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Independent auditor's report

To the Shareholders, Board of Directors and Management of Joint Stock Company "National Company "KazMunayGas"

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Joint Stock Company "National Company "KazMunayGas" and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2023 and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' (IESBA) International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in the Republic of Kazakhstan, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying consolidated financial statements.



Key audit matter

Impairment of non-current assets

We consider this matter to be one of the matters of most significance in our audit due to materiality of the balances of non-current assets, including upstream, downstream and midstream assets, to the consolidated financial statements, the high level of subjectivity in respect of assumptions underlying impairment analysis and significant judgements and estimates made by management.

Assumptions included discount rates, oil and petroleum products prices forecasts and inflation and exchange rate forecasts. Significant estimates included production forecast, future capital expenditure and oil and gas reserves available for development and production.

Information on non-current assets and the impairment tests performed is disclosed in *notes 4 and 16* to the consolidated financial statements.

Provisions and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognized and contingent liabilities are disclosed by the Group in respect of government inspections, provisions for asset retirement obligations (ARO) and general legal proceedings, as well as other matters.

In 2023 the Group recognized additional ARO for refineries and recorded changes in certain estimates related to ARO.

The assessment as to whether, or not, a liability should be recognized and whether

How our audit addressed the key audit matter

We considered management's assessment of the existence of impairment indicators and where impairment indicators were identified, we involved our business valuation specialists in the testing of management's impairment analysis and calculation of recoverable amounts.

We analyzed the assumptions underlying management forecasts. We compared oil and petroleum products prices used in the calculation of recoverable amount to available market forecasts.

We compared the discount rates and long-term growth rates to general market indicators and other available evidence and checked the adjustments made by management when calculating the applicable discount rate.

We tested the mathematical accuracy of the impairment models and assessed the analysis of the sensitivity of the results of impairment tests to changes in assumptions.

We performed procedures to assess competence, capabilities and objectivity of the external experts engaged by the Group to estimate the volumes of oil and gas reserves and prepare impairment models, where applicable.

We analysed disclosures on impairment test in the consolidated financial statements.

We inquired the Group's management and legal department for instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and the status of any pending and ongoing litigations, claims and proceedings. We obtained legal letters from internal legal advisers.

We inspected relevant correspondence, the minutes of the meetings of the Group's management and Board of Directors.

Our procedures in respect of ARO included assessment of legal and constructive



amounts can be reliably estimated involves estimation and judgement. Predicting the outcome of the matter and estimating the potential impact if the outcome is unfavourable represents a complex process and the potential exposure on the consolidated financial statements may be significant.

Calculation of ARO requires significant judgment due to the inherent complexity in estimating future costs and due to significance of this liability. Most of these obligations are expected to be settled in a long-term perspective. The Group involved specialists to assess the ARO. Management's assumptions used in the calculation include expected approach to decommissioning and discount rates, along with the effects of changes in inflation rates.

Assessment of legal and constructive obligations of the Group related to the liquidation of assets according to the contractual agreements and relevant local legislation requires management's judgement and evaluation and implies variability.

We considered provisions and contingent liabilities to be one of the matters of most significance in our audit because of their significance to the consolidated financial statements, the level of judgment required and the 2023 events describe above.

Information on provisions, contingent liabilities and commitments is disclosed in **notes 30** and **36** to the consolidated financial statements.

Other information included in the Group's 2023 annual report

Other information consists of the information included in the Group's 2023 Annual Report, other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Management is responsible for the other information. The Group's 2023 Annual Report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information, when it becomes available, and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

obligations related to the liquidation of assets on the basis of contractual agreements and relevant local legislation.

We considered the competence and objectivity of the specialists involved by the Group, who produced the cost estimates as a basis for ARO. We compared the discount and inflation rates used to available external data. We checked mathematical accuracy of the calculations.

We have also assessed changes in estimated future costs related to ARO and assessed how the Group took into consideration the recent changes in the related legislation.

We analysed the Group's management's estimates underlying the amounts recognized as provisions in the consolidated financial statements and assessed judgements in respect of the probability of potential outcomes of contingent liabilities in the consolidated financial statements.

We analysed the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements.



Responsibilities of management and the Audit Committee for the consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group'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 management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated 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 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 consolidated financial statements.

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

- ▶ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated 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 Group's internal control.
- ▶ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- ▶ Conclude on the appropriateness of management's 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 Group'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 consolidated 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 our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.