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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