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# Independent Auditors' Report

(free translation<sup>1</sup>)

## To the Shareholders of Societatea de Producere a Energiei Electrice in Hidrocentrale Hidroelectrica S.A.

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## Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

### Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Societatea de Producere a Energiei Electrice in Hidrocentrale Hidroelectrica S.A. ("the Company") and its subsidiary (together "the Group"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, the consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2020 are identified as follows:

- Net assets/Total equity: RON 14,518,642,949
- Net profit for the year: RON 1,443,166,753

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2020, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Order of Minister of Public Finance no. 2844/2016 for approval of accounting regulations in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and related amendments ("OMPF no. 2844/2016").

<sup>1</sup> TRANSLATOR'S EXPLANATORY NOTE: This translation of the auditors' report is provided as a free translation from Romanian, which is the official and binding version.

## Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (“ISAs”), Regulation (EU) no. 537/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council (“the Regulation”) and Law no. 162/2017 (“the Law”). Our responsibilities under those standards and regulations are further described in the *Auditors’ Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants 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 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.

## 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.

We have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report:

- Impairment of assets under construction
- Litigations

### Impairment of assets under construction

*Carrying amount of assets under construction (RON 1,163,719,336 as at 31 December 2020; RON 1,780,696,659 as at 31 December 2019), Impairment loss recognized during the year for assets under construction, net (RON 169,861,823 for the year 2020; RON 13,745,354 for the year 2019) – Note 5*

Refer to Notes 2.4 a3) (use of judgements and estimates), 3(b) and 3(f)(ii) (accounting policies) and 5 (explanatory disclosures) to the consolidated financial statements.

Key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
<p>As at 31 December 2020 the Group recognized assets under construction of RON 4,557,156,318 before allowances for impairment of RON 3,393,436,982 (net carrying amount of RON 1,163,719,336).</p> <p>The assets under construction include investment projects started long time in the past whose continuation and economic viability are periodically assessed by the Group.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures included, among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• inspecting minutes of the shareholders’, board of directors’ and supervisory board’s meetings with respect to discussions, analysis or decisions related to continuation or discontinuation of the fixed assets, as well as related to the cost to complete and timing estimated for the completion of the assets under construction;</li> </ul>

Annually management performs impairment testing of these assets to assess their recoverable amounts. In performing these assessments, management compares the carrying value of the assets with their value in use based on discounted cash flow forecasts.

Impairment testing is a process that involves significant management judgment, as the preparation of discounted cash flow forecasts for the purpose of assessing potential impairment involves making assumptions such as electricity price evolution, profit margin and discount rate.

Due to the significant degree of professional judgment required from management and the magnitude of the amounts involved, we have considered this area to be a key audit matter.

- inspecting the investment plans for the subsequent years with reference to the amounts allocated for the continuation of the investment projects;
- obtaining from the development department of the Company the costs to complete these investment projects and the timeline for their completion;
- inspecting a sample of the construction contracts concluded for the continuation of the investment projects;
- inspection of information and documents provided to us by the environmental and project management departments related to the progress of obtaining new environmental and construction authorisations for Bumbesti-Livezeni project and discussing with the representatives of these departments and the Company's management about the feasibility of obtaining new environmental and construction authorisations and completing the project;
- evaluating the appropriateness of the methodology and models used by management to determine the recoverable amount against the requirements of the relevant accounting standard;
- evaluating the appropriateness of the key assumptions used by management in the discounted future cash flows models, such as discount rate, forecasted revenues and profitmargin. These procedures included:
  - comparing the forecasted electricity prices with the historical performance of the Company and with electricity price projections from external and internal sources;
  - agreeing capacities used in the revenue forecast with technical documentation;
  - assessing the profit margin used by comparison to recent performance of the Company;
  - assessing the appropriateness of the discount rate with the assistance of our own valuation specialists;
- assessing accuracy and completeness of the Group's disclosures in the consolidated financial statements related to impairment

	against the requirements of the relevant financial reporting standards.
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Litigations	
<p><i>Provisions for litigations (RON 49,341,727 as at 31 December 2020; RON 71,759,796 as at 31 December 2019) – Note 18</i></p> <p><i>Contingent liabilities (RON 913.7 million) – Note 25.1</i></p> <p><i>Payments for amounts disputed (RON 214,385,212 as at 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019) – Note 8</i></p>	
Refer to Notes 3(l) and 3(m) (accounting policies), 8, 18 and 25.1 (explanatory disclosures) to the consolidated financial statements.	
Key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
<p>In the course of the Group’s business, potential exposures arise from administrative or court proceedings. As disclosed in Notes 8, 18 and 25.1 to the consolidated financial statements, the Group is involved in litigations with various authorities, business partners or other parties, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Energy with potential exposure of RON 373 million; ANAF with potential exposure of RON 214.4 million; Andritz Hydro GmbH and Voith Hydro Holding GmbH &amp; Co KG with potential exposure of RON 161.5 million additional to the amount of RON 42.8 million recognized as a provision by the Group; Romelectro S.A., Hidroconstructia S.A. and ISPH Project Development S.A. with potential exposure of RON 121.2 million; Beny Alex with potential exposure of RON 43.6 million;</li> <li>- ING Bank for the reimbursement to the Group of RON 214.4 million as a result of the execution of a bank guarantee issued in favour of ANAF in relation to the above-mentioned litigation with ANAF.</li> </ul> <p>Significant management judgement is required to assess such matters in order to determine the probability of occurrence of material outflow of economic resources and whether a provision should be recognised or a disclosure of contingent liabilities should be made. The management</p>	<p>Our audit procedures included, among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• discussing with management and the Group’s legal advisors the recent developments and the status of the material litigations, including the events that occurred after the reporting date;</li> <li>• inspecting minutes of the shareholders’, board of directors’ and supervisory board’s meetings to corroborate the status of the material litigations and completeness of open and potential litigations identified by the Group;</li> <li>• evaluating the Group’s internal and external lawyers’ responses to our audit inquiry letters and discussing the nature and status of the litigations and potential legal exposures with the Company’s management and its lawyers;</li> <li>• assisted by our own legal specialists, challenging the Group’s interpretation and position in relation to the probable outcomes of the most significant litigations; evaluating the management assumptions and estimates in respect of litigations and claims, including the liabilities or provisions recognized or contingent liabilities disclosed in the consolidated financial statements, by inspecting relevant documentation provided by the Group and discussing with the Group’s lawyers;</li> <li>• evaluating the reliability of management’s estimation process by retrospective analysis</li> </ul>



judgement is also supported with legal advice in certain cases as considered appropriate.

As the ultimate outcome of the matters is uncertain, and the positions taken by management are based on the application of their best judgement at the reporting date, on legal advice, including those relating to interpretation of laws/regulations, as well as due to magnitude of the amounts involved, we considered the effects of litigations to be a key audit matter.

of prior periods judgments against actual outcomes;

- assessing accuracy and completeness of the Group's disclosures in the consolidated financial statements against the requirements of the relevant financial reporting standards.

### Other Information – Consolidated Directorate's Report

The Directorate is responsible for the preparation and presentation of other information. The other information comprises the Consolidated Directorate's Report, which includes also the Non-financial Statement, but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditors' report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information 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.

With respect to the Consolidated Directorate's Report, we read and report whether the Consolidated Directorate's Report is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with OMPF no. 2844/2016, articles 15 – 19 of the accounting regulations in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

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

- a) the information given in the Consolidated Directorate's Report for the financial year for which the consolidated financial statements are prepared is consistent, in all material respects, with the consolidated financial statements;
- b) the Consolidated Directorate's Report has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with OMPF no. 2844/2016, articles 15 - 19 of the accounting regulations in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

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

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

Management is responsible for the preparation of consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with OMPF no. 2844/2016, 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 entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

## Auditors' 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, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' 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 auditors' 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 auditors' 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.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group 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.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and 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 consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' 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 - Public Interest Entities

We were appointed by the General Shareholders' Meeting of the Company on 19 March 2019 to audit the financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2020. Our total uninterrupted period of engagement is 3 years, covering the years ended 31 December 2018 to 31 December 2020.

We confirm that:

- Our audit opinion is consistent with the additional report presented to the Audit Committee of the Company, which we issued on 1 April 2021. We also remained independent of the audited entity in conducting the audit.
- We have not provided to the Group prohibited non-audit services referred to in article 5(1) of EU Regulation no. 537/2014.

**Refer to the original signed  
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