8
Other operating charges	30.6	25.8
Total pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements	773.6	848.3

Energy costs decreased to €727.3m (2023 -€807.7m) primarily reflecting lower energy prices, lower wind volumes, lower availability of the Huntstown plants reflecting planned outages in the First Quarter 2024, lower utilisation of the Ballylumford plant, and lower non-residential and residential electricity and gas sales volumes partly offset by higher ROC costs associated with higher sales.

Employee costs increased to €15.7m (2023 - €14.8m) reflecting an increase in staff numbers associated with the underlying growth of the Group's businesses including future

development projects being undertaken together with increased costs in respect of higher inflation.

Other operating charges increased to €30.6m (2023 - €25.8m) primarily reflecting higher Flexible Generation costs (primarily reflecting planned outage costs for both plants) partly offset by lower Customer Solutions operating costs (primarily reflecting lower expected credit loss charges).

Group EBITDA

The following table shows the Group pro-forma EBITDA (pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements) by business:

	First Quarter 2024 €m	First Quarter 2023 €m
Renewables	26.1	46.7
Flexible Generation	5.9	50.9
Customer Solutions	29.0	(28.4)
Group pro-forma EBITDA	61.0	69.2
(Under) / over-recovery of regulated entitlement	(8.7)	26.9
EBITDA	52.3	96.1

All of the above amounts are pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements as shown in note 2 to the accounts

Group pro-forma EBITDA (pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements) decreased to €61.0m (2023 – €69.2m) primarily reflecting a decrease in the Flexible Generation and Renewables businesses partly offset by an increase in EBITDA in the Customer Solutions business.

Renewables EBITDA (pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements) decreased to €26.1m (2023 – €46.7m) reflecting lower wind generation assets EBITDA (primarily due to lower wind volumes across the portfolio and lower energy prices for NI assets), together with lower EBITDA from the renewable PPAs (primarily due to lower energy prices and lower wind volumes). Flexible Generation EBITDA (pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements) decreased to €5.9m (2023 – €50.9m) primarily reflecting lower availability for both Huntstown plants (due to planned outages for both plants in First Quarter 2024), lower margins for both plants (associated with lower commodity prices) and higher operating costs (due to the planned outages for both plants) partly offset by the EBITDA contribution from the 50MW battery storage facility in NI (commissioned in October 2022) and development fees received for the emergency generation project under development. Customer Solutions EBITDA (pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements) increased to €29.0m profit (2023 – €28.4m loss) primarily reflecting higher Energia residential and nonresidential margins, favourable Power NI residential regulated margins and favourable Power NI non-residential electricity margins and lower Customer Solutions operating costs.

Depreciation

The Group's depreciation and amortisation by business is summarised as follows:

	First Quarter 2024 €m	First Quarter 2023 €m
Renewables	7.5	7.6
Flexible Generation	6.7	4.3
Customer Solutions	4.1	4.2
Total depreciation	18.3	16.1

Depreciation and amortisation was €18.3m (2023 - €16.1m) primarily reflecting higher depreciation in the Flexible Generation business associated with an impairment reversal in relation to the Huntstown plants as at 31 March 2023.

Group operating profit

The Group's operating profit by business is summarised as follows:

	First Quarter 2024 €m	First Quarter 2023 €m
Renewables	18.6	39.1
Flexible Generation	(0.8)	46.6
Customer Solutions	24.9	(32.6)
Total Operating Profit	42.7	53.1

Group pro-forma operating profit (preexceptional items and certain remeasurements) decreased to €42.7m (2023 - €53.1m) primarily reflecting lower operating profit in the Flexible Generation and the Renewables businesses partly offset by higher operating profit in the Customer Solutions business.

Exceptional items and certain remeasurements

Exceptional items and certain remeasurements were a €10.2m credit (2023 - €10.6m). The breakdown by business is as follows:

	First Quarter 2024 €m	First Quarter 2023 €m
Renewables	1.1	2.7
Customer Solutions	9.1	7.9
Total Exceptional Items and Certain Remeasurements	10.2	10.6

Exceptional items in the Renewables business were a ≤ 1.1 m credit (2023 - ≤ 2.7 m) reflecting ≤ 1.2 m fair value adjustment to contingent consideration (2023 - ≤ 0.5 m) partly offset by exceptional acquisitions costs of ≤ 0.1 m (2023 - $\leq nil$). There were no certain remeasurements relating to the recognition of fair value of derivatives (2023 - ≤ 2.2 m).

Exceptional items in the Customer Solutions business were a €9.1m credit (2023 - €7.9m) reflecting certain remeasurements relating to the recognition of fair value of derivatives.

Further information is outlined in note 5 to the accounts.

Net finance costs

Net finance costs (pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements) increased to €10.5m (2023 - €10.3m) primarily reflecting the impact of foreign exchange movements largely offset by an increase in interest income on bank deposits in the period compared to the same period last year.

Tax charge

The total tax charge (pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements) was €3.9m (2023 – €10.7m). A detailed analysis of the tax charge is outlined in note 7 to the accounts.

Cash flow before acquisitions, disposals, interest and tax

Group cash flow before acquisitions, disposals, interest and tax of continuing operations is summarised as follows:

	First Quarter 2024 €m	First Quarter 2023 €m
Group pro-forma EBITDA ¹	61.0	69.2
Net movement in security deposits	23.3	7.7
Changes in working capital ²	78.5	24.6
(Under) / over-recovery of regulated entitlement	(8.7)	26.9
Exceptional acquisition costs	(0.1)	-
Foreign exchange translation	(0.7)	(1.0)
Cash flow from operating activities	153.3	127.4
Capital expenditure ³	(17.2)	(33.2)
Net receipt of government grant / deferred income ⁴	0.7	0.2
Cash flow before acquisitions, disposals, interest and tax	136.8	94.4

¹Includes EBITDA of unrestricted renewable assets of €9.5m (2023 - €20.4m).

² Includes changes in working capital of unrestricted renewable assets of €5.3m decrease (2023 – €8.9m) and net expenditure from the sale and purchases of other intangibles of €2.8m for First Quarter 2024 (2023 - €15.5m).

³ Includes capital expenditure on unrestricted renewable assets of €6.4m (2023 - €11.5m) and intangible asset (software and customer acquisition costs) expenditure of €2.3m (2023 - €3.8m).

⁴ Includes deferred income of €0.7m (2023 - €nil) in relation to the Group's emergency generation project and grant income of €nil (2023 - €0.2m) in relation to the hydrogen project.

Group cash flow from operating activities increased to €153.3m (2023 - €127.4m) primarily reflecting a decrease in working capital of €78.5m (2023 - €24.6m) and a decrease in security deposits of €23.3m (2023 - €7.7m) partly offset by an under-recovery of regulated entitlement of €8.7m (2023 - €26.9m overrecovery) and a decrease in EBITDA from €69.2m to €61.0m.

Net movement in security deposits

The net movement in security deposits was a ≤ 23.3 m decrease (2023 – ≤ 7.7 m) reflecting the reduction and stabilisation of commodity and wholesale electricity prices which impact collateral requirements. There were ≤ 33.7 m of security deposits in place at 30 June 2023 (31 March 2023 - ≤ 56.6 m).

Changes in working capital

Working capital decreased by €78.5m (2023 – €24.6m) primarily reflecting a decrease in trade and other receivables (primarily reflecting a seasonal decrease in volumes, reduced energy prices and tariff reduction together with a decrease in hedge debtors due to lower commodity prices), partly offset by a decrease in trade and other payables (reflecting seasonal decrease in volumes, lower commodity prices, a reduction in government support scheme payments on account with amounts fully applied to customer bills partly offset by an increase in emissions liability (which is settled in December reflecting higher volumes) and an increase in the ROC obligation creditor).

(Under) / over-recovery of regulated entitlement

As noted previously the regulated businesses of Power NI and PPB combined under-recovered against their regulated entitlement by €8.7m (2023 – €26.9m over-recovery) and at 30 June 2023 the cumulative over-recovery against regulated entitlement was €210.3m. The overrecovery of regulated entitlement reflects the phasing of tariffs.

Capital expenditure

Capital expenditure in respect of tangible fixed assets and intangible software assets increased to €17.2m (2023 - €33.2m).

The breakdown by business is as follows:

Period to 30 June	First Quarter 2024 €m	First Quarter 2023 €m
Renewables	6.4	11.5
Flexible Generation	8.3	17.5
Customer Solutions	2.5	4.2
Total Capital Expenditure	17.2	33.2

Renewables capital expenditure decreased to €6.4m (2023 - €11.5m) primarily reflecting lower capital expenditure on development projects.

Flexible Generation capital expenditure decreased to €8.3m (2023 - €17.5m) primarily reflecting lower capital expenditure on the data centre (prior year expenditure relates to the purchase of lands and infrastructure costs) together with lower expenditure on the 50MW battery storage project in NI partly offset by expenditure on emergency generation project.

Customer Solutions capital expenditure decreased to €2.5m (2023 - €4.2m) primarily reflecting lower expenditure in respect of IT projects.

Other cash flows

Net interest paid

Net interest paid (excluding exceptional finance costs) was €2.7m (2023 - €1.6m).

Dividends

On 1 August 2023 the Board approved the payment of a €150.0m dividend to the parent undertaking which was subsequently paid on 3 August 2023 (2023 - €nil).

Net debt

The Group's net debt is summarised in the following table:

	30 June 2023 €m	31 March 2023 €m
Cash and cash equivalents*	672.8	619.9
Senior secured notes	(595.2)	(602.1)
Senior revolving credit facility	-	(80.7)
Project finance facilities	(281.9)	(277.2)
Interest accruals	(11.0)	(2.0)
Total net debt	(215.3)	(342.1)

*Excluding restricted cash of €4.5m (2023 - €nil) as outlined in note 12 of the accounts

The Group's net debt decreased by €126.8m from €342.1m at 31 March 2023 to €215.3m at 30 June 2023 primarily reflecting higher cash and cash equivalents partly offset by higher interest accruals. Net debt at 30 June 2023 includes project finance net debt of €252.6m (31 March 2023 - €234.6m). Excluding project financed net debt, net cash was €37.3m (31 March 2023 - €107.5m net debt).

On 31 July 2023, the Group successfully completed the full refinancing of its €350m 4.0% Senior Secured Notes due in September 2025 and its £225m 4.75% Senior Secured Notes due in September 2024, replacing them with €600m 6.875% Senior Secured Notes due in July 2028. At the same time the Group also put in place a new €450.0m Senior Revolving Credit Facility maturing in April 2028 (previously £305.0m facility).

Treasury

The Group is financed through a combination of retained earnings, medium-term bond issuance and both medium-term and long-term bank facilities. Liquidity, including short-term working capital requirements, is managed through committed Senior revolving credit bank facilities together with available cash resources. The Group continues to keep its capital structure under review and may from time to time undertake certain transactions such as financing transactions, acquisitions and disposals which affect its capital structure. The Group may also from time to time repurchase its Senior secured notes, whether through tender offers, open market purchases, private purchases or otherwise.

At 30 June 2023, the Group had letters of credit issued out of the Senior revolving credit facility of \leq 245.6m resulting in undrawn committed facilities of \leq 109.6m (31 March 2023 - \leq 29.1m). Cash drawings under the Senior revolving credit facility of \leq 80.7m were repaid in June 2023 and there were no cash drawings under the facility at 30 June 2023 (31 March 2023 - \leq 80.7m).

During the period the Group has met all required financial covenants in the Senior revolving credit facility and project finance facilities.

At 30 June 2023, there was €31.9m (31 March 2023 - €42.6m) of restricted cash in the project financed wind farms which is subject to bi-annual distribution debt service requirements and €4.5m (31 March 2023 -€5.7m) of restricted cash received from the UK Government in relation to administration of the EBSS which will be paid directly to qualifying customers with any surplus after cessation of the scheme in June 2023 to be repaid to the UK government. This cash is not freely available in the normal course of business.

There have been no other significant changes in the Group's exposure to interest rate, foreign currency, commodity and credit risks. A discussion of these risks can be found in the "Risk Management and Principal Risks and Uncertainties" section of the annual report and consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Defined benefit pension surplus

The pension surplus in the Group's defined benefit scheme under International Accounting Standard (IAS) 19 was €1.9m at 30 June 2023 (31 March 2023 – €2.3m).

Outlook

Although commodity and wholesale electricity process have somewhat stabilised in recent months, uncertainty remains over the future impact of volatile commodity prices, higher interest rates and higher inflation on the Group's businesses and customers. While the Group is vertically integrated, future volatility would be expected to impact segmental financial performance of the Group's businesses. It would be expected that any benefit of higher I-SEM market prices to the Group's Renewables and Flexible Generation businesses would be offset by a negative impact of higher prices on the Group's Customer Solutions businesses to the extent that such higher prices are not recovered through tariffs. Furthermore, higher commodity prices would be expected to impact liquidity and result in an increased requirement to post collateral to the I-SEM market and with the Group's gas supply counterparties.

In addition, there is, given the high inflation and interest rate environment compounded with ongoing high energy prices, ongoing uncertainty over the recoverability of trade receivables (in particular for the Customer Solutions business), therefore, the Group continues to maintain its provisions for expected credit losses in line with the Expected Credit Loss (ECL) approach from previous years updated to reflect current prices to customers.

The Group continues to have strong liquidity, with €640.9m of cash and cash equivalents (excluding project finance cash) and undrawn committed revolving credit facilities of €109.6m at 30 June 2023 and, together with the refinancing of the Group undertaken in July 2023, is well positioned to manage the current trading environment.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

for the three month period ended 30 June 2023

		Results before exceptional items and certain remeasure- ments First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	Exceptional items and certain remeasure- ments (note 5) First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	Total First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	Results before exceptional items and certain remeasure- ments First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m	Exceptional items and certain remeasure- ments (note 5) First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m	Total First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m
Continuing operations	Notes						
Revenue	2	810.3	-	810.3	944.4	-	944.4
Other income ¹		15.6	-	15.6	-	-	-
Operating (costs) / income	4	(791.9)	10.2	(781.7)	(864.4)	10.6	(853.8)
Operating profit	2	34.0	10.2	44.2	80.0	10.6	90.6
Finance costs	6	(15.3)	-	(15.3)	(10.5)		(10.5)
Finance income	6	4.8		4.8	0.2		(10.5)
Net finance costs	0	(10.5)		(10.5)	(10.3)		(10.3)
Net mance costs		(10.3)		(10.3)	(10.5)		(10.5)
Profit before tax		23.5	10.2	33.7	69.7	10.6	80.3
Taxation	7	(3.9)	(1.2)	(5.1)	(10.6)	(2.5)	(13.1)
Profit for the period		19.6	9.0	28.6	59.1	8.1	67.2

¹Other income relates to the UK government's Energy Price Guarantee scheme.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the three month period ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m
Profit for the period		28.6	67.2
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		20.2	(18.6)
Net gain on cash flow hedges		24.3	47.6
Gain on cash flow hedges transferred from equity to income statement		(3.5)	(55.0)
Income tax effect		(4.0)	(1.5)
		16.8	(8.9)
		37.0	(27.5)
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Remeasurement loss on defined benefit scheme		(0.5)	-
Income tax effect		0.1	-
		(0.4)	-
Other comprehensive income / (expense) for the period, net of taxation		36.6	(27.5)
Total comprehensive income for the period		65.2	39.7

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 June 2023

ASSETS	Notes	30 June 2023 Unaudited €m	31 March 2023 Audited €m
Non-current assets:			
Property, plant and equipment		665.9	654.1
Intangible assets		660.8	648.3
Right-of-use assets	19	29.7	29.5
Derivative financial instruments	15	34.7	32.9
Net employee defined benefit asset		1.9	2.3
Deferred tax assets		39.3	41.7
		1,432.3	1,408.8
Current assets:			
Intangible assets		96.9	101.6
Inventories		4.1	4.3
Trade and other receivables	11	282.3	384.0
Derivative financial instruments	15	52.3	70.6
Other current financial assets	9	34.1	57.0
Cash and cash equivalents	12	677.3	625.6
		1,147.0	1,243.1
TOTAL ASSETS		2,579.3	2,651.9

LIABILITIES	Notes	30 June 2023 Unaudited €m	31 March 2023 Audited €m
Current liabilities:			
Trade and other payables	13	(660.1)	(683.6)
Income tax payable		(2.3)	(1.1)
Financial liabilities	14	(37.8)	(111.9)
Deferred income	16	(2.3)	(1.7)
Derivative financial instruments	15	(124.9)	(168.9)
		(827.4)	(967.2)
Non-current liabilities:			
Financial liabilities	14	(900.9)	(901.0)
Derivative financial instruments	15	(1.1)	(1.8)
Deferred income	16	(8.3)	(8.2)
Deferred tax liabilities		(59.3)	(57.1)
Provisions		(25.4)	(24.9)
		(995.0)	(993.0)
TOTAL LIABILITIES		(1,822.4)	(1,960.2)
NET ASSETS		756.9	691.7
Equity			
Share capital		-	-
Share premium		769.4	750.6
Retained earnings		26.3	15.7
Capital contribution reserve		2.7	2.7
Hedge reserve		(14.3)	(29.9)
Foreign currency translation reserve		(27.2)	(47.4)
ΤΟΤΑL ΕQUITY		756.9	691.7

The financial statements were approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 4 September 2023.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

for the three month period ended 30 June 2023

	Share capital €m	Share premium €m	Retained earnings €m	Capital contribution reserve €m	Hedge reserve €m	Foreign currency translation reserve €m	Total equity €m
At 1 April 2022	-	783.2	(301.0)	2.7	681.4	2.3	1,168.6
Exchange adjustment	-	(15.8)	19.8	-	(4.0)	-	-
Profit for the year	-	-	67.2	-	-	-	67.2
Other comprehensive expense	-	-	-	-	(8.9)	(18.6)	(27.5)
Total comprehensive (expense) / income	-	(15.8)	87.0	-	(12.9)	(18.6)	39.7
At 30 June 2022	-	767.4	(214.0)	2.7	668.5	(16.3)	1,208.3
At 1 April 2023	-	750.6	15.7	2.7	(29.9)	(47.4)	691.7
Exchange adjustment	-	18.8	(17.6)	-	(1.2)	-	-
Profit for the year	-	-	28.6	-	-	-	28.6
Other comprehensive (expense) / income	-	-	(0.4)	-	16.8	20.2	36.6
Total comprehensive income	-	18.8	10.6	-	15.6	20.2	65.2
At 30 June 2023	-	769.4	26.3	2.7	(14.3)	(27.2)	756.9

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the three month period ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m
Cash generated from operations before working capital movements	17	52.2	96.1
Working capital adjustments:			
Decrease in inventories		0.3	0.1
Decrease in trade and other receivables		104.9	160.6
Decrease in security deposits		23.3	7.7
Decrease in trade and other payables		(23.8)	(120.6)
Decrease in EBSS creditor due to receipt of restricted cash*		(1.5)	-
Effects of foreign exchange		(0.7)	(1.0)
		154.7	142.9
Interest received		4.8	0.1
Interest paid		(2.1)	(1.7)
		2.7	(1.6)
Income tax paid		(3.2)	(3.1)
Net cash flows from operating activities		154.2	138.2

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTD.)

for the three month period ended 30 June 2023

Investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(14.9)	(29.4)
Purchase of intangible assets		(45.2)	(51.1)
Proceeds from sale of intangible assets		40.0	31.8
Disposal of subsidiary, net of cash disposed		(0.2)	(0.2)
Receipt of government grants		-	0.2
Deferred income received		0.7	-
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(19.6)	(48.7)
Financing activities			
Repayment of borrowings		(96.0)	(59.3)
Payment of lease liabilities		(0.8)	(0.8)
Net cash flows used in financing activities		(96.8)	(60.1)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		37.8	29.4
Net foreign exchange difference		13.9	(4.7)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April	12	625.6	420.9
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June	12	677.3	445.6

*Included in cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2023 is €4.5m (2023 - €nil) of restricted cash received from the UK government in relation to administration of the EBSS which will be paid directly to qualifying customers with any surplus after cessation of the scheme in June 2023 to be repaid to the UK government. This cash is not freely available in the normal course of business.

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed interim consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting as adopted by the European Union.

The accounting policies applied by the Group in these condensed interim consolidated financial statements are the same as those applied by the Group in its consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

2. SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

For management purposes, the Group is organised into business units based on its products and services and has three reportable segments, as follows:

(i) Renewables

At 30 June 2023 the Renewables business owned and operated 309MW of wind assets and purchased electricity from 1,238MW of renewable generation capacity throughout Ireland;

(ii) Flexible Generation

Consists of electricity generation from the Group's two Huntstown CCGT plants together with the administration of the contracted generation capacity from the Ballylumford power station in Northern Ireland under legacy generating unit agreements which were originally established in 1992 when the NI electricity industry was restructured. Also owns and operates a 50MW battery storage facility in Belfast and is progressing the development of an emergency generation sites at its Huntstown site in Dublin;

(iii) Customer Solutions

Consists of the competitive supply of electricity and gas to business and residential customers in the RoI through its brand Energia, together with the supply of electricity to residential and business customers in NI through its brand Power NI.

The Group's Board monitors the operating results of its business units separately for the purpose of making decisions with regard to resource allocation and performance assessment. The measure of profit used by the Board is pro-forma EBITDA which is before exceptional items and certain remeasurements (arising from certain commodity and currency contracts which are not designated in hedge accounting relationships) and based on regulated entitlement (whereby the adjustment for (under) / over-recovery outlined in the segmental analysis below represents the amount by which the regulated businesses (under) / over-recovered against their regulated entitlement). The Board also monitors revenue on a regulated entitlement basis.

(a) Revenue by segment

	First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m
Renewables	75.9	85.5
Flexible Generation	205.5	361.1
Customer Solutions	539.7	470.0
Inter-group eliminations	(2.1)	0.9
Group	819.0	917.5
Adjustment for (under) / over-recovery	(8.7)	26.9
Total	810.3	944.4

The adjustment for (under) / over-recovery represents the amount by which the regulated businesses (under) / over - recovered against their regulated entitlement.

(b) Operating Profit

	First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m
Segment Pro-Forma EBITDA		
Renewables	26.1	46.7
Flexible Generation	5.9	50.9
Customer Solutions	29.0	(28.4)
Group Pro-Forma EBITDA	61.0	69.2
Adjustment for (under) / over-recovery	(8.7)	26.9
Group EBITDA	52.3	96.1
Depreciation / amortisation		
Renewables	(7.5)	(7.6)
Flexible Generation	(6.7)	(4.3)
Customer Solutions	(4.1)	(4.2)
Group depreciation and amortisation	(18.3)	(16.1)
Operating profit / (loss) pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements		
Renewables	18.6	39.1
Flexible Generation	(0.8)	46.6
Customer Solutions	24.9	(32.6)
Group Pro-Forma operating profit	42.7	53.1
Adjustment for (under) / over-recovery	(8.7)	26.9
Operating profit pre exceptional items and certain remeasurements	34.0	80.0
Exceptional items and certain remeasurements		
Renewables	1.1	2.7
Customer Solutions	9.1	7.9
Group operating profit post exceptional items and certain remeasurements	44.2	90.6
Finance cost	(15.3)	(10.5)
Finance income	4.8	0.2
	(10.5)	(10.3)
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	33.7	80.3

3. REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

3.1 Disaggregated revenue information

Set out below is the disaggregation of the Group's revenue from contracts with customers for the First Quarter 2024:

First Quarter 2024	Renewables €m	Flexible Generation €m	Customer Solutions €m	Total €m
Type of goods or service:				
Supply of electricity and gas	-	-	537.6	537.6
Electricity generation	75.3	204.6	-	279.9
Other	0.7	0.9	2.0	3.6
Inter-group eliminations	(0.1)	-	(2.0)	(2.1)
Group	75.9	205.5	537.6	819.0
Adjustment for over / (under) - recovery	-	15.4	(24.1)	(8.7)
Total revenue from contracts with customers	75.9	220.9	513.5	810.3

The Group primarily offers standard payment terms to customers of 14 days from date of invoice.

Set out below is the disaggregation of the Group's revenue from contracts with customers for the First Quarter 2023:

First Quarter 2023	Renewables €m	Flexible Generation €m	Customer Solutions €m	Total €m
Type of goods or service:				
Supply of electricity and gas	-	-	467.7	467.7
Electricity generation	85.2	361.1	-	446.3
Other	0.3	-	2.3	2.6
Inter-group eliminations	-	3.1	(2.2)	0.9
Group	85.5	364.2	467.8	917.5
Adjustment for over - recovery	-	19.7	7.2	26.9
Total revenue from contracts with customers	85.5	383.9	475.0	944.4

3.1 Disaggregated revenue information (contd.)

Geographical markets:	First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m
UK	322.8	365.0
Rol	487.5	579.4
Total revenue from contracts with customers	810.3	944.4
Timing of revenue recognition:		
Transferred over time	766.1	911.1
Transferred at a point in time	44.2	33.3
Total revenue from contracts with customers	810.3	944.4

Trade receivables arising from contracts with customers are disclosed in note 11.

4. OPERATING COSTS

	First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m
Operating costs are analysed as follows:		
Energy costs	727.3	807.7
Employee costs	15.7	14.8
Depreciation and amortisation	18.3	16.1
Other operating charges	30.6	25.8
Total pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements	791.9	864.4
Exceptional items and certain remeasurements		
Energy income	(9.1)	(10.1)
Other operating income	(1.1)	(0.5)
Total exceptional income and certain remeasurements	(10.2)	(10.6)
Total operating costs	781.7	853.8

4.1 Depreciation and amortisation

	First Quarter	First Quarter
	2024	2023
	Unaudited	Unaudited
	€m	€m
Depreciation	13.7	11.4
Amortisation of intangible assets	4.1	4.2
Amortisation of right-of-use assets	0.5	0.5
Total depreciation and amortisation	18.3	16.1

5. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS AND CERTAIN REMEASUREMENTS

	First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m
Exceptional items in arriving at profit from continuing operations:		
Acquisition costs ¹	(0.1)	-
Release of contingent consideration ²	1.2	0.5
	1.1	0.5
Certain remeasurements in arriving at profit		
Net gain on derivatives at fair value through operating costs ³	9.1	10.1
	9.1	10.1
Exceptional items and certain remeasurements before taxation	10.2	10.6
Taxation on exceptional items and certain remeasurements	(1.2)	(2.5)
Exceptional items and certain remeasurements after taxation	9.0	8.1

The tax charge in the profit and loss account relating to exceptional items and certain remeasurements is:

	First Quarter	First Quarter
	2024	2023
	Unaudited	Unaudited
	€m	€m
Fair valued derivatives through profit and loss	(1.2)	(2.5)
	(1.2)	(2.5)

¹ Exceptional acquisition costs of €0.1m (2023 - €nil) relate to costs associated with acquisitions whether successful or unsuccessful.

² Release of contingent consideration of €1.2m (2023 - €0.5m) relates to a fair value adjustment to contingent consideration for renewable generation development projects.
 ³ Net gain on derivatives at fair value through operating costs of €9.1m (2023 - €10.1m) relates to fair value movements in commodity swap contracts and foreign exchange forward contracts relating to commodity purchases.

6. FINANCE COSTS / INCOME

Finance Costs	Total First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	Total First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m
Interest on external bank loans and borrowings	(4.6)	(4.5)
Interest on senior secured notes	(6.5)	(6.7)
Total interest expense	(11.1)	(11.2)
Amortisation of financing charges	(0.8)	(0.7)
Unwinding of discount on decommissioning provision	(0.2)	(0.1)
Unwinding of discount on contingent consideration	(0.3)	(0.3)
Accretion of lease liability	(0.5)	(0.4)
Other finance credit / (charges)	0.2	(0.1)
Total other finance charges	(1.6)	(1.6)
Net exchange (loss) / gain on net foreign currency borrowings	(2.6)	2.1
Less interest capitalised in qualifying asset	-	0.2
Total finance costs	(15.3)	(10.5)
Finance income		
Interest income on bank deposits	4.8	0.2
Total finance income	4.8	0.2
Net finance costs	(10.5)	(10.3)

The average capitalisation rate applied in determining the amount of borrowing costs to be capitalised in the First Quarter 2024 was nil (First Quarter 2023 – 3.3%).

7. INCOME TAX

The major components of the tax charge for the periods ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022 are:

Current tax:	Results before exceptional items and certain remeasure- ments First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	Exceptional items and certain remeasure- ments First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	Total First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	Results before exceptional items and certain remeasure- ments First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m	Exceptional items and certain remeasure- ments First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m	Total First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m
Current tax charge	(3.3)	(1.2)	(4.5)	(4.5)	(2.5)	(7.0)
Total current tax charge	(3.3)	(1.2)	(4.5)	(4.5)	(2.5)	(7.0)
Deferred tax:						
Adjustments in respect of current period	(0.6)	-	(0.6)	(6.1)	-	(6.1)
Total deferred tax	(0.6)	-	(0.6)	(6.1)	-	(6.1)
Total taxation charge	(3.9)	(1.2)	(5.1)	(10.6)	(2.5)	(13.1)

8. Capital expenditure

Capital additions to property, plant and equipment	First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m
Renewables	8.1	14.4
Flexible Generation	7.3	17.3
Customer Solutions	3.9	0.1
Total	19.3	31.8
Capital additions to intangible assets	First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m
Renewables	32.3	38.5
Customer Solutions	2.4	4.4
Total	34.7	42.9
Capital additions to right-of-use assets	First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m
Renewables	0.3	-
Customer Solutions	-	0.1
Total	0.3	0.1

9. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

	30 June 2023 Unaudited €m	31 March 2023 Audited €m
Other financial assets		
Financial assets at amortised cost:		
Security deposits	33.7	56.6
External interest receivable	0.4	0.4
Total other financial assets	34.1	57.0

10. BUSINESS COMBINATIONS AND DISPOSALS

Acquisitions post balance sheet

On 18 August 2023, the Group completed the acquisition of Bracklyn Wind Farm Limited (Bracklyn), a 65MW onshore wind farm development project in County Westmeath. The project also includes a 25MW battery storage development project. It is intended that the Bracklyn wind farm development project will be underpinned by a Corporate PPA with Microsoft.

On 1 August 2023, the Group announced that it was entering a partnership with Vårgrønn to codevelop offshore wind projects.

11. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	30 June 2023 Unaudited €m	31 March 2023 Audited €m
Trade receivables (including unbilled consumption)	258.9	334.9
Contract assets (accrued income)	51.4	76.9
Prepayments	8.2	6.7
Other receivables	2.9	6.1
	321.4	424.6
Allowance for expected credit losses	(39.1)	(40.6)
	282.3	384.0

12. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	30 June	31 March
	2023	2023
	Unaudited	Audited
	€m	€m
Cash at bank and on hand	317.3	195.9
Short-term bank deposits	355.5	424.0
	672.8	619.9
Restricted cash*	4.5	5.7
	677.3	625.6

*Restricted cash of €4.5m (31 March 2023 - €5.7m) relates to cash received from the UK government in relation to administration of the EBSS which will be paid directly to qualifying customers with any surplus after cessation of the scheme in June 2023 to be repaid to the UK government. This cash is not freely available in the normal course of business.

13. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	30 June 2023 Unaudited €m	31 March 2023 Audited €m
Trade creditors	109.3	123.5
Other creditors	182.0	144.2
Contract liabilities (payments on account)	86.3	109.1
Tax and social security	18.1	10.3
Accruals	264.4	296.5
	660.1	683.6

14. FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

	30 June 2023 Unaudited €m	31 March 2023 Audited €m
Current financial liabilities:		
Senior revolving credit facility	-	80.7
Project financed bank facilities (NI)	12.0	11.5
Project financed bank facilities (RoI)	9.9	9.9
Project finance interest accruals	2.6	-
Senior secured notes interest payable	7.6	1.1
Other interest payable	0.8	0.9
Contingent consideration	3.6	6.3
Contingent liability	0.2	0.2
Lease liability	1.1	1.3
Total current financial liabilities	37.8	111.9
Non-current financial liabilities:		
Senior secured notes €350m (2025)	345.3	347.7
Senior secured notes £225m (2024)	249.9	254.4
Project financed bank facilities (NI)	163.1	159.1
Project financed bank facilities (RoI)	96.9	96.7
Contingent consideration	8.3	6.4
Lease liability	37.4	36.7
Total non-current financial liabilities	900.9	901.0
Total current and non-current financial liabilities	938.7	1,012.9

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The Senior secured notes (2024) are denominated in Sterling £225.0m (Sterling notes) and the Senior secured notes (2025) are denominated in Euro €350.0m (Euro notes). Interest, which is payable semi-annually, is charged at a fixed rate coupon of 4.75% for the Sterling notes and 4.0% for the Euro notes. The Sterling notes are repayable in one instalment on 15 September 2024 and the Euro notes are repayable in one instalment on 15 September 2025.

During the period the Group repurchased and cancelled £9.5m in aggregate principal amount of the sterling notes and €2.5m in aggregate principal amount of the Euro notes in open market purchases.

At 30 June 2023, the Group had letters of credit issued out of the Senior revolving credit facility of \leq 245.6m (31 March 2023 - \leq 236.8m) resulting in undrawn committed facilities of \leq 109.6m (31 March 2023 - \leq 29.1m). There were no cash drawings under the Senior revolving credit facility at 30 June 2023 (31 March 2023 - \leq 80.7m). Interest is charged under the Senior revolving credit facility at floating interest rates based on Sonia and Euribor.

Events after the Balance sheet date

On 31 July 2023, the Group completed the full refinancing of the remaining Sterling and Euro notes replacing them with \leq 600.0m 6.875% Senior secured notes due in July 2028. At the same time the Group also put in place a new \leq 450.0m Senior revolving credit facility maturing in April 2028.

Project financed bank facilities

The project financed bank loan facilities are repayable in semi-annual instalments to 2035 and are secured on a non-recourse basis over the assets and shares of the specific project finance companies. Interest on the project finance bank loan facilities has been predominantly fixed through interest rate swaps resulting in an effective rate of interest of 4.65% (2023 - 3.86%) on project financed bank facilities NI and 2.34% (2023 – 2.40%) on the project financed bank facilities RoI.

Contingent consideration

Contingent consideration of $\leq 11.9m$ (31 March 2023 - $\leq 12.7m$) relates to the acquisition of various renewable development projects (onshore wind, bioenergy and solar) and represents the present value of the maximum amount payable with the minimum amount payable being $\leq nil$. Payment is contingent on various project milestones being met, primarily the construction and commissioning of the plant, with $\leq 3.6m$ expected to be paid in 2023/24 and the remaining $\leq 8.3m$ paid by 2028/29.

Contingent liability

Contingent liability of €0.2m (31 March 2023 -€0.2m) relates to the acquisition of renewable development projects and represents the present value of the maximum amount payable with the minimum amount payable being €nil. Payment is contingent on various project milestones being met.

15. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

Derivative financial assets

	30 June 2023 Unaudited €m	31 March 2023 Audited €m
Derivatives at fair value through other comprehensive income		
Cash flow hedges:		
Foreign exchange forward contracts	2.2	0.7
Commodity swap contracts	45.6	71.1
Interest rate swap contracts	37.3	28.3
Total derivatives at fair value through other comprehensive income	85.1	100.1
Derivatives at fair value through profit and loss		
Derivatives not designated as hedges:		
Foreign exchange forward contracts	0.6	0.6
Commodity swap contracts	1.3	2.8
Total derivatives at fair value through profit and loss	1.9	3.4
Total derivative financial assets	87.0	103.5
Total non-current	34.7	32.9
Total current	52.3	70.6

Derivative financial liabilities

	30 June 2023 Unaudited €m	31 March 2023 Audited €m
Derivatives at fair value through other comprehensive income		
Cash flow hedges:		
Foreign exchange forward contracts	(1.1)	(3.1)
Commodity swap contracts	(104.9)	(137.2)
Total derivatives at fair value through other comprehensive income	(106.0)	(140.3)
Derivatives at fair value through profit and loss Derivatives not designated as hedges:		
Foreign exchange forward contracts	(1.2)	(1.2)
Commodity swap contracts	(18.8)	(29.2)
Total derivatives at fair value through profit and loss	(20.0)	(30.4)
Total derivative financial liability	(126.0)	(170.7)
Total non-current	(1.1)	(1.8)
Total current	(124.9)	(168.9)

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Fair Values

As indicated in note 3(d) in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 the Group uses the hierarchy as set out in IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures for categorising financial instruments. A summary of the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the Group together with their carrying values shown in the balance sheet and their fair value hierarchy is as follows:

	30 June 2023		31 March 2023	
	Carrying value €m	Fair value €m	Carrying value €m	Fair value €m
Level 1				
Non-current liabilities				
Senior secured notes (2024 and 2025)	(595.2)	(586.4)	(602.1)	(582.8)
Level 2				
Non-current liabilities				
Project financed bank facilities (NI)	(163.1)	(163.1)	(159.1)	(159.1)
Project financed bank facilities (RoI)	(96.9)	(96.9)	(96.7)	(96.7)
Level 3				
Non-current liabilities				
Financial liabilities (contingent consideration)	(8.3)	(8.3)	(6.4)	(6.4)
Financial liabilities (lease liability)	(37.4)	(37.4)	(36.7)	(36.7)
Current liabilities				
Senior revolving credit facility	-	-	(80.7)	(80.7)
Financial liabilities (contingent consideration)	(3.6)	(3.6)	(6.3)	(6.3)
Financial liabilities (contingent liability)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Financial liabilities (lease liability)	(1.1)	(1.1)	(1.3)	(1.3)

The carrying value of cash, trade receivables, trade payables and other current assets and liabilities is equivalent to fair value due to the short-term maturities of these items. Contingent consideration is estimated as the present value of future cash flows disclosed at the market rate of interest at the reporting date. Derivatives are measured at fair value. There have been no transfers between hierarchy. The fair value of the Group's project financed bank facilities (RoI), project financed bank facilities (NI) and Senior revolving credit facility are determined by using discounted cash flows based on the Group's borrowing rate. The fair value of the Group's Senior secured notes are based on the quoted market price. The fair value of interest rate swaps, foreign exchange forward contracts, foreign exchange cross currency swaps and commodity contracts has been valued by calculating the present value of future cash flows, estimated using forward rates from third party market price quotations.

The fair value of the Group's project financed bank facilities (RoI) and project financed bank facilities (NI) are a close approximation to their carrying value given that they bear interest at floating rates based on Euribor and Sonia respectively.

The fair value of contingent consideration is considered by the Director to fall within the level 3 fair value hierarchy and is measured using the present value of the pay-out associated with earnouts set out in the relevant purchase agreement. The carrying value of €11.9m is estimated to approximate to its fair value determined by using discounted cash flows based on the Company's borrowing rate.

The fair value of the lease liability is considered by the Director to fall within the level 3 fair value hierarchy and is measured using the present value of the future lease payments over the lease term. The carrying value of €38.5m is estimated to approximate to its fair value determined by using discounted cash flows based on the Company's borrowing rate.

	Capital Grants €m	Other Deferred Income €m	Total €m
Current	0.6	1.1	1.7
Non-current	2.4	5.8	8.2
Total as at 31 March 2023	3.0	6.9	9.9
Recognised in the year	-	0.7	0.7
Current	0.6	1.7	2.3
Non-current	2.3	6.0	8.3
Total as at 30 June 2023	2.9	7.7	10.6

16. DEFERRED INCOME

17. NOTES TO GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	First Quarter 2024 Unaudited €m	First Quarter 2023 Unaudited €m
Operating activities		
Profit before tax from continuing operations	33.7	80.3
Adjustments to reconcile profit before tax to net cash flows:		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	13.7	11.4
Amortisation of intangible assets	4.1	4.2
Amortisation of right-of-use assets	0.5	0.5
Derivatives at fair value through income statement	(9.1)	(10.1)
Net finance costs	10.5	10.3
Release of contingent consideration	(1.2)	(0.5)
Cash generated from operations before working capital movements	52.2	96.1

18. ANALYSIS OF NET DEBT

	Cash and cash equivalent €m	Restricted cash* €m	Short-term managed funds €m	Debt due within one year €m	Debt due after more than one year €m	Total €m
At 1 April 2022	420.9	-	1.4	(86.1)	(920.4)	(584.2)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	29.4	-	-	-	-	29.4
Repayments of borrowings	-	-	-	59.3	-	59.3
Increase in interest accruals	-	-	-	(9.5)	-	(9.5)
Amortisation	-	-	-	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.7)
Reclassifications	-	-	-	0.2	(0.2)	-
Translation difference	(4.7)	-	(0.1)	0.3	8.9	4.4
At 30 June 2022	445.6	-	1.3	(36.2)	(912.0)	(501.3)
At 1 April 2023	625.6	(5.7)	-	(104.1)	(857.9)	(342.1)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	37.8	-	-	-	-	37.8
Repayment of borrowings	-	-	-	82.7	13.3	96.0
Repayment of borrowings Movement in restricted cash	-	- 1.5	-	82.7	13.3	96.0 1.5
	-			82.7 - (8.8)	13.3 - -	
Movement in restricted cash	-	1.5	-	-	13.3 - - (0.4)	1.5
Movement in restricted cash Increase in interest accruals		1.5	-	- (8.8)	-	1.5 (8.8)
Movement in restricted cash Increase in interest accruals Amortisation	- - - - 13.9	1.5 - -	-	(8.8) (0.4)	- (0.4)	1.5 (8.8)

* Included within cash and cash equivalents is €4.5m (31 March 2023 - €5.7m) of restricted cash received from the UK Government in relation to administration of the EBSS. As this cash is not freely available to the Group in the normal course of business it is not included in the Group's net debt and has been adjusted out in the table above.

19. LEASES

The Group has lease contracts for various items of land, buildings and motor vehicles used in its operations. Leases of land and buildings generally have lease terms between 5 and 25 years, while motor vehicles and other equipment generally have lease terms between 3 and 5 years. There are several lease contracts that include extension and termination options and variable lease payments, which are further discussed below.

Set out below are the carrying amounts of rightof-use assets recognised and the movements during the period:

	Land and buildings €m	Motor vehicles €m	Total €m
As at 1 April 2023	29.4	0.1	29.5
Exchange adjustment	0.3	-	0.3
Remeasurement of right-of-use assets	0.1	-	0.1
Additions	0.3	-	0.3
Amortisation	(0.5)	-	(0.5)
As at 30 June 2023	29.6	0.1	29.7

Set out below are the carrying amounts of lease liabilities included within financial liabilities (as disclosed in note 14) and the movements during the period:

	Lease liabilities €m
As at 1 April 2023	(38.0)
Exchange adjustment	(0.4)
Effect of modification of lease liability	(0.1)
Additions	(0.3)
Accretion of interest	(0.5)
Payments	0.8
As at 30 June 2023	(38.5)
Current	(1.1)
Non-current	(37.4)

20. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 30 June 2023 the Group had contracted future capital expenditure in respect of tangible fixed assets of €34.5m (31 March 2023 - €39.9m) and intangible fixed assets of €8.5m (2023 - €2.5m).

21. DISTRIBUTIONS MADE AND PROPOSED

On 1 August 2023 the Board approved the payment of a €150.0m dividend to the parent undertaking which was subsequently paid on 3 August 2023 (2023 - €nil).

22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The nature and type of related party transactions for the First Quarter 2024 do not differ significantly from those in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

23. SEASONALITY OF OPERATIONS

Certain activities of the Group are affected by weather and temperature conditions and seasonal market price fluctuations. As a result of this, the amounts reported for the interim period may not be indicative of the amounts that will be reported for the full year due to seasonal fluctuations in customer demand for gas and electricity, the impact of weather on demand, renewable generation output and commodity prices, market changes in commodity prices and changes in retail tariffs. In the Customer Solutions Business supply, notable seasonal effects include the impact on customer demand of warmer temperatures in the first half of the financial year. In Flexible generation, there is the impact of lower customer demand on commodity prices, the weather impact on renewable generation, the timing of outages and other seasonal effects.

The impact of temperature on customer demand for gas is more volatile than the equivalent demand for electricity.

APPENDIX (UNAUDITED)



APPENDIX (UNAUDITED)

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial performance and position of the Group's Senior secured notes Restricted Group and its renewable asset portfolio which are separately project financed. The following sets out the unaudited reconciliations for pro-forma EBITDA and net debt for the Senior secured Restricted Group.

Pro-forma EBITDA for the Senior secured notes Restricted Group

The following table shows the reconciliation of Pro-forma EBITDA (pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements) for the Senior secured notes Restricted Group:

	First Quarter	First Quarter
	2024	2023
	€m	€m
Group pro-forma EBITDA	61.0	69.2
Less EBITDA from unrestricted renewable assets	(9.5)	(20.4)
Pro-forma EBITDA for the Senior secured notes Restricted Group	51.5	48.8

All of the above amounts are pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements

Pro-forma EBITDA for the Senior secured notes Restricted Group (pre-exceptional items and certain remeasurements) increased to €51.5m (2023 – €48.8m) primarily reflecting an increase in EBITDA from the Customer Solutions business partly offset by a decrease in the Flexible Generation business and Renewable PPA contracts.

Pro-forma Net Cash / (Debt) for the Senior secured notes Restricted Group

The following table shows the Pro-forma Net Debt for the Senior secured notes Restricted Group:

	30 June 2023 €m	31 March 2023 €m
Cash and cash equivalents	640.9	577.3
Senior secured notes €350m (2025)	(345.3)	(347.7)
Senior secured notes £225m (2024)	(249.9)	(254.4)
Senior revolving credit facility	-	(80.7)
Interest accruals - Senior secured notes	(7.6)	(1.1)
Other interest accruals	(0.8)	(0.9)
Pro-forma Net Cash / (Debt) for the Senior secured notes Restricted Group	37.3	(107.5)

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