

# Naturgy Finance B.V. Annual report 2023

Amsterdam, The Netherlands.



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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

# **Management Board Members Report**

The Management Board members submit their directors' report, together with the financial statements and other information for the year ended 31 December 2023 of Naturgy Finance B.V. (the 'Company'). The annual report has been prepared in Euro which is the Company's functional currency.

# 1. <u>Overview of activities</u>

The Company was incorporated as a private company with limited liability under the law of the Netherlands on 26 November 1993 and has its corporate seat in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The Company has its registered business address at Barbara Strozzilaan 101 1083 HN, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The Dutch Chamber of Commerce number of the Company is 24243533.

In 2015 the articles of association were amended to create a Supervisory Board and an Audit Committee. On 8 December 2016, the Corporate Governance Code Monitoring Committee published the revised Dutch Corporate Governance. In 2019, the Supervisory Board dissolved the Audit Committee and assumed all its functions.

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. (the "Shareholder"). The Shareholder has its legal seat in Madrid, Spain. All subsidiaries of Naturgy Energy Group S.A. and Naturgy Energy Group itself are referred to as group companies.

Naturgy Finance B.V. was incorporated to provide funding to its Shareholder and associated companies. To achieve its objectives, the Company is authorized to raise funds by issuing negotiable bonds on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, perpetual subordinated bonds and commercial paper on the capital and money markets all of them guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group.

#### Euro Commercial Paper (ECP) Programme

In March 2010, the Company entered a Euro Commercial Paper (ECP) Program as issuer, guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., under which the Company can issue notes provided that the amount issued at each moment does not exceed EUR 1,000,000 thousand. The Company signed a revolving cash advance facility agreement with Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. to conduct the on-lending of the proceeds raised under the ECP program. During the year, no notes of ECP were redeemed by the Company (2022: EUR 300,000 thousand). As of 31 December 2023, the Company has no outstanding ECP (2022: outstanding ECP: nil).

#### Euro Medium Term Note Programme

Since November 2010, the Company is participating, together with its sister company, Naturgy Capital Markets S.A in a Euro Medium-Term Notes (EMTN) program, guaranteed by the Naturgy Group S.A. The program allows the issuance, offering, and selling of notes, listing on the Official List of the Luxemburg Stock Exchange, and trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market. The notes may be admitted to listing, trading, and/or quotation by any other listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system as may be agreed with the Issuer and the Guarantor. Unlisted Notes may also be issued by the Company. Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. is the guarantor under the EMTN program.

This EMTN program is updated periodically and after various extensions the last being in December 2023, the program limit is EUR 12,000,000 thousand. On 31 December



2023, the principal drawn down of the total program amounted to EUR 7,004,700 thousand (EUR 7,656,308 thousand on 31 December 2022).

As of 31 December 2023, the amount issued by the Company was EUR 6,262,400 thousand (EUR 6,914,008 thousand as of 31 December 2022), and the amount issued by Naturgy Capital Markets, S.A was EUR 742,300 thousand (EUR 742,300 thousand as of 31 December 2022).

The total amount issued by Naturgy Capital Markets, S.A. will mature in April 2024. Hence, in the EMTN update performed in December 2023, the shareholder decided to remove Naturgy Capital Markets from this annual update.

All the proceeds from the notes are lent by the Company to its Shareholder company Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. No news bonds were issued by the Company during 2023 under the EMTN programme.

The breakdown of outstanding EMTN bonds issued by the Company and the markets where the bonds are listed and traded is as follows:

Principal	Currency	Interest rate %	Oustanding nominal	Issued	Maturity	Listed
411.800	EUR	2,875%	411.800	2014	2024	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
400.600	EUR	1,375%	400.600	2015	2025	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
600.000	EUR	1,250%	600.000	2016	2026	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
1.000.000	EUR	1,375%	1.000.000	2017	2027	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
300.000	EUR	1,875%	300.000	2017	2029	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
800.000	EUR	0,875%	800.000	2017	2025	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
850.000	EUR	1,500%	850.000	2018	2028	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
900.000	EUR	0,750%	900.000	2019	2029	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
1.000.000	EUR	1,250%	1.000.000	2020	2026	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
Total as	Total as at 31 December 2023					

EMTN Programme (in thousands)

In January 2023, the bond with principal amount of EUR 396,400 thousand reached its maturity. This bond had been issued on 17 January 2013 for a total amount of EUR 600,000 thousand. In January the bond, and the amount due from the Shareholder company in this regard, were all received and paid.

In May 2023, the bond with principal amount of EUR 154,300 thousand reached its maturity. This bond had been issued on 8 May 2014 for a total amount of EUR 200,000 thousand. In May the bond, and the amount due from the Shareholder company in this regard, were all received and paid.

In July 2023, the bond with principal amount of EUR 100,908 thousand reached its maturity. This bond was issued in Norwegian Krone (NOK) for an amount of NOK 800,000 thousand. Regarding the NOK 800,000 thousand issuance, the proceeds from the notes have been on-lent in NOK to its Shareholder company, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., and therefore, the net foreign exchange risk for the Company has been offset by a position with its Shareholder company. In July the bond, and the amount due from the Shareholder company in this regard, were all received and paid.

In March 2024, the bond with principal amount EUR 411,800 thousand will reach its maturity, the bond, and the amount due from the Shareholder company in regards have been transferred from long term to short term in accordance with accounting principles.



#### **Undated Deeply Subordinated Reset Rate Guaranteed Securities (Hybrid Bonds)**

From 2014 the Company started to issue Subordinated perpetual debentures. On 18 November 2014, the Company issued the first "Undated 8-year non-call deeply subordinated guaranteed fixed rate reset securities" (Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR1,000,000 thousand), guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., for an amount of EUR 1,000,000 thousand. The issue price was 99.488%. The Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 1,000,000 thousand bears interest at a fixed rate, which is calculated as a reference interest rate plus a margin. The reference interest rate is the 8-year swap rate (equivalent at the issue date to 0.772%) which may be reviewed every 8 years. The initial margin applicable to the first 10 years is 3.353%; between years 2024 and 2042 the margin will be 3.603% and from then onwards, it will be 4.353%. The initial coupon was set at 4.125%. In 2022 this bond was redeemed at the principal amount under condition 6(b) of the Issuer's Call Option.

In April 2015, the Company issued the second "Undated 9-year non-call deeply subordinated guaranteed fixed rate reset securities" (the Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand), guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group., for an amount of EUR 500,000 thousand. The issue price was 99.049%. The Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand bears interest at a fixed rate, which is calculated as a reference interest rate plus a margin. The reference interest rate is the 9-year swap rate (equivalent at the issue date to 0.4210%) which may be reviewed every 9 years. The initial margin applicable to the first 9 years is 3.079%; between years 2025 and 2044 the margin will be 3.329% and from then onwards, it will be 4.079%. The initial coupon was set at 3.375%.

In November 2021 the Company issued the third "Undated 5.25-year non-call deeply subordinated guaranteed fixed rate reset securities" (the Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand), guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group., for an amount of EUR 500,000 thousand. The issue price was 99.60%. The Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand bears interest at a fixed rate, which is calculated as a reference interest rate plus a margin. The reference interest rate is the 95.25-year swap rate (equivalent at the issue date to -0.062%) which may be reviewed every 5 years. The initial margin applicable to the first 10 years is 2.437%; between years 2032 and 2047 the margin will be 2.687% and from then onwards, it will be 3.437%. The initial coupon was set at 2.374%.

In November 2021 the Undated Deeply Subordinated Reset Rate Guaranteed notes amounted EUR 1,000,0000 thousand with a call option redeem on 18 November 2022 were redeemed for an amount of EUR 500,000 thousand.

In November 2022, the Company, exercised its right to redeem the Undated Deeply Subordinated Reset Rate Guaranteed notes amounting EUR 500,000 thousand with an interest rate of 4.125%, pursuant to Condition 6(b) of the Issuer's Call Option. The outstanding Undated Deeply Subordinated Reset Rate Guaranteed notes were redeemed on 18 November 2022 at their principal amount together with any accrued and unpaid interest up to (but excluding) the Redemption Date.



The breakdown of the hybrid bonds issued by the Company and the markets where the bonds are listed and traded is as follows:

			Oustanding				
Principal	Currency	Interest rate %	nominal	Issued	Maturity	Listed	Reset date
500,000	EUR	3.375%	500,000	2015	Perpetual	Luxembourg Stock Exchange	24th April 2024
500,000	EUR	2.374%	500,000	2021	Perpetual	Luxembourg Stock Exchange	23rd February 2027
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ubordinate	d perpetual	debentures (in th	ousands) Oustanding	lssued 2015	<b>Maturity</b> Perpetual	Listed Luxembourg Stock Exchange	Reset date 24th April 2024

The proceeds from the Subordinated perpetual debentures have been on lent by the Company to its Shareholder company, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A.

# 2. Supervisory Board

To comply with the legislation in the Netherlands the Company appointed a Supervisory Board on 17 September 2015. The Supervisory Board assumes also all the functions and responsibilities of an Audit Committee. The Board of the Supervisory Board consisted of two men and one woman. The Company's Supervisory Board is balanced since more than 1/3 of its members are female. The Company's Supervisory Board members have been appointed based on their qualifications and availability, irrespective of gender. To create more balance, the Boards will take these regulations into account to the extent possible with respect to future appointments of Board members.

#### 3. <u>Financial position and performance for the year</u>

The Shareholder's equity of the Company as of 31 December 2023 amounts to EUR 8,416 thousand (2022 EUR 8,877 thousand), and the net result for the year 2023 amounts to a profit of EUR 3,039 thousand (2022: EUR 3,696 thousand). The solvency ratio (total equity/total assets) of the Company as of 31 December 2023 is 0.001 (previous year: 0.001). The liquidity ratio (current assets/current liabilities) of the Company as at 31 December 2023 is 1.02 (previous year: 1.01).

The issued and paid-in share capital of the Company amounts to EUR 90,756 (2022: EUR 90,756)

#### 4. <u>Balanced distribution of seats on the Management Board Members</u>

As a general guidance for Dutch public limited companies, in accordance with art. 276, of Book 2 Dutch Civil Code, large companies must aim for a balanced distribution between men and women with respect to their positions on the Management Board. In December 2023, the Company's Board included a woman, Mrs L. El Ouardani as a Director C of the Company, who was appointed after the resignation of Mrs. N. Goes Cherif. Since then, the Management has 75% of female members in the Management Board of Management through their experience, expertise, background and qualifications in order to comply with their responsibilities and properly execute their duties keeping in mind, the guidance of the Dutch Civil Code.



The Management Board is balanced as more than 30% of its members are female and its members have been appointed based on qualifications and availability, irrespective of gender. In order to maintain balanced, the Board will take these regulations into account to the extent possible with respect to future appointments of Board members.

#### 5. <u>Remuneration of the Management Board and Board of the Supervisory</u> <u>Directors.</u>

The Management Board Members consist of three Directors, E. Berenguer Marsal. L. El Ouardaniand V. Torres Ledesma. During 2023 the remuneration of the Directors amounted to EUR 171 thousand (previous year: EUR 140 thousand). The Company's Board of Supervisory Directors consists of three Directors, M. van Daalen, I. Velasco, and J. Izquierdo Sanz. During the period the remuneration of the Directors amounted to EUR 21,689 (previous year: EUR 19,874).

### 6. Financial risks

Due to the nature of the Company's activities, the most important category of risks to be considered is the financial risks. The Company identifies, evaluates, and mitigates financial risks in close cooperation with its Shareholder's Financial Risk Department. This department, with the aim to promote best practices, monitors and manages the financial risks relating to the operations of the Company through internal risk reports that analyze exposures by degree and magnitude of risks. The management of the Company is involved in the risk management process. Management qualifies itself as risk averse.

The main financial risks are market risk, credit risk, and liquidity risk.

#### <u>Market risk</u>

The Company's activities expose it primarily to the market risks of changes in currency exchange rates, interest rates, and credit ratings. Market risk (the risk of changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates and interest rates) will affect the Company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments.

#### Exchange rate fluctuation risk

The foreign exchange risk is limited as the non-euro borrowings have similar counter positions, or the foreign exchange risk will be managed through swaps to eliminate the exposure.

Effectively very limited foreign exchange risk is incurred by the Company because it has agreed that the loan and the notes carry the same currency.

#### <u>Interest rate risk</u>

The interest risk is offset as incoming loans and outgoing issuances have similar conditions, except for a spread. The proceeds from the note's issuances are lent on to the Shareholder and therefore the assets and liabilities are fully matched. The interest receivable date and interest payment date of the notes are contractually aligned. The Company, therefore, considers the interest rate risk to be low.



# <u>Credit risk</u>

There is a significant concentration of credit risk as all borrowings are lent on to the shareholder. Loans to the shareholder (refer to note 4) amount to EUR 7,298,764 thousand (2022: EUR 7,928,263). Repayment of the loans depends ultimately on the operational performance of the shareholder. The shareholder, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. is the holding company of Naturgy Energy Group, an international energy operator, with a significant presence in the world throughout the value chain for gas and electricity. The Shareholder is listed on the Spanish stock exchange. The rating agencies assigned a credit rating to the shareholder. The long-term credit rating of the shareholder is as follows:

	2023	2022
Standard & Poors	BBB	BBB
Fitch	BBB	BBB

This credit risk is monitored on a regular basis by the Company. In view of the prevailing ratings, the Company has concluded that the overall credit risk is low, as far as the Shareholder maintains strong liquidity and solvency metrics. The Company will closely monitor the external ratings for the Group and the financial developments of the Shareholder. The risk appetite of the Company in respect of this risk is low and no amendments were made or are expected to be made in managing this risk.

#### Liquidity risk

The liquidity risk is mitigated by the back-to-back financing with the ultimate Shareholder company under similar conditions, except for a small spread. The shareholder acts as a guarantor for all the borrowings. In order to minimize the liquidity risk, management monitors the availability of sufficient cash in order to ensure payment of short-term liabilities.

Regarding the Subordinated perpetual debentures, the only conditions that differ between the intragroup loans, by means on which the proceeds raised from the issuances to Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., and the instruments, are the maturity dates and the option to defer the payments of interests.

The Company closely monitors its liquidity position in the days prior to the interest due date and maturity date and will ensure that it will collect the interest and principal from the Shareholder prior to the interest due date and maturity date. The interest receivable dates, and interest payments dates of the notes are contractually aligned, as are the maturity dates. The Company therefore considers the liquidity risk to be low.

#### <u>Guarantees</u>

With respect to its obligations under the notes, the Company is unconditionally and irrevocable guaranteed on a full recourse basis. Each such Guarantee forms part of the respective note. The Company signed Guarantee Agreements in relation to the ECPs, EMTN program, and the Subordinated perpetual debentures, by which the Company pays to Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. an annual fee equal to 0.25% on the principal amount of the issuances.

#### 7. Other risks

#### Fiscal Risk

The Company and the Dutch tax authorities concluded an Advance Pricing Agreement (APA) in respect of the arm's length nature of the transfer prices used for calculating the profit within the Shareholder company in June 2019 by means of which it was agreed that at least a spread of 6.3 basis points should be applied on on-lent amounts. The APA ends as per 31 December 2023.

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For future years, in a scenario of no-APA, the Company will continue determining its transfer prices in line with the local and global transfer pricing guidelines. The risk appetite of the Company in respect of this risk is low and no amendments were made or are expected to be made in managing this risk.

#### Risks related to changes in law and regulations.

Most of the contracts/programmes contemplate the possibility of changes in tax or accountancy regulation, given that the Company has the option of calling back the notes if this happens. The Company therefore considers the risk to be low. The risk appetite of the Company in respect of this risk is low and no amendments were made or are expected to be made in managing this risk.

The members of the Management Board have made, in close operation with the Management of the Group, an assessment of the above risks. Based on this and the above-mentioned credit rating for the Group, the Management Board members has concluded the overall credit risk is low.

#### 8. <u>Risk assessment</u>

The Company identifies potential risks that can impact the financial company's reporting objectives that could have a significant impact on the reliability of the financial information.

The following risks have been identified:

- Regulatory changes that impact the financial statements
- Fraud generated on the financial information.
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- Late and improper detection of transactions with an impact on the financial statements and inadequate analysis and valuation of transactions through existing processes, manual means and systems.
- Failure to comply with the requirements of economic and financial reporting in due time and form.

The controls implemented by the Company to manage and mitigate significant reporting and operating risks can be characterised as:

- Preventive: intended to prevent error or fraud situations that may give rise to an error in the financial information of the Company
- Detecting: the aim of which is to detect error or fraud situations that have already occurred and that may give rise to an error in the company's financial information.

The company is also attached to the shareholder code of ethics. The Code of Ethics of the Shareholder and its subsidiaries was issued, approved, and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Shareholder in 2005 and was last amended in 2021 in order to include an explicit reference to two new corporate policies on conflicts of interest and digital rights. No major changes result from this amendment. The Code of Ethics is applicable to all professionals of the Naturgy Group and the entity and summarizes the principles and guidelines regardless of their rank, their geographical or functional location in order to ensure ethical and responsible behaviour by all professionals in the performance of their activities. The Code of Ethics forms a part of the Naturgy Group's Corporate Governance Systems and is fully respectful of the principles of corporate organization established therein. The Code of Ethics is available on https://www.naturgy.com/sostenibilidad/gestion\_de\_la\_sostenibilidad/politicas\_y\_co digos de conducta/cod go etico. The adoption and application of the Code of Ethics is mandatory. During the year there were no reportable events that directly or indirectly relate to the Code of Ethics.



# <u>Fraud risk analysis</u>

The Shareholder and the Company faces challenges regarding integrity through a management approach based on various policies and procedures and specific tools, within the framework of the Shareholder's Code of Ethics and of the compliance management model.

The regulatory framework is underpinned by the Code of Ethics and complemented by, among others, the Supplier Code of Ethics, the Compliance Policy, the Crime Prevention Model, the Anti-Corruption Policy, tax policies, the Human Rights Policy and other control standards and models that ensure the efficiency of operations, the mitigation of key risks in each area of the business and the continuity of operations.

#### 9. <u>Technological research, development, and innovation</u>

In 2023, the Company has not carried out any activity related to research, development, and innovation.

#### 10. Employees

During the year 2023, the average number of employees calculated on a full-time basis was 1 (2022: 1).

#### 11. Environmental related information

Naturgy Finance B.V.'s exposure is solely through Naturgy Group's potential impact from climate change. Naturgy's climate change strategy, aimed at mitigating potential impacts derived from climate change, includes the components of Nature and People, as they are complementary and mutually influential realities. This holistic vision is therefore based on three fundamental pillars:

- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by transforming the generation mix and the gas and electricity businesses towards an increasingly decarbonized model. This mix is diversified both technologically and geographically.

- Creation of natural capital and restoration of ecosystems to maximize CO2 capture and emissions neutralization, ensuring the protection of native fauna and flora, and maximizing co-benefits for local communities.

- Just Transition, maximizing the benefits of the transition to a low-carbon economy and minimizing negative impacts on activity, workers, and communities.

Naturgy is committed to being one of the key players in the energy transition towards a circular and decarbonized economic model. To achieve this, its Environmental Policy establishes principles around its strategic environmental axis of climate change and energy transition, and the Management Board Members is responsible for climate change governance at Naturgy, with the Sustainability Delegation Committee overseeing the company's performance in environmental, social, and corporate governance policies, as well as monitoring key indicators and managing risks and opportunities.

Following these principles, the company has adopted the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) since 2017. The TCFD aims to improve the disclosure of climate-related risks and opportunities and provide stakeholders with the necessary information to conduct consistent analyses of the potential financial impacts of climate change.

Information on the group's decarbonization strategy is detailed in Naturgy's Consolidated Annual Financial Report for the year 2023, prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).



At the end of 2023, the TCFD announced its dissolution as a working group, and the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) has taken over the monitoring responsibilities of the TCFD starting from 2024.

In January 2023, the CSRD or Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive was approved, defining the legal framework and regulating the requirements for sustainability reporting. It will be mandatory from 2024 for companies with more than 500 employees already subject to the Non-Financial Reporting Directive (NFRD), which must submit their reports in 2025. The aim of the CSRD is to provide users of sustainability reports with a better understanding of the company's evolution, results, situation, and impact. Therefore, this new directive is based on international references such as the TCFD, CDP, GRI, and the EU Taxonomy, reporting frameworks with which Naturgy aligns for the disclosure of its sustainability information. This positions the company well to comply with the requirements set by the new European standards within the CSRD framework.

Likewise, the Company is already working, together with the rest of the Shareholder subsidiaries, on identifying and assess material impacts, risks and opportunities (IROs), and providing the information and data necessary to comply with the requirements established in the reporting directive standards.

# 12. Outlook

The Medium-Term Notes (EMTN) program has a term of a year, and the last update of the program has been in December 2023, maintaining the same maximum aggregate amount to EUR 12,000,000 thousand as previous year (2022: EUR 12,000,000 thousand).

The Company also holds a Euro Commercial Paper (ECP) program entered during the year 2010, with a maximum amount disposed at each moment of EUR 1,000,000 thousand.

It is expected that the activities of the Company will remain unchanged. The Company expects to update the EMTN programme. Given the cash flow generated by the Shareholder as well as the available liquidity, the Company's refinancing needs are covered beyond 2024. The Company expects to continue its normal course of business in 2024, raising funding in the international capital markets so as to provide the necessary funding to the Shareholder Group companies. Additionally, the Company expects to maintain the balance of the ECP's issued during next year.

The Advance Pricing Agreement (APA) between the Company and the Dutch Tax Authorities has concluded as per 31 December 2023. the Company will continue determining its transfer prices in line with the local and global transfer pricing guidelines.

For the next year, no new investments are expected, and the number of employees will remain as in previous years. The Company does not envisage carrying out any new activity related to research, development, and innovation.

In an international context and within the framework of the Shareholder's financial policy, the Company has maintained the availability of funds to meet its obligations and to implement its business plans, guaranteeing at all times the optimum level of liquid resources and seeking to maximize efficiency in the management of financial resources.

In the light of the economic outlook and development of the political environment discussed above, the Company believes that it will continue to face a year full of challenges, like interest rate changes, in 2023, for which it has prepared through risk management procedures and strategic guidelines. The Management of the Company does not see any threat to the Company's status as a going concern. The Company's Pricewaterhouse Coopers



financial position is stable, with liquidity requirements currently covered by available liquidity and credit lines.

# 13. Subsequent events

On 15 February 2024, the Company agreed on exercise its right to redeem the Undated Deeply Subordinated Reset Rate Guaranteed notes amounting EUR 500,000 thousand with an interest rate of 3.375%, pursuant to Condition 6(b) of the Issuer's Call Option. The outstanding Undated Deeply Subordinated Reset Rate Guaranteed notes will be redeemed on 24 April 2024 at their principal amount together with any accrued and unpaid interest up to (but excluding) the redemption Date. On 27 February 2024, the notification in regard has been made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

### 14. Responsibility Statement

All managers confirm that, to the best of (their) knowledge:

- The financial statements for the year 2023, which have been prepared in accordance with the Dutch Civil Code, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit and loss of the company.
- The Management Board Members Report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the company, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties they face, as required pursuant to section 5:25c 2 of the Dutch Financial Markets Supervision Act ('Wet op het financieel toezicht").

# 15. Process of Conversion of Naturgy Finance B.V.

On 30 November 2023, the board of directors of the Company agreed to effectuate a statutory cross-border conversion of Naturgy Finance B.V to be carried out pursuant to Directive (EU) 2019/2121 and the relevant implementing legislation in the Netherlands and Spain and whereby the Company, without being dissolved or wound up or going into liquidation, transfers its registered office from the Netherlands to Spain and converts its legal form from a Dutch limited company (B.V. or besloten vennootschap) to a Spanish limited company (S.A. or sociedad anónima) (the "Conversion").

In connection with the Conversion, the Company prepared common draft terms of conversion (the "Conversion Proposal"). On 11 December 2023, the Conversion Proposal was filed with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce and made available at the offices of the Company and a notification was published on 14 December 2023 in the Dutch State Gazette (Staatscourant) (the "Conversion Notice"). The Company also published a regulatory announcement on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange which is available at https://www.naturgy.com/en/shareholders-and-investors/investors/fixed-income/euro-medium-term-notes-programme-emtn/ (the "Regulatory Announcement").

From the date of the Conversion Notice, two periods commenced, namely (i) a fourweek waiting period before the general meeting of the sole shareholder of the Company may resolve upon the Conversion and (ii) a three-month creditor opposition period (together, the "Conversion Process").

On 1 February 2024, the Guarantor, as sole shareholder of the Company, resolved to effect the Conversion. On the same day, a Dutch notary issued a pre-conversion certificate, as referred to in Section 2:3351 of the Dutch Civil Code, confirming that all procedural rules and formalities under Dutch law to effect the Conversion have been observed and complied with.



Once the accounts of Naturgy Finance BV as a Dutch limited company (B.V. or besloten vennootschap) are approved, the conversion deed will be presented to the Madrid Commercial Registry and it will be at that moment of presentation when the Company is a limited liability company (sociedad anónima) governed by the laws of Spain, under the name Naturgy Finance Iberia, S.A. and with its registered office at Avenida de América, 38, 28028, Madrid, Spain. Pursuant to Directive (EU) 2019/2121 and the pertinent regulatory framework in the Netherlands and Spain, alongside the Company's assets and liabilities preceding the migration of the Company, encompassing all agreements, receivables, entitlements, and commitments, persist as the Company's domain.



# <u>Signing</u>

The Management Board Members,

E. Berenguer Marsal

L. El Ouardani

V. Torres Ledesma

Amsterdam, The Netherlands  $7^{th}$  of March 2024.



# **Supervisory Board Report**

# 1. <u>General</u>

The Company's Supervisory Board was established on 17 September 2015 and at the same date, the Supervisory Board installed an audit Committee. In addition to the rules and regulations applicable under Dutch Law and the Articles of Association, a Charter was adopted that defines the tasks and responsibilities of the Supervisory Board. This Charter was approved by the General Meeting of Shareholders and was adopted by the Supervisory Board on 17 September 2015.

The Company aims for a mixed and balanced composition of its Management and Supervisory boards. With respect to gender, the Company strives for the boards to consist of at least 1/3 male and 1/3 female members.

During 2019, the Supervisory Board dissolved the Audit Committee and assumed all its functions.

In December 2020 the Charter has been revised and approved by the Shareholder. The revised Supervisory Board Charter provides a formal and transparent procedure for appointing and reappointing the supervisory board members and a solid plan of succession has been included.

#### 2. <u>Composition</u>

The Supervisory Board consists of 3 members. Mr. M. van Daalen, Mrs. I. Velasco Miranda and Mr. J. I. Sanz.

#### 3. <u>Tasks of the Supervisory Board</u>

The Supervisory Board supervises and reviews the activities and the decisions of the Management Board members, the development of the Company's operations and the realization of its objectives, taking into account the relevant interests of the Company's stakeholders. In addition, it assists the Management Board by providing advice and guidance.

In fulfilling its tasks, the Supervisor Board makes use of reports on business, finance, risks, and other aspects, and on presentations and meetings with Management Board, independent external auditor and other relevant parties.

#### 4. Activities of the Supervisory Board

In 2023 the Supervisory Board held 2 meetings; on 7 June and 30 November. Outside these meetings, the Supervisory Board passed 2 resolutions; on 29 November and 30 November.

Topics discussed in the meetings included the approval of Annual Report 2022 and profit distribution, the audit report of the independent external auditor PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountants N.V. ("PwC") for the audit of the 2022 Financial Statements, the EMTN program and update, updates and various tax matters, compliance measures, internal control, evaluation and functioning of the Management Board.

As in previous year, a self-evaluation of the Supervisory Board and its functioning was discussed. The overall feedback from the self-evaluation was that the Supervisory Board is operating well and that discussions are very open and constructive.



# 5. <u>Relationship with the external independent auditor</u>

The independent external auditor attends the meetings when the financial statements and audit process are discussed. The functioning of the external auditor is evaluated meticulously and the Supervisory Board is of the opinion that the independent external auditor is fully qualified for this task. There are no doubts or concerns with respect to their independency.

# 6. <u>Financial statements 2023</u>

The financial statements of the Company for 2023, as presented by the Management Board, have been audited by PwC as independent external auditor appointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders. The Supervisory Board is of the opinion that the Financial Statements and the Management Board's report provide a true and fair view of the Company's position, therefore the Management Board recommends the Shareholders to adopt these Financial Statements.

# 7. Migration of the Company

The shareholder of the Company decided to simplify its corporate structure, which includes migrating the Company to Spain, by way of converting the Company from a Dutch limited liability company into a Spanish limited liability company (the Conversion). The shareholder approved the migration decision with a shareholder's resolution of 20 November 2023.

The conversion proposal drawn up by the board of directors of the Company, dated 11 December 2023, was adopted by the shareholder at the shareholders meeting of 1 February 2024.

In the same meeting the shareholder approved the resignation of each Supervisory Board member as per the moment the Spanish public deed to formalize the Conversion is granted before as Spanish notary public.

The Company's tax advisor, Loyens & Loeff, has already communicated this merger plan with the Dutch Tax Authorities.

The relocation of the Company to Spain is aimed to be finalised during the second quarter of 2024.



# <u>Signing</u>

The Supervisory Board members,

I. Velasco Miranda

Mr. J. I Sanz

M. van Daalen

Amsterdam, The Netherlands 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.



# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# **Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2023**

(Before appropriation of result)

ASSETS	Note	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
Fixed assets			
Loans to group companies	4	6,785,505	7,178,495
Total Non-current assets	+	6,785,505	7,178,495
		0,100,000	1,110,400
Current assets			
Short term portion of the Loans to group companies	4	513,259	749,768
Receivables		129	109
Income tax receivables		369	157
Cash and cash equivalents	5	4,808	5,234
Total Current assets		518,565	755,268
TOTAL ASSETS		7,304,070	7,933,763
(Expressed in thousand of Euro) LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY		31/12/2023	31/12/2022
Shareholder's equity			
Share capital		91	91
Share premium reserve		165	165
Other reserves		5,121	4,925
Net Income for the period		3,039	3,696
Total Shareholder's equity	6	8,416	8,877
Long-term liabilities			
Long-term loans and bonds	7	6,785,357	7,179,060
Total Non-current liabilities		6,785,357	7,179,060
Current liabilities			
Short term portion of the long-term loans and bonds	7	496,786	730,999
Other current financial liabilities from group companies		13,322	14,644
Other current financial liabilities		189	183
			745 000
Total Current liabilities		510,297	745,826

The notes on pages 18 to 52 are an integral part of these financial statements.



# Statement of total result for the year ended 31 December 2023

Income statement			
(Expressed in thousand of Euro)			
	Note	2023	2022
Interest income	9	157,083	203,787
Interest expense	10	(133,964)	(177,298)
Net interest income		23,119	26,489
Other financial expenses	11	(18,297)	(21,206)
Net financial income		4,822	5,283
Administrative expenses	12	(745)	(388)
Profit before income taxes		4,077	4,895
Income tax expense	13	(1,038)	(1,199)
Net income for the year		3,039	3,696

The results of the Company are attributable to the Shareholder company Naturgy Energy Group, S.A.

The notes on pages 18 to 52 are an integral part of these financial statements.



# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

# 1. <u>General</u>

### **Company structure**

Naturgy Finance B.V. ("the Company") is a private limited liability company established in Amsterdam, The Netherlands (Commercial Register Number 24243533). The Company acts as a finance company. The Company has its business address at Barbara Strozzilaan 101, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The Company is an owned subsidiary of its ultimate Shareholder company who, in 2018 changed its legal name from Gas Natural SDG, S.A to Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. has its legal seat in Madrid, Spain, and is the controlling party of the Company.

The Company is included in the consolidated financial statements of Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. All subsidiaries of its shareholder, and its shareholder Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. which is head of the group, are referred to as group companies.

### Activities

Naturgy Finance B.V. was incorporated to facilitate the funding of its Shareholder company. In order to achieve its objectives, Naturgy Finance B.V. is authorized to raise funds including the issuance of subordinated securities, negotiable bonds and commercial paper on the capital and money markets.

In relation to these issuances the Company signed a Guarantee Agreement with its Shareholder company which establishes Naturgy Energy Group S.A. as unconditional and irrevocable guarantor of any amount payable that remains unpaid, by the date and on the time specified for such payment, by the Company (as issuer) to any holder of the notes issued. As a consequence, the Company pays to Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. an annual guaranteed fee of 0.25% on the principal amounts of the issuances.

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The Company signed an Advanced Pricing Agreement ("APA") in June 2019 with the Dutch tax authorities, which applies to the period of 1 January 2019 up to and including 31 December 2023. This agreement, states main following conditions:

- The new margin was applicable for any new debt instrument issued from 1 January 2019.
- The old margin was applicable until June 2019 (6.4316 basis points) for all other issuances in place since 2018.
- The agreement requires the Company to maintain a minimum equity amount of EUR 2,000 thousand.

The Company concluded an Advance Tax Ruling ("ATR") with the Dutch tax authorities in June 2019 for Subordinated perpetual debenture, qualifying both issuances as debt for Dutch tax purposes, please refer to note 12.

#### **Financial position**

In March 2010, the Company entered as issuer (Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. as guarantor) into a Euro Commercial Paper (ECP) Program for the issuance of notes under which it will be possible to issue notes and have outstanding at any time ECP notes up to a maximum aggregate amount of EUR 1,000,000 thousand The<sub>PricewaterhouseCoopers</sub>



Company has signed a revolving cash advance facility agreement with Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. This agreement allows to lend to Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. the funds raised under the issuances from the money market of commercial paper.

In November 2010, the Company entered into the Euro Medium-Term Notes (EMTN) Program. The issuers of the program are both the Company and Naturgy Capital Markets S.A., another sister. The program allows the issuance, offering and selling of notes, listing on the Official List of the Luxemburg Stock Exchange and trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market, although the notes may be admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any other listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system as may be agreed with the Issuer and the Guarantor. Unlisted Notes may also be issued under the program by the Company, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. being the Guarantor. This EMTN program is updated annually, and after various extensions, the program limit was EUR 12,000,000 thousand.

In 2013, the Company began for the first time to issue bonds under the EMTN program, and as at 31 December 2023 the bonds issued by the Company amounted to EUR 6,262,400 thousand (2022: EUR 6,914,008 thousand) (refer to note 7).

From 2014 the Company began to issue Subordinated perpetual debentures. On 18 November 2014, the Company issued the first "Undated 8-year non-call deeply subordinated guaranteed fixed rate reset securities" (Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 1,000,000 thousand), guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., for an amount of EUR 1,000,000 thousand (refer to note 7). The issue price was 99.488%. The Subordinated perpetual debentures bear interest at a fixed rate, which is calculated as a reference interest rate plus a margin. The reference interest rate is the 8-year swap rate (equivalent at the issue date to 0.772%) which may be reviewed every 8 years. The initial margin applicable to the first 10 years is 3.353%; between years 2024 and 2042 the margin will be 3.603% and from then onwards, it will be 4.353%. The initial coupon was set at 4.125%.

On 24 April 2015, the Company issued the second "Undated 9-year non-call deeply subordinated guaranteed fixed rate reset securities" (the Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand), guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., for an amount of EUR 500,000 thousand. The issue price was 99.049%. The Subordinated perpetual debentures 500,000 thousand bear interest at a fixed rate, which is calculated as a reference interest rate plus a margin. The reference interest rate is the 9-year swap rate (equivalent at the issue date to 0.4210%) which may be reviewed every 9 years. The initial margin applicable to the first 9 years is 3.079%; between years 2025 and 2044 the margin will be 3.329% and from then onwards, it will be 4.079%. The initial coupon was set at 3.375%.

On 23 November 2021, the Company issued the third "Undated 5-year non-call deeply subordinated guaranteed fixed rate reset securities (the Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand), guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., for an amount of EUR 500,000 thousand. The issue price was 99.60%. The Subordinated perpetual debentures 500,000 thousand bear interest at a fixed rate, which is calculated as a reference interest rate plus a margin. The reference interest rate is the 5,25-year swap rate (equivalent at the issue date to -0.062%) which may be reviewed every 5 years. The initial margin applicable to the first 10 years is 2.437%; between years 2032 and 2037 the margin will be 2.687% and from then onwards, it will be 3.437%. The initial coupon was set at 2.374%.

Also, on 23 November 2021, the Company successfully repurchased Subordinated perpetual debentures of EUR 500,000 thousand from its Undated 9-year non-call deeply subordinated guaranteed fixed rate reset securities of EUR 1,000,000 thousand. The intercompany loan linked to such bond was duly repaid.



At its sole discretion, the Company may elect to defer any payments of coupons on the Subordinated perpetual debentures. Any coupon payment deferral will accrue interests at 3.353% for the EUR 500,000 thousand Undated 8-year non-call Subordinated perpetual debentures and 3.079% for the EUR 500,000 thousand Undated 9-year non-call Subordinated Perpetual Debentures and at 2.374% for the EUR 500,000 thousand Undated 5-year non-call Subordinated perpetual debentures. Coupons deferred are however mandatorily settled ultimately upon redemption of the Subordinated perpetual debentures or if the guarantor, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., pays dividends in cash in respect of its ordinary shares, or if the Company pays dividends of its ordinary shares. Although these Subordinated perpetual debentures do not have a contractual maturity date, the Company will have the right to redeem the Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand on 18 November 2022 and Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand on 24 April 2024 and Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand on 23 February 2027 and on any subsequent year, at coupons payments dates.

In November 2022, the Company, exercised its right to redeem the outstanding Undated Deeply Subordinated Reset Rate Guaranteed notes amounted EUR 500,000 thousand, pursuant to Condition 6(b) of the Issuer's Call Option. The outstanding Undated Deeply Subordinated Reset Rate Guaranteed notes were redeemed on 18 November 2022 at their principal amount together with any accrued and unpaid interest up to (but excluding) the Redemption Date.

The Company signed Guarantee Agreements in relation to the ECPs, EMTN program, and the Subordinated perpetual debentures, which establishes Naturgy Energy Group S.A. as unconditional and irrevocable guarantor of any amount payable that remains unpaid, by the date and on the time specified for such payment, by the Company (as issuer) to any holder of the notes issued. As a consequence, the Company pays to Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. an annual guaranteed fee of 0.25% on the principal amounts of the issuances.

#### 2. <u>Summary of principal accounting policies</u>

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation

This annual report is prepared for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The present accounting policies of valuation and determination of result used assume of the going concern of the Company.

The Management has formulated these annual accounts applying the going concern principle, together with the fact that the Company foresees positive cash flows in the upcoming financial years based on the forecasts made as a result of the normal development of its business.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and with accounting principles accepted in the Netherlands.

Assets and liabilities are measured at historical cost, unless stated otherwise in the policies below. An asset is recognized in the balance sheet when it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the Company and the asset has a cost price or value of which the amount can be measured reliably. Assets that are not recognized in the balance sheet are considered as off-balance sheet assets. A liability is recognized in the balance sheet and the settlement of an existing obligation will result in anAccountants N.V.



For identification purposes only outflow of resources embodying economic benefits and the amount necessary to settle this obligation can be measured reliably. Provisions are included in the liabilities of the Company. Liabilities that are not recognized in the balance sheet are considered as off-balance sheet liabilities. An asset or liability that is recognized in the balance sheet remains recognized on the balance sheet if a transaction (with respect to the asset or liability) does not lead to a major change in the economic reality with respect to the asset or liability. Such transactions will not result in the recognition of results. When assessing whether there is a significant change in the economic circumstances, the economic benefits and risks that are likely to occur in practice are considered. The benefits and risks that are not reasonably expected to occur are not taken in to account in this assessment. An asset or liability is no longer recognized in the balance sheet, and thus derecognized, when a transaction results in all or substantially all rights to economic benefits and all or substantially all of the risks related to the asset or liability are transferred to a third party. In such cases, the results of the transaction are directly recognized in the profit and loss account, considering any provisions related to the transaction of assets are recognized of which the Company does not have the legal ownership, this fact is disclosed.

Income is recognized in the statement of income when an increase in future economic potential related to an increase in an asset or a decrease of a liability arises, of which the size can be measured reliably. Expenses are recognized when a decrease in the economic potential related to a decrease in an asset or an increase of a liability arises, of which the size can be measured with sufficient reliability. Revenues and expenses are allocated to the respective period to which they relate. Revenues are recognized when the Company has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies.

These financial statements fairly present the equity and financial situation of Naturgy Finance B.V. at 31 December 2023 and the results of its operations and the changes in the statement of shareholder's equity of the Company for the year ended.

The figures showed in the financial statements are expressed in thousands of Euros unless otherwise indicated.

#### 2.2 Changes in accounting

The accounting policies remain the same as previous years.

#### 2.3 Use of estimates / judgment

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the relevant rules requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and judgements.

If it is necessary in order to provide the true and fair view required under Book 2, article 362, paragraph 1, the nature of these estimates and judgements, including related assumptions, is disclosed in the notes to the relevant financial statement item.

Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment for the period ended 31 December 2023, as well for the year ended 31 December 2022 is included in the following notes:

In terms of key assumptions underlying recoverable amounts, including the recoverability of loans, please, refer to note 4. For determining the fair value of PricewaterhouseCoopers loans, borrowings, please refer to note 4 and 7.

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Management prepares an annual assessment in terms of the recoverability of the EUR 7,298 million intercompany loan (2022: EUR 7,928 million) and whether impairment is required. These demonstrate that the group has sufficient liquidity for its operations and borrowings can be repaid as they fall due.

#### 2.4 Cash flow statement

The Company does not prepare cash flow statement for the financial statements. As permitted under RJ 360.104, the cash flows of the Company are included in the consolidated cash flows statement of the ultimate holding company. The ultimate holding company's financial statement are available on Naturgy's corporate website: www.naturgy.com.

### 2.5 Foreign currency translation

#### a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The financial statements are presented in thousands of Euros, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

#### b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured.

- Monetary financial assets and liabilities are translated at the closing rate of the date of the Balance Sheet.
- Income and expenses are translated at monthly average exchange rates.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the statement of income.

#### 2.6 Financial instruments

Financial instruments include bonds, loans granted and other receivables, cash items, loans and other financing commitments and other payables. Financial instruments also include derivative financial instruments.

#### a) Loans and bonds

*Loans and bonds* are initially recognized at their fair value, net of any transaction costs incurred. Subsequently, loans and bonds are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

*Loans and bonds* are classified as current financial liabilities unless they mature in more than twelve months as from the balance sheet.

#### b) Loans to group companies

Loans to group companies are carried at amortized cost after initial recognition at fair value, using the effective interest rate method, less impairment losses. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the end of the reporting year. These are classified as non-current assets.



#### c) Impairment of financial fixed assets

A financial asset that is not measured at (1) fair value with value changes reflected in the profit and loss account, or at (2) amortized cost, is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is impaired if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, with a negative impact on the estimated future cash flows of that asset, which can be estimated reliably.

The Company assesses at the end of each reporting year whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

The criteria that the Company uses to determine that there is objective evidence of an impairment loss include:

- Significant financial difficulty of the issuer or obligor;
- A breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- The Company, for economic or legal reasons relating to the borrower's (Naturgy Energy Group S.A.) financial difficulty, granting to the borrower a concession that the lender would not otherwise consider;
- Observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a portfolio of financial assets since the initial recognition of those assets, although the decrease cannot yet be identified with the individual financial assets in the portfolio, including (i) Adverse changes in the payment status of borrowers in the portfolio; and (ii) National or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on the assets in the portfolio; and Analysis of the Ukraine war, please refer to note

The entity considers evidence of impairment for financial assets measured at amortized cost (loans and receivables and financial assets that are held to maturity). All individually significant assets are assessed individually for impairment. An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortized cost is calculated as the difference between it carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate.

Impairment losses are recognized in the profit and loss account and reflected in an allowance account against loans and receivables, or investment securities held to maturity (as part of the interest expenses). Interest on the impaired asset continues to be recognized by using the asset's original effective interest rate.

#### d) Offsetting financial instruments

A financial asset and a financial liability are offset when the entity has a legally enforceable right to set off the financial asset and financial liability and the Company has the firm intention to settle the balance on a net basis, or to settle the asset and the liability simultaneously.

If there is a transfer of a financial asset that does not qualify for derecognition in the balance sheet, the transferred asset and the associated liability are not offset.



# e) Modification of financial instruments

Modifications of financial instruments are assessed from a qualitative and quantitative prospective when they are present, if the discounted present value of the cash flows at market rate under the new terms was less than 10% different from the discounted present value of the remaining cash flows of the original financial liability and asset, it is considered that there is no substantial modification, therefore it is not required to derecognise the financial instruments and account for a new financial instrument; as such, the Company calculates the amortised cost of the financial asset and liability as the present value of the future contractual cash flows that are discounted at the financial instrument's effective interest rate.

Substantial modifications to financial instruments are treated as an extinguishment, and so derecognition, of the existing liability and recognition of a new liability based on the new contractual terms. Any difference between the amortised cost of the `old' loan and the present value of the modified cash flows at the original effective interest rate is recognised as a gain or loss within the profit and loss account.

#### f) Derecognition of financial instruments

Financial instruments are derecognised if a transaction results in a considerate part of the contractual risks or rewards with respect to that financial instrument being transferred to a third party.

#### 2.7 Loans to group companies

Loans to group companies are stated at amortized cost.

#### 2.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current financial liabilities in the balance sheet. Cash and cash equivalents denominated in foreign currencies are translate at the balance sheet date in euros at the exchange rate ruling at that date. Reference is made to the accounting policies for foreign currencies. Cash at banks in hand is measured at nominal value.

#### 2.9 Equity

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

Share premium reserve relates to the amounts contributed by the Shareholder. This also includes additional capital contributions without the issue of shares or issue of rights to acquire shares of the Company. Costs and capital taxes associated with the issue of shares that are not capitalised are deducted from share premium, after taking into account tax effects. If the share premium is insufficient for such deductions, the amounts are deducted from other reserves.

Other reserves related to the portion of prior year's results that have been appropriated as a result of an Annual General Meeting decision. The net result of previous years is classified under the other reserves. Dividend pay outs are deducted from other reserves (except when the Annual General Meeting decided on dividends being an included as element of profit of appropriation).

Financial instruments that are designated as equity instruments by virtue of the economic reality are presented under shareholders' equity. Payments to holders of these instruments are deducted from the shareholders' equity as part of the profit distribution.



Financial instruments that are designated as a financial liability by virtue of the economic reality are presented under liabilities. Interest, dividends, income, and expenditure with respect to these financial instruments are recognized in the profit and loss as financial income or expense.

#### 2.10 Non-Current liabilities

The valuation and measurement of non-current liabilities is explained under the heading 'Financial instruments. The presentation is determined by the legal or constructive obligation to pay.

#### 2.11 Current liabilities

The valuation and measurement of current liabilities is explained under the heading 'Financial instruments. The presentation is determined by the legal or constructive obligation to pay.

#### 2.12 Other operating expenses

Costs are determined on a historical bases and are attributed to the reporting year which they relate.

#### 2.13 Income tax

The tax expense for the year comprises current tax and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the statement of income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognized in equity.

The current tax charge is calculated at the balance sheet date. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred tax is recognized on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the Company financial statements. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realized, or the deferred tax liability is settled. Deferred tax is recorded at nominal value.

Deferred tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

The taxable profit of the Company is computed on the basis of a Pricing Agreement with the tax authorities. This requires a minimum taxable income in respect of taking up and granting loans. The present Advanced Pricing Agreement is valid from 1 January 2019 until 31 December 2023.

#### 2.14 Interest income and expense recognition

Interest income and expense are recognized using the effective interest method. When a loan and receivable are impaired, the Company reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument and continues unwinding the discount as interest income. Interest income on impaired loans and receivables are recognized using the original effective interest rate.

#### 2.15 Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution is recognized as a liability in the Company's financial statements once it is approved by the Company's shareholders.



#### 2.16 Provisions and contingencies

Provisions are being measured at present value and are recognized when the Company has i) a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; ii) for which it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and iii) the amount can be reliably estimated. When one of these criteria is not fulfilled or the existence of the liability is dependent upon a future event, the Company discloses it as a contingent liability, except if the outflow of resources to settle it is considered to be remote. Contingent assets are not recognized in the Company's balance sheet but are disclosed when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

# 2.17 Related parties

Transactions with related parties are assumed when a relationship exists between the Company and a natural person or entity that is affiliated with the Company. This includes, amongst others, the relationship between the Company and its subsidiaries, its Shareholder company shareholder, directors and key management personnel.

Transactions are transfers of resources, services or obligations, regardless of whether anything has been charged insofar as they are not transacted under normal market conditions.

#### 2.18. Guarantee to the Shareholder.

The expenses related to the guarantee paid to the Shareholder are part of 'Financial expenses' in the statement of income.

#### 2.19 Events after the reporting year

Post-year-end events that provide additional evidence of conditions that existed at the end of the reporting year (adjusting events), if any, are reflected in the financial statements. Post-year-end events that are indicative of conditions that arose after the end of the reporting year (non-adjusting events) are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 3. <u>Financial risk management</u>

#### 3.1 Financial risk factors

The Company's activities are exposed to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk.

Furthermore, risk related to financial reporting and other operational risks, risks related to change in laws and regulations and risks related to financial instruments; all of these risks arise in the normal course of business and the risk appetite of the Company in respect to these risks is low and no amendments were made or are expected to be made in managing these risks.

The Company's overall risk management program focuses on the volatility of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance.

The risk management policy is based on the consideration that the Company acts as a vehicle to raise funds for Naturgy Energy Group and to on-lend these funds to the Shareholder company.

The set-out policy allows the Company to raise funds on non-euro currencies where the markets offer good opportunities as compared with the euro market. When the borrowings are not denominated in Euros, the Company either on lends the funds to the Shareholder company in the same currency as the borrowing is denominated or enters into swaps to finally obtain Euros that are then on-lent to the Shareholder company EricewaterhouseCoopers



Accountants N.V. For identification purposes only Company's policy is to enter into cross-currency swaps considered as fully effective, as the notional amount of the cross-currency swap equals the borrowing, and all cash flow dates and interest rates coincide between the borrowing and the cross-currency swap.

All borrowings, taking into account the impact of the derivative hedges, are issued under the general conditions to the shareholder including a small interest spread and the maturity date is the same or later than the shareholder loans.

### Market risk

#### a) Foreign exchange risk

The Company has very low appetite to exchange-rate risk. The Company is exposed to exchange rate risk through its debt and assets denominated in currencies other than EUR, currently NOK. To mitigate the exposure to foreign exchange risk, the currency of the loans to the shareholder will generally match the currency of the attracted funding. Where this is not applicable, derivatives are used to mitigate this exposure.

The proceeds from the bond issued in NOK have been on lent in NOK to the Shareholder company Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. and therefore, the foreign exchange risk for the company has been offset by a position with the Shareholder company.

#### b) Interest rate risk

The Company's interest rate risk arises from the Subordinated perpetual debentures and bonds. Issuances at fixed rates expose the Company to fair value interest rate risk. Issuances at variable rates expose the Company to cash flow and interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is offset by similar interest conditions in the positions with the shareholder, except for a spread.

#### Credit risk

There is a significant concentration of credit risk as all borrowings are lent on to the shareholder. Loans to the shareholder (refer to note 4) amount to EUR 7,298,764 thousand (2022: EUR 7,928,263 thousand). The level of remuneration reflects the functions performed and the risks assumed by the Company in relation to the intercompany flows. It has been agreed to set the remuneration for the financing activities over the funds borrowed and lent on, as an annually gross spread. This spread is based on a corresponding transfer pricing report which is updated every five years.

In the case of the Subordinated perpetual debentures, the intragroup loans have the same subordination as the guarantees provided by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. to the holders of the Subordinated perpetual debentures. This credit risk is monitored on a regular basis by the Company.

The shareholder, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. is the holding company of Naturgy Energy group, an international energy operator, with a significant presence in the world throughout the value chain for gas and electricity. The shareholder is listed on the Spanish stock exchange.

The long-term credit rating of the shareholder is as follows:

	2023	2022
Standard & Poors	BBB	BBB
Fitch	BBB	BBB

The maximum exposure to credit risk amounts to EUR 7,298,893 thousand (2022: EUR 7,928,371 thousand).



#### Liquidity risk and cash flow risk

The Company performs cash flow forecasting. Management monitors rolling forecasts of the Company's liquidity requirements to ensure it has sufficient cash to meet operational needs while maintaining sufficient headroom on its undrawn committed borrowing facilities at all times so that the Company does not breach borrowing limits (where applicable) on any of its borrowing facilities. Such forecasting takes into consideration the Company's debt financing plans and external legal requirements.

In connection with the borrowings, the Company pays interests on an annual basis in the case of the bonds issued under the EMTN (refer to note 7). The redemption date for the bonds their maturity ranges from 2 to 10 years (refer to note 7).

The Company does not bear cash-flow risk regarding the issuance of the Subordinated perpetual debentures, as the intragroup loan is more liquid than the issuance and the interest rate on the intragroup loan will be received, even if the Company defers the accrued interest on the Subordinated perpetual debentures.

The Company will pay interests on an annual basis in the case that interests are mandatorily settled (refer to note 7). The Subordinated perpetual debentures have no redemption date.

The Company's income and operating cash flows are dependent on changes in market interest rates for Euribor. The current variable interest rates are set at Euribor plus a fixed margin. This funding exposes the Company to cash flow interest rate risk which is offset by similar counter positions.

The Company is exposed to cash flow risk, but this risk is limited as the payment conditions on the EMTN senior bonds are similar as the payment conditions on the loans to the shareholder.

With regards to the payment conditions on the Subordinated perpetual bonds, the only difference with the payment conditions on the loans to the shareholder is the tenor of such loans that is extended automatically beyond the call date.

The shareholder does not have a history of non-compliance with the payment conditions.

Contractual maturities of the Company's financial instruments are:



#### Assets

(in Thousands of Euro) At 31 December 2023	Within 1 month	Between 1 month and 3 months	Between 3 months and 12 months	Between 12 months and 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
Long-term loans to shareholder	-	-	-	4,595,247	2,190,258	6,785,505
Current loans to shareholder	51,698	433,848	27,713	-	-	513,259
Financial receivables	-	-	129	-	-	129
Total Financial Assets	51,698	433,848	27,842	4,595,247	2,190,258	7,298,893

#### Liabilities

(in Thousands of Euro) At 31 December 2023	Within 1 month	Between 1 month and 3 months	Between 3 months and 12 months	Between 12 months and 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
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Long-term loans and bonds	-	-	-	4,595,041	2,190,315	6,785,356
Short-term loans and bonds	42,071	432,927	21,788	-	-	496,785
Other current financial liabilities from group companies	7,689	1,901	3,566	-	-	13,156
Other current financial liabilities	-	-	176	-	-	176
Total Financial Liabilities	49,760	434,828	25,529	4,595,041	2,190,315	7,295,474

#### Assets

(in Thousands of Euro)	Within 1 month	Between 1 month and 3 months	Between 3 months and 12	Between 12 months and 5 years	More than	Total
At 31 December 2022			months			
Long-term loans to shareholder	-	-	-	5,988,003	1,190,492	7,178,495
Current loans to shareholder	67,571	22,131	660,066	-	-	749,768
Financial receivables	-	-	109	-	-	109
Total Financial Assets	67,571	22,131	660,175	5,988,003	1,190,492	7,928,372

#### Liabilities

(in Thousands of Euro) At 31 December 2022	Within 1 month	Between 1 month and 3 months	Between 3 months and 12 months	Between 12 months and 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
Long-term loans and bonds	-	-	-	5,987,848	1,191,212	7,179,060
Short-term loans and bonds	56,758	19,747	654,494	-	-	730,999
Other current financial liabilities from group companies	8,637	1,926	3,914	-	-	14,477
Other current financial liabilities	-	-	170	-	-	170
Total Financial Liabilities	65,395	21,673	658,578	5,987,848	1,191,212	7,924,706

#### **Currency** risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. Currency risk arises when future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities are denominated in a currency that is not the Company's measurement currency.

As the Company's financial instruments and major part of the transactions are in Euro, the currency risk is very low.

#### Other operational risks related to the geopolitical risks.

Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine that began on February 24, 2022, the conflict between Palestinians and Israelis has escalated recently following the terrorist attack on Israel in October 2023. While this conflict is not expected to have major global energy consequences as long as it remains regionally contained, it reduces expectations of

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normalization in the region concerned and increases the geopolitical risk premium in already stressed markets.

As this scenario is constantly evolving and as it is difficult to predict the extent or duration of the conflict's impact, Naturgy constantly monitors the relevant macroeconomic and business variables in order to obtain the best estimate of potential impacts in real time, also taking into account recommendations by national and international supervisory bodies on the matter.

The Company is aware of the potential impact of the geopolitical developments and acknowledges the indirect risks associated with the new macroeconomic scenario resulting from the war.

In this regard, it is relevant to consider regulatory changes that may impact business activities, such as potential adjustments in energy product pricing or shifts in central banks' monetary policies, which could result in significant increases in interest and discount rates. Naturgy currently has no indications of a deterioration in the credit risk of its borrowers or changes in their payment behaviour regarding the loans issued by the company. Additionally, the obligations to bondholders are supported by guarantees from the Shareholder.

For more detailed information on Naturgy's risks and risk management, please refer to the Naturgy Group Management Report for the financial year 2023 available on the company's website at <u>www.naturgy.com</u>.

#### 4. Loans and bonds

Loans and bonds are loans to group companies that consist mainly of loans given to the shareholder mirroring the borrowings received by the Company from third parties and group companies.

The breakdown of the loans to Group companies are as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Non-current		
Loans to shareholder (EMTN Program)	5,786,913	6,181,389
Loans to shareholder (Referred to Subordinated perpetual debentures)	997,862	996,376
Loans to shareholder (Credit facility)	730	730
	6,785,505	7,178,495
Current		
Accrued Interest (EMTN Program)	77,332	98,190
Accrued Interest (Referred to Subordinated perpetual debentures)	24,181	24,216
Loans to shareholder (EMTN Program)	411,746	627,362
	513,259	749,768
Total	7,298,764	7,928,263

# The carrying amounts and fair values of the non-current loans to the shareholders are as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	Carrying value		Fair Value	
	31 December 2023	31 December 2022	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Loans to shareholder (EMTN Program)	5,786,913	6,181,389	5,552,129	5,669,179
Loans to shareholder (Referred to Subordinated perpetual bond)	997,862	996,376	961,390	931,869
Loans to shareholder (Credit facility)	730	730	730	730
Total EUR	6,785,505	7,178,495	6,514,249	6,601,778

The fair value of the non-current loans to the shareholder is estimated using the discounted cash-flows over the remaining terms of such. The discount rates for intercompany loans corresponding to non-traded related loans were determined based



on the cost of borrowings in Euros of Naturgy Energy Group S.A., adjusted by the additional spread stipulated in the intercompany loan.

The lower fair value is due to the fact that since they are mirror loans of bonds issued at very low coupons, with higher interest rates the present value of the cash flows of the loans has been reduced.

The Company does not foresee any modification on the carrying value The company's expects that interest will be received for the nominal value of the loans and not for its fair value. The Company's assets from the loans to the shareholder are for the repayment of debt with third parties (debt holders), debt that is guaranteed by the Shareholder, the counterparty on the assets. The lower fair value is not due to a lower credit profile of the Shareholder, whose rating improved to stable at BBB by S&P. The intercompany loans will be repaid at its nominal amount at its maturity date, converging with its carrying value. The average effective interest rate for those loans during the year has been 1.887% (2022: 2.181%). The discount rates for the loans to the shareholder corresponding to the EMTN program not including the Subordinated perpetual debentures have been determined considering the fair market value of the corresponding bonds issued by the Company, adjusted by the additional spread stipulated in the intercompany Ioan. The average annual interest rate for those loans during the year has been 1.574% (2022: 1.868%).

The carrying amount and fair value of the current loan to the shareholders is as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	Carrying	Carrying value		Fair Value	
	31 December 2023	31 December 2022	31 December 2023	31 December 2022	
Loans to shareholder (EMTN Program)	513,259	749,768	512,938	752,030	
Total EUR	513,259	749,768	512,938	752,030	

#### The movement of loans to group companies is as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	31 December 2023	31 December 2022	
At 1 January	7,928,263	8,873,454	
Decrease of Loans to shareholder (EMTN Program)	(630,985)	(454,445)	
Decrease Non current Loans to shareholder	(394,475)	(614,334)	
Increase Current Loans to shareholder	(236,509)	159,889	
Decrease of Loans to shareholder (Subordinated perpetual debentures)	1,486	(490,746)	
As at 31 December	7,298,764	7,928,263	

The Company did not identify an impairment of the loans to group companies as of 31 December 2023 and 2022.

We set out below a description of the loans to the shareholder:

#### Loans to group companies (EMTN Program)

In order to on-lend the proceeds raised under the EMTN program, the Company signed a finance agreement with Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., formerly named Gas Natural SDG, S.A. dated 26 November 2012, that stipulate the general terms and conditions of the individual loan agreements that will be made between the parties each time the Company issues a bond. Each loan agreement will be a mirror loan of the relevant issuance of Notes and the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement will be identical to the Final Terms of the Issuance of Notes. Thus, the loans have the same maturity date as the EMTN issuances to which they are related to and bear the same nominal interest rate plus 0.25% plus a taxable margin.



As at 31 December 2023 the nominal value of the intra-group loans related to the EMTN Program are EUR 6,262,400 thousand (2022: EUR 6,813,100 thousand and for Norwegian Krone denominated loans EUR 76,090 thousand) As at 31 December 2023, the amortized cost of the loans using an effective interest rate is EUR 6,199,231 thousand (2022: EUR 6,732,660 thousand)

The loans to the shareholder related to the EMTN program recognized in the balance sheet are calculated as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	31 December 2023	31 December 2022	
Long term			
At 1 January	6,181,389	6,795,723	
Loans to group companies	-	-	
Repayment from group companies	-	-	
Transfer from long term to short term	(410,756)	(630,567)	
Transaction costs incurred	-	-	
Amortized cost released	16,280	16,233	
Exchanges differences	-	-	
As at 31 December	5,786,913	6,181,389	
Short term			
At 1 January	725,552	565,663	
Transfer to short term from long term	410,756	630,567	
Amortized cost released	419	896	
Repayment from group companies	(626,790)	(453,700)	
Interest income	127,916	133,386	
Interest received	(148,775)	(147,260)	
Exchanges differences	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(3,999)	
As at 31 December	489,078	725,552	
Total	6,275,991	6,906,941	

In January 2023, the bond with principal amount of EUR 396,400 thousand reached its maturity. This bond had been issued on 17 January 2013 for a total amount of EUR 600,000 thousand. In January the bond, and the amount due from the Shareholder company in this regard, were all received and paid.

In May 2023, the bond with principal amount of EUR 154,300 thousand reached its maturity. This bond had been issued on 8 May 2014 for a total amount of EUR 200,000 thousand. In May the bond, and the amount due from the Shareholder company in this regard, were all received and paid.

In July 2023, the bond with principal amount of EUR 100,908 thousand reached its maturity. This bond was issued in Norwegian Krone (NOK) for an amount of NOK 800,000 thousand. Regarding the NOK 800,000 thousand issuance, the proceeds from the notes have been on-lent in NOK to its Shareholder company, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., and therefore, the net foreign exchange risk for the Company has been offset by a position with its Shareholder company. In July the bond, and the amount due from the Shareholder company in this regard, were all received and paid.

In March 2024, the bond with principal amount EUR 411,800 thousand will reach its maturity, the bond, and the amount due from the Shareholder company in regards have been transferred from long term to short term in accordance with accounting principles.

#### Loans to group companies (Referred to Subordinated perpetual debentures)

To on-lend the proceeds raised under the Subordinated perpetual debentures, the Company signed finance agreements with Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. dated on 18PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountants N.V.



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The maturity dates of the intragroup loans will be 2024 and 2027, respectively. However, the loan could be extended for a further period of a year. Immediate repayment should follow in case of repayment of the debenture.

The loans will bear interest at a fixed rate, calculated on the nominal amount of the loans, which will be similar to the interest on the Subordinated perpetual debentures (including the interest re-set) (refer to note 7) plus 0.25% plus a taxable margin in line with the tax ruling. Interest will be payable annually in arrears on each interest payment dates. The initial interest rates are, for the loan mirroring the Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand, 4.438% until year 2022, for the loan mirroring the Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand, 3.688% until year 2024 and for the loan mirroring the Subordinated perpetual debentures EUR 500,000 thousand, 2.687% until year 2027.

The loans will be subordinated to Senior Obligations of the Borrower, rank equal to Parity Obligations of the Borrower and rank senior to Junior Obligations of the Borrower. Senior Obligations include all current and future securities issued under the EMTN Programme, Parity Obligations include all current and future Perpetual Subordinated securities issued by the Borrower and Junior Obligations include all current and future ordinary shares and all current and future preferred securities of Naturgy Energy Group, S.A.

The only conditions that differ between the intragroup loans, which lends on the proceeds raised from the issuances to Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., and the hybrid instruments, are the maturity dates and the option to defer the payments of interests.

At its sole discretion, the Company may elect to defer any payments of coupons on the Subordinated perpetual debentures. Coupons deferred are, however, mandatorily settled ultimately upon redemption of the Subordinated perpetual debentures or if the guarantor, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., pays dividends in cash in respect of its ordinary shares, or if the Company pays dividends of its ordinary shares. However, the Company has never opted for it. Though, this option is not applicable to the intragroup loans, so if the Company defers interest on the Subordinated perpetual debentures, it will still receive the interest on the intercompany loan. In that situation, the loan interest received would be on-lent again to its Shareholder company by means of a new intragroup loan as it is the usual policy of the Company to invest its surplus in Naturgy Energy Group.

In November 2022, the Company, exercised its right to redeem the outstanding Undated Deeply Subordinated Reset Rate Guaranteed notes amounted EUR 500,000 thousand, pursuant to Condition 6(b) of the Issuer's Call Option. The outstanding Undated Deeply Subordinated Reset Rate Guaranteed notes were redeemed on 18 November 2022 at their principal amount together with any accrued and unpaid interest up to (but excluding) the Redemption Date.

This bond had been issued on 18 November 2014 for a total amount of EUR 1,000,000 thousand. In November 2022 the bond, and the amount due from the Shareholder company in this regard, were all received and paid.



The loans to the shareholder related to the Subordinated perpetual debentures recognized in the balance sheet are calculated as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	31 December 2023	31 December 2022	
Long term			
At 1 January	996,376	1,494,496	
Loans to shareholder	-	-	
Amortized cost released	1,486	1,880	
Repayment from group companies	-	(500,000)	
Transaction costs incurred	-	-	
As at 31 December	997,862	996,376	
Short term			
At 1 January	24,216	16,841	
Interest income	31,875	51,391	
Interest received	(31,910)	(44,016)	
As at 31 December	24,181	24,216	
Total	1,022,043	1,020,592	

#### Loans to group companies (credit facility)

Additionally, as of 22 September 2010 a credit facility up to a maximum amount of EUR 10,000 thousand has been agreed between the Company and Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. The credit facility bears a nominal interest rate of 3 months Euribor plus a taxable margin in line with the tax ruling, with quarterly payments and maturity date 22 September 2022. The outstanding lent amount as of 31 December 2023 amounts to EUR 730 thousand (2022: EUR 730 thousand).

The credit facility recognized in the balance sheet is calculated as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	31 December 2023	31 December 2022	
Long term			
At 1 January	730	730	
Repayment from shareholder	-	-	
As at 31 December	730	730	

#### Loans to group companies (ECP program)

During the year 2023 one loan has been agreed upon in a revolving cash agreement dated 23 March 2010 between the Company and Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. This agreement has been signed to conduct the lending of the proceeds raised under the ECP program up to a maximum amount of EUR 1,000,000 thousand where any advances to be granted by the Company to the borrower will be subject to the conditions precedent to the issuance of Notes. Thus, the loans have the same maturity date as the ECP issuance which is related to and bear the same nominal interest rate plus a taxable margin + 0.25% plus a taxable margin in line with the tax ruling.

The loan to the shareholder related to the ECP program, recognized in the balance sheet is calculated as follows:

There is no outstanding drawn amount as of 31 December 2023.

(in Thousands of Euro)		2023	2022	
Short term				
At 1 January		-	-	
Issuance of ECPs		-	300,056	
Redemption of ECPs		-	(300,056)	
As at 31 December			pwc	PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountants N.V. For identification purposes only
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### 5. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of current account balances which are available on demand. As of 31 December 2023, cash amounts to EUR 4,808 thousand (2022: EUR 5,234 thousand). The cash at banks is freely disposable for the Company.

### 6. Shareholder's equity

The movements in capital and reserves are as follows:

	Share capital	Share premium	Other Reserves	Profit for the year	Net Equity
(Expressed in thousand of Euro)	-	-		-	
Balance at 1 January 2022	91	165	4,592	3,833	8,681
Profit appropriation of previous year	-	-	3,833	(3,833)	-
Other variations in equity	-	-	-	-	-
Distribution of dividends	-	-	(3,500)	-	(3,500)
Net income for the period	-	-	-	3,696	3,696
Balance at 31 December 2022	91	165	4,925	3,696	8,877
Balance at 1 January 2023	91	165	4,925	3,696	8,877
Profit appropriation of previous year	-	-	3,696	(3,696)	-
Other variations in equity	-	-	-	-	-
Distribution of dividends	-	-	(3,500)	-	(3,500)
Net income for the period	-	-	-	3,039	3,039
Balance at 31 December 2023	91	165	5,121	3,039	8,416

### Share capital

The authorized share capital of the Company consists of 200 common shares of EUR 453.78 each, amounting to EUR 90,756. As at the balance sheet date all 200 shares were issued, fully paid-up in cash and have equal voting and interest rights.

All shares are held by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A.

### Share premium reserve

The share premium concerns the income from the issuing of shares as far as this exceeds the nominal value of the shares.

At least EUR 165 thousand of the share premium can be considered as free distributable share premium as referred to in the 1964 Income Tax Act. the nominal value of the shares.

### Other reserves and net income for the period

The other reserves as of 31 December 2023 are EUR 5,121 thousand. The net income for the period is EUR 3,039 thousand.

On 7 June 2023, the Management Board proposed to distribute a dividend of EUR 3,500 thousand which was approved by the Shareholder of the Company on the same date and effectively paid in June 2023.

### Proposed appropriation of profit

During the year ended 31 December 2023 the Company realized a net profit of EUR 3,039 thousand. In June 2023, the Management Board's proposal is to distribute a dividend of EUR 3,000 thousand and to credit to other reserves of the Company the amount of EUR 39 thousand. This has not yet been reflected in the financial statement.

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### 7. Loans and bonds

The breakdown of the non-current and current loans and bonds at 31 December 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Non-current loans and bonds		
Bonds and other negotiable securities (EMTN Program)	5,787,485	6,182,666
Bonds and other negotiable securities (Subordinated perpetual debentures)	997,871	996,394
	6,785,356	7,179,060
Current loans and bonds		
Interest payable (EMTN Program)	63,275	82,518
Interest payable (Subordinated perpetual debentures)	21,765	21,797
Bonds and other negotiable securities (EMTN Program)	411,746	626,684
	496,786	730,999
Total borrowings	7,282,142	7,910,059

The carrying amounts and fair value of the non-current borrowings are as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	Carrying	value	Fair Value	
	31 December 2023	31 December 2022	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Loans to shareholder (EMTN Program)	5,787,485	6,182,666	5,531,823	5,649,873
Loans to shareholder (Referred to Subordinated perpetual bond)	997,871	996,394	958,245	928,995
Total EUR	6,490,068	7,179,060	6,490,068	6,578,868

The fair value of bonds with fixed interest rates is estimated using the quoted bid market price available at 31 December 2023.

The carrying amount and fair value of the current loans and bonds is as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	Carrying value Fair Value		/alue	
	31 December 2023	31 December 2022	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Loans to shareholder (EMTN Program)	496,786	730,999	496,148	731,952
Total EUR	496,786	730,999	496,148	731,952

The lower fair value is due to the fact that since they are mirror loans of bonds issued at very low coupons, with higher interest rates the present value of the cash flows of the loans has been reduced.

The Company does not foresee any modification on the carrying value The company's expects that interest will be received for the nominal value of the loans and not for its fair value. The Company's assets from the loans to the shareholder are for the repayment of debt with third parties (debt holders), debt that is guaranteed by the Shareholder, the counterparty on the assets. The lower fair value is not due to a lower credit profile of the Shareholder, whose rating improved to stable at BBB by S&P. The intercompany loans will be repaid at its nominal amount at its maturity date, converging with its carrying value.



### The movement in loans and bonds is as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	2023	2022
At 1 January	7,910,059	8,855,167
Increase of EMTN program	-	-
Decrease of EMTN program	(629,362)	(453,371)
Increase of Subordinated perpetual debenture	1,446	-
Decrease of Subordinated perpetual debenture	-	(491,737)
As at 31 December	7,282,143	7,910,059

All bonds and loans have a fixed interest. As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Company does not have borrowings with a variable interest rate.

The fixed-rate debt amounts to EUR 7,197 million being the total of borrowings at 31 December 2023 (2022: EUR 7,806 million).

As at 31 December 2023, the amortized cost of the borrowings using an effective interest rate is EUR 7,197,102 thousand. As of December 2023, the total amount of loans is denominated in Euros (2022: EUR 7,729,654 thousand and EUR 76,090 thousand for the NOK denominated loans).

We set out below the most relevant financial instrument:

### **EMTN program**

In November 2010, the Company, formerly named Union Fenosa Finance B.V., entered into the Euro Medium-Term Notes (EMTN) program. The program is shared by the Company with Naturgy Capital Markets, S.A., formerly named Gas Natural Capital Markets, S.A., a sister company. The program allows the issuance, offering and selling of notes, listing on the Official List of the Luxemburg Stock Exchange and trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market, although the notes may be admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any other listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system as may be agreed with the Issuer and the Guarantor. Unlisted Notes may also be issued by Naturgy Finance B.V. but not by Naturgy Capital Markets, S.A. Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. is the guarantor.

This EMTN program is updated periodically, and after various extensions, the last being December 2023, the program limit was EUR 12,000,000 thousand. At 31 December 2023, principal drawn down amounted to EUR 7,004,400 thousand (2022: EUR 7,656,308 thousand).

As at 31 December 2023, the amount issued by the Company was EUR 6,262,400 thousand and the amount issued by Naturgy Capital Markets, S.A was EUR 742,300 thousand (EUR 6,914,008 thousand and EUR 742,300 thousand respectively, at 31 December 2023)

The funds from all the bonds have been on lent by the Company to its Shareholder company Naturgy Energy Group, S.A.



(in Thousands of Euro)	2023	2022
Long term		
At 1 January	6,182,666	6,796,306
Bonds and other negotiable securities	-	-
Repayment of Bonds and other negotiable securities	-	-
Transfer from Long Term to Short Term	(411,439)	(629,900)
Transaction costs incurred		-
Amortized cost released	16,258	16,260
Exchange differences	-	-
Balance – 31 December	5,787,485	6,182,666
At 1 January	709,202	548,932
Interest payable	(106,344)	(124,271)
Interest expense	87,101	111,454
Repayment of Bonds and other negotiable securities	(626,790)	(453,598)
Transfer to short term from long term	411,439	629,900
Amortized cost released	413	784
Exchange differences	-	(3,999)
As at 31 December	475,021	709,202
Total	6,262,506	6,891,868

In January 2023, the bond with principal amount of EUR 396,400 thousand reached its maturity. This bond had been issued on 17 January 2013 for a total amount of EUR 600,000 thousand. In January the bond, and the amount due from the Shareholder company in this regard, were all received and paid.

In May 2023, the bond with principal amount of EUR 154,300 thousand reached its maturity. This bond had been issued on 8 May 2014 for a total amount of EUR 200,000 thousand. In May the bond, and the amount due from the Shareholder company in this regard, were all received and paid.

In July 2023, the bond with principal amount of EUR 100,908 thousand reached its maturity. This bond was issued in Norwegian Krone (NOK) for an amount of NOK 800,000 thousand. Regarding the NOK 800,000 thousand issuance, the proceeds from the notes have been on-lent in NOK to its Shareholder company, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., and therefore, the net foreign exchange risk for the Company has been offset by a position with its Shareholder company. In July the bond, and the amount due from the Shareholder company in this regard, were all received and paid.

In March 2024, the bond with principal amount EUR 411,800 thousand will reach its maturity, the bond, and the amount due from the Shareholder company in regards have been transferred from long term to short term in accordance with accounting principles.

The table above describes the balance of the notes issued at 31 December 2023 and 2022 net of cost.

The breakdown of the nominal issue balance at 31 December 2023 is as follows:



EMTN Progra	amme (in th	ousands)				
Principal	Currency	Interest rate %	Oustanding nominal	Issued	Maturity	Listed
411.800	EUR	2,875%	411.800	2014	2024	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
400.600	EUR	1,375%	400.600	2015	2025	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
600.000	EUR	1,250%	600.000	2016	2026	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
1.000.000	EUR	1,375%	1.000.000	2017	2027	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
300.000	EUR	1,875%	300.000	2017	2029	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
800.000	EUR	0,875%	800.000	2017	2025	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
850.000	EUR	1,500%	850.000	2018	2028	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
900.000	EUR	0,750%	900.000	2019	2029	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
1.000.000	EUR	1,250%	1.000.000	2020	2026	Luxembourg Stock Exchange
Total as	at 31 Decen	nber 2023	6.262.400			

### Subordinated perpetual debentures

On 18 November 2014, 24 April 2015, and 23 November 2021 the Company issued Subordinated perpetual debentures respectively, guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., for an amount of EUR 1,000,000 thousand (reset date 18 November 2022), EUR 500,000 thousand (reset date 24 April 2024) and EUR 500,000 thousand (reset date 23 February 2027) The issue prices were 99.488%, 99.049% and 99.60% respectively.

On 23 November 2021, the Undated Deeply Subordinated Reset Rate Guaranteed notes amounted EUR 1,000,0000 thousand with reset date on 18 November 2022 were redeemed for an amount of EUR 500,000 thousand.

In November 2022, the Company, exercised its right to redeem the outstanding Undated Deeply Subordinated Reset Rate Guaranteed notes amounted EUR 500,000 thousand, pursuant to Condition 6(b) of the Issuer's Call Option. The outstanding Undated Deeply Subordinated Reset Rate Guaranteed notes were redeemed on 18 November 2022 at their principal amount together with any accrued and unpaid interest up to (but excluding) the Redemption Date.

This bond had been issued on 18 November 2014 for a total amount of EUR 1,000,000 thousand. In November 2022 the bond, and the amount due from the Shareholder company in this regard, were all received and paid.

The breakdown of the hybrid bonds issued by the Company and the markets where the bonds are listed and traded is as follows:

The main characteristics of the Subordinated perpetual debentures are the following:

			Oustanding				
Principal	Currency	Interest rate %	nominal	Issued	Maturity	Listed	Reset date
500,000	EUR	3.375%	500,000	2015	Perpetual	Luxembourg Stock Exchange	24th April 2024
500,000	EUR	2.374%	500,000	2021	Perpetual	Luxembourg Stock Exchange	23rd February 2027
Total as	at 31 Decen	nber 2023	1,000,000				

Subordinated perpetual debentures (in thousands) Oustanding Principal Currency Interest rate % nominal Issued Maturity Listed Reset date Perpetual Luxembourg Stock Exchange 500.000 FUR 3.375% 500.000 2015 24th April 2024 500,000 EUR 2.374% 500,000 2021 Perpetual Luxembourg Stock Exchange 23rd February 2027 Total as at 31 December 2022 1,000,000

 Maturity: The Subordinated perpetual debentures have no fixed redemption date, instead the Company will have the right to redeem the debentures on 24 April 2024 or 23 February 2027 respectively, and on any subsequent year, at Accountants N.V.

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interest payment dates. As explained above, in November 2022, the Company, exercised its right to redeem the outstanding Undated Deeply Subordinated Reset Rate Guaranteed notes amounted EUR 500,000 thousand with an interest rate of 4.125 %, pursuant to Condition 6(b) of the Issuer's Call Option.

- *Optional interest deferral*: At its sole discretion, the Company may elect to defer any payment of interest on the Subordinated perpetual debentures. Any interest payment deferral will accrue interests. Interest accrued is however mandatorily settled ultimately upon redemption of the Subordinated perpetual debentures or if the guarantor, Naturgy Energy Group, S.A., pays interests in cash in respect of its ordinary shares, or if the Company pays dividends of its ordinary shares.
- *Interest*: The Subordinated perpetual debentures bear interest at a fixed rate, which is calculated as a reference interest rate plus a margin. The reference interest rates are:
  - For the EUR 500,000 thousand issuance with redemption date on April 2024, the 9-year swap rate (equivalent at the issue date to 0.4210%) which may be reviewed every 9 years. The initial margin applicable to the first 9 years is 3.079%; between years 2025 and 2044 the margin will be 3.329% and from then onwards, it will be 4.079%. The initial interest rate was set at 3.375%.
  - For the EUR 500,000 thousand issuance with redemption date on February 2027, the 5.25-year swap rate (equivalent at the issue date to -0.062%) which may be reviewed every 5 years. The initial margin applicable to the first 10 years is 2.437%; between years 2032 and 2037 the margin will be 2.687% and from then onwards it will be 3.437%. The initial interest rate was set at 2.374%.
- *Guarantee:* The Subordinated perpetual debentures are guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. on a subordinated basis. Any payment obligations of Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. also are subordinated (and are only senior to some junior obligations of Naturgy Energy Group, S.A.). Junior Obligations of Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. include all of its current and future ordinary shares and all of its current and future preferred securities.



The Subordinated perpetual debentures recognized in the balance sheet are calculated as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	2023	2022
Long term		
At 1 January	996,394	1,494,523
Loans to shareholder	-	-
Amortized cost released	1,477	1,871
Repayment from group companies		(500,000)
Transaction costs incurred		-
Balance – 31 December	997,871	996,394
Short term		
At 1 January	21,797	15,406
Interest payable	(28,745)	(40,492)
Interest expense	28,713	46,883
As at 31 December	21,765	21,797
Total	1,019,636	1,018,191

### **ECP program**

On 23 March 2010, the Company entered into a Euro-Commercial Paper Program (ECP) for the issuance of notes under which the Company may issue and have outstanding at any time ECP notes up to a maximum aggregate amount of EUR 1,000,000 thousand or its equivalent in alternative currencies. The term of each issuance must not be less than one day nor greater than 364 days from the issue date to the maturity date.

No ECP notes were issued during the year 2023 (ECP note issued in 2022: EUR 300,000 thousand) The Company has no outstanding ECP notes as of 31 December 2023.

The accrued interest payable for the ECP program issuances is included as a part of the borrowing, thus reducing the principal amount of EUR 0 (2022: EUR 0).

The fair and carrying values of the ECP program issuances match due to their shortterm length.

The borrowings from the ECP program recognized in the balance sheet is calculated as follows:

(in Thousands of Euro)	2023	2022
Short term		
At 1 January	-	-
Issuance of ECPs	-	300,056
Redemption of ECPs	<u> </u>	(300,056)
As at 31 December		

### 8. Other current financial liabilities from group companies

(in Thousands of Euro)	31 December 2023	31 December 2022	
Payables to group companies	13,322	14,644	
	13,322	14,644	
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The payables to group companies relate mainly to the Guarantee Agreement signed by the Company with Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. which establishes Naturgy Energy Group S.A. as unconditional and irrevocable guarantor of any amount payable that remains unpaid, by the date and on the time specified for such payment, by the Company (as issuer) to any holder of the notes issued. As a consequence, the Company pays to Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. an annual guaranteed fee of 0.25% on the principal amounts of the issuances. Also, there is a payable debt with Gas Natural Europe S.A.S. due to the taxes due under the Fiscal Unity (see note 12).

The expenses related to the guarantee paid to the Shareholder are part of the financial expenses in the income statement and are deductible.

### 9. Interest income

(in Thousands of Euro)	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
<b>Financial income</b> Group companies and associates Other	157,083	203,787
	157,083	203,787

### **10. Interest expense**

(in Thousands of Euro)	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Finance expense		
Bonds and other negotiable securities (EMTN Programme)	103,773	128,599
Bonds and other negotiable securities (Subordinated perpetual debentures)	30,191	48,755
Bonds and other negotiable securities (ECP Program)	-	(56)
	133,964	177,298

### 11. Other financial expense

(in Thousands of Euro)	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Other financial expense		
Expense from the guarantee		
Other	18,390	21,184
	(93)	22
	18,297	21,206

Other financial expenses mainly consist of expenses related to the guarantee paid to the Shareholder. There are also other expenses related to the cost of maintaining our accounts. During 2023, those expenses were lower due to the higher interest rates in the market.



### 12. Administrative expenses

(in Thousands of Euro)	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Services	578	251
Other consultant fees	431	164
Audit fees	29	63
Other general expenses	117	24
Personnel	167	137
	745	388

### Services

(in Thousands of Euro)	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Audit of the financial statements	29	63
Other audit related services (*)	24	24
Tax services	-	-
Total Audit fees	53	87

The fees listed above relate to procedures applied to the Company by the external independent auditor as referred to in section 1 (1) of the Dutch Accounting Firms Oversight Act (Dutch acronym: Wta), as well as by other Dutch and foreign-based individuals' partnership and legal entities.

The remuneration for the audit of the financial statements is applied to PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountants N.V. The Company also incurred other audit services that were cost-related to the issuance operations. In 2023, the Company has expensed EUR 29 thousand of audit services for the review of the 2023 accounts. The amount of 24 thousand is split into 14 thousand for cost directly connected to issuances and 10 thousand for transition fee of the former auditor.

### Personnel

Short-term employee benefit obligations are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid under a short-term cash bonus if the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

The personnel expense amount of EUR 167 thousand (EUR 137 thousand in 2022) relates to the wages and salaries of EUR 140 thousand (EUR 113 thousand in 2022), social security premium cost of EUR 10 thousand (EUR 9 thousand in 2022), and wage tax EUR 17 thousand (EUR 15 in 2022).

### **13. Income tax expense**

Dutch Pillar 2 legislation has entered into effect as of 31 December 2023 and the Company should be in scope of the Pillar 2 rules as the revenue of the shareholder exceeds 750 million. The impact of the enacted Pillar 2 legislation on the Company<sup>PricewaterhouseCoopers</sup> Accountants N.V.



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should be very limited as the Company is subject to Dutch corporate income tax, i.e., subject to an effective tax rate higher than 15%. In addition, considering that the Company is not the ultimate parent entity of the Group and should also not be an intermediate parent entity or a partially owned parent entity with the right to impose Top-up Tax, no Top-up Tax is currently expected due by the Company.

The taxable profit of the company is computed on the basis of a spread agreed with the tax authorities. This requires a minimum taxable income in respect of taking up and granting loans as well as covering any exchange risks by way of derivative agreements or other hedging procedures. Taxation is based upon a percentage spread of the average amount of all loans (amounts borrowed) outstanding during the year minus the operational costs of the Company (to a certain amount).

The Company signed a new Advance Price Agreement (APA) in June 2019 with the Dutch tax authorities, which applies to the period of 1 January 2019 up to and including 31 December 2023. This agreement states the Company's has agreed to apply a basis points margin on the interest expense with the next conditions:

- The margin was applicable for any new debt instrument issued from 1 January 2019.
- The old margin was applicable until June 2019 (6.4316 basis points) for all other issuances in place since 2018.
- The requirement of the Company to maintain a minimum equity amount of EUR 2,000 thousand.

Also, in June 2019, the Company concluded an Advance Tax Ruling (ATR) with the Dutch tax authorities for both Subordinated perpetual debentures in the amount of EUR 1,000,000 and EUR 500,000 thousand, by which the taxation conditions for the Company regarding the Subordinated perpetual bonds are set as follows:

- The bonds qualify as debt for Dutch tax purposes.
- No Dutch interest withholding tax will be due in case of interest payments made by the Company.
- The interest to be paid should be deductible for Dutch corporate income tax purposes and can be offset against the interest income realized by the Company.
- The deductibility of the interest expenses is not restricted.
- The Company will report a taxable margin.

The Company formed a fiscal unity with the Dutch branch of Gas Natural Europe S.A.S. for Dutch corporate income tax purposes during a part of 2022. The fiscal unity was dissolved during the course of 2022 due to the deregistration of Gas Natural Europe S.A.S. The company is jointly and severally liable for the Dutch Corporate income tax liabilities of the whole fiscal unity during the time the fiscal unity was in effect. Since 2023, the Company is a stand-alone taxpayer.



Corporate Income tax is calculated on the profit before tax considering tax-exempt items and non-deductible costs. The profit before tax will be taxed at the prevailing rate during the financial year. The corporate income tax for the year 2023 amounts to EUR 1,038 thousand.

(in Thousands of Euro)	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Profit before income tax	4,077	4,895
Corporate income tax (tax ruling)	1,038	1,199
Effective tax rate	25.46%	24.50%
Applicable tax rate	20%-25%	20%-25%

In accordance with the 2023 Corporate Income Tax law in The Netherlands, the first EUR 200 thousand of Profit before taxation is charged at 19% (2022: first 395 thousand at 15%), and all profit above EUR 200 thousand is charged with a 25.8% tax rate (2022: for profit above EUR 395 thousand 25.8%).

The movement in the current income tax is included in the table below:

(in Thousands of Euro)	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
As at 1 January	(156)	(125)
Taxes paid Income tax expense	(1,251) 1,038	(1,230) 1,199
As at 31 December	(369)	(156)



### 14. Related-party transactions

Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. is the Shareholder Company of Naturgy Energy Group. Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. owns and controls a 100% of the Company's shares. The Company undertakes transactions with related parties on an arm's length basis.

(in Thousands of Euro)	2023	2022
Due from Parent, long term	6,785,505	7,178,495
Due from Parent, short term	513,259	749,768
	7,298,764	7,928,262
Due to Parent, short term	13,322	(14,644)
	13,322	(14,644)
(in Thousands of Euro)	31 Decembre 2023	31 Decembre 2022
Finance income from Group companies	157,083	203,787
Finance expense from Group companies	(18,390)	(21,184)
	138,693	182,603

Financial income for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 was accrued with the shareholder Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. (amounts due from Shareholder). The interest rate of the loans to the shareholder is calculated adding to the total costs of the borrowings received by the Company, set as an annually gross spread.

Financial expense accrued with related parties (amounts due to Shareholder) also includes Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. for the Guarantee Agreement in relation to the EMTN program, ECP program, and Subordinated Perpetual bonds which establishes Naturgy Energy Group as unconditional and irrevocable guarantor of any amount payable that remains unpaid, by the date and on the time specified for such payment, by the Company (as issuer) to any holder of the notes issued. As a consequence, the Company pays Naturgy Energy Group, S.A. an annual guaranteed fee of 0.25% on the principal amounts of the issuances.

### Other Related Parties

Intertrust fulfills administrative services to the Company and provides one statutory director to the Company. Also, Emencore fulfills administrative services to the Company and provides one supervisory director.

### 15. Directors and Supervisory Board member's remuneration

(in Thousands of Euro)	Year ended 31 December 2023	Year ended 31 December 2022
Current and former directors Supervisory Board	171 22	140 20
	192	160         PricewaterhouseCoopers           Accountants N.V.         For identification
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In November 2023, Mrs. N. Goes-Cherif rendered his resignation as Managing Director C of the Company. On the same date, Mrs Loubna el Ouardani was duly appointed by the Shareholder as Managing Director C of the Company replacing Mrs. N. Goes-Cherif, who resigned from her function as a member of the Board of Directors effective date on 16 November 2023.

### 16. Average number of employees

During the year 2023, the average number of employees calculated on a full-time basis was 1 (2022: 1). None of the employees work outside the Netherlands.

### 17. Off-balance sheet assets, liabilities, and contingencies

The Management Board members have identified no off-balance sheet assets and liabilities nor contingencies.

### 18. Events after the reporting year

No other post-balance sheet events affecting the financial statements for the year 31 December 2023 have occurred to date.

On 15 February 2024, the Company agreed on exercise its right to redeem the Undated Deeply Subordinated Reset Rate Guaranteed notes amounting EUR 500,000 thousand with an interest rate of 3.375%, pursuant to Condition 6(b) of the Issuer's Call Option. The outstanding Undated Deeply Subordinated Reset Rate Guaranteed notes will be redeemed on 24 April 2024 at their principal amount together with any accrued and unpaid interest up to (but excluding) the redemption Date. On 27 February 2024, the notification in regard has been made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.



### <u>Signing</u>

The Management Board Members,

E. Berenguer Marsal

L. el Ouardani

V. Torres Ledesma

Amsterdam, The Netherlands 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.



## **Signing**

The Supervisory Board members,

I. Velasco Miranda

Mr. J. I Sanz

M. van Daalen

Amsterdam, The Netherlands  $7^{\rm th}$  of March 2024.



# **OTHER INFORMATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Profit and profits distribution

Article 21 of the Articles of Association provides that:

- 21.1 The General Meeting has the authority to allocate the profits determined by the adoption of the annual accounts. If the General Meeting does not adopt a resolution regarding the allocation of the profits prior to or at latest immediately after the adoption of the annual accounts, the profits will be reserved.
- 21.2 The General Meeting has the authority to make distributions. If the Company is required by law to maintain reserves, this authority only applies to the extent that the equity exceeds these reserves. No resolution of the General Meeting to distribute shall have effect without the consent of the Management Board. The Management Board may withhold such consent only if it knows or reasonably should expect that after the distribution, the Company will be unable to continue the payment of its due debts.

### External independent auditor's report

Reference is made to the external independent auditor's report included hereafte







# Independent auditor's report

To: the general meeting and the supervisory board of Naturgy Finance B.V.

# Report on the audit of the financial statements 2023

### **Our opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements of Naturgy Finance B.V. ('the Company') give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2023, and of its result for the year then ended in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

### What we have audited

We have audited the accompanying financial statements 2023 of Naturgy Finance B.V., Amsterdam.

The financial statements comprise:

- the balance sheet as at 31 December 2023;
- the statement of total result for the year ended; and
- the notes, comprising a summary of the accounting policies applied and other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework applied in the preparation of the financial statements is Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

### The basis for our opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standards on Auditing. We have further described our responsibilities under those standards in the section 'Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Independence

We are independent of Naturgy Finance B.V. in accordance with the European Union Regulation on specific requirements regarding statutory audit of public-interest entities, the 'Wet toezicht accountantsorganisaties' (Wta, Audit firms supervision act), the 'Verordening inzake de onafhankelijkheid van accountants bij assuranceopdrachten' (ViO, Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, a regulation with respect to independence) and other relevant independence regulations in the Netherlands. Furthermore, we have complied with the 'Verordening gedrags- en beroepsregels accountants' (VGBA, Dutch Code of Ethics).

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### Our audit approach

We designed our audit procedures with respect to the key audit matters, fraud and going concern, and the matters resulting from that, in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon. The information in support of our opinion, such as our findings and observations related to individual key audit matters, the audit approach fraud risk and the audit approach going concern was addressed in this context, and we do not provide separate opinions or conclusions on these matters.

### Overview and context

The Company's main activity is the financing of group companies, through bond offerings on the international capital markets. The repayment of the bonds to the investors is guaranteed by Naturgy Energy Group S.A. as disclosed in note 7 to the financial statements. The Company can use derivative financial instruments to mitigate interest rate risk and currency risk.

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements. We considered where the board made important judgements, for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also paid attention to climate-related risks. In paragraph 2.3 of the financial statements, the Company describes the areas of judgement in applying accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty. Given the significant estimation uncertainty and the related higher inherent risks of material misstatement in the valuation of the loans to group companies, we considered this matter as key audit matter as set out in the section 'Key audit matters' of this report.

Another area of focus, that was not considered as key audit matter, was income tax expense.

The Company assessed the possible effects of climate change on its financial position, refer to paragraph 11 of the management board members' report. We discussed the Company's assessment and governance thereof with the management board and evaluated the potential impact on the financial position including underlying assumptions and estimates included in the financial statements. Given the nature of the Company's activities, the impact of climate change is not considered a key audit matter.

We ensured that the audit team included the appropriate skills and competences, which are needed for the audit of a finance company.

### Materiality

The scope of our audit was influenced by the application of materiality, which is further explained in the section 'Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements'.

Based on our professional judgement we determined certain quantitative thresholds for materiality, including the overall materiality for the financial statements as a whole as set out below. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures on the individual financial statement line items and disclosures and to evaluate the effect of identified misstatements, both individually and in aggregate, on the financial statements as a whole and on our opinion.



Based on our professional judgement, we determined the materiality for the financial statements as a whole at €73,040,000 (2022: €79,000,000). As a basis for our judgement, we used 1% of total assets. We used total assets as the primary benchmark, a generally accepted auditing practice, based on our analysis of the common information needs of the stakeholders. Inherent to the nature of the Company's business, the amounts in the statement of financial position are large in proportion to the statement of total result line items administrative expenses and income tax expense. Based on qualitative considerations, we performed audit procedures on those statement of total result line items, applying a benchmark of 10% of the total of those expenses.

We also take misstatements and/or possible misstatements into account that, in our judgement, are material for qualitative reasons.

We agreed with the supervisory board that we would report to them any misstatement identified during our audit above  $\bigcirc$ 3,652,000 (2022:  $\bigcirc$ 3,950,000) as well as misstatements below that amount that, in our view, warranted reporting for qualitative reasons.

### Audit approach fraud risks

We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements due to fraud. During our audit we obtained an understanding of Naturgy Finance B.V. and its environment and the components of the internal control system. This included the management board's risk assessment process, the management board's process for responding to the risks of fraud and monitoring the internal control system and how the supervisory board exercised oversight, as well as the outcomes. We refer to section 8 of the management board members' report for the management board's fraud risk assessment.

We evaluated the design and relevant aspects of the internal control system with respect to the risks of material misstatements due to fraud and in particular the fraud risk assessment, as well as the code of conduct, whistleblower procedures, among other things. We evaluated the design and the implementation and, where considered appropriate, tested the operating effectiveness of internal controls designed to mitigate fraud risks.

We asked members of the management board and the supervisory board whether they are aware of any actual or suspected fraud. This did not result in signals of actual or suspected fraud that may lead to a material misstatement.

As part of our process of identifying fraud risks, we evaluated fraud risk factors with respect to financial reporting fraud, misappropriation of assets and bribery and corruption. We evaluated whether these factors indicate that a risk of material misstatement due to fraud is present.

We identified the following fraud risk and performed the following specific procedures:

Identified fraud risk	Audit work and observations
The risk of management override of	We evaluated the design and implementation of the internal control
control	measures, i.e. authorisation of payments, that are intended to mitigate
The management board is in a unique	the risk of management override of control and to the extent relevant
position to perpetrate fraud because	for our audit tested the effectiveness of these controls. Furthermore,
of management's ability to	we evaluated the design and implementation of the controls in the
manipulate accounting records and	processes for generating and processing journal entries and making of
prepare fraudulent financial	estimates.



statem	ents by overriding controls	We performed our audit procedures primarily substantive based.
that ot	herwise appear to be operating	We have selected journal entries based on risk criteria and performed
effectiv	vely.	specific audit procedures on these.
That is	why, in all our audits, we pay	We also performed specific audit procedures related to important
attenti	on to the risk of management	estimates of the management board, including the valuation of loans
overrio	le of controls in:	issued to group companies. We refer to the section 'Key audit matters'
•	The appropriateness of journal	for the audit procedures performed. We specifically paid attention to
	entries and other adjustments	the inherent risk of bias of the management board in estimates.
	made in the preparation of the	We did not identify any significant transactions outside the normal
	financial statements.	course of business.
•	Estimates.	Our audit procedures did not lead to specific indications of fraud or
•	Significant transactions, if	suspicions of fraud with respect to the management board override of
	any, outside the normal course	violations of the internal controls.
	of business for the entity.	

We pay particular attention to tendencies due to possible interests of the management board.

We incorporated an element of unpredictability in our audit. During the audit, we remained alert to indications of fraud. Furthermore, we considered the outcome of our other audit procedures and evaluated whether any findings were indicative of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.

### Audit approach going concern

As disclosed in section 12 in the management board members report, the management board performed their assessment of the entity's ability to continue as a going concern and has not identified events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern (hereafter: going-concern risks). Our procedures to evaluate the management board's going-concern assessment included, amongst others:

- considering whether the management board's going-concern assessment includes all relevant information of which we are aware as a result of our audit by inquiring with the management board regarding the management board's most important assumptions underlying its going-concern assessment.
- evaluating the financial position of the Company, the counterparties of loans to group companies (including the financial position of the guarantor to the bonds issued on capital markets) and their ability to repay the notional and interest to the Company, by assessing observable data from rating agencies, developments in credit spreads, current financial data (such as recent financial information and cash flows) and other publicly available data and by discussing and obtaining information from the group auditor.
- performing inquiries of the management board as to its knowledge of going-concern risks beyond the period of the management board's assessment.

Our procedures did not result in outcomes contrary to the management board's assumptions and judgements used in the application of the going-concern assumption.

### *Key audit matters*

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements. We have communicated the key audit matters to the supervisory board. The key audit matters are not a comprehensive reflection of all matters identified by our audit



and that we discussed. In this section, we described the key audit matters and included a summary of the audit procedures we performed on those matters.

Due to the nature of the Company, key audit matters do not change significantly year over year. As compared to last year there have been no changes in key audit matters.

#### Key audit matter

#### **Valuation of the loans to group companies** Note 4

We considered the valuation of the loans to group companies, as disclosed in note 4 to the financial statements for a total amount of €7,298,764,000, to be a key audit matter. This is because the management board has to identify objective evidence of impairment, which is very important and judgemental, and because of the possible material effect an impairment may have on the financial statements.

The management board monitors the need for changes in the methods, significant assumptions or the data used in making the accounting estimate by monitoring key performance indicators that may indicate unexpected or inconsistent performance. How our audit addressed the matter

We performed the following procedures to test the management board's assessment of possible loss events to support the valuation of the loans to Naturgy Energy Group S.A. group companies:

• We evaluated the financial position of the counterparties of loans to group companies and their ability to repay the notional and interest to the Company, by assessing observable data from rating agencies, developments in credit spreads, current financial data (such as recent financial information and cash flows) and other publicly available data.

We found the management board's assessment to be adequate. Our procedures as set out above did not indicate material differences.

The management board did not identify any objective evidence that a loan is impaired.

# Report on the other information included in the annual report

The annual report contains other information. This includes all information in the annual report in addition to the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Based on the procedures performed as set out below, we conclude that the other information:

- is consistent with the financial statements and does not contain material misstatements; and
- contains all the information regarding the management board members report and the other information that is required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

We have read the other information. Based on our knowledge and the understanding obtained in our audit of the financial statements or otherwise, we have considered whether the other information contains material misstatements.

By performing our procedures, we comply with the requirements of Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and the Dutch Standard 720. The scope of such procedures was substantially less than the scope of those procedures performed in our audit of the financial statements.



The management board is responsible for the preparation of the other information, including the management board members report and the other information in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

# Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

### **Our appointment**

We were appointed as auditors of Naturgy Finance B.V. on 12 January 2023 by the supervisory board. This followed the passing of a resolution by the shareholders at the annual general meeting held on 12 January 2023. Our appointment has been renewed annually by shareholders and now represents a total period of uninterrupted engagement of 2 years.

### No prohibited non-audit services

To the best of our knowledge and belief, we have not provided prohibited non-audit services as referred to in article 5(1) of the European Regulation on specific requirements regarding statutory audit of public-interest entities.

### Services rendered

The services, in addition to the audit, that we have provided to the Company, for the period to which our statutory audit relates, are disclosed in note 11 to the financial statements.

## Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

# *Responsibilities of the management board and the supervisory board for the financial statements*

The management board is responsible for:

- the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code; and for
- such internal control as the management board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the management board is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Based on the financial reporting framework mentioned, the management board should prepare the financial statements using the going-concern basis of accounting unless the management board either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations or has no realistic alternative but to do so. The management board should disclose in the financial statements any event and circumstances that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The supervisory board is responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

### Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our responsibility is to plan and perform an audit engagement in a manner that allows us to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for our opinion. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.



Reasonable assurance is a high but not absolute level of assurance, and is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Dutch Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

Materiality affects the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and the evaluation of the effect of identified misstatements on our opinion.

A more detailed description of our responsibilities is set out in the appendix to our report.

Rotterdam, 11 March 2024 PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountants N.V.

Original has been signed by M.P.A. Corver RA



# Appendix to our auditor's report on the financial statements 2023 of Naturgy Finance B.V.

In addition to what is included in our auditor's report, we have further set out in this appendix our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements and explained what an audit involves.

### The auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have exercised professional judgement and have maintained professional scepticism throughout the audit in accordance with Dutch Standards on Auditing, ethical requirements and independence requirements. Our audit consisted, among other things of the following:

- Identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designing and performing audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the intentional override of internal control.
- Obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management board.
- Concluding on the appropriateness of the management board's use of the going-concern basis of accounting, and based on the audit evidence obtained, concluding whether a material uncertainty exists related to events and/or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report and are made in the context of our opinion on the financial statements as a whole. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and evaluating whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the supervisory board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit. In this respect, we also issue an additional report to the audit committee in accordance with article 11 of the EU Regulation on specific requirements regarding statutory audit of public-interest entities. The information included in this additional report is consistent with our audit opinion in this auditor's report.

We provide the supervisory board with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the supervisory board, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the



key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.