

ST. VINCENT ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

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ST. VINCENT ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED
Corporate Information
For the Year Ended December 31, 2002

REGISTERED OFFICE

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St. Vincent and the Grenadines

DIRECTORS

Mr. Claude Samuel - BSc. Econ. - Chairman
Mr. Theodore Browne - LLB, LLM
Mr. Leonard Edwards - BSCHE
Mr. Maurice Edwards - BSc., CGA, O.B.E.
Mr. Kirk Da Silva - MCMI, AFA
Mr. Bradley Francis - BSc. Eng.
Mr. Simon Glynn

COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Jeff Keizer, CGA

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr. Joel Huggins, Bs. Eng., O.B.E

SOLICITORS

Hughes & Cummings

BANKERS

The Bank of Nova Scotia
FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited
National Commercial Bank (SVG) Limited

AUDITORS

Pannell Kerr Forster
Chartered Accountants

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders of
St. Vincent Electricity Services Limited

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet and statement of long-term debts of St. Vincent Electricity Services Limited as of December 31, 2002, and the related statements of changes in equity, operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the company as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

August 7, 2003

ST. VINCENT ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED

Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2002

(Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Currency)

	Notes	2002 \$	2001 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash		21,172,943	24,208,408
Marketable securities	5	5,660,915	5,660,915
Debtors and prepayments		19,273,015	15,854,472
Inventories	6	9,731,050	8,210,379
Total Current Assets		55,837,923	53,934,174
Long-Term Investments	7	200,000	200,000
Property, Plant and Equipment	8	155,028,867	147,272,670
Total Assets		211,066,790	201,406,844
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Bank overdraft		209,120	0
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		20,525,543	13,394,274
Income tax payable		2,976,459	5,866,186
Current portion of long-term debts	11	4,946,923	4,799,938
Dividend payable		1,000,000	0
Total Current Liabilities		29,658,045	24,060,398
Consumers' Contributions to Line Extensions	10	8,085,117	8,437,538
Long-Term Debts	11	39,913,198	43,197,939
Deferred Grant	9	306,260	325,808
Consumers' Deposits	12	4,490,618	4,257,680
Deferred Tax Liability	13	13,764,984	13,101,207
Total Liabilities		96,218,222	93,380,570
Shareholders' Equity			
Stated capital	14	29,045,910	29,045,910
Self insurance fund	15	1,000,000	0
Revaluation surplus		39,501,977	38,300,499
Retained earnings		45,300,681	40,679,865
Total Shareholders' Equity		114,848,568	108,026,274
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		211,066,790	201,406,844

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Chairman

Director

ST. VINCENT ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED
Statement of Changes in Equity
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	Note	Stated Capital \$	Self Insurance Fund \$	Revaluation Surplus \$	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
Balance as of December 31, 2000						
As previously stated		29,045,910	0	38,865,793	39,291,558	107,203,261
Prior year adjustment	16	0	0	0	(3,246,129)	(3,246,129)
As restated		29,045,910	0	38,865,793	36,045,429	103,957,132
Revaluation surplus realised		0	0	(4,264,940)	4,264,940	0
Increase in revaluation surplus		0	0	3,699,646	0	3,699,646
Interim dividend		0	0	0	(1,200,000)	(1,200,000)
Net earnings for the year		0	0	0	1,569,496	1,569,496
Balance as of December 31, 2001		29,045,910	0	38,300,499	40,679,865	108,026,274
Balance as of December 31, 2001						
As previously stated		29,045,910	0	38,300,499	45,664,744	113,011,153
Prior year adjustment	16	0	0	0	(4,984,879)	(4,984,879)
As restated		29,045,910	0	38,300,499	40,679,865	108,026,274
Revaluation surplus realised		0	0	(4,174,743)	4,174,743	0
Increase in revaluation surplus		0	0	5,376,221	0	5,376,221
Self insurance fund		0	1,000,000	0	(1,000,000)	0
Final dividend		0	0	0	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
Net earnings for the year		0	0	0	2,446,073	2,446,073
Balance as of December 31, 2002		29,045,910	1,000,000	39,501,977	45,300,681	114,848,568

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

ST. VINCENT ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED
Statement of Operations
For the Year Ended December 31, 2002
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	Notes	2002 \$	2001 \$
Revenues			
Electricity		48,060,712	46,414,808
Fuel surcharge		12,937,866	14,970,488
Other income		2,381,688	2,216,869
		63,380,266	63,602,165
Operational Costs			
Diesel generation		14,368,502	12,954,125
Hydro generation		5,093,237	5,654,578
Transmission & distribution		9,315,995	9,594,380
Fuel cost covered by surcharge		12,850,199	14,752,641
Administrative expenses		12,288,374	11,079,923
Foreign exchange loss (gain)		784,522	(151,575)
		54,700,829	53,884,072
Earnings before Finance Charges		8,679,437	9,718,093
Finance Charges		(2,913,783)	(3,135,201)
Earnings before Income Tax		5,765,654	6,582,892
Income Tax Expense	17	(3,319,581)	(5,013,396)
Net Earnings for the Year		2,446,073	1,569,496
Earnings per Share - basic	18	0.42	0.27
- diluted	18	0.40	0.26
The following expense is included in the foregoing:-			
Depreciation		16,396,291	15,797,001

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ST. VINCENT ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2002
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	2002 \$	2001 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Earnings before income tax	5,765,654	6,582,892
Adjustments for		
Depreciation	16,396,291	15,797,001
Amortisation of consumers' contribution to line extension	(906,866)	(879,037)
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	0	(53,385)
Interest	2,913,783	3,135,201
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	711,904	(151,575)
Amortisation of deferred grant	(19,548)	(19,064)
Interest income	(1,663,039)	(1,457,650)
Operating Profit before Working Capital Changes	23,198,179	22,954,383
(Increase) decrease in inventories	(1,520,671)	941,370
Increase in debtors and prepayments	(3,379,016)	(533,942)
Increase in creditors, accrued liabilities and provisions	7,003,964	2,047,610
Cash Generated from Operations	25,302,456	25,409,421
Interest paid	(2,786,478)	(3,636,488)
Income tax paid	(5,545,531)	(2,355,833)
Interest received	1,623,512	1,055,980
Net Cash Generated from Operating Activities	18,593,959	20,473,080
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Proceeds from customer deposits	232,938	154,015
Proceeds from long-term loan	0	2,150,017
Repayment of long-term debts	(3,849,660)	(4,140,252)
Dividends paid	0	(1,200,000)
Net proceeds from consumers' contributions	554,445	1,608,459
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	(3,062,277)	(1,427,761)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchase of securities	0	(2,660,915)
Purchase of long-term investments	0	(200,000)
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(18,776,267)	(6,604,146)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	0	53,385
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(18,776,267)	(9,411,676)
Net (Decrease)/Increase in Cash	(3,244,585)	9,633,643
Cash - Beginning of Year	24,208,408	14,574,765
Cash - End of Year	20,963,823	24,208,408
Represented by:-		
Cash	21,172,943	24,208,408
Bank overdraft	(209,120)	0
	20,963,823	24,208,408

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ST. VINCENT ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED
Statement of Long-Term Debts
As of December 31, 2002
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	Notes	2002 \$	2001 \$
Caribbean Development Bank Loans			
First Power Project:-			
International Development Association	11(a)(i)	1,777,825	1,581,146
International Development Association	11(a)(ii)	1,473,612	1,528,189
Second Power Project:-			
Special Fund Resources	11(b)	2,579,548	3,377,314
Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines			
International Development Association	11(c)(i)	1,921,196	2,881,793
United States Agency for International Development	11(c)(ii)	15,461,182	15,922,385
European Investment Bank Loan I	11(c)(iii)	2,043,478	1,723,772
European Investment Bank Loan II	11(c)(iv)	3,705,609	4,517,765
European Investment Bank Loan III	11(c)(v)	9,280,175	9,369,959
Agence Française de Development Group			
(Formerly Caisse Française de Development)	11(d)	1,739,389	1,841,712
Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development	11(e)	4,878,107	5,253,842
Total Long-Term Debts		44,860,121	47,997,877
Less: Current Portion		(4,946,923)	(4,799,938)
		39,913,198	43,197,939

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ST. VINCENT ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED**Notes to the Financial Statements****For the Year Ended December 31, 2002****(Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Currency)**

1. Incorporation

The company was incorporated on November 27, 1961 and continued as company 64 of 1961 under Section 365 of the Companies' Act of 1994, under the laws of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

2. Principal Activity

The company is engaged in the generation and sale of electricity throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines under the Electricity Supply Act of 1973.

3. Date of Authorisation of Issue

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on August 7, 2003.

4. Principal Accounting Policies

These financial statements are stated in East Caribbean dollars and have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards promulgated by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The following are the significant accounting policies adopted by the company:-

4.1. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified by the revaluation of property, plant and equipment as disclosed in note 4.2.

4.2. Property, Plant and Equipment

- a. Property, plant and equipment, except land which is carried at market value, are stated at replacement cost new as of December 31, 2002. Reproduction cost new, and observed depreciation is determined on the basis of an independent appraisal of the assets made by Monenco Agra Inc., as of January 1, 1993. The value of assets at that date, together with the cost of subsequent additions, less retirements was re-appraised to December 31, 2002 using indices supplied by Monenco Agra Inc. The method of appraisal was to determine reproduction cost new less observed depreciation at the appraisal date.

The net proceeds of assets disposed of or retired during the year less the net book value of such assets is taken to current operations.

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4. Principal Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

4.2. Property, Plant and Equipment (Cont'd)

b. Revaluation surplus realised through the use of the revalued assets is systematically transferred to retained earnings. Revaluation surplus realised, which represents the excess of depreciation on reproduction cost over original cost, during the year amounted to \$4,174,743 (2001: \$4,264,940). Depreciation on the original cost basis for 2002 is \$12,221,548 (2001: \$11,532,061).

c. Depreciation on property, plant and equipment is provided on a straight line basis to write-off the value of the assets over their estimated useful lives at the following annual rates:-

Freehold buildings & construction	-	2.5 - 5%
Plant & machinery	-	5 - 20%
Transmission & distribution	-	5 - 6%
Motor vehicles	-	25%
Furniture & equipment	-	12.5%

d. Consumers are required to pay for any connection in excess of 100 feet from the company's low-tension lines. Domestic consumers are required to pay for any connection which requires the utilisation for more than one pole from the company's low-tension lines. Contributions received in excess of cost incurred by the company, is included in results as administration and overhead recovery. The balance on the contribution account is amortised over the estimated useful lives of the assets on the straight-line basis by way of a reduction of the depreciation charge under transmission and distribution costs.

4.3. Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. In general, cost is determined on an average basis. In determining net realisable value, due allowance is made for the cost of realising slow-moving and obsolete inventories.

4.4. Provision for Doubtful Debts

The provision for doubtful debts is determined by reference to specific disconnected consumers' accounts. Customers whose service have been disconnected during the current financial year and those which have been disconnected in excess of one year are subject to a provision of 50% and 100%, respectively on the outstanding balance, less deposits thereon.

4.5. Unbilled Sales

Revenue from sales of electricity is based on meter readings, which are done on a rotational basis each month. The provision for unbilled sales is calculated on the basis of apportionment of revenue derived from the meter reading period under review.

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4. Principal Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

4.6. Translation of Foreign Currencies

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Eastern Caribbean dollars at the rates of exchange prevailing at the balance sheet date. Transactions involving foreign currencies are converted at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates the transactions occur. Exchange gains or losses arising on conversion or settlement of foreign currency denominated amounts are included in operations for the year.

4.7. Taxation

Income tax expense is determined on the basis of tax effect accounting using the liability method. Accordingly, temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying values for financial reporting purposes are accounted for as deferred tax at the current tax rate. Deferred tax assets relating to unutilised tax losses are recognised only when it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which losses can be applied.

4.8. Deferred Grant Income

Grants related to the acquisition of property, plant and equipment are deferred and credited to income on a basis consistent with the amortisation of the cost of asset to which they relate.

4.9. Earnings per Share

Earnings per share is calculated using the weighted average numbers of shares outstanding. Fully diluted earnings per share reflect the dilutive effect of the option to convert the European Investment Bank loan balance to shares.

4.10. Pension Plan

The company's contributions to the pension plans are charged to the statement of operations in the year to which they relate.

4.11. Impairment of Assets

The company periodically evaluates the carrying value of its assets for potential impairment. The company considers projected future operating results, cash flows, trends and other circumstances in making such estimates and evaluation. Generally, any impairment in the value of an asset is charged to current operations. In the case of revalued assets, an impairment in value is charged to revaluation surplus to the extent that previous increases credited thereto were not utilised and amounts in excess of previous credits for the same asset are charged to operations.

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4. Principal Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

4.12. Investments

Marketable securities, which consist primarily of commercial paper with an original maturity date of less than twelve months, are carried at their approximate fair value.

Investments of a long-term nature and which are intended to be held to maturity are carried at cost, except where there has been a permanent diminution in the value of the investment.

4.13. Financial Instruments

The company recognises a financial asset or financial liability on its balance sheet using the settlement date method. Accordingly, a financial asset or a financial liability is recognised on the date of receipt or delivery to or by the company respectively. Any gains or losses arising from price, interest rate, or currency changes between the trade date, the date the company commits to the purchase or sale of an asset, and balance sheet date are recorded in current operations.

5. Marketable Securities

	2002	2001
	\$	\$
LIAT (1974) Limited 5.5% interest bond, maturing September 1, 2003.	2,660,915	2,660,915
Treasury bills	3,000,000	3,000,000
	5,660,915	5,660,915

6. Inventories

	2002	2001
	\$	\$
Spares	9,404,829	8,138,106
Fuel and lubricants	263,801	95,439
Stationery	84,398	115,843
Goods in transit	1,064,776	912,262
	10,817,804	9,261,650
Less: provision for obsolescence	(1,086,754)	(1,051,271)
	9,731,050	8,210,379

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7. Long-Term Investments

	2002	2001
	\$	\$
20,000 Eastern Caribbean Security Exchange Limited Class B Shares	200,000	200,000

8. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Freehold Property \$	Generation \$	Transmission & Distribution \$	Other \$	Total \$
Operational Assets - Valuation					
As of December 31, 2001	91,540,171	97,403,498	112,023,785	13,239,989	314,207,443
Transfers	25,811	9,191,494	3,576,054	816,993	13,610,352
Disposals	0	(341,788)	0	0	(341,788)
Revaluation	1,165,390	741,521	2,737,511	583,311	5,227,733
As of December 31, 2002	92,731,372	106,994,725	118,337,350	14,640,293	332,703,740
Accumulated Depreciation					
As of December 31, 2001	41,965,740	60,685,204	58,911,292	7,659,006	169,221,242
Charge for the year	2,255,911	5,815,357	6,925,876	1,399,147	16,396,291
Disposals and transfers	0	(341,788)	0	0	(341,788)
Revaluation	388,639	(702,447)	2,333	162,987	(148,488)
As of December 31, 2002	44,610,290	65,456,326	65,839,501	9,221,140	185,127,257
Net Book Value					
As of December 31, 2001	49,574,431	36,718,294	53,112,493	5,580,983	144,986,201
As of December 31, 2002	48,121,082	41,538,399	52,497,849	5,419,153	147,576,483
Non-Operational Assets					
As of December 31, 2001	40,056	1,676,194	494,344	75,875	2,286,469
Additions	146,291	13,496,540	3,911,577	1,221,859	18,776,267
Transfers	(25,811)	(9,191,494)	(3,576,054)	(816,993)	(13,610,352)
As of December 31, 2002	160,536	5,981,240	829,867	480,741	7,452,384
Net Book Value					
As of December 31, 2001	49,614,487	38,394,488	53,606,837	5,656,858	147,272,670
As of December 31, 2002	48,281,618	47,519,639	53,327,716	5,899,894	155,028,867

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9. Deferred Grant

This represents the unamortised portion of the grant funds, which amounted to 20% of the cost of electrification of the area North of the Dry River, received from Agence Francaise de Development Group.

10. Consumers' Contributions to Line Extension

	Government \$	Other Consumers \$	Total \$
Contributions			
Beginning of year	4,260,035	10,299,947	14,559,982
Received during the year	0	556,148	556,148
Refunds	0	(1,703)	(1,703)
End of year	<u>4,260,035</u>	<u>10,854,392</u>	<u>15,114,427</u>
Amortisation			
Beginning of year	2,261,372	3,861,072	6,122,444
For the year	255,602	651,264	906,866
End of year	<u>2,516,974</u>	<u>4,512,336</u>	<u>7,029,310</u>
Balance - 2001	<u>1,998,663</u>	<u>6,438,875</u>	<u>8,437,538</u>
Balance - 2002	<u>1,743,061</u>	<u>6,342,056</u>	<u>8,085,117</u>

11. Long-Term Debts

a. Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) First Power Project

- (i) 10.5% loan obtained through the International Development Association-Special Action Credit (IDA/SAC).

This loan, which is equivalent to US\$593,890, is repayable in 80 semi-annual instalments of \$8,908, due October 15, 2029.

- (ii) 10.5% loan obtained through the International Development Association (IDA).

This loan is for US\$664,700 and is repayable in 80 semi-annual instalments, of US\$9,970, plus interest, due July 15, 2029.

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11. Long-Term Debts (Cont'd)

a. Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) First Power Project (Cont'd)

The above loans were made by the CDB to the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines for on-lending by the Government to the company. The loan agreements provide:-

- (i) That all payments of principal and interest shall be made by the company to CDB and such payments shall be deemed payments by the company to the Government.
- (ii) That the loans are to be secured by execution of a debenture giving a first floating charge over the undertaking and its uncalled capital.

b. Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) Second Power Project

Loan obtained through the Special Funds Resources of the Bank. The fixed interest rate of 4% is combined with a spread to vary with the interest on the Ordinary Capital Resources (OCR) of the bank. At December 31, 2002 the rate was 6.75%.

This loan is for US\$4,500,000, and is repayable in 60 equal quarterly instalments of US\$75,000, due March 31, 2006. This loan was made by the CDB to the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines for on-lending by the Government to the Company. The loan agreement provides:-

- (i) That all payments of principal and interest shall be made by the company to CDB and such payments shall be deemed payments by the company to the Government.
- (ii) That the loan is to be secured by execution of a debenture giving a first floating charge over the undertaking and its uncalled capital.

c. Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines

(i) International Development Association

This loan is for US\$4,700,000 special drawing rights, repayable in 30 equal semi-annual instalments of US\$156,667, plus interest at 10.0%, due on December 31, 2004.

(ii) United States Agency for International Development

Loan for US\$7,500,000, repayable in 60 semi-annual instalments of US\$122,951 and a final instalment of US\$122,940, plus interest at 4% to June 30, 2005, and at 5% thereafter, due on June 30, 2025. The loan agreement provides that the company is required to earn an annual rate of return of 8% on the current net value of the company's operational assets.

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11. Long-Term Debts (Cont'd)

c. Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (Cont'd)

(iii) European Investment Bank Loan I

Loan of 2,900,000 ECU's repayable in 15 annual instalments of 193,333 ECU's, plus interest at 4%, due on December 15, 2004. The loan agreement provides that the Government shall have the right at any time after December 31, 1989, to subscribe for shares in the company of the EC dollar equivalent of the loan balance at that time.

(iv) European Investment Bank Loan II

Loan for the EC dollar equivalent of 3,000,000 ECU's repayable in 30 semi-annual instalments of 100,000 ECU's plus tax interest of 7.5% due on November 30, 2006.

(v) European Investment Bank Loan III

Loan for the EC dollar equivalent of US\$3,485,620 of which US\$2,685,805 is charged at 5.81% and US\$799,814 at 4.14% (fixed). The loan is due on August 31, 2013.

d. Agency Française de Development Group

4% loan of US\$680,000 repayable in eighteen semi-annual instalments of US\$37,778 commencing on October 31, 2002, due on April 30, 2011. This loan is secured by a guarantee of the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines.

e. Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development

8% loan for 1,000,000 Kuwait Dinars repayable in thirty semi-annual instalments of 33,333 Kuwait Dinars, plus interest due on February 15, 2012. The loan has been secured by a guarantee of the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines.

12. Customers' Deposits

Customers' deposits are refundable on termination of supply and bear interest at the rate of 4% per annum.

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13. Deferred Tax Liability

Deferred tax liability comprises:-

	2002	2001
	\$	\$
Accelerated tax depreciation	13,072,343	12,527,274
Unbilled sales	1,288,114	1,076,439
Taxed provisions	(595,473)	(502,506)
	<u>13,764,984</u>	<u>13,101,207</u>

14. Stated Capital

Authorised - Unlimited number of ordinary shares without nominal or par value.

	2002	2001
	\$	\$
Issued and fully paid - 5,809,182 ordinary shares without nominal or par value.	<u>29,045,910</u>	<u>29,045,910</u>

The European Investment Bank Loan I agreement with the company provides that the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines may, at its option, subscribe for additional shares in the company by the conversion, at the rate of \$5 per share, of the loan balance outstanding, which at year end amounted to \$2,043,478 (2001: \$1,723,772), as disclosed in note 11 (c) (iii).

15. Self Insurance Fund

The company has created a self insurance fund for the coverage of its transmission and distribution assets, which at December 31, 2002, amounted to \$52.5 million. This reserve has been created by way of appropriation from the retained earnings.

16. Prior Period Adjustment

The company received an income tax assessment for the years 1994 through 2000 in the amount of \$5,088,560, including penalties, of which \$806,137 has already been recorded. In addition, the company was assessed withholding taxes of \$5,053,456 on certain payments to entities that are not ordinarily resident in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. During 2002 the company and the Inland Revenue Department arrived at a settlement which resulted in the company absorbing an additional tax charge of \$4,984,879, of which \$3,246,129 relates to the period prior to January 1, 2002. The effects of the additional income tax assessment have been applied retroactively.

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17. Income Tax

Income tax expense comprises:-

	2002	2001
	\$	\$
Current	2,655,804	5,289,910
Deferred	663,777	(276,514)
	3,319,581	5,013,396

The effective rate of income tax provided in the financial statements varies from the rate specified by the tax statutes for the following reasons:-

	2002		2001	
	\$	%	\$	%
Profit before tax	5,765,654	100	6,582,892	100
Tax calculated at the statutory rate	1,845,009	32	2,106,525	32
Income not subject to taxation	73,821	1	(254,355)	(4)
Depreciation of assets not covered by deferred taxation	1,400,751	25	1,429,544	22
Expenses disallowed as tax deduction	0	0	1,738,750	26
Over provision of income tax in prior years	0	0	(7,068)	0
	3,319,581	58	5,013,396	76

18. Earnings per Share

Earnings per share is calculated upon net earnings for the year of \$2,446,073 (2001: \$1,569,496) and on the average issued share capital of 5,809,182 (2001: 5,809,182) ordinary shares.

Fully diluted earnings per share reflect the diluted effect of the option to subscribe for shares by the conversion of the balance outstanding on the European Investment Bank loan. The loan is converted at \$5.00 per share and reflects the average number of shares for the fully diluted earnings per share calculation of 6,217,878 (2001: 6,153,936).

Net earnings for the calculation of fully diluted earnings per share have been increased by \$40,176 (2001: \$60,983) representing the after tax effect of interest on the loan.

19. Capital Commitments

As of December 31, 2002, the directors had approved capital expenditures totalling \$42.9 million (2001: \$25.3 million) of which \$5.5 million have been contracted for.

20. Retirement Benefits

The company provides retirement benefits, under a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution plan, for substantially all of its employees. The most recent actuarial valuations, which were carried out on December 31, 1995 and January 1, 2000, revealed surplus of assets in both plans. The company's contributions to the plans are expensed when incurred. During the year, the company's pension expense amounted to \$455,091 (2001: \$418,515).

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21. Financial Instruments

The company does not believe that its operations are subject to any significant concentration of price, credit, liquidity or cash flow risks. As a result, the company has not entered into any contractual arrangement with the view to hedging any risk exposure. The company, however, will continuously monitor its operating environment and assess its exposure to various risks with the view to mitigating any potential loss.

Financial assets of the company include cash, marketable securities, long-term investment and debtors. Financial liabilities of the company include accounts payable, long-term debts, consumers' deposits and consumers' contributions to line extensions.

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities, because of their short term maturities, are not materially different to their carrying amounts.

21.1. Credit Risk: Accounts Receivable

The company sells products to customers in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The company performs ongoing credit evaluations of customers and generally does not require collateral. Provisions are made for credit losses.

21.2. Interest Rate Risk

The company is exposed to various risks associated with the effect of fluctuations in the prevailing market rates on its financial position and cash flows. Its exposure to interest rate sensitivity gap is as follows:-

	Up to One Year \$	One to Five Years \$	Over Five Years \$	Non-Interest Bearing \$	Total \$
Financial Assets	26,821,955	0	7,177	19,477,741	46,306,873
Financial Liabilities	5,156,043	10,249,831	34,153,985	32,587,119	82,146,978
Interest Sensitivity Gap					
As of December 31, 2002	<u>21,665,912</u>	<u>(10,249,831)</u>	<u>(34,146,808)</u>	<u>(13,109,378)</u>	<u>(35,840,105)</u>
As of December 31, 2001	<u>20,587,639</u>	<u>(9,839,729)</u>	<u>(34,954,975)</u>	<u>(9,822,695)</u>	<u>(34,029,760)</u>

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21. Financial Instruments (Cont'd)

21.3. Currency Risk

The company's operations are conducted in Eastern Caribbean Currency and are exposed to currency risk associated with the effect of fluctuations in the rates of exchange in various currencies. The company does not use interest swaps, foreign currency option or derivative instruments to hedge its foreign exchange risk. As of balance sheet date, the company has the following significant currency positions:-

	Financial Assets \$	Financial Liabilities \$	Currency Sensitivity Gap 2002 \$	Currency Sensitivity Gap 2001 \$
BDS	0	27,942	(27,942)	(244,635)
KUWAITI DINAR	0	4,878,107	(4,878,107)	(5,253,842)
ECU	0	2,043,478	(2,043,478)	(1,723,772)
EURO	0	1,777,825	(1,777,825)	(1,581,146)
US	2,897,666	36,527,739	(33,630,073)	(31,961,714)
STG	0	4,184,763	(4,184,763)	(150,452)
EC	43,409,207	32,707,124	10,702,083	6,885,801
TOTAL	46,306,873	82,146,978	(35,840,105)	(34,029,760)

22. Staff Cost

	2002 \$	2001 \$
Staff costs	10,193,838	10,481,361
Number of employees at balance sheet date	261	261

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PANNELL KERR FORSTER
Chartered Accountants

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OF AUDITORS

To the Directors of St. Vincent Electricity Services Limited

The accompanying pages are presented as additional information only. In this respect, they do not form part of the financial statements of St. Vincent Electricity Services Limited for the year ended December 31, 2002, and hence are excluded from the opinion expressed in our report dated August 7, 2003, to the directors on such financial statements. The information on these pages has been subject to audit procedures only to the extent necessary to express an opinion on the financial statements of the company and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all respects material to those financial statements.

August 7, 2003

ST. VINCENT ELECTRICITY SERVICES LIMITED**Financial Statistics****For the Year Ended December 31, 2002****(Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Currency)**

	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
	EC\$	EC\$	EC\$	EC\$	EC\$	EC\$
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SUMMARISED BALANCE SHEET						
Shares issued	29,046	29,046	29,046	29,046	29,046	29,046
Retained earnings	45,301	40,680	39,292	31,295	25,171	18,146
Other reserves	66,843	64,096	64,771	56,997	56,769	56,026
Long-term liabilities	39,913	43,198	46,024	43,500	48,313	52,370
Deferred income	306	326	345	372	400	427
	181,409	177,346	179,478	161,210	159,699	156,015
Fixed assets (Net)	155,029	147,273	152,766	140,933	141,880	141,386
Long-term investments	200	200	0	0	0	0
Current assets	55,838	53,934	42,676	37,645	32,269	28,084
Current liabilities	(29,658)	(24,061)	(15,964)	(17,368)	(14,450)	(13,455)
	181,409	177,346	179,478	161,210	159,699	156,015
SUMMARISED RESULTS						
Operating Revenues						
Electricity sales	48,061	46,415	44,022	41,789	39,755	37,044
Fuel surcharge	12,938	14,970	14,510	8,593	7,314	7,494
Other	2,381	2,217	2,009	1,472	727	297
Total	63,380	63,602	60,541	51,854	47,796	44,835
Operating Expenses						
Fuel cost covered by surcharge	12,850	14,753	14,400	8,641	7,239	7,168
Operating and maintenance						
- Hydro	1,914	2,353	2,266	2,163	1,979	1,822
- Diesel	9,343	8,356	7,130	7,935	6,964	7,013
Transmission & distribution	3,212	3,725	3,547	2,942	2,932	3,102
Administration & other	11,892	9,779	9,317	7,440	7,733	6,075
Depreciation	15,490	14,918	13,924	13,210	12,686	12,343
Total	54,701	53,884	50,584	42,331	39,533	37,523
Operating income	8,679	9,718	9,957	9,523	8,263	7,312
Interest	(2,914)	(3,135)	(3,073)	(3,298)	(3,467)	(4,287)
Net profit before tax	5,765	6,583	6,884	6,225	4,796	3,025
Income tax expense	(3,319)	(5,013)	(2,814)	(3,634)	(1,267)	(1,891)
Net profit after tax	2,446	1,570	4,070	2,591	3,529	1,134
Appraisal element in depreciation	4,175	4,265	3,927	3,533	3,496	3,632
Retained earnings brought forward	40,680	36,045	31,295	25,171	18,146	13,381
Final/Interim dividend	(1,000)	(1,200)	0	0	0	0
Self insurance fund	(1,000)	00	0	0	0	0
Retained earnings carried forward	45,301	40,680	39,292	31,295	25,171	18,147

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	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997
GENERATING PLANT (KW)						
Site Rated Capacity (KW)						
St Vincent	31,235	27,717	27,637	23,437	22,554	22,554
Bequia	2,160	2,160	2,160	1,720	1,720	1,700
Union Island	910	910	910	910	960	960
Canouan	3,120	3,120	3,120	3,120	1,240	1,240
Firm Capacity (KW)						
St Vincent	16,230	17,400	17,250	16,710	13,630	13,630
Bequia	1,000	1,000	1,000	820	1,040	1,040
Union Island	311	318	200	410	560	560
Canouan	788	1,355	1,482	1,550	725	725
Peak Demand (KW)						
St Vincent	16,050	15,230	14,030	14,020	12,860	12,100
Bequia	1,065	1,140	1,100	1,020	1,023	1,000
Union Island	428	417	390	364	371	360
Canouan	1,065	2,021	1,628	1,525	870	460
PRODUCTION AND SALES						
Gross Generation (KWhs)						
Hydro	22,026,517	18,509,655	24,769,924	17,407,190	22,088,080	21,669,350
Diesel	79,819,913	80,282,292	68,555,473	72,135,257	63,118,849	58,549,177
	101,846,430	98,791,947	93,325,397	89,542,447	85,206,929	80,218,527
Own Use	1,638,581	1,868,100	1,931,564	2,311,496	2,234,742	2,224,011
Net Generation	100,207,849	96,923,847	91,393,833	87,230,951	82,972,187	77,994,516
Sales (KWhs)						
Domestic	44,185,435	41,829,458	39,818,172	37,811,210	35,497,225	32,044,126
Commercial	36,570,640	35,554,945	33,777,336	32,060,991	30,714,429	27,724,454
Industrial	6,499,779	6,963,546	6,293,714	5,860,582	6,311,500	7,023,725
Street lighting	2,568,841	2,256,761	2,160,760	2,168,187	2,074,953	1,922,048
Total Sales	89,824,695	86,604,710	82,049,982	77,900,970	74,598,107	68,714,353
Loss (% of Net Generation)	10.4%	10.6%	10.2%	10.69%	10.09%	11.9%
Number of Consumers at Year-End						
Domestic	28,595	27,671	26,732	25,393	24,507	23,532
Commercial	3,554	3,428	3,360	3,139	3,097	2,961
Industrial	35	34	34	32	32	33
Street lighting	46	46	46	51	51	51
	32,230	31,179	30,172	28,615	27,687	26,577