

## **FY 2015 Financial Results**

## Financial and operational stability in a volatile and uncertain oil price environment

- 1 Stable production volumes 14.7mmboe / 40,391 boepd (FY 2014: 16.2mmboe / 44,400 boepd)
- 2 Adaptable cost base 21% reduction in combined Opex1, G&A and transportation costs for the period
- Maintenance of superior margins 51% EBITDA<sup>2</sup> margin
- Resilient at low oil prices 15,000 bopd production hedged at US\$49.16 / bbl with US\$165.6m of cash
- 5 Fully funded and on track for GTU III doubling production capacity during 2017
- 6 Substantial asset base 2P reserves of 470mmboe as at 31 December 2015

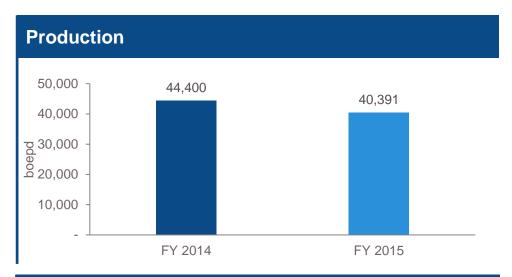
## Well positioned to deliver material production growth under low oil prices

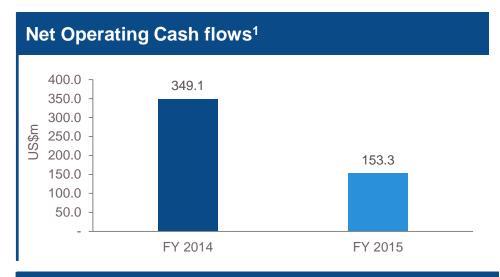


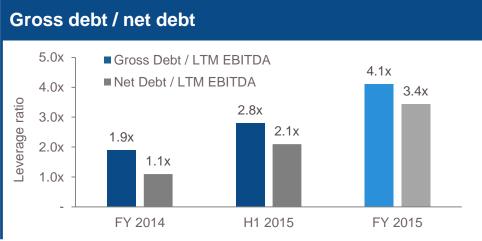
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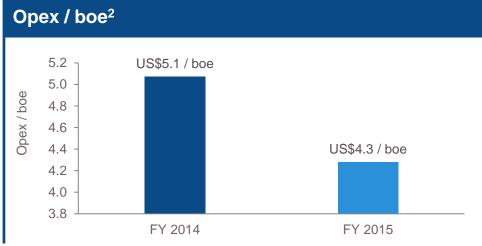
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# **Snapshot of key figures from 2015**







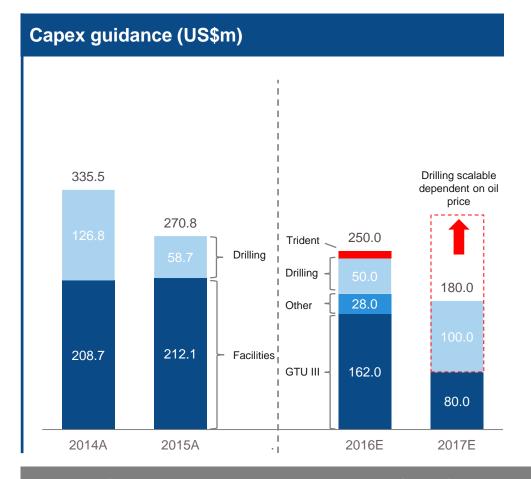




<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As reported in the consolidated group cash flow statement

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# Capex guidance and drilling programme



#### **Commentary**

- Drilling capex scalable according to oil price environment
- Fully funded capex programme both to maintain current production in 2016 and 2017 and complete construction of the GTU III during 2017
- High yielding production zones being targeted at Chinarevskoye in reduced drilling programme
- Securing adequate feedstock for GTU III top priority
- 2016E drilling capex scheduled to complete 3 production wells and one appraisal well on Trident fields

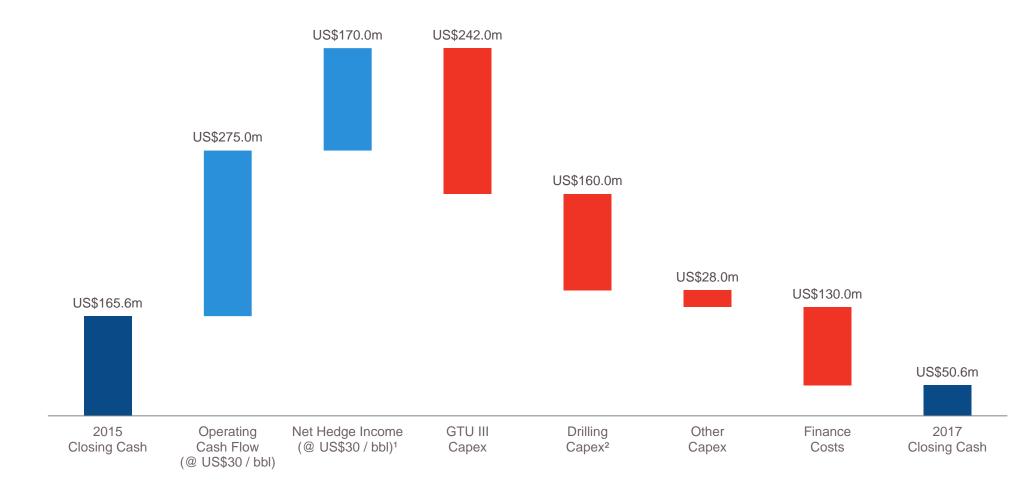
Fully funded to complete the construction of GTU III and maintain existing production in 2016 and 2017

Note: Capex includes purchases (net of sales) of property, plant and equipment, exploration and evaluation assets, and acquisitions



# Resilience under low oil prices

- Fully funded to complete GTU III and maintain existing production in 2016 and 2017 under any oil price



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Hedge income taxed at non-contractual rate of 20.0%



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Drilling capex includes US\$10.0m of Trident appraisal drilling in 2016

# Capital discipline

#### **Balance sheet**

- US\$165.6m cash and cash equivalents<sup>1</sup> on balance sheet at year end
- US\$400.0m 6.375% Notes maturing in 2019 with no maintenance covenants
- US\$560.0m 7.125% Notes maturing in 2019 with no maintenance covenants

#### **Hedging programme**

- 15,000 bopd hedge entered into on 14 December 2015
- Strike price of US\$49.16
- Settles quarterly for eight quarters (final settlement December 2017)
- First settlement date 14 March 2016

#### **Capex flexibility**

- Existing financing, hedging arrangements and cash flow from operations ensures GTU III is fully funded under any oil price scenario
- Drilling capex scalable up/down according to prevailing oil price environment and outlook

## **VTB Facility**

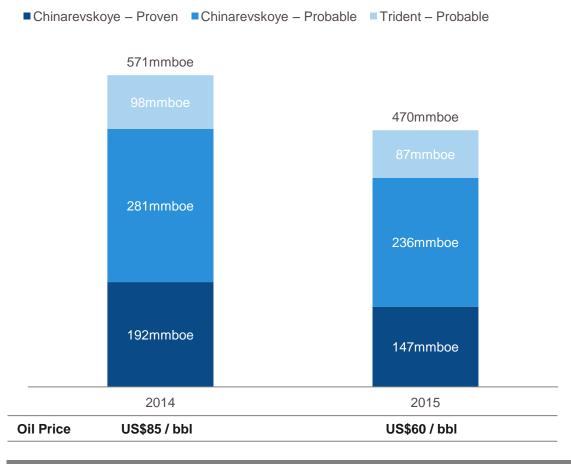
- Decision taken not to enter in to additional debt following the rolling of the hedge.
- Cost of new facility over 24 months increased refinancing risk when next 24 months fully funded and protected against any further oil price fall



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Defined as Cash & Cash Equivalents + Current Investments

# **2015 Ryder Scott Reserve Audit**

## - Reduction in 2P reserves



- 470mmboe 2P reserves as at 31 December 2015
  - Proven 147mmboe
  - Probable 323mmboe
- Remaining reserve life of +10 years with GTU III running at full capacity
- Decrease of 101mmboe from 31 December 2014
  - > 14.7mmboe of production during 2015
  - c.70% of reduction due to the falling oil price which has lead to a change in type of well:
    - Slanted wells instead of horizontal wells
    - Lower cost and higher success ratio but...
    - Lower initial and cumulative production due to lower recovery rates
  - Remapping of Bashkirian West reservoir
- A sustained recovery in oil prices will lead to a recovery of a significant portion of the decline in 2P reserves as horizontal wells are factored back into the forecast drilling programme

Low oil prices have impacted the 2P reserve base at Chinarevskoye; a recovery in prices will see a recovery of 2P reserves



# 2015 Ryder Scott Reserve Audit (cont'd)

# - Nostrum 2P reserves by reservoir

Reservoir	Unit	2014	2015	Change	С	ommentary
Tournaisian Northeast Tournaisian West	[mmboe]	52.7	51.3	(1.4)	•	Reduction due to volumes produced during 2015 partly offset by better than expected performance of producing wells
Tournaisian South, Bobrikovski South	[mmboe]	2.4	2.6	+0.2	•	Reduction due to volumes produced during 2015 offset by better well performance due to new production technology implemented in the reservoir (low pressure system)
Bashkirian, Northeast, West, Permian	[mmboe]	25.8	8.2	(17.6)	•	Reduction due to volumes produced during 2015 and new mapping of the Bashkirian West reservoir following data obtained from wells drilled in the Biski/Afoninski and Bashkirian
Biski/Afoninski North-East	[mmboe]	215.0	154.2	(60.8)	•	Change in well design due to low oil price environment (horizontal > slanted)
Biski/Afoninski West	[mmboe]	102.7	89.5	(13.2)	•	Change in well design due to low oil price environment (horizontal > slanted)
Mullinski South+ Ardatovski South	[mmboe]	11.7	11.5	(0.2)	•	Reduction due to volumes produced during 2015
Mullinski Northeast	[mmboe]	43.4	40.7	(2.7)	•	Change in well design due to low oil price environment (horizontal > slanted)
Ardatovski Northeast	[mmboe]	19.1	25.1	+6.0	•	Reduction due to volumes produced during 2015 offset by better well performance due to new production technology implemented in the reservoir (low pressure system)
Trident fields	[mmboe]	98.0	87.2	(10.8)	•	Reduction due to change in drilling schedule due to the low oil price environment
Total	[mmboe]	570.8	470.3	(100.5)	•	Reduction due to volumes produced during 2015 New well design to reduce well costs New mapping of Bashkirian West reservoir Change in Trident drilling schedule

Source: Ryder Scott 2015 Reserve Report, Ryder Scott 2014 Reserve Report

# 2015 Ryder Scott Reserve Audit (cont'd)

## - Conclusion

- Decrease in Ryder Scott audited 2P reserves for the Chinarevskoye field from 571mmboe to 470mmboe due to
  - > 2015 production of 14.7mmboe
  - Over 70% of 2P reduction due to changes to well design as a result of the low oil prices in order to reduce costs and increase success ratio
  - Remaining reduction of 2P reserves as a result of remapping of Bashkirian West reservoir and change in Trident drilling programme as a result of the low oil price
- A sustained recovery in oil prices will lead to a recovery of a significant portion of the decline in 2P reserves as horizontal wells are factored back into the forecast drilling programme

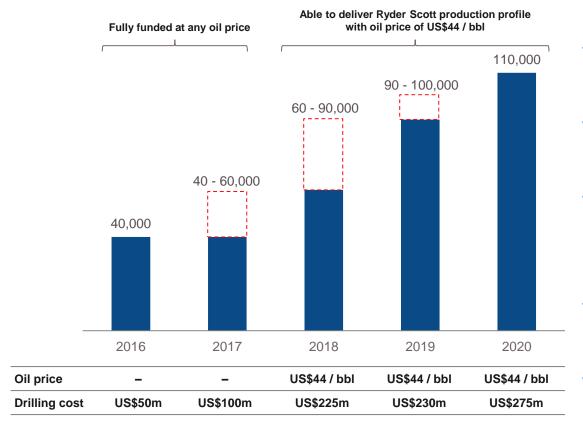
Future increase in 2P reserves can be achieved with a recovery in oil prices

Source: Ryder Scott 2015 Reserve Report



## A clear path to over 100k boepd

## - GTU III delivers material near term production growth



- Fully funded to complete the construction of GTU III during 2017 under any oil price scenario
- Fully funded drilling programme to maintain existing production in 2016 and 2017 under any oil price scenario
- Following the completion of GTU III during 2017, Ryder Scott production profile can be delivered under a US\$44 / bbl oil price environment prior to principal debt repayments due 2019
- Drilling activity remains flexible according to the prevailing oil price environment
- A sustained improvement in the oil price environment could increase drilling activity in 2017 which would increase available feedstock for GTU III in 2018

Nostrum is fully financed to complete the construction of GTU III and has a clear path to delivering 100k boepd peak production by 2020

Source: Ryder Scott 2015 Reserve Report



## Conclusion

# - Fully funded low cost producer with material production growth potential from GTU III

- A sustained recovery in oil prices will lead to a recovery of a significant portion of the decline in 2P reserves
- Fully funded to deliver the construction of GTU III during 2017 under any oil price scenario
- Fully funded to maintain existing production in 2016 and 2017 under any oil price scenario
- Ability to deliver 100k boepd peak production by 2020 in a US\$44 / bbl oil price environment
- Incurrence covenants on debt provide protection against increasing leverage during construction of GTU III
- Further scope to reduce operating costs during 2016

## Significant production growth profile under low oil prices

Source: Ryder Scott 2015 Reserve Report









## **Financial Overview – FY 2015**

US\$m	FY 2015	FY 2014	Change
Revenue	448.9	781.9	(42.6%)
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	229.4	494.7	(53.6%)
Profit before tax	72.3	311.7	(76.8%)
Current income tax expense	(25.7)	(111.0)	(76.9%)
Deferred income tax expense	(141.0)	(54.2)	160.0%
Net income	(94.8)	146.4	-
Effect of the exchange rate on the tax base	101.0	34.5	192.8%
Adjusted net income <sup>2</sup>	6.2	180.9	(96.6%)
Earnings per share (US\$c) <sup>3</sup>	(51.0)	79.0	-
Distribution per share (US\$c)	26.5	32.5	(18.3%)
Capital expenditure <sup>4</sup>	270.8	335.5	(19.3%)
Net cash flows from operating activities	153.3	349.1	(56.1%)
Gross debt	951.5	945.1	0.7%
Cash & cash equivalents <sup>5</sup>	165.6	400.4	(58.7%)
Net debt <sup>6</sup>	785.9	544.7	44.3%
Net debt / LTM EBITDA	3.4x	1.1x	-

<sup>1</sup> Defined as Profit Before Tax + Finance Costs + Foreign Exchange Loss/(Gain) + ESOP + Depreciation - Interest Income + Other Expenses / (Income)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Adjusted net income is calculated by adding back the effect of the exchange rate on the tax base to net income

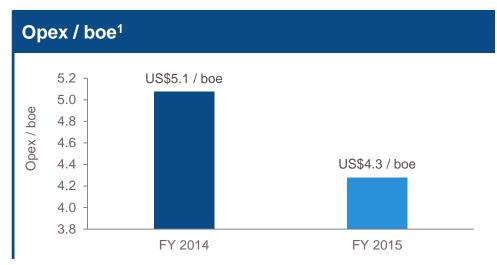
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Based on a weighted average no. of shares for FY 2014 of 184.7m and 184.8m for FY 2015

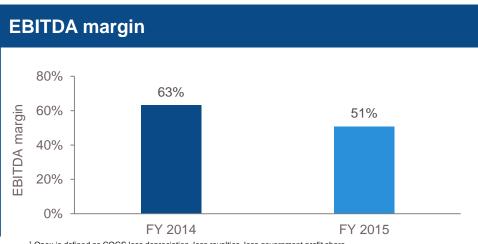
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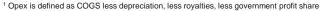
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Defined as Cash & Cash Equivalents + Current Investments + Non-Current Investments

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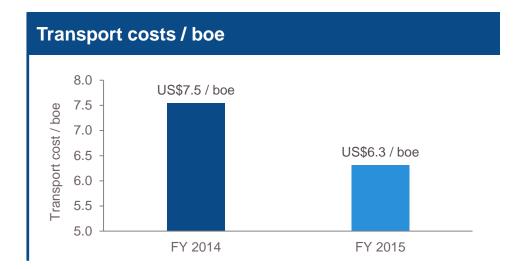
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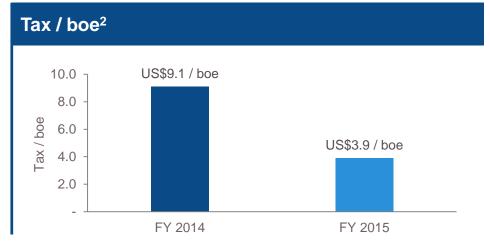






<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Total income tax paid (cash flow) plus royalties and government profit share



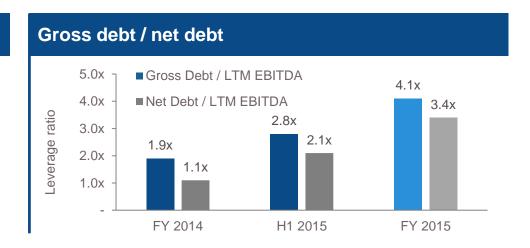




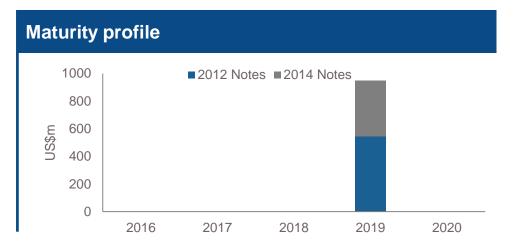
# **Balance Sheet Summary**

## **Highlights**

- +51% EBITDA<sup>1</sup> margin
- US\$165.6m cash & equivalents<sup>2</sup>
- 15,000 bopd production hedged at US\$49.16 / bbl for 24 months (value of c.US\$200m @ US\$30.0 / bbl oil price)



FY 2015 Net Debt – US\$785.9m					
US\$m	FY 2015				
Total debt, including:	951.5				
2012 Notes (US\$560m, 7.125% annual coupon)	545.9				
2014 Notes (US\$400m, 6.375% annual coupon)	405.6				
Cash & cash equivalents <sup>2</sup>	165.6				
Net Debt	785.9				



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# **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

In thousands of US dollars	Notes	31 December 2015	31 December 2014
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Exploration and evaluation assets	7	36,917	24,380
Goodwill	6	32,425	32,425
Property, plant and equipment	8	1,605,756	1,442,157
Restricted cash	14	5,375	5,024
Advances for non-current assets	9	130,660	134,35
Derivative financial instruments	29	43,005	60,30
		1,854,138	1,698,642
Current assets			
Inventories	10	28,951	25,443
Trade receivables	11	31,337	30,110
Prepayments and other current assets	12	27,411	39,642
Derivative financial instruments	29	54,095	
Income tax prepayment		26,926	13,925
Current investments	13	_	25,000
Cash and cash equivalents	14	165,560	375,443
·	•	334,280	509,563
TOTAL ASSETS		2,188,418	2,208,205
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Share capital and reserves	15		
Share capital		3,203	3,203
Treasury capital		(1,888)	(1,888
Retained earnings and reserves		772,442	916,365
	<u>.</u>	773,757	917,680
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term borrowings	17	936,470	930,090
Abandonment and site restoration provision	18	15,928	20,877
Due to Government of Kazakhstan	19	5,777	5,906
Deferred tax liability	31	347,769	206,784
		1,305,944	1,163,657
Current liabilities			
Current portion of long-term borrowings	17	15,024	15,024
Employee share option plan liability	28	4,284	6,449
Trade payables	20	41,463	49,619
Advances received		245	2,670
Income tax payable		1,692	1,459
Current portion of due to Government of Kazakhstan	19	1,031	1,03
Other current liabilities	21	44,978	50,616
		108,717	126,868



# **Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income**

For the year ended 31 December 2015			
In thousands of US dollars	Notes	2015	2014
Revenue			
Revenue from export sales		426,764	676,064
Revenue from domestic sales		22,138	105,814
	22	448,902	781,878
Cost of sales	23	(186,567)	(221,921)
Gross profit		262,335	559,957
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General and administrative expenses	24	(49,309)	(54,878)
Selling and transportation expenses	25	(92,970)	(122,254)
Finance costs	26	(45,998)	(61,939)
Finance costs - reorganisation	27	(1,053)	(29,572)
Employee share option plan fair value adjustment	28	2,165	3,092
Foreign exchange loss, net		(21,200)	(4,235)
Gain on derivative financial instruments	29	37,055	60,301
Interest income		515	986
Other income		11,296	10,086
Other expenses	30	(30,560)	(49,844)
Profit before income tax		72,276	311,700
		()	(444.040)
Current income tax expense		(25,656)	(111,042)
Deferred income tax expense		(140,985)	(54,233)
Income tax expense	31	(166,641)	(165,275)
(Loss)/profit for the year	· · ·	(94,365)	146,425
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Currency translation difference		(456)	_
Other comprehensive loss		(456)	
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year		(94,821)	146,425

# **Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

For the	vear	ended	31	December 201	.5
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In thousands of US dollars	Notes	2015	201
Cash flow from operating activities:			
Profit before income tax		72,276	311,70
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation, depletion and amortisation	23,24	109,351	111.86
Finance costs - reorganisation	27	1,053	29,57
Finance costs	26	45,998	61,93
Employee share option plan fair value adjustment		(2,165)	(3,093
Interest income		(515)	(986
Foreign exchange gain on investing and financing activities		(3,003)	(574
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		39	
Proceeds from derivative financial instruments		92,255	
Purchase of derivative financial instruments		(92,000)	
Gain on derivative financial instruments	29	(37,055)	(60.301
Accrued expenses	20	(1.098)	(2,296
Operating profit before working capital changes	<del></del>	185,136	447.83
Changes in working capital:		100,100	411,00
Change in inventories		(3.508)	(3.358
Change in trade receivables		(1,227)	36.45
Change in prepayments and other current assets		12.231	(7.714
Change in prepayments and other current assets		7,337	(5,633
Change in dade payables Change in advances received		(2,426)	2,92
Change in due to Government of Kazakhstan		(1,031)	(1.032
Change in other current liabilities			(1,032
•		(2,090)	(2,475
Payments under Employee share option plan  Cash generated from operations		194,422	467.33
Income tax paid			(118,213
Net cash flows from operating activities	· · ·	(41,165) 153,257	349.12
Cash flow from investing activities:			0.0,1.2
Interest received		515	98
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(256,136)	(325,462
Sale of property, plant and equipment		543	(020).00
Exploration and evaluation works	7	(12,943)	(10.445
Acquisition of subsidiaries	5	(2,296)	37
Placement of bank deposits	•	(17,000)	(25.00)
Redemption of bank deposits		42,000	55.00
Loans granted		(5,000)	00,00
Repayment of loans granted		5,000	
Net cash used in investing activities	· · · · · ·	(245,317)	(304,549
Cash flow from financing activities:		(240,011)	(004,040
Finance costs paid		(65,400)	(62,22
Issue of notes	17	-	400.00
Expenses paid on arrangement of notes	"	-	(6,52
Repayment of notes		_	(92,50
Transfer to restricted cash		(351)	(80)
Treasury shares sold/(purchased)		(001)	3.71
Distributions paid	15	(49,060)	(64,61
Funds borrowed - reorganisation	27	(40,000)	2,350,40
Funds repaid - reorganisation		-	(2,350,40
Finance costs - reorganisation		(1,053)	(29,57)
Net cash (used in)/from financing activities	· · · · · ·	(115,864)	147,46
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(1,959)	(1,50
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(209,883)	190,52
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	14	375,443	184,91
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	14	165,560	375,44

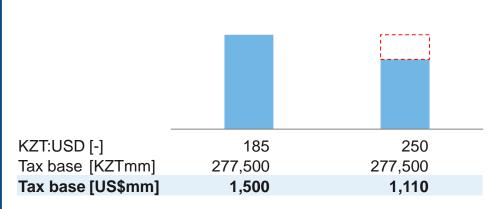


# **Deferred Tax Explanation**

#### Overview

- Corporate income tax is recognised based on the estimated annual effective income tax rate applied to the income before tax for a relevant reporting period
- Differences between the recognition criteria in IFRS and under statutory taxation regulations gives rise to a temporary difference between the carrying value of certain assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and for income tax purposes
- Nostrum's deferred tax liability and deferred income tax is principally due to:
  - Different rates of depreciation for the Group's tax base between IFRS financial reporting and its tax accounts; and
  - ➤ The major part of the Group's tax base of non-monetary assets and liabilities being booked in Tenge at historic cost
- The recent unpegging of the Tenge has led to an increase in the Company's deferred tax liability as the tax base of the Company, booked at historic cost in Tenge, has been devalued relative to the Group's reporting / functional currency (US Dollar)

## Illustrative impact of Tenge devaluation



- Historic cost accounting method means that the revaluation of the Group's entire Tenge denominated tax base in US Dollars is reflected in a single reporting period
- Depreciable US Dollar assets converted to Tenge in a prior exchange rate environment for tax calculation purposes have not changed in Tenge terms following the recent unpegging, whereas other US Dollar line items have (Revenue, operating costs etc.)
- Should Tenge / US Dollar exchange rates return to previous levels, the Group's deferred income tax liability would be reduced



# **Deferred Tax Explanation**

US\$mm	FY 2015	Cash impact	Commentary
Revenue	448.9	•	<ul> <li>+95% of the Company's revenues are received in US Dollars or have pricing which is US Dollar linked</li> </ul>
Opex	(62.9)	1	• <u>c.80%</u> of the Company's Opex is denominated in Tenge
Transport costs	(93.0)		• <u>+90%</u> of the Company's transport costs are denominated in US Dollars
General & administrative	(49.3)	1	<ul> <li><u>c.33%</u> of the Company's general &amp; administrative costs are denominated in Tenge</li> </ul>
Finance costs paid	(65.4)	_	100% of finance costs are denominated in US Dollars
Depreciation	(109.4)	_	<ul> <li>100% of depreciation for the purpose of calculating income taxes is denominated in Tenge, with the Company's tax base booked at historic cost</li> </ul>
Current income tax expense	(25.7)		<ul> <li>Increased income tax expense due to an increase in Tenge revenues relative to Tenge costs following the unpegging of the currency</li> </ul>
Deferred income tax expense	(141.0)	-	<ul> <li>The Group's deferred income tax liability has increased due to the devaluation of the Group's tax base</li> <li>In the event that the KZT:USD exchange rate were to revert back to prior levels, the Group's deferred income tax liability would be reduced</li> </ul>

The cash impact of the Tenge devaluation is broadly neutral, with the increase in Group's US Dollar tax burden being offset by Tenge denominated operating costs



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