

The Ninth Forestry Growth Plan
Public Limited Company

Reports and Financial Statements
for the financial year ended
31 May 2018

THE NINTH FORESTRY GROWTH PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

**REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018**

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DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

DIRECTORS

Paul Brosnan MA B.Sc.
Trevor McHugh BA B.S.

COMPANY SECRETARY

Paul Brosnan MA B.Sc.

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COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER

481024

THE NINTH FORESTRY GROWTH PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 May 2018.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The Ninth Forestry Growth Plan Public Limited Company was incorporated on 17 February 2010 for a twelve year investment period, for the purpose of raising funds from the public to invest in semi-mature woodlands. The main activity of the company is to manage and maintain the woodlands and forestry assets of the company. All lands have been planted in accordance with the Company's Forestry Management Plan.

As forestry premia receivable from younger forestry properties will not be sufficient to cover management and other essential costs, a sinking fund equivalent to 5% of net funds raised has been created, as set out in the Offering Document of 8 March 2010, to cover the costs of general expenses for the next number of years until thinning income becomes available. All woodlands are being acquired in line with the Forest Management Plan which has been designed in congruence with the financial projections for the company.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

As reported in prior years, the company's forest portfolio has reached a stage where infrastructural works are required on individual properties. This work programme encompasses a number of years and involves the creation of inspection paths, forest roads for harvesting purposes and related works. This positive step in the development of the forests marks the transition of the relevant properties into their productive stage as thinning activities take place following the timely creation of the necessary road infrastructure.

Funding for this work will have a combination of sources including: grant aid where available, the company's own resources and, where necessary, bank borrowings. As the primary objective of thinning is to create and develop additional value to the remaining forest crop, so it is the directors belief that it is critically important to have the road and related infrastructure built on time to ensure that thinning takes place on schedule.

As reported in prior years, the timber market data is showing strong demand both now and into the future for all forest products. Currently available forecasts continue to demonstrate that wood fibre is in strong demand in Ireland and that this is set to continue for the foreseeable future. While Ireland is forecast to reach peak production of forest products in the mid-2030s, there is a dramatic fall in forecasted domestic supply over the subsequent decade. Of note is that the UK is also scheduled to have a shortage of supply of wood fibre over a similar period. This represents a significant market opportunity for forest owners who may be in a position to grow their forests through the years of peak production on supply into a more restricted market during those following years.

The directors continue to put extensive work into developing the market for semi-mature forestry. Their efforts have played an important role in significantly increasing interest in the Irish forestry sector among the international community. This resulted in the directors successfully completing the largest transaction in private forestry in Ireland in 2015. The activity represents essential foreign direct investment into the forestry sector and is welcomed by the directors.

The outcome of the UK's referendum on their membership of the European Union is a matter that the directors are monitoring closely. Until the UK ratifies its withdrawal agreement and its implications are properly understood and the UK's future relationship with the EU becomes apparent, the directors cannot comment with any confidence on what the outcome may be for the Irish forestry sector. Nonetheless, the directors will continue to work with their colleagues and counterparts in the sector and report to shareholders as the situation develops over time on the medium-term effects that Brexit will have on the forestry sector and, by extension, the company.

The directors are cognisant of the increasingly volatile economic cycles we have experienced over the past decade and remain alert to other current macro-economic issues, especially the risks associated with maturing illiquid forestry funds in an economic downturn or in an uncertain economic climate. With this in mind, the directors will monitor and investigate various strategic initiatives, including early disposal and maturity, for the benefit of the Preference Shareholders. The directors will therefore employ strategic flexibility to maximise and safeguard shareholder value and to minimise these risks.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

RESULTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	2018 €
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(28,762)
Taxation	(53)
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation	(28,815)

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the financial year end.

DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY

The directors, who served at any time during the financial year except as noted, were as follows:

Directors:

Paul Brosnan
Trevor McHugh

Secretary:

Paul Brosnan

Under the Articles of Association the directors are not required to retire by rotation.

INTEREST IN SHARE CAPITAL

The beneficial interests, including the interests of spouses and minor children, of the directors and secretary in office at 1 June 2017 and 31 May 2018 in the share capital of the company are less than 1% of the total share capital of the company.

The ordinary share capital of the company is held by I.F.S. Asset Managers Limited, which is controlled by the directors of the company.

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION

There was no political contribution made by the company during the financial year (2017: €Nil).

ACCOUNTING RECORDS

The measures that the directors have taken to secure compliance with the requirements of sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 with regard to the keeping of accounting records, are the employment of appropriately qualified accounting personnel and the maintenance of computerised accounting systems. The company's accounting records are maintained at the company's registered office at Unit 1, Block D, Leopardstown Business Centre, Ballyogan Road, Dublin 18.

RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The UK's decision to end their membership of the European Union has created a new market risk uncertainty for the company. As yet, the UK have not concluded formal negotiations with the EU on what trade deals will exist following their full exit from the EU. Until these negotiations conclude it is not possible to say with any degree of confidence what effect this development will have on the company. The British market is a very important destination for processed Irish timber and so the UK's exit from the EU creates a new uncertainty for the company.

The main risks associated with forestry investment include fire, wind damage, public liability, disease, the future market price of timber and semi-mature forestry and adverse changes to existing tax advantages or grants. The directors continue to mitigate and where appropriate under expert advice, insure against the risks faced by the company.

Where events arise which require replanting to occur, for example due to a fire or windthrow event, there is an impact on overall performance due to loss of the forest timber growth to date of event. Although the insurance in place covers both the actual value of the standing timber based on discounted cash flows at time of event and the associated replanting costs to reconstitute the forestry stock, there would remain an impact to overall forestry fund performance. Older mid rotation forests increase in value at a higher rate, due to larger circumference annual growth, while replanted forests take time to establish and have much smaller annual circumference growth until mid-rotation is attained.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Deloitte Ireland LLP, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm, continue in office in accordance with Section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS:

So far as each of the directors in office at the date of approval of the financial statements is aware:

- There is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- The directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The company has not established an audit committee as the directors believe that due to the nature of the forestry assets under management, the illiquid nature of these assets and the consequent low level of transactions which occur annually that the activities that would be undertaken by an Audit Committee are adequately covered at meetings of the full board.

DIRECTORS' COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

- Directors acknowledge that the directors are responsible for securing the company's compliance with its relevant obligations; and
- Directors confirm that the directors completed the following three procedures in order to comply with the directors' obligations during the financial year.
 - (a) the drawing up of a "compliance policy statement" setting out the company's policies that, in the directors' opinion, are appropriate to the company, and respecting compliance by the company with its relevant obligations;
 - (b) the putting in place of appropriate arrangements or structures that are, in the directors' opinion, designed to secure material compliance with the company's relevant obligations; and
 - (c) the conducting of a review, during the financial year of any arrangements or structures that have been put in place.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Paul Brosnan
Director

Trevor McHugh
Director

Date: 22 March 2019

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council* ("relevant financial reporting framework"). Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the profit or loss of the company for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

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

- select suitable accounting policies for the Company Financial Statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- 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 ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and directors' report comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Legislation in Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions. The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website.

**Independent auditor's report to the members of
The Ninth Forestry Growth Plan Public Limited Company**

Report on the audit of the financial statements

**Opinion on the financial statements of The Ninth Forestry Growth Plan Public Limited Company
(the 'company')**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31 May 2018 and of the loss for the financial year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework and, in particular, with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

The financial statements we have audited comprise:

- the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings;
- the Balance Sheet;
- the Statement of Cash Flows; and
- the related notes 1 to 15, including a summary of significant accounting policies as set out in note 1.

The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council ("the relevant financial reporting framework").

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are described below in the "*Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements*" section of our report.

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Reports and Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 May 2018, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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Other information (continued)

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity (or where relevant, the group) to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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**Independent auditor's report to the members of
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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that the auditor identifies during the audit.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. 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.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

Based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited.
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.
- In our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements and the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the provisions in the Companies Act 2014 which require us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions specified by law are not made.

Gerard Fitzpatrick
For and on behalf of Deloitte Ireland LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm
Deloitte & Touche House, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2

26 March 2019

THE NINTH FORESTRY GROWTH PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018**

	<i>Notes</i>	2018 €	2017 €
INCOME	3	9,312	25,942
Administrative expenses		(38,286)	(102,249)
OPERATING LOSS		(28,974)	(76,307)
Interest receivable and similar income	4	212	90
Loss on disposal of forest assets arising from windthrow event		-	(185,520)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	5	(28,762)	(261,737)
Taxation charge	7	(53)	(35)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		(28,815)	(261,772)
Retained (deficit)/earnings at the beginning of the reporting period		(117,340)	144,432
Retained deficit at the end of the reporting period		(146,155)	(117,340)

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MAY 2018**

	<i>Notes</i>	2018 €	2017 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	8	1,742,477	1,741,577
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	4,517	2,143
Cash at bank and in hand		162,148	200,027
		166,665	202,170
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(14,385)	(20,175)
Net current assets		152,280	181,995
Total assets less current liabilities		1,894,757	1,923,572
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year 11		(152,834)	(152,834)
NET ASSETS		1,741,923	1,770,738
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital presented as equity	12	12,667	12,667
Share premium account	12	1,875,411	1,875,411
Retained deficit	12	(146,155)	(117,340)
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		1,741,923	1,770,738

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 22 March 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Paul Brosnan
Director

Trevor McHugh
Director

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018**

	2018	2017
	€	€
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash outflow from operating activities		
Operating loss	(28,974)	(76,307)
Increase in debtors	(2,248)	(167)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(5,647)	6,287
Corporation tax paid	(322)	(497)
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(37,191)	(70,684)
Cash flow from investing activities		
Interest and similar income received	212	90
Capital grants	-	24,320
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	(900)	(24,320)
Net cash flow from investing activities	(688)	90
Cash flow from financing activities		
Net cash flow from financing activities	-	-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents in the financial year	(37,879)	(70,594)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	200,027	270,621
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of financial year	162,148	200,027

THE NINTH FORESTRY GROWTH PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies adopted by the company are as follows:

General Information and Basis of Accounting

The Ninth Forestry Growth Plan Public Limited Company is a company incorporated in Ireland under the Companies Act 2014. The company registration number is 481024 and its address of the registered office is Unit 1, Block D, Leopardstown Business Centre, Ballyogan Road, Dublin 18. The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the directors' report on pages 3 to 6.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The functional currency of the company is considered to be Euro because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates.

Going Concern

The company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the directors' report.

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

Revenue Recognition

Premia income receivable under Irish Government grant schemes is credited to the statement of income and retained earnings when receivable.

Revenue from the sale of timber is recognised when a contract is signed and when the standing timber is being removed.

Tangible Assets

Tangible assets represent land and forestry costs and stated at cost. Land costs comprise land purchase price, stamp duty, legal and professional costs, together with forest management consultancy fees incurred in the twelve month period from date of purchase of individual sites. Forestry costs comprise afforestation costs where appropriate.

The impact of the windthrow events takes into account the proportionate cost of the standing value of the timber that was damaged or destroyed as a result of a windthrow event, the reconstitution costs together with any insurance proceeds received or receivable relating to the event. The resulting gain or loss is taken to the statement of income and retained earnings.

Land and forestry costs are not depreciated.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Grants

Capital grants received and receivable under Irish Government grant schemes are recognised when received or when their receipt can be foreseen with virtual certainty.

Forestry grants in respect of afforestation costs which have been capitalised, are treated as deferred income and will be released to the statement of income and retained earnings when the related forests are clear felled.

Taxation and Deferred taxation

Current tax, including Irish corporation tax and foreign tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax 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. Timing differences are differences between the Company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Where items recognised in other comprehensive income or equity are chargeable to or deductible for tax purposes, the resulting current or deferred tax expense or income is presented in the same component of comprehensive income or equity as the transaction or other event that resulted in the tax expense or income.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset only when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and the Company intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only if: a) the company has a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities; and b) the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities which intend either to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

Financial assets and liabilities

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the company transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the company, despite having retained some significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party and the other party has the practical ability to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party and is able to exercise that ability unilaterally and without needing to impose additional restrictions on the transfer.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the balance sheet when and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the company intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liability simultaneously.

Balances that are classified as payable or receivable within one year on initial recognition are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

Impairment of Assets

Assets, other than those measured at fair value, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss as described below.

Non-financial assets

An asset is impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after initial recognition, the estimated recoverable value of the asset has been reduced to below its carrying amount. The recoverable amount of land and forestry is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Where indicators exist for a decrease in impairment loss, the prior impairment loss is tested to determine reversal. An impairment loss is reversed on an individual impaired asset to the extent that the revised recoverable value does not lead to a revised carrying amount higher than the carrying value had no impairment been recognised.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Information about critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is included in the accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements.

3. INCOME

	2018	2017
	€	€
Premia income	6,288	9,388
Harvesting income	3,024	16,554
	<u>9,312</u>	<u>25,942</u>

Premia income is receivable on an annual basis for the first 15 years, from date of planting, based on the land category and species planted.

Land acquired within The Ninth Forestry Growth Plan comprises primarily semi-mature woodlands. Premia income may not be sufficient to cover management and other essential costs. Cashflow to fund general expenses and costs will emanate from the sinking fund as outlined in the Offering Document dated 8 March 2010 until thinning revenues come available. All woodlands have been acquired in line with the Forest Management Plan which has been designed in congruence with the financial projections for the company.

Income is primarily derived from its principal activity undertaken in Ireland.

4. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	2018	2017
	€	€
Deposit interest receivable	12	90
Hunting licence	200	-
	<u>212</u>	<u>90</u>

THE NINTH FORESTRY GROWTH PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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5. LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	2018 €	2017 €
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:		
Forestry management service for ongoing administration / management / valuation	27,113	87,435
Harvesting oversight	2,234	6,446
Directors' remuneration	-	-
Auditor's remuneration	3,785	3,485
Loss on disposal of forest assets arising from windthrow event	-	185,520
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Auditors' remuneration disclosure (excluding Value Added Tax)		
- Audit for individual company financial statements	3,785	3,485
- Tax advisory services	1,100	1,100
- Other assurance services	-	-
- Other non audit services	-	-
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6. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

There were no employees during the current and previous financial years.

7. TAXATION ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	2018 €	2017 €
(a) Analysis of the tax charge for the financial year:		
The tax charge on the loss on ordinary activities for the financial year was as follows:-		
Corporation tax on the loss for the financial year	53	35
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7. TAXATION ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the financial year:

The tax assessed for the financial year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in Ireland (12.5%). The differences are explained below:

	2018 €	2017 €
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(28,762)	(76,217)
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of tax in Ireland of 12.5%	(3,595)	(9,527)
<i>Effects of:</i>		
Loss from operation of woodlands not subject to corporation tax	3,621	9,545
Surcharge on undistributed income	-	6
Interest and other income subject to a rate of tax higher than the standard rate of tax	27	11
Current tax charge for the financial year	53	35

(c) Factors that may affect future tax charges

Based on current taxation legislation no corporation tax or deferred tax arises on the operating loss, because of the exemption of loss from the occupation of woodlands from corporation tax.

8. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Land and Forestry €
Cost:	
At 1 June 2017	1,741,577
Additions	900
At 31 May 2018	1,742,477
Net book values:	
At 31 May 2018	1,742,477
At 31 May 2017	1,741,577

At 31 May 2018, land and forestry comprises land costs of €1,589,643 (2017: €1,588,743) and afforestation costs €152,834 (2017: €152,834).

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9. DEBTORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2018	2017
	€	€
Prepayments and other debtors	2,120	2,143
VAT repayable	2,271	-
Corporation tax	126	-
	<u>4,517</u>	<u>2,143</u>
	<u><u>4,517</u></u>	<u><u>2,143</u></u>
10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2018	2017
	€	€
Creditors and accruals	14,385	19,237
Corporation tax	-	143
VAT	-	795
	<u>14,385</u>	<u>20,175</u>
	<u><u>14,385</u></u>	<u><u>20,175</u></u>
11. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	2018	2017
	€	€
Deferred credits		
Capital (Forestry) grant		
At 1 June	152,834	128,514
Additions	-	24,320
At 31 May	<u>152,834</u>	<u>152,834</u>
	<u><u>152,834</u></u>	<u><u>152,834</u></u>

Forestry grants in respect of afforestation costs, have been capitalised and treated as deferred credits. They will be released to the statement of income and retained earnings when the related forests are clearfelled.

Capital forestry grants may be refundable in certain circumstances set out in the grant agreements.

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12. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES	2018	2017
	€	€
Authorised:		
40,000 Ordinary shares of €1 each	40,000	40,000
2,667 Redeemable preference shares of €1 each	2,667	2,667
	<u>42,667</u>	<u>42,667</u>
Allotted, called-up and paid:		
40,000 Ordinary shares of €1 each, (€0.25 paid)	10,000	10,000
2,667 Redeemable preference shares of €1 each fully paid	2,667	2,667
	<u>12,667</u>	<u>12,667</u>
Unpaid:		
40,000 Ordinary shares of €1 each, (€0.75 unpaid)	30,000	30,000
Presented as follows:		
Called up share capital presented as equity	12,667	12,667

The redeemable preference shareholders do not have any right to attend or vote at Annual General Meetings.

The redeemable preference shares are the only shares entitled to participate in the growth of the forest investment and, as such, will be the only shares to rank for dividend and to participate in the distribution of any surplus arising when the forests are sold.

The company shall redeem the redeemable preference shares when the directors consider that it is in the best interest of the redeemable preference shareholders to do so. It is the intention of the company that the forests will be sold and all dividends paid approximately twelve years after the establishment of the company at which time the preference share capital will be repaid.

Only ordinary shareholders have any voting rights and are entitled to attend and vote at Annual General Meetings.

Ordinary shares do not rank for dividend and will not participate in the final distribution of any surplus arising when the forests are sold.

Ordinary share capital is repayable at par when the forests are sold and the preference share capital is repaid.

The share premium reserve contains the premium arising on issue of equity shares, net of issue expenses.

The retained earnings represent cumulative profits or losses.

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13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying values of the company's financial liabilities are summarised by category below:

	2018	2017
	€	€
Financial liabilities		
Measured at undiscounted amount payable		
• Trade and other creditors	14,385	19,237
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14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The directors of the company are also directors of Veon Limited and Forest Enterprises Limited. The company had the following transactions with those companies during the financial year:

1. Forestry management service fees of €17,328 (2017: €17,025) were charged by Veon Limited during the financial year. €Nil (2017: €Nil) is due to Veon Limited at the financial year end.
2. €1,102 (2017: €720) was charged by Veon Limited for reimbursement for design, print, postage and stationery costs. €Nil (2017: €Nil) is due to Veon Limited at the financial year end.
3. Forestry management service fees of €12,019 (2017: €76,856) were charged by Forest Enterprises Limited during the financial year. €1,699 (2017: €6,550) is due to Forest Enterprises Limited at the financial year end.
4. The total remuneration for key management personnel cost for the financial year amounted to €Nil (2017: €Nil).

15. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the financial year end.