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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of Rompetrol Rafinare S.A.

Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Rompetrol Rafinare S.A. (the Company) and its subsidiaries (together referred to as "the Group") with official head office in 215 Navodari Boulevard, Administrative Pavilion, 907500 – Navodari, Romania identified by sole fiscal registration number RO1860712, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the consolidated income statement, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at December 31, 2023, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union.

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 of 16 April 2014 ("Regulation (EU) No. 537/2014") and Law 162/2017 („Law 162/2017”). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) as issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to the audit of the financial statements in Romania, including Regulation (EU) No. 537/2014 and Law 162/2017 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 consolidated the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the “Auditor’s responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements” section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Description of each key audit matter and our procedures performed to address the matter

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p><i>Fair value measurement of property, plant and equipment and impairment assessment for non-current assets</i></p> <p><i>Disclosures on goodwill, property, plant and equipment and right of use assets are included in Note 2 f) and 2 l), Note 4, Note 5 and Note 6 respectively.</i></p> <p>Property, plant and equipment amounting to USD 878 million as of 31 December 2023 are significant to our audit because of their magnitude in the consolidated statement of financial position.</p> <p>The Group has a policy of measuring property, plant and equipment at revalued amount, less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Valuations are undertaken with sufficient regularity by an external independent valuation specialist.</p> <p>As of 31 December 2023, a valuation exercise was conducted by an independent appraiser for the Group’s property, plant and equipment considering the volatility of crude oil prices and refinery margins that had an effect on the Group’s performance. For the year ended 31 December 2023 the corresponding net revaluation deficit recorded in Other Comprehensive Income for the Group is USD 18 million and revaluation loss recorded in profit and loss for the Group is USD 227 million.</p> <p>The fair value of property, plant and equipment are determined by an external independent valuation specialist incorporating an economic obsolescence test. The fair value measurement is complex, requires significant management judgments and is based on unobservable market data and assumptions that are affected by expected future market conditions, including the acceleration of the pace of transition to a lower carbon economy and energy system.</p> <p>Further, an impairment test exercise was performed for the Group’s non-current assets, at the level of the three CGUs including goodwill</p>	<p>We evaluated the management’s assessment for the determination of fair value that included an economic obsolescence test and impairment assessment for non-current assets as of 31 December 2023. Specifically, our audit work included, but was not limited to the following procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we obtained, read and understood the valuation report provided by the independent valuation specialist; • we involved our internal valuation specialists to assist us in the assessment of the valuation exercise carried out for property, plant and equipment prepared by an external expert. The procedures performed focused on methodologies and valuation techniques applied, key inputs used, method to determine the range of the fair values and the reliability of revalued amounts given the specialized items valued; • we compared the future short and long-term oil and gas prices and product margins used in the Group’s budgets reflected in the economic obsolescence test and impairment assessment for consensus with analyst’s forecasts and to actual performance in prior years; • we assessed the considerations used by the Group for decarbonization and transition to lower carbon economy and economy system; • we involved our internal valuation specialists to assist us in evaluating the key assumptions and the methodologies used by the Group for the economic obsolescence test for property, plant and equipment and for the impairment

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<p>(allocated to Downstream CGU) of USD 83 million, property plant and equipment of USD 878 million and rights of use assets of 259 million. For all GCUs, the impairment test indicated that the recoverable amount was higher than the carrying value, and therefore no additional impairment adjustment was required. In light of the judgements and estimates used by management in the determination of fair values and future cash flow projections used for economic obsolescence test and impairment assessment as well as uncertainties regarding current and future economic environment, the measurement of fair value for property, plant and equipment and impairment assessment of non-current assets is considered a key audit matter.</p>	<p>assessment of non-current assets. Our evaluation was focused on the discount rate estimate, on the sensitivity analysis of the recoverable amounts to changes in the significant assumptions, as well as on the key assumptions applied in the estimates of future cash flows (such as expected sale prices, production/sales volumes, operating profit, discount rate, growth rate, working capital changes, impact of additional taxes as per local legislation, etc.) by analyzing their consistency with the general and industry-specific economic environment, relevant available market information and the business plans of the Group;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we checked the mathematical accuracy of the valuation report together with the accounting entries performed to reflect the fair values of property, plant and equipment; • we evaluated the competence, capabilities and objectivity of management's external specialist involved for the impairment testing and fair value assessment. <p>Furthermore, we assessed the adequacy of the Group's disclosures about significant estimates, critical judgements made by management and sensitivity analysis in the financial statements in respect of measurement of property, plant and equipment and impairment assessment.</p>

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<i>Completeness and measurement of provisions for litigations</i>	
Disclosures about litigations are included in Note 29 and Note 30.	
<p>The Group is involved in various and significant litigations, including in relation to regulatory and / or governmental proceedings as well as investigations by tax and other authorities which are disclosed in Note 29 and Note 30 to the consolidated financial statements. This area is significant to our audit due to the inherent uncertainties over the final outcome of these litigations, complexity of the cases and the significant judgement applied by the management in estimating the final outcome of such assessments and exposures (i.e. whether a liability should be recognized or a contingency should be disclosed and whether the potential outflows can be reliably estimated). Due to the significance and complexity of these litigations, adverse outcomes that could potentially significantly impact the Group's reported financial performance and financial position, we considered this as a key audit matter.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures included, among others, obtaining legal confirmations from the Group's external lawyers advising on these matters and also supporting documentation from the Group's internal legal counsel regarding the status of these litigations. We have inspected the minutes of the Board of Directors' meetings and held periodic meetings with management to discuss and understand the developments in legal proceedings and the management assumptions and judgement in respect of these matters. We assessed whether the opinions of external lawyers and internal legal counsel are consistent with the assumptions and estimates applied by management regarding recognition and measurement of provisions or measurement and disclosure of contingent liabilities in respect of these matters, based on the facts and circumstances available. We assessed the competence, objectivity and independence of external lawyers. Our internal specialists were involved, where appropriate, to assist us to analyze the legal cases and the assumptions made by management. We further evaluated the adequacy of disclosures included in the financial statements regarding provisions recognized and contingencies resulting from legal proceedings.</p>

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<i>Environmental provisions</i>	
Disclosures about environmental provision are included in Note 2 f) and 2 m), Note 19 and Note 31.	
<p>As at 31 December 2023, the Group has environmental provision of USD 100 million out of which USD 94 million is related to the provision for the rehabilitation of Vega lagoons as presented in Note 19 to the financial statements.</p> <p>The assessment for environmental provision related to Vega lagoons is significant to our audit due to the magnitude of the amounts involved and the subjective judgments of Group's management in making these estimates, which is impacted by extension of the timeline for the finalization of the rehabilitation works, current environmental and regulatory requirements, the nature of the activities and costs incorporated for the provision estimate.</p> <p>In light of the judgements and estimates used by management in the determination of environmental obligation and inherent complexity in estimating future environmental remediation costs, this is considered a key audit matter.</p>	<p>We evaluated the management's assessment for the environmental obligation. Specifically, our audit work included, but was not limited to the following procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we assessed main assumptions considered for the computation of provision, such as quantities, prices per activity and updated timeline for the rehabilitation plan; • we checked the accuracy of historical remediation provisions by comparing to actual expenditure. We used this information to challenge management's current cost estimations for the remediation works; • we inspected the third party expert report and external underlying documentation for management's determination of future required activities, their timing, and associated cost estimations and comparing them to the nature and quantum of costs contained in the provision balance as of 31 December 2023; • we checked the mathematical accuracy of the management's assessment for the environmental provision and its compliance with the requirements of the International Financial Reporting Standards; • we involved our internal valuation specialists to assist us in evaluating the discount rate used for the computation of the provision. <p>Furthermore, we assessed the adequacy of the Group's disclosures about environmental risks and obligations and related provision.</p>

Other information

The other information comprises the Consolidated Administrators' Report, Sustainability report and Remuneration Report, but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. We obtained the Consolidated Administrators' Report and Remuneration Report before the issuance date of our auditors' report and we expect to obtain the Sustainability Report, as a separate report, subsequent to the issuance date of our auditors' report. Management is responsible for the other information.

Our audit opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and 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. 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. 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 and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with the Order of the Minister of Public Finance no. 2844/2016 approving the accounting regulations compliant with the International Financial Reporting Standards, with all subsequent modifications and clarifications, 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 Group 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.

Auditor's Responsibilities 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 to communicate with 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 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.

Report on Supplementary Financial Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole. The information on the translation of the consolidated statement of financial position, consolidated income statement, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity, consolidated statement of cash flows and the other disclosure Notes into RON, which has been disclosed as supplementary financial information prepared in accordance with Note 2 e) in the accompanying the consolidated financial statements, is the responsibility of management and is presented for information purposes only and is not within the scope of International Financial Reporting Standards adopted by European Union. Such supplementary financial information has been subject to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the consolidated financial statements and, in our opinion, has been properly prepared, in all material aspects, in accordance with the basis described in Note 2e) to the consolidated financial statements.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Reporting on Information Other than the Consolidated Financial Statements and Our Auditors' Report Thereon

In addition to our reporting responsibilities according to ISAs described in section "Other information", with respect to the Consolidated Administrators' Report and Remuneration Report, we have read these reports and report that:

- a) in the Consolidated Administrators' Report we have not identified information which is not consistent, in all material respects, with the information presented in the accompanying consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2023;
- b) the Consolidated Administrators' Report identified above includes, in all material respects, the required information according to the provisions of the Ministry of Public Finance Order no. 2844/2016 approving the accounting regulations compliant with the International Financial Reporting Standards, with all subsequent modifications and clarifications, Annex 1 articles 15 - 19 and 26-27;
- c) based on our knowledge and understanding concerning the entity and its environment gained during our audit of the financial statements as at December 31, 2023, we have not identified information included in the Consolidated Administrators' Report that contains a material misstatement of fact.
- d) the Remuneration Report identified above includes, in all material respects, the required information according to the provisions of article 107 (1) and (2) from Law 24/2017 on issuers of financial instruments and market operations.

Other requirements on content of auditor's report in compliance with Regulation (EU) No. 537/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Appointment and Approval of Auditor

We were appointed as auditors of the Group by the General Meeting of Shareholders on 28 April 2022 to audit the consolidated financial statements for the financial year end December 31, 2023. Total uninterrupted engagement period, including previous renewals (extension of the period for which we were originally appointed) and reappointments for the statutory auditor, has lasted for 16 years, covering the financial periods end from 31 December 2008 till 31 December 2023.

Consistency with Additional Report to the Audit Committee

Our audit opinion on the consolidated financial statements expressed herein is consistent with the additional report to the Audit Committee of the Company, which we issued on the same date as the issue date of this report.

Provision of Non-audit Services

No prohibited non-audit services referred to in Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 537/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council were provided by us to the Group and we remain independent from the Group in conducting the audit.

In addition to statutory audit services and services disclosed in the annual report and in the financial statements, no other services which were provided by us to the Company, and its controlled undertakings.

Report on the compliance of the electronic format of the consolidated financial statements, included in the annual consolidated report with the requirements of the ESEF Regulation

We have performed a reasonable assurance engagement on the compliance of the electronic format of the consolidated financial statements of Rompetrol Rafinare SA (the Company) and its subsidiaries (together referred to as "the Group") for the year ended 31 December 2023, included in the attached electronic file „ 549300QBL587DDXVXW29-2023-12-31-en.zip" (identified with the key Ocec2d20d14690429f9c07566c282baae9002b858d8b814366090f4702a1fa11) with the requirements of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815 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 Regulation). Our opinion is expressed only in relation to the electronic format of the consolidated financial statements and does not extend to the other information included in the annual consolidated report.

Description of the subject matter and the applicable criteria

The Management has prepared electronic format of consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance and to comply with ESEF Regulation requirements. The requirements for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements in ESEF format are specified in the ESEF Regulation and represent, in our opinion, applicable criteria for us to express an opinion providing reasonable assurance.

Responsibilities of the Management and Those Charged with Governance

The Management of the Group is responsible for the compliance with the requirements of the ESEF Regulation in the preparation of the electronic format of the consolidated financial statements in XHTML format. Such responsibility includes the selection and application of appropriate iXBRL tags using the taxonomy specified in the ESEF Regulation, ensuring consistency between the human-readable layer of electronic format of the consolidated financial statements and the audited consolidated financial statements. The responsibility of Group's Management also includes the design, implementation and maintenance of such internal control as determined is necessary to enable the preparation of the consolidated financial statements in ESEF format that are free from any material non-compliance with the ESEF Regulation.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process for the preparation of consolidated financial statements of the Group, including the application of the ESEF Regulation.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion providing reasonable assurance on the compliance of the electronic format of the consolidated financial statements with the requirements of the ESEF Regulation.

We have performed a reasonable assurance engagement in accordance with ISAE 3000 (revised) Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information (ISAE 3000 (revised)). This standard requires that we comply with ethical requirements, plan and perform our engagement to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the electronic format of the consolidated financial statements of the Group is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable criteria, specified above. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risk of material non-compliance with the requirements of the ESEF Regulation, whether due to fraud or error.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it is not guaranteed that the assurance engagement conducted in accordance with ISAE 3000 (revised) will always detect material non-compliance with the requirements when it exists.

Our Independence and Quality Management

We apply International Standard on Quality Management 1, Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Statements, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements, which requires that we design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

We have maintained our independence and confirm that we have met the ethical and independence requirements of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code).

Summary of procedures performed

The objective of the procedures that we have planned and performed was to obtain reasonable assurance that the electronic format of the consolidated financial statements is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of ESEF Regulation. When conducting our assessment of the compliance with the requirements of the ESEF Regulation of the electronic (XHTML) reporting format of the consolidated financial statements of the Group, we have maintained professional skepticism and applied professional judgement. We have also:

- obtained an understanding of the internal control and the processes related to the application of the ESEF Regulation in respect of the consolidated financial statements of the Group, including the preparation of the consolidated financial statements of the Group in XHTML format and its tagging in machine readable language (iXBR);
- tested the validity of the applied XHTML format;
- checked whether the human-readable layer of electronic format of the consolidated financial statements (XHTML) corresponds to the audited consolidated financial statements;
- assessed the completeness of the tagging of information in the consolidated financial statements while using the machine-readable language (iXBRL) under the requirements of the ESEF Regulation;
- assessed the appropriateness of the applied iXBRL tags selected from the core taxonomy and the creation of extensions to the elements in the extended taxonomy specified in the ESEF Regulation when there were no suitable elements in the core taxonomy;
- evaluated the anchoring of the taxonomy extensions to the elements in the extended taxonomy specified by the ESEF Regulation.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Opinion on the compliance of the electronic format of the consolidated financial statements with the requirements of the ESEF Regulation

Based on the procedures performed, in our opinion, the electronic format of the consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2023 is prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of ESEF Regulation.

On behalf of,

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