



**ALPINE ENERGY LIMITED**



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**ANNUAL REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014



**ALPINE ENERGY LIMITED**

## MISSION STATEMENT

To ensure continuing commercial success by:

- Providing safe, reliable and efficient energy delivery and infrastructure services

### **Our Values**

We will:-

- put health and safety first
- act environmentally responsibly
- show respect, integrity, and honesty, to build trust
- strive for professional excellence
- contribute positively to the community



*Alpine Staff participating in the Relay for Life*

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## DIRECTORY

### DIRECTORS:

Mr S.R. Thompson (Chairman)  
 Mr A.J. France  
 Mr W.A. Larsen  
 Mr R.D. Ramsay  
 Mr W.J. Bell

### MANAGEMENT

Mr A.G. Tombs (Chief Executive)  
 Mr M.F. Boorer (Corporate Services Manager)  
 Mr W.T. Rawlins (Network Manager)  
 Mr S.M. Small (Compliance and Training Manager)  
 Mrs S.J. Carter (Regulatory & Pricing Manager)

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### AUDITOR:

Mr M. Bramley, PricewaterhouseCoopers,  
 Dunedin  
 On behalf of the Controller and Auditor-General

### SOLICITORS:

Quentin Hix, Timaru

### LEGAL COUNSEL:

Quentin Hix, Timaru



**Board of Directors**

Seated: Steve Thompson (Chairman), Rick Ramsay  
Standing from left to right: Alister France, Warren Larsen, Warren Bell



**Executive Management Team**

Front Row: Michael Boorer (Corporate Services Manager), Andrew Tombs (Chief Executive Officer)  
Back Row: Sara Carter (Regulatory & Pricing Manager), Willem Rawlins (Network Manager),  
Stephen Small (Compliance & Training Manager)



*2013 Snow storm*

## OVERVIEW

Overall, Alpine Energy Limited (Alpine) had a better than expected year. In contrast to 2012/13, energy delivered across the distribution network during the 2013/14 year was marginally higher despite the numerous severe weather events impacting on supply of electricity to consumers.

The volume of energy delivered over Alpine's distribution network was 752GWH which against the 2012/13 volume of 750GWH was 0.2% higher.

Network capital expenditure (capex) projects were interrupted several times during the year due to severe weather events; however completion of high priority capex projects consolidated another year of solid engineering and construction performance.

In addition, customer initiated work progressed well, the largest of which was the new 110kV transmission line, and associated substation equipment, constructed between Alpine's Bells Pond substation and Oceania Dairies new milk processing plant north of Glenavy.

Including committed funds annual capex totalled \$21.18million by 31 March 2014 against a planned budget of \$22.21million.

Maintenance expenditure (opex) ended the year at \$7.30million against a budget of \$5.35million. The difference was mostly attributable to costs associated with responding to the severe weather events throughout the year.

On the Health and Safety front we were challenged during the year having to respond to a serious harm incident which left an approved contractor hospitalised for a period of time after he made contact with a live 11kV distribution line.

This incident tore at the heart of what is central to our operations and despite the exceptional response to the incident, particularly from the injured workers colleagues on the day who administered first aid and called for help, it's an incident no one wants to have to face.

WorkSafe NZ investigated the incident and concluded that there were no grounds for prosecution to any party involved. They did however indicate their interest in working with us to ensure remedial actions identified were put in place.



*New distribution line to the Oceania Dairy Factory*

The bedding in of Alpine's new regulatory team has resulted in significantly enhanced efficiencies, particularly around our ability to digest, contextualise, and respond in a more meaningful manner to the ever increasing emphasis on regulatory governance.

Another area of enhancement has been in improvement in Company processes and systems, and alternately information. The Company's investment in advanced metering, new Geographic Information System (GIS), new Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, and implementation of a new interface for outage management (Avalanche), while in their infancy will over time improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of Alpine. On the horizon for 2014/15 is the next high priority business tool, that of a new 'asset management system'.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Board and management are embracing the Government's continued push in health and safety and have spent considerable time educating ourselves, our staff, and stakeholders on the new WorkSafe regime.

Health and Safety features as the first item discussed in monthly reporting and between these reports directors engage in differing aspects of the Company's operations including attending parent and subsidiary health and safety meetings from time to time.

## **SHAREHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

Alpine's growth and operational aspirations wouldn't be possible without shareholder support. The Board have invested considerable time in communicating with its shareholders the strategic journey for Alpine and shareholders have reciprocated in kind.

Core to our communication is monthly reporting on underlying business performance as well as regular catch-ups throughout the year to discuss and table views on the direction of Alpine.

The Board greatly appreciated the opportunity of regular catch-ups and feedback from shareholders and hope that shareholders found them equally beneficial.



## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The financial performance for the Group as a measure against financial targets set in the Company's Statement of Corporate Intent saw the majority of targets attained or bettered.

Earnings from operations after tax at \$11.33million was 3.8% higher than the level achieved in the previous year (\$10.90million).

Comprehensive income was favourable at \$12.02million against last year's result of \$10.76 million. Movement in retained earnings and Company valuation continue to accrue satisfactorily.



*Cooney Road Substation*

Group revenues of \$53.59million were higher against a budget of \$50.67million. Group expenses at \$38.16million against a budget of \$34.65million were also high, mostly as a result of the additional costs associated with storm damage and also expenses associated with Alpine subsidiary NETcon winning an international project that was not budgeted for at the beginning of the year. This expense also attracted additional revenue through chargeable work.

Pre-tax surplus was lower than budget due mostly to an accelerated write off of old metering assets which accounted for an additional \$0.43million of depreciation, and storm related costs well in excess of \$1million.

## NETWORK OPERATIONS

Major capital works on network infrastructure accounted for expenditure of \$21.18million during the year and included:

- \$8.4million associated with Oceania Dairies milk processing factory
- \$2.6million in new subdivisions and extensions, and transformers
- \$1.5million on line and pole upgrades
- \$1.5million on mobile 33/11kV substation
- \$1.4million on backup generation units
- \$5.7million in numerous smaller projects and 2012/13 carryover capex

Of particular mention was the completion of the new 110kV transmission line which is Alpine's first asset at this high voltage level; and the purchasing of a mobile substation and backup diesel generators.

Major network capital for 2014/15 is budgeted at \$16.72million and maintenance is budgeted at \$5.35million.

## RELIABILITY AND PERFORMANCE

Our reliability was materially impacted this year by severe weather events. When the SAIDI minutes from these events are combined with SAIDI minutes accrued for other unplanned events and planned work we ended the year with a SAIDI figure of 865 minutes.

While this result is well in excess of performance during recent years, that being 148 SAIDI minutes during 2012/13 and 162 SAIDI minutes in 2011/12, we have not breached the quality standard under the default price-quality path. The quality standard applies a 'two-out-of-three rule' that recognises the impact of events beyond our control, such as severe weather events, on overall performance.

At 2.22 interruptions SAIFI was higher than our allowable limit (at 1.69 interruptions); again this result is mostly due to the impact of severe weather events throughout the year.

## NETCON LIMITED

NETcon, a 100% wholly owned subsidiary of Alpine, provides the backbone of contracted field services for Alpine. Engagement with Alpine has historically been through a service level agreement between the two



*September storm damage*

companies, however this will be enhanced as the two companies move to an Alliancing Agreement approach to engagement during FY15.

NETcon continued to grow its revenue by leveraging off the expertise, knowledge, and capabilities it has amassed as a successful contracting company.

NETcon's subsidiary NETcon International was successful in winning a contract from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) for an Off-Grid solar array generation scheme in Rarotonga (work to commence during 2014). This is the second major contract NETcon have won through MFAT. The first was an Off-Grid solar array generation scheme for the Afghanistan township of Bamyan which was awarded in 2013. This project is a major undertaking and NETcon expects to successfully complete the project during 2014.

The company was also successful at tendering and winning electricity distribution services and provision of network material supplies to the small pacific nation of Nauru.

Leading the exciting growth stage of NETcon is newly appointed CEO Murray Wall who took up the challenge from December 2013.

The results of NETcon are consolidated into the Group for the twelve month period ending 31 March 2014.

## **ROCKGAS TIMARU LIMITED**

Alpine has a 50% interest in Rockgas Timaru Limited.

Rockgas Timaru continues to be a successful provider of LPG to South Canterbury. This creates the opportunity for energy users to consider alternative energy options, and to diversify their energy requirements with a viable alternative, particularly for space and water heating.

## **FACILITIES AND THE COMMUNITY**

As with previous years Alpine continued its active community involvement by sponsoring various facilities and events, which enhance the sporting and recreational life of the region, as well as providing personal development scholarships. Similarly to last year, in excess of 100 people benefited from personal development scholarships during the year.



## CORE INFRASTRUCTURE

In March 2014 the company re-released its Asset Management Plan (AMP) as a continuation of the AMPs released 2010 through 2013. This is a key document to Alpine and is arguably the most referred to source of information throughout the year. Not only is it used for regulatory purposes but is also cornerstone to the strategic and operational emphasis Alpine has identified looking forward.

The AMP identifies areas of significant network investment, with \$107.1million forecast over the next 10 years in network capital expenditure (capex) and \$49.7million in network operational expenditure.

The level of peak network infrastructure capex, referred to as the 'wall of wire' effect, is likely to be repeated approximately every 50 to 60 years.

## OTHER BUSINESS

The Company continues to explore opportunities beyond delivering energy to our consumers.

Of interest is the continued development and reach of renewable energy generation, particularly solar. During the previous financial year Alpine commissioned a trial solar site on the roof of its Tekapo substation. To date this site has produced 7.6MWh which at first glance might sound impressive. However, daily data shows huge volatility in its output, particularly when the sun is shielded by clouds or adverse atmospheric conditions. During the hours of low sun light and darkness production reduces to zero.

We intend to continue gathering data from the site and monitor its performance over 2014/15.

## STAFF AND BOARD

Alpine is fortunate to have a highly dedicated and competent team of people who plan, design, operate, control, and administer the Group activities.

Underpinning these activities are the Company's vision and strategic plan; and thanks is given to the Board and Management for their role in making implementation of these successful.

Directors are pleased to welcome back Alister France to the Board who was successfully re-appointed by Alpine shareholder, LineTrust South Canterbury.

## IN CONCLUSION

The Company responded well to the challenges during 2013/14, not the least of which was the unprecedented level of severe weather events.

Alpine is well prepared for continuation of reinforcing and strengthening its core network infrastructure and responding to the needs of current and future generations of South Canterbury consumers.

Alpine's balance sheet remains strong and shareholder value continues to accrue satisfactorily.

We thank you for your continued support and we look forward to completing another successful year.

Mr S.R. Thompson  
Chairman

Mr A.G. Tombs  
Chief Executive Officer



# TREND STATEMENT FOR THE GROUP

	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000	2012 \$'000	2011 \$'000	2010 \$'000
<b>FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>					
Operating Revenue	53,590	46,035	39,555	38,521	38,091
Associate Entities' Earnings	(37)	124	138	128	14
Operating Surplus before Tax	15,396	15,424	12,847	13,119	14,288
Taxation	(4,071)	(4,518)	(3,496)	(4,118)	(3,997)
Net Surplus	11,325	10,906	9,351	9,001	10,291
Shareholder Distribution	7,563	7,563	7,563	7,815	7,794
<b>FINANCIAL POSITION</b>					
Current Assets	6,306	3,827	3,500	3,515	6,376
Non-Current Assets	183,092	161,272	152,480	134,037	119,956
Total Assets	189,398	165,099	155,980	137,552	126,332
Liabilities	73,307	53,466	47,543	31,058	20,873
Net Assets	116,092	111,633	108,437	106,494	105,459
Share Capital	41,328	41,328	41,328	41,328	41,328
Retained Earnings	74,764	70,305	67,109	65,166	64,131
Equity	116,092	111,633	108,437	106,494	105,459
<b>FINANCIAL RATIOS</b>					
Net Surplus to Average Shareholders Equity	9.9%	9.9%	8.7%	8.5%	10.0%
Tangible Assets per Share	\$4.58	\$3.99	\$3.79	\$3.33	\$3.06
Earnings per Share (cents)	27.4	26.4	22.6	21.8	24.9
Dividend per Share (cents)	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.9	18.9
<b>STATISTICS</b>					
SAIDI (System Average Interruption Duration Index)	275	148	162	226	332
SAIFI (System Average Interruption Frequency Index)	2.00	1.30	1.26	1.71	2.18

**Note:** All financial figures have been prepared in accordance with NZ IFRS.



## GENERAL DISCLOSURES

### Principal Activities

The principal activity of Alpine Energy Limited (the Company) is ownership of its electricity distribution network. The Group, comprising Alpine Energy Limited and its subsidiaries (NetCon Limited and Timaru Electricity Limited) and associated entities (Rockgas Timaru Limited and On Metering Limited) also undertakes asset management and contract services.

### Review of Operations

Group Operating Revenue of \$53.59 million was achieved for the year, 16.4% greater than the previous year.

The Group Operating Surplus before tax for the year is \$15.396 million, 0.2% less than the previous year.

### Review of Financial Performance

The financial statements presented have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Policies forming part of these Financial Statements.

#### RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

	GROUP		PARENT	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Operating Surplus Before Tax	15,396	15,424	16,027	15,317
Income Tax	(4,071)	(4,518)	(4,011)	(4,412)
<b>Net Surplus after Income Tax attributable to the Shareholders</b>	<b>11,325</b>	<b>10,906</b>	<b>12,016</b>	<b>10,905</b>

## SHARE CAPITAL

Total issued and paid up capital as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 was 41,328,017 Ordinary Fully Paid Shares. There have been no movements in share capital during the year.

## DIVIDENDS

Interim dividends, each of 3.66 cents per share, were paid in September and December 2013 and March 2014.

A fully imputed final dividend of \$3.025 million will be paid on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 to all shareholders on the company's register at the close of business on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014. This dividend is included in the dividends for the year of \$7.6 million, and has been provided for.

Solvency certificates were completed in support of the interim dividend declarations on 26<sup>th</sup> September and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013 and 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014, and the final dividend solvency certificate will be submitted to Directors for approval on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014.

The interim and final dividends relating to 2013/14 represent 120.6% of the Profit from Operations for the Group, excluding customer contributions.

## RETURN ON SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND STATE OF AFFAIRS

The Group net surplus after income tax attributable to the shareholders for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 represents 9.9% return on average total shareholders equity.

The Directors are of the opinion that the state of affairs of the company is satisfactory.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Group operates under a set of corporate governance principles designed to ensure the Group is effectively managed.

### Board of Directors

The Board is the governing body of Alpine Energy Limited and currently has five members. The Board is appointed by shareholders to oversee the management of the Company and is responsible for all corporate governance matters. The Board endeavours to ensure that the activities undertaken are carried out in the best interests of all shareholders, while respecting the rights of other stakeholders. The Board met ten times during the financial year.

### Operation of the Board

The Board is responsible for the management, supervision and direction of the company. This incorporates the long-term strategic financial plan, strategic initiatives, budgets and policy framework. The Board has developed and maintains clear policies which define the individual and collective responsibilities of the Board and management.

### Audit and Risk Committee

The Audit and Risk Committee, comprising the full Board, reviews the Company's financial statements and announcements. It also liaises with the external auditors and reviews internal controls which are relevant to financial reporting and related matters. This Committee is chaired by Mr Larsen.

## DIRECTORS

### Parent

Mr S. R. Thompson (Chairman)  
Mr R. D. Ramsay  
Mr W.A. Larsen  
Mr A. J. France  
Mr W. J. Bell

### Subsidiaries

Mr S. R. Thompson (Chairman)  
Mr R. D. Ramsay  
Mr W. A. Larsen  
Mr A. J. France  
Mr W. J. Bell  
Mr M. F. Boorer

### Associates

Mr R. D. Ramsay  
Mr A. J. France  
Mr A.G. Tombs  
Mr M.F. Boorer

## DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS

The following directors of companies within the Group have declared interests in identified entities as shareholder and/or director. The declaration serves as notice that the Director may benefit from any transactions between the Company or Group and the identified entities.

Name	Name of Company/Entity	Interest
Mr S. R. Thompson	Abbey Field Construction Ltd	Shareholder
	Andgra Limited	Shareholder
	Aspiring Guides Ltd	Shareholder
	Best View Limited	Director
	Cairnmuir Road Winery Ltd	Director
	Canterbury Aluminium Ltd	Director
	Deloitte	Partner
	Deloitte Ltd	Director
	EAL Investments Ltd	Shareholder
	Ellisons Aluminium Ltd	Director
	Ellisons Aluminium Central Ltd	Director
	F.S. Investments Ltd	Director
	Integrated Contract Solutions Ltd	Director
	McKenzie Architects Limited	Shareholder
	Millenium Solutions Ltd	Director
	Minaret Resources Ltd	Director
	NetCon Limited	Chairman
	NetCon International Limited	Chairman
	OB Horn Company Ltd	Shareholder
	Prospectus Nominees	Director
Prospectus Nominees Services Ltd	Director	
Richard E. Shackleton Architects Ltd	Shareholder	
Southern Aluminium Joinery Ltd	Director	
Timaru Electricity Ltd	Chairman	
Thompson Bloodstock Ltd	Chairman	
Wanaka Bay Ltd	Director	
Westminster Resources Ltd	Director	
Whitestone Contracting Limited	Director	
Mr R. D. Ramsay	Energy Mad Ltd	Chairman
	NetCon Limited	Director
	NetCon International Limited	Director



## DIRECTORS' REPORT CONTINUED

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name of Company/Entity</b>	<b>Interest</b>
Mr R. D. Ramsay (continued)	Pukaki Airport Board	Member
	Rockgas Timaru Ltd	Director
	Salmon Smolt New Zealand Ltd	Director
Mr A. J. France	Geraldine Bus Services Trust	Chairman
	Geraldine Licensing Trust	Trustee
	Holbrook Trust	Trustee
	NetCon Limited	Director
	NetCon International Limited	Director
	The Juicy Tree Co Ltd	Director
Mr W. A. Larsen	Rockgas Timaru Ltd	Director
	Centre Port Group Ltd	Chairman
	J.M. Bostok Ltd	Director
	Larsen Consultancy Services Ltd	Principal
	NetCon Limited	Director
Mr W. J. Bell	NZAEL Limited	Chairman
	Zespri Remuneration Committee	Director/Member
Mr W. J. Bell	Bilderford Holdings Ltd	Director
	C.H.C. Properties Ltd	Director
	Golf Links Holdings Ltd	Director
	Hallenstein Glasson Group of Companies	Chairman
	Meadow Mushrooms Group of Companies	Director
	NetCon Limited	Director
	Ryman Healthcare	Director
	Sabina Ltd	Director
	Selwyn District – Rolleston Industrial Park Committee	Member
	St Georges Hospital	Chairman
Warren Bell Ltd	Director	
Mr A. G. Tombs	Smart Co	Director
Mr M. F. Boorer	Rockgas Timaru Ltd	Alternative Director
	Timaru Electricity Ltd	Director
	On Metering Ltd	Director
	Smart Co	Director
	South Canterbury District Health Board	Member

No material contracts involving Directors' interests were entered into after the end of the previous financial year or existed at the end of the financial year other than the transactions detailed in note 21 to the financial statements.

### INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Company continues to indemnify all directors named in this report against any liability to any person other than the Company or a related company for any act done or omission made in a Director's capacity as a Director of the Company, and all costs incurred in defending or settling any claim or proceedings related to such liability, unless the liability is criminal liability or liability for breach of Section 131 of the Companies Act 1993.

During the financial year the Company paid insurance premiums in respect of directors, and officers' liability insurance. The policies do not specify the premium for individual directors and executive officers.

The directors' and officers' liability insurance provides cover against all costs and expenses involved in defending legal actions and any resulting payments arising from a liability to persons (other than the Company or a related body corporate) incurred in their position as director or executive officer unless the conduct involves a wilful breach of duty or an improper use of inside information or position to gain advantage.

### DONATIONS

Donations paid during the year totalled \$13,680 (2012/2013 \$54,764).

## USE OF COMPANY INFORMATION

There were no notices from Directors of the Company requesting to use Company information received in their capacity as Directors which would not otherwise have been available to them.

## DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS FROM THE COMPANY

	Parent	Subsidiaries	Associates	Total
S.R. Thompson	80,000	-	-	80,000
R.D. Ramsay	42,000	-	1,500	43,500
W.A. Larsen	46,200	-	-	46,200
A.J. France	42,000	-	1,500	43,500
W.J. Bell	42,000	-	-	42,000
	<b>252,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>255,200</b>

Mr Boorer did not receive any remuneration directly related to the position of Director of a Subsidiary Company that he held for a period during the year.

No Director of the Company has, since the end of the previous financial year, received or become entitled to receive a benefit, (other than a benefit included in the total emoluments received or due and receivable by Directors shown in the financial statements) other than those due in the ordinary course of business.

## EMPLOYEE REMUNERATION

Details of remuneration ranges for employees of the Group are:-

Remuneration Range	Number of Employees
\$100,000-\$109,999	6
\$110,000-\$119,999	8
\$120,000-\$129,999	9
\$130,000-\$139,999	5
\$140,000-\$149,999	2
\$150,000-\$159,999	4
\$160,000-\$169,999	1
\$180,000-\$189,999	2
\$190,000-\$199,999	1
\$250,000-\$259,999	1
\$270,000-\$279,999	1
\$310,000-\$319,999	1

## AUDITORS

In accordance with Section 45 of the Energy Companies Act 1992, the Auditor-General is responsible for the audit of Alpine Energy Limited. In accordance with Section 29 of the Public Finance Act 1977, the Auditor-General has contracted the audit of Alpine Energy Limited to Mark Bramley, using the staff and resources of PricewaterhouseCoopers. The audit fee for the Group for 2013/14 is \$97,877 (2012/13 \$103,090).



Mr S. R. Thompson  
Chairman  
29 May 2014



Mr A. J. France  
Director



## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

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The Directors are responsible for ensuring that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and the Group at 31 March 2014 and their financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

The Directors consider that the financial statements of the Company and Group have been prepared using appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable judgements and estimates, and that all relevant reporting and accounting standards have been met.

The Directors believe that proper accounting records have been kept which enable, with reasonable accuracy, the determination of the financial position of the Company and Group and facilitate compliance of the financial statements with the Financial Reporting Act 1993.

The Directors consider they have taken adequate steps to safeguard the assets of the Company and Group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors have pleasure in presenting the financial statements of Alpine Energy Limited and Group for the year ended 31 March 2014.

For and on behalf of the Directors,

Mr S.R. Thompson  
Chairman

Mr A.J. France  
Director



# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

	NOTE	GROUP		PARENT	
		2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
Revenue	4	53,590	46,035	51,304	45,896
Expenses	5				
Transmission		11,871	10,765	11,871	10,765
Depreciation Amoritisation and Loss on Disposal		6,041	5,478	5,491	4,930
Contract Services		6,853	4,714	7,719	6,134
Employee Benefits		9,648	8,000	4,976	4,520
Interest		1,403	1,046	1,403	1,046
Other		2,341	732	3,818	3,184
		<u>38,157</u>	<u>30,735</u>	<u>35,277</u>	<u>30,579</u>
Operating Surplus From Continuing Activities		15,433	15,300	16,027	15,317
Share of Profit/(Loss) from Joint Ventures		(37)	124	-	-
<b>PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>		<u>15,396</u>	<u>15,424</u>	<u>16,027</u>	<u>15,317</u>
Taxation	6	4,071	4,518	4,011	4,412
<b>PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS</b>		<u>11,325</u>	<u>10,906</u>	<u>12,016</u>	<u>10,905</u>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>					
<b>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</b>					
Gain/(Loss) on Revaluation of Land And Buildings		437	156	-	-
		<u>437</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss</b>					
Gain/(Loss) on Interest Rate Swap		259	(303)	259	(303)
		<u>259</u>	<u>(303)</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>(303)</u>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		<u>12,021</u>	<u>10,759</u>	<u>12,275</u>	<u>10,602</u>



# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

	CONTRIBUTED EQUITY \$'000	OTHER RESERVES \$'000	HEDGE RESERVE \$'000	RETAINED EARNINGS \$'000	TOTAL EQUITY \$'000
<b>PARENT</b>					
Balance as at 1 April 2012	41,328	-	106	66,532	107,966
<b>Comprehensive Income</b>					
Profit from Operations	-	-	-	10,905	10,905
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	(303)	-	(303)
	-	-	(303)	10,905	10,602
<b>Transactions with Owners</b>					
Dividends	-	-	-	(7,563)	(7,563)
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2013</b>	<b>41,328</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(197)</b>	<b>69,874</b>	<b>111,005</b>
<b>Balance as at 1 April 2013</b>					
Balance as at 1 April 2013	41,328	-	(197)	69,874	111,005
<b>Comprehensive Income</b>					
Profit from Operations	-	-	-	12,016	12,016
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	259	-	259
	-	-	259	-	259
<b>Transactions with Owners</b>					
Dividends	-	-	-	(7,563)	(7,563)
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2014</b>	<b>41,328</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>74,328</b>	<b>115,718</b>
<b>GROUP</b>					
Balance as at 1 April 2012	41,328	1,702	106	65,301	108,437
<b>Comprehensive Income</b>					
Profit from Operations	-	-	-	10,906	10,906
Other Comprehensive Income	-	156	(303)	-	(147)
	-	156	(303)	10,906	10,759
<b>Transactions with Owners</b>					
Dividends	-	-	-	(7,563)	(7,563)
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2013</b>	<b>41,328</b>	<b>1,858</b>	<b>(197)</b>	<b>68,644</b>	<b>111,633</b>
<b>Balance as at 1 April 2013</b>					
Balance as at 1 April 2013	41,328	1,858	(197)	68,644	111,633
<b>Comprehensive Income</b>					
Profit from Operations	-	-	-	11,325	11,325
Other Comprehensive Income	-	437	259	-	696
	-	437	259	-	12,021
<b>Transactions with Owners</b>					
Dividends	-	-	-	(7,563)	(7,563)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2014</b>	<b>41,328</b>	<b>2,295</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>72,408</b>	<b>116,092</b>



## BALANCE SHEETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2014

	NOTE	GROUP		PARENT	
		2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
<b>EQUITY</b>					
Share Capital	7	41,328	41,328	41,328	41,328
Reserves		2,356	1,661	62	(197)
Retained Earnings		72,408	68,644	74,328	69,874
<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		<b>116,092</b>	<b>111,633</b>	<b>115,718</b>	<b>111,005</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash and Cash Equivalents		655	111	540	-
Trade and Other Receivables	8	4,598	2,621	2,559	1,917
Inventories		948	825	-	-
Work In Progress		105	270	-	-
Tax Prepaid		587	-	682	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>6,893</b>	<b>3,827</b>	<b>3,780</b>	<b>1,917</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Bank Overdraft		-	-	-	3
Trade and Other Payables	9	6,669	6,421	7,461	7,191
Employee Entitlements		1,338	1,281	533	461
Dividends Payable		3,025	3,025	3,025	3,025
Tax Payable		-	769	-	607
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>11,032</b>	<b>11,496</b>	<b>11,018</b>	<b>11,287</b>
<b>NET WORKING CAPITAL</b>		<b>(4,139)</b>	<b>(7,669)</b>	<b>(7,238)</b>	<b>(9,370)</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Investments in Subsidiary	11	-	-	30	30
Investments Accounted for Using the Equity Method	12	56	292	5	5
Property, Plant and Equipment	13	180,337	160,756	173,761	154,558
Investment Property	14	-	-	6,030	5,330
Intangible Assets	15	192	224	157	176
Related Party Loan	10	2,507	-	6,593	2,644
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>183,092</b>	<b>161,272</b>	<b>186,576</b>	<b>162,743</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Net Deferred Tax	6	18,595	16,709	19,353	17,108
Interest Rate Swap	19	(62)	197	(62)	197
Loans	16	44,329	25,064	44,329	25,064
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>62,862</b>	<b>41,970</b>	<b>63,620</b>	<b>42,369</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>116,092</b>	<b>111,633</b>	<b>115,718</b>	<b>111,005</b>



# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014

	NOTES	GROUP		PARENT	
		2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>					
Cash was provided from:					
Receipts from customers		52,030	45,076	50,371	45,650
Interest Received		4	25	174	174
		<b>52,034</b>	<b>45,101</b>	<b>50,545</b>	<b>45,824</b>
Cash was applied to:					
Payments to suppliers		(30,816)	(20,994)	(28,094)	(20,956)
Income Tax Paid		(3,289)	(2,300)	(3,054)	(2,159)
Net GST Paid		(226)	349	(32)	(47)
Interest Paid		(1,403)	(1,046)	(1,403)	(1,046)
		<b>(35,734)</b>	<b>(23,991)</b>	<b>(32,583)</b>	<b>(24,208)</b>
<b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	18	<b>16,300</b>	<b>21,110</b>	<b>17,962</b>	<b>21,616</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>					
Cash was provided from:					
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		387	37	377	27
Dividends Received		200	100	200	100
Cash was applied to:					
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment		(25,538)	(14,233)	(25,747)	(14,599)
Investment in Associated Entities		(2,507)	-	(3,950)	-
<b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>(27,458)</b>	<b>(14,096)</b>	<b>(29,120)</b>	<b>(14,472)</b>
<b>CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>					
Cash was provided from:					
Loan from Bank		19,265	(90)	19,265	(90)
Repayment of Loan to Subsidiary		-	-	-	1,085
Cash was applied to:					
Dividend Paid		(7,563)	(7,563)	(7,563)	(7,563)
<b>CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>11,702</b>	<b>(7,653)</b>	<b>11,702</b>	<b>(6,568)</b>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD</b>		<b>544</b>	<b>(639)</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>576</b>
Add opening cash brought forward		111	750	(3)	(579)
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR</b>		<b>655</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>(3)</b>



## 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Alpine Energy Limited (the Company), and its subsidiaries and associates (together the Group) is the owner of an electricity distribution network, and also undertakes assets management contracting services.

The Company is a limited liability company incorporated and domiciled in New Zealand. The address of its registered office is 31 Meadows Road, Washdyke, Timaru.

These consolidated financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 29 May 2014.

## 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand. They comply with the New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS), the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and other applicable Financial Reporting Standards, as appropriate for profit oriented entities.

### (a) Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements of the group have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in New Zealand ('NZ GAAP'). They comply with New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards ('NZ IFRS') and other applicable Financial Reporting Standards, as applicable for profit-oriented entities. The consolidated financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS').

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the periods presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### *Entities reporting*

The financial statements for the 'Parent' are for Alpine Energy Limited as a separate legal entity. The consolidated financial statements for the 'Group' are for the economic entity comprising Alpine Energy Limited, its subsidiaries and associates. The Company and Group are designated as profit oriented entities for financial reporting purposes.

#### *Statutory base*

Alpine Energy Limited is a company registered under the Companies Act 1993.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Reporting Act 1993 and the Companies Act 1993.

#### *Functional and presentation currency*

The Company's and Group's financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars, which is the Company's and Group's functional and presentation currency.

#### *Historical cost convention*

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets as identified in specific accounting policies below.

### (b) Critical accounting estimates and judgements in applying the entity's accounting policies

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with NZ IFRS requires management to make certain critical accounting estimates and judgements that affect the application of policies and reported amount of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions have been based on historical experience and other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. These estimates and judgements formed the basis for making judgements about the carrying values of assets and liabilities, where these are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying judgements are regularly reviewed. Any changes to estimates are recognised in the period if the change affects that period, or in future periods if the change also affects future periods.

In the process of applying the Company's and Group's accounting policies, management has made the following estimates and judgements that have had the most significant impact on the amounts recognised in these financial statements:

#### *Bamyan Renewable Energy Project Partnership*

No profit share accrual was recognised in the current or prior year due to uncertainty over the remaining costs and final expected profits.

#### *Joint arrangements*

Alpine Energy holds 50% of the voting rights of its joint arrangement. The group has joint control over this arrangement as under the contractual agreements, unanimous consent is required from all parties to the agreements for all relevant activities.

The group's joint arrangement is structured as a limited company and provides the group and the parties to the agreements with rights to the net assets of the limited company under the arrangements. Therefore, this arrangement is classified as a joint venture.

#### *Investment property valuation*

Investment property valuations are based on fair values determined using market evidence. Refer to note 14 for further details on the assumptions and judgements used in determining the fair value of this asset.

#### *Meters*

The useful life of the legacy meters has been shortened to allow for the change to a new smart meters. The depreciation has been accelerated to reflect this change.

#### *Property, Plant and Equipment*

Network reticulation assets' depreciation rates in the ODV Handbook issued by the Commerce Commission in 2004.



## 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### (c) Principles of consolidation

#### (i) Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of all subsidiaries of Alpine Energy Limited as at 31 March 2014 and the results of all subsidiaries for the year then ended. Alpine Energy Limited and its subsidiaries together are referred to in these financial statements as the Group or the consolidated entity. Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the group has control. The group controls an entity when the group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases. The purchase method of accounting is used to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries by the Group. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange. Acquisition related costs are expensed as incurred. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date, irrespective of the extent of any minority interest. The excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the cost of acquisition is less than the Group's share of the fair value of the identifiable net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognised directly in the income statement. Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between subsidiary companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of the impairment of the asset transferred.

Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

#### (ii) Joint Arrangements

The group has applied NZ IFRS 11 to all joint arrangements as of 1 April 2013. Under NZ IFRS 11 investments in joint arrangements are classified as either joint operations or joint ventures depending on the contractual rights and obligations of each investor. Alpine Energy Ltd has assessed the nature of its joint arrangement and determined them to be joint ventures. Joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method.

Under the equity method of accounting, interests in joint venture are initially recognised at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognise the group's share of the post-acquisition profits or losses and movements in other in other comprehensive income. When the group's share of losses in a joint venture equals or exceeds its interests in the joint ventures (which includes any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the group's net investment in the joint ventures), the group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the joint ventures.

Unrealised gains on transactions between the group and its joint ventures are eliminated to the extent of the group's interest in the joint ventures. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of the joint ventures have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the group. This has been applied from 1 April 2013.

The Group only has one joint venture as at 31 March 2014 and this arrangement was entered into during the current financial year. The accounting policy is therefore not applicable to previous years.

### (d) Revenue recognition

Revenue comprises the fair value, of consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and services, excluding Goods and Services Tax, rebates and discounts and after eliminating sales within the Group. Revenue is recognised when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured and it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity and when specific criteria have been met for each of the group's activities as described below.

#### (i) Sales of goods

Sales of goods are recognised when a Group entity has delivered a product to the customer. Retail sales are usually in cash or by bank transfer. The recorded revenue is the gross amount of sale.

#### (ii) Sales of services

Sales of services are recognised 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.

#### (iii) Interest income

Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method. When a receivable is impaired, the Group reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounted at original effective interest rate of the instrument, and continues unwinding the discount as interest income. Interest income on impaired loans is recognised using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss.

#### (iv) Construction contracting

Contract revenue and expenses related to individual construction contracts are recognised on completion of each contract on a monthly basis.

#### (v) Rental income

Rental income is recognised on an accruals basis in accordance with the substance of the relevant agreements.

#### (vi) Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

#### (vii) Grants

Assets constructed for which a government grant is received are recorded net of the grant. Grants received are recognised in the Income Statement when the requirements under the grant agreement have been met. Any grants for which the requirements under the grant agreement have not been completed are carried as liabilities until all the conditions have been fulfilled.

### (e) Capital and operating expenditure

Capital expenditure relates to expenditure incurred in the creation of a new asset and expenditure incurred on existing reticulation system assets to the extent the system is enhanced.

Operating expenditure is that expenditure incurred in maintaining and operating the property, plant and equipment and investment properties of the Group.



## 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### (f) Taxation

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the income statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date in the countries where the company's subsidiaries and associate's operate and generate taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred income tax is recognised, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated 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 other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

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

Deferred income tax is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and associates, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Company and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income taxes assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the taxable entity or different entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

### (g) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The Statement of Comprehensive Income has been prepared so that all components are stated exclusive of GST. All items in the Balance Sheet are stated net of GST, with the exception of receivables and payables, which include GST invoiced.

### (h) Leases

#### (i) *The Group is the lessee*

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

#### (ii) *The Group is the lessor*

Assets leased to third parties under operating leases are included in property, plant and equipment in the balance sheet. They are depreciated over their expected useful lives on a basis consistent with similar owned property, plant and equipment. Rental income (net of any incentives given to lessees) is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

### (i) Impairment of non financial assets

Assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life including goodwill, are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment irrespective of whether any circumstances identifying a possible impairment have been identified. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash generating units). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

### (j) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the Balance Sheet.

### (k) Trade receivables

Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less provision for doubtful debts. Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. A provision for doubtful receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate. The amount of the provision is recognised in the income statement.

### (l) Investments and other financial assets

The Group classifies its financial assets in the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held to maturity investments and available for sale financial assets. The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at the initial recognition and re-evaluates this designation at every reporting date.

#### (i) *Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss*

This category has two sub categories: financial assets held for trading, and those designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so designated by management. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Assets in this category are classified as current assets if they are either held for trading or are expected to be realised within 12 months of the balance sheet date.



## 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### (ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the Group provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of selling the receivable. They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date which are classified as non-current assets. The Group's loans and receivables comprise 'trade and other receivables', 'cash and cash equivalents', and 'other investments' in the balance sheet.

### (iii) Held to maturity investments

Held to maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the Group's management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity.

### (iv) Available for sale financial assets

Available for sale financial assets are non derivatives that are either designated in this category or not classified in any other categories. They are included in non current assets unless management intends to dispose of the investment within 12 months of the balance sheet date.

### Recognition and Measurement

Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade-date - the date on which the group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs for all financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value, and transaction costs are expensed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Available-for-sale financial assets and financial assets at fair value through profit and loss are subsequently carried at fair value. Loans and receivables are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' category are presented in the income statement within 'other (losses)/gains-net' in the period in which they arise. Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through the profit or loss is recognised in the income statement as part of other income when the groups right to receive payments is established.

### Impairment

The Group assesses at each balance sheet date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

The criteria that the group uses to determine that there is objective evidence of an impairment loss include:

- Significant financial difficulty of the issuer or obligor;
- A breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments.
- It becomes probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation.

The group first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists.

The amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced and the amount of the loss is recognised in the consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income. If a loan or held-to-maturity investment has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract. As a practical expedient, the group may measure impairment on the basis of an instrument's fair value using an observable market price.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised (such as an improvement in the debtors credit rating), the reversal of the previously recognised impairment loss is recognised in the consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

### (m) Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the respective functional currencies of Group entities at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are retranslated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at that date. Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognised in the profit or loss. Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the statement of comprehensive income with 'finance income' or cost. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented within 'other (losses)/gains-net'.

### (n) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of weighted average cost and net realisable value.

### (o) Contract work in progress

Contract work in progress is stated at cost less amounts invoiced to customers. Cost includes all expenses directly related to specific contracts.

### (p) Investment properties

Investment property, principally comprising freehold office buildings, is held for long term rental yields and is not occupied by the group. Investment property is carried at fair value, representing open market value determined annually by external valuers. Fair value is based on active market prices, adjusted, if necessary, for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. If the information is not available, the group uses alternative valuation methods such as recent prices on less active markets or discounted cash flow projections. These valuations are approved annually by G.A. Morton. Changes in fair values are recorded in the income statement as part of other income.



## 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### (p) Investment properties (continued)

Land held under operating lease is classified and accounted for as an investment property when the rest of the definition is met. The operating lease is accounted for as if it were a finance lease.

### (q) Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment (except land and buildings) is stated at historical cost less depreciation and impairment. Land and buildings are recorded at the revalued net current value resulting from revaluations carried out annually by a registered valuer. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. Carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited to other reserves in shareholders' equity. Decreases that offset previous increases are charged against other reserves directly in equity; all other decreases are charged to the income statement. Each year the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the asset charged to the income statement and depreciation based on the assets' original cost is transferred from 'other reserves' to 'retained earnings.'

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation of property, plant and equipment is calculated using Straight Line method so as to expense the cost of the assets to their residual values over their estimated useful lives. The rates are as follows:

• Reticulation system	1.4%	-	10.0%
• Meters and Relays	6.67%	-	15.0%
• Plant and Equipment	7.5%	-	50.0%

The assets' residual value and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted if appropriate at each balance sheet date. Capital work in progress is not depreciated until commissioned.

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.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

When revalued assets are sold, the amounts included in other reserves are transferred to retained earnings.

### (r) Intangible assets

#### *Software costs*

Software costs have a finite useful life. Software costs are capitalised and written off over the useful economic life of 2 to 5 years. Software costs are amortised on a Straight Line basis.

Costs associated with developing or maintaining computer software programs are recognised as an expense as incurred. Costs that are directly associated with the production of identifiable and unique software products controlled by the Group, and that will probably generate economic benefits exceeding costs beyond one year, are recognised as intangible assets. Direct costs include the costs of software development employees and an appropriate portion of relevant overheads.

#### *Easements*

Assets sited on easements will normally be renewed at the end of their economic life in the same location that they are currently housed. On this basis the easement itself has an infinite life. Easements are recorded at cost and are tested annually for any sign of impairment and whenever there is an indicator of impairment.

### (s) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. Trade and other payables are recognised at fair value.

### (t) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the 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 balance sheet date.

### (u) Share Capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

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

### (v) Provisions

Provisions for legal claims, service warranties and rental obligations are recognised when the Group has a present legal or the constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses. Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised 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.



## 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### (w) Employee benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave, and accumulating sick leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in other payables in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Liabilities for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken and measured at the rates paid or payable. The liability for employee entitlements is carried at the present value of the estimated future cash flows.

### (x) Dividends

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

### (y) Reserves and retained earnings

#### *Cash flow hedging reserve*

The hedging reserve is used to record gains or losses on a hedging instrument in a cash flow hedge that is recognised directly in equity. The amounts are recognised in profit and loss when the associated hedged transaction affects profit and loss.

#### *Revaluation reserve*

The revaluation reserve is used to recognise the movements in fair value of property, plant and equipment.

### (z) New standards first applied in the period

The group has adopted External Reporting Board Standard A1 Accounting Standards Framework (For-profit Entities Update) (XRB A1). XRB A1 establishes a for-profit tier structure and outlines which suite of accounting standards entities in different tiers must follow. The group is a Tier 1 entity. There was no impact on the current or prior year financial statements.

### (aa) New and amended standards adopted by the group

The following standards have been adopted by the group for the first time for the financial year beginning 1 April 2013 and have a material impact on the group.

- **Amendment to NZ IAS 1, 'Financial statement presentation'** regarding other comprehensive income. The main change resulting from these amendments is a requirement for entities to group items presented in 'other comprehensive income' (OCI) on the basis of whether they are potentially reclassifiable to profit or loss subsequently (reclassification adjustments).
- **NZ IFRS 10, 'Consolidated financial statements'** building on existing principles by identifying the concept of control as the determining factor in whether an entity should be included within the consolidated financial statements of the parent company. The standard provides additional guidance to assist in the determination of control where this is difficult to assess. The Group has assessed their ownership interests in their investments and reconsidered the control over all entities within the Group structure. No changes to the consolidation of the entities were made as a result.
- **NZ IFRS 11, 'Joint arrangements'** focuses on the rights and obligations of the parties to the arrangement rather than its legal form. There are two types of joint arrangements: joint operations and joint ventures. Joint operations arise where the investors have rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities of an arrangement. A joint operator accounts for its share of the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses. Joint ventures arise where the investors have rights to the net assets of the arrangement; joint ventures are accounted for under the equity method. Proportional consolidation of joint arrangements is no longer permitted. The Group has assessed the control that it has over its investments and it has been determined that both Rockgas and On Metering are joint ventures under the new requirements.
- **NZ IFRS 12, 'Disclosures of interests in other entities'** includes the disclosure requirements for all forms of interests in other entities, including joint arrangements, associates, structured entities and other off balance sheet vehicles. Additional disclosures as required were included.
- **NZ IFRS 13, 'Fair value measurement'**, aims to improve consistency and reduce complexity by providing a precise definition of fair value and a single source of fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for use across IFRSs. The requirements, which are largely aligned between IFRSs and US GAAP, do not extend the use of fair value accounting but provide guidance on how it should be applied where its use is already required or permitted by other standards within NZ IFRSs. Adoption of this standard has resulted in a number of additional disclosures in the financial statements but has not resulted in any material measurement changes.

### (ab) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

The Company only adopts new accounting standards once they have been issued and are effective.

A number of new standards and amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 April 2013, and have not been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements. None of these are expected to have a significant effect on the consolidated financial statements of the Group, except the following set out below:

- **NZ IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments'**, addresses the classification, measurement and recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities. NZ IFRS 9 was issued in November 2009 and October 2010. It replaces the parts of NZ IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement that relates to the classification and measurement of financial instruments. NZ IFRS 9 requires financial assets to be classified into two measurement categories: those measured as at fair value and those measured at amortised cost. The determination is made at initial recognition. The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing its financial instruments and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the instrument. For financial liabilities, the standard retains most of the NZ IAS 39 requirements. The main change is that, in cases where the fair value option is taken for financial liabilities, the part of a fair value change due to an entity's own credit risk is recorded in other comprehensive income rather than the income statement, unless this creates an accounting mismatch. The group is yet to assess NZ IFRS 9's full impact. The group will also consider the impact of the remaining phases of NZ IFRS 9 when completed by the Board.



### 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk management is carried out by management under policies approved by the Board of Directors. Management identifies and evaluates relevant financial risks and acts to manage these risks where possible within the parameters set out by the Board of Directors. The Board provides written principles for overall risk management as well as policies covering specific areas, such as foreign exchange risk and credit risk.

#### (a) Market risk

##### (i) Foreign exchange risk

The Group's revenue is denominated in New Zealand, Australian and US dollars. The Group may from time to time purchase assets denominated in foreign currency. Board approval is required for foreign currency denominated contracts valued above a specified threshold, together with a recommendation on the manner in which the foreign currency exposure is to be managed, which may include the use of foreign exchange contracts.

##### (ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The Group has an interest rate risk relating to bank borrowings that are on floating interest rates, exposing it to the risk that rising interest rates will increase its interest expense and hence reduce its profitability. The Group operates under the following policy which prescribes the proportion of fixed interest rate cover that it must hold in relation to its future borrowings. This proportion is calculated based on the actual fixed rate cover held and the forecast debt levels. The Group will have various interest rate financial instruments to manage exposure to fluctuations in interest rates. Any resulting differential to be paid or received on the instruments is recognized as a component of interest paid.

The following framework is utilised by the Group to determine the proportion of fixed rate interest rate cover it must hold.

Hedging profile		
Period	Minimum Cover	Maximum Cover
0 to 1 year	25%	75%
1 - 3 years	35%	75%
3 - 5 years	35%	75%

The Board will determine the maximum and minimum percentages for each time period. Board approval is required for borrowings, together with a recommendation on the manner in which the interest rate risk is to be managed. The Group has no cash on deposit.

#### (b) Credit risk

Credit risk is managed on a Group basis. Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents and deposits with banks, as well as credit exposures to customers, including outstanding receivables and committed transactions. General financial reserves of the Group may be invested with any bank registered under New Zealand law, or in government or local government stock, or with financial institutions holding a formal credit rating by Standard and Poors or Moody's of an "A" or better, or financial institutions that provide well supported first ranking security. Funds will be invested only for periods of time which reflect the projected cash flow requirements of the Group. The maximum investment in any one financial institution shall not exceed a sum equivalent to 5% of the Group's total assets, as disclosed in the statement of financial position published in the preceding annual report of the Group. Credit risk associated with trade receivables is limited through retailer invoicing for line and metering charges rather than individual consumer invoicing for line and metering charges. Credit is also limited with trade receivables by the requirement of a 50% up front payment of the customer contribution for new connections before work is started.

#### (c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk management has the objective of maintaining sufficient cash and the availability of funding through an adequate amount of credit facilities to meet the short and long term commitments of the Group as they arise in an orderly manner. Management monitors rolling forecasts of the Group's liquidity requirements on the basis of expected cash flow. The Board of Directors approves all new borrowing facilities.

	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
External funding arrangements		
Overdraft facility - BNZ	500	500
<b>Long Term Funding</b>		
<i>Maturing greater than 12 months</i>		
Flexible Credit Facility (ANZ)	30,000	15,000
Money Market Line (ANZ)	14,329	10,064

#### (d) Fair value estimation

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities must be estimated for recognition and measurement or for disclosure purposes. The value of any financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. The Group uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each balance date. Refer to notes 14 and 19.

#### (e) Capital risk management

The Group's objective when managing capital (which comprises share capital plus retained earnings) is to safe guard the ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns to shareholders, consumers, and other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders.

During 2014, the group's strategy, which was unchanged from 2013, was to maintain the Shareholders Equity to Total Asset ratio to be greater than 50%.

The Group is subject to the following externally imposed capital requirements, which are measured at balance date. They relate to bank covenants within the Company's external debt facility.



### 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

#### (e) Capital risk management (continued)

	GROUP		PARENT	
	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
Tangible Assets	189,459	164,902	189,737	164,463
Total Equity	116,092	111,632	115,717	111,005
<b>Shareholders Equity to Total Assets</b>	<b>61.3%</b>	<b>67.7%</b>	<b>61.0%</b>	<b>67.5%</b>
EBIT	16,799	16,470	17,430	16,363
Interest Cost	1,403	1,046	1,403	1,046
<b>Interest Cover</b>	<b>12:1</b>	<b>16:1</b>	<b>12:1</b>	<b>16:1</b>

The decrease in the ratio during 2014 resulted primarily from increased Capital expenditure financed from Loans.

$\frac{\text{Shareholders' Investment}}{\text{Total Tangible Assets}} \times 100 \geq 50\%$

$\frac{\text{EBIT}}{\text{Interest Costs}} \geq 3.0$

### 4 REVENUE

Network Lines Revenue	42,866	39,231	42,866	39,396
Meter Revenue	1,846	1,691	1,846	1,691
Contracting Revenue	3,498	2,243	469	1,405
Interest	4	34	174	184
Customer Contributions	5,055	2,711	5,055	2,711
Sundry	321	125	366	224
Dividends	-	-	200	100
Revaluation of Investment Property	14	-	329	185
	<b>53,590</b>	<b>46,035</b>	<b>51,304</b>	<b>45,896</b>

### 5 EXPENSES

Audit Fee	98	103	56	63
Auditor's Other Services	53	49	46	31
- Non-assurance services				
- Information Disclosure Audit				
- Threshold Compliance Audit				
Directors Fees	255	257	255	158
Bad Debts Written Off	20	17	20	17
Donations	14	55	10	40
Rent	23	4	23	4
Interest Expense	1,403	1,046	1,403	1,046
Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment				
Network Reticulation System	3,953	3,678	3,959	3,682
Meters and Relays	728	296	728	296
Land and Buildings	50	44	50	44
Fibre	147	147	147	147
Plant and Equipment	735	681	213	155
<b>TOTAL DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>5,613</b>	<b>4,846</b>	<b>5,097</b>	<b>4,324</b>
Amortisation	127	94	93	68
Loss on Disposal of PPE	302	538	302	538
<b>TOTAL DEPRECIATION, AMORTISATION AND IMPAIRMENT</b>	<b>6,042</b>	<b>5,478</b>	<b>5,492</b>	<b>4,930</b>



**6 TAXATION**

	<b>GROUP</b>		<b>PARENT</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Operating Surplus Before Income Tax	15,396	15,424	16,027	15,317
Taxation @ 28 Cents	4,311	4,319	4,488	4,289
<i>Movement in Income Tax Due to:</i>				
<b>Non Deferred Tax Differences</b>				
Non Assessable Income	(386)	1	(353)	(62)
Non Deductible Expenses	285	25	16	12
Prior Period Adjustments	(139)	173	(140)	173
<b>Tax Expense for Period</b>	<b>4,071</b>	<b>4,518</b>	<b>4,011</b>	<b>4,412</b>
<b>Made up of:</b>				
Income Tax Liability in Respect of Current Year	2,066	3,081	1,752	2,766
Prior Period Current Tax Adjustment	13	62	14	62
Prior Period Deferred Tax Adjustment	(152)	-	(154)	-
Deferred Taxation	2,144	1,375	2,399	1,584
	<b>4,071</b>	<b>4,518</b>	<b>4,011</b>	<b>4,412</b>

The tax (charge)/credit relating to components of other comprehensive income is as follows:

Gain/(Loss) on Revaluation of Land And Buildings Before Tax	329	185	-	-
The Tax (Charge)/Credit On Revaluation of Land And Buildings	107	(29)	-	-
Gain/(Loss) on Revaluation of Land And Buildings After Tax	<b>436</b>	<b>156</b>	-	-
Gain/(Loss) on Interest Rate Swap Before Tax	259	(303)	259	(303)
The Tax (Charge)/Credit on Interest Rate Swap	-	-	-	-
Gain/(Loss) on Interest Rate Swap After Tax	<b>259</b>	<b>(303)</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>(303)</b>

**Imputation Credit Account Group and Parent**

Opening Balance	2,987	3,426	2,267	3,008
Prior Period Adjustment				
Income Tax Paid/Payable	3,368	2,161	3,054	2,161
Income Tax Refunded/Refundable	(682)	-	(682)	-
Imputation Credits Received	49	341	49	39
Imputation Credits allocated to Dividends in the Year	(4,119)	(2,941)	(4,119)	(2,941)
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>1,603</b>	<b>2,987</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>2,267</b>

**Deferred Tax**

The analysis of Deferred Tax Assets and Deferred Tax Liabilities is as follows:

Deferred Tax Assets				
- Deferred Tax Assets to be Recovered After More than 12 Months	814	619	288	314
- Deferred Tax Assets to be Recovered Within 12 Months	140	128	140	128
Deferred Tax Liabilities				
- Deferred Tax Liability to be Recovered After More than 12 Months	(19,491)	(17,291)	(19,723)	(17,385)
- Deferred Tax Liability to be Recovered Within 12 Months	(58)	(165)	(58)	(165)
<b>DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES (NET)</b>	<b>(18,595)</b>	<b>(16,709)</b>	<b>(19,353)</b>	<b>(17,108)</b>

The gross movement on the Deferred Income Tax Account is as follows:

At 1 April	(16,709)	(15,306)	(17,108)	(15,513)
Tax (charge)/credit Relating to Components of Comprehensive Income	(1,992)	(1,375)	(2,245)	(1,595)
Tax (charge)/credited directly to equity	106	(28)	-	-
<b>AS AT 31 MARCH</b>	<b>(18,595)</b>	<b>(16,709)</b>	<b>(19,353)</b>	<b>(17,108)</b>

**6 TAXATION (CONTINUED)**

The Movement in Deferred Income Tax Assets and Liabilities during the year without taking into consideration the offsetting of balances within the same tax jurisdiction, is as follows:

**PARENT**

<b>Deferred Tax Liabilities</b>	<b>Accelerated Tax</b>	
	<b>Depreciation</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
At 1 April 2012	(15,961)	(15,961)
Charged/(Credited) to the Statement of Comprehensive Income	(1,590)	(1,590)
<b>At 31 March 2013</b>	<b>(17,551)</b>	<b>(17,551)</b>
Charged/(Credited) to the Statement of Comprehensive Income	(2,231)	(2,231)
<b>At 31 March 2014</b>	<b>(19,782)</b>	<b>(19,782)</b>
<b>Deferred Tax Assets</b>	<b>Provisions</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
At 1 April 2012	448	448
Charged/(Credited) to the Statement of Comprehensive Income	(6)	(6)
<b>At 31 March 2013</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>442</b>
Charged/(Credited) to the Statement of Comprehensive Income	(14)	(14)
<b>At 31 March 2014</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>428</b>

**GROUP**

<b>Deferred Tax Liabilities</b>	<b>Accelerated Tax</b>	
	<b>Depreciation</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
At 1 April 2012	(15,933)	(15,933)
Charged/(Credited) to the Statement of Comprehensive Income	(1,524)	(1,524)
<b>At 31 March 2013</b>	<b>(17,457)</b>	<b>(17,457)</b>
Charged/(Credited) to the Statement of Comprehensive Income	(2,199)	(2,199)
Charged/(Credited) to the Statement of Changes in Equity	106	106
<b>At 31 March 2014</b>	<b>(19,550)</b>	<b>(19,550)</b>
<b>Deferred Tax Assets</b>	<b>Provisions</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
At 1 April 2012	627	627
Charged/(Credited) to the Statement of Comprehensive Income	120	120
<b>At 31 March 2013</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>747</b>
Charged/(Credited) to the Statement of Comprehensive Income	207	207
<b>At 31 March 2014</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>954</b>

**7 SHARE CAPITAL**

Paid Up Capital: 41,328,017 Ordinary Shares. The shares have a value of \$1.00 per share. There are no unpaid or uncalled shares. All shares rank equally for voting rights and dividend distributions.

The Company is owned as follows:	No. of Shares	
Timaru District Holdings Limited	19,630,808	47.50%
Waimate District Council	3,116,132	7.54%
Mackenzie District Council	2,049,870	4.96%
LineTrust South Canterbury	16,531,207	40.00%
	<b>41,328,017</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

There were no changes in shareholdings during the year.



**8 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

	GROUP		PARENT	
	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
The balance of Accounts Receivable comprises:				
Trade Receivables	3,524	2,567	2,492	1,935
Provision for Doubtful Debts	(25)	(81)	(25)	(81)
Prepayments	78	105	44	73
Accruals	(32)	(38)	7	(13)
Due by Other Related Parties	285	50	-	-
Due by Joint Arrangements	41	3	41	3
Due by Shareholders District Councils	18	15	-	-
Derivative Financial Instruments	120	-	-	-
Loan Due by Other Related Parties	589	-	-	-
<b>BALANCE AT END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>4,598</b>	<b>2,621</b>	<b>2,559</b>	<b>1,917</b>
Trade receivables less than 90 days old	3,288	2,253	2,485	1,789
Trade receivables greater than 90 days old	581	382	49	149
	<b>3,868</b>	<b>2,635</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>1,938</b>
Trade receivables which are neither past due nor impaired	2,514	2,238	2,433	1,774
Trade receivables which are past due and not impaired	1,355	301	101	68
	<b>3,868</b>	<b>2,539</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>1,842</b>

**9 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

The balance of Accounts Payable comprises:				
Trade Payables	2,885	3,737	4,117	4,900
Balance Date Accruals	984	491	544	97
Capital Contributions in Advance	478	2,181	478	2,181
Due by Associated Entities	2,296	-	2,296	-
Due by Shareholders District Councils	26	13	26	13
<b>BALANCE AT END OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>6,669</b>	<b>6,421</b>	<b>7,461</b>	<b>7,191</b>

**10 RELATED PARTY LOAN**

Shareholder loan to On Metering has no fixed term and is not subject to interest.

Shareholder Loan to NetCon Limited	-	-	4,086	2,644
Shareholder Loan to On Metering	2,375	-	2,375	-
Shareholder Loan to SmartCo	132	-	132	-
<b>Balance at End of the Year</b>	<b>2,507</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,593</b>	<b>2,644</b>

**11 INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARIES**

Subsidiary	Interest Held	Balance Date	Principal Activity	
Timaru Electricity Limited	100%	31 March	Non-trading	
NetCon Limited	100%	31 March	Lines Construction & Maintenance	

Investment	PARENT	
	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
<i>Timaru Electricity Limited</i>		
Shares	4,036	4,036
Advances	-	-
Less Provision against Value of Advance	(4,036)	(4,036)
	-	-
<i>NetCon Limited</i>		
Shares	30	30
Advances	4,086	2,644
	<b>4,116</b>	<b>2,674</b>

NetCon International Limited, a wholly-owned Subsidiary of NetCon Limited, has a 30% share of a Partnership with SESI International (2011) Limited to construct a Solar Power Project in Barnyan City in Afghanistan. The project is being funded by the New Zealand Government through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The Partnership is accounted for as an associate investment. Given the stage of completion of the project, and therefore the uncertainty as to the eventual profit or loss under the contract, no profit has been recognised within the partnership in the current year.



**12 INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR USING THE EQUITY METHOD**

Joint Ventures include: Rockgas Timaru Limited <b>2013</b>	Interest Held 50%	Balance Date 31 March	Principal Activity Sale of LPG Gas		
	<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>PROFIT</b>	
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	
Rockgas Timaru Limited <b>2014</b>	804	220	2,026	248	
Rockgas Timaru Limited	653	252	2,121	223	
			<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	
			<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	
Opening Balance			292	270	
Share of Profit/(Loss)			111	124	
Prior Period Adjustment			1	(2)	
Dividends Received			(200)	(100)	
<b>Closing Balance</b>			<b>204</b>	<b>292</b>	
Represented as:					
Shares			5	5	
Retained Earnings			199	287	
			<b>204</b>	<b>292</b>	

On Metering Limited is a joint venture to install advanced meters in the Mainpower network area in North Canterbury. On Metering Limited is owned by Alpine Energy Limited (50%) and Network Tasman Limited (50%) and formed on 06 June 2013.

On Metering Limited <b>2014</b>	50%	31 March	Electricity Meter Leasing Company		
On Metering Limited		4,663	4,959	-	(296)
			<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	
			<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	
Opening Balance					
Share of Profit/(Loss)			(148)	-	
Prior Period Adjustment					
Dividends Received			-	-	
<b>Closing Balance</b>			<b>(148)</b>	<b>-</b>	
Represented as:					
Shares			-	-	
Retained Earnings			(148)	-	
			<b>(148)</b>	<b>-</b>	

**13 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

	<b>NETWORK RETICULATION SYSTEM \$'000</b>	<b>METERS AND RELAYS \$'000</b>	<b>LAND AND BUILDINGS \$'000</b>	<b>FIBRE \$'000</b>	<b>PLANT AND EQUIPMENT \$'000</b>	<b>TOTAL \$'000</b>
<b>PARENT</b>						
<b>Year Ended 31 March 2013</b>						
Opening Net Book Amount	139,176	2,091	-	3,428	562	145,257
Additions	13,519	405	-	-	263	14,187
Disposals	(569)	-	-	-	(37)	(606)
Depreciation Charge	(3,682)	(296)	-	(147)	(155)	(4,280)
<b>CLOSING NET BOOK AMOUNT</b>	<b>148,444</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,281</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>154,558</b>
<b>At 31 March 2013</b>						
Cost	183,568	4,967	-	3,611	3,215	195,362
Accumulated Depreciation	(35,124)	(2,768)	-	(330)	(2,581)	(40,804)
<b>NET BOOK AMOUNT</b>	<b>148,444</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,281</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>154,558</b>



**13 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)**

	<b>NETWORK RETICULATION SYSTEM \$'000</b>	<b>METERS AND RELAYS \$'000</b>	<b>LAND AND BUILDINGS \$'000</b>	<b>FIBRE \$'000</b>	<b>PLANT AND EQUIPMENT \$'000</b>	<b>TOTAL \$'000</b>
<b>PARENT</b>						
<b>Year Ended 31 March 2014</b>						
Opening Net Book Amount	148,444	2,200	-	3,281	633	154,558
Additions	24,055	9	-	-	864	24,928
Disposals	(678)	-	-	-	-	(678)
Depreciation Charge	(3,959)	(728)	-	(147)	(213)	(5,047)
<b>CLOSING NET BOOK AMOUNT</b>	<b>167,862</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,134</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>173,761</b>
<b>At 31 March 2014</b>						
Cost	206,945	4,976	-	3,611	4,079	219,611
Accumulated Depreciation	(39,083)	(3,495)	-	(477)	(2,795)	(45,850)
<b>NET BOOK AMOUNT</b>	<b>167,862</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,134</b>	<b>1,284</b>	<b>173,761</b>

	<b>2014 \$'000</b>	<b>2013 \$'000</b>
Included in the closing Net Book Value is Capital Work in Progress	15,803	4,041

**GROUP**

<b>Year Ended 31 March 2013</b>						
Opening Net Book Amount	137,769	2,091	5,061	3,428	3,612	151,961
Revaluation	-	-	185	-	-	185
Additions	13,016	405	128	-	518	14,067
Disposals	(567)	-	-	-	(43)	(610)
Depreciation Charge	(3,679)	(296)	(44)	(147)	(681)	(4,847)
<b>CLOSING NET BOOK AMOUNT</b>	<b>146,539</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>5,330</b>	<b>3,281</b>	<b>3,406</b>	<b>160,756</b>
<b>At 31 March 2013</b>						
Cost	181,650	4,967	5,420	3,611	9,180	204,828
Accumulated Depreciation	(35,111)	(2,767)	(90)	(330)	(5,774)	(44,072)
<b>NET BOOK AMOUNT</b>	<b>146,539</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>5,330</b>	<b>3,281</b>	<b>3,406</b>	<b>160,756</b>
<b>Year Ended 31 March 2014</b>						
Opening Net Book Amount	146,539	2,200	5,330	3,281	3,406	160,756
Revaluation	-	-	329	-	-	329
Additions	23,638	9	421	-	1,483	25,552
Disposals	(678)	-	-	-	(8)	(686)
Depreciation Charge	(3,953)	(728)	(50)	(147)	(735)	(5,613)
<b>CLOSING NET BOOK AMOUNT</b>	<b>165,546</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>6,030</b>	<b>3,134</b>	<b>4,146</b>	<b>180,337</b>
<b>At 31 March 2014</b>						
Cost	204,610	4,976	6,170	3,611	10,655	230,022
Accumulated Depreciation	(39,064)	(3,495)	(140)	(477)	(6,509)	(49,685)
<b>NET BOOK AMOUNT</b>	<b>165,546</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>6,030</b>	<b>3,134</b>	<b>4,146</b>	<b>180,337</b>

	<b>2014 \$'000</b>	<b>2013 \$'000</b>
Included in the closing Net Book Value is Capital Work in Progress	15,544	3,846

**14 INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

	NOTE	PARENT 2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
Valuation at the Beginning of the Year		5,330	5,061
Additions		421	128
Change in Fair Value	4	329	185
Depreciation		(50)	(44)
Valuation at the End of the Year		<b>6,030</b>	<b>5,330</b>

Amounts recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income

Rental Income	343	212
Direct operating expenses of investment properties that generated income	152	207
Direct operating expenses of investment properties that did not generate income	-	-

Investment properties comprises the property located at Washdyke that is leased to related and other parties. Land and Buildings can only be classified as investments if the owner occupies an insignificant portion thereof. The Parent occupies an insignificant portion of the property, which is therefore classified as Investment Property for the Parent. For Group purposes, it is included as Land and Buildings with Property, plant and equipment.

An independent valuation of the group's land and buildings was performed by G.A. Morton, an independent Registered, public Valuer, to determine the fair value of the land and buildings as at 31 March 2014 and 2013. The revaluation surplus net of applicable deferred income taxes was credited to other comprehensive income and is included in 'Reserves' in Equity.

We have analysed the investment property, by valuation method, to determine the level in the fair value hierarchy it falls under. The different levels have been defined in the accounting policies, and the fair value of investment property falls within level 2; inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices).

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 during the year.

**Valuation techniques used to derive level 2 fair values.**

Level 2 fair values of land and buildings have been derived using the market approach. This approach takes sales prices of comparable land and buildings in close proximity and adjusts for differences in key attributes such as property size. The market approach also takes into account rental income from the current lease agreements for the property.

No investment properties were sold during the period.

At the date of issue of these financial statements, no restriction exists on the realisability of investment property or the remittance of income and proceeds of disposal.

No contractual obligation existed at the date of issue of these financial statements to purchase, construct or the remittance of income and proceeds of disposals.

No contractual obligation existed at the date of issue of these financial statements to purchase, construct or develop investment property or for repairs, maintenance or enhancements of rental properties.

**Land Buildings (at historical cost)**

If land and buildings were stated on the historical cost basis, the amounts would be as follows:

	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
Cost	3,800	3,222
Accumulated Depreciation	837	631
Net Book Amount	<b>2,963</b>	<b>2,591</b>

**15 INTANGIBLES****PARENT****Year Ended 31 March 2013**

	<b>EASEMENTS \$'000</b>	<b>COMPUTER SOFTWARE \$'000</b>	<b>TOTAL \$'000</b>
Opening Net Book Amount	22	83	105
Additions	-	139	139
Disposals	-	-	-
Amortisation	(2)	(66)	(68)
<b>CLOSING NET BOOK AMOUNT</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>176</b>

**At 31 March 2013**

Cost	57	366	423
Accumulated Amortisation	(37)	(210)	(247)
<b>NET BOOK AMOUNT</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>176</b>

**Year Ended 31 March 2014**

Opening Net Book Amount	20	156	176
Additions	42	32	74
Disposals	-	-	-
Prior Year Amortisation Adjustment	-	-	-
Amortisation	(2)	(91)	(93)
<b>CLOSING NET BOOK AMOUNT</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>157</b>

**At 31 March 2014**

Cost	99	398	497
Accumulated Amortisation	(39)	(301)	(340)
<b>NET BOOK AMOUNT</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>157</b>

**GROUP****Year Ended 31 March 2013**

Opening Net Book Amount	22	121	143
Additions	-	177	177
Disposals	-	(2)	(2)
Amortisation	(2)	(92)	(94)
<b>CLOSING NET BOOK AMOUNT</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>224</b>

**At 31 March 2013**

Cost	57	658	715
Accumulated Amortisation	(37)	(454)	(491)
<b>NET BOOK AMOUNT</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>224</b>

**Year Ended 31 March 2014**

Opening Net Book Amount	20	204	224
Additions	42	53	95
Disposals	-	-	-
Amortisation	(2)	(125)	(127)
<b>CLOSING NET BOOK AMOUNT</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>192</b>

**At 31 March 2014**

Cost	99	711	810
Accumulated Amortisation	(39)	(579)	(618)
<b>NET BOOK AMOUNT</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>192</b>

**16 LOANS**

The Group has a new loan facility with the ANZ Bank to draw down a maximum of \$48,000,000. The loan facility is an interchangeable arrangement between a Flexible Credit Facility and a Money Market Line. At balance date the following amounts were drawn down.

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Flexible Credit Facility	30,000	15,000
Money Market Line	14,329	10,064

The termination date of the total facility is 16 August 2016. The loan is subject to a negative pledge. An interest rate swap transaction had been entered into, effective 20 June 2013, covering the \$15 million, two further interest rate swap transaction had been entered into, effective 20 December 2013, covering an additional \$5 million borrowed against the Flexible Credit Facility for a period of five years and \$10 million for ten years.

The interest rate applied to borrowings against the Money Market Line facility is linked to the Reserve Bank of New Zealand Official Cash Rate. A movement of 1.0% in this rate would result in a movement of \$143,290 in the interest expense for the year. The covenants governing the loan have not been breached during the year.

**17 COMMITMENTS**

		<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
		<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
(a) Capital Commitments		4,466	1,657
Lease commitments as lessee:			
(b) GPS equipment	Within one year	39	16
	Between one and five years	29	17
(c) Ricoh Equipment	Within one year	20	8
	Between one and five years	9	9
(d) Coffee Machine	Within one year	2	-
	Between one and five years	3	-
Lease payments receivable as lessor			
(e) Lease of Fibre Network	Within one year	503	503
	Between one and five years	2,517	2,517
	Over five years	7,885	8,430
Rentals from Lease Agreements with Buildings			
(f) Lease of Fibre Network	Within one year	163	
	Between one and five years	608	
	Over five years	<u>139</u>	
		910	

The Group has other commitments totalling \$185,848 per annum relating to new investment contracts with Transpower. The contracts generally have a term of 20 years, and the existing contracts have expiry dates ranging from 2017 until 2029.

**18 RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING SURPLUS WITH CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>GROUP</b>		<b>PARENT</b>	
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Operating Surplus After Income Tax	11,325	10,906	12,016	10,904
Add/(Deduct) Non Cash Items				
Depreciation and Amortisation	6,041	5,478	5,491	4,902
Increase in Deferred Tax Liability	1,886	1,403	2,245	1,595
Disposal of Property, Plant and Equipment	-	-	-	28
	<b>7,927</b>	<b>6,881</b>	<b>7,736</b>	<b>6,525</b>
Add/(Deduct) Movements in Working Capital Items				
(Increase)/Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(1,812)	(904)	(642)	(38)
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories and Work in Progress	(123)	(130)	-	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Associated Entities Profit	37	(124)	-	-
Increase/(Decrease) in GST Liability	-	-	(130)	(240)
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors and Employee Entitlements	304	3,644	471	3,909
Increase/(Decrease) in Provision for Tax	(1,358)	837	(1,289)	656
	<b>(2,952)</b>	<b>3,323</b>	<b>(1,590)</b>	<b>4,287</b>



**18 RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING SURPLUS WITH CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)**

	GROUP		PARENT	
	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
Add (Deduct) Items Classified as Financing				
Dividends Received	-	-	(200)	(100)
<b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>16,300</b>	<b>21,110</b>	<b>17,962</b>	<b>21,616</b>

**19 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The table below analyses financial instruments carried at fair value, by valuation method. The different levels have been defined as follows:

- Level 1 - Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices)
- Level 3 - Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

**FINANCIAL ASSETS/(LIABILITIES BY CATEGORY)**

	DERIVATIVES - USED FOR HEDGING	LOANS AND RECEIVABLES	TOTAL
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>PARENT</b>			
<b>Assets as per Balance Sheet</b>			
<b>As at 31 March 2013</b>			
Related Party Loan	-	2,644	2,644
Receivables	-	1,917	1,917
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	-	-
Interest Rate Swap	-	-	-
	-	<b>4,561</b>	<b>4,561</b>
<b>As at 31 March 2014</b>			
Related Party Loan	-	6,593	6,593
Receivables	-	2,515	2,515
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	540	540
Interest Rate Swap	62	-	62
	<b>62</b>	<b>9,648</b>	<b>9,710</b>

	DERIVATIVES -USED FOR HEDGING	MEASURED AT AMORTISED COST	TOTAL
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Liabilities as per Balance Sheet</b>			
<b>At 31 March 2013</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	-	(7,191)	(7,191)
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	(3)	(3)
Interest Rate Swap	(197)	-	(197)
Long Term Borrowings	-	(25,064)	(25,064)
	<b>(197)</b>	<b>(32,258)</b>	<b>(32,455)</b>
<b>At 31 March 2014</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	-	(7,696)	(7,696)
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	-	-
Interest Rate Swap	-	-	-
Long Term Borrowings	-	(44,329)	(44,329)
	-	<b>(52,025)</b>	<b>(52,025)</b>

**19 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)**

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>DERIVATIVES -USED FOR HEDGING</b>	<b>LOANS AND RECEIVABLES</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Assets as per Balance Sheet</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
<b>As at 31 March 2013</b>			
Related Party Loan	-	-	-
Receivables	-	2,621	2,621
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	111	111
Interest Rate Swap	-	-	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>2,732</b>	<b>2,732</b>
<b>As at 31 March 2014</b>			
Related Party Loan	-	2,507	2,507
Receivables	-	4,520	4,520
Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	655	655
Interest Rate Swap	62	-	62
	<b>62</b>	<b>7,682</b>	<b>7,744</b>
<b>Liabilities as per Balance Sheet</b>			
<b>As at 31 March 2013</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	-	(6,421)	( 6,421)
Interest Rate Swap	(197)	-	(197)
Long Term Borrowings	-	(25,064)	(25,064)
	<b>(197)</b>	<b>(31,485)</b>	<b>(31,682)</b>
<b>As at 31 March 2014</b>			
Trade and Other Payables	-	(6,735)	( 6,735)
Interest Rate Swap	-	-	-
Long Term Borrowings	-	(44,329)	(44,329)
	<b>-</b>	<b>(51,064)</b>	<b>51,064)</b>

There were no transfers between levels 1 and 2 during the year.

## (a) Financial instruments in level 2

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in active market (for example, over -the-counter derivatives) is determined by using valuation techniques. These techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all significant input required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2.

Specific valuation techniques used to value financial instruments include:

The fair value of interest rate swaps is calculated as the present value of the estimated future cash flows based on observable yield curves. The fair value of forward foreign exchange contracts is determined using forward exchange rates at the balance sheet date. The effects of discounting are insignificant for these derivatives.

Trade receivables, trade payables, related party loans and advances and term loans are disclosed at their carrying value. The carrying value of these assets and liabilities are equivalent to, or approximate their fair value.

**20 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The Company has a Contingent Liability as at 31 March 2014 \$US2,122,500 to cover a performance guarantee to cover the Solar Power Project in Bamyan City in Afghanistan. This Contingency is offset by a Term Deposit of \$US1,485,750 held by the BNZ Bank in the event the Performance Guarantee is triggered.

The Group has a contingent liability covering a performance guarantee over NetCon International Limited's share of the Bamyan Renewable Energy Project in Afghanistan amounting to \$US636,750 (2012 \$Nil).

**21 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS****Shareholders**

All transactions between the Company and its Shareholder District Councils have been conducted on a commercial basis. Charges between the parties are made for services provided as part of the normal trading activities of the Company, and as such have been incorporated into the operating costs and revenues of the Company.

**21 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)**

	GROUP		PARENT	
	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
Revenues from Shareholder District Councils - Contracting Activities				
Mackenzie District Council	59	47	12	7
Timaru District Council	413	479	167	190
Waimate District Council	24	34	8	17
Payments to Shareholder District Councils - Rates				
Mackenzie District Council	15	17	15	17
Timaru District Council	68	53	65	43
Waimate District Council	-	11	-	11

Trading balances due from and to Shareholder District Councils are shown in note 8 and 9.

**Parties Associated with Directors**

The Group contracted with parties associated with certain directors of Alpine Energy Limited. These transactions involved consulting services and were at normal commercial rates.

Deloitte (S.R. Thompson)	72	113	40	44
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**Joint Ventures**

Transactions with Joint Ventures include:

Charges to Rockgas Timaru Limited for property rentals and financial services.

Revenues from Rockgas Timaru Limited	42	47	37	41
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Trading balances due from and to Joint Ventures, and loans to Joint Ventures are shown in notes 8 and 9.

Revenues from On Metering	88	-	88	-
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Transactions with Other Related Parties

Revenues from BREP	306	329		
Payments to BREP	-	-		

Trading balances due from and to Other Related Parties, and loans to Other Related Parties are shown in notes 8 and 9.

Transactions with Subsidiaries include:

Charges to NetCon Limited for property rentals and interest.

Payments to NetCon Limited for lines maintenance and construction, financial services and procurement.

	GROUP		PARENT	
	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2013 \$'000
Revenues from NetCon Limited	298	271	298	271
Payments to NetCon Limited	18,951	15,824	18,951	15,824

Trading balances due from and to Subsidiaries, and loans to Subsidiaries are shown in notes 8 and 9.

**Transactions with key management personnel**

Key management personnel compensation was as follows:

Salaries	2,344	1,804	1,034	960
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There is no provision for doubtful debts or bad debt expense for related parties.

**22 EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE**

The Directors are not aware of any matter or circumstance since the end of the financial year not otherwise dealt with in this report that has significantly affected or may significantly affect the operation of the Company or Group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company or Group.



Performance targets were set in the Statement of Corporate Intent approved by Directors.

	GROUP		PARENT	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
<b>Financial Information</b>				
<b>1. Ratio of Net Surplus attributable to the Shareholders to Average Shareholders Equity:</b>				
Target	10.4%	7.5%	10.2%	7.5%
Result	9.9%	9.9%	10.6%	10.0%
<b>2. Tangible Assets per Share:</b>				
Target	\$4.50	\$2.79	\$4.36	\$2.79
Result	\$4.58	\$3.99	\$4.59	\$3.98
<b>3. Earnings per Share:</b>				
Target	\$0.297	\$0.259	\$0.289	\$0.259
Result	\$0.274	\$0.264	\$0.291	\$0.264
<b>4. Total Dividend per Share:</b>				
Target			\$0.183	\$0.183
Result			\$0.183	\$0.183
<b>5. Ratio of Shareholders' Equity to Total Assets:</b>				
Minimum Target	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Result	61.3%	67.7%	61.0%	67.5%

**Non Financial Information**

**6. Electricity Line Losses**

Maximum Target			6.0%	6.0%
Result			4.8%	6.0%

**7. Average Interruption Duration (SAIDI) and Average Interruption Frequency (SAIFI)**

The performance targets relating to SAIDI and SAIFI align to the limits set by the Electricity Distribution Services Default Price Quality Path Determination 2012 and the results are calculated accordingly. The 2014 SAIDI and SAIFI results included in the audited Default Price Quality Path Annual Compliance Statement exceeded the limits set and the Company therefore did not meet the target set primarily due to the significant weather events experienced during the year.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**  
**TO THE READERS OF**  
**ALPINE ENERGY LIMITED AND GROUP'S**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2014**

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Alpine Energy Limited Limited (the company) and group. The Auditor-General has appointed me, Mark Bramley, using the staff and resources of PricewaterhouseCoopers, to carry out the audit of the financial statements and statement of service performance of the company and group on her behalf.

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the company and group on pages 14 to 36, that comprise the balance sheet as at 31 March 2014, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the statement of service performance of the company and group on page 37.

**Opinion**

***Financial statements and the statement of service performance***

In our opinion,

- the financial statements of the company and group on pages 14 to 36:
  - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand;
  - comply with International Financial Reporting Standards; and
  - give a true and fair view of the company and group's:
    - financial position as at 31 March 2014; and
    - financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date;
- the statement of service performance of the company and group on page 37:
  - complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
  - gives a true and fair view of the company and group's achievements measured against the performance targets adopted for the year ended 31 March 2014.

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### ***Other legal requirements***

In accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 1993 we report that, in our opinion, proper accounting records have been kept by the company and group as far as appears from an examination of those records.

Our audit was completed on 4 June 2014. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis of our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Board of Directors and our responsibilities, and explain our independence.

### **Basis of opinion**

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and carry out our audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and statement of service performance are free from material misstatement.

Material misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts and disclosures that, in our judgement, are likely to influence readers' overall understanding of the financial statements and statement of service performance. If we had found material misstatements that were not corrected, we would have referred to them in our opinion.

An audit involves carrying out procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and statement of service performance. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including our assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and statement of service performance whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the preparation of the company and group's financial statements and statement of service performance that give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate. We consider internal control in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company and group's internal control.

An audit also involves evaluating:

- the appropriateness of accounting policies used and whether they have been consistently applied;
- the reasonableness of the significant accounting estimates and judgements made by the Board of Directors;
- the adequacy of all disclosures in the financial statements and statement of service performance; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements and statement of service performance.

We did not examine every transaction, nor do we guarantee complete accuracy of the financial statements and statement of service performance. Also we did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the financial statements and statement of service performance.



In accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 1993, we report that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. We believe we have obtained sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Responsibilities of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors is responsible for preparing financial statements and a statement of service performance that:

- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand;
- give a true and fair view of the company and group's financial position, financial performance and cash flows; and
- give a true and fair view of the company and group's service performance achievements.

The Board of Directors is also responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements and a statement of service performance that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Board of Directors is also responsible for the publication of the financial statements and statement of service performance, whether in printed or electronic form.

The Board of Directors' responsibilities arise from the Energy Companies Act 1992 and the Financial Reporting Act 1993.

### **Responsibilities of the Auditor**

We are responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the financial statements and reporting that opinion to you based on our audit. Our responsibility arises from section 15 of the Public Audit Act 2001 and section 45(1) of the Energy Companies Act 1992.

### **Independence**

When carrying out the audit, we followed the independence requirements of the Auditor-General, which incorporate the independence requirements of the External Reporting Board.

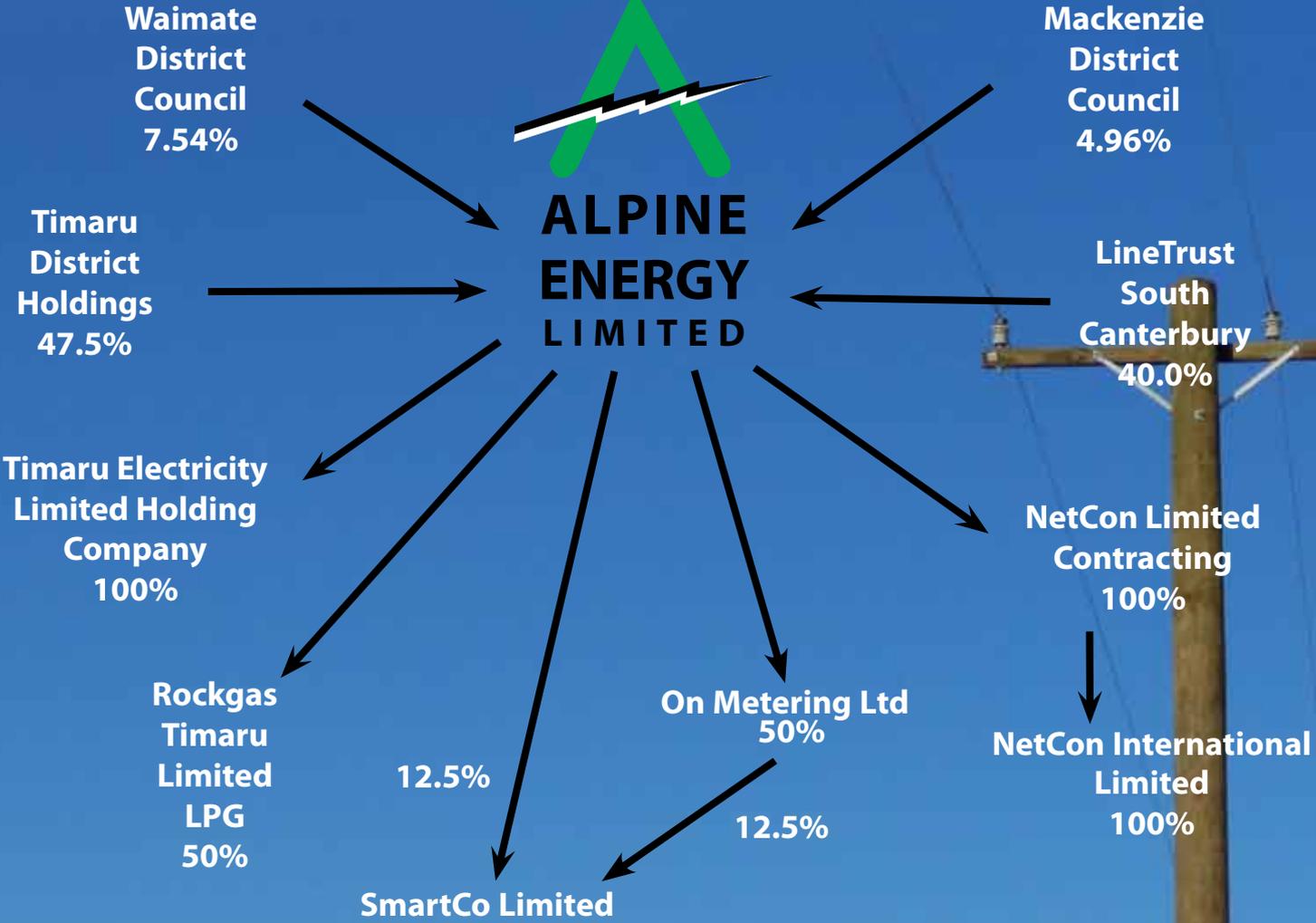
In addition to the audit, we have carried out assignments in the areas of compliance with the Electricity Distribution (Information Disclosure) Determination 2012, Electricity Distribution Services Default Price-Quality Path Determination 2012, other regulatory requirements of the Commerce Act 1986, an industry benchmarking review and a limited scope non-audit assurance engagement, which are compatible with those independence requirements. Other than the audit and these assignments, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

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