# 5.2 STATUTORY AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This is a translation into English of the Statutory Auditors' report on the financial statements of the Company issued in French and it is provided solely for the convenience of English speaking users. This Statutory Auditors' report includes information required by European Regulation and French law, such as information about the appointment of the Statutory Auditors or verification of the management report and other documents provided to shareholders. This report should be read in conjunction with, and construed in accordance with, French law and professional auditing standards applicable in France.

For the year ended December 31st 2020

To the shareholders of Établissements Maurel et Prom S.A,

## **Opinion**

In compliance with the engagement entrusted to us by your General Shareholders' Meeting, we have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Établissements Maurel et Prom S.A. for the year ended December 31st, 2020.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities and of the financial position of the Group as at December 31st 2020 and of the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union.

The audit opinion expressed above is consistent with our report to the Audit Committee.

### **Basis for Opinion**

#### **Audit Framework**

We conducted our audit in accordance with professional standards applicable in France. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Statutory Auditors' Responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements section of our report.

#### Independance

We conducted our audit engagement in compliance with independence requirements of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce) and the French Code of Ethics (code de déontologie) for Statutory Auditors for the period from January 1rst, 2020 to the date of our report and specifically we did not provide any prohibited non-audit services referred to in Article  $5^{(1)}$  of Regulation (EU) No 537/2014.

## **Justification of Assessments - Key audit Matters**

Due to the global crisis related to the Covid-19 pandemic, the financial statements of this period have been prepared and audited under specific conditions. Indeed, this crisis and the exceptional measures taken in the context of the state of sanitary emergency have had numerous consequences for companies, particularly on their operations and their financing, and have led to greater uncertainties on their future prospects. Those measures, such as travel restrictions and remote working, have also had an impact on the companies' internal organization and the performance of the audits.

It is in this complex and evolving context that, in accordance with the requirements of Articles L.823-9 and R.823-7 of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce) relating to the justification of our assessments, we inform you of the key audit matters relating to risks of material misstatement that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period, as well as how we addressed those risks.

These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on specific items of the consolidated financial statements.

#### Impact of reserve estimate on production assets valuation

#### Risk identified

Every year the Group engages specialists to independently appraise the reserves for each oil producing permit.

Proven and probable reserves correspond, respectively, to oil and gas reserves where it is "reasonably certain" and "reasonably probable" that they can be recovered using current technology, at current prices, in accordance with current commercial terms and government consent.

The estimation of hydrocarbon reserves is fundamental for recognizing assets related to the Group's oil operations, especially with regard to determining the depreciation rate of those assets according to the unit-of-production method described in Note 3.3 to the consolidated financial statements, the impairment tests conducted on Cash Generating Units (CGUs) and the recognition of exploration expenditures in accordance with the "successful efforts" method.

Reserve estimates are, by nature, uncertain because of the geoscience and engineering data used to determine the volume in the fields. They are also complex because of the contractual terms and conditions that determine the Group's share of reserves.

Consequently, we have considered the estimation of proven and probable reserves to be a key audit matter.

#### Our response

The procedures carried out consisted in:

- gainning an understanding of the procedures set up by the Group to determine its hydrocarbon reserves;
- assessing the qualifications of the independent appraisers tasked with estimating and certifying the reserves;
- analysing changes in reserves compared to the end of the previous fiscal year so that our audit can focus on the main changes for the period;
- comparing actual production in previous years with the corresponding expected production;
- checking the consistency between the assumption used by the Group and the independent appraisers to determine the proven and probable reserves; in the case of gas reserves, cross-checking their recognition level against existing sales agreements;
- assessing whether the revised reserve estimates were properly taken into account by the Group during impairment tests and for recording depreciation and amortisation expenses.

#### Carrying value of oil & gas production assets

#### Risk identified

As at 31 December 2020, property, plant and equipment and intangible assets in the Group's oil and gas production activities amounted to MUSD 939, and accounted for 71% of the Group's non-current assets. The impairment loss recognized in financial year 2020 for production activity PP&E and intangible assets amounted to MUSD 448.

We deemed that the impairment of non-current production activity assets was a key audit matter because of their material importance in the Group's financial statements. Furthermore, the determination of their recoverable value, based on the value of their expected discounted future cash flows, requires the use of assumptions, estimates and material assessments by Management, as indicated in Note 3.3 to the consolidated financial statements.

Specifically, a sustained climate of low hydrocarbon prices would adversely affect the Group's results and, as a consequence, significantly impact the recoverable value of production activity assets.

The Group deems that a permit generally constitutes a Cash Generating Unit (CGU). A CGU is a set of assets whose ongoing utilisation generates cash flows that are largely independent of the cash flows from the other asset groups.

The Group performs impairment tests on those assets, the procedures for which are described in Note 3.3 to the consolidated financial statements.

The main assumptions that Management takes into consideration when assessing recoverable value are, as mentioned in Note 3.3.2 to the consolidated financial statements, as follows:

- the future price of hydrocarbons;
- operating costs;
- estimates of hydrocarbon reserves;
- forecasts of produced, marketed volumes;
- the discount rate after tax.

#### Our response

Our audit involved analyzing the indications of impairment identified by Management and, for assets subject to an impairment test, the method used to determine value in use (future discounted cash flows). Our work also consisted in assessing whether, in the event that the value thus obtained was lower than the net book value, an impairment loss had been recognized.

To assess the relevance of Management's assumptions and the data included in the assessment models, we produced a comparative analysis of industry practices relating to hydrocarbon prices (in the short, medium and long term) and discount rates.

In addition, we analysed the data underlying future cash flows used to determine the recoverable value of assets included in the tested CGUs:

- the production profiles used were compared to reserves certified by independent appraisers;
- assumptions of operating costs were corroborated with the levels of actual budgeted costs resulting from forecasts established by Management and presented to the Board of Directors;
- we assessed whether the tax rates used were consistent with applicable tax regimes or prevailing oil contracts.

## **Specific Verifications**

We have also performed, in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, the specific verifications required by laws and regulations of the Group's information given in the management report of the Board of Directors held on March 30th 2021.

We have no matters to report as to its fair presentation and its consistency with the consolidated financial statements.

We attest that the consolidated non-financial statement required by Article L. 225-102-1 of the French Commercial Code (Code de commerce), is included in the Group's management report, it being specified that, in accordance with the provisions of Article L. 823-10 of this Code, we have verified neither the fair presentation nor the consistency with the consolidated financial statements of the information contained therein and this information must be reported by an independent third party body.

## Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

## Format of presentation of the consolidated financial statements intended to be included in the annual financial report

We have also verified, in accordance with the professional standard applicable in France relating to the procedures performed by the statutory auditor relating to the annual and consolidated financial statements presented in the European single electronic format, that the presentation of the consolidated financial statements intended to be included in the annual financial report mentioned in Article L.451-1-2, I of the French Monetary and Financial Code (code monétaire et financier), prepared under the responsibility of the Chief Executor, complies with the single electronic format defined in the European Delegated Regulation N° 2019/815 of 17 Decembre 2018. As it relates to consolidated financial statements, our work includes verifying that the tagging of these consolidated financial statements complies with the format defined in the above delegated regulation.

Based on the work we have performed, we conclude that the presentation of the consolidated financial statements intended to be included in the annual financial report complies, in all material respects, with the European single electronic format.

We have no responsibility to verify that the consolidated financial statements that will ultimately be included by your company in the annual financial report filed with the AMF are in agreement with those on which we have performed our work.

#### **Appointment of the Statutory Auditors**

We were appointed as Statutory Auditors of Établissements Maurel et Prom S.A. by the annual general meeting held on June 12, 2014 for KPMG and on June 14 2002 for International Audit Company.

As at December 31st 2020, KPMG and IAC were in the 7th year and 19th year of total uninterrupted engagement.

## Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a

going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless it is expected to liquidate the Company or to cease operations.

The Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring the financial reporting process and the effectiveness of internal control and risks management systems and where applicable, its internal audit, regarding the accounting and financial reporting procedures.

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors.

## Statutory Auditors' Responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

#### Objectives and audit approach

Our role is to issue a report on the consolidated financial statements. Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and 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 these consolidated financial statements.

As specified in Article L. 823-10-1 of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce), our statutory audit does not include assurance on the viability of the Company or the quality of management of the affairs of the Company.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, the statutory auditor exercises professional judgment throughout the audit and furthermore:

 identifies and assesses the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designs and performs audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtains audit evidence considered to be sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for his 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 override of internal control;

- obtains 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 internal control;
- evaluates the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management in the consolidated financial statements;
- assesses the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. This assessment is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of his audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern. If the statutory auditor concludes that a material uncertainty exists, there is a requirement to draw attention in the audit report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are not provided or inadequate, to modify the opinion expressed therein;
- evaluates the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements and assesses whether these statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation;

 obtains sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. The statutory auditor is responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit of the consolidated financial statements and for the opinion expressed on these consolidated financial statements.

#### **Report to the Audit Committee**

We submit a report to the Audit Committee which includes in particular a description of the scope of the audit and the audit program implemented, as well as the results of our audit. We also report, if any, significant deficiencies in internal control regarding the accounting and financial reporting procedures that we have identified.

Our report to the Audit Committee includes the risks of material misstatement that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and which are therefore the key audit matters, that we are required to describe in this audit report.

We also provide the Audit Committee with the declaration provided for in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) N° 537/2014, confirming our independence within the meaning of the rules applicable in France such as they are set in particular by Articles L. 822-10 to L. 822-14 of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce) and in the French Code of Ethics (code de déontologie) for Statutory Auditors. Where appropriate, we discuss with the Audit Committee the risks that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and the related safeguards.

The Statutory Auditors

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Paris-La Défense, on the 2 April 2021
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François Quédiniac
Partner

Paris, on the 2 April 2021
International Audit Company
Fabienne Hontarrede
Partner