S.N.G.N. ROMGAZ S.A. GROUP

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
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STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Note	Year ended December 31, 2021 '000 RON	Year ended December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Revenue	3	5,852,926	4,074,893
Cost of commodities sold	5	(281,589)	(18,617)
Investment income	4	58,403	47,845
Other gains and losses	6	23,388	(6,534)
Net impairment gains/(losses) on trade receivables	16	349,989	17,551
Changes in inventory of finished goods and work in progress		74,787	(16,151)
Raw materials and consumables used	5	(81,146)	(58,282)
Depreciation, amortization and impairment expenses	7	(685,772)	(672,063)
Employee benefit expense	8	(766,639)	(767,251)
Finance cost	9	(16,739)	(17,000)
Exploration expense	13	(1,197)	(26,509)
Share of profit of associates	25	85	1,330
Other expenses	10	(2,539,086)	(1,158,143)
Other income	3	169,841	25,439
Profit before tax		**2,157,251**	**1,426,508**
Income tax expense	11	(242,264)	(178,604)
Profit for the year		**1,914,987**	**1,247,904**
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Actuarial gains/(losses) on post-employment benefits	19 c)	(37,116)	(16,877)
Income tax relating to items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	11	5,938	2,700
Total items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		**(31,178)**	**(14,177)**
Other comprehensive income for the year net of income tax		**(31,178)**	**(14,177)**
Total comprehensive income for the year		**1,883,809**	**1,233,727**
Basic and diluted earnings per share		0.0050	0.0032

These financial statements were endorsed by the Board of Directors on March 28, 2022.

Aristotel Marius Jude
Chief Executive Officer

Răzvan Popescu
Chief Financial Officer

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	December 31, 2021 '000 RON	December 31, 2020 '000 RON
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	**12**	5,240,697	5,613,122
Other intangible assets	**14 a)**	16,133	14,774
Investments in associates	**25**	26,187	26,102
Deferred tax asset	**11**	269,645	275,328
Right of use asset	**14 b)**	7,128	7,915
Other financial assets	**26**	5,616	5,378
Total non-current assets		**5,565,406**	**5,942,619**
Current assets			
Inventories	**15**	305,241	244,563
Trade and other receivables	**16 a)**	1,352,345	592,875
Contract costs		483	651
Other financial assets	**29**	417,923	1,995,523
Other assets	**16 b)**	67,962	68,023
Current tax receivable		3,201	-
Cash and cash equivalents	**28**	3,580,412	416,913
Total current assets		**5,727,567**	**3,318,548**
Total assets		**11,292,973**	**9,261,167**
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Share capital	**17**	385,422	385,422
Reserves	**18**	2,998,975	2,251,909
Retained earnings		5,596,756	5,149,919
Total equity		**8,981,153**	**7,787,250**
Non-current liabilities			
Retirement benefit obligation	**19**	156,420	128,690
Deferred revenue	**20**	230,438	136,308
Lease liability		7,211	7,845
Provisions	**19**	412,846	538,931
Total non-current liabilities		**806,915**	**811,774**

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	December 31, 2021 '000 RON	December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	**21**	71,317	89,132
Contract liabilities		204,384	81,318
Current tax liabilities		52,299	59,831
Deferred revenue	**20**	49	10,899
Provisions	**19**	237,144	156,415
Lease liability		810	767
Other liabilities	**21**	938,902	263,781
Total current liabilities		**1,504,905**	**662,143**
Total liabilities		**2,311,820**	**1,473,917**
Total equity and liabilities		**11,292,973**	**9,261,167**

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STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Share capital	Legal reserve	Other reserves (note 18)	Retained earnings **)	Total
	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON
Balance as of January 1, 2021	**385,422**	**83,537**	**2,168,372**	**5,149,919**	**7,787,250**
Profit for the year	-	-	-	1,914,987	1,914,987
Allocation to dividends *)	-	-	-	(689,906)	(689,906)
Increase in legal reserves	-	1,713	-	(1,713)	-
Allocation to other reserves	-	-	675,203	(675,203)	-
Increase in reinvested profit reserves	-	-	70,150	(70,150)	-
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(31,178)	(31,178)
Balance as of December 31, 2021	**385,422**	**85,250**	**2,913,725**	**5,596,756**	**8,981,153**
Balance as of January 1, 2020	**385,422**	**79,921**	**1,507,488**	**5,201,222**	**7,174,053**
Profit for the year	-	-	-	1,247,904	1,247,904
Allocation to dividends *)	-	-	-	(620,530)	(620,530)
Increase in legal reserves	-	3,616	-	(3,616)	-
Allocation to other reserves	-	-	598,840	(598,840)	-
Increase in reinvested profit reserves	-	-	62,044	(62,044)	-
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(14,177)	(14,177)
Balance as of December 31, 2020	**385,422**	**83,537**	**2,168,372**	**5,149,919**	**7,787,250**

*) In 2021 the Group's shareholders approved the allocation of dividends of RON 689,906 thousand (2020: RON 620,530 thousand), dividend per share being RON 1.79 (2020: RON 1.61).

**) Retained earnings include the geological quota reserve set up in accordance with the provisions of Government Decision no. 168/1998 on the establishment of the expense quota for the development and modernization of oil and natural gas production, refining, transportation and oil distribution. Following the Group's transition to IFRS, the reserve existing as of December 31, 2012 was transferred to retained earnings. This result is allocated based on the depreciation, respectively write-off of the assets financed using this source, based on decision of General Meeting of Shareholders. As of December 31, 2021 the geological quota reserve is of RON 806,840 thousand (December 31, 2020: RON 927,499 thousand).

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STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW

	Year ended December 31, 2021 '000 RON	Year ended December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net profit	**1,914,987**	**1,247,904**
Adjustments for:		
Income tax expense (note 11)	242,264	178,604
Share of associates' result (note 25)	(85)	(1,330)
Interest expense (note 9)	557	593
Unwinding of decommissioning provision (note 9, note 19)	16,182	16,407
Interest revenue (note 4)	(58,403)	(47,845)
Net loss on disposal of non-current assets (note 6)	(321)	7
Change in decommissioning provision recognized in profit or loss, other than unwinding (note 19)	(20,750)	24,273
Change in other provisions (note 19)	68,578	66,467
Net impairment of exploration assets (note 7, note 13)	37,046	97,695
Exploration projects written off (note 13)	33	836
Net impairment of property, plant and equipment and intangibles (note 7)	184,943	125,997
Depreciation and amortization (note 7)	463,783	448,371
Amortization of contract costs	1,626	795
Change in investments at fair value through profit and loss (note 6)	10	10
Net receivable write-offs and movement in allowances for trade receivables and other assets	(378,352)	(19,700)
Net movement in write-down allowances for inventory (note 6, note 15)	5,014	8,427
Liabilities written off	(810)	(368)
Subsidies income (note 20)	(9)	(7)
	2,476,293	**2,147,136**
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/Decrease in inventory	(64,913)	58,516
(Increase)/Decrease in trade and other receivables	(400,838)	38,311
Increase/(Decrease) in trade and other liabilities	790,347	17,600
Cash generated from operations	**2,800,889**	**2,261,563**
Interest paid	(3)	(3)
Income taxes paid	(233,084)	(224,796)
Net cash generated by operating activities	**2,567,802**	**2,036,764**

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW

	Year ended December 31, 2021 '000 RON	Year ended December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment in other entities	(250)	-
Bank deposits set up and acquisition of state bonds	(3,896,521)	(2,964,757)
Bank deposits and state bonds matured	5,463,332	2,060,925
Interest received	58,340	38,601
Proceeds from sale of non-current assets	513	1,733
Receipts from disposal of other financial investments	2	-
Acquisition of non-current assets	(340,695)	(547,215)
Acquisition of exploration assets	(91,865)	(66,516)
Net cash used in investing activities	**1,192,856**	**(1,477,229)**
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid	(690,027)	(620,346)
Repayment of lease liability	(1,280)	(1,196)
Subsidies reimbursed	-	(50)
Subsidies received (note 20)	94,148	115,027
Net cash used in financing activities	**(597,159)**	**(506,565)**
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	**3,163,499**	**52,970**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	**416,913**	**363,943**
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**3,580,412**	**416,913**

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. BACKGROUND AND GENERAL BUSINESS

Information regarding S.N.G.N. Romgaz S.A. Group (the "Group")

The Group is formed of S.N.G.N. Romgaz S.A. ("the Company"/"Romgaz"), as parent company, its fully owned subsidiary S.N.G.N. ROMGAZ S.A. - Filiala de Înmagazinare Gaze Naturale DEPOGAZ Ploiești S.R.L. ("Depogaz") and its associates – S.C. Depomures S.A. (40% of the share capital) and S.C. Agri LNG Project Company S.R.L. (25% of the share capital).

Romgaz is a joint stock company, incorporated in accordance with the Romanian legislation.

The Company's headquarter is in Mediaş, 4 Constantin I. Motaş Square, 551130, Sibiu County.

The Romanian State, through the Ministry of Energy, is the majority shareholder of S.N.G.N. Romgaz S.A. together with other legal and physical persons (note 17).

The Group has as main activity:

1. geological research for the discovery of natural gas, crude oil and condensed reserves;
2. operation, production and usage, including trading, of mineral resources;
3. natural gas production for:

- ensuring the storage flow continuity;
- technological consumption;
- delivery in the transmission system.

4. underground storage of natural gas provided by Depogaz and Depomures;
5. commissioning, interventions, capital repairs for wells equipping the deposits, as well as the natural gas resources extraction wells, for its own activity and for third parties;
6. electricity production and distribution.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements ("financial statements") of the Group have been prepared in accordance with Ministry of Finance Order 2844/2016, with subsequent amendments, to approve accounting regulations in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union (MOF 2844/2016). MOF 2844/2016, with subsequent amendments, is in accordance with the IFRS adopted by the European Union, except for IAS 21 The effects of changes in foreign exchange rates regarding functional currency, except for the provisions of IAS 20 Accounting for Government Grants regarding the recognition of revenue from green certificates, except for the provisions of IFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers regarding the revenue from taxes of connection to the distribution grid.

For the purposes of the preparation of these financial statements, the functional currency of the Group is deemed to be the Romanian Leu (RON).

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

Accounting is kept in Romanian and in the national currency. Items included in these financial statements are denominated in Romanian lei. Unless otherwise stated, the amounts are presented in thousand lei (thousand RON).

Fair value

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realizable value in IAS 2 "Inventory" or value in use in IAS 36 "Impairment of assets".

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorized into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance to the Group of the inputs to the fair value measurement, which are described as follows:

- level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Group can access at the measurement date;
- level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Basis for consolidation

Subsidiaries

The Company controls an entity when it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee.

Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Company obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when it loses control of that subsidiary.

Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies in line with those used by the Group. All intra-group assets and liabilities, income and expenses relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation

Associated entities

An associate is a company over which the Company exercises significant influence through participation in decision making on financial and operational policies of the entity invested in. Investments in associates are recorded using the equity method of accounting. By this method, the investment is initially recognized at cost and adjusted thereafter for the post-acquisition change in the Group's share of the investee's net assets. The Group's profit or loss includes its share of the investee's profit or loss and the Group's other comprehensive income includes its share of the investee's other comprehensive income.

Joint arrangements

A joint arrangement is an arrangement of which two or more parties have joint control. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require the unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.

A joint arrangement is either a joint operation or a joint venture.

A joint operation is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the assets, and obligations for the liabilities, relating to the arrangement. Those parties are called joint operators.

A joint venture is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the arrangement. Those parties are called joint ventures.

Joint operations

The Group recognizes in relation to its interest in a joint operation:

- its assets, including its share of any assets held jointly;
- its liabilities, including its share of any liabilities incurred jointly;
- its revenue from the sale of its share of the output arising from the joint operation;
- its share of the revenue from the sale of the output by the joint operation; and
- its expenses, including its share of any expenses incurred jointly.

As joint operator, the Group accounts for the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses relating to its interest in a joint operation in accordance with the IFRSs applicable to the particular assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses.

If the Group participates in, but does not have joint control of, a joint operation it accounts for its interest in the arrangement in accordance with the paragraphs above if it has rights to the assets, and obligations for the liabilities, relating to the joint operation.

If the Group participates in, but does not have joint control of, a joint operation, does not have rights to the assets, and obligations for the liabilities, relating to that joint operation, it accounts for its interest in the joint operation in accordance with the IFRSs applicable to that interest.

Joint ventures

As a partner in a joint venture, in its financial statements, the Group recognizes its interest in a joint venture using the equity method of accounting.

Standards and interpretations applicable for the first time

The following standards and amendments or improvements to existing standards issued by the IASB and adopted by the EU have entered into force for the current period:

- Amendments to IFRS 16 Leases: Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021 (effective for annual periods beginning on or after April 1, 2021);
- Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16 Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2 (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2021);
- Amendments to IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts – deferral of IFRS 9 (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2021).

The adoption of these amendments, interpretations or improvements to existing standards has not led to changes in the Group's accounting policies.

Standards and interpretations issued by IASB not yet adopted by the EU

At present, IFRS as adopted by the EU do not significantly differ from IFRS adopted by the IASB except from the following standards, amendments or improvements to the existing standards and interpretations, which were not endorsed for use in EU as at date of publication of financial statements:

- Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current - Deferral of Effective Date (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023);
- Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements and IFRS Practice Statement 2: Disclosure of Accounting policies (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023);
- Amendments to IAS 8 Accounting policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors: Definition of Accounting Estimates (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023);
- Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes: Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023);
- Amendments to IFRS 17 “Insurance Contracts”: initial application of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9 - comparative information (applicable to annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023).

The Group is currently evaluating the effect that the adoption of these standards, amendments or improvements to the existing standards and interpretations will have on the financial statements of the Group in the period of initial application.

Standards and interpretations issued by IASB and adopted by the EU, but not yet effective

At the date of issue of the financial statements, the following standards were adopted by the EU, but not yet effective:

- IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts, including Amendments to IFRS 17 (applicable to annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023);
- Amendments to IFRS 3 Business Combinations (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022);
- Amendments to IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022);
- Amendments to IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022);
- Annual Improvements 2018-2020 (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022).

The Group did not adopt these standards and amendments before their effective dates. The Group does not expect these amendments to have a material impact on the financial statements.

Segment information

The information reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on the upstream segment, gas storage, electricity production and distribution, and other activities, including headquarter activities. The Directors of the Group have chosen to organize the Group around differences in activities performed.

Specifically, the Group is organized in the following segments:

- upstream, which includes exploration activities, natural gas production and trade of gas extracted by Romgaz or acquired from domestic production or import, for resale; these activities are performed by Medias, Mures and Bratislava branches;
- storage activities, performed by Depogaz and Depomures;
- electricity production and distribution activities, performed by Iernut branch;
- other activities, such as technological transport, operations on wells and corporate activities.

Transactions between the companies within the Group are at current market prices. Unrealized profits are eliminated in the financial statements.

Transactions between Groups segments within the same company are at cost.

Revenue recognition

a) Revenue from contracts with customers

The Group recognizes customer contracts when all of the following criteria are met:

- the parties to the contract have approved the contract and are committed to perform their respective obligations;
- the Group can identify each party's rights regarding the goods or services to be transferred;
- the Group can identify the payment terms;
- the contract has commercial substance;
- it is probable that the Group will collect the consideration to which it will be entitled in exchange for the goods delivered or the services provided.

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognized when, or as the Group transfers the goods or services to the customer, respectively, the client obtains control over them.

Depending on the nature of the goods or services, revenues are recognized over time or at a point in time.

Revenue is recognized over time if:

- the customer receives and consumes simultaneously the benefits provided by obtaining the goods and services as the Group performs the obligation;
- the Group creates or enhances an asset that the customer controls as the asset is created or enhanced;
- the Group`s performance does not create an asset with an alternative use to the Group.

All other revenues that do not meet the above criteria are recognized at a point in time.

For revenue to be recognized over time, the Group assesses progress towards meeting the execution obligation, using output methods or input methods, depending on the nature of the good or service transferred to the client. Revenues are recognized only if the Group can reasonably assess the result of the execution obligation or, if it cannot be estimated, only at the level of the costs it is expected to recover from the customer.

Revenue from contracts with customers mainly relates to gas sales, electricity supply and related services, storage services. Revenue from these contracts are recognized at a point in time on the basis of the actual quantities at the prices fixed in the contracts concluded.

Contracts concluded by the Group do not contain significant financing components.

b) Other revenue

Rental revenue for operating lease contracts where the Group operates as lessor is recognized on an accrual basis in accordance with the substance of the relevant agreements.

Interest income is recognized periodically and proportionally as the respective income is generated, on accrual basis.

Dividends are recognized as income when the legal right to receive them is established.

Exploration expenses

The costs of seismic exploration, geological, geophysical and other similar exploration activities are recognized as exploration expenses in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

Exploration expenses also include the carrying value of exploration assets that have not identified gas resources and have been written-off.

Foreign currencies

The functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group operates and is the currency in which the Group primarily generates and expends cash. The Group operates in Romania and it has the Romanian Leu (RON) as its functional currency.

In preparing the financial statements of the Group, transactions in currencies other than the functional currency (foreign currencies) are recorded at the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting date, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at the reporting date.

Exchange differences are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not re-translated.

Employee benefits

Benefits granted upon retirement

In the normal course of business, the Group makes payments to the Romanian State on behalf of its employees at legal rates. All employees of the Group are members of the Romanian State pension plan. These costs are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income together with the related salary costs.

Based on the Collective Labor Agreement, the Group is liable to pay to its employees at retirement a number of gross salaries, according to the years worked in the gas industry/electrical industry, work conditions etc. To this purpose, the Group recorded a provision for benefits upon retirement. This provision is updated annually and computed according to actuary methods based on estimates of the average salary, the average number of salaries payable upon retirement, on the estimate of the period when they shall be paid and it is brought to present value using a discount factor based on interest related to a maximum degree of security investments (government securities). As the benefits are payed, the provision is reduced together with the reversal of the provision against income.

Gains or actuarial losses, are recognized in other comprehensive income. These are changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation as a result of statistical adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions. Any other changes in the provision are recognized in the result of the year.

The Group does not operate any other pension scheme or post-retirement benefit plan and, consequently, has no obligation in respect of pensions.

Employee participation to profit

The Group records in its financial statements a provision related to the fund for employee participation to profit in compliance with legislation in force.

Liabilities related to the fund for employee participation to profit are settled in less than a year and are measured at the amounts estimated to be paid at the time of settlement.

Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, when it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

Greenhouse gas provisions

The Group recognizes a provision for the deficit between actual $CO2$ emissions and certificates held, measured at the best estimate of expenditure required to settle the obligation.

Provisions for decommissioning of wells

Liabilities for decommissioning costs are recognized due to the Group's obligation to plug and abandon a well, dismantle and remove a facility or an item of plant and to restore the site on which it is located, and when a reliable estimate of that liability can be made.

The Group recorded a provision for decommissioning wells.

This provision was computed based on the estimated future expenditure determined in accordance with local conditions and requirements and it was brought to present value using the interest rate on long term treasury bonds. The rate and the estimated costs for decommissioning are updated annually.

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The decommissioning provision is based on the economic life of the fields wells are located on, even if this is longer than the period of the related concession agreements, as it is considered the period may be extended.

A corresponding item of property, plant and equipment of an amount equivalent to the provision is also recognized. The item of property, plant and equipment is subsequently depreciated as part of the asset.

The Group applies IFRIC 1 “Changes in Existing Decommissioning, Restoration and Similar Liabilities” related to changes in existing decommissioning, restoration and similar liabilities.

The change in the decommissioning provision for wells is recorded as follows:

a. subject to b., changes in the liability are added to, or deducted from, the cost of the related asset in the current period;

b. the amount deducted from the cost of the asset does not exceed its carrying amount. If a decrease in the liability exceeds the carrying amount of the asset, the excess is recognized immediately in the statement of comprehensive income;

c. if the adjustment results in an addition to the cost of an asset, the Group considers whether this is an indication that the new carrying amount of the asset may not be fully recoverable. If it is such an indication, the Group tests the asset for impairment by estimating its recoverable amount, and accounts for any impairment loss.

Once the related asset has reached the end of its useful life, all subsequent changes of debt are recognized in the income statement in the period when they occur.

The periodical unwinding of the discount is recognized periodically in the comprehensive income as a finance cost, as it occurs.

Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit as reported in the statement of comprehensive income because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other periods and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group’s liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognized on the differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method.

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognized for all taxable temporary differences, and deferred tax assets are generally recognized for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilized. Such assets and liabilities are not recognized if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences associated with investments in associates and interests in joint ventures, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets arising from deductible temporary differences associated with such investments and interests are only recognized to the extent that it is probable that there will be sufficient taxable profits against which to utilize the benefits of the temporary differences and they are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realized, based on tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period. The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Current and deferred tax for the period

Current tax for the period is recognized as an expense in the statement of comprehensive income. Deferred tax for the period is recognized as an expense or income in the statement of comprehensive income, except when they relate to items credited or debited directly to equity, in which case the tax is also recognized directly in equity, or where it arises from the initial accounting for a business combination. In the case of a business combination, the tax effect is taken into account in calculating goodwill or in determining the excess of the acquirer's interest in the net fair value of the acquirer's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities over cost.

Property, plant and equipment

(1) Cost

(i) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. The initial cost of an asset comprises its purchase price or construction cost, any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset into the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management and the initial estimate of any decommissioning obligation. The purchase price or construction cost is the aggregate amount paid and the fair value of any other consideration given to acquire the asset.

(ii) Gas cushion

This is a quantity of natural gas constituted as a reserve at the level of gas storages, physically recoverable, which ensures the optimum conditions necessary to maintain their technical-productive flow characteristics. The gas cushion is recorded as an item of property, plant and equipment in the Storage segment.

(iii) Development expenditure

Expenditure on the construction, installation and completion of infrastructure facilities such as platforms, pipelines and the drilling of development wells, including the commissioning of wells, is capitalized within property, plant and equipment and is depreciated from the commencement of production as described below in the property, plant and equipment accounting policies.

(iv) Maintenance and repairs

The Group does not recognize within the assets' costs the current expenses and the accidental expenses for that asset. These costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

The cost for current maintenance are mainly labor costs and consumables and also small inventory items. The purpose of these expenses is usually described as "repairs and maintenance" for property, plant and equipment.

The expenses with major activities, inspections and repairs comprise the replacement of the assets or other asset's parts, the inspection cost and major overhauls. These expenses are capitalized if an asset or part of an asset, which was separately depreciated, is replaced and is probable that they will bring future economic benefits for the Group. If part of a replaced asset was not considered as a separate component and, as a result, was not separately depreciated, the replacement value will be used to estimate the net book value of the asset which is replaced and is immediately written-off. The inspection costs associated with major overhauls are capitalized and depreciated over the period until next inspection.

The cost for major overhauls for wells are also capitalized and depreciated using the unit of production depreciation method.

All other costs with the current repairs and usual maintenance are recognized directly in expenses.

(2) Depreciation

The depreciable amount of a tangible asset is the cost less the residual value of the asset. The residual value is the estimated value that the Group would currently obtain from the disposal of an asset, after deducting the estimated costs associated with the disposal if the asset would already have the age and condition expected at the end of its useful life.

For directly productive tangible assets (natural gas resources extraction wells), the Group applies the depreciation method based on the unit of production in order to reflect in the statement of comprehensive income, an expense proportionate with the production obtained from the total natural gas reserve certified at the beginning of the period. According to this method, the value of each production well is depreciated according to the ratio of the natural gas quantity extracted during the period compared to the proved developed reserves at the beginning of the period.

Assets representing gas cushion are not depreciated, as the residual value exceeds their cost.

For indirectly productive tangible assets and storage assets, depreciation is computed using the straight–line method over the estimated useful life of assets, as follows:

Asset	Years
Specific buildings and constructions	10 - 50
Technical installations and machines	3 - 20
Other plant, tools and furniture	3 – 30

Land is not depreciated as it is considered to have an indefinite useful life.

Properties in the course of construction for production, rental or administrative purposes, or for purposes not yet determined, are carried at historical cost, less any recognized impairment loss. Depreciation of these assets, on the same basis as other property assets, commences when the assets are ready for their intended use.

Items of tangible fixed assets that are disposed of are eliminated from the statement of financial position along with the corresponding accumulated depreciation and impairment. Any gain or loss resulting from such retirement or disposal is included in the result of the period.

For items of tangible fixed assets that are retired from use, but not yet written off by the reporting date, an impairment adjustment is recorded for the carrying value at the time of retirement.

(3) Impairment

Non-current assets must be recognized at the lower of the carrying amount and recoverable amount. If and only if the recoverable amount of an asset is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset should be reduced to be equal to its recoverable amount. Such a reduction represents an impairment loss that is recognized in the result of the period.

Thus at the end of each reporting period, the Group assesses whether there is any indication of impairment of assets. If such indication is identified, the Group tests the assets to determine whether they are impaired.

The Group's assets are allocated to cash-generating units. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable asset group that generates independent cash inflows to a large extent from cash inflows generated by other assets or asset groups. The Group considers each commercial field as a separate cash-generating unit.

All gas storages held by the Group are considered as part of a single cash-generating unit, as the tariffs are set by analyzing the storage activity as a whole, not every single storage.

In 2021, the Group conducted an impairment test in the Upstream segment, as the conditions existing when the previous test was conducted changed; the results of the impairment test are presented in note 12.

In 2021, no indications of impairment were observed for storage assets.

Recoverable amount is the largest of the fair value of an asset or a cash-generating unit less costs associated with disposal and its value in use. Considering the nature of the Group's assets, it was not possible to determine the fair value of the cash-generating units, being determined only the value in use of the assets.

Exploration and appraisal assets

(1) Cost

Natural gas exploration (other than seismic, geological, geophysical and other similar activities), appraisal and development expenditure is accounted for using the principles of the successful efforts method of accounting.

Costs directly associated with an exploration well are initially capitalized as an asset until the drilling of the well is complete and the results have been evaluated. These costs include employee remuneration, materials and fuel used, drilling costs and payments made to contractors. If potentially commercial quantities of hydrocarbons are not found, the exploration well is eliminated from the statement of financial position, by recording an impairment, until National Agency for Mineral Resources (Agentia Nationala pentru Resurse Minerale – ANRM) approvals are obtained in order to be written off. If hydrocarbons are found and, subject to further appraisal activity, are likely to be capable of commercial development, the costs continue to be carried as an asset. Costs directly associated with appraisal activity, undertaken to determine the size, characteristics and commercial potential of a reservoir following the initial discovery of hydrocarbons, including the costs of appraisal wells where hydrocarbons were not found, are initially capitalized as an asset. All such carried costs are subject to technical, commercial and management review at least once a year to confirm the continued intent to develop or otherwise extract value from the discovery. When this is no longer the case, an impairment is recorded for the assets, until the completion of the legal steps necessary for them to be written off. When proved reserves of natural gas are determined and development is approved by management, the relevant expenditure is transferred to property, plant and equipment other than exploration assets.

(2) Impairment

At each reporting date, the Group's management reviews its exploration assets and establishes the necessity for recording in the financial statements an impairment loss in these situations:

- the period for which the Group has the right to explore in the specific area has expired during the period or will expire in the near future, and is not expected to be renewed;
- substantive expenditure on further exploration for and evaluation of gas resources in the specific area is neither budgeted nor planned;
- exploration for and evaluation of gas resources in the specific area have not led to the discovery of commercially viable quantities of gas resources and the Group has decided to discontinue such activities in the specific area;
- sufficient data exist to indicate that, although a development in the specific area is likely to proceed, the carrying amount of the exploration and evaluation asset is unlikely to be recovered in full from successful development or by sale.

Elements similar to the above are also considered when determining impairment losses for producing assets.

Other intangible assets

(1) Cost

Licenses for software, patents and other intangible assets are recognized at acquisition cost.

Intangible assets are not revalued.

(2) Amortization

Patents and other intangible assets are amortized using the straight-line method over their useful life, but not exceeding 20 years. Licenses related to the right of use of computer software are amortized over a period of 3 years.

Inventories

Inventories are recorded initially at cost of production, or acquisition cost, depending on the case. The cost of finished goods and production in progress includes materials, labour, expense incurred for bringing the finished goods at the location and in the existent form and the related indirect production costs. Write down adjustments are booked against slow moving, damaged and obsolete inventory, when necessary.

At each reporting date, inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. The net realizable value is estimated based on the selling price less any completion and selling expenses. The cost of inventories is assigned by using the weighted average cost formula.

Financial assets and liabilities

The Group’s financial assets include cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, other receivables, loans, bank deposits and bonds with a maturity from acquisition date of over three months and other investments in equity instruments.

Financial liabilities include interest-bearing bank borrowings and overdrafts and trade and other payables.

For each item, the accounting policies on recognition and measurement are disclosed in this note. Management believes that the estimated fair values of these instruments approximate their carrying amounts.

Cash and cash equivalents include petty cash, cash in current bank accounts and short-term deposits with a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

The Group recognizes a financial asset or financial liability in the statement of financial position when and only when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Upon initial recognition, financial assets are classified at amortized cost or measured at fair value through profit or loss. The classification depends on the Group's business model for managing the financial assets and their contractual cash flows.

The Group does not have financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.

On initial recognition, financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value plus or minus, in the case of assets measured at amortized cost, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability.

Receivables resulting from contracts with customers represent the unconditional right of the Group to a consideration. The right to a consideration is unconditional if only the passage of time is required before payment of the consideration is due. These are measured at initial recognition at the transaction price.

The amortized cost of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition minus principal repayments plus or minus cumulative depreciation using the effective interest method for each difference between the initial amount and the amount at maturity and, for financial assets, adjusted for any impairment.

Any difference between the entry amount and the reimbursement amount is recognized in the income statement for the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Financial instruments are classified as liabilities or equity in accordance with the nature of the contractual arrangement. Interest, dividends, gains and losses on a financial instrument classified as a liability are reported as expense or income. Distributions to holders of financial instruments classified as equity are recorded directly in equity.

Financial instruments are offset when the Group has a legally enforceable right to offset and intends to settle either on a net basis or to realize the asset and discharge the obligation simultaneously.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting period.

Except for trade receivables, the Group measures the loss allowance for a financial instrument at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk associated with the financial instrument, has increased significantly since initial recognition. If, at the reporting date, the credit risk for a financial instrument has not increased significantly since the initial recognition, the Group measures the loss allowance for that financial instrument at a value equal to 12-month expected credit losses.

The loss allowance on trade receivables resulting from transactions that are subject to IFRS 15 is measured at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses. The Group considers the risk or probability of a default occurring, reflecting the possibility of a default to occur or not to occur, even if the possibility of a credit loss is very low.

The Group measures the expected credit losses of a financial instrument in a manner that reflects reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

The carrying amount of the financial asset, other than those at fair value through profit or loss, is reduced through the use of an allowance account.

De-recognition of financial assets and liabilities

The Group derecognizes a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity.

The Group derecognizes financial liabilities when, and only when, the Group's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

Reserves

Reserves include (note 18):

- legal reserves, which are used annually to transfer to reserves up to 5% of the statutory profit, but not more than 20% of the statutory share capital of the companies within the Group;
- other reserves, which represent allocations from profit in accordance with Government Ordinance no. 64/2001, paragraph (g) for the Company's development fund;
- reserves from reinvested profit, set up based on the Fiscal Code. The amount of profit that benefited from tax exemption under the fiscal legislation less the legal reserve, is distributed at the end of the year by setting up the reserve;
- development quota reserve, non-distributable, set up until 2004. Development quota reserve set up after 2004 is distributable and presented in retained earnings. Development quota set up after 2004 is allocated together with the profit allocation, as approved by the General Meeting of Shareholders, based on depreciation, respectively write-off of the assets financed using the development quota;
- other non-distributable reserves, set up from retained earnings representing translation differences recorded at transition to IFRS. These reserves are set up in accordance with MOF 2844/2016.

Subsidies

Subsidies are non-reimbursable financial resources granted to the Group with the condition of meeting certain criteria. In the category of subsidies are included grants related to assets and grants related to income.

Grants related to assets are government grants for whose primary condition is that the Group should purchase, construct, or otherwise acquire long-term assets.

Grants related to income are government grants other than those related to assets.

Subsidies are not recognized until there is reasonable assurance that:

(a) the Group will comply with the conditions attaching to it; and

(b) subsidies will be received.

Grants related to assets are presented in the statement of financial position as "Deferred revenue", which is then recognized in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the useful life of the asset.

Grants related to income are recognized in the statement of profit or loss under "Other income", as the related expenses are recorded. Until the time the expense occurs, the grant received is recognized as "Deferred revenue".

Use of estimates

The preparation of the financial information requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the end of reporting date, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could vary from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The following are the critical estimates that the management has made in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements.

Estimates related to impairment losses on trade receivables

At each period end, the Group evaluates the risks attached to current and overdue receivables and the probability of such risks to materialize. The Group's receivables are generally due in maximum 30 days from the date of issue. However, the Group may be forced by court decisions to sell gas to insolvent clients deemed "captive" according to insolvency legislation. Invoices issued to these clients for gas delivered are due in 90 days from the date of issue. Based on the information available at period end related to such clients and previous experience, the Group estimates the lifetime expected credit loss of receivables, both current and overdue, and records appropriate impairment losses (note 16).

Estimates related to the exploration expenditure on undeveloped fields

If field works prove that the geological structures are not exploitable from an economic point of view or that they do not have hydrocarbon resources available, an impairment is recorded. The impairment assessment is performed based on geological experts' technical expertise (note 7).

Estimates related to the developed proved reserves

The Group applies the depreciation method based on the unit of production in order to reflect in the income statement an expense proportionate with the production obtained from the total natural gas reserve at the beginning of the period. According to this method, the value of each production well is depreciated according to the ratio of the natural gas quantity extracted during the period compared to the gas reserve at the beginning of the period. The gas reserves are updated annually according to internal assessments that are based on certifications of ANRM (note 7).

Estimates related to the decommissioning provision

Liabilities for decommissioning costs are recognized for the Group's obligation to plug and abandon a well, dismantle and remove a facility or an item of plant and to restore the site on which it is located, and when a reliable estimate of that liability can be made.

This provision is computed based on the estimated future expenditure determined in accordance with local conditions and requirements and it is brought to present value using the interest rate on long term treasury bonds. The rate and estimated decommissioning costs are updated annually (note 19).

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Estimates related to the retirement benefit obligation

Under the Collective Labor Agreement, the Group is obliged to pay to its employees when they retire a multiplicator of the gross salary, depending on the seniority within the gas industry/electricity industry, working conditions etc. This provision is updated annually and calculated based on actuarial methods to estimate the average wage, the average number of employees to pay at retirement, the estimate of the period when they will be paid and brought to present value using a discount factor based on interest on investments with the highest degree of safety (government bonds) (note 19).

The Group does not operate any other pension plan or retirement benefits, and therefore has no other obligations relating to pensions.

Contingencies

By their nature, contingencies end only when one or more uncertain future events occur or not. In order to determine the existence and the potential value of a contingent element, is required to exercise the professional judgment and the use of estimates regarding the outcome of future events (note 32).

Comparative information

For each item of the statement of financial position, the statement of comprehensive income and, where is the case, for the statement of changes in equity and for the statement of cash flows, for comparative information purposes is presented the value of the corresponding item for the previous period ended, unless the changes are insignificant. In addition, the Group presents an additional statement of financial position at the beginning of the earliest period presented when there is a retrospective application of an accounting policy, a retrospective restatement, or a reclassification of items in the financial statements, which has a material impact on the Group.

3. REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

	Year ended December 31, 2021	**Year ended December 31, 2020**
	'000 RON	**'000 RON**
Revenue from gas sold - own production	4,685,389	3,226,448
Revenue from gas sold – other arrangements	27,456	66,915
Revenue from gas acquired for resale	330,309	15,545
Revenue from storage services-capacity reservation	191,184	282,363
Revenue from storage services-extraction	35,006	43,151
Revenue from storage services-injection	33,809	49,343
Revenue from electricity	321,596	189,289
Revenue from services	166,270	175,877
Revenue from sale of goods	53,959	18,192
Other revenues from contracts	413	367
Total revenue from contracts with customers	**5,845,391**	**4,067,490**
Other revenues	7,535	7,403
Total revenue	**5,852,926**	**4,074,893**
Other operating income *)	169,841	25,439
Total revenue and other income	**6,022,767**	**4,100,332**

*) In 2021, other operating income include, besides penalties charged to clients for late payment or non-fulfillment of the obligation of taking the natural gas, the amount of RON 114,628 thousand representing the performance guarantee set up for the construction of the 430 MW Iernut power plant, with combined cycle with gas turbines, following the termination of the work contract signed for this purpose.

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognized as or when the Group satisfies a performance obligation by transferring a promised good or service to a customer. A good or service is transferred when the customer obtains control of that good or service. The transfer of control of goods sold by the Group usually coincides with title passing to the customer and the customer taking physical possession.

Revenues from gas and electricity are recognized when the delivery has been made at the prices fixed in the contracts with customers.

Revenues from storage services are recognized when they are provided at the rates in force during the storage cycle. Usually, injection services are provided in the period April – October, and those for extraction in October – April. The capacity reservation services are being provided each month of the storage cycle, which begins on April 1 and ends on March 31 of the next year.

In measuring the revenue from gas, electricity and storage services, the Group uses output methods. According to these methods, revenues are recognized based on direct measurements of the value to the customer of the goods or services transferred to date relative to the remaining goods or services promised under the contract. The Group recognizes the revenue in the amount it has the right to charge.

The Group does not disclose information about the remaining performance obligations, applying the practical expedient in IFRS 15, as the contracts with the customers are generally signed for periods of less than one year and the revenues are recognized at the amount which the Group has the right to charge.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Year ended December 31, 2021 '000 RON	Year ended December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Interest income	58,403	47,845
Total	**58,403**	**47,845**

Interest income is derived from the Group's investments in bank deposits and government bonds.

5. COST OF COMMODITIES SOLD, RAW MATERIALS AND CONSUMABLES

	Year ended December 31, 2021 '000 RON	Year ended December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Consumables used	42,673	35,005
Technological consumption	33,259	19,257
Cost of gas acquired for resale, sold	246,819	7,650
Cost of electricity imbalance	33,867	10,375
Cost of other goods sold	903	592
Other consumables	5,214	4,020
Total	**362,735**	**76,899**

6. OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES

	Year ended December 31, 2021 '000 RON	Year ended December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Forex gain	45	52
Forex loss	(317)	(291)
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of non-current assets	321	(7)
Net allowances for other receivables (note 16 c)	28,369	2,151
Net write down allowances for inventory (note 15)	(5,014)	(8,427)
Net gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(10)	(10)
Losses from other debtors	(6)	(2)
Total	**23,388**	**(6,534)**

7. DEPRECIATION, AMORTIZATION AND IMPAIRMENT EXPENSES

	Year ended December 31, 2021 '000 RON	Year ended December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Depreciation and amortization	463,783	448,371
out of which:		
- depreciation of property, plant and equipment	458,747	445,327
- amortization of intangible assets	4,114	2,130
- amortization of write-of use assets	922	914
Net impairment of non-current assets	221,989	223,692
Total depreciation, amortization and impairment	**685,772**	**672,063**

8. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSE

	Year ended December 31, 2021 '000 RON	Year ended December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Wages and salaries	800,360	798,382
Social security charges	27,830	28,044
Meal tickets	24,955	23,231
Other benefits according to collective labor contract	23,434	20,613
Private pension payments	11,415	11,763
Private health insurance	6,924	5,980
Total employee benefit costs	**894,918**	**888,013**
Less, capitalized employee benefit costs	(128,279)	(120,762)
Total employee benefit expense	**766,639**	**767,251**

9. FINANCE COSTS

	Year ended December 31, 2021 '000 RON	Year ended December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Interest expense	557	593
Unwinding of the decommissioning provision (note 19)	16,182	16,407
Total	**16,739**	**17,000**

10. OTHER EXPENSES

	Year ended December 31, 2021 '000 RON	Year ended December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Energy and water expenses	51,537	40,945
Expenses for capacity booking and gas transmission services	145,177	167,937
Expenses with other taxes and duties *)	2,013,806	633,160
(Net gain)/Net loss from provisions movement (note 19)	47,828	90,740
Other operating expenses **)	280,738	225,361
Total	**2,539,086**	**1,158,143**

*) In the year ended December 31, 2021, the major taxes and duties included in the amount of RON 2,013,806 thousand (year ended December 31, 2020: RON 633,160 thousand) are:

- RON 1,257,998 thousand representing windfall tax resulting from the deregulation of prices in the natural gas sector according to Government Ordinance no. 7/2013 with the subsequent amendments for the implementation of the windfall tax following the deregulation of prices in the natural gas sector (year ended December 31, 2020: RON 414,943 thousand);
- RON 749,411 thousand representing royalty on gas production and storage activity (year ended December 31, 2020: RON 196,875 thousand).

**) The increase in other operating expenses compared to 2020 is mainly due to the increase in expenditure on greenhouse gas emission certificates (RON 121,583 thousand in 2021, compared to RON 24,208 thousand in 2020). The expense of RON 121,583 thousand in 2021 was partially offset by releasing to income the provision set up for these certificates on December 31, 2020 of RON 81,217 thousand (note 19) (2020: the expense of RON 24,208 thousand was offset by releasing to income the provision set up on December 31, 2019 of RON 23,410 thousand).

11. INCOME TAX

	Year ended December 31, 2021 '000 RON	Year ended December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Current tax expense	230,643	220,285
Deferred income tax (income)/expense	11,621	(41,681)
Income tax expense	**242,264**	**178,604**

The tax rate used for the reconciliations below for the year ended December 31, 2021, respectively year ended December 31, 2020 is 16% payable by corporate entities in Romania on taxable profits.

The total charge for the period can be reconciled to the accounting profit as follows:

	Year ended December 31, 2021 '000 RON	Year ended December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Accounting profit before tax	**2,157,251**	**1,426,508**
(Profit)/loss of activities not subject to income tax	3,806	6,298
Accounting profit subject to income tax	**2,161,057**	**1,432,806**
Income tax expense calculated at 16%	345,769	229,249
Effect of income exempt of taxation	(81,238)	(39,800)
Effect of expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit	20,649	68,978
Effect of current income tax reduction, due to tax facilities	(20,232)	(11,023)
Effect of tax incentive for reinvested profit	(11,394)	(9,950)
Effect of legal reserves	(306)	(579)
Effect of the benefit from tax credits, used to reduce current tax expense	30,452	27,362
Effect of deferred tax relating to the origination and reversal of temporary differences	(23,375)	(57,632)
Effect of the benefit from tax credits, used to reduce deferred tax expense	(18,061)	(34,924)
Effect of the previous years' tax expense	-	6,923
Income tax expense	**242,264**	**178,604**

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Components of deferred tax (asset)/liability:

	December 31, 2021		December 31, 2020	
	Cumulative temporary differences	**Deferred tax (asset)/ liability**	**Cumulative temporary differences**	**Deferred tax (asset)/ liability**
	'000 RON	**'000 RON**	**'000 RON**	**'000 RON**
Provisions	(651,505)	(104,241)	(736,102)	(117,776)
Property, plant and equipment	(16,382)	(2,621)	274,492	43,919
Exploration assets *)	(610,253)	(97,641)	(828,989)	(132,638)
Financial investments	(977)	(156)	(977)	(156)
Inventory	(33,205)	(5,313)	(29,817)	(4,771)
Trade receivables and other receivables	(372,912)	(59,666)	(395,488)	(63,278)
Right of use asset	388	62	474	76
Deferred revenue	1	-	9	1
Lease liability	(434)	(69)	(507)	(81)
Other intangible assets	-	-	(3,900)	(624)
Total	**(1,685,279)**	**(269,645)**	**(1,720,805)**	**(275,328)**
Change, out of which:		**(5,683)**		**44,381**
- in current year's result		(11,621)		41,681
- in other comprehensive income		5,938		2,700

*) According to the Fiscal Code applicable in Romania, expenses related to location, exploration, development or any preparatory activity for the exploitation of natural resources, which, according to the applicable accounting regulations, are recorded directly in the result, are recovered in equal rates for a period of 5 years, starting with the month in which the expenses are incurred. Also, for fixed assets specific to the exploration and production of gas resources, the carrying tax value of fixed assets written-off is deducted using the tax depreciation method used before their write-off for the remaining period. All of these costs are treated as assets only from a tax point of view and generate a deferred tax asset.

12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Land and land improvements '000 RON	Buildings '000 RON	Gas properties '000 RON	Plant, machinery and equipment '000 RON	Fixtures, fittings and office equipment '000 RON	Storage assets '000 RON	Tangible exploration assets '000 RON	Capital work in progress '000 RON	Total '000 RON
Cost									
As of January 1, 2021	**117,671**	**916,115**	**7,103,831**	**1,090,625**	**114,700**	**1,722,484**	**333,606**	**1,914,999**	**13,314,031**
Additions	78	237	9,205	799	-	1,596	91,862	359,094	462,871
Transfers	263	23,295	149,970	61,421	9,327	34,144	-	(278,420)	-
Disposals	-	(143)	(116,607)	(4,310)	-	(13,131)	(89,528)	(21,956)	(245,675)
As of December 31, 2021	**118,012**	**939,504**	**7,146,399**	**1,148,535**	**124,027**	**1,745,093**	**335,940**	**1,973,717**	**13,531,227**
Accumulated depreciation									
As of January 1, 2021	**-**	**358,880**	**4,325,133**	**703,906**	**84,136**	**705,426**	**-**	**-**	**6,177,481**
Charge *)	-	29,753	327,414	73,394	7,908	44,282	-	-	482,751
Disposals	-	(36)	(178)	(4,278)	(1)	-	-	-	(4,493)
As of December 31, 2021	**-**	**388,597**	**4,652,369**	**773,022**	**92,043**	**749,708**	**-**	**-**	**6,655,739**
Impairment									
As of January 1, 2021	**8,255**	**41,588**	**553,625**	**83,098**	**1,205**	**366,335**	**213,398**	**255,924**	**1,523,428**
Charge	**-**	1,857	101,784	422	17	993	38,035	125,111	268,219
Transfers	-	16,500	21,675	-	-	-	-	(38,175)	-
Release	-	(415)	(27,370)	(612)	(11)	-	(90,348)	(38,100)	(156,856)
As of December 31, 2021	**8,255**	**59,530**	**649,714**	**82,908**	**1,211**	**367,328**	**161,085**	**304,760**	**1,634,791**
Carrying value									
As of January 1, 2021	**109,416**	**515,647**	**2,225,073**	**303,621**	**29,359**	**650,723**	**120,208**	**1,659,075**	**5,613,122**
As of December 31, 2021	**109,757**	**491,377**	**1,844,316**	**292,605**	**30,773**	**628,057**	**174,855**	**1,668,957**	**5,240,697**

**) The amounts include depreciation of tangible assets used in the production of other fixed assets, capitalized in their cost, amounting to RON 24,001 thousand.*

	Land and land improvements	Buildings	Gas properties	Plant, machinery and equipment	Fixtures, fittings and office equipment	Storage assets	Tangible exploration assets	Capital work in progress	Total
	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON
Cost									
As of January 1, 2020	**109,368**	**909,979**	**6,730,173**	**1,017,465**	**104,110**	**1,693,062**	**402,445**	**1,794,654**	**12,761,256**
Additions	8,049	1	130,268	9	-	9,819	66,516	554,384	769,046
Transfers	254	7,477	259,441	82,079	10,876	20,109	(4,690)	(375,546)	-
Disposals	-	(1,342)	(16,051)	(8,928)	(286)	(506)	(130,665)	(58,493)	(216,271)
As of December 31, 2020	**117,671**	**916,115**	**7,103,831**	**1,090,625**	**114,700**	**1,722,484**	**333,606**	**1,914,999**	**13,314,031**
Accumulated depreciation									
As of January 1, 2020	**-**	**328,847**	**4,022,145**	**646,360**	**77,281**	**648,959**	**-**	**-**	**5,723,592**
Charge *)	-	30,872	306,002	66,428	7,141	56,536	-	-	466,979
Disposals	-	(839)	(3,014)	(8,882)	(286)	(69)	-	-	(13,090)
As of December 31, 2020	**-**	**358,880**	**4,325,133**	**703,906**	**84,136**	**705,426**	**-**	**-**	**6,177,481**
Impairment									
As of January 1, 2020	**8,255**	**40,306**	**493,729**	**80,567**	**1,148**	**378,332**	**245,532**	**246,618**	**1,494,487**
Charge	-	1,664	85,085	557	76	(11,341)	100,189	106,849	283,079
Transfers	-	-	25,804	2,374	-	-	-	(28,178)	-
Release	-	(382)	(50,993)	(400)	(19)	(656)	(132,323)	(69,365)	(254,138)
As of December 31, 2020	**8,255**	**41,588**	**553,625**	**83,098**	**1,205**	**366,335**	**213,398**	**255,924**	**1,523,428**
Carrying value									
As of January 1, 2020	**101,113**	**540,826**	**2,214,299**	**290,538**	**25,681**	**665,771**	**156,913**	**1,548,036**	**5,543,177**
As of December 31, 2020	**109,416**	**515,647**	**2,225,073**	**303,621**	**29,359**	**650,723**	**120,208**	**1,659,075**	**5,613,122**

**) The amounts include depreciation of tangible assets used in the production of other fixed assets, capitalized in their cost, amounting to RON 21,649 thousand.*

Impairment of property, plant and equipment

Note 2 contains information on the conditions under which impairment losses for individual assets are recognized.

Impairment of assets in the Upstream segment

Based on the current market conditions (significant increase in prices, but also in costs with royalties and windfall tax), the Group considered there are major changes in the assumptions used in the previous impairment test on upstream assets.

Based on its assessment, the Group considered each commercial field a separate cash-generating unit. The infrastructure common to several gas fields (e.g., compression stations, drying stations) was allocated to each field according to the quantities processed for each field served. The corporate assets were allocated to each field according to the estimated revenue to be earned by each field in the total revenue over the period considered in the impairment test.

The impairment test took into account the economic life of the fields, according to the latest studies approved by the National Agency of Mineral Resources or submitted for approval, but no later than 2043, this being the limit year of the concession agreements, according to the legislation in force.

Following the impairment test, no additional impairment was recorded and there was no decrease of previously recognized impairment losses.

In the impairment test the following assumptions were used:

- Weighted average cost of capital: 10%;
- The inflation rate for the years 2022-2024 was the one reported by the National Prognosis Commission in the 2021-2025 mid-term forecast, 2021 autumn edition. For the 2025-2043 period a constant inflation rate of 2.6% was used;
- Average estimated price for the period was 190.64 lei/MWh.

13. EXPLORATION AND APPRAISAL FOR NATURAL GAS RESOURCES

The following financial information represents the amounts included within the Group's totals relating to activity associated with the exploration for and appraisal of natural gas resources. All such activities are recorded within the Upstream segment.

	Year ended December 31, 2021 '000 RON	Year ended December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Exploration assets written off	(33)	(836)
Seismic, geological, geophysical studies	(1,164)	(25,673)
Total exploration expense	**(1,197)**	**(26,509)**
Net movement in exploration assets' impairment (net income)/net loss	37,046	97,695
Net cash used in exploration investing activities	(91,865)	(66,516)

	December 31, 2021 '000 RON	December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Exploration assets (note 12)	174,855	120,208
Liabilities	(7,904)	(5,285)
Net assets	**166,951**	**114,923**

14. OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS. RIGHT OF USE ASSETS

a) Other intangible assets

	2021	2020
	'000 RON	'000 RON
Cost		
As of January 1	**186,899**	**186,136**
Additions	5,592	7,990
Disposals	(22,896)	(7,227)
As of December 31	**169,595**	**186,899**
Accumulated amortization		
As of January 1	**172,125**	**176,972**
Charge	4,114	2,130
Disposals	(22,777)	(6,977)
As of December 31	**153,462**	**172,125**
Carrying value		
As of January 1	**14,774**	**9,164**
As of December 31	**16,133**	**14,774**

b) Right of use assets

	2021	2020
	'000 RON	'000 RON
Cost		
As of January 1	**9,514**	**9,275**
Effects of rent index updates	135	239
As of December 31	**9,649**	**9,514**
Accumulated amortization		
As of January 1	**1,599**	**685**
Charge	922	914
As of December 31	**2,521**	**1,599**
Carrying value		
As of January 1	**7,915**	**8,590**
As of December 31	**7,128**	**7,915**

15. INVENTORIES

	December 31, 2021 '000 RON	December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Spare parts and materials	171,542	171,990
Finished goods (gas)	189,594	123,438
Other inventories	870	886
Write-down allowance for spare parts and materials	(56,674)	(51,747)
Write-down allowance for other inventories	(91)	(4)
Total	**305,241**	**244,563**

16. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

a) Trade and other receivables

	December 31, 2021 '000 RON	December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Trade receivables	1,757,243	1,561,742
Allowances for expected credit losses (note 16 c)	(924,030)	(1,279,164)
Accrued receivables	526,971	312,991
Allowances for expected credit losses on accrued receivables (note 16 c)	(7,839)	(2,694)
Total	**1,352,345**	**592,875**

Trade receivables from gas deliveries are generally due within 30 days of invoice issue. These must be guaranteed by customers through bank letters of guarantee. If customers do not provide such a guarantee, they must ensure that natural gas is paid in advance.

The Group is forced by court orders to sell gas to insolvent clients considered “captive” by the insolvency law. These clients provide no guarantees, do not pay for deliveries in advance and have a payment term of 90 days from invoice issue date.

Trade receivables from the sale of electricity are generally due within 7 days of the date of invoice transmission. These must be guaranteed by customers through bank letters of guarantee. If customers do not provide such a guarantee, they must ensure that electricity is paid in advance.

Trade receivables from storage services are due within 15 days of invoice issue. Customers must provide a 5% guarantee for the services value.

b) Other assets

	December 31, 2021 '000 RON	December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Advances paid to suppliers	109	18,374
Joint operation receivables	8,201	2,384
Other receivables *)	47,941	64,471
Allowance for expected credit losses other receivables (note 16 c) *)	(186)	(28,981)
Other debtors	49,932	50,079
Allowance for expected credit losses for other debtors (note 16 c)	(49,442)	(49,016)
Prepayments	5,606	5,808
VAT not yet due	5,795	4,898
Other taxes receivable	6	6
Total	**67,962**	**68,023**

*) During May 13, 2014 – September 30, 2014 the National Agency for Tax Administration (Agentia Nationala de Administrare Fiscala - ANAF) ran a tax investigation at Romgaz regarding the tax statements and/or operations relevant for the investigation as well as the organization and management of tax and accounting evidence. The period under control was 2008 – 2013 for income tax and 2009 – 2013 for VAT.

Following the tax inspection, an additional liability was established for Romgaz of RON 22,440 thousand, representing income tax, VAT, penalties and related interest. Of the total amount, Romgaz paid RON 2,389 thousand.

For the remaining amount of RON 20,051 thousand, Romgaz performed a legal assessment which concluded that the additional tax, penalties and interest are not correct. Romgaz filed an appeal to the Ministry of Public Finance. The appeal was partially rejected for the amount of RON 15,872 thousand.

For RON 4,179 thousand a new fiscal control was ordered, which resulted in a tax burden of RON 2,981 thousand. The appeal filed to ANAF was rejected.

In 2015, Romgaz sued the Ministry of Finance to cancel the above mentioned administrative acts, including the partial cancelation of the decision issued for the appeal.

The payment made in 2016 generated additional penalties of RON 13,697 thousand, also paid. Considering the disagreement regarding the conclusions of the tax control, the Company recorded a receivable and an allowance.

In 2019, the Company won some of the points claimed in the case filed against ANAF and the allowance of RON 18,499 thousand was reversed against income. The Company recovered this amount in 2021.

During the period December 2016 - April 2017 ANAF resumed the tax inspection on VAT for the period December 2010 – June 2011 and on income tax for the period January 2010 – December 2011, regarding the discounts granted by Romgaz to interruptible clients for deliveries during 2010 - 2011. This status was attributed to companies by Transgaz, the Romanian natural gas transmission operator. Following the tax inspection, additional tax obligations of RON 15,284 thousand were determined, and also penalties and late payment charges in amount of RON 3,129 thousand. The tax decision and the tax inspection report were appealed to ANAF. Romgaz paid the additional tax obligation and the late payment charges and based on the appeal, the Company recorded a receivable for which it recorded an allowance. In 2021, the court ruled in favor of the Company, so that the related allowance was released to income. By the date of these financial statements, the court's decision was not communicated, therefore the Company could not initiate recovery proceedings.

c) Changes in the allowance for expected credit losses for trade and other receivables and other assets

	2021	**2020**
	'000 RON	**'000 RON**
At January 1	**1,359,855**	**1,379,557**
Charge in the allowance for other receivables (note 6)	1,402	2,792
Charge in the allowance for trade receivables	32,529	61,595
Release in the allowance for other receivables (note 6)	(29,771)	(4,943)
Release in the allowance for trade receivables *)	(382,518)	(79,146)
At December 31	**981,497**	**1,359,855**

*) In 2022, the Group collected RON 324,733 thousand from the old receivable from Electrocentrale Bucuresti, thus reducing the allowance recorded as of December 31, 2021.

As of December 31, 2021, the Group recorded allowances for expected credit losses, of which Interagro RON 264,529 thousand (December 31, 2020: RON 271,621 thousand), GHCL Upsom of RON 68,103 thousand (December 31, 2020: RON 68,103 thousand), CET Iasi of RON 46,271 thousand (December 31, 2020: RON 46,271 thousand), Electrocentrale Galati with RON 192,342 thousand (December 31, 2020: RON 226,338 thousand), Electrocentrale Bucuresti with RON 252,225 thousand (December 31, 2020: RON 576,080 thousand), G-ON EUROGAZ of RON 14,848 thousand (December 31, 2020: RON 14,848 thousand) and Electrocentrale Constanta of RON 60,766 thousand (December 31, 2020: RON 58,227 thousand) due to existing financial conditions of these clients as well as ongoing litigating cases related to these receivables or exceeding payment terms.

d) Credit risk exposure for trade receivables

December 31, 2021	Gross carrying amount '000 RON	Expected credit loss rate %	Lifetime expected credit losses '000 RON
Current receivables, including accrued receivables	1,022,513	0.78	7,973
less than 30 days overdue	15,702	0.85	134
30 to 90 days overdue	578	46.15	267
90 to 360 days overdue	14,213	99.07	14,081
over 360 days overdue	1,231,208	73.86	909,414
Total trade receivables	**2,284,214**		**931,869**

December 31, 2020	Gross carrying amount '000 RON	Expected credit loss rate %	Lifetime expected credit losses '000 RON
Current receivables, including accrued receivables	584,068	0.89	5,210
less than 30 days overdue	13,874	3.91	542
30 to 90 days overdue	4,861	86.85	4,222
90 to 360 days overdue	23,890	99.81	23,844
over 360 days overdue	1,248,040	100.00	1,248,040
Total trade receivables	**1,874,733**		**1,281,858**

17. SHARE CAPITAL

	December 31, 2021 '000 RON	December 31, 2020 '000 RON
385,422,400 fully paid ordinary shares	385,422	385,422
Total	**385,422**	**385,422**

The shareholding structure as at December 31, 2021 is as follows:

	No. of shares	Value '000 RON	Percentage (%)
The Romanian State through the Ministry of Energy	269,823,080	269,823	70.01
Legal persons	96,615,074	96,615	25.07
Physical persons	18,984,246	18,984	4.92
Total	**385,422,400**	**385,422**	**100**

All shares are ordinary and were subscribed and fully paid as at December 31, 2021. All shares carry equal voting rights and have a nominal value of RON 1/share (December 31, 2020: RON 1/share).

18. RESERVES

	December 31, 2021 '000 RON	December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Legal reserves	85,250	83,537
Other reserves, of which:	2,913,725	2,168,372
- Company's development fund	2,046,460	1,371,257
- Reinvested profit	361,152	291,002
- Geological quota set up until 2004	486,388	486,388
- Other reserves	19,725	19,725
Total	**2,998,975**	**2,251,909**

19. PROVISIONS

	December 31, 2021 '000 RON	December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Decommissioning provision (note 19 a)	412,846	538,931
Retirement benefit obligation (note 19 c)	156,420	128,690
Total long term provisions	**569,266**	**667,621**
Decommissioning provision (note 19 a)	24,792	22,027
Litigation provision (note 19 b)	3,554	1,380
Other provisions *) (note 19 b)	208,798	133,008
Total short term provisions	**237,183**	**156,415**
Total provisions	**806,410**	**824,036**

*) On December 31, 2021, other provisions of RON 208,798 thousand include the provision for employee's participation to profit of RON 38,677 thousand (December 31, 2020: RON 36,938 thousand), the provision for taxes of RON 7,161 thousand (December 31, 2020: RON 6,716 thousand) and the provision for CO2 certificates of 154,904 thousand (December 31, 2020: RON 81,217).

a) Decommissioning provision

Decommissioning provision movement	2021 '000 RON	2020 '000 RON
At January 1	**560,958**	**384,236**
Additional provision recorded against non-current assets	10,808	139,913
Unwinding effect (note 9)	16,182	16,407
Recorded in profit or loss	(20,750)	24,273
Decrease recorded against non-current assets	(129,560)	(3,871)
At December 31	**437,638**	**560,958**

The Group makes full provision for the future costs of decommissioning natural gas wells on a discounted basis upon installation. The provision for the costs of decommissioning these wells at the end of their economic lives has been estimated using existing technology, at current prices or future assumptions, depending on the expected timing of the activity, and discounted using a rate of 5.14% (year ended December 31, 2020: 2.97%). While the provision is based on the best estimate of future costs and the economic lives of the wells, there is uncertainty regarding both the amount and timing of these costs

The increase with 1 percentage point of the discount rate would decrease the decommissioning provision with RON 77,109 thousand. The decrease with 1 percentage point of the discount rate would increase the decommissioning provision with RON 102,191 thousand.

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The increase with 1 percentage point of the inflation rate would increase the decommissioning provision with RON 103,485 thousand. The decrease with 1 percentage point of the discount rate would decrease the decommissioning provision with RON 79,168 thousand.

b) Other provisions

	Litigation provision '000 RON	Other provisions '000 RON	Total '000 RON
At January 1, 2021	**1,380**	**133,008**	**134,388**
Additional provision in period	2,966	243,940	246,906
Provisions used in the period	(439)	(166,346)	(166,785)
Unused amounts during the period, reversed	(353)	(1,804)	(2,157)
At December 31, 2021	**3,554**	**208,798**	**212,352**

	Litigation provision '000 RON	Other provisions '000 RON	Total '000 RON
At January 1, 2020	**1,337**	**63,521**	**64,858**
Additional provision in the period	730	146,673	147,403
Provisions used in the period	(684)	(75,759)	(76,443)
Unused amounts during the period, reversed	(3)	(1,427)	(1,430)
At December 31, 2020	**1,380**	**133,008**	**134,388**

c) Retirement benefit obligation

Movement of the retirement benefit obligation	**2021** '000 RON	**2020** '000 RON
At 1 January	**128,690**	**114,876**
Interest cost	3,998	2,642
Cost of current service	6,021	5,904
Payments during the year	(19,405)	(11,609)
Actuarial (gain)/loss for the period	37,116	16,877
At December 31	**156,420**	**128,690**

With the exception of actuarial gains/losses, all other movements in the retirement benefit obligation are recognized in the result of the period.

In determining the retirement benefit obligation, the following significant assumptions were used:

- No layoffs or restructurings are planned;
- Average discount rate: 5%;
- Average inflation rate: 5.9% in 2022; 3.2% in 2023; 3% in 2024; 2.8% in 2025; 2.5% in the 2026-2031 period, following a decreasing trend in the next years.

Sensitivity analysis

The discount rate has a significant effect on the obligation. Isolated change in assumptions with 1 percentage point would have the following effect on the obligation:

	Increase of 1% in assumptions '000 RON	**Decrease of 1% in assumptions** '000 RON
Average discount rate	(14,771)	17,168
Salaries' growth rate	17,252	(15,090)

Maturity analysis of payment cash flows

	Benefit payments '000 RON
Up to 1 year	9,632
1-2 years	9,205
2-5 years	33,809
5-10 years	87,798
Over 10 years	425,997

20. DEFERRED REVENUE

	December 31, 2021 '000 RON	December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Amounts collected from NIP *)	230,169	136,021
Other deferred revenue	157	167
Other amounts received as subsidies	112	120
Total long term deferred revenue	**230,438**	**136,308**
Other amounts received as subsidies	7	8
Other deferred revenue	42	10,891
Total short term deferred revenue	**49**	**10,899**
Total deferred revenue	**230,487**	**147,207**

*) In Government Decision no. 1096/2013 approving the mechanism for free allocation of greenhouse gas emission allowances to electricity producers for the period 2013-2020, Annex no. 3 "National Investment Plan", S.N.G.N. ROMGAZ S.A. is included with the investment "Combined Gas Turbine Cycle".

For this investment, Romgaz signed in 2017 a financing agreement with the Ministry of Energy, whereby the Ministry of Energy undertakes to grant a non-reimbursable financing of RON 320,912 thousand, representing a maximum of 25% of the total value of eligible expenditure of the investment. By December 31, 2021 the Group collected RON 230,169 thousand. Amounts received under this contract will be transferred to income based on the depreciation rate of the investment.

By Government Decision no. 669/2021 the deadline until the investments financed from the National Investment Plan must be put into operation has been extended until June 30, 2022.

By December 31, 2021, the Group submitted two other reimbursement requests amounting to RON 62,150 thousand.

As the term of the work contract for the realization of the investment was not extended, the Group is in the process of identifying solutions for completing the works.

	Amounts collected from NIP '000 RON	Other amounts received as subsidies '000 RON	Total '000 RON
At January 1, 2021	**136,021**	**128**	**136,149**
Received	94,148	-	94,148
Amounts in revenue	-	(9)	(9)
At December 31, 2021	**230,169**	**119**	**230,288**

	Amounts collected from NIP	Other amounts received as subsidies	Total
	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON
January 1, 2020	**20,994**	**185**	**21,179**
Received	115,027	-	115,027
Other decreases (reimbursements)	-	(50)	(50)
Amounts in revenue	-	(7)	(7)
December 31, 2020	**136,021**	**128**	**136,149**

21. TRADE AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
	'000 RON	'000 RON
Accruals	30,055	30,861
Trade payables	19,171	20,491
Payables to fixed assets suppliers	22,091	37,780
Total trade payables	**71,317**	**89,132**
Payables related to employees	43,800	67,922
Royalties	400,278	63,222
Social security taxes	34,053	26,489
Other current liabilities	7,567	6,000
VAT	86,763	64,921
Dividends payable	1,116	2,047
Windfall tax	363,996	31,842
Other taxes	1,329	1,338
Total other liabilities	**938,902**	**263,781**
Total trade and other liabilities	**1,010,219**	**352,913**

22. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency risk, inflation risk, interest rate risk), credit risk, liquidity risk. The Group's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance within certain limits. However, the use of this approach does not prevent losses outside of these limits in the event of more significant market movements. The Group does not use derivative financial instruments to hedge certain risk exposures.

(a) Market risk

(i) Foreign exchange risk

The Group is exposed to currency risk as a result of exposure to various currencies. Foreign exchange risk arises from future commercial transactions and recognized assets and liabilities.

As at December 31, 2021, the official exchange rates were RON 4.3707 to USD 1 and RON 4.9481 to EUR 1 (December 31, 2020: RON 3.9660 to USD 1 and RON 4.8694 to EUR 1).

The Group is mainly exposed to currency risk generated by EUR and USD against RON. The currency risk is not significant, as the Group has limited foreign exchange transactions.

(ii) Inflation risk

The official inflation rate in Romania, during the year ended December 31, 2021 was under 10% as provided by the National Commission for Statistics of Romania. The cumulative inflation rate for the last 3 years was under 100%. This factor, among others, led to the conclusion that Romania is not a hyperinflationary economy.

(iii) Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to interest rate risk, due to retirement benefit obligations and the decommissioning provision. The Group's sensitivity to changes in the discount rate is detailed in note 19.

Bank deposits and treasury bills bear a fixed interest rate.

(b) Credit risk

Financial assets, which potentially subject the Group to credit risk, consist principally of trade receivables. The Group has policies in place to ensure that sales are made to customers with low credit risk. Also, sales have to be secured, either through advance payments, either through bank letters of guarantee. The carrying amount of accounts receivable, net of bad debt allowances, represents the maximum amount exposed to credit risk. The Group has a concentration of credit risk in respect of its top client, which amounts to 89.84% of net trade receivable balance at December 31, 2021 (top 4 clients: 85.41% as of December 31, 2020).

In spite of the policies described above, the Group is forced by court orders to deliver gas to insolvent clients deemed "captive" by insolvency legislation. In respect of these clients, the Group makes estimates of the lifetime expected credit losses and records appropriate impairment losses.

Although collection of receivables could be influenced by economic factors, management believes that there is no significant risk of loss to the Group beyond the bad debt allowance already recorded.

(c) Capital risk management

The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to minimize the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the dividend policy, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

The Group's policy is to only resort to borrowing if investment needs cannot be financed internally.

(d) Fair value estimation

Carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities is assumed to approximate their fair values.

Financial instruments in the balance sheet include trade receivables and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents, other financial assets, trade and other payables. The estimated fair values of these instruments approximate their carrying amounts. The carrying amounts represent the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk for existing receivables.

e) Maturity analysis for financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost

December 31, 2021	Due in less than a month	Due in 1-3 months	Due in 3 months to 1 year	Due in 1-5 years	Due in over 5 years	Total
	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON
Trade receivables	441,119	392,094	-	-	-	833,213
Bank deposits	293,629	10,000	10,500	-	-	314,129
Treasury bonds	92,010	-	-	-	-	92,010
Total	**826,758**	**402,094**	**10,500**	**-**	**-**	**1,239,352**
Trade payables	(37,989)	(3,238)	(35)	-	-	(41,262)
Lease liabilities	(64)	(155)	(591)	(3,322)	(3,889)	(8,021)
Total	**(38,053)**	**(3,393)**	**(626)**	**(3,322)**	**(3,889)**	**(49,283)**
Net	**788,705**	**398,701**	**9,874**	**(3,322)**	**(3,889)**	**1,190,069**

December 31, 2020	Due in less than a month '000 RON	Due in 1-3 months '000 RON	Due in 3 months to 1 year '000 RON	Due in 1-5 years '000 RON	Due in over 5 years '000 RON	Total '000 RON
Trade receivables	158,907	123,643	28	-	-	282,578
Bank deposits	137,000	376,259	412,157	-	-	925,416
Treasury bonds	-	270,000	797,505	-	-	1,067,505
Total	**295,907**	**769,902**	**1,209,690**	**-**	**-**	**2,275,499**
Trade payables	(52,811)	(5,458)	(2)	-	-	(58,271)
Lease liabilities	(58)	(145)	(564)	(3,365)	(4,480)	(8,612)
Total	**(52,869)**	**(5,603)**	**(566)**	**(3,365)**	**(4,480)**	**(66,883)**
Net	**243,038**	**764,299**	**1,209,124**	**(3,365)**	**(4,480)**	**2,208,616**

f) Liquidity risk management

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the Group's management, which has established an appropriate liquidity risk management framework for the management of the Group's short, medium and long-term funding and liquidity management requirements. The Group manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves, by continuously monitoring forecast and current cash flows and by matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

23. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

(i) Sales of goods and services

	Year ended December 31, 2021 '000 RON	Year ended December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Romgaz's associates	13,115	10,551
Total	**13,115**	**10,551**

Transactions with other companies controlled by the Romanian State are not considered transactions with related parties, for financial statements purposes.

24. INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY BODIES

The remuneration of executives and directors

The Group has no contractual obligations on pensions to former executives and directors of the Group.

During the years ended December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, no loans and advances were granted to executives and directors of the Group, except for work related travel advances, and they do not owe any amounts to the Group from such advances.

	Year ended Dec 31, 2021 '000 RON	Year ended Dec 31, 2020 '000 RON
Salaries paid to executives (gross)	18,622	17,754
of which, bonuses and variable component (gross)	1,406	1,327
Remuneration paid to directors (gross)	3,035	2,831
of which, variable component (gross)	711	491

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	December 31, 2021 '000 RON	December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Salaries payable to executives	666	552
Salaries payable to directors	116	117

In addition to the above, on December 31, 2021 the Group recorded a provision for bonuses for executives and directors of RON 1,299 thousand (December 31, 2020: RON 1,299 thousand).

25. INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATES

The Company's investments in associates are accounted using the equity method. The shares are not quoted on the stock exchange. No dividends were received in the years ended December 31, 2021, respectively, December 31, 2020.

The Company's investment in Agri LNG Project Company is not material. The investment is fully impaired.

Name of associate	Main activity	Place of incorporation and operation	Proportion of ownership interest and voting power held (%)	
			December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
SC Depomures SA Tg.Mures	Storage of natural gas	Romania	40	40
SC Agri LNG Project Company SRL	Feasibility projects	Romania	25	25

Name of associate	Cost as of December 31, 2021	Impairment as of December 31, 2021	Carrying value as of December 31, 2021	Cost as of December 31, 2020	Impairment as of December 31, 2020	Carrying value as of December 31, 2020
	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON
SC Depomures SA Tg.Mures	26,187	-	26,187	26,102	-	26,102
SC Agri LNG Project Company SRL	977	(977)	-	977	(977)	-
Total	**27,164**	**(977)**	**26,187**	**27,079**	**(977)**	**26,102**

Summarized financial information for significant investments in associates (Depomureş)

	December 31, 2021 '000 RON	December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Non-current assets	68,993	72,868
Current assets, out of which:	12,895	11,928
- Cash and cash equivalents	9,729	7,113
Non-current liabilities, out of which:	9,031	12,461
- Long term financial liabilities	9,031	12,461
Current liabilities, out of which:	4,232	4,011
- Short term financial liabilities	3,434	3,435

	Year ended December 31, 2021 '000 RON	Year ended December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Revenue	33,717	28,994
Interest income	17	20
Amortization and depreciation	(3,939)	(3,959)
Interest expense	(584)	(723)
Income tax expense	(153)	(133)
Net profit from continued operations	212	3,325

Reconciliation of net book value for the significant investments in associates

	2021 '000 RON	2020 '000 RON
January 1	**26,102**	**24,772**
Interest in the total comprehensive income of significant investments in associates	85	1,330
December 31	**26,187**	**26,102**

26. OTHER FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS

Other financial investments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Except for the investment in Patria Bank, which is a level 1 financial investment, all other investments are included in level 3 category, according to IFRS 13.

Company	Principal activity	Place of incorporation and operation	Proportion of ownership interest and voting power held (%)	
			December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Electrocentrale București S.A.	Electricity and thermal power producer	Romania	2.49	2.49
Patria Bank S.A.	Other activities – financial intermediations	Romania	0.02	0.03
Mi Petrogas Services S.A.	Services related to oil and natural gas extraction, excluding prospections	Romania	10	10
GHCL Upsom	Manufacture of other chemical, anorganic base products	Romania	-	4.21
Lukoil association	Petroleum exploration operations	Romania	12.2	12.2
Electricity Producers Association-HENRO	Non-governmental, non-profit, independent association	Romania	33.33	-

Company	Fair value as of December 31, 2021	Fair value as of December 31, 2020
	’000 RON	’000 RON
Electrocentrale București S.A.*)	-	-
Patria Bank S.A.**)	79	91
Mi Petrogas Services S.A.	60	60
GHCL Upsom	-	-
Lukoil association	5,227	5,227
Electricity Producers Association-HENRO	250	-
Total	**5,616**	**5,378**

*) The fair value of the investment in Electrocentrale Bucuresti at December 31, 2021 was reduced to zero, due to the difficulties encountered in implementing the restructuring plan in the insolvency procedure. The investment in Electrocentrale Bucuresti is not quoted.

**) In 2016, the Company's shareholders decided to withdraw Romgaz from the bank's shareholders, as a result of the merger process in which Patria Bank was involved. In 2021, the approval of the BNR was obtained for the partial redemption of the shares that the Company holds in Patria Bank. The shares of Patria Bank S.A. are listed, but following the merger process, the price at which the redemption of the shares held by the shareholders who requested the withdrawal from the shareholding was set to a fixed value. Thus, the investment is measured at this redemption value.

27. SEGMENT INFORMATION

a) Segment assets and liabilities

December 31, 2021	Upstream	Storage	Electricity	Other	Consolidation adjustments	Total
	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON
Property, plant and equipment	2,786,660	810,784	1,183,357	589,114	(129,218)	5,240,697
Other intangible assets	3,666	870	-	11,597	-	16,133
Investments in associates	-	-	-	26,187	-	26,187
Other financial investments	-	-	-	5,616	-	5,616
Deferred tax asset	-	1,953	-	267,692	-	269,645
Other financial assets	-	25,564	-	392,359	-	417,923
Inventories	275,930	12,276	2,435	14,600	-	305,241
Other assets	11,153	1,477	1,712	53,620	-	67,962
Trade and other receivables	1,312,736	34,635	11,239	11,142	(17,407)	1,352,345
Contract costs	483	-	-	-	'-	483
Cash and cash equivalents	20,312	7,761	412	3,551,927	-	3,580,412
Right of use asset	-	388	-	6,739	1	7,128
Current tax receivable	-	3,201	-	-	-	3,201
Net investments in leasing	-	-	-	432	(432)	-
Total assets	**4,410,940**	**898,909**	**1,199,155**	**4,931,025**	**(147,056)**	**11,292,973**
Retirement benefit obligation	-	11,540	-	144,880	-	156,420
Contract liabilities	204,384	-	-	-	-	204,384
Provisions	418,997	43,955	157,438	29,600	-	649,990
Trade payables	51,647	17,456	7,033	12,588	(17,407)	71,317
Current tax liabilities	-	-	-	52,299	-	52,299
Deferred revenue	276	-	230,169	42	-	230,487
Lease liability	-	434	-	8,019	(432)	8,021
Other liabilities	805,835	11,276	5,003	116,788	-	938,902
Total liabilities	**1,481,139**	**84,661**	**399,643**	**364,216**	**(17,839)**	**2,311,820**

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December 31, 2020	Upstream '000 RON	Storage '000 RON	Electricity '000 RON	Other '000 RON	Consolidation adjustments	Total '000 RON
Property, plant and equipment	3,113,584	797,012	1,182,021	592,102	(71,597)	5,613,122
Other intangible assets	2,680	743	-	11,350	1	14,774
Investments in associates	-	-	-	26,102	-	26,102
Other financial investments	-	-	-	5,378	-	5,378
Deferred tax asset	-	2,616	-	272,712	-	275,328
Other financial assets	-	20,016	-	1,975,507	-	1,995,523
Inventories	212,453	14,619	2,193	15,298	-	244,563
Other assets	14,893	11,998	2,329	38,803	-	68,023
Trade and other receivables	556,565	41,867	6,994	10,714	(23,265)	592,875
Contract costs	651	-	-	-	-	651
Cash and cash equivalents	33,177	24,056	371	359,309	-	416,913
Right of use asset	-	474	-	7,442	(1)	7,915
Net investments in leasing	-	-	-	495	(495)	-
Total assets	**3,934,003**	**913,401**	**1,193,908**	**3,315,212**	**(95,357)**	**9,261,167**
Retirement benefit obligation	-	9,257	-	119,433	-	128,690
Contract liabilities	81,314	-	-	4	-	81,318
Provisions	531,234	54,604	83,740	25,768	-	695,346
Trade payables	49,045	21,336	8,670	33,346	(23,265)	89,132
Current tax liabilities	-	1,941	-	57,890	-	59,831
Deferred revenue	294	-	136,021	10,892	-	147,207
Lease liability	-	507	-	8,600	(495)	8,612
Other liabilities	147,207	11,631	6,104	98,839	-	263,781
Total liabilities	**809,094**	**99,276**	**234,535**	**354,772**	**(23,760)**	**1,473,917**

b) Segment revenues, results and other segment information

Year ended December 31, 2021	Upstream	Storage	Electricity	Other	Adjustment and eliminations	Total
	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON
Revenue	5,338,316	313,456	442,412	408,161	(649,419)	5,852,926
Less: revenue between segments	(57,364)	(69,658)	(121,423)	(400,974)	649,419	-
Third party revenue	5,280,952	243,798	320,989	7,187	-	5,852,926
Interest income	133	534	7	57,759	(30)	58,403
Interest expense	(3)	-	-	-	-	(3)
Share of profit of associates	-	-	-	85	-	85
Depreciation and amortization *)	(362,185)	(8,506)	(5,484)	(26,087)	(61,521)	(463,783)
Impairment losses recognized during the period in profit or loss	(263,383)	-	(1,618)	(745)	(2,472)	(268,218)
Impairment losses reversed during the period in profit or loss	45,275	-	-	954	-	46,229
Segment result before tax profit/(loss)	**1,843,943**	**33,342**	**147,850**	**217,799**	**(85,683)**	**2,157,251**

*) The amount of RON 61,521 thousand representing adjustments of the depreciation and amortization expense stands for depreciation of assets used in the storage segment. This depreciation expense is not recorded in the accounting records of any of the Group's companies, being a consolidation adjustment.

Year ended December 31, 2020	Upstream	Storage	Electricity	Other	Adjustment and eliminations	Total
	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON	'000 RON
Revenue	3,690,235	333,939	261,112	376,937	(587,330)	4,074,893
Less: revenue between segments	(75,994)	(67,757)	(72,203)	(371,376)	587,330	-
Third party revenue	3,614,241	266,182	188,909	5,561	-	4,074,893
Interest income	107	1,018	152	46,602	(34)	47,845
Interest expense	(3)	-	-	-	-	(3)
Share of profit of associates	-	-	-	1,330	-	1,330
Depreciation and amortization	(340,435)	(5,804)	(4,468)	(26,095)	(71,569)	(448,371)
Impairment losses recognized during the period in profit or loss	(265,458)	-	(17,482)	(139)	-	(283,079)
Impairment losses reversed during the period in profit or loss	58,480	-	189	718	-	59,387
Segment result before tax profit/(loss)	**1,375,809**	**67,432**	**(34,639)**	**110,595**	**(92,689)**	**1,426,508**

In the year ended December 31, 2021, the Group's three largest clients each individually represents more than 10% of revenue, sales to these clients being of RON 1,013,764 thousand, RON 894,491 thousand, RON 834,420 thousand, (in the year ended December 31, 2020 the Group's three largest customers represented individually, over 10% of revenue, sales to these clients being of RON 863,538 thousand, RON 808,818 thousand, RON 694,827 thousand), together totaling 46.86% of total revenue (year ended December 31, 2020: 58.09%). Of the total revenue generated by those three clients, 4.94% are shown in the "Storage" segment and 95.06% in the "Upstream" segment (year ended December 31, 2020: 6.08% in the "Storage" segment, 93.92% in the "Upstream" segment).

28. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	December 31, 2021 '000 RON	December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Current bank accounts in RON *)	78,216	95,066
Current bank accounts in foreign currency	326	174
Petty cash	48	56
Term deposits in RON	3,500,288	319,203
Restricted cash **)	1,534	2,412
Amounts under settlement	-	2
Total	**3,580,412**	**416,913**

*) Current bank accounts include overnight deposits.

**) At December 31, 2021 restricted cash refers to bank accounts used only for dividend payments to shareholders, according to stock market regulations.

29. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

Other financial assets represent mainly treasury bonds and deposits with a maturity of over 3 months, from acquisition date. The Group did not identify any risk of loss for these assets, therefore it did not record any impairment.

	December 31, 2021 '000 RON	December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Treasury bonds in RON	90,070	1,045,593
Bank deposits in RON	314,129	925,416
Accrued interest receivable on bank deposits	11,784	2,602
Accrued interest on bonds	1,940	21,912
Total other financial assets	**417,923**	**1,995,523**

30. COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN

	December 31, 2021 '000 RON	December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Endorsements and collaterals granted	62,947	224,063
Total	**62,947**	**224,063**

In 2021, Romgaz signed an addendum to the credit agreement with BCR SA representing a facility for issuing letters of guarantee, and opening letters of credit for a maximum amount of RON 350,000 thousand. On December 31, 2021 are still available for use RON 289,745 thousand.

As of December 31, 2021, the Group’s contractual commitments for the acquisition of non-current assets are of RON 267,246 thousand (December 31, 2020: RON 419,104 thousand).

31. COMMITMENTS RECEIVED

	December 31, 2021 '000 RON	December 31, 2020 '000 RON
Endorsements and collaterals received	1,255,235	1,524,480
Total	**1,255,235**	**1,524,480**

Endorsements and collateral received represent letters of guarantee and other performance guarantees received from the Group's clients.

32. CONTINGENCIES

(a) *Litigations*

The Company is subject to several legal actions arisen in the normal course of business. The management of the Company considers that they will have no material adverse effect on the results and the financial position of the Company.

On December 28, 2011, 27 former and current employees were notified by DIICOT regarding an investigation related to sale contracts signed with one of the Company's clients for allegedly unauthorized discounts granted to this client during the period 2005-2010. DIICOT mentioned that this may have resulted in a loss of USD 92,000 thousand for the Company. On that sum, an additional burden to the state budget consists of income tax in amount of USD 15,000 thousand and VAT in amount of USD 19,000 thousand. The internal analysis carried out by the Company's specialized departments concluded that the agreement was in compliance with the legal provisions and all discounts were granted based on Orders issued by the Ministry of Economy and Finance and decisions of the General Shareholders' Board and Board of Directors. The management of the Company believes the investigation will not have a negative impact on the financial statements, to justify the registration of an adjustment. The Company is fully cooperating with DIICOT in providing all information necessary. On March 18 2014, Romgaz received an address from DIICOT, by which the investigators ordered an accounting expertise, indicating the objectives of the expertise.

Romgaz was notified that, as injured party, it may submit comments relating to objectives of the expertise (additions/changes), and may appoint an additional expert to participate in the expertise.

Thus, Romgaz proceeded to identify and appoint an expert with accounting and financial expertise that can participate to the expertise. After the report was completed, the parties could submit objections by November 2, 2015.

On March 16, 2016, DIICOT – Central Structure informed the persons involved in the cause about the start of legal actions against them. At the request of investigators, the Company announced that in case of a prejudice being established during the investigation, the Company will join the case as civil party.

In November 2016, DIICOT informed the Company the prejudice established in amount of RON 282,630 thousand. Following this request, Romgaz announced that will join the case as a civil party for the amount of RON 282,630 thousand to recover this amount from the respective client and any other person that may be found guilty for causing the prejudice.

In June 2017, DIICOT issued a press release announcing the referral to court of several persons involved in the case. In January 2018, the High Court of Cassation and Justice ruled that the indictment prepared by DIICOT was not legal; the ruling is not final.

At the date of endorsement of these financial statements the case in which Romgaz is a civil party a ruled by the High Court of Cassation and Justice. By the date the financial statements were endorsed for issue, no court decision was issued.

(b) *Taxation*

The Romanian taxation system is undergoing a process of consolidation and harmonization with the European Union legislation. However, there are still different interpretations of the fiscal legislation. In various circumstances, the tax authorities may have different approaches to certain issues, and assess additional tax liabilities, together with late payment interest and penalties. In Romania, tax periods remain open for fiscal verification for 5 years. The Group's management considers that the tax liabilities included in these financial statements are fairly stated.

(c) *Environmental contingencies*

Environmental regulations are developing in Romania and the Group has not recorded any liability at December 31, 2021 for any anticipated costs, including legal and consulting fees, impact studies, the design and implementation of remediation plans related to environmental matters, except the amount of RON 437,638 thousand (December 31, 2020: RON 560,958 thousand), representing the decommissioning liability.

33. JOINT ARRANGEMENTS

In January 2002, Romgaz signed a petroleum agreement with Amromco for rehabilitation operations in order to achieve additional production in 11 blocks, namely: Bibeşti, Strâmba, Finta, Fierbinți-Târg, Frasin-Brazi, Zătreni, Boldu, Roșioru, Gura-Șuții, Balta-Albă and Vlădeni. For the base production, Romgaz holds a share of 100% and for the additional production, Romgaz owns a share of 50% and Amromco Energy SRL - 50%. As the agreement was signed to execute rehabilitation operations to obtain additional production, the mandatory work program is in accordance with the studies approved by ANRM. Accordingly, the annual work program, which includes both works provided in the studies and other works necessary and proposed by the partners, is approved annually by the Board of the joint arrangement before the start of each year. The duration of the joint arrangement is in line with the time frame of each individual concession agreement of the 11 perimeters stated above, which differs for each block.

34. AUDITOR'S FEES

The fee charged by the Group's statutory auditor, S.C. Ernst & Young Assurance Services S.R.L. for the statutory audit of the 2021 annual financial statements is RON 425 thousand.

The fees charged for other assurance services in 2021 are RON 320 thousand.

35. EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

In the context of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, started on February 24, 2022, the EU, USA, UK and other countries imposed various sanctions against Russia, including financing restrictions on certain Russian banks and state-owned companies as well as personal sanctions against a number of individuals.

Considering the geopolitical tensions, since February 2022, there has been an increase in financial markets volatility and exchange rate depreciation pressure.

It is expected that these events may affect the activities in various sectors of the economy, could result in further increases in European energy prices and increased risk of supply chain disturbances.

The Group does not have direct exposures to related parties and/or key customers or suppliers from those countries.

The Group regards these events as non-adjusting events after the reporting period, the quantitative effect of which cannot be estimated at the moment with a sufficient degree of confidence. Currently, the Group's management is analyzing the possible impact of changing micro- and macroeconomic conditions on the Group's financial position and results of operations.

36. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

These financial statements were endorsed by the Board of Directors on March 28, 2022.

Aristotel Marius Jude
Chief Executive Officer

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Chief Financial Officer