



## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **TO THE SHAREHOLDERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NAFTNA INDUSTRIJA SRBIJE a.d., Novi Sad**

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the financial statements of NAFTNA INDUSTRIJA SRBIJE a.d., Novi Sad (hereinafter: the Company) which comprise the Balance sheet as at December 31, 2022, and the Income statement, Statement of other comprehensive income, Statement of cash flows and Statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and Notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other disclosures.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Law on Accounting of the Republic of Serbia.

#### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Law on Audit of the Republic of Serbia and International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described 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 International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) and ethical requirements that are relevant for auditing financial statements in the Republic of Serbia and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with 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 financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. We identified the following key audit matter:

##### ***Estimation of decommissioning and environmental protection provisions***

Information on applied accounting policies and estimates of provisions associated with the decommissioning and environmental protection are disclosed in note 2, note 3 and note 22 to the financial statements. As described in the notes to the financial statements, the Company recognized provisions in the amount of RSD 11,275,101 thousand.

Provisions for decommissioning and environmental protection require significant management judgment due to numerous assumptions that are influenced by future activities, economic factors, and the legislator environment in which the Company operates. The most significant estimates include the estimate of future costs to settle the present obligation, inflation and discount rates, and exploitation period.





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Auditing this area of the financial statements is a complex process as it requires us to evaluate assumptions for future cost estimates for which there is limited comparative data as decommission of gas and oil infrastructure is an emerging area. The assessment of the mentioned factors affects the determination of the exact amount of provisions, which represents a materially significant item in the financial statements.

The management performs an annual review of the provisions for the decommission and environmental protection, namely for funds for exploration and evaluation and funds for the production and processing of oil and oil derivatives. The review by the management includes an analysis of changes in legislation in the Republic of Serbia, cost estimates, inflation and discount rates, and maturity of obligations.

**Audit approach:**

Our audit procedures included an understanding of the legal obligations regarding the decommission and environmental protection, and in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Mining and Geological Research and the Law on Environmental Protection, to which the Company is obliged to, during and after the completion of works on exploitation, recultivation of the land and to prevention of the further spread of pollution caused by the accident, to take remedial measures according to the protection plans at its own expense.

We have also performed the following audit procedures:

- We have performed testing of arithmetic accuracy of the model that the Company have used when calculating provisions;
- We reviewed the status of the wells on a sample basis and compared them with the status within the well fund, which is the foundation for the calculation of provisions;
- We have compared the changes in the status of the wells in the current year to the previous year, since the change in the status of the wells can have a material impact on the calculation of provisions;
- We have tested the completeness of the data, comparing it with other information within the business records and auditing procedures related to real estate, plants and equipment;
- We have assessed the justification of the applied discount rate as one of the assumptions for the calculation of provisions by comparing it with the rate on government bonds of the Republic of Serbia taken over from the National Bank of Serbia;
- We have evaluated and we have gained understanding of the assumptions related to the costs necessary for the liquidation and recultivation of the land;
- We have performed a review of the sensitivity analysis prepared by management for the main assumptions;
- We have gained an understanding of the Company's procedures applied by the management to estimate and record long-term provisions. This included understanding whether there was a legal or contingent obligation to establish a provision.



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The financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2021, were audited by another auditor, who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on March 03, 2022.

***Other Information***

The Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the consolidated Annual business report for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above 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.

In connection with the consolidated Annual business report, we have also carried out procedures in accordance with the Law on Accounting of the Republic of Serbia. These procedures include consideration of whether the consolidated Annual business report contains the disclosures required by the Law on Accounting of Serbia. Based on the procedures performed during the audit, in our opinion:

- ✓ the consolidated Annual business report was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Law on Accounting of the Republic of Serbia and
- ✓ the information provided in the consolidated Annual business report for the financial year for which financial statements are prepared are consistent with the financial statements.

Additionally, based on the understanding of the Company's operations and its business environment acquired during the audit, we are required to disclose in the report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement in the consolidated Annual business report. In that sense, there is nothing we need to say in the report.

***Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Law on Accounting of the Republic of Serbia, and for such internal control as management determines 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, 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.

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



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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 the Law on Audit of the Republic of Serbia 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 the Law on Audit of the Republic of Serbia, 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 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 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 financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- ✓ Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Company and its associates and jointly controlled entities to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Company audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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.



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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.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the 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.

Belgrade, March 01, 2023



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