

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders of: **Societatea Naționala de Transport Gaze Naturale TransGaz SA**

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Report on the Audit of the individual Financial Statements

Opinion

1. We have audited the individual financial statements of Societatea Naționala de Transport Gaze Naturale TransGaz S.A. („the Company” or „S.N.T.G.N. TransGaz S.A.”), which comprise the individual statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the individual statement of comprehensive income, individual statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, including a summary of significant accounting policies and notes to the individual financial statements.
2. The financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2023 are identified as follows:

Net assets/Total equity:	4,123,653,277 RON
Net profit for the year:	168,440,520 RON

3. In our opinion, the accompanying individual financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Ministry of Public Finance Order 2844/2016, with subsequent amendments, for the approval of accounting regulations conforming with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by EU (“Order 2844/2016”).

Basis for Opinion

4. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs), Regulation (EU) No. 537/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council (forth named The “Regulation”) and Law 162/2017 (“the Law”). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Individual financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants’ Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), in accordance with ethical requirements relevant for the audit of the financial statements in Romania including the Regulation and the Law 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.

Emphasis of matter

5. We draw attention to Note 30 to the individual financial statements which describe that the company has significant ongoing litigation as at December 31, 2023. The impact on the individual financial statements is uncertain and cannot be quantified at the current stage of litigation. Our opinion is not qualified in respect of this matter.

Key Audit Matters

6. Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the individual financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in

the context of our audit of the individual financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues represent a significant value of RON 1,713 million, consisting of a large volume of transactions. Identified types of transactions, related to revenue recognition, lead to the following risks:

- ▶ Completeness and existence of recorded revenue;
- ▶ Complex accounting policies and estimates;
- ▶ Transactions with the same partner on the basis of several contracts;
- ▶ Numerous transactions recorded near the end of the financial year;
- ▶ Changes and updates of prices and their application according to the gas year;
- ▶ The revenue recognition policy is set out in Note 3 "Summary of significant accounting policies".

Audit tests performed:

Our audit procedures included, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Assessment of the principles of revenue recognition in accordance with the provisions of IFRS and in relation to the Company's accounting policies;
- ▶ Performing detail tests in order to verify the correct registration of transactions;
- ▶ Verification of capacity bookings by network users through the booking platform, with electronic approval and generated contract;
- ▶ Reconciling reserved capacity through platform versus billed reserved capacity;
- ▶ Verification of delivery minutes signed by network users (quantity confirmation);
- ▶ Sample verification of manual debit records in the booking platform for technology points for which readings are not automatically imported;
- ▶ Conversion of flows from cubic meters and calorific value into MWh, for the year 2023;
- ▶ Calculation of billing quantities per partner starting from the flows in MWh recorded for the technological points;
- ▶ Reconciling quantities calculated on partners versus quantities invoiced for 2023;
- ▶ Examining the accuracy of the adjustments made by the Company or those to be made, in order to respect the principle of independence of the exercises;

Testing trade receivables on a sample basis by sending confirmation letters.

Application of IFRIC 12 "Service Concession Agreements"

IFRIC 12, although not an accounting standard, is an interpretation that implies a great deal of professional reasoning, especially in the Romanian legislative context.

According to IFRIC 12, Transgaz may receive an intangible asset, a financial asset, or a combination of the two, in exchange for construction work

Audit tests performed:

Our audit procedures included, but are not limited to:

- ▶ The analysis of the service concession agreement concluded in 2002, as well as the specific legislation supplementing the contractual provisions (especially Law 127/2014).

(upgrading / expansion) on the infrastructure (SNTG).

The Service Concession Agreement (ACS) was concluded by Transgaz in 2002 for a period of 30 years and IFRIC 12 was applicable starting with 2010. Law 127/2014, which entered into force on 5 October 2014, states that in the event of termination of the concession contract for any reason, the investment made by Transgaz shall be transferred to the owner of SNTG or another operator in exchange for the payment of a compensation equal to the net regulated accounting value established according to the regulations imposed by ANRE.

According to the latest methodologies for establishing the tariffs regulated by ANRE, approved by Order 41/2016, Transgaz obtains the right to adjust to the inflation the net regulated accounting value and, consequently, the assessment of the long-term receivable.

Transgaz presents all the details related to the application of IFRIC 12 and the impact of ANRE Order no. 41/2019 in Note 3.5 "Intangible assets" and Note 12 „Accounts receivable”.

The recoverable value of the investment in the Eurotransgaz subsidiary in the Republic of Moldova

As it results from Note 10 "Financial instruments" the Company's management performed an assessment of the recoverability of the value of the investment made in Eurotransgaz Moldova and, indirectly, in Vestomoldtransgaz, using an independent valuator.

Two approaches were used to measure participation: the income approach based on discounted cash flows, and the asset approach, which seeks to measure adjusted net assets.

The discounted cash flow model requires the use of professional reasoning and significant estimates, mainly regarding the forecasted revenues (based on the specific methodology for determining regulated income in the Republic of Moldova), discount rate and residual value.

This aspect is considered key due to the complexity of the estimates and reasoning used in the evaluation, but also to the significant value of the participation.

- ▶ The reasonableness of applying the bifurcated model in the context of first-time application of IFRS 15 and restatement of comparative information has been revised.
- ▶ The criteria for recognizing the financial asset as well as the method for assessing the long-term receivable as mentioned in Note 5.4 to the individual financial statements (the residual value, the discount rate used) were also reviewed.
- ▶ We've also examined how the information required by IFRIC 12 was disclosed in the financial statements.
- ▶ Consultations have taken place with the management of the Company.

Audit tests performed:

Our audit work included, among others, the following specific procedures:

- ▶ Obtaining the evaluation performed by the expert employed by the Company to test the impairment of participation;
- ▶ Verification of the experience and accreditations of the expert employed by the company;
- ▶ Analysis of evaluation reports with the help of an expert BDO evaluator.
- ▶ Analysis of the reasonableness of the estimates made and the hypotheses used.
- ▶ Adequacy of the methods used with the activity of companies.
- ▶ Assessing the adequacy of the information contained in the financial statements, including the explanatory notes.

Other matters

7. This report of the Independent Auditor is addressed exclusively to the Company's shareholders, as a body. Our audit was undertaken in order to report to the Company's shareholders all those aspects that we are required to state to them in a financial audit report and for no other purposes whatsoever. To the extent permitted by law, we do not accept or take responsibility to anyone other than the Company and its shareholders, as a body, for our audit work, for the report on the individual financial statements and the report on the Administrators' Report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Other information - Administrators' Report

8. Administrators are responsible for preparing and presenting Other information. This information comprises the Administrator's report, and the Remuneration Report but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report on these, nor the non-financial representation, this being presented in a separate report.

Our opinion on the individual 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.

In connection with our audit of the individual financial statements, our responsibility is to read the Other information and, in doing so, consider whether the Other information is materially inconsistent with the individual financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

With respect to the Administrator's report, which includes the non-financial representation, we read and report whether the consolidated Administrators' report is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Order of Minister of Public Finance no 2844/2016, articles 15-19, 26-28 respectively 39-42 of the accounting regulations in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

With respect to the Remuneration Report, we have read and reported whether it has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the provisions of the Law on issuers of financial instruments and market operations no. 24/2017 ("Law 24/2017"), article no. 107.

Based solely on the work required to be undertaken in the course of the audit of the individual financial statements, in our opinion:

- a) The information given in the Administrators' for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, is consistent, in all material respects, with the individual financial statements;
- b) The administrators' Report, including the non-financial representation has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with OMFP no. 2844/2016, points 15-19, respectively 39-42, of the accounting regulations compliant with the International of Financial Reporting Standards.
- c) The remuneration report has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the provisions of Law 24/2017, articles no. 106-107

In addition, based on our knowledge and understanding of the entity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we are required to report if we have identified material misstatements in the Administrators' report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Individual financial statements

9. Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the individual financial statements in accordance with Order 2844/2016, with subsequent amendments, for the approval of accounting regulations conforming with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by EU and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of individual financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

10. In preparing the individual financial statements, management is 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 management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

11. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Individual financial statements

12. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the individual 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, consolidated or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these individual financial statements.

13. 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 individual 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 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 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 individual 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 Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the individual financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the individual financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

14. 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 we identify during our audit.

15. We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

16. From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the individual financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

17. We have been appointed by the General Assembly of Shareholders No.12 held on December 20, 2023 to audit the individual and consolidated financial statements of **S.N.T.G.N. Transgaz S.A.** for the financial year ended December 31, 2023. The uninterrupted total duration of our commitment is 6 years, covering the financial years 2018 - 2023.

We confirm that:

- Our audit opinion is consistent with the additional report submitted to the Audit Committee of the Company that we issued the same date we issued and this report. Also, in conducting our audit, we have retained our independence from the audited entity.
- We have not provided for the Company the non-audit services referred to in Article 5 (1) of EU Regulation No.537 / 2014

Report on compliance with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/815 (European Single Electronic Format Regulatory Technical Standard or ESEF)

18. We have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement on the compliance with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2018/815 applicable to the individual financial statements included in the annual financial report of **S.N.T.G.N. Transgaz S.A.** (the Company) as shown in the digital files containing the unique code 254900R11L2IUTHIZ779 (Digital Files).

Responsibility of management and those charged with governance for Digital Files prepared in accordance with ESEF

19. Management is responsible for preparing the Digital Files in accordance with ESEF. This responsibility includes:

- the design, implementation and maintenance of the internal control relevant to the application of ESEF;
- ensuring consistency between the Digital Files and the individual financial statements that will be published in accordance with Order no. 2844/2016 with subsequent amendments.

20. Those in charge of governance are responsible for overseeing the preparation of Digital Files in accordance with ESEF.

Auditor's Responsibilities for Audit the Digital Files

21. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on whether the individual financial statements included in the annual financial report complies in all material respects with the requirements of the ESEF, based on the evidence we have obtained. We conducted our reasonable assurance assignment in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Assignments 3000 (revised), Assurance Assignments other than audits or reviews of historical financial information (ISAE 3000) issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

22. A reasonable assurance engagement in accordance with ISAE 3000 involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about compliance with ESEF. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risk of material departures from the requirements set out in ESEF, whether due to fraud or error. A reasonable assurance engagement includes:

- obtaining an understanding of the Company's process for the preparation of the Digital Files in accordance with the ESEF, including the relevant internal controls;
- reconciling the Digital Files with the audited individual financial statements of the Company that will be published in accordance with Order no. 2844/2016 with subsequent amendments.
- evaluating if all individual financial statements that are included in the annual financial report have been prepared in a valid XHTML format.

23. We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion. In our opinion, the individual financial statements for the financial year ended December 31, 2022 included in the annual financial report and presented in the Digital Files comply, in all material respects, with the requirements of ESEF.

24. In this section we do not express an audit opinion, a review conclusion or any other assurance conclusion on individual financial statements. Our audit opinion on the Company's individual financial statements for the financial year ended December 31, 2023 is included in the " Report on the Audit of the Individual financial statements" section above.

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