

Thames Water Utilities Finance Limited

**Annual report and financial
statements for the year ended
31 March 2009**



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Thames Water Utilities Finance Limited

Directors and advisors

Directors

A Beaumont
S Ledger

Independent auditors

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 March

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of Thames Water Utilities Finance Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 March 2009.

Review of business, principal activities and future developments

The Company was established to make certain financing arrangements on behalf of Thames Water Utilities Limited.

The directors of the Company manage the Group's operations on a divisional basis. For this reason, the Company's directors believe that analysis using key performance indicators for the Company is not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of the Company.

Results and dividends

The profit and loss account for the year is set out on page 7. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2008: £nil).

Directors' indemnity provisions

The Company has made qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its directors, (which extend to the performance of any duties as director of any associated company) and these remain in force at the date of this report.

Principal risks and uncertainties

From the perspective of the Company, the principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with the principal risks of the Kemble Water Holdings Limited Group, (the Group) and are not managed separately. Accordingly, the principal risks and uncertainties of the Group, which include those of the Company, are discussed in the Group's annual report which does not form part of this report.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and to the date of signing are given below:

A Beaumont
R Bloor (resigned 30 September 2008)
S Ledger (appointed 30 September 2008)

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 March (continued)

Financial risk management

The Company has access to the Group Executive Management Team, which receives regular reports from all areas of the business to enable prompt identification of financial and other risks so that appropriate actions can be taken.

The Company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks that include the effects of changes in debt market prices, price risk and liquidity risk.

The operation of the Treasury function is governed by specific policies and procedures that set out specific guidelines for the management of interest rate risk and foreign exchange risk and the use of financial instruments. Treasury policy and procedures are incorporated within the financial control procedures of the Company, see note 11 for further details.

Disclosure of information to auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

During the year, Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP resigned as auditors and KPMG Audit Plc were appointed. A resolution to reappoint KPMG Audit Plc as the Company's auditors will be proposed at a General Meeting.

By order of the Board



A Beaumont
Director
19 June 2009

Clearwater Court
Vastern Road
Reading
Berkshire RG1 8DB

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Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Annual report and the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Independent auditors' report to the members of Thames Water Utilities Finance Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Thames Water Utilities Finance Limited for the year ended 31 March 2009 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 4.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the Company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

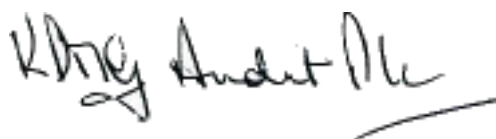
We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Independent auditors' report to the members of Thames Water Utilities Finance Limited (continued)

Opinion

In our opinion:

- The financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2009 and of its profit for the year then ended.
- The financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.
- The information given in the Directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KPMG Audit Plc". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

KPMG Audit Plc
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor

19 June 2009

Thames Water Utilities Finance Limited

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 March

	Note	31 March 2009 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000
Turnover	2	165,889	165,818
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(165,830)	(165,834)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		59	(16)
Tax charge on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	6	(16)	(2)
Retained profit/(loss) for the year	13	43	(18)

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The Company has no recognised gains and losses other than the results above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

There is no difference between the profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit/(loss) for the years stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

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Balance sheet as at 31 March

	Note	31 March 2009 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000
Current assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	7	123,260	52,685
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8	2,886,180	2,899,590
		3,009,440	2,952,275
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(123,176)	(52,682)
Net current assets		2,886,264	2,899,593
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	(2,886,168)	(2,899,540)
Net assets		96	53
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	12	50	50
Profit and loss account	13	46	3
Shareholder's funds	14	96	53

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 16 were approved by the Board of Directors on 19 June 2009 and signed on its behalf by:



A Beaumont
Director

Thames Water Utilities Finance Limited

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March

1 Principal accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which the Company considered material in relation to the financial statements, except as noted below.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, and under historical cost accounting rules.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. This is based upon a review of the Group's budget, business plan and investment programme, together with the cash and committed borrowing facilities available.

In accordance with the requirements of FRS 18, the directors review the Company's accounting policies to ensure that they remain the most appropriate to its particular circumstances for the purpose of giving a true and fair view.

Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements, which have been applied consistently are set out below.

(a) Turnover

Turnover represents the recharge to Thames Water Utilities Limited of costs and interest incurred in respect of the raising of finance on that company's behalf. All costs of loans and interest are directly recharged, except for one loan's interest which is recharged at an additional margin. See note 10 below for details.

(b) Related party disclosures

As the Company is wholly owned subsidiary of Thames Water Utilities Limited, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the Group (or investees of the group qualifying as related parties). The consolidated financial statements of Kemble Water Finance Limited, within which this Company is included can be obtained from the address in note 15.

(c) Cash flow

Under FRS 1 the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cashflow statement on the grounds that a parent undertaking includes the Company in its own published financial statements.

(d) Financial instruments

The Company's debt arises from guaranteed bonds. These are recorded at the proceeds received, which represent the fair value, net of direct issue costs. Finance charges, including premiums payable on settlement or redemption and direct issue costs, are accounted for on an amortised cost basis to the profit and loss using the effective interest method and are added to the carrying amount of the instrument to the extent that they are not settled in the year in which they arise.

Since the summer of 2008, the economic outlook has changed markedly and the Company finds itself operating in very different conditions. There has been a prolonged period of instability in financial markets. The economy has entered a recession with the immediate reality of deflation.

The Company has also applied FRS 26 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement', and FRS 29 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures' as the Company has listed debt.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March (continued)

1 Principal accounting policies (continued)

(e) Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of current tax and deferred tax.

Current taxation

Current taxation, including UK corporation tax and foreign tax, is based on the taxable profit for the year and is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date.

Taxable profit can differ from the net profit as reported in the profit and loss account because it may exclude items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it may further exclude items that are never taxable or deductible.

Consideration receivable or payable in respect of losses surrendered or claimed by way of group relief is dealt with in the profit and loss account.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date, where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits against which to recover carried forward tax losses and from which the future reversal of underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred taxation is measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the years in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred taxation is measured on a non-discounted basis. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the profit and loss account except when it relates to items charged or credited to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with via the Statement of total recognised gains and losses.

(f) Foreign currencies

The financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the majority of the Group and is therefore also the presentational currency of the Group. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the exchange rates ruling on the dates of the transactions. At each reporting date, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the relevant rates of exchange ruling on the balance sheet date. Gains and losses arising on retranslation are included in the profit and loss account for the year.

(g) Financial risk management

The Company is not exposed to any significant currency or interest rate risk as the Company's financial assets match the liabilities of the Company, so that no net exposure to interest or exchange rates exists. The objective of treasury operations is to ensure the availability of a timely flow of funds at a cost that reflects the credit standing of the Company. The financing arrangements of the Company, and interaction with the wider Group, are further described in note 11 (pages 13 to 15) of these financial statements.

The Company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks that include the effects of changes in debt market prices, price risk and liquidity risk.

The Group's Treasury operations are managed centrally by a small specialist team, which operates with delegated authority of, and under policies approved by, the Board of Directors. Therefore, risks are managed on a group wide basis.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March (continued)

1 Principal accounting policies (continued)

(g) Financial risk management (continued)

The operation of the Treasury function is governed by specific policies and procedures that set out specific guidelines for the management of interest rate risk and foreign exchange risk and the use of financial instruments. Treasury policy and procedures are incorporated within the financial control procedures of the Group.

2 Turnover

The Company's turnover and result arises in the United Kingdom and are attributable to the one principal activity of the Company.

3 Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration of £6,000 (2008: £7,000) was borne by Thames Water Ltd.

4 Interest payable and similar charges

	31 March 2009 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000
Interest payable on other loans	165,830	165,834

5 Directors' emoluments and employee information

The Company had no employees during the year (2008: Nil). No director received any remuneration in respect of their services to the Company (2008: £Nil).

6 Taxation on profit on ordinary activities

	31 March 2009 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000
Current tax:		
Amounts receivable in respect of group relief	16	(4)
Prior year charge re current tax	-	6
Total current tax charge	16	2

The tax charge assessed for the year is equal to (2008: higher) the standard rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom of 28% (2008:30%). The differences are explained below:

	31 March 2009 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	59	(16)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities at corporation tax of 28% (2008: 30%)	16	(4)
Effects of:		
Prior year adjustment for current tax	-	6
Current tax charge	16	2

There are no amounts of unprovided deferred tax.

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7 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	31 March 2009 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000
Amounts owed by immediate parent undertaking- loan	70,164	52,681
Amounts owed by immediate parent undertaking- non-loan	53,096	-
Group relief receivable	-	4
	123,260	52,685

There are no amounts past their due by dates. As these assets relate to intercompany debt owed by a regulated water company, the risk exposure is deemed immaterial.

8 Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	31 March 2009 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000
Amounts owed by immediate parent undertaking - loan (see note 10)	2,886,070	2,899,480
Amounts owed by immediate parent undertaking - non-loan	72	72
Called up share capital not paid	38	38
	2,886,180	2,899,590

There are no amounts past their due by dates. As these assets relate to intercompany debt owed by a regulated water company, the risk exposure is deemed immaterial.

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31 March 2009 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000
Amounts due to immediate parent undertaking	6	6
Interest payable	53,032	52,676
Guaranteed Bonds	70,126	-
Group relief payable	12	-
	123,176	52,682

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March (continued)

10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	31 March 2009 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000
Guaranteed Bonds	2,886,108	2,899,480
Other creditors	60	60
	2,886,168	2,899,540

The Company has in issue £2,956,234,000, of which £70,126,000 is due within one year (2008: £nil) and £2,886,108,000 which is due after more than one year (2008: £2,899,480,000). The Guaranteed Bonds are due between 2009 and 2055 (2008: due between 2009 and 2055). The net proceeds were loaned to Thames Water Utilities Limited under the same interest terms for all loans except for the £225,000,000 6.60% Guaranteed bond due 2021 which includes a margin of 1 basis point. Net proceeds of £2,956,234,000 (2008: £2,899,480,000) are included in amounts owed by the immediate parent company in respect of these loans. Thames Water Utilities Limited has guaranteed the principal and interest payments due under the terms of the Guaranteed Bonds.

11 Financial instruments

Financial Reporting Standard 25 requires disclosure of the Company's Funding and Treasury Policy together with further details on its financial assets and liabilities.

The Company has also applied FRS 26 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement', and FRS 29 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures' as the Company has listed debt.

Funding and Treasury Policy

The Company's funding policy is in accordance with that of Kemble Water Holdings Limited's which is to maintain a broad portfolio of debt, diversified by source and maturity in order to protect profits against risks arising from adverse movements in interest rates and currency exposures.

The Company's debt arises from Guaranteed Bonds. However, the Company will no longer be issuing debt under its Debt Issuance Programme.

The Company's treasury operations are managed centrally by a small specialist team, and are managed as a cost centre, not a profit centre; no material open or speculative positions are taken.

Short term debtors and creditors other than Guaranteed Bonds, have been excluded from the financial instruments' disclosures.

Interest rates earned on, and currency of denomination of, the Company's financial assets, are matched against those of the Company's financial liabilities. These assets and liabilities hedge each other, so that the Company has no net exposure to movements in interest rates or exchange rates. Where current financial assets and current financial liabilities attract floating rates of interest, these are linked to LIBOR. Index linked debt is related to UK Retail Price Index (RPI).

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March (continued)

11 Financial instruments (continued)

Fair values

	Book value		Fair value	
	31 March 2009 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000	31 March 2009 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000
Primary financial instruments				
- Financial assets	2,956,234	2,899,480	2,892,565	3,171,752
- Financial liabilities	(2,956,234)	(2,899,480)	(2,892,565)	(3,171,752)
Total	-	-	-	-

Fair value is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged in an arm's length transaction between informed and willing parties, other than in a forced or a liquidation sale. The table above sets out a comparison of the book and fair values of the Company's financial instruments.

Primary financial instruments include bonds that are traded on a public market. Fair values for these have been calculated using the 31 March 2009 quoted prices. Mark-to-market techniques (discounting expected cash flows at prevailing interest and exchange rates) are employed in computing fair values for the remaining fixed rate borrowings and all derivative financial instruments.

The effects of revaluing foreign currency borrowings at closing rates are included in the valuations.

Financial assets

Interest rate risk profile at 31 March

	Total at fixed rates*		Total book value		Weighted average interest rate		Weighted average period until maturity for which rate is fixed	
	2009 £'000	2008 £'000	2009 £'000	2008 £'000	2009 %	2008 %	2009 Years	2008 Years
Other loans								
- £ Sterling	2,875,489	2,841,950	2,875,489	2,841,950	4.54	5.91	23.36	24.22
- \$ US	10,619	7,685	10,619	7,685	6.31	6.31	2.10	3.10
- Other	70,126	49,845	70,126	49,845	5.63	5.49	0.25	1.25
	2,956,234	2,899,480	2,956,234	2,899,480	4.57	5.91	22.74	23.82

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March (continued)

11 Financial instruments (continued)

Financial liabilities

Interest rate risk profile at 31 March

	Total at fixed rates*		Total book value		Weighted average interest rate		Weighted average period until maturity for which rate is fixed	
	2009 £'000	2008 £'000	2009 £'000	2008 £'000	2009 %	2008 %	2009 Years	2008 Years
Other loans								
- £ Sterling	2,875,489	2,841,950	2,875,489	2,841,950	4.54	5.91	23.36	24.22
- \$ US	10,619	7,685	10,619	7,685	6.31	6.31	2.10	3.10
- Other	70,126	49,845	70,126	49,845	5.63	5.49	0.25	1.25
	2,956,234	2,899,480	2,956,234	2,899,480	4.57	5.91	22.74	23.82

Maturities

	31 March 2009 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000
Other loans (secured)		
- Less than one year	70,126	-
- Between one and two years	250,000	49,845
- Between two and five years	10,619	257,631
- After more than five years	2,625,489	2,592,004
	2,956,234	2,899,480

Loans are repayable between 2009 and 2055.

Loans include:

- £330m 6.75% Guaranteed bond due 2028
- £200m 6.50% Guaranteed bond due 2032
- £600m 5.13% Guaranteed bond due 2037
- £175m 3.38% Index linked bond due 2021
- £300m 1.68% Index linked bond due 2053
- £300m 1.68% Index linked bond due 2055
- £225m 6.60% Guaranteed bond due 2021
- £250m 4.75% Guaranteed bond due 2010
- £200m 4.90% Guaranteed bond due 2015
- £200m 5.05% Guaranteed bond due 2020

The range of interest rates on outstanding other loans are 1.68% to 6.75% (2008: 1.68% to 6.75%). These interest rates are those contracted on the underlying borrowings before taking account of interest rate protection.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March (continued)

12 Share capital

	31 March 2009 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000
Authorised, allotted, called-up and partly paid 50,000 (2008: 50,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	50	50

13 Profit and loss account

	31 March 2009 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000
At 1 April	3	21
Profit/(loss) for the year	43	(18)
At 31 March	46	3

14 Shareholder's Funds

Reconciliation of movements in shareholder's funds

	31 March 2009 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000
Opening shareholder's funds	53	71
Profit/(loss) for the year	43	(18)
Closing shareholder's funds	96	53

15 Immediate and ultimate parent company and controlling party

The immediate parent undertaking is Thames Water Utilities Limited, which owns 100% of the share capital.

Kemble Water Finance Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom is an intermediate parent company and the smallest group to consolidate these financial statements.

The directors consider the ultimate parent company and controlling party is Kemble Water Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom and largest group to consolidate these financial statements.

Copies of the financial statements of all of the above companies may be obtained from The Company Secretarial Department, Thames Water Group, Clearwater Court, Vastern Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 8DB.

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