

# First Quarter 2009 Operational and Financial Results Conference Call



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#### Summary Results - 1Q 2009

- Decrease in revenues and earnings driven by significantly lower liquids prices and volumes in transit
  - Natural gas sales increased by 5.0% Y-o-Y
  - Liquids sales decreased by 51.7% Y-o-Y
- □ Cash flow from operations decreased by 43.5% Y-o-Y to RR 5,432 million from RR 9,613 million
- Capital expenditures related to exploration and production decreased by 40.3% Y-o-Y to RR 3.870 million
- EPS decreased by 71.7% Y-o-Y to RR 0.70 from RR 2.47; EBITDA decreased by 36.8% Y-o-Y
- End-customer sales volumes increased to 53.7% of total natural gas volumes sold
- Natural gas and liquids production increased organically due to the launch of the second phase development at our Yurkharovskoye field:
  - Natural gas production increased by 7.9% Y-o-Y
  - Liquids production increased by 12.4% Y-o-Y
- Purovsky Plant output increased by 19.6% Y-o-Y due to the launch of it's second phase expansion



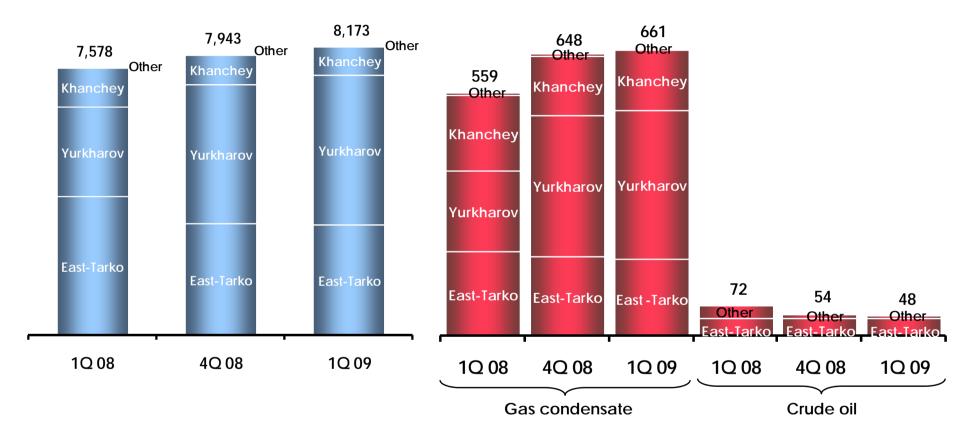
## **Operational Overview**



#### **Hydrocarbon Production**

#### **Natural Gas Production, mmcm**

#### Liquids Production, mt



#### Natural gas production increased due to:

- Significant capacity increase at Yurkharov
- Offset by planned reductions at East-Tarko and Khanchey



#### Liquids production increased due to:

- · Significant capacity increase at Yurkharov
- Offset by planned wet gas reductions at East-Tarko and Khanchey
- Offset by a reduction in oil production at Khanchey and Ust-Purpeisky

#### Purovsky Plant & Vitino Sea Port Terminal

- Total volumes delivered: 656 mt
  - East-Tarkosalinskoye and Khancheyskoye fields:
     318 mt (100% of net production)
  - Yurkharovskoye: 336 mt (99% of net production)
  - Other: 2 mt
- Total plant output 651 mt
  - Stable gas condensate: 486 mt
  - LPG: 165 mt
- Plant capacity
  - Approximately 52%
- 8 Tankers dispatched from Vitino Sea Port Terminal (SGC)
  - 8 tankers to US markets ~ 469 mt
- ☐ Stable gas condensate inventory reconciliation
  - 3 tanker in transit ~ 179 mt
  - Rail road cisterns and port storage facilities ~ 98 mt
  - Plant storage facilities ~ 36 mt
- ☐ Increase in export volumes of LPG ~ 49% of total LPG volumes

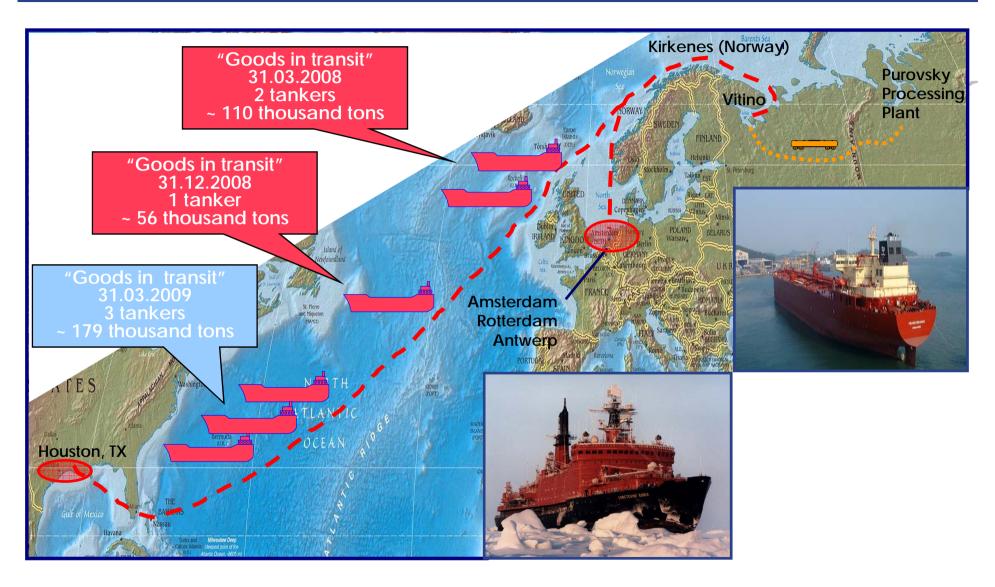








#### **Stable Gas Condensate in Transit**





#### Financial Overview – 1Q 09 vs. 1Q 08



#### Comparison of Quarterly Results (RR million)

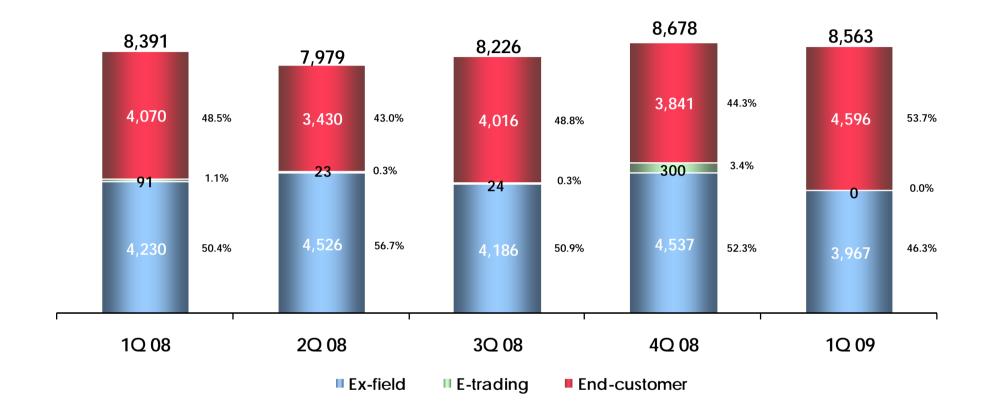
1Q 08	1Q 09	+/(-)	+/(-)%		4Q 08	1Q 09	+/(-)	+/(-)%
20,167	16,316	(3,851)	-19.1%	Oil and gas sales	16,061	16,316	255	1.6%
20,876	16,981	(3,895)	-18.7%	Total revenues	16,581	16,981	400	2.4%
11,023	11,379	356	3.2%	Operating expenses	12,135	11,379	(756)	-6.2%
10,908	6,899	(4,009)	-36.8%	EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	5,822	6,899	1,077	18.5%
52.3%	40.6%	-	-	EBITDA margin	35.1%	40.6%	-	-
24.9%	21.7%	-	-	Effective income tax rate (2)	21.2%	21.7%	-	-
7,503	2,134	(5,369)	-71.6%	Profit attributable to NOVATEK	2,661	2,134	(527)	-19.8%
35.9%	12.6%	-	-	Net profit margin	16.0%	12.6%	-	-
2.47	0.70	(1.77)	-71.7%	Earnings per share	0.88	0.70	(0.18)	-20.5%
6,537	3,871	(2,666)	-40.8%	CAPEX	6,019	3,871	(2,148)	-35.7%
(177)	16,801	n/m	n/m	Net debt (cash) (3)	15,285	16,801	1,516	9.9%

#### Notes:

- 1. EBITDA represents net income before finance income (expense) and income taxes from the Statements of Income, and depreciation, depletion and amortization and Share-based compensation from the Statements of Cash Flows
- 2. Effective income tax rate for 4Q 08 is calculated excluding effect from change in Russian statutory income tax rate
- 3. Net debt calculated as long-term debt plus short-term debt less cash and cash equivalents



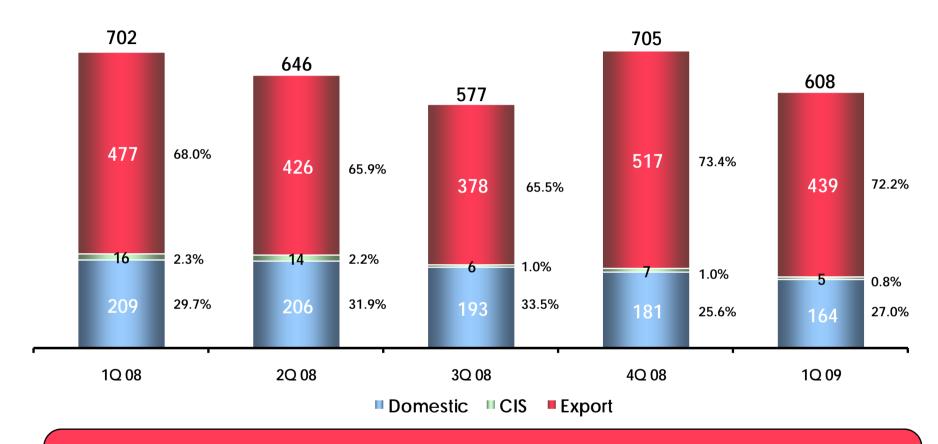
#### Market Distribution - Gas Sales Volumes (mmcm)



- Y-o-Y growth in natural gas sales volumes due to significant organic production increases at the Yurkharovskoye field
- Optimized end-customer sales Y-o-Y and Q-o-Q to capture increased netback margins



#### Market Distribution - Liquids Sales Volumes (mt)



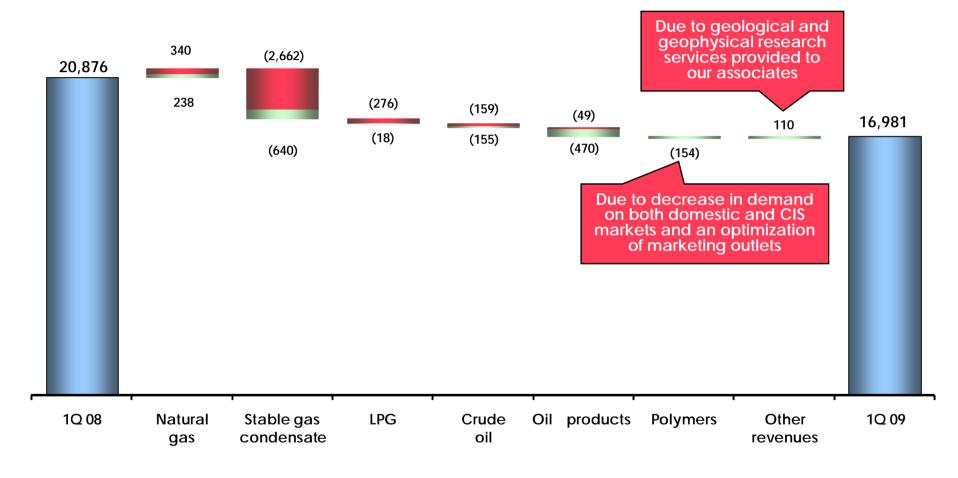
- Y-o-Y and Q-o-Q decrease in liquids sales volumes was due to an increase in our liquids inventory balances
- In 1Q 09, we did not purchase oil products (naphtha) for resale to the international markets



#### Revenues (RR million)

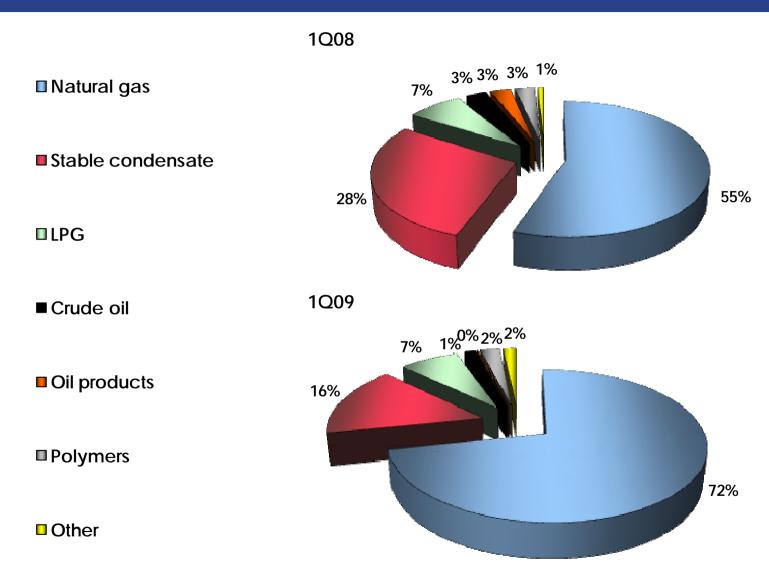


Change due to tariffs/distance Change due to volume





#### **Total Revenues Breakdown**





## Realized Hydrocarbon Prices (net of VAT and export duties)

1Q 08	1Q 09	+/(-)	+/(-)%		4Q 08	1Q 09	+/(-)	+/(-)%
<u>Domestic prices</u>								
1,791	1,799	8	0.4%	Natural gas end-customers, RR/mcm	1,790	1,799	9	0.5%
1,728	-	(1,728)	-100.0%	Natural gas e-trading, RR/mcm	1,325	-	(1,325)	n/m
980	984	4	0.4%	Natural gas ex-field, RR/mcm	972	984	12	1.2%
_	6,189	n/m	n/m	Stable gas condensate, RR/ton	4,940	6,189	1,249	25.3%
9,085	5,236	(3,849)	-42.4%	LPG, RR/ton	8,539	5,236	(3,303)	-38.7%
7,257	3,668	(3,589)	-49.5%	Crude oil, RR/ton	4,261	3,668	(593)	-13.9%
4,126	4,495	369	8.9%	Oil products, RR/ton	7,901	4,495	(3,406)	-43.1%
	<u>CIS market</u>							
10,817	8,644	(2,173)	-20.1%	LPG, RR/ton	11,855	8,644	(3,211)	-27.1%
	Export market							
13,488	6,787	(6,701)	-49.7%	Stable gas condensate, RR/ton	5,146	6,787	1,641	31.9%
13,032	10,504	(2,528)	-19.4%	LPG, RR/ton	9,573	10,504	931	9.7%
-	6,412	n/m	n/m	Crude oil, RR/ton	2,925	6,412	3,487	119.2%
-	9,498	n/m	n/m	Oil products, RR/ton	3,720	9,498	5,778	155.3%





#### Operating Expenses (RR million and % of total revenues (TR))

1Q 08	% of TR	1Q 09	% of TR		4Q 08	% of TR	1Q 09	% of TR
4,556	21.8%	5,273	31.1%	Transportation expenses	4,803	29.0%	5,273	31.1%
1,763	8.4%	1,921	11.3%	Taxes other than income tax	1,703	10.3%	1,921	11.3%
6,319	30.3%	7,194	42.4%	Non-controllable expenses	6,506	39.2%	7,194	42.4%
1,469	7.0%	1,492	8.8%	Materials, services & other	1,478	8.9%	1,492	8.8%
993	4.8%	1,182	7.0%	Depreciation and amortization	1,416	8.5%	1,182	7.0%
837	4.0%	1,100	6.5%	General and administrative	1,375	8.3%	1,100	6.5%
230	1.1%	99	0.6%	Exploration expenses	483	2.9%	99	0.6%
6	n/m	(1)	n/m	Net impairment expense	59	n/m	(1)	n/m
				Change in natural gas, liquids,				
(2)	n/m	20	n/m	and polymer products and WIP	82	n/m	20	n/m
9,852	47.2%	11,086	65.3%	Subtotal operating expenses	11,399	68.7%	11,086	65.3%
				Purchases of natural gas and				
1,171	5.6%	293	1.7%	liquid hydrocarbons	736	4.4%	293	1.7%
11,023	52.8%	11,379	67.0%	Total operating expenses	12,135	73.2%	11,379	67.0%

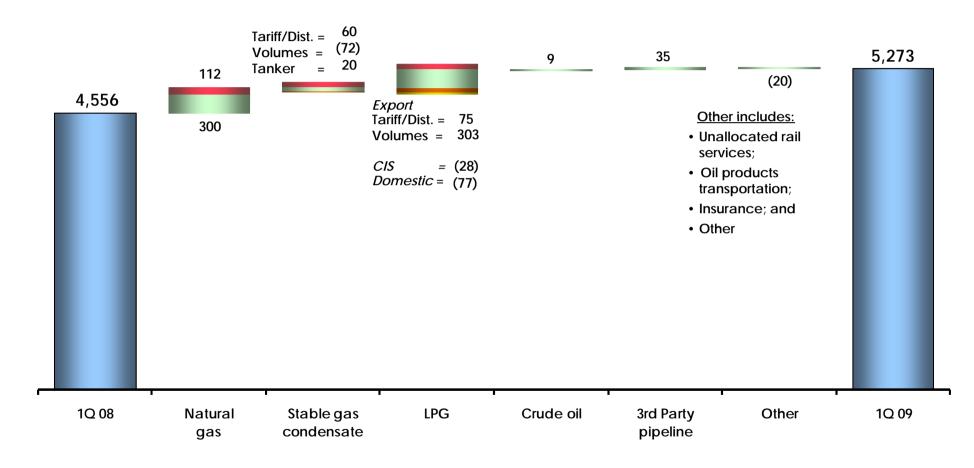
- Our operating expenses as a % of total revenues increased Y-o-Y due to a decrease in our liquids sales as a result of the sharp decline in crude oil prices on international markets
- Increase in transportation expenses Y-o-Y was mainly due to a 13.0% increase in our sales volumes of natural gas sold directly to end-customers and higher transportation tariffs
- Taxes other than income tax increased Y-o-Y primarily due to an increase in property tax expense
- Decrease in purchases Y-o-Y resulted from a temporary suspension of our trading operations with naphtha on international markets in December 2008, as well as a decrease in natural gas purchases due to an increase in our own natural gas production



#### Transportation Expenses (RR million)



Change due to tariffs/distance Change due to volume

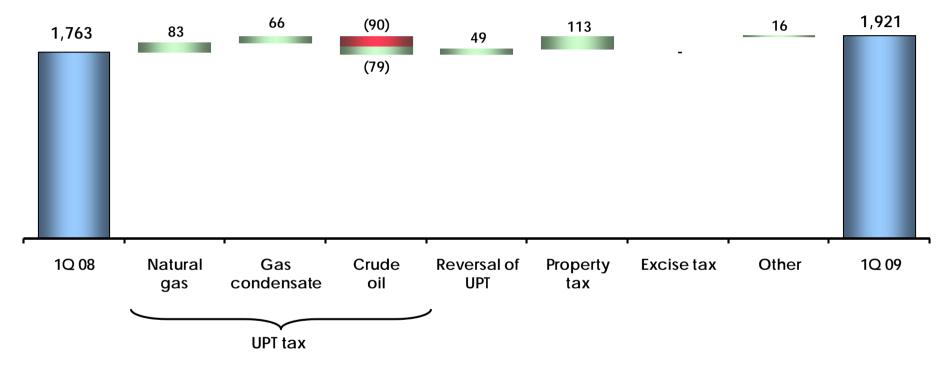




#### Taxes Other Than Income Tax Expense (RR million)



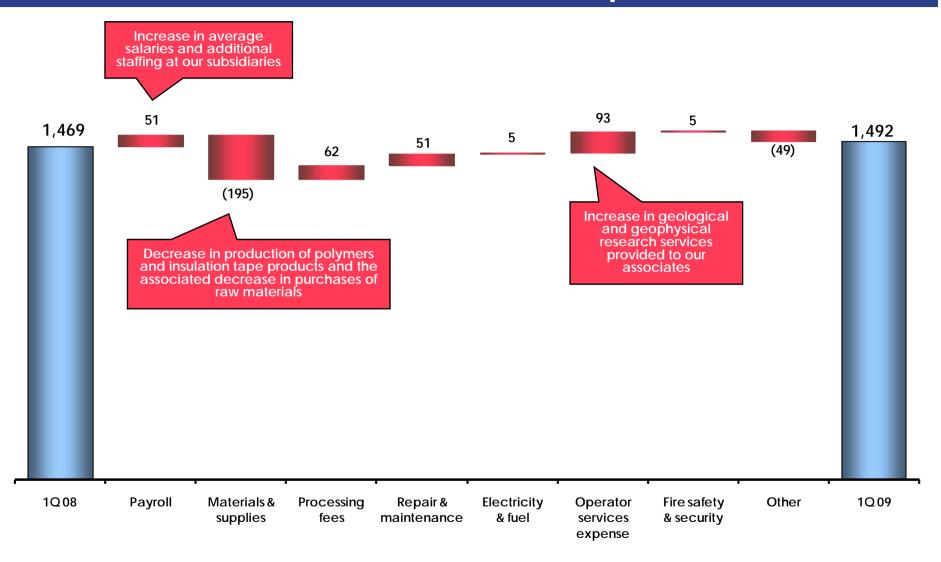
Change due to tax rate
Change due to production



- The decrease in UPT tax by RR 20 million, or 1.2%, was primarily due to a decrease in both our average crude oil production tax rate as a result of lower crude oil prices and crude oil production volumes. The decrease in UPT for crude oil was partially offset by an increase in UPT for natural gas and UPT for gas condensate due to higher production volumes.
- Property tax expense increased by RR 113 million, or 79.6%, primarily due to additions of property, plant and equipment (PPE) at our production subsidiaries

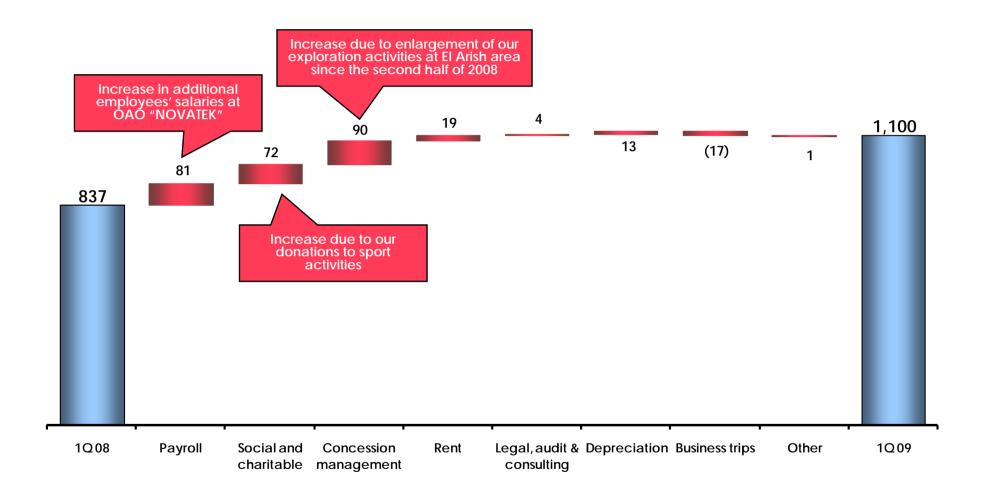


#### Materials, Services and Other Expenses (RR million)





#### General and Administrative Expenses (RR million)

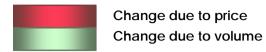


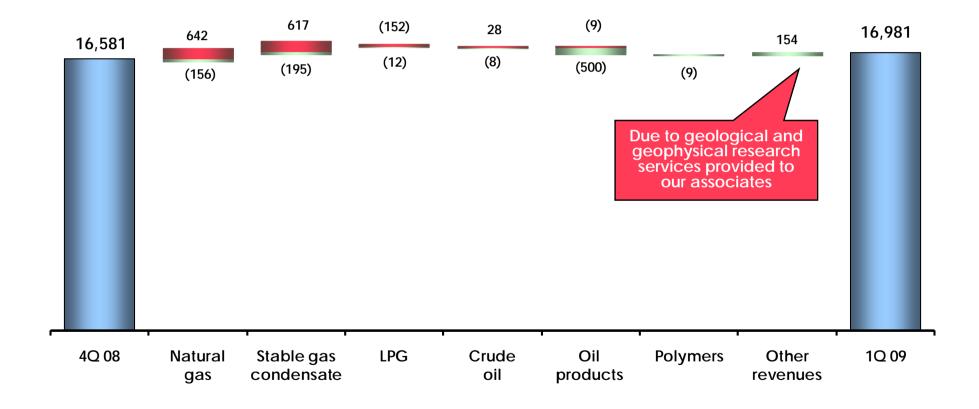


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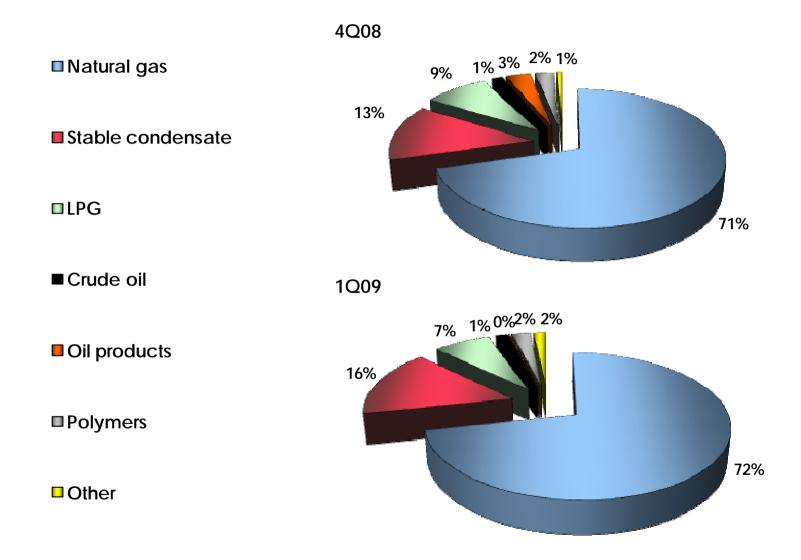
#### Revenues (RR million)







#### **Total Revenues Breakdown**

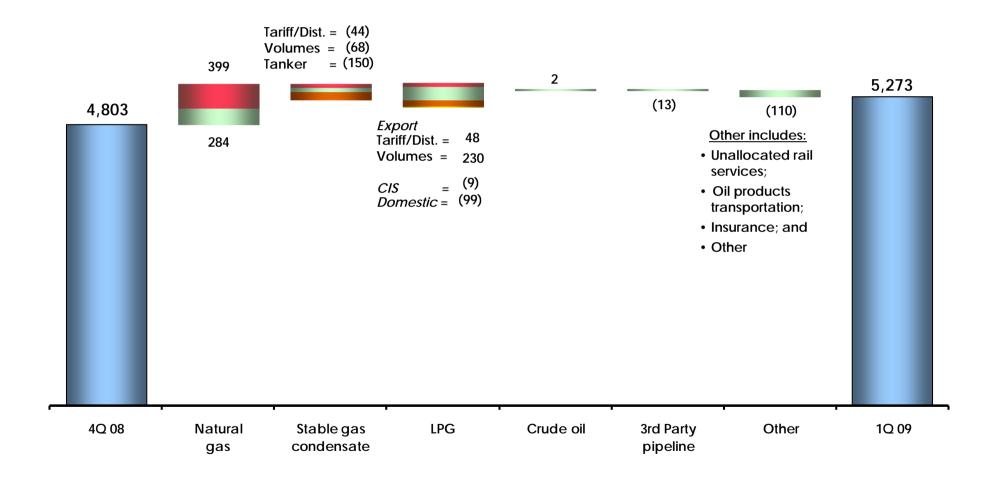




## Transportation Expenses (RR million)



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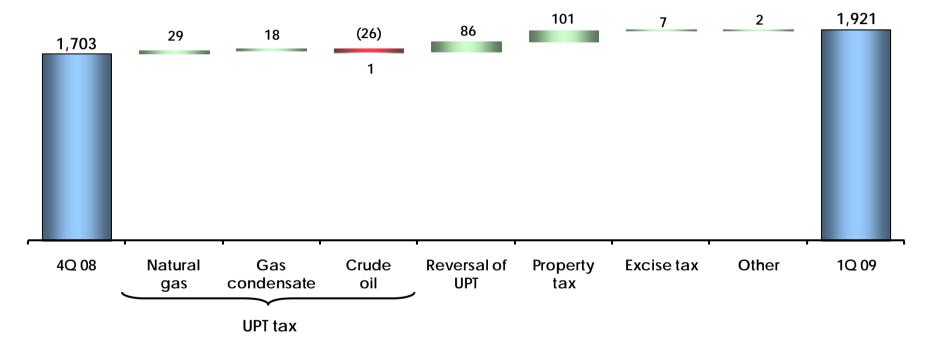




#### Taxes Other Than Income Tax Expense (RR million)



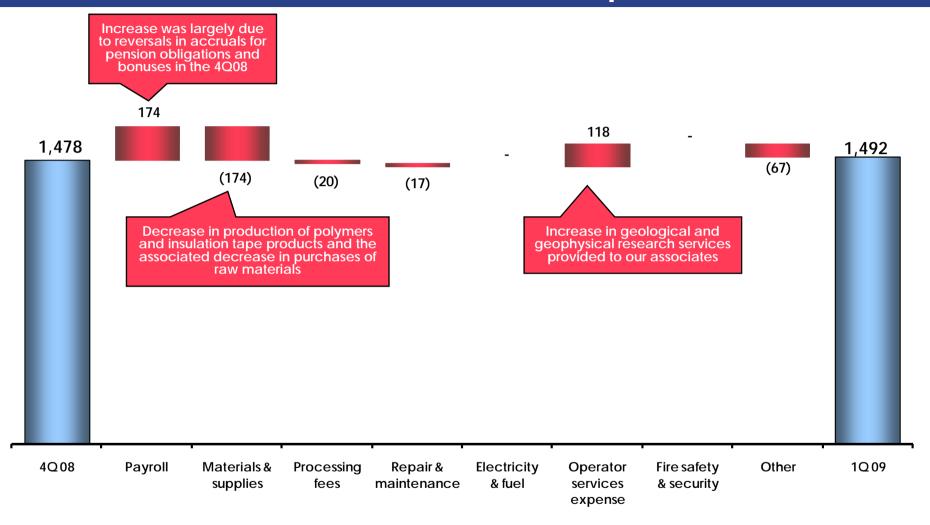
Change due to tax rate
Change due to production



The increase in UPT tax by RR 22 million, or 1.4%, was primarily due to an increase in UPT for natural gas and gas condensate due to increased natural gas and gas condensate production. The increases were partially offset by a decrease in UPT for crude oil due to decreases in the tax rate as a result of lower crude oil prices and production.

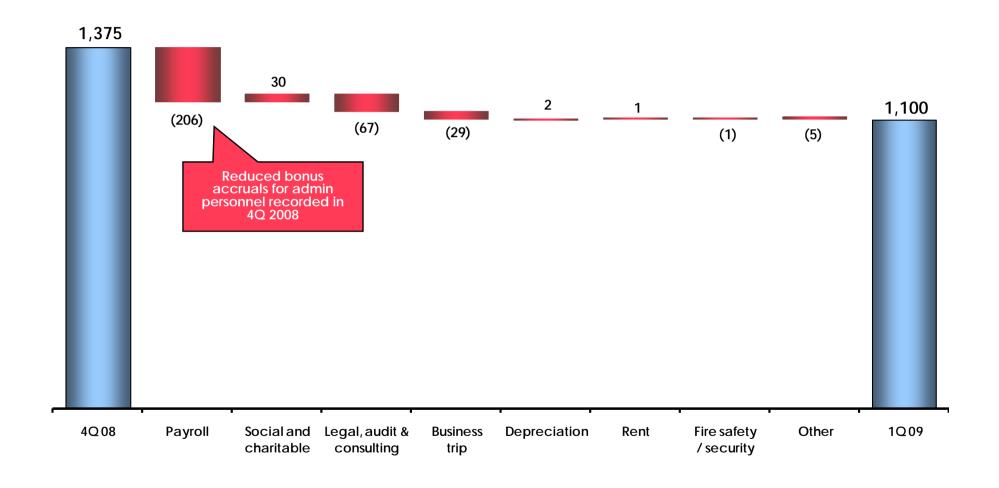


#### Materials, Services and Other Expenses (RR million)





#### General and Administrative Expenses (RR million)

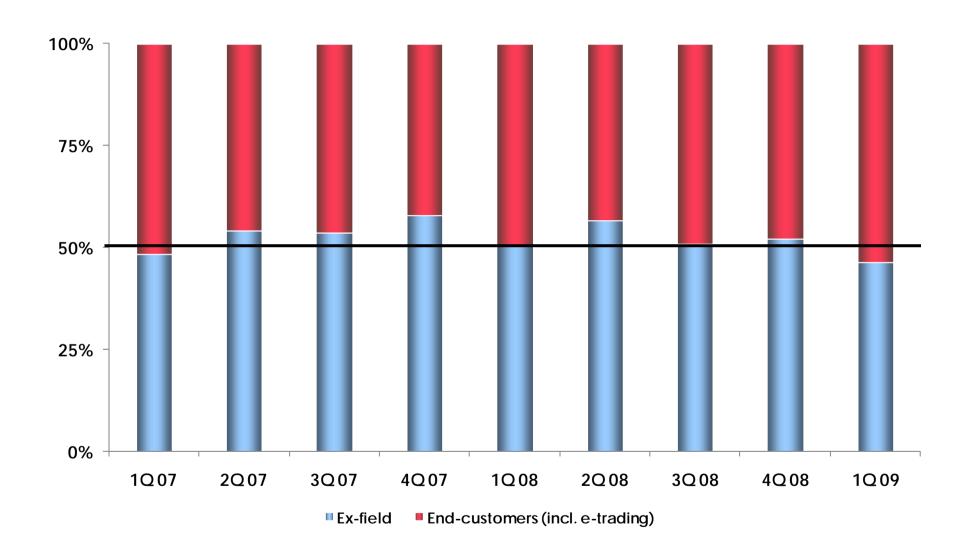




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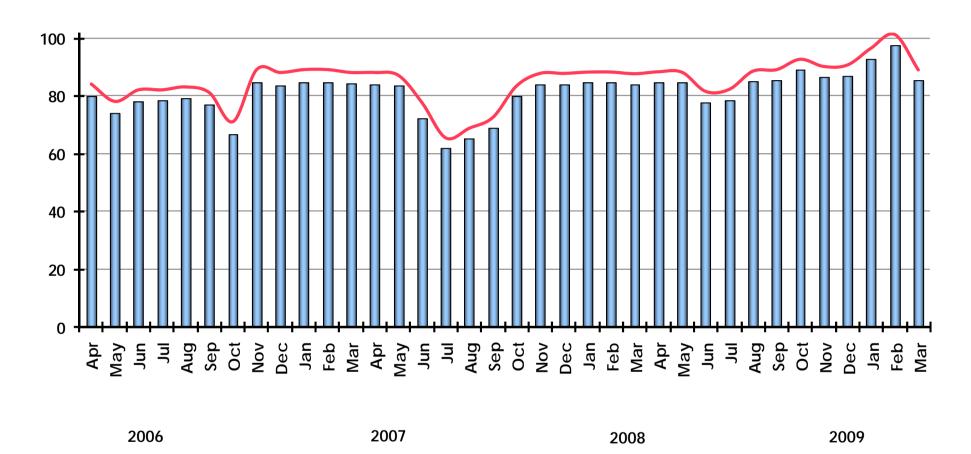


#### **Natural Gas Sales Volume Mix**





## Increasing Natural Gas Production (mmcm per day)



2006 Avg. 79 mmcm/day 2,789 bcf/day 2007 Avg. 78 mmcm/day 2,760 bcf/day 2008 Avg. 84 mmcm/day 2,980 bcf/day 1Q 09 Avg. 92 mmcm/day 3,242 bcf/day

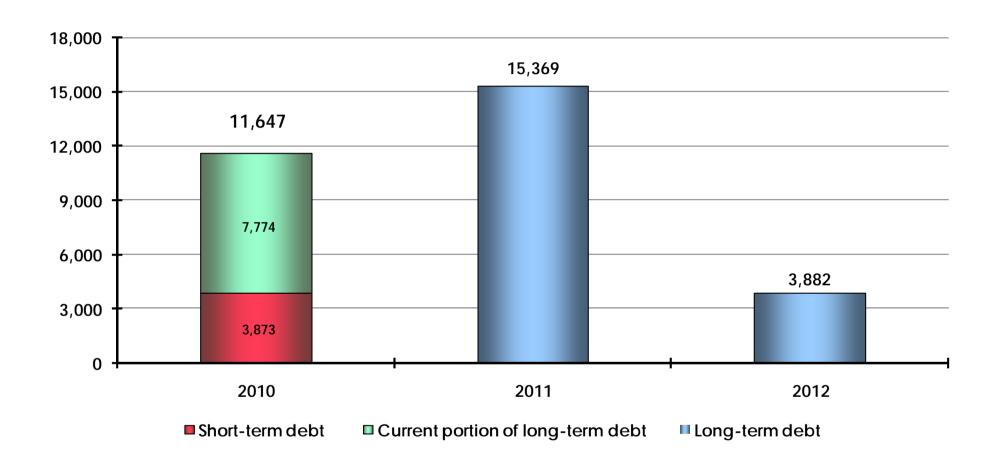


## Condensed Balance Sheet (RR million)

	31 March 2009	31 December 2008	+/(-)	+/(-)%
Total current assets	28,146	25,428	2,718	10.7%
Incl. Cash and cash equivalents	14,097	10,992	3,105	28.2%
Total non-current assets	116,179	113,578	2,601	2.3%
Incl. Net PP&E	111,336	108,714	2,622	2.4%
Assets classified as held for sale	920	901	n/m	n/m
Total assets	145,245	139,907	5,338	3.8%
Total current liabilities	17,679	14,169	3,510	24.8%
Incl. ST debt	11,647	6,342	5,305	83.6%
Total non-current liabilities	28,375	28,763	(388)	-1.3%
Incl. Deferred incom e tax liability	7,035	6,720	315	4.7%
Incl. LT debt	19,251	19,935	(684)	n/m
Liabilities assoc. with assets held for sale	331	335	n/m	n/m
Total liabilities	46,385	43,267	3,118	7.2%
Total equity	98,860	96,640	2,220	2.3%
Total liabilities & equity	145,245	139,907	5,338	3.8%



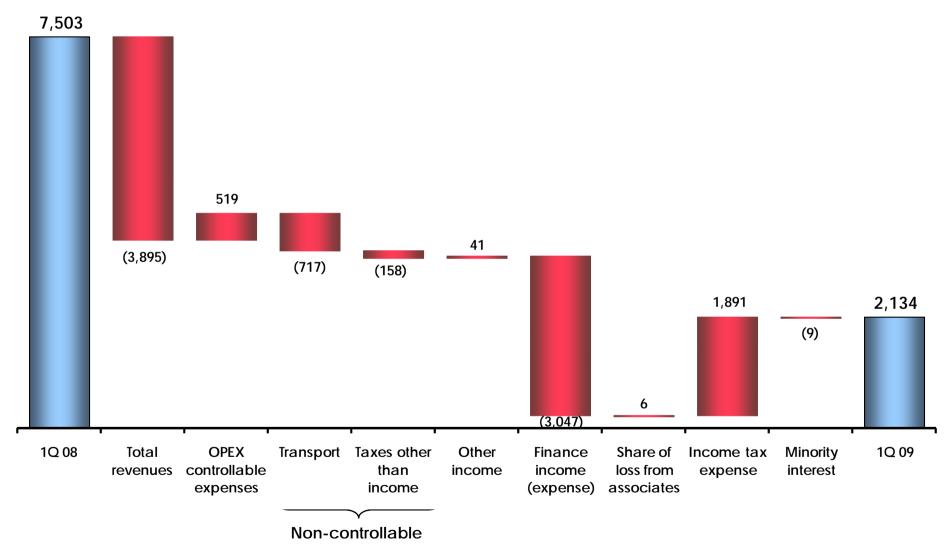
#### Total Debt Maturity Profile (RR million)



Current debt maturity profile as of 31 March 2009 with repayments in the 12 months ended 31 March 2010, 2011, 2012

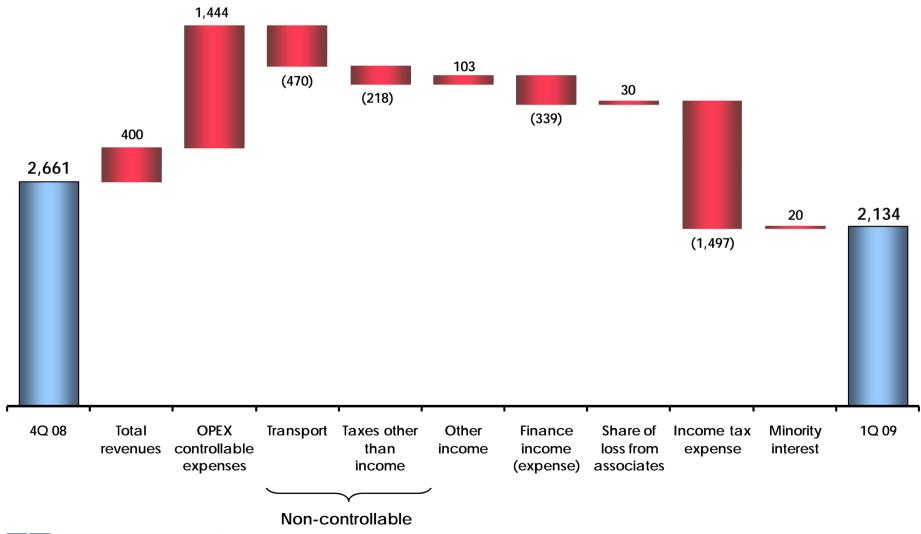


#### Profit Attributable to NOVATEK Shareholders (RR million)





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## **Questions and Answers**

