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### **ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING**

## 20 APRIL 2017

REPORT ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS FOR ORGANISATION AND OPERATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GAS NATURAL SDG, S.A. AND ITS COMMITTEES.

CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS FOR ORGANISATION AND OPERATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS COMMITTEES

## 1. Context of the amendment

On September 12 CriteriaCaixa and Repsol issued two relevant facts in which they reported the signing of an agreement with GIP III Canary 1 S.à r.l. for the sale to the latter of 10% respectively of the capital of Gas Natural SDG S.A., amounting to a total of 20%. They added that, as a result of the above, CriteriaCaixa and Repsol had agreed to terminate the existing agreement on the company dated 11 January 2000, and that the three parties had assumed, in the sales contract, certain commitments relating to the corporate governance of Gas Natural Fenosa. Finally they indicated that the closing of the sale was conditional on the implementation of the changes on the bodies of Gas Natural Fenosa arising from the commitments of corporate governance referred to above, as a supermajority of two-thirds for certain reserved matters as envisaged in the Regulations of the Board of Directors of the Company. They also stated that the termination of the agreement of 11 January 2000 is subject to the effective transfer of the aforementioned shares, representing 20% of the share capital.

The same day, the Company received a letter from CriteriaCaixa and another from Repsol communicating the termination of the agreement of 11 January 2000, as well as the conditions to which it was subject. Likewise it received three letters from CriteriaCaixa, Repsol and GIP III Canary 1 S.à r.l. notifying it of the signing of the new shareholders' agreement, attaching the text of article 7 of the sales contract contained therein, and reiterating that it was subject to the condition precedent of which notification was given in the relevant facts.

Finally an amendment proposal was received corresponding to articles 5, 10.4, 30.1 and 32.1 of the Board regulations signed by four Directors.

## 2. Justification of the amendment

It is considered that the system of corporate governance arising from the operation established in the aforementioned documents is valued favourably in relation to the previous one, since it is subject to the principles of proportionate representation and significance of the shareholding and substantially increases the decision-making capacity of the independent directors, not only because the current shareholders' agreement is terminated, but because the supermajority of two-thirds for certain matters allows the group of independent directors to have a decisive influence in such matters.

In particular the following aspects are judged favourably:

- (i) The operation involves the breaking of the agreement between Repsol and CriteriaCaixa due to the termination of the shareholders' agreement which until now bound both parties, and to that extent it leads to greater separation of the ownership of a listed company, in which there is no longer a controlling group.
- (ii) Also favourably valued is the establishment of a supermajority for certain matters with the purpose of ensuring that certain important Company decisions are adopted, where necessary, with an appropriate level of consensus, which is established as two-thirds of the directors in attendance at the meeting, whether directly or by proxy. It is especially noteworthy that the arrangement of the implemented Board will lead to a greater preponderance of independent directors in the adoption of such decisions, since the propriety directors cannot impose the adoption of any of said decisions due to the fact that the group of independent directors represents more than a third of the total number of directors. In any case, with such a configuration, the proposed supermajority threshold prevents a single group of proprietary directors from being able to form a blocking minority on their own to prevent the adoption of corporate decisions.
- (iii) Increasing the maximum number of members of the Executive Committee to ten allows the composition of said committee to adequately reflect the composition of the Board of Directors in keeping with the principle of proportionality between the shareholding held and representation on the Board in line with Recommendations 15, 16 and 17 of the Code of Good Governance of Listed Companies, and especially the statements contained in the explanation of principle 11: "In accordance with the principle of proportionality between the shareholding held and representation on the Board of Directors, the relationship between propriety directors and independent directors must reflect the relationship between the percentage of capital represented on the Board of Directors by the Propriety Directors and the remaining capital", and in recommendation 37, "In the case of an executive committee, the shareholding structure of the different

categories of directors should be similar to that of the Board of Directors itself, and its secretary should also be the secretary of the latter".

- (iv) The increase of the audit committee to seven members will allow a proportionate representation of directors and their different categories in the aforementioned committee, while ensuring compliance with the legal regulations, which state that the majority of its members must be independent.
- (v) The proposal does not provide for the amendment of the Regulations to increase the number of members on the Appointments and Remuneration Committee to five, which is already consistent with the proportionate representation of the directors and their different categories, in accordance with current legislation and the internal regulations of Gas Natural SDG, S.A.

In short, the amendments aim to ensure the adequate representation of shareholders on the Board, a balanced proportion of the number of independent directors in the Company and a strengthening of the levels of consensus necessary for the adoption of certain important Company decisions, preventing the allocation of veto rights to identified groups of proprietary directors and conversely granting these rights to the group of independent directors.

Therefore, it being the case that the operation is conditioned on implementing the new system of corporate governance as a whole (implementation into the bodies of Gas Natural SDG SA of the changes arising from the commitments to corporate governance referred to above and as a supermajority of two-thirds for certain reserved matters as envisaged in the Regulations of the Board of Directors of the Company), this being valued as altogether more favourable than the one that has existed until now. It is therefore considered appropriate to amend the Regulations of the Board under the terms proposed and for the reasons set out above.

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  - b) The determination of the general policies and strategies of the Company.
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  - d) Its own organisation and operation.
  - e) The formulation of the annual accounts and their presentation at the Shareholders' Meeting.
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- j) The convening of the Shareholders' Meeting and the preparation of the agenda and proposed resolutions.
- k) The policy relating to its own shares and holdings.
- The powers that the Shareholders' Meeting may have delegated to the Board of Directors, unless expressly authorised by the same to sub-delegate them.
- m) The constitution, investment and monitoring of the management of staff pension plans and any other commitment to the same concerning the Company's long-term financial liabilities.
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- c) The determination of the corporate governance policy of the Company and of the group of which it is the parent company; its organisation and operation and, in particular, the approval and modification of its own regulations.
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  - c) The approval of any merger, takeover, spin-off, consolidation or dissolution operations, with or without liquidation, in which any of the Group's companies is interested.
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Unless a different system is approved when adopting the corresponding agreement, it shall be considered that an investment or transaction does not require additional approval when its execution leads to a deviation of no more than 10% or 15 million euros over the amount authorised by the Board or, where applicable, by the Executive Committee.

When required, the agreements of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee shall be adopted prior to the report of the Commission competent in the matter.

The Chairman, the Managing Director(s) or the Secretary, shall implement the agreements adopted the Board Directors of in accordance with this article, and shall communicate the authorisation approval in the appropriate manner, instructions issuing to act in accordance with that agreed.

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- 3.-Each Director may grant a proxy to another Director, without this limiting the number of representations that each one can hold for their attendance on the Board. The representation of the absent Directors may be granted by way of any written documentation, including telegram, email, telex or telefax addressed to the Chairman or Secretary of the Board and submitted sufficiently in advance.
- 4.- The agreements must be adopted with the vote of an absolute majority of the Directors present and represented, unless the law, Bylaws or these Regulations provide for a supermajority. A written vote without a meeting will only be permitted if no Director objects to this procedure and the requirements of the Mercantile Registry Regulations are met.
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- In special circumstances, the favourable vote of two-thirds of the Directors that are in attendance, present or represented, shall be required for the valid adoption of resolutions on the following matters reserved for the plenary Board Meeting which cannot therefore be delegated:
  - a) The acquisition or disposal of assets owned by the Company (regardless of the legal means used for this purpose and, in particular, even if carried out by way of merger, spin-off or other <u>methods</u> <u>related</u> <u>subsidiary</u> <u>companies)</u> totalling more than 500,000,000 euros <u>unless</u> these are to be approved at

- the Shareholders' Meeting made is in the <u>implementation</u> of the <u>strategic</u> <u>budget or</u> or <u>business</u> plan of the Company.
- b) The approval of the budget and the strategic or business plan of the Company.
- c) The modification of the dividend policy and the approval of a new one.
- d) The signing, amendment, renewal, non-renewal or termination by the Company of financing or refinancing contracts for more than 500,000,000 euros.
- e) The signing, amendment, renewal, non-renewal termination by the Company of any material contract, other than those provided for in paragraph d) above, <u>whose</u> amount <u>exceeds</u> 500,000,000 euros in the of qas supply contracts and 200,000,000 euros in the case of other contracts.
- the accounting or tax policies of the Company, unless they are due to amendments in applicable law or as the result of compliance with guidelines and criteria established by the authorities competent in the matter.
- g) The reformulation of the annual accounts of the Company, unless such reformulation is due to a legislative amendment or in order to comply with the

- guidelines and criteria laid down by the competent authorities in the matter.
- h) The realisation of capital <u>investments (capex),</u> provided for in the annual budget of the Company, for than more 200,000,000 euros.
- i) The amendment of this section i), the amendment of the matters contained in paragraphs a) to h) above or the amendment of the <u>supermajority</u> <u>voting</u> established for any of them.
- 5.-Any person that the Chairman deems appropriate may attend the meetings of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE** 30.-The Executive Committee

- The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Chairman of the Board of Directors and a maximum of seven other Directors, belonging to the categories established in article 3 of these Regulations, maintaining a similar proportion to that of on the Board of Directors. The appointment of the members of the Executive Committee shall require the favourable vote of at least two thirds of the members of the Board.
- 2.-The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall act as Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Secretary of the Board shall act as its Secretariat, who may be assisted by the Deputy Secretary.
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- 4.-The members of the executive Committee shall stand down when they do so in their capacity as they do so in their capacity as

directors or when this is agreed by the Board. Any vacancies arising will be filled as soon as possible by the Board of Directors.

- 5.- The permanent delegation of powers by the Board of Directors to the Executive Committee shall comprise all the powers of the Board, except those that cannot be legally or statutorily delegated or which may not be delegated by virtue of the provisions of these Regulations.
- 6.- The Executive Committee, convened by its Chairman, shall meet when deemed necessary by its Chairman, or upon the request of 1/3 of its members. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the resolutions adopted at the meeting, of which details will be provided at the next plenary meeting of the Board of Directors.
- 7.- In those cases where, in the opinion of the Chairman, or of the majority of the members of the Executive Committee, the importance of the matter so requires, the resolutions adopted by the Committee shall be subject to ratification by a plenary Board Meeting.

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In view of the above, by unanimous vote of the Directors present and in accordance with the considerations that have been read previously, the following resolutions were adopted:

- A. Amendment of articles 5, 10, 30 and 32 of the Regulations for the Organisation and Operation of the Board of Directors and its Committees of Gas Natural SDG, S.A.
  - 1. Sections I and II of article 5 of the Regulations are amended in order to include in the list of matters that cannot be delegated by the Board those matters that are subject to a supermajority in virtue of the amendment of article 10 of the Regulations included in paragraph 2 below. Hereinafter said sections I and II shall read as follows:

## "ARTICLE 5.- Powers expressly reserved for the Board of Directors

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- a) The approval of the management targets, the annual financing plan, the investment and financing policy, the corporate social responsibility policy.
- b) The determination of the risk management and control policy, including fiscal risks, and the monitoring of the internal information and control systems.
- c) The determination of the corporate governance policy of the Company and of the group of which it is the parent company; its organisation and operation and, in particular, the approval and modification of its own regulations.
- d) The approval of the financial information which, as a listed company, the Company must periodically make public.
- e) The definition of the structure of the group of companies of which the company is the parent company.
- f) The approval of the investments or operations of any kind which, due to their high amount or special characteristics, are of a strategic nature or pose special tax risks, unless these are to be approved at the Shareholders' Meeting.
- g) The approval of the creation or acquisition of holdings in special purpose entities or in entities that are domiciled in other countries or territories that are considered tax havens, as well as any other transactions or operations of a similar nature that, due to their complexity, could undermine the transparency of the Company and the group.
- h) The approval, prior to the Audit Committee report, of the operations that the Company or group companies have performed with directors, under the terms established in the legislation in force, or with shareholders, individually or in collaboration with others, with a significant shareholding, including shareholders represented on the Board of Directors of the Company or other companies that form part of the same group, or with people that are linked thereto.
- i) The determination of the company's fiscal strategy.

2. Section 4 of article 10 of the Regulations for the Organisation and Operation of the Board of Directors and its Committees is amended by adding a new paragraph, in order to provide for a supermajority for the adoption of certain resolutions, which are of particular significance, which hereinafter shall read as follows:

## "ARTICLE 10.- The development of the meetings

4.- The agreements must be adopted with the vote of an absolute majority of the Directors present and represented, unless the law, Bylaws or these Regulations provide for a supermajority. A written vote without a meeting will only be permitted if no Director objects to this procedure and the requirements of the Mercantile Registry Regulations are met.

In special circumstances, the favourable vote of two-thirds of the Directors that are in attendance, present or represented, shall be required for the valid adoption of resolutions on the following matters reserved for the plenary Board Meeting which cannot therefore be delegated:

- a) The acquisition or disposal of assets owned by the Company (regardless of the legal means used for this purpose and, in particular, even if carried out by way of merger, spin-off or other methods related to subsidiary companies) totalling more than 500,000,000 euros, unless these are to be approved at the Shareholders' Meeting or is made in the implementation of the budget or strategic or business plan of the Company.
- b) The approval of the budget and the strategic or business plan of the Company.
- c) The modification of the dividend policy and the approval of a new one.
- d) The signing, amendment, renewal, non-renewal or termination by the Company of financing or refinancing contracts for more than 500.000.000 euros.
- e) The signing, amendment, renewal, non-renewal or termination by the Company of any material contract, other than those provided for in paragraph d) above, whose amount exceeds 500,000,000 euros in the case of gas supply contracts and 200,000,000 euros in the case of other contracts.
- f) The material amendments in the accounting or tax policies of the Company, unless they are due to amendments in applicable law or as a result of compliance with guidelines and criteria established by the authorities competent in the matter.
- g) The reformulation of the annual accounts of the Company, unless such reformulation is due to a legislative amendment or in order to comply with the guidelines and criteria laid down by the competent authorities in the matter.

- h) The realisation of capital investments (capex) not provided for in the annual budget of the Company, for an amount greater than 200,000,000 euros.
- i) The amendment of this section i), the amendment of the matters contained in paragraphs a) to h) above or the amendment of the supermajority vote established for any of them."
- 3. Section 1 of article 30 of the Regulations for Organisation and Operation of the Board of Directors and its Committees is amended in order to increase the number of Executive Committee members to ten, which hereinafter shall read as follows:

## "ARTICLE 30.- The Executive Committee

- 1.- The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Chairman of the Board of Directors and a maximum of nine other Directors, belonging to the categories established in article 3 of these Regulations, maintaining a similar proportion to that of the Board of Directors. The appointment of the members of the Executive Committee shall require the favourable vote of at least two thirds of the members of the Board.
- 4. Section 1 of article 32 of the Regulations for the Organisation and Operation of the Board of Directors and its Committees is amended in order to increase the number of Audit Committee members to seven and reflect the minimum standard of knowledge and experience required of the members of said Committee in accordance with that established in article 529 quaterdecies of the Capital Companies Act. Hereinafter said section 1 shall read as follows:

## "ARTICLE 32.- The Audit Committee

1.- The Audit Committee shall consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of seven Directors, appointed by the Board of Directors from among the Non-Executive Directors, and at least one of them shall be appointed taking into account their knowledge and experience in accounting, auditing or both. Its members shall stand down when they do so in their capacity as Directors, when this is agreed by the Board of Directors or after a period of three years from their appointment, although it is possible for them to be reappointed.

The majority of the members of the Committee shall have the status of Independent Director, from which the Board of Directors shall choose the Chairman of the Committee, who will not have a casting vote. The Committee secretariat shall be the secretariat of the Board of Directors."

- B. It was also agreed that the number of members on the Executive Committee be set at ten (10), the Audit Committee at seven (7), and the Committee for Appointments and Remuneration at five (5), with it also being agreed that the designation of the members of said bodies is consistent, as far as it is legally possible, with the proportionality and shareholding significance criteria.
- C. This agreement, and therefore the amendments included in sections A and B above, shall only become effective upon the termination of the agreement between Repsol, S.A. and Criteria Caixa, S.A.U. concerning Gas Natural SDG, S.A. dated 11 January 2000, and subsequently amended on 16 May 2002, 16 December 2002 and 20 June 2003. To this end it is agreed to grant the power to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and to the Non-Board Member Secretary so that either of them, without distinction, may verify the compliance of this condition by means of notification to the National Securities Market Commission by Repsol, S.A. and Criteria Caixa, S.A.U. of the relevant fact that states the effective termination of the aforesaid agreement or, where applicable, by way of mere communication by Repsol, S.A. and Criteria Caixa, S.A.U. to the Company informing it of said termination.

Barcelona, 21 September 2016. The Board of Directors of GAS NATURAL SDG, S.A.