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**NOVATEK ANNOUNCES CONSOLIDATED IFRS RESULTS  
FOR THE FIRST QUARTER 2009**

*Moscow, 15 May 2009.* OAO NOVATEK today released its consolidated interim condensed financial information for the three months ended 31 March 2009 prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”).

**IFRS Financial and Operational Highlights**  
*(in millions of Russian roubles)*

	1Q 2009	1Q 2008
<b>Revenues</b>		
Oil and gas sales	16,316	20,167
Sales of polymer and insulation tape	397	551
Other revenues	268	158
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>16,981</b>	<b>20,876</b>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>(11,379)</b>	<b>(11,023)</b>
Other operating income (loss)	57	16
<b>Profit from operations</b>	<b>5,659</b>	<b>9,869</b>
Finance income (expense)	(2,908)	139
<b>Profit before income tax</b>	<b>2,735</b>	<b>9,986</b>
<b>Profit (loss)</b>	<b>2,139</b>	<b>7,499</b>
<b>Profit (loss) attributable to shareholders of OAO NOVATEK</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>7,503</b>
Basic and diluted earnings per share (in Russian roubles)	0.70	2.47

Total revenues decreased by 18.7% year-on-year to RR 16,981 million for the three months ended 31 March 2009 from RR 20,876 million in the corresponding period of 2008. The decrease in total revenues was largely attributable to the lower liquid hydrocarbon pricing environment in both the international and domestic markets as well as a decrease in our liquids sales volumes primarily due to higher inventory volumes in transit and storage. Oil and gas revenues were negatively impacted by benchmark crude oil price declines of more than 50% during the 2009 period compared to the same period in 2008. During the period, NOVATEK optimized natural gas and gas condensate production as well as its marketing channels to mitigate the fall in total revenues.

“The pricing environment for liquid hydrocarbons remained difficult throughout the first quarter 2009 and negatively impacted our liquids sales, despite recent signs of improvement. Nevertheless, we have demonstrated the flexibility of our operations by producing solid results in a turbulent market environment reaffirming the viability and stability of our core operations” according to the Chairman of the Management Board, Leonid Viktorovich Mikhelson.

Profit attributable to NOVATEK shareholders fell by 71.4% to RR 2,134 million, or RR 0.70 per share, as compared to the corresponding period of 2008 primarily due to lower revenues and a significant non-cash foreign exchange loss in the 2009 period.

### Selected Operating Highlights

<b>Production and Purchased Volumes</b>	<b>1Q 2009</b>	<b>1Q 2008</b>
Natural gas production (million cubic meters)	8,173	7,578
Natural gas purchases (million cubic meters)	290	547
<b>Total natural gas production and purchases</b>	<b>8,463</b>	<b>8,125</b>
Liquids production (thousand tons)	709	631
Liquids purchases (thousand tons)	-	32
<b>Total liquids production and purchases</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>663</b>
<b>Sales Volumes</b>	<b>1Q 2009</b>	<b>1Q 2008</b>
Natural gas (million cubic meters)	8,563	8,391
Stable gas condensate (thousand tons)	393	441
Liquefied petroleum gas (thousand tons)	156	158
Crude oil (thousand tons)	56	77
Oil products (thousand tons)	3	26

Sales volumes of natural gas increased in the first quarter 2009 due to continued strong organic production growth at the Yurkharovskoye field resulting from the launch of the field’s phase two expansion in September 2008.

At 31 March 2009, we had 313 thousand tons of stable gas condensate in transit or storage and recognized as inventory until such time as it is delivered to the port of destination as compared to 172 thousand tons as of 31 March 2008.

**Selected Items from the  
Statement of Financial Position**  
*(in millions of Russian roubles)*

	<b>31 March 2009</b>	<b>31 December 2008</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>	<b>116,179</b>	<b>113,578</b>
Property, plant and equipment, net	111,336	108,714
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>28,146</b>	<b>25,428</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>145,245</b>	<b>139,907</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>	<b>28,375</b>	<b>28,763</b>
Long-term debt	19,251	19,935
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>17,679</b>	<b>14,169</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>46,385</b>	<b>43,267</b>
<b>Equity attributable to</b>		
<b>    OAO NOVATEK shareholders</b>	<b>98,284</b>	<b>96,069</b>
<b>    Non-controlling interest</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>571</b>
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>98,860</b>	<b>96,640</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>145,245</b>	<b>139,907</b>

The full set of reviewed consolidated interim condensed IFRS financial information, the notes thereto and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations are available on the Company's web site ([www.novatek.ru](http://www.novatek.ru)).

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OAO NOVATEK is Russia's largest independent gas producer and the second-largest natural gas producer in Russia. Founded in 1994, the Company is engaged in the exploration, production, processing and marketing of natural gas and liquid hydrocarbons. The Company's upstream activities are concentrated in the prolific Yamal-Nenets Region, which is the world's largest natural gas producing area and accounts for over 90% of Russia's natural gas production and 20% of the world's gas production. NOVATEK is an open joint stock company established under the laws of the Russian Federation. The Company's shares are listed on the Russian Trading System (RTS) and the London Stock Exchange (LSE) under the ticker symbol 'NVTK' and on the NASDAQ PORTAL System as Rule 144A GDR under the ticker symbol "NVATY".