

# The Polish original should be referred to in matters of interpretation. Translation of auditor's report originally issued in Polish.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE AUDIT

To the General Meeting and Supervisory Board of TAURON Polska Energia S.A.

Audit report on the annual consolidated financial statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the annual consolidated financial statements of TAURON Polska Energia S.A. Group (the 'Group'), for which the holding company is TAURON Polska Energia S.A. (the 'Company') located in Katowice at Ks. Piotra Ściegiennego 3 street, containing: the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021, the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, the consolidated statement of changes in equity, the consolidated statement of cash flows for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 and additional information to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies (the 'consolidated financial statements').

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2021 and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 in accordance with required applicable rules of International Financial Reporting Standards approved by the European Union and the adopted accounting policies,
- comply in respect of the form and content with laws applicable to the Group and the Parent Company's Statute.

The opinion is consistent with the additional report to the Audit Committee issued on 29 March 2022.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the National Standards on Auditing in the version of International Auditing Standards as adopted by the National Council of Statutory Auditors ("NAS") and pursuant to the Act of 11 May 2017 on Statutory Auditors, Audit Firms and Public Oversight (the 'Act on Statutory Auditors') and the Regulation (EU) No. 537/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on specific requirements regarding statutory audit of public-interest entities and repealing Commission Decision 2005/909/EC (the 'Regulation 537/2014'). 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 Group in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board of Accountants' (IESBA) International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code), adopted by the National Council of Statutory Auditors and other ethical responsibilities in accordance with required applicable rules of the audit of financial statements in Poland. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. While conducting the audit, the key certified auditor and the audit firm remained independent of the Group in accordance with the independence requirements set out in the Act on Statutory Auditors and the EU Regulation 537/2014.

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. They include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement, including the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud. 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 have summarized our reaction to these risks and in cases where we deemed it necessary, we presented the most important observations related to these types of risks. We do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.



Key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
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Impairment of assets analysis	
Why the issue is a key audit matter	Audit approach
As at December 31, 2021, the Group, in the consolidated financial statements, presented within significant asset items:  • fixed assets including property, plant and equipment with a carrying amount of approximately PLN 29 174 million;  • right of use assets with a carrying amount of approximately PLN 1 946 million;  • goodwill with a carrying amount approximately PLN 26 million;  • other intangible assets with a carrying amount of approximately PLN 540 million;  • investments in joint ventures with a carrying amount of approximately PLN 597 million;  • loans receivable from joint ventures with a carrying amount of approximately PLN 99 million;  constituting in total approximately 80% of the Group's consolidated balance sheet.  According to International Financial Reporting Standards the Management of the entity is obliged to determine the appropriate valuation method of loans receivable from joint ventures and, depending on the valuation method, to determine the fair value of these loans or determine the value of expected credit losses that may occur in the period of 12 months or remaining period of existence of loans depending on classification of	Our procedures, in relation to the key audit matter described, included, among others:  • Overview of the process and identification of control mechanisms operating in the Group related to impairment tests of assets, as well as an understanding of the applied accounting policies and procedures, including internal control environment related to the process of assessing impairment indicators and performing of impairment tests,  • Assessment of the assumptions made with regard to the grouping of assets into cash-generating units (CGU),  • Analysis of impairments indicators and reconciliation of source data used in impairment test models and assessment of impairment triggers for financial forecasts approved by the Management Board of the Parent Company;  • Assessment (with the assistance of valuation specialists) of estimates and assumptions made by the Group in order to determine the assets recoverable amount, including:  • the key macroeconomic assumptions adopted by the Group for future years (including: discount rates, projected growth rate) by comparing them to market data and available external data;  • arithmetical correctness of the discounted cash flows model, and  • assumptions made to determine cash flows and residual values after the
assets to the brackets and for fixed assets, right of use assets, goodwill, other intangible assets and investments in joint	<ul><li>period covered by a detailed strategy;</li><li>Inquiries to employees of the financial</li></ul>
ventures as a result of the identified	department and the Management Board



assets impairment premise for performing the impairment test.

The issue was identified as key audit matter in the audit of the consolidated financial statements due to the value of assets listed above, which significant for the consolidated financial statements, as well as due to the element of professional judgment of the Group management regarding the valuation of loans receivable from joint ventures and a complex element of the professional judgment of the Management Board of Parent Company regarding identifying cash-generating units and the estimation of the recoverable amount of fixed assets, right of use assets, goodwill, other intangible assets and investments in joint ventures.

The valuation of loans receivable from joint ventures requires the application of appropriate valuation model, depending on the classification of assets, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard 9 Financial Instruments.

Estimation of the recoverable amount of fixed assets, right of use assets, goodwill, other intangible assets and investments in joint ventures require the Management Board of Parent Company to adopt a number of assumptions regarding future market and economic conditions, such as, future changes in the prices of raw materials, electricity, property rights arising from certificates of origin of energy, CO2 emission rights and future revenues, costs and cash flows, weighted average cost of capital ("WACC"), as well as the impact of potential and already approved Polish and European regulatory including environmental changes, protection and anticipated the macroeconomic situation.

- of the Parent Company referring to the status of implementation of the adopted assumptions, including the validity of key estimates,
- Analysis of external sources of information such as industry press and evaluation of potential risk related to the implementation of the assumptions with the support of valuation specialists;
- Assessment of the classification of the loan's receivable from joint ventures in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard 9 Financial Instruments;
- Assessment of the Parent Company's Management Board's judgment regarding the valuation models used for loan receivables to joint ventures and the existence of objective events affecting the impairment of loans;
- Assessment of the correctness of recognition of results of impairment tests of assets and the valuation of loans receivable from joint venture in the books;
- Reconciliation of source data being the basis for valuation of loans;
- Analysis of the audit documentation regarding the validity of the assumptions made for impairment tests;
- Obtaining detailed statements of Parent Company Management's regarding the completeness and correctness of the data and significant assumptions provided to us;

 Assessment of the completeness of disclosures, in accordance with the International Accounting Standard 36



The Group disclosed information regarding impairment indicators, estimates of the impairment test, as well as impairment losses on intangible assets in note 11 of the explanatory the notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

The disclosure regarding the valuation of loans receivables from joint ventures and investments in joint venture was included by the Group respectively in note 24 and 25 of the explanatory notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

*Impairment of assets,* the International Accounting Standard 1 Presentation of financial statements and the International Financial Reporting Standard 7 Financial instruments disclosure of information in the Group's consolidated financial statements regarding impairment and valuation of assets.



## Claims, lawsuits and contingent liabilities

Why the issue is a key audit matter

The Group is a party to many significant claims and court cases which, depending on the Parent Company Management's assessment, are recognized as provisions or contingent liabilities. Significant in terms of value are potential and submitted claims identified by the Group related to the termination of long-term contracts for the purchase of electricity and property rights arising from certificates of origin of energy generated in renewable energy sources.

The basis for recognizing provisions and contingent liabilities in the consolidated financial statements are the Parent Company Management's judgments regarding the likelihood of adverse effects of the claims and court cases that may cause an outflow of economic benefits from the Group. The results of these claims and lawsuits are beyond the Holding Company's control.

The issue was identified as key audit matter in the audit of the consolidated financial statements due to the significance of the claims and lawsuits, as well as due to the complex element of the professional judgment of the Management regarding their impact on the consolidated financial statements.

## Audit approach

Our procedures, in relation to the key audit matter described, included, among others:

- Obtaining an understanding of the process of making judgments by the Parent Company Management's regarding claims and lawsuits;
- Monitoring of public information to identify a violation or potential violation of laws and regulations by the Group and to assess the completeness of the effects of identified violations, as well as to assess the completeness of disclosures in the consolidated financial statements;
- Analysis of the documentation regarding court cases presented for the audit purposes and discussion of significant court cases with the Legal Project Management Team of the Group and external lawyers significant claims and lawsuits;
- Analysis of the costs of legal services incurred during the year including the identification of entities providing legal services to the Group;
- Obtaining written explanations from the lawyers serving the Group with regard to the court and dispute cases conducted by them, and the analysis of the provided explanations;
- Analysis and assessment of the level and completeness of provisions for litigation in the context of the existing legal documentation:
- Discussion of the selected claims and court cases with internal specialists in the field of law;
- Obtaining detailed statements of the Parent Company Management Board



The Group disclosed information regarding claims and court cases in note 54 of the explanatory notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2021.

- regarding the completeness and correctness of the data and significant assumptions provided to us;
- Review of minutes of meetings of the legal bodies of the Parent Company Management Board as well as control reports of supervisory authorities and correspondence with these authorities.
- Analysis of the adequacy of disclosures in relation to court and out-of-court proceedings, related provisions and contingent liabilities in the consolidated financial statements.



Changes to the planned sales of significant assets of the Group and other plans that may result in changes to the Group's structure

Why the issue is a key audit matter

Following the events and decisions described in Note 9.2 of the additional explanatory notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021, the Parent Company's Management Board assessed that in relation to the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary TAURON Ciepło sp. z o.o. sp. z o.o. recognized as at 31 December 2020 as a disposal group held for sale, the International criteria of Financial Reporting Standard 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations ("IFRS 5") are no longer met in relation to the classification of these assets and liabilities as a disposal group held for sale.

As a result, the Group ceased to classify the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary TAURON Ciepło sp. z o.o. as held for sale in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 and restated the comparable data in respect of presentation and valuation of the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary TAURON Ciepło sp. z o.o.

Our audit approach

Our procedures, in relation to the key audit matter described, included, among others:

- analysis of the accounting policies relating to the classification of noncurrent assets as held for sale and the presentation of discontinued operations in accordance with IFRS 5, the related significant judgements and estimates;
- understanding of the process and control environment for identifying noncurrent assets (disposal groups) held for sale and discontinued operations, including an understanding of the procedures to ensure completeness of identification of such events and transactions;
- understanding of the business aspects of the withdrawal from the planned sale of shares in the subsidiary TAURON Ciepło sp. z o.o. and of the sale of shares in TAURON Wydobycie S.A. and assets in Elektrociepłownia Stalowa Wola S.A., as well as of the signed agreement on cooperation in separation of coal assets;
- assessment of the Management Board's judgement with respect to non-fulfilment of the criteria for classification of assets and liabilities as held for sale as at the end of the reporting period;
- analysis of the correctness of the restatement of comparable data in the scope of presentation and valuation of assets and liabilities of the subsidiary TAURON Ciepło sp. z o.o. in the consolidated financial statements;
- analysis of documentation presented for the audit with respect to planned changes in the Group's structure;



During 2021 the Group signed and concluded the following agreement and letters of intent:

- agreement on cooperation regarding the separation of coal assets from the Group's structure and their integration within the framework of the National Energy Security Agency;
- letter of intent on the sale of shares in the subsidiary TAURON Wydobycie S.A.
- letter of intent on the sale of equity participation and receivables on account of loans granted to Elektrociepłownia Stalowa Wola S.A. Stalowa Wola S.A.

As at 31 December 2021, the Parent Company's Management Board assessed that, with respect to the assets and liabilities subject to the above agreement and the above letters of intent, the criteria for classifying these assets and liabilities as a disposal group held for sale are not met.

The issue was identified as key audit matter in the audit of the consolidated financial statements due to materiality of assets and liabilities being the subject of the concluded agreement and signed letters of intent, an element of the professional judgment of the Management Board of the Parent Company in the classification of assets and liabilities being the subject of the above mentioned decisions and the agreement and letters of intent, as not meeting the criteria set out in IFRS 5 in terms of presentation of discontinued operations and classification of assets and liabilities as a disposal group held for sale and other necessary disclosures.

- obtaining detailed statements of the Management Board of the Parent Company as to the completeness of the data and significant assumptions provided to us;
- inquiries to the Management Board of the Parent Company with respect to the status of planned divestments as at the end of the reporting period, including uncertainties related to them;
- analysis and assessment of the adequacy and completeness of the disclosures in the consolidated financial statements in relation to the changes to the sales plan of TAURON Ciepło sp. z o.o. and other planned changes in the Group's structure, including disclosures regarding key judgments and estimates made by the Group in this respect.



Disclosures concerning changes in the sales plan of TAURON Ciepło sp. z o.o., ceasing to classify the assets and liabilities as a disposal group held for sale and restatement of comparable data in connection with non-compliance with the conditions of IFRS 5 in respect of assets and liabilities of the subsidiary TAURON Ciepło sp. z o.o. regarding classification of these assets and liabilities as a disposal group held for sale were presented in Note 9.2 of the additional explanatory notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Disclosures concerning material information with respect to the signed agreement and letters of intent were presented in Notes 24 and 59 of the additional explanatory notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.



#### Provisions for onerous contracts

Why the issue is a key audit matter

As at 31 December 2021, the Group disclosed provisions for onerous contracts at the total carrying amount of approximately PLN 416 million, which represents approximately 1% of the Group's total assets.

The provision in question was created for contracts concluded by the Group, under which the estimated achievable revenues from electricity sales will not cover the estimated costs of electricity purchase or production.

The issue was identified as key audit matter in the audit of the consolidated financial statements due to its significant impact on the consolidated financial statements, as well as due to a complex element of professional judgement of the Management Board of the Parent Company regarding identification, accordance with the provisions of International Accounting Standard 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets ("IAS 37"), of an onerous contract and estimation of unavoidable costs exceeding benefits resulting from execution of the onerous contract.

Estimating the costs and benefits of these onerous contracts requires the Parent Company's Management Board to make a number of assumptions about future market and economic conditions, including, but not limited to, future changes in electricity prices and future revenues, costs and cash flows.

Our audit approach

Our procedures, in relation to the key audit matter described, included, among others:

- analysis of the accounting policies relating to identification, recognition and measurement of provisions for onerous contracts;
- understanding the process and control environment for accounting treatment of provisions for onerous contracts under IAS 37, including understanding the procedures to ensure completeness of identification of potentially onerous business relationships;
- understanding of the business aspects of entering into an onerous contract, including an understanding of the basis for unavoidable costs exceeding the obtainable benefits of the onerous contract;
- analysis of documentation presented for the audit, constituting the basis for recognition of provisions for onerous contracts;
- assessment of key judgments and estimates of the Parent Company's Management Board as regards valuation and recognition of provisions for onerous contracts;
- conducting reliability tests in relation to provisions for onerous contracts in order to assess the correctness of valuation, recognition and presentation of these provisions in the consolidated financial statements;
- analysis of the consistency of assumptions used in the valuation of provisions for onerous contracts with the assumptions used in impairment tests;
- analysis of arithmetic correctness of the model used for valuation of provisions for agreements resulting in impairment charges;



Disclosures regarding provisions for onerous contracts were presented in Note 41 of the additional explanatory notes to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

- obtaining detailed statements of the Management Board of the Parent Company as to the completeness and correctness of the data and significant assumptions provided to us;
- inquiries to the employees of the financial department and the Management Board of the Parent Company regarding the status of implementation of the adopted assumptions, including the validity of key estimates;
- analysis and assessment of the adequacy of the disclosures in the consolidated financial statements with regard to the guidelines in IAS 37, including the disclosures concerning the key judgements and estimates made by the Parent Company's Management Board in this regard.



## Responsibilities of the Company's Management and members of the Supervisory Board for the consolidated financial statements

The Company's Management Board is responsible for the preparation the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position and the consolidated financial performance in accordance with applicable International Financial Reporting Standards adopted by the European Union, the applied accounting policies, other applicable laws, as well as the Parent Company's Statute, and is also responsible for such internal control as the Company's Management Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, The Company's Management Board is responsible for assessing the Group's (the holding company and significant components) ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Company's Management Board either intends to liquidate the Group (the holding company or significant components) or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Company's Management and the members of the Company's Supervisory Board are required to ensure that the consolidated financial statements meet the requirements of the Accounting Act dated 29 September 1994 (the 'Accounting Act'). The members of the Company's Supervisory Board are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's responsibility 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 due to fraud or error, and to issue an independent auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with NAS will always detect material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements may arise as a result of fraud or error and are considered material if they, individually or in the aggregate, could be reasonably expected to influence the economic decisions of the users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

The concept of materiality is applied by the auditor both in planning and performing the audit, and in evaluating the effect of identified misstatements on the audit and of uncorrected misstatements, if any, on the consolidated financial statements and in forming the opinion in the auditor's report. Hence all auditor's opinions and statements contained in the auditor's report are made with the contemplation of the qualitative and quantitative materiality levels established in accordance with auditing standards and auditor's professional judgment.

The scope of the audit does not include assurance on the future profitability of the Group nor efficiency or effectiveness of conducting business matters now and in the future by the Parent Company's Management.

As part of an audit in accordance with NAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism and 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 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 the Company's Management,



- conclude on the appropriateness of the Company's 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 independent 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 independent auditor's report,
  however, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going
  concern,
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation,
- we obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of entities and business activities within the Group for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are solely responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit of the Group and we remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Audit Committee 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.

We provide the Audit Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate to them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated to the Audit Committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated 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.

## Other information, including the Directors' Report

The other information comprises the consolidated management report of the Group for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 ("Directors' Report") together with the consolidated statement on corporate governance, which is a separate section of the Directors' Report, the consolidated statement on non-financial information and the Consolidated Annual Financial Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 ('Consolidated Annual Report') (jointly 'Other Information'). The Other Information does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Responsibilities of the Company's Management and members of the Supervisory Board

The Company's Management is responsible for the preparation of the Other Information in accordance with the law.

The Company's Management and members of the Parent Company's Supervisory Board are required to ensure that the Directors' Report with separate elements meets the requirements of the Accounting Act.



## Auditor's responsibilities

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not include the Other Information. In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the Other Information and, in doing so, consider whether it is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other information, we are required to report that fact in our independent auditor's report. Our responsibility in accordance with the Act on Statutory Auditors is also to issue an opinion on whether the Directors' Report was prepared in accordance with relevant laws and that it is consistent with the information contained in the consolidated financial statements.

In addition, we are required to inform whether the Company has prepared the consolidated statement on non-financial information and to issue an opinion on whether the Parent Company has included the required information in the consolidated statement on corporate governance.

#### Opinion on the Directors' Report

Based on the work performed during our audit, in our opinion, the Directors' Report:

- has been prepared in accordance with the article 49 of the Accounting Act and paragraph 71 of
  the Decree of the Minister of Finance dated 29 March 2018 on current and periodic information
  published by issuers of securities and conditions for recognition as equivalent the information
  required by laws of non-EU member states (the 'Decree on current and periodic information'),
- is consistent with the information contained in the consolidated financial statements.

Moreover, based on our knowledge of the Group and its environment obtained during our audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

#### Opinion on the corporate governance statement

In our opinion, in the representation on application of corporate governance, the Group has included information stipulated in paragraph 70, section 6, point 5 of the Decree on current and periodic information.

Moreover, in our opinion, the information stipulated in paragraph 70, section 6, point 5 letter c-f, h and i of the Decree included in the consolidated statement on corporate governance is in accordance with applicable laws and information included in the consolidated financial statements.

#### Information on non-financial information

In accordance with the requirements of the Act on Statutory Auditors, we inform that the Parent Company has included in Directors' Report information on the preparation of a separate consolidated report on non-financial information, referred to in art. 55 par. 2c of the Accounting Act and that the Parent Company has prepared the separate report.

We have not performed any assurance procedures on the separate report on non-financial information and do not provide any assurance thereon.



#### Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinion on the compliance of marking up of the consolidated financial statements prepared in the single electronic reporting format with the requirements of the regulation on technical standards on the specification of a single electronic reporting format

As part of our audit of the consolidated financial statements we were engaged to perform a reasonable assurance engagement to express an opinion on whether the consolidated financial statements of the Group as at and for the year ended 31 December 2021, prepared in the single electronic reporting format, included in the file named "GKTAURON-SprFinan-2021-12-31-PL.zip" ('consolidated financial statements in ESEF format'), was marked up in accordance with the requirements stipulated in the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) of 17 December 2018 supplementing Directive 2004/109/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards on the specification of a single electronic reporting format (the 'ESEF Regulations').

Identification of the applicable criteria and description of the subject matter

The consolidated financial statements in ESEF format were prepared by the Company's Management in order to meet the tagging requirements and technical requirements of a single electronic reporting format which are specified in the ESEF Regulations.

The subject matter of our assurance engagement is the compliance of marking up of consolidated financial statements in ESEF format with the requirements of the ESEF Regulations, while the requirements specified in these regulations represent, in our opinion, applicable criteria for us to express an opinion.

Responsibilities of the Company's Management and members of the Supervisory Board

The Company's Management is responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements in ESEF format in accordance with the tagging requirements and technical requirements of a single electronic reporting format which are specified in the ESEF Regulations. Such responsibility includes the selection and application of appropriate XBRL tags using the taxonomy specified in these regulations.

The responsibility of Management also includes the design, implementation and maintenance of such internal control as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the consolidated financial statements in ESEF format that are free from any material incompliances with the ESEF Regulations.

The members of the Company's Supervisory Board are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process, which include also the preparation of financial statements in the format required by applicable regulations.

#### Auditor's responsibilities

Our objective is to express an opinion, based on the performed reasonable assurance engagement, that the consolidated financial statements in ESEF format have been tagged in accordance with ESEF Regulations.

We have performed our assurance engagement in accordance with the National Standard on Assurance Engagements Other than Audit and Review 3001 PL on audit of financial statement prepared in the single electronic reporting format ('NSAE 3001PL') and when applicable in accordance with National Standard on Assurance Engagements Other than Audit and Review 3000 (R) in the form of the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (revised) - 'Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information' ('NSAE 3000 (R)').

The standard requires us to design and perform procedures to obtain reasonable assurance that the consolidated financial statements in ESEF format have been prepared in accordance with the applicable criteria.



Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it is not a guarantee that the assurance engagement conducted in accordance with NSAE 3001PL and, when appropriate, in accordance with NSAE 3000 (R), will always detect material misstatement when it exists.

The selection of procedures depends on the auditor's professional judgment, including the auditor's assessment of risks of material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error. When performing risk assessment the auditor takes account of internal controls related to preparation of the consolidated financial statements in ESEF format, to design procedures responsive to those risks in order to obtain evidence that is sufficient and appropriate. The assessment of internal control was not performed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on its operational effectiveness.

## Summary of work performed

Procedures that were designed and performed by us included among others:

- obtaining an understanding of the process of preparation of the consolidated financial statements in ESEF format, including the process of selection and application of XBRL markups and maintaining compliance with the ESEF Regulations, as well as obtaining an understanding of internal controls related to this process;
- reconciling the tagged information in consolidated financial statements in ESEF format to the audited consolidated financial statements;
- assessment of the compliance with the technical standards on the specification of a single electronic reporting format with the use of specialistic IT tools and IT expert;
- assessment of the completeness of tagging of information in the consolidated financial statements in ESEF format with XBRL tags with the use of specialistic IT tools and IT expert;
- assessment whether XBRL tags from the taxonomy specified by the ESEF Regulations have been applied appropriately and whether extension taxonomy elements have been used when there are no appropriate elements in the core taxonomy specified in the ESEF Regulations;
- evaluating of the anchoring of the extension taxonomy elements to the core taxonomy elements specified by the ESEF Regulations.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on the compliance of marking up with ESEF Regulations.

#### Ethical requirements, including independence

While performing the assurance engagement, the key statutory auditor and the audit firm have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements as specified by the IESBA Code. The IESBA Code is based on the fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour. We have also complied with other independence and ethical requirements applicable to this assurance engagement in Poland.

#### Quality control requirements

The audit firm applies national quality control standards in the form of International Standard on Quality Control 1 - 'Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Statements and other Assurance and Related Services Engagements' as adopted by a resolution of the National Council of Certified Auditors ('NSQC').

In accordance with NSQC, the audit firm maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

#### Opinion on compliance with the ESEF Regulations

Our opinion has been formed on the basis of the matters outlined in this report and therefore should be read in conjunction with these matters.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements in ESEF format have been marked up, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of the ESEF Regulations.



#### Statement on the provision of non-audit services

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we represent that services, which we have provided to the Group, are compliant with the laws and regulations applicable in Poland, and that non-audit service, which are prohibited under article 5 item 1 of Regulation 537/2014 and article 136 of the Act on Statutory Auditors, were not provided. The non-audit services, which we have provided to the Group in the audited period, have been disclosed in the Directors' Report.

#### Appointment of the audit firm

We were appointed for the audit of the Group's consolidated financial statements initially based on the resolution of Supervisory Board from 15 March 2017 and reappointed based on the resolution from 28 November 2018. The consolidated financial statements of the Group have been audited by us uninterruptedly starting from the financial year ended on 31 December 2017, i.e. for the past five consecutive years

Warsaw, 29 March 2022

**Key Certified Auditor** 

Leszek Lerch certified auditor

no in the register: 9886

on behalf of:

Ernst & Young Audyt Polska spółka z ograniczoną odpowiedzialnością sp. k.

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