

**Public Joint Stock Company
“National Joint Stock Company
“NAFTOGAZ OF UKRAINE”**

**Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Interim
Financial Statements
as at and for the Nine Months Ended
30 September 2017**

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**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Note	<u>30 September 2017</u>	<u>31 December 2016</u>
ASSETS			
<i>Non-current assets</i>			
Property, plant and equipment		535,967	551,661
Investments in associates and joint ventures		1,165	1,328
Prepaid corporate income tax		847	1,317
Deferred tax assets		5,202	6,415
Other non-current assets	5	8,367	9,326
Total non-current assets		551,548	570,047
<i>Current assets</i>			
Inventories	6	58,730	50,244
Trade accounts receivable	7	49,672	49,209
Prepayments made and other current assets	8	18,195	12,051
Prepaid corporate income tax		2,407	22
Cash and bank balances	9	28,174	22,336
Restricted cash		-	680
Total current assets		157,178	134,542
TOTAL ASSETS		708,726	704,589
EQUITY			
Share capital	10	194,307	164,607
Revaluation reserve		432,216	437,510
Unregistered contributed capital	10	-	29,700
Cumulative exchange difference		2,776	3,164
Accumulated deficit		(148,440)	(175,873)
Equity attributable to owners of the Parent		480,859	459,108
Non-controlling interest in equity		921	1,164
TOTAL EQUITY		481,780	460,272
LIABILITIES			
<i>Non-current liabilities</i>			
Borrowings	11	10,279	23,100
Provisions	12	12,723	12,416
Deferred tax liabilities		80,008	82,088
Other long-term liabilities		1	4
Total non-current liabilities		103,011	117,608
<i>Current liabilities</i>			
Borrowings	11	63,137	47,744
Provisions	12	20,228	31,116
Trade accounts payable		17,105	16,234
Advances received and other current liabilities	13	19,380	28,328
Corporate income tax payable		4,085	3,287
Total current liabilities		123,935	126,709
TOTAL LIABILITIES		226,946	244,317
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		708,726	704,589

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**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Note	Nine months ended 30 September 2017	Nine months ended 30 September 2016
Revenue	3	159,527	117,327
Cost of sales	14	(105,060)	(72,626)
Gross profit		54,467	44,701
Other operating income		1,315	2,060
Other operating expenses	15	(14,458)	(10,332)
Operating profit		41,324	36,429
Finance costs	16	(6,102)	(6,929)
Finance income		1,668	2,969
Share of after-tax results of associates and joint-ventures		(68)	25
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)		218	(3,763)
Profit before income tax		37,040	28,731
Income tax expense		(9,932)	(5,184)
Net profit		27,108	23,547
Net profit/(loss) is attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		27,317	23,362
Non-controlling interest		(209)	185
Net profit		27,108	23,547

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**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE
INCOME FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Nine months ended 30 September 2017	Nine months ended 30 September 2016
Net profit	27,108	23,547
<i>Other comprehensive income/(loss)</i>		
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss, net of income tax:</i>		
(Loss)/income on revaluation of property, plant and equipment (net of income tax of UAH 1,139 million (2016: UAH 1,240 million))	(5,190)	5,648
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss, net of income tax:</i>		
Cumulative exchange difference	(388)	751
Other comprehensive (loss)/income	(5,578)	6,399
Total comprehensive income	21,530	29,946
Total comprehensive income/(loss) is attributable to:		
Equity holder of the Company	21,762	29,761
Non-controlling interests	(232)	185
Total comprehensive income	21,530	29,946

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**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Three months ended 30 September 2017	Three months ended 30 September 2016
Revenue	36,760	30,781
Cost of sales	(23,734)	(19,093)
Gross profit	13,026	11,688
Other operating income	957	645
Other operating expenses	(4,023)	(3,747)
Operating profit	9,960	8,586
Finance costs	(2,041)	(2,164)
Finance income	534	1,425
Share of after-tax results of associates and joint-ventures	(5)	(66)
Net foreign exchange loss	(684)	(1,029)
Profit before income tax	7,764	6,752
Income tax expense	(3,993)	(2,549)
Net profit	3,771	4,203
Net profit/(loss) is attributable to:		
Equity holders of the Company	3,913	4,021
Non-controlling interest	(142)	182
Net profit	3,771	4,203

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INCOME FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Three months ended 30 September 2017	Three months ended 30 September 2016
Net profit	<u>3,771</u>	<u>4,203</u>
<i>Other comprehensive income/(loss)</i>		
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss, net of income tax:</i>		
(Loss)/income on revaluation of property, plant and equipment (net of income tax of UAH 675 million (2016: UAH 4,365 million))	(3,074)	19,885
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss, net of income tax:</i>		
Cumulative exchange difference	<u>(629)</u>	<u>94</u>
Other comprehensive (loss)/income	<u>(3,703)</u>	<u>19,979</u>
Total comprehensive income	<u><u>68</u></u>	<u><u>24,182</u></u>
Total comprehensive income/(loss) is attributable to:		
Equity holder of the Company	217	24,000
Non-controlling interests	<u>(149)</u>	<u>182</u>
Total comprehensive income	<u><u>68</u></u>	<u><u>24,182</u></u>

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**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

	Equity attributable to owners of the Parent					Total	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
	Share capital	Revaluation reserve	Unregistered contributed capital	Cumulative exchange difference	Accumulated deficit			
<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>								
Balance at 31 December 2016	164,607	437,510	29,700	3,164	(175,873)	459,108	1,164	460,272
Net profit/(loss)	-	-	-	-	27,317	27,317	(209)	27,108
Other comprehensive loss	-	(5,167)	-	(388)	-	(5,555)	(23)	(5,578)
Total comprehensive (loss)/income	-	(5,167)	-	(388)	27,317	21,762	(232)	21,530
Transfer of revaluation reserve	-	(127)	-	-	127	-	-	-
Change in investments in joint operations	-	-	-	-	(11)	(11)	(11)	(22)
Registration of share capital (Note 10)	29,700	-	(29,700)	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 30 September 2017	194,307	432,216	-	2,776	(148,440)	480,859	921	481,780

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<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Equity attributable to owners of the Parent					Total	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
	Share capital	Revaluation reserve	Unregistered contributed capital	Cumulative exchange difference	Accumulated deficit			
Balance at 31 December 2015	164,607	430,503	29,700	2,086	(188,421)	438,475	5,287	443,762
Net profit	-	-	-	-	23,362	23,362	184	23,546
Other comprehensive income	-	5,648	-	751	-	6,399	-	6,399
Total comprehensive income	-	5,648	-	751	23,362	29,761	184	29,945
Transfer of revaluation reserve	-	(69)	-	-	69	-	-	-
Profit share payable to the State Budget and dividends	-	-	-	-	(1,020)	(1,020)	-	(1,020)
Balance at 30 September 2016	164,607	436,082	29,700	2,837	(166,010)	467,216	5,471	472,687

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**UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Note	Nine months ended 30 September 2017	Nine months ended 30 September 2016
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit before income tax		37,040	28,731
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment and amortisation of intangible assets		16,060	16,234
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		100	64
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	15	49	-
Write down of inventories	6	1,472	3,948
Net movement in provision for trade accounts receivable and prepayments made, other current assets, financial investments and VAT balances	15	3,879	1,753
Change in provisions	12	3,661	3,411
Write off of accounts payable and other current liabilities		(43)	(92)
Share of after-tax results of associates and joint-ventures		68	(25)
Foreign exchange (gain)/loss		(218)	3,759
Finance costs, net		4,434	3,960
Operating cash flows before working capital changes		66,502	61,743
Decrease in other non-current assets		1,188	1,808
Increase in inventories		(9,958)	(18,229)
Increase in trade accounts receivable		(3,803)	(4,254)
Decrease in prepayments made and other current assets		1,742	7,837
Decrease in other long-term liabilities		(3)	(45)
Provisions paid or used	12	(1,359)	(1,034)
Increase/(decrease) in trade accounts payable		15,433	(3,619)
(Decrease)/increase in advances received and other current liabilities		(9,138)	3,029
Cash generated from operations		60,604	47,236
Income taxes paid		(10,785)	(5,884)
Interest received		987	803
Net cash generated by operating activities		50,806	42,155
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets		(6,829)	(3,731)
Withdrawal of bank deposits		402	677
Dividends received		84	1
Net cash used in investing activities		(6,343)	(3,053)

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FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017 (CONTINUED)**

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Note	Nine months ended 30 September 2017	Nine months ended 30 September 2016
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from borrowings		7,800	9,381
Repayment of borrowings		(27,542)	(26,911)
Interest paid		(5,561)	(6,620)
Profit share and dividends paid	10, 12	(13,264)	(1,020)
Net cash used in financing activities		(38,567)	(25,170)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		5,896	13,932
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR		21,853	9,261
Effect of exchange rates change on cash and cash equivalents		344	695
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD	9	28,093	23,888

Significant Non-Cash Transactions

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Nine months ended 30 September 2017	Nine months ended 30 September 2016
Direct payment by a lending bank for gas purchased by the Company	21,850	13,636

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1. THE ORGANISATION AND ITS OPERATIONS

Public Joint Stock Company “National Joint Stock Company “Naftogaz of Ukraine” (“Naftogaz of Ukraine”, the “Parent” or the “Company”) was founded in 1998 in accordance with the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine №747 dated 25 May 1998.

Naftogaz of Ukraine and its subsidiaries (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Group”) are owned by the State of Ukraine. The Government of Ukraine, as represented by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, controls the Company through participation in the shareholders’ meetings and the Supervisory Board meetings, as well as through the appointment of the Chairman of the Executive Board and the Executive Board members.

Naftogaz of Ukraine is a vertically integrated oil and gas company engaged in full cycle of operations in gas and oil field exploration and development, exploratory drilling and production, gas and oil transportation and storage, supply of natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas (“LPG”) to customers.

The Company holds stakes in various entities that form the national system of production, refinery, supply, distribution, wholesale and retail trade, transportation and storage of natural gas, condensate and oil.

The Company is registered at 6 B. Khmelnytskoho Street, Kyiv, Ukraine.

The Group conducts its business and holds its production facilities mainly in Ukraine. The principal subsidiaries and joint operations are presented as follows:

Name/Segment	% Interest held		Country of registration
	30 September 2017	31 December 2016	
Production of gas, oil and refinery products			
Ukrigasvydobuvannia, PJSC	100.00	100.00	Ukraine
Ukrnafta, PJSC	50.00+1 share	50.00+1 share	Ukraine
Petrosannan Company, Joint operations with the Arab Republic of Egypt and Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation	50.00	50.00	Egypt
Zakordonnaftogaz, Subsidiary Enterprise	100.00	100.00	Ukraine
Carpatygaz LLC, Joint operations with Misen Enterprises AB	49.99	49.99	Ukraine
Oil and gas transportation			
Ukrtransgaz, PJSC	100.00	100.00	Ukraine
Ukrtransnafta, PJSC	100.00	100.00	Ukraine
Ukrspetstransgaz, PJSC	100.00	100.00	Ukraine
Wholesale and retail distribution of oil, gas and refinery products			
Gaz Ukrainy, Subsidiary Enterprise	100.00	100.00	Ukraine
Naftogaz Trading Europe S.A. (former Naftogaz Overseas S.A.)	100.00	100.00	Switzerland
Kirovogradgaz, Open JSC	51.00	51.00	Ukraine
Ukravtogaz, Subsidiary Enterprise	100.00	100.00	Ukraine
Other			
Vuglesyntezygaz Ukrainy, Subsidiary Enterprise	100.00	100.00	Ukraine
Ukrnaftogazkomplekt, Subsidiary Enterprise	100.00	100.00	Ukraine

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2. OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

During recent years Ukraine has been in a political and economic turmoil. Autonomous Republic of Crimea within Ukraine was unlawfully annexed by the Russian Federation. Certain areas in Luhansk and Donetsk regions continue to experience military actions. These actions led to rapid inflation, national currency devaluation against major foreign currencies, drop in GDP, illiquidity and volatility at the financial markets.

Economic situation stabilisation started in 2016 with GDP growth of 1% and Ukrainian hryvnia devaluation slowdown. These events allowed the National Bank of Ukraine to ease certain restrictions implemented in 2014-2015, including decrease of compulsory conversion level down to 50% and permission of dividend distribution abroad. Nevertheless, certain restrictions were further prolonged.

Significant external financing is needed to support the economy. During 2015 and 2016 Ukraine received first tranches within the Extended Fund Facility programme, agreed with the International Monetary Fund (“IMF”). Further economic and political progress depends essentially from the Ukrainian Government actions, however, further development in the economic and political areas remains uncertain.

The Government and the Group are undertaking significant measures in the open European natural gas market development that is required by the Memorandum on Economic and Financial Policy agreed with the IMF, provisions of the Coalition Agreement, the “Ukraine-2020” Sustainable Development Strategy, the Corporate Governance Action Plan, and the Plan for Implementation of the Gas Sector Reform. These measures introduce conceptual changes to the legal framework and functioning of the natural gas market and have significant impact on the performance of the Company and the Group as a whole.

State regulation of gas market in Ukraine

Gas trading and supply

Starting from 1 October 2015 model of the gas market has switched to the principles of free, fair competition and ensuring a high level of protection of customer rights and interests from the regulated tariffs market model.

At the same time, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine has issued Resolution #758 dated 1 October 2015, imposing public service obligations on the Company during the transitional period from 1 October 2015 to 31 March 2017 in respect of gas purchase of domestic production from “Ukrigasvydobyvannia” PJSC and gas supply for the needs of households, district heating companies and religious organisations, and starting from 23 December 2016 – for the needs of budget financed entities and PJSC “Odessa Port Plant”.

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2. OPERATING ENVIRONMENT (Continued)

Public service obligations imposed on the Company were prolonged up to 1 April 2018 according to the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine #187 dated 22 March 2017. This Resolution contains, amongst others, a series of differences from the previous one, in particular:

- Both “UkrGasvydobyvannia” PJSC and “Chornomornftogas” PJSC are obliged to sell gas to the Company for the needs of households, religious organisations and heat generating entities under heat production and distribution and water supply for households and religious organisations.
- The Company is obliged to sell gas to district heating companies for all groups of customers, as well as for producing electricity by these companies.
- Starting from 1 April 2017 the Company will sell gas for the needs of households, religious organisations and district heating companies at the price of UAH 4,942 for 1,000 cubic meters. (excluding VAT, transportation and distribution tariffs and trade mark-up). In setting wholesale price for religious organisations and district heating companies for the needs of religious organisations a ratio of 0.5 is applied to the price defined above; in setting wholesale price for gas for district heating companies for all customers, except for the needs of religious organisations and households, and for electricity production by district heating companies a ratio of 1.6 is applied.
- In case gas wholesale price calculated at 100% import parity before 1 July 2017 is more than 10% higher than currently effective price, selling price should be calculated at 100% import parity for the period from 1 October 2017 up to 1 April 2018 for gas sales to households, religious organisations and district heating companies. Concurrently with resolution on Company’s gas sales price change for specified categories, gas purchase price from PJSC “UkrGasvydobyvannia” and PJSC “Chornomornftogas” should be revised.

Other customers outside the Resolution buy imported natural gas under the prices set discretionary by the gas market participants, including the Company.

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2. OPERATING ENVIRONMENT (Continued)

The following tariffs and prices were set:

	30 September 2017	30 September 2016
<p>Prior to 1 May 2016 retail prices for natural gas for households were differentiated depending on the type and volume of consumption (UAH per cubic meter), including VAT, duties in the form of additional levy to the existing tariffs, and tariffs for gas transmission and distribution.</p>	<p>UAH 6.96 per cubic meter</p>	<p>From 1 October 2015 to 30 April 2016: UAH 7.19 per cubic meter; UAH 3.6 per cubic meter within the range of 1,200 cubic meters (on the basis of 200 cubic meters per month) for customers using gas in a single package</p>
<p>Effective from 1 May 2016 single retail price for households was set at the level of import parity, with possibility of quarterly review up to 31 March 2017 as set up in the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine # 315 dated 27 April 2016.</p>		<p>From 1 May 2016 to 31 March 2017: UAH 6.88 per cubic meter</p>
<p>Natural gas prices for entities generating heat for household needs, UAH per cubic meter, net of VAT and other taxes and duties.</p>	<p>UAH 4.94 per cubic meter</p>	<p>From 1 October 2015 to 30 April 2016: UAH 1.84 for the entities directly connected to gas transmission system, and UAH 1.77 for other entities</p>
<p>Effective from 1 April 2015, regulated prices are applied, net of VAT, duties in the form of additional levy to the existing tariffs, and tariffs for gas transmission and distribution.</p>		<p>From 1 May 2016 to 31 March 2017: UAH 4.94 per cubic meter</p>
<p>Selling prices for gas sold to industrial and other customers, net of VAT, duties in the form of additional levy to the existing tariffs, and tariffs for gas transmission and distribution.</p>	<p>From UAH 6,601 to UAH 7,291 per 1,000 cubic meter</p>	<p>From UAH 5,030 to UAH 5,635 per 1,000 cubic meter</p>
<p>Effective from 1 October 2015, the said prices are determined by the Company on a monthly basis individually and are differentiated based on the monthly volumes of gas consumption and terms and conditions of payment for it by a customer.</p>		
<p>General tariff for gas storage (storage, injection, and withdrawal), net of VAT, UAH per thousand cubic meters for one season of storage.</p>	<p>UAH 112.00</p>	<p>UAH 112.00</p>
<p>General gas transportation tariff via transmission and distribution pipelines within Ukraine, net of VAT, UAH per thousand cubic meters.</p>	<p>UAH 732.70</p>	<p>UAH 732.70</p>
<p>Tariff for entry and exit points of Ukrainian gas transmission network, net of VAT, USD per thousand cubic meters</p>	<p>USD 12.47</p>	<p>USD 12.47</p>

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2. OPERATING ENVIRONMENT (Continued)

Households settle their debts on natural gas consumed via special purpose bank accounts. The list of banks creating such accounts is approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. According to the current procedure, gas suppliers with public service obligations open special purpose bank accounts to receive payments for natural gas consumed. Amounts accumulated on the special purpose bank accounts were allocated to current accounts of the transmission system operator, distribution system operators and gas supplier with public service obligations according to ratios calculated by the gas suppliers with specific obligations and approved by the National Commission for Regulation of Energy and Utilities (“NCREU”). Balances on the special purpose accounts cannot be arrested or blocked.

District heating companies also open special purpose banks accounts for the settlement of debts for heat supplied with similar allocation principles according to ratios approved by NCREU monthly. The special purpose bank accounts of district heating companies also cannot be blocked or arrested.

In November 2016 the Law of Ukraine “On measures to settle the debts for the natural gas consumed by district heat generating and distribution and water supplying companies” #1730 was adopted. The principles of district heat generating and distribution and water supply companies’ payables for gas settling are set in this Law. Among other, the Law assumes writing off penalties and fines implied for overdue debts for gas supplied, and restructuring of payables to the Company on gas consumed.

The list of companies entitled for debt settling procedures should be approved in a separate register by the central body of the government executive authority responsible for pursuing the State policy in housing and utilities. Additionally, gas debts restructuring should be performed according to a standard pro forma contract approved by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine #222 dated 29 March 2017.

Gas transmission and distribution

Before 1 January 2016 tariffs for gas transit were set by negotiations between two parties, and gas transmission and distribution tariffs were set by NCREU.

Starting from 1 January 2016, Ukraine has changed its gas transmission pricing policy to harmonise Ukrainian legislation with the European energy regulations, introducing a new system regulating tariffs for gas transmission. According to the Law of Ukraine “On Natural Gas Market”, gas transmission tariffs are set by NCREU for entry/exit points. New tariffs are set using regulatory asset base (“RAB”) methodology that assumes setting appropriate return on assets to stimulate gas operators to invest in infrastructure development. The new tariffs allow compensating for acceptable return on RAB, depreciation and operating expenses. Depreciation included in the tariff was calculated based on the assumption that there would not be any transit flows starting from 1 January 2020 (“accelerated depreciation”).

Currently JSC “Gazprom” (“Gazprom”) still pays gas transmission tariffs as set in the current agreement on gas transit. Following disagreement of Gazprom to book entry capacities starting from 1 January 2016 based on the new tariffs, NCREU temporarily suspended the application of new tariffs for gas transit pending the award of the Arbitral Tribunal under the auspices of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (Note 17). Naftogaz expects that the NCREU following the award will apply the new tariffs for gas transit with retroactive effect from 1 January 2016.

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Had new tariffs been enforced starting from 1 January 2016, and assuming that Gazprom would not book any transit capacities beyond 2019, the Group would have applied the revenue from gas transmission based on the new tariffs and accelerated depreciation.

Compensation of price difference between sales tariffs and price of imported gas and other types of financial support by the State

From 1 October 2015, in accordance with Para 7, Article 11 of the Law of Ukraine “On Natural Gas Market”, a gas market player with public service obligations is eligible for compensation of economically justified expenditures incurred by such player, less any income obtained in the course of fulfilling such obligations plus adequate margin. The level of margin should be calculated following the relevant resolution by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. As at the date of these consolidated financial statements such resolution has not been adopted.

Accordingly, the Company did not receive any compensation as a gas market player with public service obligations during the 2016 and during the nine months of 2017.

Assets located at temporarily occupied areas

In early 2014, Ukraine suffered from the military aggression of the Russian Federation which resulted in the occupation of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea (“Crimea”) and unlawful military take-over of certain areas in Luhanska and Donetska regions by armed terrorist groups that are controlled, directed, and financed by the Russian Federation, as well as a result of the unconcealed intrusion of regular armed forces of the Russian Federation.

As a result, before 1 January 2016 the Group recognised provision for impairment for assets located on anti-terrorist operation area (ATO) as stipulated by the Law of Ukraine „On Provisional Measures during ATO” # 1669 dated 2 September 2014.

Management of the Group continues to undertake all possible legal and diplomatic measures to reimburse for losses and recover control of the Group’s assets in Crimea (Note 17).

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3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Executive Board is the Group’s chief operating decision maker. Management has determined the operating segments used for disclosure by the Group based on reports reviewed by the Executive Board for assessing the Group’s financial performance.

Management assesses the performance of the operating segments based on the amount of net profit or loss before income tax. Reportable segments are defined by management in accordance with the type of activity as follows:

- *Gas upstream.* Natural gas production is mainly performed in Poltava, Kharkiv, Sumy, Dnipropetrovsk, Lviv and Zakarpattia regions. Exploration works are mainly performed in Carpathian and Dniprovs’ko-Donetsk regions. The Group controls about 70% of all natural gas produced in Ukraine.
- *Oil and gas condensate upstream.* Oil exploration is performed by “Ukrnafta” PJSC and “Ukrigasvydobyvannia” PJSC. Production of gas condensate is performed in the area of natural gas exploration.
- *Gas transmission and distribution.* This segment is presented by the gas transmission and distribution pipelines operated by the Group. Ukrainian gas transportation system is one of the largest in the world in terms of its transportation capacities. The total length of gas transmission pipelines in Ukraine is 38.5 thousand km. This segment also includes result of market-based gas balancing operations introduced by the Code of the gas transmission system. Market-based gas balancing operations is an activity to balance gas volumes entered the gas transmission system at entry point and volumes taken out at exit point. Gas balancing services are provided to consumers of gas transmission services based on respective allocation. Currently this type of activities is provided by “Ukrtransgas” PJSC.
- *Gas storage.* Ukrainian gas transportation system includes 12 underground gas storage facilities located in mainland Ukraine. The total capacity of the underground gas storage system located in Ukraine is 31 billion cubic meters of gas.
- *Crude oil transportation.* This segment is presented by the transmission oil pipelines operated by the Group. Total length of oil transmission pipelines in Ukraine is 4.7 thousand km. Segment also includes oil storage, presented by 11 oil reservoirs with total capacity of 1.1 million tonnes of oil.
- *Crude oil and gas condensate refinery and petroleum products trading.* This segment is presented by 8 oil and gas refineries. The refinery products mainly include gasoline and diesel fuel, and LPG.
- *Gas trading and supply.* The Government has imposed public service obligations on the Company in respect of gas supplies for the needs of households, district heating companies and religious organisations at regulated prices (Note 2). Other customers are supplied with gas under the prices set discretionary by gas market participants, including the Company.
- *Other.* Revenues of this segment include revenues from sales of materials and services.

The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Group’s accounting policies described in Note 21.

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Segment information for the reportable business segments of the Group for the nine months ended 30 September 2017 is as follows:

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Gas upstream	Oil and gas condensate upstream	Gas transmission and distribution	Gas storage	Crude oil transportation	Crude oil and gas condensate refinery and petroleum products trading	Gas trading and supply	Other	Elimination	Total
Sales – external	590	9,845	72,837	142	2,714	15,337	57,273	789	-	159,527
Sales to other segments	50,000	-	2,353	599	-	28	17,976	-	(70,957)	-
Total revenue	50,590	9,845	75,190	741	2,714	15,365	75,249	789	(70,957)	159,527
Segment result	27,820	(110)	25,222	(1,823)	1,197	4,249	(8,065)	(1,339)	(10,453)	36,698
Share of after-tax results of associates										(68)
Unallocated income/ (expense), net										410
Profit before income tax										37,040

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<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Gas upstream	Oil and gas condensate upstream	Gas transmis- sion and distribution	Gas storage	Crude oil transpor- tation	Crude oil and gas condensate refinery and petroleum products trading	Gas trading and supply	Other	Elimination	Total
Material non-cash items included in segment results:										
Depreciation, depletion and amortisation	(2,823)	(525)	(9,672)	(1,454)	(522)	(635)	(33)	(396)	-	(16,060)
Net movement in provision for trade and other receivables and prepayments made and other current assets	-	24	(2,880)	-	(1)	70	17	(537)	-	(3,307)
Net foreign exchange (loss)/gain	-	3	130	-	226	6	(230)	83	-	218
Capital expenditure	4,155	366	700	62	70	11	-	155	-	5,519
Segment assets	75,096	17,057	293,604	168,183	17,558	16,236	73,439	3,216	-	664,389
Investments in associates and joint ventures										1,165
Cash and bank balances										28,174
Unallocated assets										14,998
Total assets										708,726

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Segment information for the reportable business segments of the Group for the nine months ended 30 September 2016 is as follows:

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Gas upstream	Oil and gas condensate upstream	Gas transmis- sion and distribution	Gas storage	Crude oil transportation	Crude oil and gas condensate refinery and petroleum products trading	Gas trading and supply	Other	Elimination	Total
Sales – external	2,151	8,493	50,106	82	2,495	10,456	42,933	611	-	117,327
Sales to other segments	32,857	-	1,495	650	-	29	9,288	32	(44,351)	-
Total revenue	35,008	8,493	51,601	732	2,495	10,485	52,221	643	(44,351)	117,327
Segment result	10,370	(1,249)	18,446	(1,707)	1,038	3,377	2,865	252	(5,546)	27,846
Share of after-tax results of associates and joint ventures										25
Unallocated income/ (expense), net										860
Profit before income tax										28,731

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<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Gas upstream	Oil and gas condensate upstream	Gas transmis- sion and distribution	Gas storage	Crude oil transportation	Crude oil and gas condensate refinery and petroleum products trading	Gas trading and supply	Other	Elimination	Total
Material non-cash items included in segment results:										
Depreciation, depletion and amortisation	(2,958)	(558)	(9,868)	(1,478)	(506)	(793)	(9)	(63)	-	(16,233)
Net movement in provision for trade and other receivables and prepayments made and other current assets	(5)	(262)	(925)	-	-	-	(437)	(124)	-	(1,753)
Net foreign exchange (loss)/gain	(144)	-	225	-	281	14	(4,233)	94	-	(3,763)
Capital expenditure	4,156	214	704	22	251	32	1	533	-	5,913
Segment assets	74,550	18,867	285,121	178,535	18,474	9,797	58,064	14,841	-	658,249
Investments in associates and joint ventures										1,450
Cash and bank balances										26,026
Unallocated assets										7,344
Total assets										693,069

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External customers concentration, exceeding 10% of total revenues

During the nine months ended 30 September 2017 and 2016, the only external customer with concentration of revenue exceeding 10% of total revenues was Gazprom. Amount of revenue from Gazprom related to gas transmission during the nine months ended 30 September 2017 amounted to UAH 55,199 million (2016: UAH 41,578 million).

Revenues, gross profit and receivables of the segment “Gas transmission and distribution” by main types of transportation services are as follows:

30 September 2017

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Revenue	Gross profit	Trade accounts receivable		
			gross amount	provision for impairment	carrying amount
International transit	55,201	27,702	6,781	-	6,781
Domestic transmission and distribution	6,550	211	2,504	(1,438)	1,066
Gas balancing operations	11,086	2,138	15,094	(6,339)	8,755
Total	72,837	30,051	24,379	(7,777)	16,602

30 September 2016

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Revenue	Gross profit / (loss)	Trade accounts receivable		
			gross amount	provision for impairment	carrying amount
International transit	41,579	22,992	5,036	-	5,036
Domestic transmission and distribution	5,744	(2,455)	1,151	(918)	233
Gas balancing operations	2,782	(21)	3,328	(924)	2,404
Total	50,105	20,516	9,515	(1,842)	7,673

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Revenues, gross (loss)/profit, (loss)/profit before income tax and accounts receivable of gas trading and supply segment by main groups of customers are as follows:

30 September 2017

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Revenue	Gross (loss) / profit	(Loss) / profit before income tax	Trade accounts receivable		
				gross amount	provision for impairment	carrying amount
District heating companies for the needs of households	14,040	(3,211)	(4,560)	8,652	(2,904)	5,748
Regional gas distribution companies for resale to households	37,603	(1,539)	(5,634)	20,782	(129)	20,653
District heating companies for the needs of budget entities	2,394	(480)	(720)	996	-	996
Odessa Port Plant	-	-	-	1,375	(1,375)	-
<i>Total public service obligations performance (Note 2)</i>	<u>54,037</u>	<u>(5,230)</u>	<u>(10,914)</u>	<u>31,805</u>	<u>(4,408)</u>	<u>27,397</u>
District heating companies for the needs of other customers	566	131	94	6,969	(6,573)	396
Regional gas distribution companies for resale to other customers	225	84	(7)	265	(251)	14
Industrial and other customers	2,445	329	40	10,653	(10,161)	492
<i>Total performance of gas trading at non-regulated prices for the needs of other customers</i>	<u>3,236</u>	<u>544</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>17,887</u>	<u>(16,985)</u>	<u>902</u>
<i>Effect of elimination of intersegment transactions</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,722</u>	<u>2,722</u>			
Total gas trading and supply segment	<u>57,273</u>	<u>(1,964)</u>	<u>(8,065)</u>	<u>49,692</u>	<u>(21,393)</u>	<u>28,299</u>

Effect of elimination of intersegment transactions include results from natural gas sales to other segments.

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30 September 2016

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Revenue	Gross (loss) / profit	(Loss) / profit before income tax	Trade accounts receivable		
				gross amount	provision for impairment	carrying amount
District heating companies for the needs of households	7,499	(148)	(2,634)	5,776	(2,732)	3,044
Regional gas distribution companies for resale to households	27,748	11,878	5,439	9,412	(100)	9,312
<i>Total public service obligations performance (Note 2)</i>	<i>35,247</i>	<i>11,730</i>	<i>2,805</i>	<i>15,188</i>	<i>(2,832)</i>	<i>12,356</i>
District heating companies for the needs of other customers	4,269	695	308	7,342	(5,605)	1,737
Regional gas distribution companies for resale to other customers	420	103	32	302	(174)	128
Industrial and other customers	2,997	85	(1,374)	10,680	(8,605)	2,075
<i>Total performance of gas trading at non-regulated prices for the needs of other customers</i>	<i>7,686</i>	<i>883</i>	<i>(1,034)</i>	<i>18,324</i>	<i>(14,384)</i>	<i>3,940</i>
<i>Effect of elimination of intersegment transactions</i>	-	1,094	1,094			
Total gas trading and supply segment	42,933	13,707	2,865	33,512	(17,216)	16,296

Effect of elimination of intersegment transactions include results from natural gas sales to other segments.

Main selling prices and tariffs for the Group’s sales of natural gas are set out in Note 2.

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4. BALANCES AND TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

Parties are generally considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party, is under common control, or can exercise significant influence or joint control over the other party in making financial and operational decisions. In considering each possible related party relationship, attention is directed to the substance of the relationship, not merely the legal form.

As discussed in the Note 1, the Group is ultimately controlled by the Government of Ukraine, and therefore, all state-controlled entities are considered as related parties under common control.

Transactions with related parties are performed on terms that would not necessarily be available to unrelated parties.

Transactions with state-controlled entities. The Group performs significant transactions with entities controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by the Government of Ukraine. These entities include State Savings Bank of Ukraine, Ukreximbank, Ukgazbank, district heating companies, regional gas distribution entities and other entities.

For the nine months ended 30 September 2017, about 28% of Group's revenue (2016: 20%) were earned from transactions with the entities controlled, jointly controlled or influenced by the Government of Ukraine. Outstanding trade accounts receivable related to these transactions as at 30 September 2017 and 31 December 2016 are about 44% of total trade accounts receivable balance.

Outstanding accounts payable, advances and other current liabilities as at 30 September 2017 and 31 December 2016 are about 39% and 60%, respectively, of total balance of these liabilities.

Provisions in respect of the entities controlled by the Government of Ukraine as at 30 September 2017 and 31 December 2016 are about 90% and 80%, respectively, of total provisions.

As at 30 September 2017 and 31 December 2016, about 98% and 95%, respectively, of cash and bank balances were placed in banks controlled, jointly controlled or influenced by the Government of Ukraine and about 52% and 54%, respectively, of borrowings were provided by these banks. About 57% of finance income in nine months of year 2017 relate to balances in these banks (2016: 23%) and about 35% of finance costs for the nine months ended 30 September 2017 (2016: 32%) relate to borrowings from these banks.

During 2016 the Group has prolonged maturity of its bonds amounting to UAH 4,800 million for one year without changes in interest rate.

Pledges. As at 30 September 2017 and 31 December 2016, borrowings from related parties (state-owned banks) were secured by property, plant and equipment, inventories and proceeds from future sales.

Guarantees. Amount of guarantees, provided by the Government of Ukraine, as at 30 September 2017 and 31 December 2016 equalled to UAH 41,115 million and UAH 28,912 million, respectively (Note 11).

Transactions with the State are further disclosed in Note 10.

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5. OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS

The Group’s other non-current assets were as follows:

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	30 September 2017	31 December 2016
Accounts receivable on product sharing agreement	4,001	4,204
Intangible assets	1,149	977
Restructured accounts receivable of gas consumers	728	1,340
Other	2,489	2,805
Total	8,367	9,326

As at 30 September 2017 and 31 December 2016, included in other non-current assets are research and development expenditures amounting to UAH 1,032 million and UAH 1,443 million, respectively, that were incurred within the concession agreement for oil exploration and development with the EGPC on 13 December 2006, but not yet claimed for recovery.

6. INVENTORIES

The Group’s inventories were as follows:

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	30 September 2017	31 December 2016
Natural gas	47,554	38,792
Spare parts	3,286	2,843
Crude oil and petroleum products	2,511	3,378
Technological oil	1,839	1,976
Raw materials	1,812	1,760
Other	1,728	1,495
Total	58,730	50,244

Management estimates the necessity of write-down of inventories to their net realisable value taking into consideration indicators of economical and physical obsolescence. During the nine months ended 30 September 2017 write-down adjustment amounted to UAH 1,469 million was included in cost of sales and UAH 3 million was included in other operating expense (2016: UAH 3,932 million included in cost of sales and UAH 16 million included in other operating expense).

As at 30 September 2017 and 31 December 2016, inventories with carrying amount of UAH 20,212 million and UAH 37,698 million, respectively, were pledged as collateral for borrowings (Note 11).

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7. TRADE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The Group’s trade accounts receivable were as follows:

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	30 September 2017	31 December 2016
Trade accounts receivable	89,849	86,438
Less: provision for impairment	(40,177)	(37,229)
Total	49,672	49,209

Out of total carrying amount of trade accounts receivable as at 30 September 2017 there are UAH 28,299 million of accounts receivable for gas supply (31 December 2016: UAH 35,652 million) (Note 3).

Movements in provision for impairment of trade accounts receivable were as follows:

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Nine months ended 30 September 2017	Nine months ended 30 September 2016
Balance at 1 January	37,229	20,553
Provision for impairment recognised during the period	4,724	3,052
Reversal of provision for impairment	(1,790)	(1,496)
Amounts written off as uncollectible	(20)	(45)
Other movements	34	5
Balance at 30 September	40,177	22,069

8. PREPAYMENTS MADE AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

The Group’s prepayments made and other current assets were as follows:

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	30 September 2017	31 December 2016
Prepayments to suppliers for materials, works and services	10,250	9,984
Taxes prepaid, other than income tax	8,921	529
VAT recoverable	3,953	2,242
Receivables under assignation agreements in respect of natural gas sales	1,655	1,690
Promissory notes receivable	1,469	1,471
Prepayments for pipelines construction	1,310	1,412
Prepayments to suppliers for natural gas	498	5,731
Other	5,393	4,161
Less: Provision for impairment	(15,254)	(15,169)
Total	18,195	12,051

As at 30 September 2017, included in taxes prepaid, other than income tax are prepayments for subsoil royalty amounting to UAH 5,194 million (31 December 2016: UAH 15 million).

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8. PREPAYMENTS MADE AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS (Continued)

Movements in provision for impairment of prepayments made and other current assets were as follows:

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Nine months ended 30 September 2017	Nine months ended 30 September 2016
Balance at 1 January	15,169	11,514
Provision for impairment recognised during the period	719	416
Reversal of provision for impairment	(330)	(219)
Amounts written off as uncollectible	(96)	(13)
Other movements	(208)	-
Balance at 30 September	15,254	11,698

9. CASH AND BANK BALANCES

The Group’s cash and bank balances were as follows:

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	30 September 2017	31 December 2016
Cash in banks	27,918	20,024
Term deposits	96	2,163
Other	160	149
Total	28,174	22,336

As at 30 September 2017 and 31 December 2016, included in term deposits are bank deposits amounting to UAH 81 million and UAH 483 million, respectively, with original maturity of more than three months and less than one year, which are excluded from cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of cash flow statement.

10. SHARE CAPITAL

As at 30 September 2017 and 31 December 2016, the registered, issued and fully paid share capital of the Company was UAH 194,307 million and UAH 164,607 million, respectively, comprising 190,150,481 and 160,450,481 ordinary shares, respectively, with a par value of UAH 1,000 per share.

As at 30 September 2017 and 31 December 2016, share capital of the Company has been adjusted for the effect of hyperinflation in accordance with IAS 29 “Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies” by UAH 4,156 million.

Unregistered contributed capital

In April 2017 the National Commission on Securities and Stock Market registered the report of share placement of the Company and registered a certificate of new share issue of the Company. As a result, registered share capital was increased to UAH 190,151 million (net of effect of hyperinflation).

Distribution of profits

According to the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine #282-p dated 26 April 2017, portion of net profit of the Company amounting to UAH 13,264 million was paid as dividends to the State Budget of Ukraine in June 2017.

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11. BORROWINGS

The Group’s borrowings were as follows:

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	30 September 2017	31 December 2016
Non-current		
Bank borrowings	10,458	23,275
Unamortised discount	(179)	(175)
<i>Total non-current portion</i>	<u>10,279</u>	<u>23,100</u>
Current		
Bank borrowings	62,520	47,099
Interest accrued	617	645
<i>Total current portion</i>	<u>63,137</u>	<u>47,744</u>
Total	<u>73,416</u>	<u>70,844</u>

The weighted average effective interest rates by currency denomination of borrowings were as follows:

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	30 September 2017		31 December 2016	
	Balance	% per annum	Balance	% per annum
UAH	28,291	19%	27,315	19%
US Dollars	30,529	7%	43,316	8%
EUR	14,596	1%	213	7%
Total	<u>73,416</u>		<u>70,844</u>	

Pledges

All the Group’s borrowings were secured as at 30 September 2017 and 31 December 2016.

The Group’s borrowings were secured by the following pledges:

	30 September 2017	31 December 2016
Proceeds from future sales	115,423	143,965
Property, plant and equipment	35,170	10,536
Inventories (Note 6)	20,212	37,698
Total	<u>170,805</u>	<u>192,199</u>

Guarantees. As at 30 September 2017, the Group’s borrowings in the amount of UAH 41,115 million were guaranteed by the State (31 December 2016: UAH 28,912 million).

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12. PROVISIONS

Movements in provisions for the nine months ended 30 September 2017 were as follows:

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Provisions for litigations	Employee benefit obligations	Decommissio- ning provision	Provision for fines and penalties	Portion of net profit attributable to the State Budget of Ukraine (Note 10)	Other provisions	Total
Balance at 31 December 2016	11,844	4,510	1,771	11,154	13,264	989	43,532
<i>Non-current</i>	7,670	3,447	1,299	-	-	-	12,416
<i>Current</i>	4,174	1,063	472	11,154	13,264	989	31,116
Charge for the period	8	1,035	11	2,563	-	55	3,672
Unwinding of discount (Note 16)	-	239	109	-	-	-	348
Used or paid during the period	(24)	(1,314)	(1)	(17)	(13,264)	(3)	(14,623)
Other movements	-	-	-	22	-	-	22
Balance at 30 September 2017	11,828	4,470	1,890	13,722	-	1,041	32,951
<i>Non-current</i>	7,670	3,662	1,391	-	-	-	12,723
<i>Current</i>	4,158	808	499	13,722	-	1,041	20,228

Other movements in provision for fines and penalties relate to difference in proportion of assets and profits consolidation related to joint ventures of one of the Group's subsidiaries, recognised in equity movement.

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12. PROVISIONS (Continued)

Movements in provisions for the nine months ended 30 September 2016 were as follows:

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Provisions for litigations	Employee benefit obligations	Decommissio- ning provision	Provision for fines and penalties	Other provisions	Total
Balance at 31 December 2015	5,180	3,616	1,423	7,078	973	18,270
<i>Non-current</i>	3,042	3,034	1,311	-	-	7,387
<i>Current</i>	2,138	582	112	7,078	973	10,883
Charge for the period	258	948	30	2,194	(19)	3,411
Unwinding of discount (Note 16)	-	232	87	-	-	319
Used or paid during the period	(22)	(668)	-	(317)	(27)	(1,034)
Balance at 30 September 2016	5,416	4,128	1,540	8,955	927	20,966
<i>Non-current</i>	3,120	3,237	1,328	-	-	7,685
<i>Current</i>	2,296	891	212	8,955	927	13,281

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13. ADVANCES RECEIVED AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

The Group’s advances received and other current liabilities were as follows:

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	30 September 2017	31 December 2016
Advances from customers for natural gas	1,501	1,130
Advances for natural gas transportation	474	316
Advances for oil transportation	368	303
Advances received for geophysical surveys	238	240
Advances for petroleum products	151	205
Other advances received	127	132
<i>Total advances received</i>	<u>2,859</u>	<u>2,326</u>
Taxes payable other than income tax	10,394	13,768
VAT payable	2,215	6,195
Liabilities for purchase of property, plant and equipment	1,088	1,050
Recognised liabilities for litigations	506	482
Dividends payable to non-controlling shareholders of "Ukrnafta" PJSC	476	2,781
Wages, salaries and related social charges payable	439	343
Other current liabilities	1,403	1,383
<i>Total other current liabilities</i>	<u>16,521</u>	<u>26,002</u>
Total	<u>19,380</u>	<u>28,328</u>

As at 30 September 2017, taxes payable other than income tax include UAH 10,228 million of subsoil royalty payable (31 December 2016: UAH 13,450 million). Subsoil royalty is calculated with reference to the volume of crude oil, gas condensate or natural gas produced, and volume of crude oil transportation.

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14. COST OF SALES

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Nine months ended 30 September 2017	Nine months ended 30 September 2016
Cost of gas supplied	44,314	16,280
Depreciation, depletion and amortisation	15,589	15,406
Subsoil royalty and other taxes other than on income	15,464	18,780
Non-reimbursable VAT on gas transit	11,040	8,315
Cost of purchased oil and petroleum products	6,511	3,545
Staff costs and related social charges	5,564	3,688
Oil and gas transportation costs	607	1,023
Repair and maintenance costs	532	681
Other	5,439	4,908
Total	105,060	72,626

15. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Nine months ended 30 September 2017	Nine months ended 30 September 2016
Net movement in provision for trade accounts receivable, prepayments made and other assets and direct write-offs	3,307	1,753
Staff costs and related social charges	3,562	2,506
Change in provisions for litigations and other provisions (Note 12)	2,626	2,433
Fines and penalties	1,106	592
Professional fees	622	418
Depreciation and amortisation	471	827
Research, development and exploration costs	276	163
Transportation costs	197	196
VAT liabilities written off	571	226
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	49	-
Other	1,671	1,218
Total	14,458	10,332

16. FINANCE COSTS

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Nine months ended 30 September 2017	Nine months ended 30 September 2016
Interest expense on bank borrowings	5,532	6,534
Unwinding of discount on employee benefit obligations	239	232
Unwinding of discount of decommissioning provision	109	87
Other	222	76
Total	6,102	6,929

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17. CONTINGENCIES, COMMITMENTS AND OPERATING RISKS

Tax legislation. Ukraine’s tax environment is characterised by complexity in tax administering, arbitrary interpretation by tax authorities of tax laws and regulations that, inter alia, can increase fiscal pressure on tax payers. Inconsistent application, interpretation, and enforcement of tax laws can lead to litigation which, as a consequence, may result in the imposition of additional taxes, penalties, and interest, and these amounts could be material. Facing current economic and political issues, the Government has implemented certain reforms in the tax system of Ukraine by adopting the Law of Ukraine “On Amending the Tax Code of Ukraine and Certain Laws of Ukraine” which is effective from 1 January 2015, except for certain provisions which will take effect at a later date.

Management believes that the Group has been in compliance with all requirements of the effective tax legislation. In the ordinary course of business the Group is engaged in transactions that may be interpreted differently by the Group and tax authorities. Where the risk of outflow of financial resources associated with this is deemed to be probable and the amount is measured with sufficient reliability, the Group provides for those liabilities. Where management of the Group estimates the risk of financial resources outflow as possible, the Group makes a disclosure of these contingent liabilities.

The Group conducts transactions with its subsidiaries. It is possible with evolution of the interpretation of tax law in Ukraine and changes in the approach of tax authorities under the Tax Code, that such transactions could be challenged in the future. The impact of any such challenge cannot be estimated, however, management believes that it should not be significant.

The Group exports refinery products and transportation services, performs intercompany transactions and is involved in transactions with related parties, which may potentially be in the scope of the new Ukrainian transfer pricing (“TP”) regulations. The Group’s companies have submitted the controlled transaction report for the year ended 31 December 2016 within the required deadline.

Management believes that the Group is in compliance with TP requirements. As the practice of implementation of the new transfer pricing rules has not yet developed and wording of some clauses of the rules may be subject to various interpretations, the impact of challenge of the Group’s companies transfer pricing positions by the tax authorities cannot be reliably estimated.

Arbitral Tribunal requests. Naftogaz and Gazprom have initiated the Gas Sales Arbitration and the Gas Transit Arbitration (“the Arbitrations”) under the auspices of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce. The Gas Sales Arbitration was initiated by both Naftogaz and Gazprom on 16 June 2014. In its Request for Arbitration, Gazprom claimed payment of unpaid invoices in an amount of approximately USD 4.5 billion for gas delivered under the Gas Sales Contract from November 2013 to May 2014, while Naftogaz claimed a retroactive revision of the price under the Gas Sales Contract, resulting in a claim for payment by Gazprom to Naftogaz of more than USD 12.0 billion as compensation for previous overpayments. Gazprom has subsequently updated its payment claims, which as at 30 May 2017 stood at approximately USD 3.0 billion including interest (USD 2.2 billion excluding interest).

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In addition, Gazprom has later added a claim for payment of gas which Gazprom did not deliver, but which Naftogaz allegedly nevertheless was obliged to pay for under the Contract (the “take or pay” claim), which as at 30 May 2017 stood at approximately USD 44.1 billion including interest (up to USD 34.5 billion excluding interest). Naftogaz has subsequently updated its claim for overpayments to approximately USD 18.0 billion including interest (approximately USD 14.1 billion excluding interest) as at 30 May 2017.

On 31 May 2017 The Arbitral Tribunal rendered a separate award in the Gas Sales Arbitration. The separate award is final and legally binding, and sets all legal and factual issues required to resolve the parties’ claims except for certain elements and/or values of a numeric or quantifiable nature. There are three main pillars in this award of 31 May, which are final and binding: (a) the award totally rejected Gazprom’s “take or pay” claim; (b) the award declared “take or pay” claim invalid from the date of the Contract; (c) the award decided that Naftogaz is entitled to a market-reflective reduction of the sales price and to gas market indexation of the price formula, with effect from April 2014.

The Tribunal has required the parties to determine the elements of gas price formula to be used for gas supplies starting from 27 April 2014 through negotiations. The Tribunal has also requested the assistance of the parties and their experts to provide the relevant input and calculations in this respect. The parties were negotiating on these issues during June-August 2017, but because of the failure to reach agreement on remaining issues, the Tribunal should decide on such issues on its own. After additional oral hearings on Gas Sales Arbitration in October 2017, all remaining issues and any resulting monetary claims are left for the final award to be rendered at a later stage.

Naftogaz initiated the Gas Transit Arbitration on 13 October 2014. In its Statement of Claim, Naftogaz claimed a revision of the transit tariff with retroactive effect, compensation for underdeliveries and other adjustments of the Gas Transit Contract. As at 30 September 2017, Naftogaz’s monetary claim stands at approximately USD 12.4 billion including interest (up to USD 10.6 billion excluding interest). Gazprom has submitted a counterclaim in amount of approximately USD 7.0 million including interest (up to USD 5.3 million excluding interest), but has reserved the right to make additional counterclaims after receiving the award in the Gas Sales Arbitration.

Both the Gas Sales Arbitration and the Gas Transit Arbitration were initiated by Naftogaz following unsuccessful efforts to reach agreement with Gazprom in negotiations. The monetary claims in the Arbitrations are being updated on a continuous basis until the awards, inter alia in respect of interest calculations.

Naftogaz’s main objectives in both Arbitrations are to (i) revise or interpret both contracts in line with European standards and requirements for gas sales and gas transit agreements; (ii) achieve competitive pricing for the gas purchased from Gazprom; and (iii) achieve a cost-reflective tariff for the transit of Russian gas through Ukraine. These objectives are in line with the stated purpose of both parties when the Contracts were negotiated and concluded in January 2009, namely in price revision and tariff revision clauses. At the same time, both Contracts contain clauses which deviate from European standards.

Gazprom has taken the same approach in both cases, which is essentially that the Contracts shall be “untouchable”, and shall be enforced based on Gazprom’s construction.

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The deadline for final awards in the Gas Sales Arbitration and the Gas Transit Arbitration is currently December 2017 and February 2018, respectively. These dates may be subject to adjustment by the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce at the request of the Tribunal. The awards taken by the Tribunal are final and enforceable even if challenged, although enforceability in case of challenge depends on the legislation in the jurisdiction where enforcement is sought. The awards may be challenged on very limited grounds, essentially on the basis of grave procedural errors, or breach of public policy. The possibility of challenge proceedings can obviously not be properly assessed before the awards have been rendered.

Claim to the Russian Federation regarding assets in Crimea. In October 2016, Naftogaz and its subsidiaries initiated Arbitration proceeding against the Russian Federation about reimbursement of losses caused by unlawful occupation of Group’s assets in Crimea by the Russian Federation. This arbitration proceeding was initiated under Agreement between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Russian Federation on mutual encouragement and protection of investments.

In September 2017, Naftogaz and its subsidiaries have submitted the Statement of Claim to the Tribunal under the auspices of Permanent Court of Arbitration in Hague. The Group’s damage caused by unlawful expropriation of Crimea is estimated at over USD 5.0 billion. The tribunal’s final award is expected by the end 2019.

Legal proceedings. From time to time and in the normal course of business, claims against the Group arise. Where the risk of outflow of financial resources associated with such claims is assumed as probable, a respective liability is recognised as a component of provision for litigations (Note 12). Where management estimates the risk of outflow of financial resources associated with such claims as possible, or amount of outflow cannot be measured reliably, no provision is recognised, and respective amount is disclosed in the consolidated financial statements. Management believes that it has provided for all material losses in these consolidated financial statements.

The Group and certain natural gas suppliers have disputes in respect of volumes and/or prices for natural gas supplied to the Group and other disputes. Management assesses its contingent liabilities under such disputes as at 30 September 2017 and as at 31 December 2016 at the level of UAH 4,678 million. Management cannot reliably estimate amount of potential losses on these obligations, if any.

Uncertainty as to the ability of “Ukrnafta” PJSC to continue as a going concern. Following recent decline in oil prices, accumulated debts to the State Budget since 2014 of UAH 26,534 million as at 30 September 2017 (31 December 2016: UAH 24,379 million), limited ability to collect accounts receivable and settle prepayments made to suppliers with gross amount of UAH 23,257 million as at 30 September 2017 (31 December 2016: UAH 22,680 million), Ukrnafta had insufficient funds to satisfy its working capital needs and settle its tax payments as they fall due. Consequently, as at 30 September 2017 and 31 December 2016 Ukrnafta had a negative working capital.

Despite the material uncertainties described above, and taking into account Ukrnafta’s management actions in improving its liquidity, production and sales activities, management of the Group believes that application of the going concern assumption in respect of Ukrnafta is appropriate for the purpose of these condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

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18. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Group’s activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency risk and interest rate risk), concentration risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. These condensed consolidated interim financial statements do not include a complete set of financial risk management information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Group’s annual consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2016.

The Group reviews and agrees risk management policies to minimise the potential adverse effects on the Group’s financial performance for those risks.

There have been no changes in the risk management function and risk management policies since 31 December 2016.

Major categories of financial instruments:

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Note	30 September 2017	31 December 2016
Other non-current assets	5	5,214	5,832
Trade accounts receivable	7	49,672	49,209
Prepayments made and other current assets	8	4,513	4,150
Cash and bank balances	9	28,174	22,336
Restricted cash		-	680
Total financial assets		87,573	82,207

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	Note	30 September 2017	31 December 2016
Borrowings	11	(73,416)	(70,844)
Trade accounts payable		(17,105)	(16,234)
Advances received and other current liabilities	13	(2,969)	(2,777)
Other long-term liabilities		(1)	(4)
Total financial liabilities		(93,491)	(89,859)

Credit risk. The maximum exposure to credit risk as at 30 September 2017 is UAH 87,573 million (31 December 2016: UAH 82,207 million).

Liquidity risk. There were no significant changes in the contractual undiscounted cash outflows for financial liabilities.

Gearing ratio. The gearing ratio at the end of the reporting period was as following:

<i>In millions of Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	30 September 2017	31 December 2016
Total borrowings (Note 11)	73,416	70,844
Less: cash and cash equivalents (Note 9)	(28,093)	(21,853)
Total Net Debt	45,323	48,991
Total Equity	481,780	460,272
Gearing ratio	0.09	0.11

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19. FAIR VALUE

There were no changes in valuation techniques during the period. There were no transfers between Level 2 and Level 3 during the period. During the nine months ended 30 September 2017 there were no significant changes in the business and economic environment that affect the fair value of the Group’s financial assets and liabilities.

20. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Loans repayment. During October-November 2017 the Group repaid UAH 14,118 million of bank loans. Additionally, in October 2017 the Company has prolonged maturity of loan with one of the state-owned banks in amount of about USD 385 million (equivalent to UAH 10,221 million). The loan should be repaid in several instalments by the end of December 2018 under amended repayment schedule.

21. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the nine months ended 30 September 2017 have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*. They do not include all disclosures and information required for complete set of the annual consolidated financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the latest annual consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2016, which have been prepared in accordance with IFRS.

The accounting policies applied during the nine months ended 30 September 2017 are consistent with those described in the Group’s consolidated financial statements referred above.

As at 30 September, the exchange rates used for translating foreign currency balances were:

<i>In Ukrainian hryvnias</i>	<u>30 September 2017</u>	<u>31 December 2016</u>
USD 1.00	27.19	24.00
EUR 1.00	28.42	26.22

Exchange restrictions in Ukraine are limited to compulsory receipt of foreign receivables within 180 days of sales and to the compulsory conversion of 50% of proceeds in foreign currency to Ukrainian hryvnia. At present, UAH is not freely convertible outside Ukraine.

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22. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

In the application of the Group’s accounting policies, management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised 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.

Critical judgements in applying accounting policies. The following are the critical judgements, apart from those involving estimations, that the Group management has made in the process of applying the Group’s accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements.

Investment in “Ukrnafta” PJSC. The Group holds 50% + 1 share of voting rights in “Ukrnafta” PJSC. The rest is owned by limited number of investors. In March 2015, according to changes in the Law of Ukraine “On Joint-Stock Companies”, quorum of the General meetings of shareholders was lowered from 60%+1 share down to 50%+1 share. Following those changes and changes in the Supervisory Board of “Ukrnafta” PJSC in July 2015, the Company has regained control over “Ukrnafta” PJSC starting from 22 July 2015. Accordingly, the investment in “Ukrnafta” PJSC is accounted for as investment in subsidiary starting from that date. The Company considers this change as a business combination and applied acquisition method of accounting, respectively.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty. The following are the key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Employee benefit obligations. Management assesses post-employment and other employee benefit obligations using the projected unit credit method based on actuarial assumptions which represent management’s best estimates of the variables that will determine the ultimate cost of providing post-employment and other employee benefits. The present value of the pension obligations depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a number of assumptions. The major assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate and expected salary increases. Any changes in these assumptions will impact the carrying amount of pension obligations. Since there are no long-term, high quality corporate or government bonds issued in Ukrainian hryvnias, significant judgement is needed in assessing an appropriate discount rate.

Deferred tax asset recognition. The deferred tax asset, recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position, represents income taxes recoverable through future deductions from taxable profits. Deferred tax assets are recorded to the extent that realisation of the related tax benefit is probable. In determining future taxable profits and the amount of tax benefits that are probable in the future, management makes judgements and applies estimation based on historic taxable profits and expectations of future taxable income that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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Tax legislation. Ukrainian tax, currency and customs legislation continues to evolve. Conflicting regulations are subject to varying interpretations. Management believes its interpretations are appropriate and sustainable, but no guarantee can be provided against a challenge from the tax authorities.

Decommissioning costs. The decommissioning provision represents the present value of the decommissioning costs relating to oil and gas properties, which are expected to be incurred in the future (Note 12). These provisions were recognised, based on Group’s internal estimates.

Main estimates include future market prices for the necessary decommissioning costs, and are based on market conditions and factors. Additional uncertainties relate to the timing of the decommissioning costs, which depends on depletion of the fields, future oil and gas prices and as a result – expected point of time, when there are no further economic benefits in the production.

Changes in these estimates can lead to the material changes in the provisions recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Depreciation of the gas transit assets and depletion of the oil and gas assets. Oil and gas assets are depleted using a unit-of-production method. The cost of producing wells is amortised over proved developed reserves. Licence acquisition, common facilities and future decommissioning costs are amortised over total proved reserves. Changes in estimates regarding the volumes of production, proved developed reserves and total proved reserves either downward or upward, can result in the change of related assets utilisation accounting. A reduction in proved developed reserves, as result of future inspections and production will increase depreciation, depletion and amortisation expenses.

The Group currently depreciates gas transit assets using a straight line method. After the award of the Arbitral Tribunal under the auspices of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (see Note 17) and assuming enforcement of the new tariffs, and that Gazprom would not book any transit capacities beyond 2019, the Group will revise its depreciation method or shorten useful lives of its transit assets. However, should the assumption of no transit flows from 1 January 2020 change, this may provide a basis for a reduction of the tariff due to an extension of the useful life of gas transit assets, and the straight line method could continue to apply.

Estimation of oil and gas reserves. Reserves are the quantities of oil and gas which are anticipated to be commercially recovered from known accumulations from a given date forward under defined conditions. Proved and probable reserves used in depletion rate calculation are determined using estimates of known oil and gas reservoirs, recovery factors, operating conditions, future oil and gas prices and government regulations. Latest assessment of gas reserves was performed as at 31 December 2014, and major part of oil reserves was estimated as at 30 June 2016. Reserves estimates involve some degree of uncertainty, and their estimates are revised as additional geologic and engineering data becomes available or as economic conditions change. Accordingly, depletion rates and discounted cash flows for revaluation and impairment of property, plant and equipment may be also revised.

Revaluation and impairment of property, plant and equipment. Management performs assessment whether carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment accounted under the revaluation model, differ materially from their fair values. Such assessment is performed on an annual basis, and was performed as at 31 December 2016.

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Useful lives of other property, plant and equipment. The Group’s property, plant and equipment, except oil and gas assets are depreciated using straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, which are based on management’s business plans and operational estimates.

The Group reviews the estimated useful lives of property, plant and equipment at the end of each annual reporting period. The review is based on the current condition of the assets and the estimated period during which they will continue to bring economic benefit to the Group. Any change in estimated useful life or residual value is recorded on a prospective basis from the date of the change.

Impairment of trade accounts receivable and prepayments made. Management estimates the likelihood of the collection of trade accounts receivable based on an analysis of individual accounts. Factors taken into consideration include an ageing analysis of trade accounts receivable in comparison with the payment history, credit terms allowed to customers and available market information regarding the counterparty’s ability to pay. Should actual collections be less than management’s estimates, the Group would be required to record an additional impairment expense.

Inventory valuation. Inventory are stated at lower of cost or net realisable value. In assessing the net realisable value of its inventories, management bases its estimates on various assumptions including current market prices. At each reporting date, the Group evaluates its inventories for excess quantities and obsolescence and, if necessary, records an allowance to reduce inventories for obsolete and slow-moving goods. This allowance requires assumptions related to future inventories use. These assumptions are based on inventories ageing and forecasted demand. Any changes in the estimates may impact the amount of the allowances for inventory that may be required.