

# First Quarter 2008 Operational and Financial Results Conference Call







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#### Summary Highlights from 1Q 08

- Continued growth in revenues and earnings driven by higher natural gas and liquids prices and liquids sales volumes growth
  - Natural gas sales increased by 12.0% Y-o-Y
  - Liquids sales increased by 89.1% Y-o-Y
- Cash flow from operations increased by 38.5% Y-o-Y to RR 9,613 million from RR 6,940 million
- Capital expenditures related to exploration and production increased by 60.4% Y-o-Y to RR 6,028 million
- **Net cash positive** net cash position (cash & cash equivalents less long and short-term debt ) increased to RR 177 million from RR (2,620) million as of 31 December 2007
- We successfully funded our CAPEX program from internally generated cash flows
- **EPS** increased by 72.7% Y-o-Y to RR 2.47 from RR 1.43
- Our average netback price for natural gas across end-customers, ex-field and e-trading remained strong for the period
- Operating expenses as a percent of total revenues decreased by 10.0% Y-o-Y from 62.8% to 52.8%

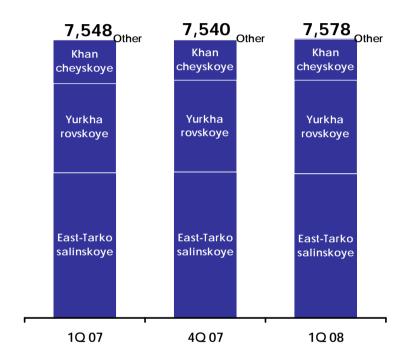


# **Operational Overview**



#### Hydrocarbon production

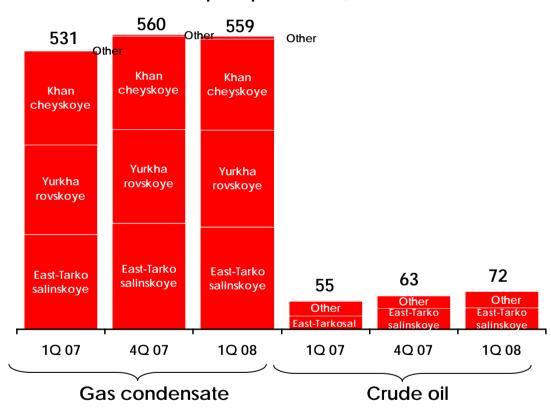
#### Natural gas production, mmcm



#### Y-o-Y increase in natural gas production was primarily due to 4.9% organic growth at our Yurkharovskoye field



#### Liquids production, mt



- Y-o-Y increase in gas condensate production due to changes in gas separation process at our East-Tarkosalinskoye field and from organic growth at our Yurkharovskoye field
- Y-o-Y increase in crude oil production due to new wells put into operation at our East-Tarkosalinskoye field

#### Purovsky Plant & Vitino Sea Port Terminal

- □ Total volumes delivered: 551 mt
  - East Tarkosalinskoye and Khancheyskoye fields:
     369 mt (100% of net production)
  - Yurkharovskoye: 180 mt (98% of net production)
- Total plant output 546 mt
  - stable gas condensate: 389 mt
  - LPG: 157 mt
- Plant capacity
  - Approximately 100%
- 7 Tankers dispatched from Vitino Sea Port Terminal (SGC)
  - 6 tankers to US markets ~ 337 mt
  - 1 tanker to European markets ~ 55 mt
- Inventory reconciliation
  - 2 tankers in transit ~ 110 mt
  - Rail road cisterns and port storage facilities ~ 47 mt
  - Plant storage facilities ~ 15 mt
- Majority of LPG volumes sold on the domestic market (78%)

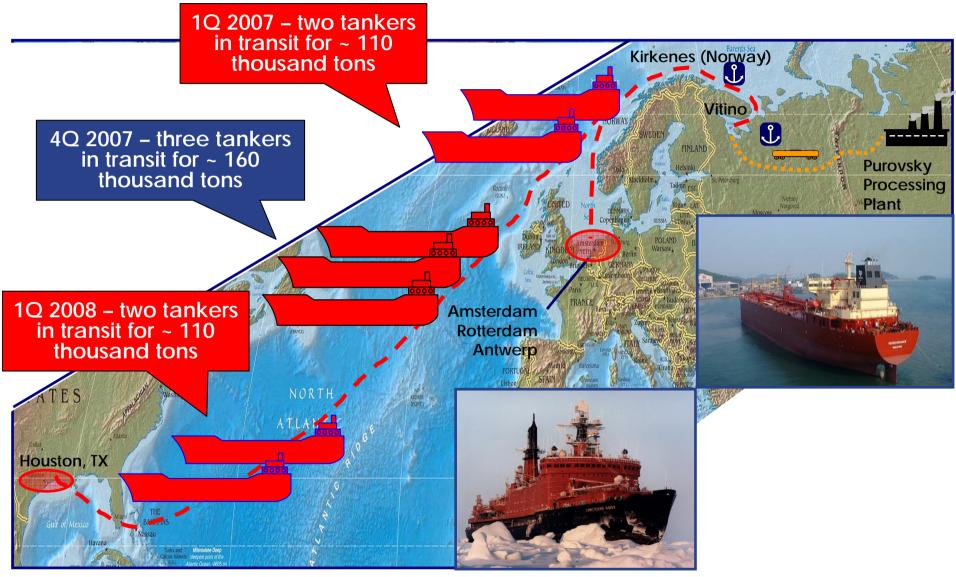








## Stable gas condensate in transit





#### Financial Overview - 1Q 08 vs. 1Q 07



## Another record quarter (RR million)

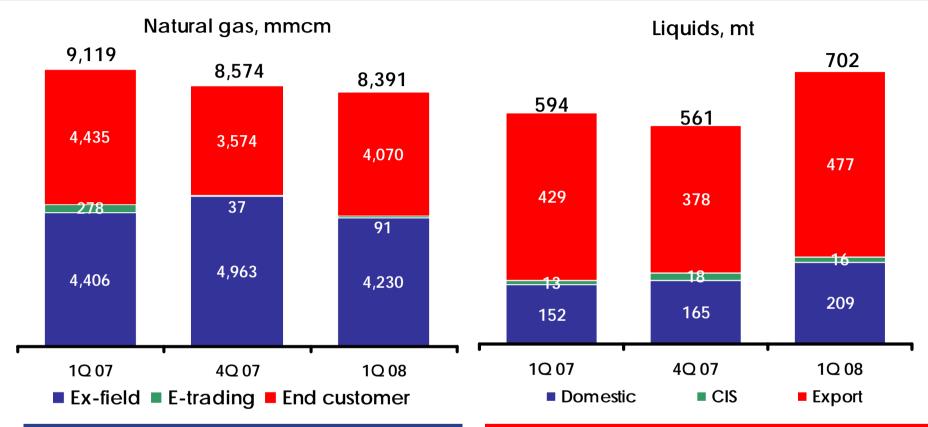
1Q 07	1Q 08	+/(-)	+/(-)%		4Q 07	1Q 08	+/(-)	+/(-)%
 14,885	20,167	5,282	35.5%	Oil and gas sales	16,264	20,167	3,903	24.0%
15,275	20,892	5,617	36.8%	Total revenues & other income	16,922	20,892	3,970	23.5%
9,579	11,023	1,444	15.1%	Operating expenses	9,975	11,023	1,048	10.5%
6,774	10,908	4,134	61.0%	EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	7,798	10,908	3,110	39.9%
44.3%	52.2%	-	-	EBITDA margin	46.1%	52.2%	-	-
24.1%	24.9%	-	-	Effective income tax rate	27.8%	24.9%	-	-
 4,347	7,503	3,156	72.6%	Profit attributable to NOVATEK	5,054	7,503	2,449	48.5%
28.5%	35.9%	-	-	Net profit margin	29.9%	35.9%	-	-
1.43	2.47	1.04	72.7%	Earnings per share	1.66	2.47	0.81	48.8%
3,811	6,537	2,726	71.5%	CAPEX	6,744	6,537	(207)	-3.1%
 (5,737)	(177)	5,560	-96.9%	Net debt (cash) (2)	2,620	(177)	(2,797)	-106.8%

#### Notes:

- 1. EBITDA represents net income before finance income (expense) and income taxes from the Statements of Income, and depreciation, depletion and amortization and Share-based compensation from the Statements of Cash Flows
- 2. Net debt calculated as long-term debt plus short-term debt less cash and cash equivalents



#### Market distribution – sales volumes

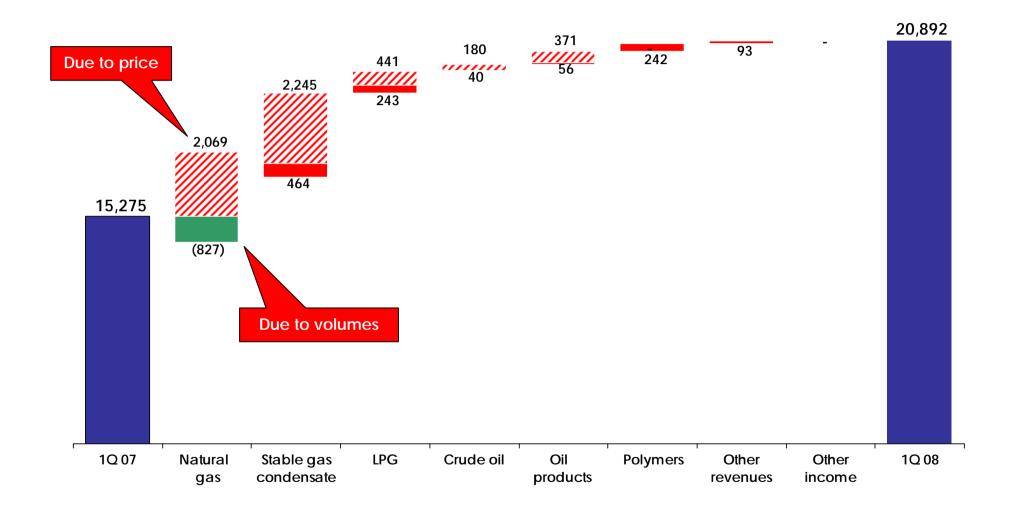


- Y-o-Y change due to decrease in natural gas withdrawal from UGSF from 893 mmcm in 1Q 07 to 39 mmcm in 1Q 08
- Q-o-Q change due to decrease in natural gas sales to wholesale traders

- Y-o-Y growth in domestic sales was due to crude oil and LPG
- Y-o-Y increase in export sales primarily due to decrease in SGC balances and oil products trading on international markets
- Q-o-Q growth in export sales was due to SGC
- In 1Q 08 we sold 100% of crude oil volumes on the domestic market due to ability to achieve higher margins as compared with export sales

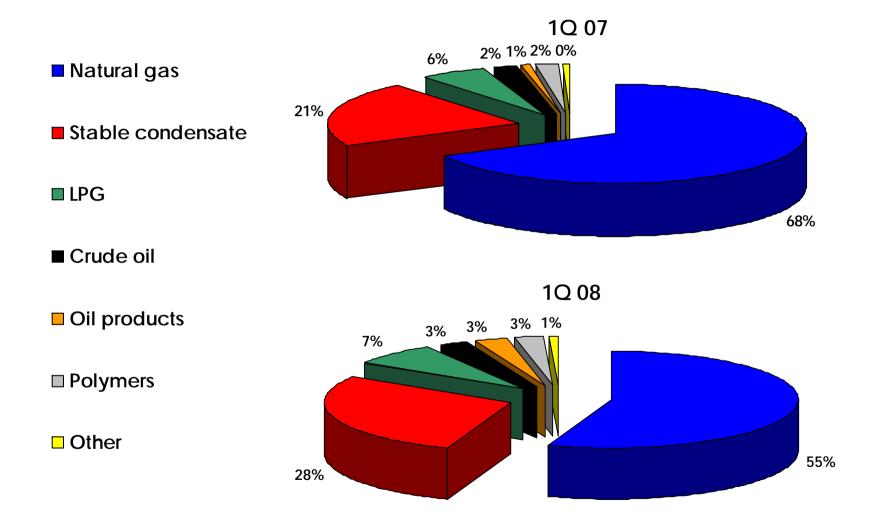


## Revenues and other income (RR million)





#### Total revenues breakdown





# Realized hydrocarbon prices (net of VAT and export duties)

1Q 07	1Q 08	+/(-)	+/(-)%		4Q 07	1Q 08	+/(-)	+/(-)%		
1,464	1,791	327	22.3%	Natural gas end-customers, RR/mcm	1,542	1,791	249	16.1%		
1,312	1,728	416	31.7%	Natural gas e-trading, RR/mcm	1,221	1,728	507	41.5%		
793	980	187	23.6%	Natural gas ex-field, RR/mcm	775	980	205	26.5%		
4,796	7,257	2,461	51.3%	Crude oil, RR/ton	7,011	7,257	246	3.5%		
6,516	9,085	2,569	39.4%	LPG, RR/ton	9,657	9,085	(572)	-5.9%		
6,480	4,126	(2,354)	-36.3%	Oil products, RR/ton	3,212	4,126	914	28.5%		
	<u>CIS market</u>									
6,944	10,817	3,873	55.8%	LPG, RR/ton	13,288	10,817	(2,471)	-18.6%		
	Export market									
8,393	13,488	5,095	60.7%	Stable gas condensate, RR/ton	13,277	13,488	211	1.6%		
5,112	n/m			Crude oil, RR/ton	8,558	n/m				
9,026	13,032	4,006	44.4%	LPG, RR/ton	14,714	13,032	(1,682)	-11.4%		



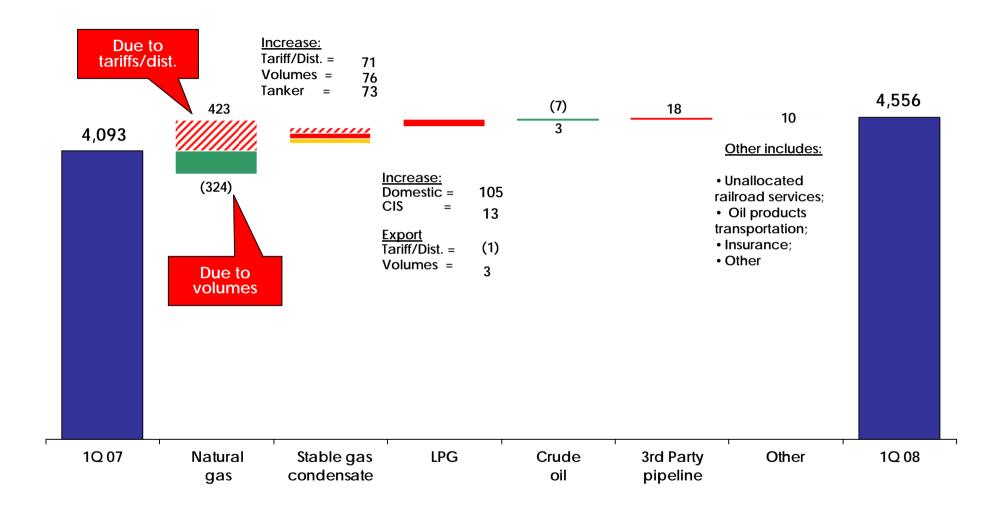
#### Operating expenses (RR million and % of total revenues (TR))

1Q 07	% of TR	1Q 08	% of TR		4Q 07	% of TR	1Q 08	% of TR
4,093	26.8%	4,556	21.8%	Transportation expenses	3,429	20.3%	4,556	21.8%
1,609	10.6%	1,763	8.5%	Taxes other than income	1,730	10.3%	1,763	8.5%
5,702	37.4%	6,319	30.3%	Non-controllable expenses	5,159	30.6%	6,319	30.3%
1,069	7.0%	1,469	7.0%	Materials, services & other	1,542	9.2%	1,469	7.0%
1,018	6.7%	993	4.8%	Depreciation and amortization	808	4.8%	993	4.8%
713	4.7%	837	4.0%	General and administrative	1,138	6.8%	837	4.0%
202	1.3%	230	1.1%	Exploration expense	29	0.2%	230	1.1%
37	n/m	<i>m</i> <b>6</b> <i>n/m</i> Net impairment expense		50	n/m	6	n/m	
275	n/m	(2)	n/m	Change in inventory	(336)	n/m	(2)	n/m
9,016	59.1%	9,852	47.2%	Subtotal operating expenses	8,390	49.8%	9,852	47.2%
				Purchases of natural gas and				
563	3.7%	1,171	5.6%	liquid hydrocarbons	1,585	9.4%	1,171	5.6%
9,579	62.8%	11,023	52.8%	Total operating expenses	9,975	59.2%	11,023	52.8%

- Total operating expenses as % of TR decreased on a Y-o-Y and Q-o-Q basis due to a significant increase in revenues resulting from higher average realized prices and focused cost control
- ☐ Transportation expense increased Y-o-Y and Q-o-Q due to higher gas sales to end-customers and realization of SGC volumes in transit
- Y-o-Y purchases of natural gas and liquids increased by RR 608 million, or 108%, mainly due to purchases of oil products (naphtha) on the international markets for resale; Q-o-Q purchases decreased by RR 414 million, or 26.1%, due to a reduction in the purchase of natural gas from 3<sup>rd</sup> parties as we met domestic demand by own production
- Change in inventory fluctuations due to withdrawal of natural gas from UGSF in 1Q 2007 and an increased SGC in transit or storage in 4Q 2007. In 1Q 08, we reduced our SGC volumes in transit but slightly increased our oil products balances in transit

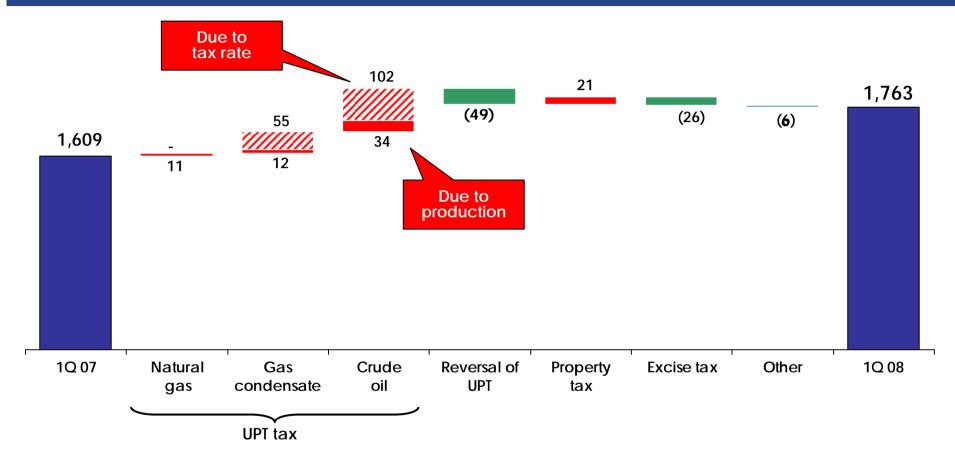


#### Transportation expenses (RR million)





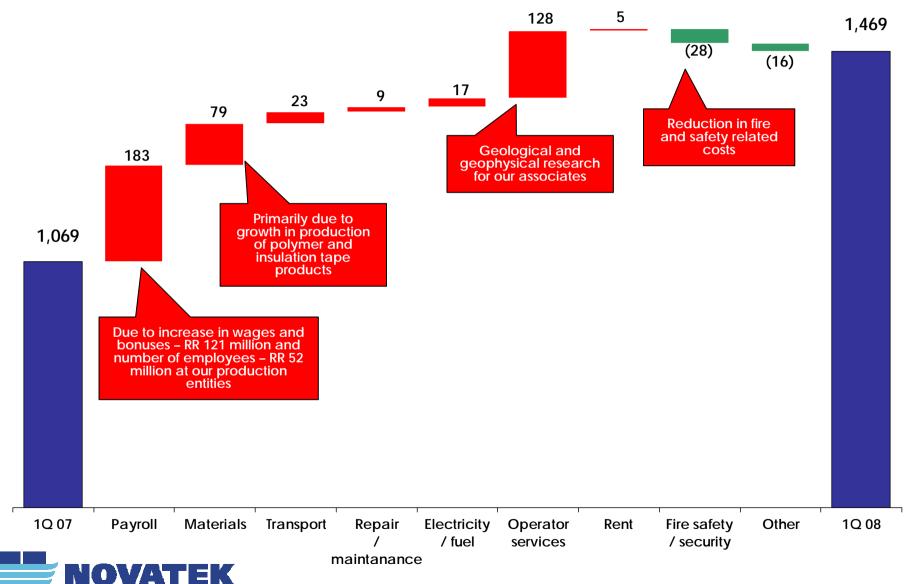
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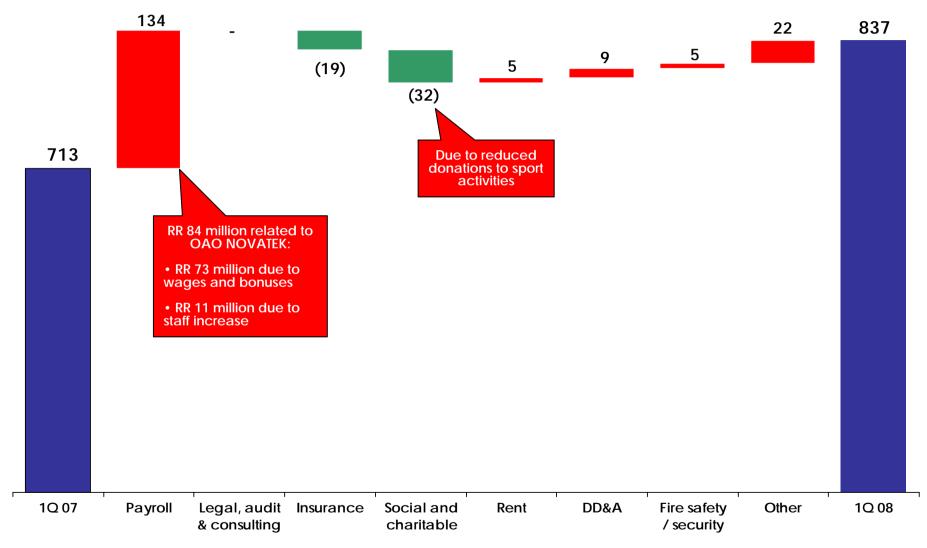
- Increase in UPT tax by RR 165 million, or 11.5%, was primarily due to higher crude oil volumes produced and an increase in the crude oil tax rate
- □ Natural gas accounted for RR 1,119 million of UPT tax in 1Q 08 while liquids accounted for RR 487 million
- Property tax increased by RR 21 million, or17.4%,, mainly due to additions of PPE at NOVATEK-YURKHAROVNEFTEGAS and NOVATEK-TARKOSALENEFTEGAS



#### Materials, services and other (RR million)



#### General and administrative expenses (RR million)





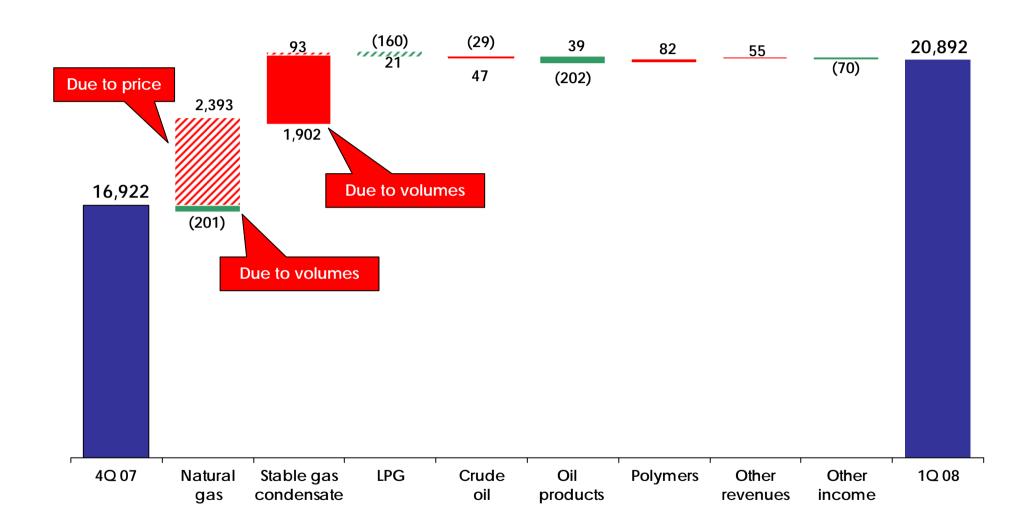
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## Financial Overview - 1Q 08 vs. 4Q 07

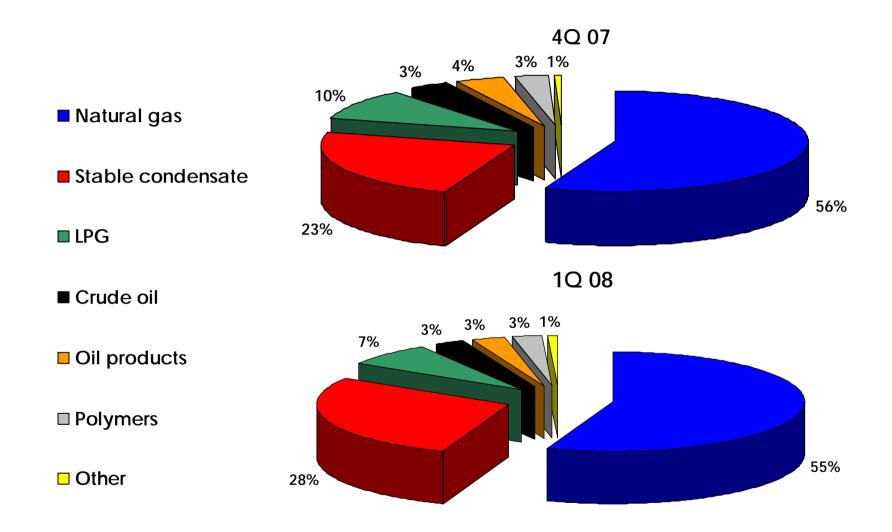


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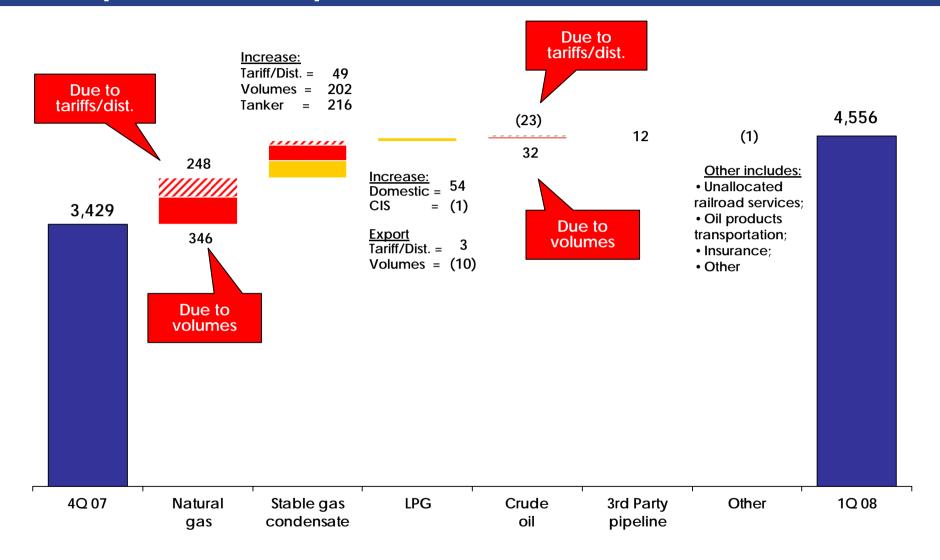


#### Total revenues breakdown



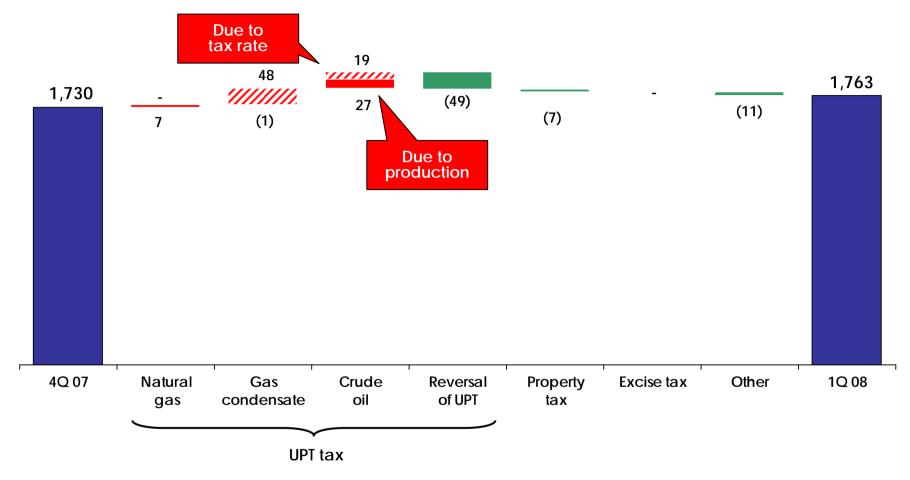


#### Transportation expenses (RR million)





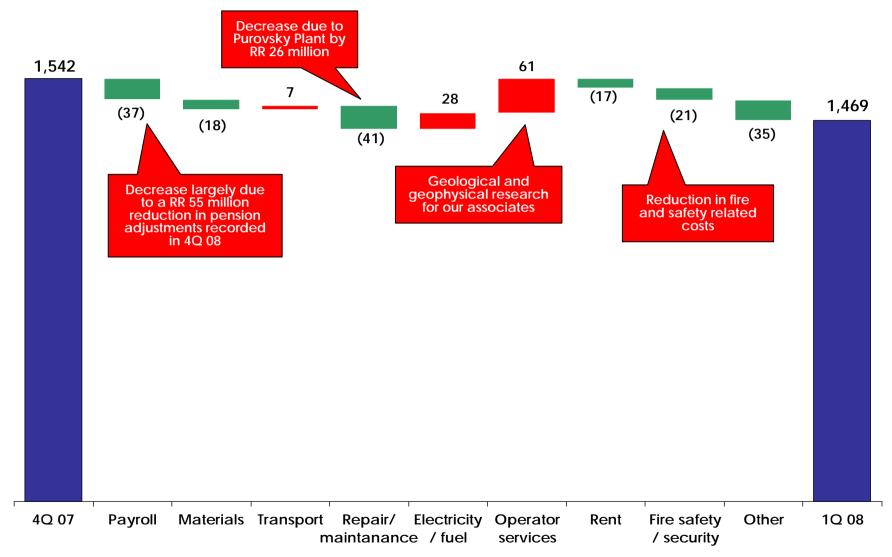
#### Taxes other than income tax (RR million)



- Net increase in UPT tax of RR 51 million, or 3.3%, was due to higher crude oil production, higher UPT paid on gas condensate sales and offset by the reversal in UPT
- Natural gas accounted for RR 1,119 million of UPT in 1Q 08 tax, while liquids accounted for RR 535 million as compared to RR 1,112 million and RR 444 million in 4Q 07, respectively

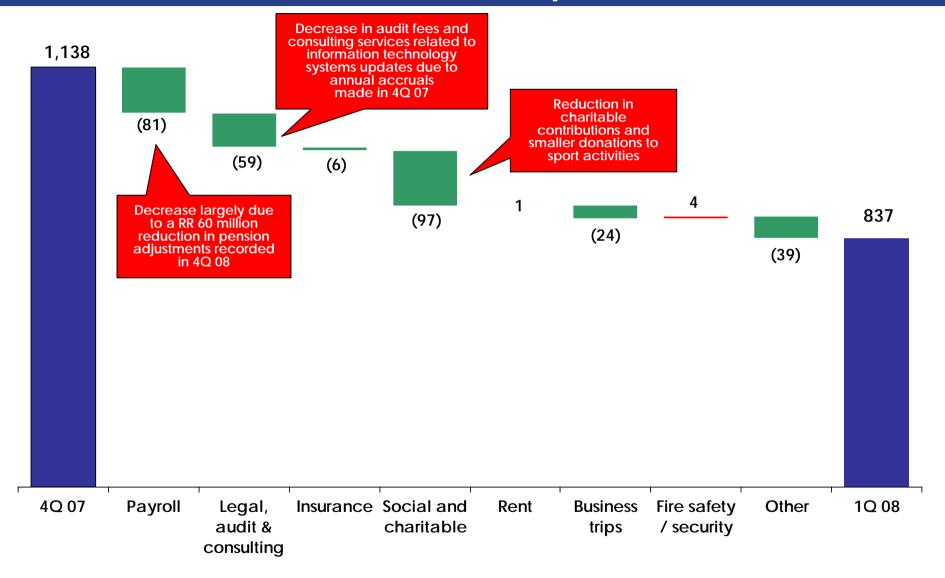


#### Materials, services and other (RR million)





#### General and administrative expenses (RR million)





## Miscellaneous Information

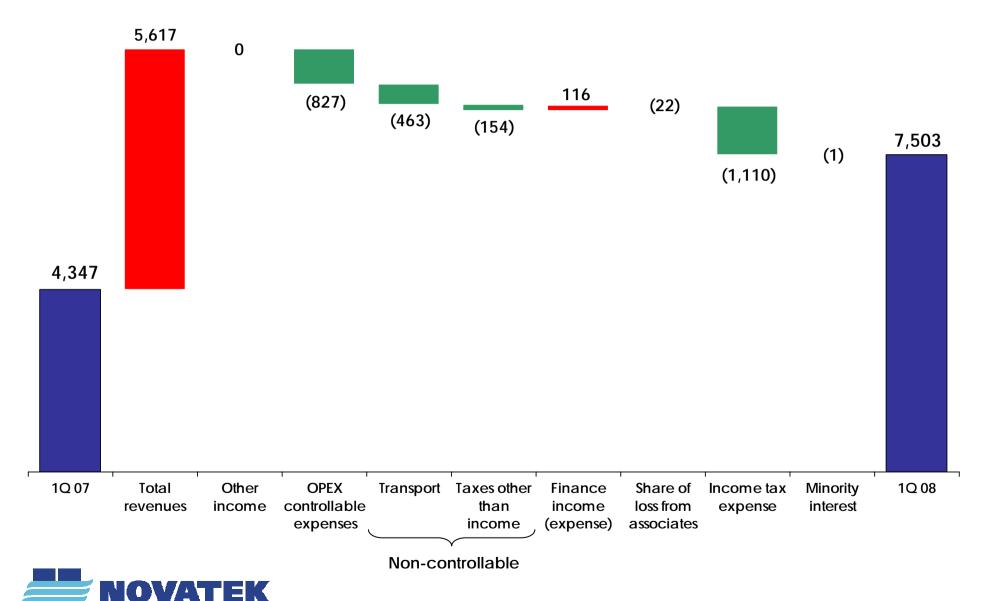


## Condensed balance sheet (RR million)

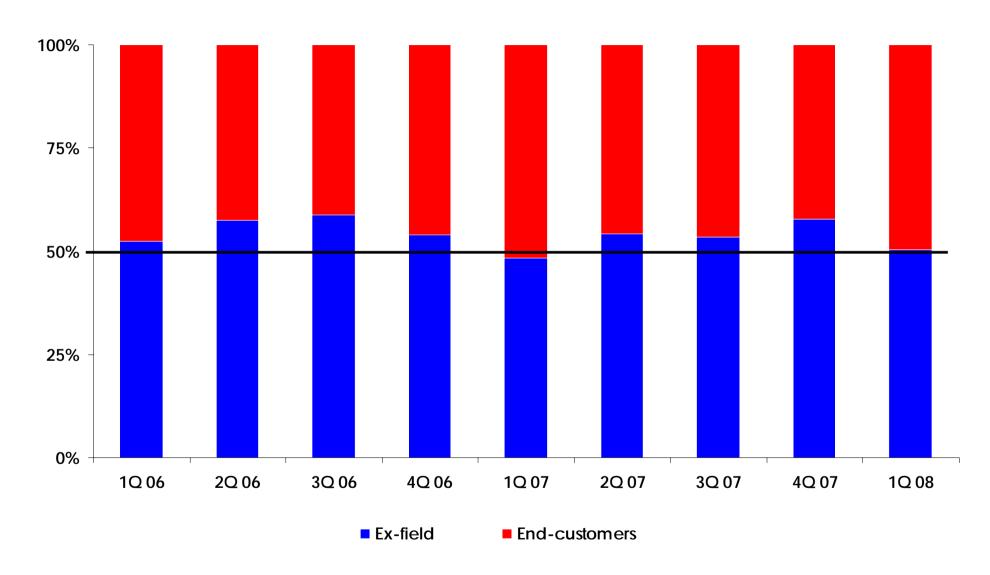
	31 March 2008 31	December 2007	+/(-)	+/(-)%
Total current assets	18,524	17,038	1,486	8.7%
Incl. Cash and cash equivalents	5,234	3,982	1,252	31.4%
Total non-current assets	92,822	86,937	5,885	6.8%
Incl. Net PP&E	88,174	82,669	5,505	6.7%
Total assets	111,346	103,975	7,371	7.1%
Total current liabilities	11,821	12,075	(254)	-2.1%
Incl. ST debt	5,055	6,560	(1,505)	-22.9%
Total non-current liabilities	10,170	10,088	82	0.8%
Incl. Deferred income tax liability	8,204	8,083	121	1.5%
Incl. LT debt	2	42	(40)	-95.2%
Total liabilities	21,991	22,163	(172)	-0.8%
Total equity	89,355	81,812	7,543	9.2%
Total liabilities & equity	111,346	103,975	7,371	7.1%



## Profit attributable to NOVATEK shareholders (RR million)



# Natural gas sales volume mix





## Increasing natural gas production (mcm per day)

