

PAO NOVATEK

**IFRS CONSOLIDATED INTERIM CONDENSED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)**

**AS OF AND FOR THE THREE AND
NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2016**

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Report on Review of Interim Financial Statements

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of PAO NOVATEK

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying consolidated interim condensed statement of financial position of PAO NOVATEK and its subsidiaries (the "Group") as of 30 September 2016 and the related consolidated interim condensed statements of income and comprehensive income for the three-month and nine-month periods then ended, and cash flows and changes in equity for the nine-month period then ended. Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these consolidated interim condensed financial statements in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, "Interim Financial Reporting". Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these consolidated interim condensed financial statements based on our review.

Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity". A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying consolidated interim condensed financial statements are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, "Interim Financial Reporting".

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AO PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit".

25 October 2016
Moscow, Russian Federation

PAO NOVATEK**Consolidated Interim Condensed Statement of Financial Position (unaudited)**

(in millions of Russian roubles)

	Notes	At 30 September 2016	At 31 December 2015
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	329,870	331,712
Investments in joint ventures	6	220,388	154,725
Long-term loans and receivables	7	223,991	230,799
Other non-current assets	8	30,053	34,316
Total non-current assets		804,302	751,552
Current assets			
Inventories		8,099	8,226
Current income tax prepayments		4,270	84
Trade and other receivables	9	43,228	37,564
Prepayments and other current assets	10	35,507	45,424
Cash and cash equivalents		27,455	29,187
Total current assets		118,559	120,485
Assets held for sale	4	-	7,987
Total assets		922,861	880,024
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term debt	11	183,499	252,050
Deferred income tax liabilities		24,407	23,706
Asset retirement obligations		7,178	4,149
Other non-current liabilities		2,952	2,273
Total non-current liabilities		218,036	282,178
Current liabilities			
Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt	12	44,368	106,655
Trade payables and accrued liabilities	13	52,470	48,535
Current income tax payable		1,111	3,165
Other taxes payable		11,913	11,320
Total current liabilities		109,862	169,675
Total liabilities		327,898	451,853
Equity attributable to PAO NOVATEK shareholders			
Ordinary share capital		393	393
Treasury shares		(6,877)	(5,997)
Additional paid-in capital		31,297	31,297
Currency translation differences		(2,190)	(5,092)
Asset revaluation surplus on acquisitions		5,617	5,617
Retained earnings		559,125	399,861
Total equity attributable to PAO NOVATEK shareholders	14	587,365	426,079
Non-controlling interest		7,598	2,092
Total equity		594,963	428,171
Total liabilities and equity		922,861	880,024

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated interim condensed financial statements.


L. Mikhelson
Chairman of the Management Committee

25 October 2016


M. Gyetvay
Chief Financial Officer

PAO NOVATEK
Consolidated Interim Condensed Statement of Income (unaudited)

(in millions of Russian roubles, except for share and per share amounts)

	Notes	Three months ended 30 September:		Nine months ended 30 September:	
		2016	2015	2016	2015
Revenues					
Oil and gas sales	15	125,767	116,212	390,441	341,010
Other revenues		716	1,155	2,781	2,343
Total revenues		126,483	117,367	393,222	343,353
Operating expenses					
Transportation expenses	16	(30,929)	(32,546)	(98,081)	(93,309)
Purchases of natural gas and liquid hydrocarbons	17	(32,229)	(32,892)	(93,949)	(86,207)
Taxes other than income tax	18	(10,872)	(9,054)	(32,862)	(27,087)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		(10,233)	(4,883)	(26,429)	(14,079)
Materials, services and other		(5,010)	(3,626)	(13,751)	(10,096)
General and administrative expenses		(3,817)	(2,930)	(13,599)	(10,950)
Exploration expenses		(906)	(439)	(1,050)	(479)
Net impairment (expenses) reversals		6	16	(107)	248
Changes in natural gas, liquid hydrocarbons and work-in-progress		532	1,258	(808)	3,426
Total operating expenses		(93,458)	(85,096)	(280,636)	(238,533)
Net gain on disposal of interests in joint ventures	4	-	989	73,072	989
Other operating income (loss), net		707	158	(53)	(199)
Profit from operations		33,732	33,418	185,605	105,610
Finance income (expense)					
Interest expense	19	(2,684)	(2,047)	(9,023)	(5,968)
Interest income	19	4,489	3,182	14,353	9,037
Change in fair value of non-commodity financial instruments	21	(267)	(5,018)	6,765	(2,722)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	19	(437)	(2,291)	(10,004)	(11,637)
Total finance income (expense)		1,101	(6,174)	2,091	(11,290)
Share of profit (loss) of joint ventures, net of income tax	6	9,401	(34,713)	52,405	(17,435)
Profit (loss) before income tax		44,234	(7,469)	240,101	76,885
Income tax expense					
Current income tax expense		(6,894)	(4,346)	(28,462)	(16,180)
Net deferred income tax benefit (expense)		610	(596)	(7,788)	(1,102)
Total income tax expense	20	(6,284)	(4,942)	(36,250)	(17,282)
Profit (loss)		37,950	(12,411)	203,851	59,603
Profit (loss) attributable to:					
Non-controlling interest		1,456	5	5,506	(976)
Shareholders of PAO NOVATEK		36,494	(12,416)	198,345	60,579
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share (in Russian roubles)		12.09	(4.11)	65.70	20.06
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (in millions)		3,018.5	3,020.4	3,018.8	3,020.4

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated interim condensed financial statements.

PAO NOVATEK**Consolidated Interim Condensed Statement of Comprehensive Income (unaudited)**

(in millions of Russian roubles)

	Three months ended 30 September:		Nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Profit (loss)	37,950	(12,411)	203,851	59,603
Other comprehensive income (loss) that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit (loss):				
Remeasurement of pension obligations	(79)	14	(247)	(273)
Other comprehensive income (loss) that may be reclassified subsequently to profit (loss), net of income tax:				
Currency translation differences	(385)	(3,878)	2,902	(2,966)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	(464)	(3,864)	2,655	(3,239)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	37,486	(16,275)	206,506	56,364
Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to:				
Non-controlling interest	1,456	5	5,506	(976)
Shareholders of PAO NOVATEK	36,030	(16,280)	201,000	57,340

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PAO NOVATEK
Consolidated Interim Condensed Statement of Cash Flows (unaudited)

(in millions of Russian roubles)

	Notes	Nine months ended 30 September:	
		2016	2015
Profit before income tax		240,101	76,885
Adjustments to profit before income tax:			
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		26,429	14,079
Impairment expenses (reversals), net		107	(248)
Foreign exchange loss (gain), net		10,004	11,637
Loss (gain) on disposal of assets, net		(73,072)	(976)
Interest expense		9,023	5,968
Interest income		(14,353)	(9,037)
Share of loss (profit) in joint ventures, net of income tax	6	(52,405)	17,435
Change in fair value of			
non-commodity financial instruments		(6,765)	2,722
Revaluation of commodity derivatives through loss (profit)		1,863	689
Increase in long-term advances given		(4,286)	(9,283)
Other adjustments		202	183
Working capital changes			
Decrease (increase) in trade and other receivables,			
prepayments and other current assets		(2,092)	(16,922)
Decrease (increase) in inventories		653	(3,483)
Increase (decrease) in trade payables and accrued liabilities,			
excluding interest and dividends payable		3,597	7,631
Increase (decrease) in taxes payable, other than income tax		539	1,288
Total effect of working capital changes		2,697	(11,486)
Dividends received from joint ventures		-	1,850
Interest received		1,687	1,302
Income taxes paid excluding actual payments			
relating to disposal of stakes in joint ventures		(24,724)	(14,784)
Net cash provided by operating activities		116,508	86,936
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(19,082)	(31,487)
Payments for mineral licenses		(1,424)	-
Purchases of materials for construction		(546)	(1,335)
Payments for acquisition of subsidiaries net of cash acquired		(2,935)	(3,630)
Additional capital contributions to joint ventures	6	(19,565)	-
Proceeds from disposal of stakes in joint ventures	4	84,978	-
Costs to sell stakes in joint ventures	4	(2,634)	-
Actual income tax payments			
relating to disposal of stakes in joint ventures		(9,932)	-
Interest paid and capitalized		(4,297)	(4,158)
Guarantee fees paid		(723)	-
Loans provided to joint ventures	7	(6,645)	(38,756)
Repayments of loans provided to joint ventures	7	76	1,160
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities		17,271	(78,206)

PAO NOVATEK**Consolidated Interim Condensed Statement of Cash Flows (unaudited)**

(in millions of Russian roubles)

	Notes	Nine months ended 30 September:	
		2016	2015
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from long-term debt		-	16,130
Repayments of long-term debt		(73,861)	(14,254)
Repayments of short-term debt			
with original maturity more than three months		(21,191)	-
Net increase (decrease) in short-term debt			
with original maturity three months or less		(3,912)	6,991
Interest paid		(9,018)	(5,492)
Dividends paid	14	(20,831)	(15,702)
Purchase of treasury shares	14	(880)	(65)
Net cash used for financing activities		(129,693)	(12,392)
Net effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(5,818)	(2,463)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(1,732)	(6,125)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		29,187	41,318
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period		27,455	35,193

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PAO NOVATEK
Consolidated Interim Condensed Statement of Changes in Equity (unaudited)

(in millions of Russian roubles, except for number of shares)

<i>For the nine months ended 30 September 2015</i>	<i>Number of ordinary shares (in millions)</i>	<i>Ordinary share capital</i>	<i>Treasury shares</i>	<i>Additional paid-in capital</i>	<i>Currency translation differences</i>	<i>Asset revaluation surplus on acquisitions</i>	<i>Retained earnings</i>	<i>Equity attributable to PAO NOVATEK shareholders</i>	<i>Non- controlling interest</i>	<i>Total equity</i>
1 January 2015	3,020.4	393	(5,222)	31,297	208	5,617	352,462	384,755	2,369	387,124
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	-	(2,966)	-	-	(2,966)	-	(2,966)
Remeasurement of pension obligations	-	-	-	-	-	-	(273)	(273)	-	(273)
Profit (loss)	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,579	60,579	(976)	59,603
Total comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	-	-	(2,966)	-	60,306	57,340	(976)	56,364
Dividends (Note 14)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(35,640)	(35,640)	-	(35,640)
Effect from other changes in joint ventures' net assets (Note 6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,933	4,933	-	4,933
Purchase of treasury shares (Note 14)	(0.1)	-	(65)	-	-	-	-	(65)	-	(65)
30 September 2015	3,020.3	393	(5,287)	31,297	(2,758)	5,617	382,061	411,323	1,393	412,716

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PAO NOVATEK
Consolidated Interim Condensed Statement of Changes in Equity (unaudited)

(in millions of Russian roubles, except for number of shares)

<i>For the nine months ended 30 September 2016</i>	<i>Number of ordinary shares (in millions)</i>	<i>Ordinary share capital</i>	<i>Treasury shares</i>	<i>Additional paid-in capital</i>	<i>Currency translation differences</i>	<i>Asset revaluation surplus on acquisitions</i>	<i>Retained earnings</i>	<i>Equity attributable to PAO NOVATEK shareholders</i>	<i>Non- controlling interest</i>	<i>Total equity</i>
1 January 2016	3,019.1	393	(5,997)	31,297	(5,092)	5,617	399,861	426,079	2,092	428,171
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	-	2,902	-	-	2,902	-	2,902
Remeasurement of pension obligations	-	-	-	-	-	-	(247)	(247)	-	(247)
Profit (loss)	-	-	-	-	-	-	198,345	198,345	5,506	203,851
Total comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	-	-	2,902	-	198,098	201,000	5,506	206,506
Dividends (Note 14)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(41,653)	(41,653)	-	(41,653)
Effect from other changes in joint ventures' net assets (Note 6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,819	2,819	-	2,819
Purchase of treasury shares (Note 14)	(1.4)	-	(880)	-	-	-	-	(880)	-	(880)
30 September 2016	3,017.7	393	(6,877)	31,297	(2,190)	5,617	559,125	587,365	7,598	594,963

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1 ORGANIZATION AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

PAO NOVATEK (hereinafter referred to as “NOVATEK” or the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Group”) is an independent oil and gas company engaged in the acquisition, exploration, development, production, processing, and marketing of hydrocarbons with its oil and gas operations located and incorporated in the Yamal-Nenets Autonomous Region (“YNAO”) of the Russian Federation. The Group delivers its natural gas on the Russian Federation’s domestic market and liquid hydrocarbons on both the Russian domestic and international markets.

The Group sells its natural gas on the Russian domestic market at unregulated market prices (except for deliveries to residential customers); however, the majority of natural gas sold on the Russian domestic market by all producers is sold at prices regulated by the governmental agency of the Russian Federation that carries out state regulation of prices and tariffs for goods and services of natural monopolies in energy, utilities and transportation. The Group’s natural gas sales volumes fluctuate on a seasonal basis mostly due to Russian weather conditions, with sales peaking in the winter months of December and January and troughing in the summer months of July and August.

The Group processes unstable gas condensate at its Purovsky Gas Condensate Processing Plant located in close proximity to its fields into stable gas condensate and liquefied petroleum gas. The majority of stable gas condensate is further processed at the Group’s Gas Condensate Fractionation and Transshipment Complex located at the port of Ust-Luga on the Baltic Sea into higher-value refined products (naphtha, jet fuel, gasoil and fuel oil). The remaining stable gas condensate volumes are sold on domestic and international markets. The Group sells its liquid hydrocarbons at prices that are subject to fluctuations in underlying benchmark crude oil, naphtha and other gas condensate refined products prices. The Group’s liquids sales volumes are not subject to significant seasonal fluctuations.

The Group also purchases and sells natural gas on the European market under long-term and short-term supply contracts to carry out its foreign commercial trading activities.

In March 2016, the Group closed the transaction on the disposal of a 9.9 percent equity stake in OAO Yamal LNG, the Group’s joint venture, to China’s investment fund Silk Road Fund Co. Ltd. (see Note 4).

In September 2016, the Group and Eni S.p.A. (hereinafter referred to as the “Concessionaries”), through their wholly owned subsidiaries NOVATEK Montenegro B.V. and Eni Montenegro B.V., entered into a Concession Contract with the State of Montenegro for the exploration and production of hydrocarbons on four offshore blocks located in the Adriatic Sea (hereinafter referred to as the “Concession Contract”). The Concession Contract stipulates that the Concessionaries are assigned a 50 percent participating interest each and are committed to undertake specified joint upstream activities during the exploration phase within seven years (see Note 22). The Group considers that the Concession Contract constitutes a joint arrangement and classifies it as a joint operation in accordance with IFRS 11, *Joint Arrangements*.

On 12 October 2016, an amended version of NOVATEK’s Charter was registered, according to which the Company’s name was changed to PAO NOVATEK (former name – OAO NOVATEK). The Company’s name was changed to comply with the current provisions of the Part 1 Chapter 4 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The consolidated interim condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard No. 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*, and should be read in conjunction with the Group’s consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”).

Use of estimates and judgments. The critical accounting estimates and judgments followed by the Group in the preparation of consolidated interim condensed financial statements are consistent with those disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015. Estimates have principally been made in respect to fair values of assets and liabilities, deferred income taxes, estimation of oil and gas reserves, impairment provisions, pension obligations, asset retirement obligations and investments.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)

Management reviews these estimates and assumptions on a continuous basis, by reference to past experience and other factors considered as reasonable which form the basis for assessing the book values of assets and liabilities. Adjustments to accounting estimates and assumptions are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the change affects only that period or in the period of the revision and subsequent periods, if both are affected. Management also makes certain judgments, apart from those involving estimations, in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. Actual results may differ from such estimates if different assumptions or circumstances apply.

Functional and presentation currency. The consolidated interim condensed financial statements are presented in Russian roubles, the Group's reporting (presentation) currency and the functional currency for the majority of the Group's entities. Exchange rates for foreign currencies in which the Group conducted significant transactions or had significant monetary assets and/or liabilities in the reporting period were as follows:

<i>Russian roubles to one currency unit</i>	Average rate for the three months ended 30 September:		Average rate for the nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
US dollar (USD)	64.62	62.98	68.37	59.28
Euro (EUR)	72.15	70.11	76.28	66.26
Polish zloty (PLN)	16.62	16.74	17.51	15.92

<i>Russian roubles to one currency unit</i>	At 30 September:		At 31 December:	
	2016	2015	2015	2014
US dollar (USD)	63.16	66.24	72.88	56.26
Euro (EUR)	70.88	74.58	79.70	68.34
Polish zloty (PLN)	16.50	17.55	18.79	15.94

Exchange rates and restrictions. The Russian rouble is not a fully convertible currency outside the Russian Federation and accordingly, any remeasurement of Russian rouble amounts to US dollars or any other currency should not be construed as a representation that such Russian rouble amounts have been, could be, or will in the future be converted into other currencies at these exchange rates.

Reclassifications. Certain reclassifications have been made to the comparative figures to conform to the current period presentation with no effect on profit for the period or shareholder's equity.

3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies and methods of computation followed by the Group are consistent with those disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015, except for income tax expense as described below and for the effects of the adoption of new accounting standards (see Note 25).

Income tax expense is recognized based on management's estimate of the expected annual income tax rate for the full financial year.

4 ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS

Disposal of an ownership interest in OAO Yamal LNG

In December 2015, the Group and China's investment fund Silk Road Fund Co. Ltd., signed the Share Purchase Agreement on the disposal of a 9.9 percent equity stake in Yamal LNG, the Group's joint venture, to the fund. The transaction contained a set of conditions precedent and, in accordance with IFRS 5, *Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations*, the Group's 9.9 percent share in Yamal LNG has been classified as an asset held for sale at 31 December 2015. The asset's carrying amount of RR 7,987 million was determined based on the net assets of Yamal LNG on the date of the agreement.

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(in Russian roubles, [tabular amounts in millions] unless otherwise stated)

4 ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS (CONTINUED)

In March 2016, the transaction was closed upon the completion of the conditions precedent, and the Group recognized the disposal of the 9.9 percent stake in Yamal LNG. The transaction included a cash payment and the provision of a 15-year tenor loan to the Group for the purpose of financing the Yamal LNG project (see Note 11). Concurrently, the Group has committed to provide cash contributions to the capital of Yamal LNG with regard to the interest disposed on the same terms that were previously applied upon the entrance of TOTAL S.A. and China National Petroleum Corporation into the project.

The following table summarizes the consideration details and shows the gain on the sale of the ownership interest in Yamal LNG:

	RR million
Cash payment received (EUR 1,087 million at exchange rate of 78.18 to EUR 1.00)	84,978
Adjustment to fair value at initial recognition of the loan from Silk Road Fund, previously recorded as deferred income (see Note 11)	9,173
Less: 49.9 percent share in the Group's liability in relation to capital contributions to Yamal LNG ^(*) (USD 149 million at exchange rate of 70.15 to USD 1.00)	(10,458)
Less: carrying amount of the Group's disposed 9.9 percent interest in the equity investment previously classified as held for sale	(7,987)
Costs to sell	(2,634)
Gain on the sale of ownership interest before income tax	73,072

^(*) – excluding the Group's 50.1 percent share in future Yamal LNG's capital increase as a result of these contributions.

Consequently, the Group recognized a gain on the transaction of RR 57,677 million, net of associated income tax of RR 15,395 million.

As a result of this transaction, the Group's interest in Yamal LNG is 50.1 percent. The Group continues to exercise joint control over Yamal LNG and recognizes it as a joint venture, and, accordingly, accounts for this investment under the equity method.

Disposal of ownership interest in Artic Russia B.V.

In 2014, NOVATEK and PAO Gazprom Neft agreed in principle to conduct a series of transactions to achieve parity shareholdings in OOO SeverEnergiya. As part of such agreement, in August 2015, NOVATEK contributed its 6.4 percent ownership interest in Artic Russia to the capital of Yamal Development. Simultaneously, the Group and Gazprom Neft made contributions to the capital of Yamal Development by converting their loans and accrued interest in the amount of RR 2,512 million and RR 14,922 million, respectively. As a result of these transactions the Group's effective participation interest in SeverEnergiya decreased from 54.9 percent to 53.3 percent.

The gain on the disposal of the 6.4 percent ownership interest in Artic Russia is detailed below:

	RR million
The Group's share in the fair value of contributions to the capital of Yamal Development	14,922
Less: carrying amount of 6.4 percent ownership interest in Artic Russia contributed by the Group	(10,432)
Less: carrying amount of loan and accrued interest converted by the Group	(2,512)
Less: the Group's unrealized gain on the disposal	(989)
Gain on the disposal recognized in the consolidated statement of income before income tax	989

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4 ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS (CONTINUED)

As a result of the aforementioned transactions, in August 2015, NOVATEK recognized a gain in the amount of RR 1,978 million. Due to the fact that NOVATEK contributed the equity stake in Artic Russia to the capital of Yamal Development, the Group's joint venture, in which it holds a 50 percent participation interest, the Group eliminated an unrealized gain on the disposal on the consolidation level in the amount of RR 989 million.

The Group's management expects that further steps to achieve parity shareholdings in SeverEnergia will be undertaken in the foreseeable future.

5 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Movements in property, plant and equipment for the reporting periods are as follows:

<i>For the nine months ended 30 September 2015</i>	Oil and gas properties and equipment	Assets under construction and advances for construction	Other	Total
Cost	291,212	63,162	14,422	368,796
Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(74,962)	-	(2,108)	(77,070)
Net book value at 1 January 2015	216,250	63,162	12,314	291,726
Additions	916	42,109	206	43,231
Transfers	16,665	(17,121)	456	-
Change in asset retirement costs	1,049	-	-	1,049
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(13,295)	-	(428)	(13,723)
Disposals, net	(65)	(146)	(8)	(219)
Cost	309,731	88,004	15,033	412,768
Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(88,211)	-	(2,493)	(90,704)
Net book value at 30 September 2015	221,520	88,004	12,540	322,064
<i>For the nine months ended 30 September 2016</i>				
Cost	348,268	64,778	15,195	428,241
Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(93,886)	-	(2,643)	(96,529)
Net book value at 1 January 2016	254,382	64,778	12,552	331,712
Additions	5,291	17,155	29	22,475
Transfers	38,237	(38,443)	206	-
Acquisition of subsidiaries	6	-	-	6
Change in asset retirement costs	2,675	-	-	2,675
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(25,729)	-	(448)	(26,177)
Disposals, net	(643)	(111)	(67)	(821)
Cost	393,791	43,379	15,316	452,486
Accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization	(119,572)	-	(3,044)	(122,616)
Net book value at 30 September 2016	274,219	43,379	12,272	329,870

5 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

Included in additions to property, plant and equipment for the nine months ended 30 September 2016 and 2015 are capitalized interest and foreign exchange differences of RR 4,297 million and RR 5,620 million, respectively.

Included within assets under construction and advances for construction are advances to suppliers for construction and equipment of RR 1,197 million and RR 2,719 million at 30 September 2016 and 31 December 2015, respectively.

In 2016, the Group purchased through auctions oil and gas exploration and production licenses for the Nyakhartinsky and Syadorsky license areas located in the YNAO for the total amount of RR 1,461 million, which were included in additions to oil and gas properties and equipment.

The table below summarizes the Group's carrying values of total acquisition costs of proved and unproved properties included in oil and gas properties and equipment:

	At 30 September 2016	At 31 December 2015
Proved properties acquisition costs	46,903	46,343
Less: accumulated depreciation, depletion and amortization of proved properties acquisition costs	(16,466)	(15,540)
Unproved properties acquisition costs	9,594	7,874
Total acquisition costs	40,031	38,677

The Group's management believes these costs are recoverable as the Group has plans to explore and develop the respective fields.

Capital commitments are disclosed in Note 22.

6 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES

	At 30 September 2016	At 31 December 2015
<i>Joint ventures:</i>		
OAO Yamal LNG	95,665	38,798
ZAO Nortgas	50,618	50,298
OOO Yamal Development	50,486	43,551
Artic Russia B.V.	23,619	22,078
ZAO Terneftegas	-	-
Total investments in joint ventures	220,388	154,725

The Group considers that Yamal LNG, Nortgas, Yamal Development, Artic Russia and Terneftegas constitute jointly controlled entities on the basis of the existing contractual arrangements. The Charters and Shareholders' agreements of these entities stipulate that strategic and/or key decisions of a financial, operating and capital nature require effectively the unanimous approval by all shareholders or by a group of shareholders. The Group accounts its shares in joint ventures under the equity method.

OAO Yamal LNG. The Group holds a 50.1 percent ownership in Yamal LNG, along with TOTAL S.A. (20 percent), China National Petroleum Corporation ("CNPC", 20 percent) and Silk Road Fund Co. Ltd. (9.9 percent). At 31 December 2015, the Group held a 60 percent ownership in the joint venture, including a 9.9 percent share classified as an asset held for sale, which was sold to Silk Road Fund Co. Ltd. in March 2016 (see Note 4). The joint venture is responsible for implementing the Yamal LNG project including the construction of production facilities for natural gas, gas condensate and liquefied natural gas ("LNG") based on the resources of the South-Tambeyskoye field, located on the Yamal peninsula in the YNAO. Yamal LNG is the holder of the LNG export license.

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6 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (CONTINUED)

In the second quarter 2016, Yamal LNG signed 15-year credit line facility agreements with a number of Russian and foreign banks to raise project financing for the total amount of EUR 12.9 billion and CNY 9.8 billion. At 30 September 2016, the Group's 50.1 percent ownership in Yamal LNG was pledged in connection with these facility agreements.

ZAO Nortgas. The Group holds a 50 percent ownership in Nortgas, its joint venture with PAO Gazprom Neft. Nortgas operates the North-Urengoykoye field, located in the YNAO.

Artic Russia B.V. The Group holds a direct 13.6 percent participation interest in Artic Russia, domiciled in the Netherlands. Artic Russia holds a 49 percent participation interest in OOO SeverEnergiya.

OOO Yamal Development. The Group holds a 50 percent participation interest in Yamal Development, its joint venture with PAO Gazprom Neft (50 percent). Yamal Development holds a 51 percent participation interest in SeverEnergiya and an 86.4 percent ownership interest in Artic Russia.

OOO SeverEnergiya. The Group holds an effective 53.3 percent participation interest in SeverEnergiya through two of the Group's other joint ventures, Yamal Development and Artic Russia. SeverEnergiya through its wholly owned subsidiary OAO Arcticgas operates the Samburgskoye, Urengoykoye and Yaro-Yakhinskoye fields, located in the YNAO.

ZAO Terneftegas. The Group holds a 51 percent ownership in Terneftegas, its joint venture with TOTAL S.A. (49 percent). Terneftegas operates the Termokarstovoye field, located in the YNAO.

The Group's investment in Terneftegas at 30 September 2016 and 31 December 2015 was valued at RR nil in the consolidated statement of financial position due to the Group's proportionate share of accumulated losses exceeding the Group's cost of investment. The unrecognized share of accumulated losses of Terneftegas at 30 September 2016 and 31 December 2015 was RR 105 million and RR 1,409 million, respectively.

The table below summarizes the movements in the carrying amounts of the Group's joint ventures:

	Nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015
At 1 January	154,725	166,231
Share of profit from operations	22,876	23,641
Share of finance income (expense)	39,750	(43,481)
Share of total income tax expense	(10,221)	2,405
Share of profit (loss) of joint ventures, net of income tax	52,405	(17,435)
Effect from initial measurement of loans provided by the Group to joint ventures (see Note 21)	836	5,031
Disposal of stakes in joint ventures	-	(11,421)
Contributions to equity	9,802	14,922
Effect from other changes in joint ventures' net assets	2,819	4,933
Group's costs capitalized in investments	394	-
Elimination of the Group's share in profits of joint ventures from hydrocarbons balances purchased by the Group from joint ventures and not sold at the reporting date	(593)	1,288
At 30 September	220,388	163,549

In September 2016, the capital of Yamal LNG was increased through a cash contribution made by the Group as a result of the disposal of the 9.9 percent stake in Yamal LNG (see Note 4) in the amount of RR 19,565 million. The Group's 50.1 percent share in Yamal LNG's capital increase was recorded in the Group's investment in Yamal LNG in the amount of RR 9,802 million. The Group's shareholding in Yamal LNG did not change notably as a result of this capital contribution.

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6 INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURES (CONTINUED)

In August 2015, the Group disposed of its 6.4 percent ownership interest in Artic Russia at cost of RR 11,421 million, including an unrealized gain on disposal. Simultaneously, the equity of Yamal Development was increased through proportional contributions by its participants totalling RR 29,844 million, of which RR 14,922 million was contributed by NOVATEK (see Note 4).

For the nine months ended 30 September 2016 and 2015, the Group recorded an increase in equity in the amount of RR 2,819 million and RR 4,933 million, respectively, from the initial measurement of the disproportional loans provided to Yamal LNG by other shareholders.

For the nine months ended 30 September 2016, the Group recorded commission fees for the guarantee received from the State corporation “Bank for Development and Foreign Economic Affairs (Vnesheconombank)” (see Note 22) as an increase to the investment in Yamal LNG.

The Group eliminates its share in profits of joint ventures from natural gas and liquid hydrocarbons balances purchased by the Group from its joint ventures and not sold at the reporting date.

7 LONG-TERM LOANS AND RECEIVABLES

	At 30 September 2016	At 31 December 2015
Long-term loans	201,037	214,051
Long-term interest receivable	23,010	16,190
Other long-term receivables	464	558
Total	224,511	230,799
Less: current portion of long-term loans	(520)	-
Total long-term loans and receivables	223,991	230,799

The Group's long-term loans by borrowers are as follows:

	At 30 September 2016	At 31 December 2015
OAQ Yamal LNG	183,935	196,533
OOO Yamal Development	13,075	13,105
ZAO Terneftegas	4,027	4,413
Total long-term loans	201,037	214,051

OAQ Yamal LNG. In accordance with the Shareholders' agreement, the Group provided US dollar and Euro credit line facilities to Yamal LNG, the Group's joint venture. Under the terms of these credit line agreements, the Group provided loans to Yamal LNG prior to obtaining external project financing. The loans interest rate is set to 4.46 percent per annum and can be adjusted during subsequent periods subject to certain conditions. The principal and interest are repayable after the commencement of commercial production by Yamal LNG and are both included within non-current assets in the consolidated statement of financial position. The repayment schedule is linked to free cash flows of the joint venture.

During the nine months ended 30 September 2016, the Group provided further funds to Yamal LNG totaling RR 6,645 million under these credit line facilities.

OOO Yamal Development. The Group provided Russian rouble denominated loans under agreed credit line facilities to Yamal Development, the Group's joint venture. The loans are repayable not later than 2021 and bear interest rates ranging from 9.25 to 10.90 percent per annum.

7 LONG-TERM LOANS AND RECEIVABLES (CONTINUED)

ZAO Terneftegas. In accordance with the Shareholders' agreement, the Group provided US dollar denominated loans to Terneftegas, the Group's joint venture. The loans interest rate was initially set to 4.52 percent per annum and, in July 2016, decreased to 4.47 percent per annum. The interest rate can be adjusted during subsequent periods subject to certain conditions. The principal and interest are repayable after the commencement of commercial production by Terneftegas. The repayment schedule is linked to free cash flows of the joint venture.

No provisions for impairment of long-term loans and receivables were recognized at 30 September 2016 and 31 December 2015. The carrying values of long-term loans and receivables approximate their respective fair values.

8 OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS

	At 30 September 2016	At 31 December 2015
Financial assets		
Commodity derivatives	571	1,511
Other financial assets	13	10
Non-financial assets		
Long-term advances	21,837	17,551
Deferred income tax assets	4,135	11,183
Materials for construction	1,874	2,407
Intangible assets, net	1,536	1,567
Other non-financial assets	87	87
Total other non-current assets	30,053	34,316

At 30 September 2016 and 31 December 2015, the long-term advances represented advances to OAO Russian Railways. The advances were paid in accordance with the Strategic Partnership Agreement signed with Russian Railways in 2012.

9 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	At 30 September 2016	At 31 December 2015
Trade receivables (net of provision of RR 68 million and RR 95 million at 30 September 2016 and 31 December 2015, respectively)	41,529	35,221
Other receivables (net of provision of RR 116 million and RR 18 million at 30 September 2016 and 31 December 2015, respectively)	1,699	2,343
Total trade and other receivables	43,228	37,564

Trade receivables in the amount RR 8,822 million and RR 18,507 million at 30 September 2016 and 31 December 2015, respectively, are secured by letters of credit, issued by banks with investment grade rating. The Group does not hold any other collateral as security for trade and other receivables (see Note 21 for credit risk disclosures).

The carrying values of trade and other receivables approximate their respective fair values. Trade and other receivables were categorized as Level 3 in the fair value measurement hierarchy described in Note 21.

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10 PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

	At 30 September 2016	At 31 December 2015
Financial assets		
Commodity derivatives	2,117	5,039
Current portion of long-term loans receivable (see Note 7)	520	-
Cash on special accounts	258	6,477
Non-financial assets		
Value-added tax receivable	11,762	13,437
Recoverable value-added tax	7,432	7,554
Prepayments and advances to suppliers	5,431	5,304
Deferred transportation expenses for natural gas	4,896	2,955
Deferred transportation expenses for liquid hydrocarbons	978	1,720
Prepaid customs duties	948	559
Deferred export duties for liquid hydrocarbons	457	2,251
Other non-financial assets	708	128
Total prepayments and other current assets	35,507	45,424

11 LONG-TERM DEBT

	At 30 September 2016	At 31 December 2015
Corporate bonds		
Eurobonds – Ten-Year Tenor (par value USD 1 billion, repayable in 2022)	62,990	72,662
Eurobonds – Ten-Year Tenor (par value USD 650 million, repayable in 2021)	40,932	47,207
Eurobonds – Four-Year Tenor (par value RR 14 billion, repayable in 2017)	13,991	13,977
Eurobonds – Five-Year Tenor (par value USD 600 million, repayable in 2016)	-	43,725
Bank loans		
Syndicated term credit line facility	50,896	83,861
Other borrowings		
Loan from Silk Road Fund	42,640	48,619
Other loans	15,124	19,268
Total	226,573	329,319
Less: current portion of long-term debt	(43,074)	(77,269)
Total long-term debt	183,499	252,050

Eurobonds. In December 2012, the Group issued US dollar denominated Eurobonds in the amount of USD 1 billion. The US dollar denominated Eurobonds were issued with an annual coupon rate of 4.422 percent, payable semi-annually. The Eurobonds have a ten-year tenor and are repayable in December 2022.

In February 2011, the Group issued US dollar denominated Eurobonds in an aggregate amount of USD 1,250 million. The US dollar denominated Eurobonds were issued at par in two tranches, a ten-year USD 650 million Eurobond with an annual coupon rate of 6.604 percent and a five-year USD 600 million Eurobond with an annual coupon rate of 5.326 percent. The coupons are payable semi-annually. The ten-year USD 650 million Eurobond is repayable in February 2021. In February 2016, the five-year USD 600 million Eurobond was fully repaid at its maturity date.

11 LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

In February 2013, the Group issued Russian rouble denominated Eurobonds in the amount of RR 14 billion. The Russian rouble denominated Eurobonds were issued with an annual coupon rate of 7.75 percent, payable semi-annually. The Eurobonds have a four-year tenor and are repayable in February 2017.

Syndicated term credit line facility. In June 2013, the Group obtained a USD 1.5 billion unsecured syndicated term credit line facility from a range of international banks and withdrew the full amount under the facility by June 2014. The loan is repayable until July 2018 by quarterly installments starting from June 2015. The facility includes the maintenance of certain restrictive financial covenants.

Loan from Silk Road Fund. As part of the transaction for the sale of the Group's 9.9 percent equity stake in OAO Yamal LNG, in December 2015, the Group obtained a loan from Silk Road Fund for financing of the Yamal LNG project (see Note 4).

In accordance with IAS 39, *Financial instruments: recognition and measurement*, the loan was recorded at fair value at initial recognition with the difference of RR 9,173 million between the fair value of the loan and cash received recognized as deferred income (see Note 13). In March 2016, the deferred income was included in the financial result on disposal of the 9.9 percent equity stake in Yamal LNG upon completion of the transaction (see Note 4).

The loan is repayable until December 2030 by semi-annual installments starting from December 2019 and includes the maintenance of certain restrictive financial covenants.

Other loans. At 30 September 2016 and 31 December 2015, other loans represented Russian rouble denominated loans, which were provided to one of the Group's subsidiaries by its non-controlling shareholder. The loans are repayable until the end of 2017. During the nine months ended 30 September 2016, a portion of the loans and accrued interest in the amount of RR 6,468 million was repaid ahead of maturity schedule.

The fair value of long-term debt including its current portion was RR 236,154 million and RR 319,191 million at 30 September 2016 and 31 December 2015, respectively. The fair value of the corporate bonds was determined based on market quote prices (Level 1 in the fair value measurement hierarchy described in Note 21). The fair value of other long-term loans was determined based on future cash flows discounted at the estimated risk-adjusted discount rate (Level 3 in the fair value measurement hierarchy described in Note 21).

Scheduled maturities of long-term debt at the reporting date were as follows:

<i>Maturity period:</i>	At 30 September 2016
1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018	36,937
1 October 2018 to 30 September 2019	-
1 October 2019 to 30 September 2020	3,708
1 October 2020 to 30 September 2021	44,639
After 30 September 2021	98,215
Total long-term debt	183,499

Available credit line facilities. At 30 September 2016, the Group had available long-term credit line facilities from Russian banks with credit limits in the amount of RR 100 billion and the equivalent of USD 750 million. The facilities include the maintenance of certain restrictive financial covenants.

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12 SHORT-TERM DEBT AND CURRENT PORTION OF LONG-TERM DEBT

	At 30 September 2016	At 31 December 2015
Loans with original maturity more than three months	109	21,300
Loans with original maturity three months or less	1,185	8,086
Total short-term debt	1,294	29,386
Add: current portion of long-term debt	43,074	77,269
Total short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt	44,368	106,655

Loans with original maturity more than three months. At 30 September 2016 and 31 December 2015, short-term debt included loans obtained by one of the Group's subsidiaries from its non-controlling shareholder in the amount of RR 109 million and RR 1,300 million, respectively. During the nine months ended 30 September 2016, a portion of the loans and accrued interest in the amount of RR 1,373 million was repaid. The remaining amount of RR 109 million was repaid after the balance sheet date in October 2016.

At 31 December 2015, short-term debt also included a loan obtained by the Group under a non-revolving credit line facility from a Russian bank in the amount of RR 20 billion. In May 2016, the loan was fully repaid.

Loans with original maturity three months or less. At 30 September 2016 and 31 December 2015, short-term debt with original maturity three months or less represented loans obtained by the Group to finance trade activities and secured by cash revenues from specifically determined liquid hydrocarbons export sales contracts.

Available credit line facilities. At 30 September 2016, the Group had available a revolving credit line facility from a Russian bank, valid until December 2016, with credit limit in the amount of RR 20 billion.

13 TRADE PAYABLES AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	At 30 September 2016	At 31 December 2015
Financial liabilities		
Trade payables	22,852	23,989
Dividends payable (see Note 14)	20,823	1
Interest payable	2,173	3,100
Commodity derivatives	923	2,355
Other payables	243	3,401
Non-financial liabilities		
Advances from customers	2,530	4,099
Salary payables	314	494
Deferred income (see Note 11)	-	9,173
Other liabilities and accruals	2,612	1,923
Total trade payables and accrued liabilities	52,470	48,535

The carrying values of trade payables and accrued liabilities approximate their respective fair values. Trade and other payables were categorized as Level 3 in the fair value measurement hierarchy described in Note 21.

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14 SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Treasury shares. In accordance with the *Share Buyback Programs* authorized by the Board of Directors, the Group's wholly owned subsidiary, Novatek Equity (Cyprus) Limited, purchases ordinary shares of PAO NOVATEK in the form of Global Depositary Receipts (GDRs) on the London Stock Exchange (LSE) and ordinary shares on the Moscow Exchange through the use of independent brokers. NOVATEK also purchases its ordinary shares from shareholders where required by Russian legislation.

During the nine months ended 30 September 2016 and 2015, the Group purchased 1.4 million and 0.1 million ordinary shares (both ordinary shares and GDRs) at a total cost of RR 880 million and RR 65 million, respectively. At 30 September 2016 and 31 December 2015, the Group held in total (both ordinary shares and GDRs) 18.6 million and 17.2 million ordinary shares at total cost of RR 6,877 million and RR 5,997 million, respectively. The Group has decided that these shares do not vote.

Dividends. The Group declares and pays dividends in Russian roubles (amounts include tax on dividends):

	Nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015
Dividends payable at 1 January	1	1
Dividends declared ^(*)	41,653	35,640
Dividends paid ^(*)	(20,831)	(15,702)
Dividends payable at 30 September	20,823	19,939
Dividends per share declared during the period (in Russian roubles)	13.80	11.80
Dividends per GDR declared during the period (in Russian roubles)	138.00	118.00

^(*) – excluding treasury shares.

On 22 April 2016, the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of PAO NOVATEK approved the final 2015 dividend of RR 6.90 per share or RR 69.00 per GDR totaling RR 20,951 million (including treasury shares), which were paid in May and June 2016.

On 30 September 2016, the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of PAO NOVATEK approved the interim dividend of RR 6.90 per share or RR 69.00 per GDR totaling RR 20,951 million (including treasury shares) based on the financial results for the six months ended 30 June 2016 payable not later than 10 working days to the shareholders who are professional securities market participants and not later than 25 working days to the other shareholders of record at the close of business day on 11 October 2016.

15 OIL AND GAS SALES

	Three months ended 30 September:		Nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Natural gas	51,733	53,425	163,603	157,580
Naphtha	22,164	19,993	79,108	73,195
Crude oil	16,139	3,473	47,780	11,023
Other gas and gas condensate refined products	14,875	14,771	42,644	47,718
Stable gas condensate	12,588	15,213	37,502	29,319
Liquefied petroleum gas	8,268	9,337	19,804	22,175
Total oil and gas sales	125,767	116,212	390,441	341,010

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16 TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES

	Three months ended 30 September:		Nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Natural gas transportation				
by trunk and low-pressure pipelines	19,332	20,395	59,305	61,050
Stable gas condensate and				
liquefied petroleum gas transportation by rail	7,805	7,749	24,926	21,299
Gas condensate refined products,				
stable gas condensate and crude oil				
transportation by tankers	2,085	3,975	8,715	9,738
Crude oil transportation by trunk pipelines	1,664	387	5,011	1,128
Other	43	40	124	94
Total transportation expenses	30,929	32,546	98,081	93,309

17 PURCHASES OF NATURAL GAS AND LIQUID HYDROCARBONS

	Three months ended 30 September:		Nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Unstable gas condensate	23,117	24,856	66,221	65,485
Natural gas	8,322	7,379	26,267	19,684
Other liquid hydrocarbons	790	657	1,461	1,038
Total purchases of natural gas and liquid hydrocarbons	32,229	32,892	93,949	86,207

The Group purchases 50 percent of the natural gas volumes produced by its joint venture ZAO Nortgas, some volumes of natural gas produced by its joint venture OOO SeverEnergiya (through its wholly owned subsidiary, OAO Arcticgas) and, commencing May 2015, all volumes of natural gas produced by its joint venture ZAO Terneftegas (see Note 23).

The Group purchases all volumes of unstable gas condensate produced by its joint ventures Nortgas, SeverEnergiya (through its wholly owned subsidiary, Arcticgas) and Terneftegas (from May 2015) at ex-field prices based on benchmark crude oil (see Note 23).

18 TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME TAX

The Group is subject to a number of taxes other than income tax, which are detailed as follows:

	Three months ended 30 September:		Nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Unified natural resources production tax	10,115	8,148	30,632	24,878
Property tax	681	807	2,004	1,924
Other taxes	76	99	226	285
Total taxes other than income tax	10,872	9,054	32,862	27,087

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19 FINANCE INCOME (EXPENSE)

	Three months ended 30 September:		Nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
<i>Interest expense (including transaction costs)</i>				
Interest expense on fixed rate debt	2,459	2,727	9,049	7,859
Interest expense on variable rate debt	1,129	1,074	3,861	2,061
Subtotal	3,588	3,801	12,910	9,920
Less: capitalized interest	(1,054)	(1,839)	(4,297)	(4,158)
Interest expense on debt	2,534	1,962	8,613	5,762
Provisions for asset retirement obligations: effect of the present value discount unwinding	150	85	410	206
Total interest expense	2,684	2,047	9,023	5,968
	Three months ended 30 September:		Nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
<i>Interest income</i>				
Interest income on loans issued	4,304	2,904	13,514	7,756
Interest income on cash, cash equivalents and deposits	185	278	839	1,281
Total interest income	4,489	3,182	14,353	9,037
	Three months ended 30 September:		Nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
<i>Foreign exchange gain (loss)</i>				
Gains	2,732	35,803	30,216	46,524
Losses	(3,169)	(38,094)	(40,220)	(58,161)
Total foreign exchange gain (loss), net	(437)	(2,291)	(10,004)	(11,637)

20 INCOME TAX

Effective income tax rate. The Group's Russian statutory income tax rate for 2016 and 2015 was 20 percent.

The Group recognizes in profit before income tax its share of net profit (loss) from joint ventures, which influences the consolidated profit of the Group but does not result in additional income tax expense (benefit) at the Group's level. Net profit (loss) of joint ventures was recorded in their financial statements on an after-tax basis. The Group holds at least a 50 percent interest in each of its joint ventures, and dividend income from these joint ventures is subject to a zero withholding tax rate according to the Russian tax legislation.

Without the effect of net profit (loss) and dividends from joint ventures, the effective income tax rate for the three months ended 30 September 2016 and 2015 was 18.0 percent and 18.1 percent, respectively, and the effective income tax rate for the nine months ended 30 September 2016 and 2015 was 19.3 percent and 18.6 percent, respectively.

21 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK FACTORS

The accounting policies and disclosure requirements for financial instruments have been applied to the line items below:

<i>Financial assets</i>	At 30 September 2016		At 31 December 2015	
	Non-current	Current	Non-current	Current
<i>Loans and receivable</i>				
Loans receivable	13,075	-	13,105	-
Trade and other receivables	23,474	43,228	16,748	37,564
Cash on special accounts	-	258	-	6,477
Cash and cash equivalents	-	27,455	-	29,187
Other	13	-	10	-
<i>At fair value through profit or loss</i>				
Loans receivable	187,442	520	200,946	-
Commodity derivatives	571	2,117	1,511	5,039
Total financial assets	224,575	73,578	232,320	78,267
<i>Financial liabilities</i>				
<i>At amortized cost</i>				
Long-term debt	183,499	43,074	252,050	77,269
Short-term debt	-	1,294	-	29,386
Trade and other payables	-	25,268	-	30,490
Dividends payable	-	20,823	-	1
<i>At fair value through profit or loss</i>				
Commodity derivatives	660	923	368	2,355
Total financial liabilities	184,159	91,382	252,418	139,501

Fair value measurement. The Group evaluates the quality and reliability of the assumptions and data used to measure fair value in accordance with IFRS 13, *Fair Value Measurement*, in the three hierarchy levels as follows:

- quoted prices in active markets (Level 1);
- inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are directly or indirectly observable in the market (externally verifiable inputs) (Level 2);
- inputs that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) (Level 3).

Commodity derivative instruments. The Group conducts natural gas foreign trading in active markets under long-term and short-term purchase and sales contracts, as well as purchases and sells various derivative instruments (with reference to the European natural gas hubs) for delivery optimization and to decrease exposure to the risk of negative changes in natural gas world prices.

These contracts include pricing terms that are based on a variety of commodities and indices, and/or volume flexibility options that collectively qualify them under the scope of IAS 39, *Financial instruments: recognition and measurement*, although the activity surrounding certain contracts involves the physical delivery of natural gas. All contracts mentioned above are recognized in the consolidated statement of financial position at fair value with movements in fair value recognized in the consolidated statement of income.

The fair value of long-term natural gas derivative contracts involving the physical delivery of natural gas is determined using internal models and other valuation techniques (the mark-to-market and mark-to-model analysis) due to the absence of quoted prices or other observable, market-corroborated data, for the duration of the contracts. Due to the assumptions underlying their fair value, the gas contracts are categorized as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy, described above.

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The fair value of short-term natural gas derivative contracts involving the physical delivery of natural gas and likewise contracts used for the price risk management and delivery optimization is determined based on available futures quotes in the active market (mark-to-market analysis) (Level 1).

The amounts recognized by the Group in respect of the natural gas derivative contracts measured in accordance with IAS 39, *Financial instruments: recognition and measurement*, are as follows:

<i>Commodity derivatives</i>	At 30 September 2016		At 31 December 2015	
Within other non-current and current assets	2,688		6,550	
Within other non-current and current liabilities	(1,583)		(2,723)	

<i>Included in other operating income (loss)</i>	Three months ended 30 September:		Nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Operating income from natural gas foreign trading	525	2	1,868	387
Change in fair value	126	176	(1,863)	(689)

The table below represents the effect on the fair value estimation of natural gas derivative contracts that would occur from price changes by ten percent by one megawatt-hour in 12 months after the reporting date:

<i>Effect on the fair value (RR million)</i>	Nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015
Increase by ten percent	(1,612)	(1,874)
Decrease by ten percent	1,612	1,874

Recognition and remeasurement of the shareholders' loans to joint ventures. Terms and conditions of the shareholders' loans provided by the Group to its joint ventures OAO Yamal LNG and ZAO Terneftegas contain certain financial (benchmark interest rates adjusted for the borrower credit risk) and non-financial (actual interest rates on the borrowings of shareholders, expected free cash flows of the borrower and expected maturities) variables and in accordance with the Group's accounting policy were classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

The following table summarizes the movements in the carrying amounts of shareholders' loans provided to Yamal LNG and Terneftegas and related interest receivable:

	Nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015
At 1 January	216,136	88,726
Loans provided	6,645	34,262
Repayment of the loans and accrued interest	(844)	(1,160)
Initial measurement at fair value allocated to increase the Group's investments in joint ventures (see Note 6)	(836)	(5,031)
Subsequent remeasurement at fair value recognized in profit (loss) as follows:		
– Interest income (using the effective interest rate method)	12,459	6,569
– Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	(32,057)	19,901
– Remaining effect from changes in fair value (attributable to free cash flows of the borrowers and interest rates)	6,765	(2,722)
At 30 September	208,268	140,545

21 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK FACTORS (CONTINUED)

The fair value of the shareholders' loans is sensitive to benchmark interest rates changes. The table below represents the effect on fair value of the shareholders' loans that would occur from one percent changes in the benchmark interest rates.

<i>Effect on the fair value (RR million)</i>	Nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015
Increase by one percent	(15,633)	(8,064)
Decrease by one percent	17,286	8,680

Financial risk management objectives and policies. In the ordinary course of business, the Group is exposed to market risks from fluctuating prices on commodities purchased and sold, prices of other raw materials, currency exchange rates and interest rates. Depending on the degree of price volatility, such fluctuations in market prices may create volatility in the Group's financial results. To effectively manage the variety of exposures that may impact financial results, the Group's overriding strategy is to maintain a strong financial position.

The Group's principal risk management policies are established to identify and analyze the risks faced by the Group, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to these limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Group's activities.

Market risk. Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates, commodity prices and equity prices, will affect the Group's financial results or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The primary objective of mitigating these market risks is to manage and control market risk exposures, while optimizing the return on risk.

The Group is exposed to market price movements relating to changes in commodity prices such as crude oil, oil and gas condensate refined products and natural gas (commodity price risk), foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates, equity prices and other indices that could adversely affect the value of the Group's financial assets, liabilities or expected future cash flows.

(a) Foreign exchange risk

The Group is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from various exposures in the normal course of business, primarily with respect to the US dollar and Euro. Foreign exchange risk arises primarily from future commercial transactions, recognized assets and liabilities when assets and liabilities are denominated in a currency other than the functional currency.

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The Group's overall strategy is to have no significant net exposure in currencies other than the Russian rouble, the US dollar and Euro. The Group may utilize foreign currency derivative instruments to manage the risk exposures associated with fluctuations on certain firm commitments for sales and purchases, debt instruments and other transactions that are denominated in currencies other than the Russian rouble, and certain non-Russian rouble assets and liabilities.

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial instruments are denominated in the following currencies:

<i>At 30 September 2016</i>	Russian rouble	US dollar	Euro	Other	Total
<i>Financial assets</i>					
<i>Non-current</i>					
Long-term loans receivable	13,075	81,352	106,090	-	200,517
Trade and other receivables	3,274	13,309	6,891	-	23,474
Commodity derivatives	-	-	571	-	571
Other	-	-	-	13	13
<i>Current</i>					
Trade and other receivables	20,530	18,360	3,460	878	43,228
Current portion of long-term loans receivable	-	520	-	-	520
Commodity derivatives	-	-	2,117	-	2,117
Cash on special accounts	-	-	258	-	258
Cash and cash equivalents	5,670	11,532	10,028	225	27,455
<i>Financial liabilities</i>					
<i>Non-current</i>					
Long-term debt	(15,124)	(168,375)	-	-	(183,499)
Commodity derivatives	-	-	(660)	-	(660)
<i>Current</i>					
Current portion of long-term debt	(13,991)	(29,083)	-	-	(43,074)
Short-term debt	(109)	-	(1,185)	-	(1,294)
Trade and other payables	(19,282)	(3,585)	(2,246)	(155)	(25,268)
Dividends payable	(20,823)	-	-	-	(20,823)
Commodity derivatives	-	-	(923)	-	(923)
Net exposure	(26,780)	(75,970)	124,401	961	22,612

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<i>At 31 December 2015</i>	Russian rouble	US dollar	Euro	Other	Total
Financial assets					
<i>Non-current</i>					
Long-term loans receivable	13,105	90,650	110,296	-	214,051
Trade and other receivables	2,341	11,515	2,862	30	16,748
Commodity derivatives	-	-	1,511	-	1,511
Other	-	-	-	10	10
<i>Current</i>					
Trade and other receivables	19,160	14,665	3,058	681	37,564
Commodity derivatives	-	-	5,039	-	5,039
Cash on special accounts	-	-	6,477	-	6,477
Cash and cash equivalents	10,171	7,223	11,499	294	29,187
Financial liabilities					
<i>Non-current</i>					
Long-term debt	(33,246)	(218,804)	-	-	(252,050)
Commodity derivatives	-	-	(368)	-	(368)
<i>Current</i>					
Current portion of long-term debt	-	(77,269)	-	-	(77,269)
Short-term debt	(21,300)	-	(8,086)	-	(29,386)
Trade and other payables	(20,243)	(7,653)	(2,373)	(221)	(30,490)
Dividends payable	(1)	-	-	-	(1)
Commodity derivatives	-	-	(2,355)	-	(2,355)
Net exposure	(30,013)	(179,673)	127,560	794	(81,332)

(b) Commodity price risk

The Group's overall commercial trading strategy in natural gas and liquid hydrocarbons is centrally managed. Changes in commodity prices could negatively or positively affect the Group's results of operations. The Group manages the exposure to commodity price risk by optimizing its core activities to achieve stable price margins.

Natural gas supplies on the Russian domestic market. As an independent natural gas producer, the Group is not subject to the government's regulation of natural gas prices, except for those volumes sold to residential customers. Nevertheless, the Group's prices for natural gas sold are strongly influenced by the prices regulated by the governmental agency of the Russian Federation that carries out state regulation of prices and tariffs for goods and services of natural monopolies in energy, utilities and transportation.

There were no changes in regulated natural gas prices on the domestic market (excluding residential customers) from 1 January 2014 until 30 June 2015. Effective from 1 July 2015, natural gas prices were increased on average by 7.5 percent and remained unchanged by the end of the third quarter 2016.

Management believes it has limited downside commodity price risk for natural gas in the Russian Federation and does not use commodity derivative instruments for trading purposes. All of the Group's natural gas purchase and sales contracts in the domestic market are entered to meet supply requirements to fulfil contract obligations or for own consumption and are not within the scope of IAS 39, *Financial instruments: recognition and measurement*. However, to effectively manage the margins achieved through its natural gas trading activities, management has established targets for volumes sold to wholesale traders, end-customers and to the natural gas exchange.

21 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK FACTORS (CONTINUED)

Natural gas trading activities on the European and other foreign markets. The Group purchases and sells natural gas on the European and other foreign markets under long-term and short-term supply contracts, as well as purchases and sells different derivative instruments based on formulas with reference to benchmark natural gas prices quoted for the North-Western European natural gas hubs, crude oil and oil products prices and/or a combination thereof. As a result, the Group's results from natural gas foreign trading and derivative instruments foreign trading are subject to commodity price volatility based on fluctuations or changes in the respective benchmark reference prices.

Natural gas foreign trading activities and respective foreign derivative instruments are executed by Novatek Gas & Power GmbH, the Group's wholly owned subsidiary, and are managed within the Group's integrated trading function.

Liquid hydrocarbons. The Group sells its crude oil, stable gas condensate and gas condensate refined products under spot contracts. Naphtha and stable gas condensate volumes sold to the Asian-Pacific Region, European and USA markets are based on benchmark reference crude oil prices of Brent IPE and Dubai and/or naphtha prices of Naphtha Japan and Naphtha CIF NWE or a combination thereof, plus a margin or discount, depending on current market situation. Other gas condensate refined products volumes sold mainly to the European market are based on benchmark reference jet fuel prices of Jet CIF NWE, gasoil prices of Gasoil 0.1 percent CIF NWE and fuel oil prices of Fuel Oil 1 percent CIF NWE, plus a margin or discount, depending on current market situation. Crude oil sold internationally is based on benchmark reference crude oil prices of Brent dated, minus a discount, or Dubai, plus a premium, and on a transaction-by-transaction basis for volumes sold domestically.

As a result, the Group's revenues from the sales of liquid hydrocarbons are subject to fluctuations in the crude oil and gas condensate refined products benchmark reference prices. All of the Group's liquid hydrocarbons purchase and sales contracts are entered to meet supply requirements to fulfill contract obligations or for own consumption and are not within the scope of IAS 39, *Financial instruments: recognition and measurement*.

(c) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The Group is subject to interest rate risk on financial liabilities with variable interest rates. Changes in interest rates impact primarily debt by changing either their fair value (fixed rate debt) or their future cash flows (variable rate debt). To mitigate this risk, the Group's treasury function performs periodic analysis of the current interest rate environment and depending on that analysis management makes decisions whether it would be more beneficial to obtain financing on a fixed-rate or variable-rate basis. In cases where the change in the current market fixed or variable interest rates is considered significant management may consider refinancing a particular debt on more favorable interest rate terms.

The interest rate profiles of the Group's interest-bearing financial instruments are as follows:

	At 30 September 2016		At 31 December 2015	
	RR million	Percentage	RR million	Percentage
At fixed rate	160,553	70%	254,276	71%
At variable rate	67,314	30%	104,429	29%
Total debt	227,867	100%	358,705	100%

The Group centralizes the cash requirements and surpluses of controlled subsidiaries and the majority of their external financing requirements, and applies, on its consolidated net debt position, a funding policy to optimize its financing costs and manage the impact of interest rate changes on its financial results in line with market conditions. In this way, the Group is able to ensure that the balance between the floating rate portion of its debt and its cash surpluses has a low level of exposure to any changes in interest rates over the short-term. This policy makes it possible to significantly limit the Group's sensitivity to interest rate volatility.

21 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK FACTORS (CONTINUED)

Credit risk. Credit risk refers to the risk exposure that a potential financial loss to the Group may occur if a counterparty defaults on its contractual obligations.

Credit risk is managed on a Group level and arises from cash and cash equivalents, including short-term deposits with banks, as well as credit exposures to customers, including outstanding trade receivables and committed transactions. Cash and cash equivalents are deposited only with banks that are considered by the Group at the time of deposit to have minimal risk of default.

The Group's trade and other receivables consist of a large number of customers, spread across diverse industries and geographical areas. The Group has developed standard credit payment terms and constantly monitors the status of trade and other receivables and the creditworthiness of the customers.

Most of the Group's international liquid hydrocarbons sales are made to customers with independent external ratings; however, if the customer has a credit rating below BBB, the Group requires the collateral for the trade receivable to be in the form of letters of credit from banks with an investment grade rating. Most of domestic sales of liquid hydrocarbons are made on a 100 percent prepayment basis.

As a result of the domestic regional natural gas trading activities, the Group is exposed to the risk of payment defaults of small and medium-sized industrial users and individuals. To minimize credit risk the Group monitors the recoverability of these debtors by analyzing ageing of receivables by type of customers and their respective prior payment history.

The maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of each financial asset in the consolidated statement of financial position.

In addition, the Group provides long-term loans to its joint ventures for development, construction and acquisitions of oil and gas assets. Required amount of loans and their maturity schedules are based on the budgets and strategic plans approved by the shareholders of the joint ventures.

Liquidity risk. Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Group's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Group's reputation. In managing its liquidity risk, the Group maintains adequate cash reserves and debt facilities, continuously monitors forecast and actual cash flows and matches the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

The Group prepares various financial plans (monthly, quarterly and annually) which ensures that the Group has sufficient cash on demand to meet expected operational expenses, financial obligations and investing activities. The Group has entered into a number of short-term credit facilities. Such credit lines and overdraft facilities can be drawn down to meet short-term financing needs. To fund cash requirements of a more permanent nature, the Group will normally raise long-term debt in available international and domestic markets.

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The following tables summarize the maturity profile of the Group's financial liabilities, except for natural gas derivative contracts, based on contractual undiscounted payments, including interest payments:

<i>At 30 September 2016</i>	Less than 1 year	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
Debt at fixed rate					
<i>Principal</i>	14,000	-	49,840	104,897	168,737
<i>Interest</i>	8,332	7,789	21,719	13,631	51,471
Debt at variable rate					
<i>Principal</i>	30,444	36,987	-	-	67,431
<i>Interest</i>	1,055	287	-	-	1,342
Trade and other payables	25,268	-	-	-	25,268
Dividends payable	20,823	-	-	-	20,823
Total financial liabilities	99,922	45,063	71,559	118,528	335,072
<i>At 31 December 2015</i>					
Debt at fixed rate					
<i>Principal</i>	71,816	14,000	7,605	170,958	264,379
<i>Interest</i>	11,288	9,531	26,798	20,049	67,666
Debt at variable rate					
<i>Principal</i>	34,938	52,906	16,819	-	104,663
<i>Interest</i>	1,644	867	144	-	2,655
Trade and other payables	30,490	-	-	-	30,490
Total financial liabilities	150,176	77,304	51,366	191,007	469,853

The following table represents the maturity profile of the Group's commodity derivatives based on undiscounted cash flows:

<i>At 30 September 2016</i>	Less than 1 year	Between 1 and 2 years	Between 2 and 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
Cash inflow	27,894	22,087	59,745	19,323	129,049
Cash outflow	(26,700)	(21,827)	(59,929)	(19,488)	(127,944)
Net cash flows	1,194	260	(184)	(165)	1,105
<i>At 31 December 2015</i>					
Cash inflow	36,518	27,380	65,825	37,164	166,887
Cash outflow	(33,838)	(26,067)	(65,889)	(37,278)	(163,072)
Net cash flows	2,680	1,313	(64)	(114)	3,815

Capital management. The primary objectives of the Group's capital management policy are to ensure a strong capital base to fund and sustain its business operations through prudent investment decisions and to maintain investor, market and creditor confidence to support its business activities.

21 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCIAL RISK FACTORS (CONTINUED)

Prior to 2015, the Group had investment grade credit ratings of Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, BBB- by Fitch Ratings, and BBB- by Standard & Poor's. In February 2015, following the decrease of the sovereign credit rating of the Russian Federation by both Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investors Service, the Group's investment grade credit rating was also downgraded to noninvestment level BB+ and Ba1, respectively. The Group has established certain financial targets and coverage ratios that it monitors on a quarterly and annual basis to maintain and improve its credit ratings.

The Group manages its capital on a corporate-wide basis to ensure adequate funding to sufficiently meet the Group's operational requirements. The majority of external debts raised to finance NOVATEK's wholly owned subsidiaries are centralized at the parent level, and financing to Group entities is facilitated through inter-company loan arrangements or additional contributions to share capital.

The Group has a stated dividend policy that distributes not less than 30 percent of the Group's consolidated net profit determined according to IFRS, adjusted for one-off profits (losses). The dividend payment for a specific year is determined after taking into consideration future earnings, capital expenditure requirements, future business opportunities and the Group current financial position. Dividends are recommended by the Board of Directors of NOVATEK and approved by the NOVATEK's shareholders.

The Group defines the term "capital" as equity attributable to PAO NOVATEK shareholders plus net debt (total debt less cash and cash equivalents). There were no changes to the Group's approach to capital management during the nine months ended 30 September 2016. At 30 September 2016 and 31 December 2015, the Group's capital totalled RR 787,777 million and RR 755,597 million, respectively.

22 CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

Operating environment. The Russian Federation continues to display some characteristics of an emerging market. These characteristics include, but are not limited to, the existence of a currency that is in practice not convertible in most countries outside of the Russian Federation, and relatively high inflation. In addition, the Russian economy is particularly sensitive to world oil and gas prices, therefore, significant prolonged declines in world oil prices have a negative impact on the Russian economy. The tax, currency and customs legislation is subject to varying interpretations, frequent changes and other legal and fiscal impediments contribute to the challenges faced by entities currently operating in the Russian Federation. The future economic direction of the Russian Federation is largely dependent upon the effectiveness of economic, financial and monetary measures undertaken by the Government, together with tax, legal, regulatory, and political developments.

The Group's business operations are primarily located in the Russian Federation and are thus exposed to the economic and financial markets of the Russian Federation.

Developments in Ukraine during 2014 and 2015 and the subsequent negative reaction of the world community have had and may continue to have a negative impact on the Russian economy, including difficulties in obtaining international funding, devaluation of national currency and high inflation. These and other events, in case of escalation, may have a significant negative impact on the operating environment in the Russian Federation.

Sectoral sanctions imposed by the U.S. government. On 16 July 2014, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the U.S. Treasury included NOVATEK on the Sectoral Sanctions Identification List (the "List"), which prohibits U.S. persons or persons within the United States from providing new financing to the Group for longer than 90 days, whereas all other transactions, including financial, carried out by U.S. persons or within the United States with the Group are permitted. The inclusion on the List has not impacted the Group's business activities, in any jurisdiction, nor does it affect the Group's assets, listed shares and debt.

Management has reviewed the Group's capital expenditure programs and existing debt portfolio and has concluded that the Group has sufficient liquidity, through internally generated (operating) cash flows, to adequately fund its core oil and gas business operations including finance of planned capital expenditure programs of its subsidiaries, as well as to repay and service all Group's short-term and long-term debt existing at the current reporting date and, therefore, inclusion on the List does not adversely impact the Group's operational activities.

22 CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Group together with its foreign partners currently raises necessary financing for our joint ventures from non-US debt markets and lenders.

Contractual commitments. At 30 September 2016, the Group had contractual capital expenditures commitments aggregating approximately RR 14 billion (at 31 December 2015: RR 23 billion) mainly for development at the Yardeyskoye (through 2017), the Salmanovskoye (Utrenneye) (through 2018), the East-Tarkosalinskoye (through 2018), the Yurkharovskoye (through 2018), the North-Russkoye (through 2017) and the Khancheyenskoye (through 2017) fields all in accordance with duly signed agreements.

The Group's commitments with regard to its joint operation in Montenegro relate to performance obligations of the Concessionaries to conduct mandatory work program exploration activities as stipulated by the Concession Contract (see Note 1). The maximum amount to be paid to the State of Montenegro by the Group in case of non-performance during the first exploration period of up to four years is EUR 42.5 million. The outflow of resources embodying economic benefits required to settle this contingent liability is not probable; therefore, no provision for this liability was recognized in the consolidated interim condensed financial statements.

The Group has entered into a number of agreements relating to time chartering of marine tankers with service terms up to six years for transportation of liquid hydrocarbons. At 30 September 2016, the future minimum payments under these time charter agreements amounted to RR 13.6 billion (at 31 December 2015: RR 10.3 billion).

Non-financial guarantees. The aggregated amount of non-financial guarantees in respect of the Yamal LNG project issued by the Group to a number of third parties (the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation, Russian and foreign banks, LNG plant constructors, LNG-vessels owners, LNG-terminal owners) in favor of the Group's joint venture OAO Yamal LNG and its subsidiary totaled USD 3.0 billion and EUR 2.0 billion at 30 September 2016 (at 31 December 2015: USD 3.6 billion and EUR 0.1 billion). These non-financial guarantees have various terms depending mostly on the successful project completion (finalization of the LNG plant construction and achievement of its full production capacity). For certain factors as stipulated in the project financing agreements, the Group plans to issue in the future non-financial guarantees covering the project post-completion period.

With regard to the Group's obligations under the non-financial guarantee issued to the banks providing project financing to Yamal LNG, the State Corporation "Bank for Development and Foreign Economic Affairs (Vnesheconombank)" issued in favor of the banks a counter guarantee for the amount not exceeding the equivalent of USD 3 billion.

The outflow of resources embodying economic benefits required to settle the obligations under these non-financial guarantees issued by the Group is not probable; therefore, no provision for these liabilities was recognized in the consolidated interim condensed financial statements.

Taxation. Russian tax, currency and customs legislation is subject to varying interpretations, and changes, which can occur frequently. Correspondingly, the relevant regional and federal tax authorities may periodically challenge management's interpretation of such taxation legislation as applied to the Group's transactions and activities. Furthermore, events within the Russian Federation suggest that the tax authorities may be taking a more assertive position in its interpretation of the legislation and assessments, and it is possible that transactions and activities that have not been challenged in the past may be challenged. As a result, significant additional taxes, penalties and interest may be assessed. Fiscal periods remain open to review by the authorities in respect of taxes for three calendar years preceding the year of review. Under certain circumstances reviews may cover longer periods.

Management believes that its interpretation of the relevant legislation is appropriate and that it is probable that the Group's tax, currency and customs positions will be sustained. Where management believes it is probable that a position cannot be sustained, an appropriate amount has been accrued in the consolidated interim condensed financial statements.

22 CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

Mineral licenses. The Group is subject to periodic reviews of its activities by governmental authorities with respect to the requirements of its mineral licenses. Management cooperates with governmental authorities to agree on remedial actions necessary to resolve any findings resulting from these reviews. Failure to comply with the terms of a license could result in fines, penalties or license limitation, suspension or revocation. The Group's management believes any issues of non-compliance will be resolved through negotiations or corrective actions without any material adverse effect on the Group's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

The Group's oil and gas fields and license areas are located in the YNAO. Licenses are issued by the Federal Agency for the Use of Natural Resources of the Russian Federation and the Group pays unified natural resources production tax to produce crude oil, natural gas and unstable gas condensate from these fields and contributions for exploration of license areas.

Environmental liabilities. The Group operates in the oil and gas industry in the Russian Federation and abroad. The enforcement of environmental regulation in the Russian Federation and other countries of operation is evolving and the enforcement posture of government authorities is continually being reconsidered. The Group periodically evaluates its obligations under environmental regulations and, as obligations are determined, they are recognized as an expense immediately if no future benefit is discernible. Potential liabilities arising as a result of a change in interpretation of existing regulations, civil litigation or changes in legislation cannot be estimated. Under existing legislation, management believes that there are no probable liabilities, which will have a material adverse effect on the Group's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Legal contingencies. The Group is subject of, or party to a number of court proceedings (both as a plaintiff and a defendant) arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, there are no current legal proceedings or other claims outstanding, which could have a material effect on the result of operations or financial position of the Group and which have not been accrued or disclosed in the consolidated interim condensed financial statements.

23 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions between NOVATEK and its subsidiaries, which are related parties of NOVATEK, have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this Note.

For the purposes of these consolidated interim condensed financial statements, parties are generally considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party, is under common control, or can exercise significant influence or joint control over the other party in making financial and operational decisions. Management has used reasonable judgments in considering each possible related party relationship with attention directed to the substance of the relationship, not merely the legal form. Related parties may enter into transactions, which unrelated parties might not, and transactions between related parties may not be affected on the same terms, conditions and amounts as transactions between unrelated parties.

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23 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

	Three months ended 30 September:		Nine months ended 30 September:	
<i>Related parties – joint ventures</i>	2016	2015	2016	2015
Transactions				
OOO SeverEnergiya and its subsidiary:				
Purchases of natural gas and liquid hydrocarbons	(18,760)	(20,239)	(55,990)	(54,396)
Other revenues	57	34	127	93
OOO Yamal Development:				
Interest income on loans issued	334	406	996	1,122
ZAO Nortgas:				
Purchases of natural gas and liquid hydrocarbons	(4,150)	(4,685)	(12,698)	(15,005)
ZAO Terneftegas:				
Purchases of natural gas and liquid hydrocarbons	(3,336)	(3,227)	(9,085)	(4,640)
Interest income on loans issued	66	68	204	195
Other revenues	24	18	67	66
OAQ Yamal LNG:				
Interest income on loans issued	3,893	2,412	12,256	6,374
Other revenues	80	62	231	201
<i>Related parties – joint ventures</i>	At 30 September 2016		At 31 December 2015	
Balances				
OOO SeverEnergiya and its subsidiary:				
Trade payables and accrued liabilities			8,377	6,733
OOO Yamal Development:				
Long-term loans receivable			13,075	13,105
Interest on long-term loans receivable			2,809	1,813
ZAO Nortgas:				
Trade payables and accrued liabilities			1,776	1,751
ZAO Terneftegas:				
Long-term loans receivable			3,507	4,413
Current portion of long-term loans receivable			520	-
Interest on long-term loans receivable			105	813
Trade payables and accrued liabilities			1,418	1,133
OAQ Yamal LNG:				
Long-term loans receivable			183,935	196,533
Interest on long-term loans receivable			20,201	14,377
Trade receivables			59	134

The terms and conditions of the loans receivable from the joint ventures are disclosed in Note 7.

The Group issued non-financial guarantees in favor of its joint ventures as described in Note 22.

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23 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

Related parties – parties under control of key management personnel	Three months ended 30 September:		Nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Transactions				
OOO Transoil:				
Liquid hydrocarbons transportation by rail	(2,352)	(2,443)	(7,387)	(6,390)
OOO Nova:				
Purchases of construction services (capitalized within property, plant and equipment)	(82)	(256)	(374)	(2,267)
Materials, services and other	(6)	(20)	(70)	(69)
PAO SIBUR Holding and its subsidiaries (under control until December 2015):				
Sales of natural gas and liquid hydrocarbons	-	5,317	-	11,632
Purchases of natural gas and liquid hydrocarbons	-	(4,329)	-	(10,949)
Liquid hydrocarbons transportation by rail	-	(869)	-	(2,865)
Materials, services and other	-	(450)	-	(1,317)
PAO Pervobank (under control until November 2015):				
Interest income	-	96	-	406
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Related parties – parties under control of key management personnel	At 30 September 2016		At 31 December 2015	
Balances				
OOO Transoil:				
Prepayments and other current assets			246	412
Trade payables and accrued liabilities			319	316
OOO Nova:				
Advances for construction			22	75
Trade payables and accrued liabilities			95	262

In December 2015, following the change in the ownership structure and corporate governance in PAO SIBUR Holding, the Chairman of the Management Committee of NOVATEK ceased to be its controlling shareholder, and as the result, SIBUR Holding ceased to be a related party of the Group.

In November 2015, the Chairman of the Management Committee of NOVATEK sold a controlling stake in PAO Pervobank to a third party, and as the result, Pervobank ceased to be a related party of the Group.

Key management personnel compensation. The Group paid to key management personnel (members of the Board of Directors and the Management Committee) short-term compensation, including salary, bonuses and excluding dividends the following amounts:

<i>Related parties – members of the key management personnel</i>	Three months ended 30 September:		Nine months ended 30 September:	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Board of Directors	25	23	102	120
Management Committee	486	507	1,751	1,857
Total compensation	511	530	1,853	1,977

Such amounts include personal income tax and are net of payments to non-budget funds made by the employer. Some members of key management personnel have direct and/or indirect interests in the Group and receive dividends under general conditions based on their respective shareholdings. The Board of Directors consists of nine members. Starting from March 2016, the Management Committee consists of twelve members (earlier – nine members).

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24 SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group's activities are considered by the chief operating decision maker (hereinafter referred to as "CODM", represented by the Management Committee of NOVATEK) to comprise one operating segment: "exploration, production and marketing".

Segment information is provided to the CODM in accordance with Regulations on Accounting and Reporting of the Russian Federation ("RAR") with reconciling items largely representing adjustments and reclassifications recorded in the consolidated interim condensed financial statements for the fair presentation in accordance with IFRS.

The CODM assesses reporting segment performance based on profit before income tax, since income tax is not allocated. No business segment assets or liabilities (except for capital expenditures for the period) are provided to the CODM for decision-making.

Segment information for the three months ended 30 September 2016 is as follows:

<i>For the three months ended 30 September 2016</i>	References	Exploration, production and marketing	Segment information as reported to CODM	Reconciling items	Total per consolidated interim condensed financial statements
External revenues		126,223	126,223	260	126,483
Operating expenses	<i>a, f</i>	(90,520)	(90,520)	(2,938)	(93,458)
Other operating income (loss)	<i>b, f</i>	420	420	287	707
Interest expense	<i>c, f</i>	(3,703)	(3,703)	1,019	(2,684)
Interest income	<i>d</i>	3,208	3,208	1,281	4,489
Change in fair value of non-commodity financial instruments	<i>e</i>	-	-	(267)	(267)
Foreign exchange gain (loss)		613	613	(1,050)	(437)
Segment result		36,241	36,241	(1,408)	34,833
Share of profit (loss) of joint ventures, net of income tax					9,401
Profit before income tax					44,234
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	<i>a</i>	8,488	8,488	1,745	10,233
Capital expenditures	<i>c</i>	6,561	6,561	1,173	7,734

Reconciling items mainly related to:

- different methodology in calculating depreciation, depletion and amortization for intangible assets and for oil and gas properties between IFRS (units of production method) and management accounting (straight-line method), which resulted in additional recognition of operating expenses of RR 1,751 million under IFRS;
- different methodology in valuation of commodity derivatives under IFRS and management accounting, which resulted in the recognition of other operating income of RR 126 million under IFRS;
- different methodology in borrowing costs capitalization policy and certain recognition policy differences in capital expenditures between IFRS and management accounting, which resulted in additional recognition of capital expenditures of RR 1,173 million under IFRS;
- different methodology in recognizing effect of the present value discount unwinding of long-term financial assets under IFRS and management accounting, which requires additional recognition of interest income of RR 1,265 million under IFRS;

24 SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

- e. different methodology in valuation of shareholders' loans provided by the Group to its joint ventures classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss between IFRS and management accounting, which requires additional loss recognition of RR 267 million under IFRS; and
- f. other differences relating to recognition of natural gas storage expenses, employee compensation, bad debt provisions, exploration expenses, valuation of inventory balances, effect of the increase in discounted asset retirement obligations.

Segment information for the three months ended 30 September 2015 is as follows:

<i>For the three months ended 30 September 2015</i>	<i>References</i>	Exploration, production and marketing	Segment information as reported to CODM	Reconciling items	Total per consolidated interim condensed financial statements
External revenues		117,188	117,188	179	117,367
Operating expenses	<i>a, d</i>	(86,771)	(86,771)	1,675	(85,096)
Other operating income (loss)	<i>d</i>	976	976	171	1,147
Interest expense	<i>b, d</i>	(2,157)	(2,157)	110	(2,047)
Interest income	<i>d</i>	2,613	2,613	569	3,182
Change in fair value of non-commodity financial instruments	<i>c</i>	-	-	(5,018)	(5,018)
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	<i>b</i>	(2,549)	(2,549)	258	(2,291)
Segment result		29,300	29,300	(2,056)	27,244
Share of profit (loss) of joint ventures, net of income tax					(34,713)
Profit before income tax					(7,469)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	<i>a</i>	5,997	5,997	(1,114)	4,883
Capital expenditures	<i>b</i>	13,692	13,692	842	14,534

Reconciling items mainly related to:

- a. different methodology in calculating depreciation, depletion and amortization for intangible assets and for oil and gas properties between IFRS (units of production method) and management accounting (straight-line method), which resulted in reversal of RR 1,289 of million in operating expenses under IFRS;
- b. different methodology in borrowing costs capitalization policy and certain recognition policy differences in capital expenditures between IFRS and management accounting, which resulted in additional recognition of capital expenditures of RR 842 million under IFRS;
- c. different methodology in valuation of shareholders' loans provided by the Group to its joint ventures classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss between IFRS and management accounting, which requires additional loss recognition of RR 5,018 million under IFRS; and
- d. other differences relating to recognition of natural gas storage expenses, employee compensation, bad debt provisions, exploration expenses, valuation of inventory balances, effect of the present value discount unwinding of long-term financial assets and asset retirement obligations, borrowing transaction costs.

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Segment information for the nine months ended 30 September 2016 is as follows:

<i>For the nine months ended 30 September 2016</i>	References	Exploration, production and marketing	Segment information as reported to CODM	Reconciling items	Total per consolidated interim condensed financial statements
External revenues		393,230	393,230	(8)	393,222
Operating expenses	<i>a, g</i>	(276,829)	(276,829)	(3,807)	(280,636)
Other operating income (loss)	<i>b, c, g</i>	54,795	54,795	18,224	73,019
Interest expense	<i>d, g</i>	(11,426)	(11,426)	2,403	(9,023)
Interest income	<i>e</i>	10,283	10,283	4,070	14,353
Change in fair value of non-commodity financial instruments	<i>f</i>	-	-	6,765	6,765
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	<i>b</i>	(10,447)	(10,447)	443	(10,004)
Segment result		159,606	159,606	28,090	187,696
Share of profit (loss) of joint ventures, net of income tax					52,405
Profit before income tax					240,101
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	<i>a</i>	23,473	23,473	2,956	26,429
Capital expenditures	<i>d</i>	23,292	23,292	1,858	25,150

Reconciling items mainly related to:

- different methodology in calculating depreciation, depletion and amortization for intangible assets and for oil and gas properties between IFRS (units of production method) and management accounting (straight-line method), which resulted in additional recognition of operating expenses of RR 2,956 million under IFRS;
- different methodology in calculating gain on disposal of a 9.9 percent equity stake in OAO Yamal LNG, the Group's joint venture, between IFRS and management accounting, which resulted in additional recognition of other operating income of RR 20,041 million and foreign exchange gain of RR 695 million under IFRS;
- different methodology in valuation of commodity derivatives under IFRS and management accounting, which resulted in the recognition of other operating loss of RR 1,863 million under IFRS;
- different methodology in borrowing costs capitalization policy and certain recognition policy differences in capital expenditures between IFRS and management accounting, which resulted in additional recognition of capital expenditures of RR 1,858 million under IFRS;
- different methodology in recognizing effect of the present value discount unwinding of long-term financial assets under IFRS and management accounting, which requires additional recognition of interest income of RR 4,024 million under IFRS;
- different methodology in valuation of shareholders' loans provided by the Group to its joint ventures classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss between IFRS and management accounting, which requires additional gain recognition of RR 6,765 million under IFRS; and
- other differences relating to recognition of natural gas storage expenses, employee compensation, bad debt provisions, exploration expenses, valuation of inventory balances, effect of the present value discount unwinding of asset retirement obligations.

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Segment information for the nine months ended 30 September 2015 is as follows:

<i>For the nine months ended 30 September 2015</i>	References	Exploration, production and marketing	Segment information as reported to CODM	Reconciling items	Total per consolidated interim condensed financial statements
External revenues		343,125	343,125	228	343,353
Operating expenses	<i>a, f</i>	(242,033)	(242,033)	3,500	(238,533)
Other operating income (loss)	<i>b, f</i>	1,321	1,321	(531)	790
Interest expense	<i>c, f</i>	(5,864)	(5,864)	(104)	(5,968)
Interest income	<i>d</i>	7,046	7,046	1,991	9,037
Change in fair value of non-commodity financial instruments	<i>e</i>	-	-	(2,722)	(2,722)
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	<i>c</i>	(11,882)	(11,882)	245	(11,637)
Segment result		91,713	91,713	2,607	94,320
Share of profit (loss) of joint ventures, net of income tax					(17,435)
Profit before income tax					76,885
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	<i>a</i>	17,556	17,556	(3,477)	14,079
Capital expenditures	<i>c</i>	40,473	40,473	3,807	44,280

Reconciling items mainly related to:

- different methodology in calculating depreciation, depletion and amortization for intangible assets and for oil and gas properties between IFRS (units of production method) and management accounting (straight-line method), which resulted in reversal of RR 3,633 million in operating expenses under IFRS;
- different methodology in valuation of commodity derivatives under IFRS and management accounting, which resulted in the recognition of other operating loss of RR 689 million under IFRS;
- different methodology in borrowing costs capitalization policy and certain recognition policy differences in capital expenditures between IFRS and management accounting, which resulted in additional recognition of capital expenditures of RR 3,807 million under IFRS;
- different methodology in recognizing effect of the present value discount unwinding of long-term financial assets under IFRS and management accounting, which requires additional recognition of interest income of RR 2,006 million under IFRS;
- different methodology in valuation of shareholders' loans provided by the Group to its joint ventures classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss between IFRS and management accounting, which requires additional loss recognition of RR 2,722 million under IFRS; and
- other differences relating to recognition of natural gas storage expenses, employee compensation, bad debt provisions, exploration expenses, valuation of inventory balances, effect of the present value discount unwinding of asset retirement obligations, borrowing transaction costs.

24 SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Geographical information. The Group operates in the following geographical areas:

- *Russian Federation* – exploration, development, production and processing of hydrocarbons, and sales of natural gas, stable gas condensate, liquefied petroleum gas, crude oil and gas condensate refined products;
- *Countries of Europe (primarily, Denmark, Belgium, the Netherlands and Finland)* – sales of naphtha, liquefied petroleum gas, stable gas condensate, gas condensate refined products and crude oil;
- *Countries of the Asia-Pacific region (primarily, China, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan)* – sales of naphtha, stable gas condensate and crude oil;
- *Countries of the Middle East (primarily, Oman) and North America (primarily, the USA)* – sales of naphtha and crude oil.

Geographical information for the three months ended 30 September 2016 and 2015 is as follows:

<i>For the three months ended 30 September 2016</i>	Natural gas	Stable gas condensate and naphtha	Other gas and gas condensate refined products	Liquefied petroleum gas	Crude oil	Total oil and gas sales
Russia	51,733	5,683	629	5,086	10,678	73,809
Europe	-	9,204	16,292	3,182	3,636	32,314
The Asia-Pacific region	-	18,500	-	-	2,619	21,119
North America	-	7,454	-	-	1,296	8,750
The Middle East (*)	-	(284)	-	-	-	(284)
Less: export duties	-	(5,805)	(2,046)	-	(2,090)	(9,941)
Total outside Russia	-	29,069	14,246	3,182	5,461	51,958
Total	51,733	34,752	14,875	8,268	16,139	125,767

(*) – negative amount relates to the final price adjustment for goods sold in the prior period.

<i>For the three months ended 30 September 2015</i>	Natural gas	Stable gas condensate and naphtha	Other gas and gas condensate refined products	Liquefied petroleum gas	Crude oil	Total oil and gas sales
Russia	53,425	5,172	461	5,892	1,938	66,888
Europe	-	15,330	17,499	3,445	2,353	38,627
The Asia-Pacific region	-	22,936	-	-	-	22,936
North America	-	2,970	-	-	-	2,970
The Middle East	-	1,712	-	-	-	1,712
Less: export duties	-	(12,914)	(3,189)	-	(818)	(16,921)
Total outside Russia	-	30,034	14,310	3,445	1,535	49,324
Total	53,425	35,206	14,771	9,337	3,473	116,212

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Geographical information for the nine months ended 30 September 2016 and 2015 is as follows:

<i>For the nine months ended 30 September 2016</i>	Natural gas	Stable gas condensate and naphtha	Other gas and gas condensate refined products	Liquefied petroleum gas	Crude oil	Total oil and gas sales
Russia	163,603	16,523	1,834	10,870	31,420	224,250
Europe	-	36,210	45,723	8,934	10,082	100,949
The Asia-Pacific region	-	56,113	-	-	9,121	65,234
North America	-	16,267	-	-	1,296	17,563
The Middle East	-	6,469	-	-	947	7,416
Less: export duties	-	(14,972)	(4,913)	-	(5,086)	(24,971)
Total outside Russia	-	100,087	40,810	8,934	16,360	166,191
Total	163,603	116,610	42,644	19,804	47,780	390,441

<i>For the nine months ended 30 September 2015</i>	Natural gas	Stable gas condensate and naphtha	Other gas and gas condensate refined products	Liquefied petroleum gas	Crude oil	Total oil and gas sales
Russia	157,580	13,680	1,757	12,780	6,299	192,096
Europe	-	39,134	54,301	9,362	6,655	109,452
The Asia-Pacific region	-	68,112	-	-	-	68,112
North America	-	7,640	-	-	-	7,640
The Middle East	-	1,712	-	322	423	2,457
Less: export duties	-	(27,764)	(8,340)	(289)	(2,354)	(38,747)
Total outside Russia	-	88,834	45,961	9,395	4,724	148,914
Total	157,580	102,514	47,718	22,175	11,023	341,010

Revenues are based on the geographical location of customers even though all revenues are generated from assets located in the Russian Federation. Substantially all of the Group's operating assets are located in the Russian Federation.

Major customers. For the nine months ended 30 September 2016, the Group had one major customer to whom individual revenue exceeded 10 percent of total external revenues, which represented 18 percent (RR 72.2 billion) of total external revenues. For the nine months ended 30 September 2015, the Group had two major customers to whom individual revenue exceeded 10 percent of total external revenues, which on an individual basis represented 12 percent and 10 percent (RR 42.0 billion and RR 35.4 billion) of total external revenues, respectively. All of the Group's major customers reside within the Russian Federation.

25 NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

The following new and amended standards and interpretations became effective for the Group from 1 January 2016:

Amendments to IAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements* (issued in December 2014 and effective for annual periods on or after 1 January 2016). The Standard was amended to clarify the concept of materiality and explains that an entity need not provide a specific disclosure required by an IFRS if the information resulting from that disclosure is not material, even if the IFRS contains a list of specific requirements or describes them as minimum requirements. The Standard also provides new guidance on subtotals in financial statements. The adoption of the amendments had no material impact on the Group's consolidated interim condensed financial statements.

Certain new standards and interpretations have been issued that are mandatory for the annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017, and which the Group has not early adopted:

25 NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Amendments to IAS 7, *Statement of Cash Flows* (issued in January 2016 and effective for annual periods on or after 1 January 2017, early adoption is permitted). The amended IAS 7 will require disclosure of a reconciliation of movements in liabilities arising from financing activities.

IFRS 16, *Leases* (issued in January 2016 and effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019). The standard requires lessees to recognize assets and liabilities for most leases. For lessors, there is a minor change to the existing accounting treatment in IAS 17, *Leases*. Early application is permitted, provided the new revenue standard, IFRS 15, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, has been applied, or is applied at the same date as IFRS 16.

Amendments to IFRS 10, *Consolidated financial statements*, and IAS 28, *Investments in associates and joint ventures* (issued in September 2014, in November 2015 the effective date was postponed indefinitely). These amendments address an inconsistency between the requirements in IFRS 10 and those in IAS 28 in dealing with the sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture. The amendments stipulate that a full gain or loss is recognized when a transaction involves a business. A partial gain or loss is recognized when a transaction involves assets that do not constitute a business, even if these assets are held by a subsidiary.

IFRS 9, *Financial Instruments: Classification and Measurement* (issued in July 2014 and effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, early adoption is permitted). The standard introduces new requirements for classification and measurement of financial instruments, impairment, and hedge accounting.

IFRS 15, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (issued in May 2014 and effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, early adoption is permitted). The new standard introduces the core principle that revenue must be recognized when the goods or services are transferred to the customer, at the transaction price. Any discounts on the contract price must generally be allocated to the separate elements of contracts with customers. When the consideration varies for any reason, minimum amounts must be recognized if they are not at significant risk of reversal. Costs incurred to secure contracts with customers have to be capitalized and amortized over the period when the benefits of the contract are consumed.

The Group is considering the implications of the new standards and amendments to the existing ones for the Group's consolidated financial statements, and the timing of their adoption by the Group.

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