

Independent auditor's report on the consolidated financial statements for 2018

Independent auditor's report

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of
PJSC "Magnit"

Report on the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of PJSC "Magnit" and its subsidiaries (hereinafter, the "Group"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018, and the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2018 and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. 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 these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

| Key audit matter | How our audit addressed the key audit matter |
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Recognition of vendors allowances

The Group receives various types of allowances from vendors in the form of volume discounts and other forms of payments that effectively reduce the cost of goods purchased from the vendor. We considered this matter to be of most significance in our audit because the recognition of vendor allowance requires judgement from management in the assessment of the level of fulfilment of the Group's obligations under the vendor agreements and because these allowances are a substantial part of cost of sales and inventories. Information about accounting policy for vendor allowances is disclosed in Note 3 to the financial statements.

We compared a sample of accruals of volume and other rebates, recorded based on management assumptions, to supporting documents from vendors and supplier agreements. We also compared the outstanding allowances receivable to the direct confirmations from suppliers. We tested cut-off of vendor allowances recorded during a period shortly before and after year-end to supporting documents from vendors.

Valuation of goods for resale

The Group has significant balance of goods for resale. In accordance with IAS 2 *Inventories*, inventories are recorded at the lower of cost and net realizable value. In estimating the carrying amount of goods for resale, the Group's management uses judgments to estimate the net realizable value of goods for resale and the amount of handling costs to be included in the carrying amount of goods for resale. In 2018, the Group revised its accounting policy and started to include handling costs in cost of purchased goods for resale. Previously, the Group recorded such costs within general and administrative expenses. The Group disclosed changes in the accounting policies on retrospective basis. The information about this change is disclosed in Note 3 to consolidated financial statements. As a result, we believe that this matter is one of most significance in our audit. Information on goods for resale is disclosed in Notes 3 and 10 to the consolidated financial statements.

We assessed the assumptions used by the Group's management in the valuation of goods for resale. We assessed the Group's methodology in respect of valuation of net realizable value, analysed the dynamics of goods for resale turnover ratios taking into consideration seasonality and other applicable factors. We compared carrying values of goods for resale with subsequent sales proceeds by certain type of goods. We analysed individually significant transactions related to inventory items used and also compared monthly movements of goods for resale during the period with the historical information and industry trends, we verified the mathematical accuracy of goods for resale net realisable value calculation. We assessed the process of allocation of handling costs to the carrying amount of goods for resale. We analysed the structure of costs included in the value of goods for resale. We compared the amount of costs with supporting documents received from suppliers and the Group's internal documents.

Other information included in The Group's 2018 Annual Report

Other information consists of the information included in the Annual report of PJSC "Magnit" for 2018, other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Management is responsible for the other information. The Annual report of PJSC "Magnit" for 2018 is expected to be available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Responsibilities of management the Board of Directors for the consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, 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 Group'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 management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated 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 level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs 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 part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ▶ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain 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 override of internal control.
- ▶ Obtain 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 Group's internal control.
- ▶ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- ▶ Conclude on 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 Group'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 consolidated 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. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- ▶ Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- ▶ Obtain 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. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Board of Directors 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.

We also provide the Board of Directors 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 safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Board of Directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated 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.

The partner in charge of the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Alexander Grebeniuk.

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