

**NOVOLIPETSK STEEL** 

INTERIM CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 31 MARCH 2020 AND FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2020 (UNAUDITED)



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# Report on Review of Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of Novolipetsk Steel:

#### Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position of Novolipetsk Steel and its subsidiaries (together – the "Group") as of 31 March 2020 and the related interim condensed consolidated statements of profit or loss, comprehensive income, changes in equity and of cash flows for the three-month period then ended, and the related notes. Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, "Interim Financial Reporting". Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these interim condensed consolidated financial statements based on our review.

#### **Scope of Review**

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity". A review of interim condensed consolidated financial statements consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

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# Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, "Interim Financial Reporting".

28 April 2020

Moscow, Russian Federation

Signed on the original: A. S. Ivanov

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# Interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position (unaudited)

(millions of US dollars)

	Note	As at 31 March 2020	As at 31 December 2019
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	1,456	713
Short-term financial investments	4	292	287
Trade and other accounts receivable	5	977	1,047
Inventories	6	1,296	1,634
Other current assets	_	23	14
	_	4,044	3,695
Non-current assets			
Long-term financial investments	4	5	5
Investments in joint ventures	4	243	223
Property, plant and equipment	7	4,967	6,039
Goodwill	8	203	248
Other intangible assets	8	130	162
Deferred income tax assets		94	101
Other non-current assets	_	8	11
	_	5,650	6,789
Total assets	=	9,694	10,484
Liabilities and equity			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other accounts payable	9	942	1,124
Dividends payable		5	318
Short-term borrowings	10	1,678	468
Current income tax liability	_	10	32
	_	2,635	1,942
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term borrowings	10	1,799	2,188
Deferred income tax liability		329	405
Other long-term liabilities	_	3	2
	_	2,131	2,595
Total liabilities	_	4,766	4,537
Equity attributable to Novolipetsk Steel shareholders			
Common stock		221	221
Additional paid-in capital		9	9
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(7,445)	(6,140)
Retained earnings	_	12,129	11,840
		4,914	5,930
Non-controlling interests			
		14	17
Total equity	_	<u> </u>	17 5,947

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements as set out on pages 5 to 22 were approved by the Group's management and authorised for issue on 28 April 2020.



# Interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss (unaudited)

(millions of US dollars, unless otherwise stated)

	Note	For the three months ended 31 March 2020	For the three months ended 31 March 2019
Revenue	12, 15	2,457	2,869
Cost of sales	12, 15	(1,703)	(1,988)
		(1,703)	(1,500)
Gross profit		754	881
General and administrative expenses		(86)	(82)
Selling expenses		(212)	(226)
Net impairment losses on financial assets		(3)	(1)
Other operating income, net		3	2
Taxes, other than income tax		(17)	(15)
Operating profit before share of results of joint ventures, impairment of non- current assets and loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment		439	559
Impairment of non-current assets		(1)	(5)
Share of results of joint ventures		(30)	4
Finance income		3	4
Finance costs		(21)	(16)
Foreign currency exchange income/ (loss), net	13, 18	3	(61)
Hedging result	18	(2)	-
Other expenses, net		(24)	(20)
Profit before income tax		367	465
Income tax expense	14	(78)	(83)
Profit for the period		289	382
Profit attributable to:			
Novolipetsk Steel shareholders		289	382
Non-controlling interests			
Earnings per share – basic and diluted:			
Earnings per share attributable to Novolipetsk Steel shareholders (US dollars)	11	0.0482	0.0637



Interim condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income (unaudited) (millions of US dollars)

	Note	For the three months ended 31 March 2020	For the three months ended 31 March 2019
Profit for the period		289	382
Other comprehensive (loss)/income:			
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Hedge reserve of cash flows	18	(267)	-
Deferred tax related to hedge reserve of cash flows	18	53	-
Cumulative translation adjustment		(1,094)	407
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period		(1,019)	789
attributable to:		11.000	700
Novolipetsk Steel shareholders		(1,016)	788
Non-controlling interests		(3)	1



Interim condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity (unaudited)

(millions of US dollars)

		NLMK sha	reholders			
	Common stock		Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Retained earnings	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
Balance at 1 January 2019	221	10	(6,782)	12,370	15	5,834
Profit for the period Cumulative translation	-	-	-	382	-	382
adjustment	-	-	406	-	1	407
Total comprehensive income		-	406	382	1	789
Disposal of assets to an entity under common control		(1)	-	-	-	(1)
Balance at 31 March 2019	221	9	(6,376)	12,752	16	6,622
Balance at 1 January 2020	221	9	(6,140)	11,840	17	5,947
Profit for the period Hedge reserve of cash flows net	-	-	-	289	-	289
of related deferred tax	-	-	(214)	-	-	(214)
Cumulative translation						
adjustment	-	-	(1,091)	-	(3)	(1,094)
Total comprehensive loss	-	-	(1,305)	289	(3)	(1,019)
Balance at 31 March 2020	221	9	(7,445)	12,129	14	4,928



# Interim condensed consolidated statement of cash flows (unaudited)

(millions of US dollars)

	Note	For the three months ended 31 March 2020	For the three months ended 31 March 2019
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit for the period		289	382
Adjustments to reconcile profit for the period to net cash provided by operactivities:	erating		
Depreciation and amortisation		155	136
Loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Finance income		(3)	(4)
Finance costs		21	16
Share of results of joint ventures		30	(4)
Income tax expense	14	78	83
Impairment of non-current assets		1	5
Foreign currency exchange (income)/ loss, net	13, 18	(3)	61
Hedging result	18	2	-
Change in impairment allowance for inventories and credit loss allowance f receivable	for accounts	15	1
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other accounts receivable		(44)	65
Decrease in inventories		126	302
Decrease in other operating assets		2	2
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other accounts payable	_	1	(107)
Cash provided by operating activities		670	938
Income tax paid	_	(53)	(87)
Net cash provided by operating activities	_	617	851
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases and construction of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets		(288)	(178)
Purchases of investments and loans given		-	(61)
Proceeds from repayment of loans given		85	-
Placement of bank deposits		(248)	(444)
Withdrawal of bank deposits		158	3
Interest received		4	16
Contribution to share capital of joint venture	4	(55)	-
Net cash used in investing activities	_	(344)	(664)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings		938	40
Repayment of borrowings		(116)	(94)
Payments on leases		(4)	(4)
Interest paid		(2)	(11)
Dividends paid to Novolipetsk Steel shareholders	-	(308)	(547)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	-	508	(616)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		781	(429)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(38)	(14)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	3	713	1,179
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	3	1,456	736



#### 1 Background

Novolipetsk Steel (the "Parent Company" or "NLMK") and its subsidiaries (together – the "Group") is one of the world's leading steelmakers with facilities that allow it to operate an integrated steel production cycle. The Group is a vertically integrated steel company and the largest steel producer in Russia. The Group also operates in the mining segment.

The Group's main operations are in the Russian Federation, the European Union and the USA and are subject to the legislative requirements of the subsidiaries' state and regional authorities. The Parent Company's registered office is located at 2, Metallurgov sq., 398040, Lipetsk, Russian Federation.

#### 2 Basis of preparation

These unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting", should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group as at and for the year ended 31 December 2019, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

The functional currency of all of the Group's Russian entities is considered to be the Russian ruble ("RUR"). The functional currency of the majority of the foreign subsidiaries is their local currency. The Group uses US dollars ("USD") as presentation currency of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements. For users' convenience all amounts in the financial statements are rounded to the nearest million, if not stated otherwise.

The Central Bank of the Russian Federation's Russian ruble to the main foreign currencies closing rates of exchange as at the reporting dates and the period weighted average exchange rates for corresponding reporting periods are indicated below.

	2020	2019
Russian ruble to US dollar		
For the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter	66.3818	66.1271
As at 31 March	77.7325	64.7347
As at 31 December		61.9057
Russian ruble to Euro		
For the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter	73.2348	75.1715
As at 31 March	85.7389	72.7230
As at 31 December		69.3406



#### Novolipetsk Steel Notes to the interim condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited) (millions of US dollars)

#### 3 Cash and cash equivalents

	As at 31 March 2020	As at 31 December 2019
Cash	746	388
Deposits	683	296
Other cash equivalents	27	29
	1,456	713

#### 4 Investments

	As at 31 March 2020	As at 31 December 2019
Short-term financial investments		
Bank deposits	251	157
Loans to related parties (Note 16(c))	41	128
Other short-term financial investments	<u>-</u>	2
	292	287
Long-term financial investments		
Loans to related parties (Note 16(c))	5	5
	5	5
	297	292

The carrying amounts of financial investments approximate their fair values.

#### Investments in joint ventures

_	As at 31 March 2020 Ownership	As at 31 December 2019 Ownership	As at 31 March 2020	As at 31 December 2019
NLMK Belgium Holdings S.A. ("NBH") TBEA & NLMK (Shenyang) Metal	49.0%	49.0%	234	213
Product Co., Ltd.	50.0%	50.0%	9	10
			243	223

Management has analysed the performance of NBH in the three months ended 31 March 2020 and believes that no changes are necessary to the estimate of the recoverable amount of the investment made in the consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2019.

In October 2019, the Group and SOGEPA have agreed to jointly support NBH bank financing via shareholder guarantees on a parity basis and to invest in the charter capital of NBH for the execution of the Group's Strategy 2022 investment projects EUR 35 million, EUR 50 million and EUR 15 million in 2019, 2020 and 2021, respectively, each.



#### Novolipetsk Steel Notes to the interim condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited) (millions of US dollars)

#### 5 Trade and other accounts receivable

	As at 31 March 2020	As at 31 December 2019
Financial assets		
Trade accounts receivable	829	818
Credit loss allowance for trade accounts receivable	(17)	(18)
Other accounts receivable	31	33
Credit loss allowance for other accounts receivable	(19)	(23)
	824	810
Non-financial assets		
Advances given to suppliers	59	70
Allowance for impairment of advances given to suppliers	(4)	(3)
VAT and other taxes receivable	96	168
Accounts receivable from employees	2	2
	153	237
	977	1,047

The carrying amounts of trade and other accounts receivable approximate their fair values.

As at 31 March 2020 and 31 December 2019, accounts receivable with a carrying value of \$194 and \$133, respectively, served as collateral for certain borrowings (Note 10).

#### 6 Inventories

	As at 31 March 2020	As at 31 December 2019
Raw materials	700	927
Work in process	305	383
Finished goods	351	384
	1,356	1,694
Impairment allowance	(60)	(60)
	1,296	1,634

Product type "Slabs" is represented by semi-finished products of own production or purchased from third parties, which the Group plans to process further or sell to third parties without processing. Depending on the origin and usage plans, this type of product is distributed between "Raw materials", "Work in process" and "Finished goods" categories as follows:

	As at 31 March 2020	As at 31 December 2019
Raw materials	220	219
Work in process	124	141
Finished goods	43	42
		12



#### 6 Inventories (continued)

As at 31 March 2020 and 31 December 2019, inventories with a carrying value of \$425 and \$460, respectively, served as collateral for certain borrowings (Note 10).

#### 7 Property, plant and equipment

	As at 31 March 2020	As at 31 December 2019
Land	119	143
Buildings	1,705	2,081
Land and buildings improvements	1,834	2,263
Machinery and equipment	5,750	6,880
Vehicles	300	370
Construction in progress	1,225	1,472
	10,933	13,209
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(5,966)	(7,170)
	4,967	6,039

The amount of borrowing costs capitalized was \$9 and \$10 for the three months ended 31 March 2020 and 2019, respectively. The capitalisation rate was 0.9% and 1.2% for the three months ended 31 March 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Management estimates the outstanding commitments in connection with equipment supply and construction works amounted to \$976 and \$1,157 as at 31 March 2020 and 31 December 2019, respectively.

Management has analysed the financial performance of key cash generating units in the three months ended 31 March 2020 and believes that no changes to the estimates made as at 31 December 2019 regarding impairment of fixed assets and goodwill are required.

#### 8 Intangible assets

	As at 31 March 2020	As at 31 December 2019
Goodwill	218	262
Mineral rights	248	311
Industrial intellectual property	73	86
	539	659
Accumulated amortization and impairment	(206)	(249)
	333	410



## Novolipetsk Steel Notes to the interim condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited) (millions of US dollars)

#### 9 Trade and other accounts payable

	As at 31 March 2020	As at 31 December 2019
Financial liabilities		
Trade accounts payable	495	558
Accounts payable for purchases of property, plant and equipment	123	184
Other accounts payable	32	29
	650	771
Non-financial liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities to employees	124	149
Advances received	77	103
Taxes payable other than income tax	91	101
	292	353
	942	1,124

The carrying amounts of the trade and other accounts payable approximate their fair values.

#### 10 Borrowings

Rates*	Currency	Maturity*	As at 31 March 2020	As at 31 December 2019
Bonds				
From 4.00% to 4.70%	USD	2023-2026	1,718	1,709
Loans				
From EURIBOR+0.90% to EURIBOR+1.20%	EUR	2020-2022	1,006	784
LIBOR +1.20% to LIBOR +1.50%	USD	2020-2021	380	85
From 2.25% to 2.50%	USD	2020	300	-
Leases				
From 2.80% to 10.45%		2020-2089	73	78
		_	3,477	2,656
Less: short-term loans and current maturities				
of long-term loans, bonds and leases		-	(1,678)	(468)
Long-term borrowings		_	1,799	2,188

\* Rates and maturity as of 31 March 2020

Bonds and bonds' coupons as at 31 March 2020 were designated as hedging instrument, with carrying amounts and fair value of \$1,718 and \$1,730, respectively (Note 18).

The carrying amounts and fair value of long-term bonds are as follows:

	As a	at 31 March 2020	As at 31	December 2019
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
Bonds	1,700	1,712	1,700	1,814
				14



# 10 Borrowings (continued)

The fair value of short-term borrowings equals their carrying amount. The fair values of long-term borrowings approximate their carrying amount. The fair value of bonds is based on market price and is within level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. The carrying amounts of loans and leases approximate their fair values.

#### Collateral

As at 31 March 2020 and 31 December 2019, the total amount of the Group companies' collateral was \$619 and \$593, respectively (Notes 5 and 6).

#### 11 Earnings per share

	For the three months ended 31 March 2020	For the three months ended 31 March 2019
Profit for the period attributable to NLMK shareholders (millions of US dollars) Weighted average number of shares	289 5,993,227,240	382 5,993,227,240
Basic and diluted earnings per share (US dollars)	0.0482	0.0637

The Parent Company does not have potentially dilutive financial instruments outstanding.

#### 12 Revenue

#### (a) Revenue by type

	For the three months ended 31 March 2020	For the three months ended 31 March 2019
Revenue from sale of goods		
Flat products	1,341	1,575
Pig iron, slabs and billets	706	791
Long products and metalware	236	283
Coke and other chemical products	50	74
Scrap	16	21
Iron ore and sintering ore	6	-
Other products	30	41
Total revenue from sale of goods	2,385	2,785
Revenue from transportation services	72	84
	2,457	2,869



12 Revenue (continued)

#### (b) Revenue by geographical area

The allocation of total revenue by geographical area is based on the location of end customers who purchased the Group's products. The Group's total revenue from external customers by geographical area is as follows:

	For the three months ended 31 March 2020	For the three months ended 31 March 2019	
Russia	1,009	935	
European Union	505	539	
North America	485	561	
Middle East, including Turkey	241	372	
CIS	75	106	
Central and South America	70	127	
Asia and Oceania	29	106	
Other regions	43	123	
	2,457	2,869	

Except for NBH Group (Note 16), the Group does not have customers with a share of more than 10% of the total revenue.

#### 13 Foreign exchange differences

	For the three months ended 31 March 2020	For the three months ended 31 March 2019
Foreign exchange gain/(loss) on cash and cash equivalents	118	(71)
Foreign exchange gain/(loss) on financial investments	45	(104)
Foreign exchange (loss)/gain on debt financing	(130)	122
Foreign exchange loss on other assets and liabilities	(30)	(8)
	3	(61)

Starting from February 3, 2020 the Group adopted hedge accounting of cash flows in accordance with IFRS 9 "Financial instruments" (Note 18).

#### 14 Income tax

Income tax expense is recognised based on management's estimate of the effective annual income tax rate expected for the full financial year. The expected effective annual income tax rates used for the three months ended 31 March 2020 and 2019 are 22% and 18%, respectively. The higher income tax rate expected for 2020 was mainly due to tax losses of foreign subsidiaries, for which deferred tax assets were partially recognized.



#### 15 Segment information

The Group has six reportable business segments: Mining, Russian flat products, Russian long products, NLMK USA, NLMK DanSteel and Plates Distribution Network, and Investments in NBH. These segments are combinations of entities, have separate management teams and offer different products and services. The above six segments meet the criteria for reportable segments. Subsidiaries are consolidated by the segment to which they belong based on their products and governance.

The Group management determines pricing for intersegmental sales, as if the sales were to third parties. The revenue from external parties is measured in the same way as in the consolidated statement of profit or loss. The Group management evaluates performance of the segments based on segment revenues, gross profit, operating profit before share of results of joint ventures, impairment of non-current assets and gain on disposals of property, plant and equipment, profit for the period and amount of total assets and total liabilities.

Elimination of intersegmental operations and balances represents elimination of intercompany dividends paid to Russian flat products segment by other segments and presented within "Profit for the period" line together with other intercompany elimination adjustments, including elimination of NBH's liabilities to the Group companies (Note 16). NBH deconsolidation adjustments include elimination of NBH's sales and recognition of the Group's sales to NBH, elimination of unrealised profits (Notes 16), elimination of NBH's assets and liabilities and recognition of the investment in joint venture, recognition of impairment and share of NBH's loss, and other consolidation adjustments.



#### Novolipetsk Steel Notes to the interim condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited) (millions of US dollars)

# 15 Segment information (continued)

Information on segments' profit or loss for the three months ended 31 March 2020 and their assets and liabilities on this date is as follows:

	Mining	Russian flat products	Russian long products	NLMK USA	NLMK DanSteel and Plates Distribution Network	Investments in NBH	Inter- segmental operations and balances	NBH deconsoli- dation adjust- ments	Total
Revenue from external customers	10	1,376	260	377	130	370	-	(66)	2,457
Intersegment revenue	302	412	56	-	-	12	(770)	(12)	-
Gross profit	219	492	36	(14)	20	14	15	(28)	754
Operating profit/(loss)*	199	258	2	(37)	3	(33)	28	19	439
Profit/(loss) for the period	160	190	(5)	(38)	2	(34)	25	(11)	289
Segment assets	1,576	6,808	865	828	391	1,376	(1,070)	(1,080)	9,694
Segment liabilities	(235)	(4,509)	(322)	(339)	(278)	(1,150)	1,242	825	(4,766)
Depreciation and amortization	(28)	(97)	(12)	(15)	(3)	(14)		14	(155)

\* Operating profit/(loss) before share of results of joint ventures, impairment of non-current assets and loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment.

Information on segments' profit or loss for the three months ended 31 March 2019 and their assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2019 is as follows:

	Mining	Russian flat products	Russian long products	NLMK USA	NLMK DanSteel and Plates Distribution Network	Investments in NBH	Inter- segmental operations and balances	NBH deconsoli- dation adjust- ments	Total
- Revenue from external customers	4	1,624	374	526	139	385	-	(183)	2,869
Intersegment revenue	264	352	41	-	-	11	(657)	(11)	-
Gross profit	175	594	41	24	14	14	13	6	881
Operating profit/(loss)*	163	346	(4)	2	-	(31)	32	51	559
Profit/(loss) for the period	106	239	(10)	3	(1)	(33)	20	58	382
Segment assets	2,120	7,483	1,160	840	371	1,318	(1,752)	(1,056)	10,484
Segment liabilities	(607)	(4,567)	(437)	(314)	(258)	(1,161)	2,028	779	(4,537)
Depreciation and amortization	(27)	(78)	(13)	(15)	(3)	(16)		16	(136)

\* Operating profit/(loss) before share of results of joint ventures, impairment of non-current assets and loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment.



#### 16 Related party transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party, is under common control or can exercise significant influence or joint control over the other party in making financial or operational decisions as defined by IAS 24 "Related Party Disclosures". In considering each possible related party relationship, attention is directed to the substance of the relationship, not merely the legal form. The Group carries out operations with related parties on an arm's length basis.

#### (a) Sales to and purchases from related parties

	For the three months ended 31 March 2020	For the three months ended 31 March 2019	
Sales			
NBH group companies	304	202	
Purchases			
Companies of Freight One group and other transport companies under the			
common control of beneficial owner	91	87	
NBH group companies	12	11	
Other related parties	6	3	

NBH group companies together are the major customer of the Group. Sales to NBH group companies are performed by the Russian flat products segment and represent 12.4% and 7.0% of the total sales of the Group for the three months ended 31 March 2020 and 2019, respectively.

#### (b) Accounts receivable from and accounts payable to related parties

	As at 31 March 2020	As at 31 December 2019
Accounts receivable and advances given		
NBH group companies	279	249
Companies of Freight One group and other transport companies under the		
common control of beneficial owner	14	26
Accounts payable		
	77	20
NBH group companies	27	28
Companies of Freight One group and other transport companies under the common control of beneficial owner	8	5

#### (c) Financial transactions

As at 31 March 2020 and 31 December 2019, loans issued to NBH group companies amounted to \$46 and \$133, respectively. When issuing loans to the foreign companies of the Group and joint ventures, interest rate is determined using information on similar external deals subject to company's internal credit rating.

#### (d) Financial guarantees issued

As at 31 March 2020 and 31 December 2019, guarantees issued by the Group for borrowings received by NBH group companies amounted to \$342 and \$331, respectively, which is the maximum potential amount of future payments, payable on demand of the guarantee. No amount has been accrued in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the Group's obligation under these guarantees as the Group assesses the probability of cash outflows related to these guarantees, as low.



#### 16 Related party transactions (continued)

The maturity of the guaranteed obligations is as follows:

	As at 31 March 2020	As at 31 December 2019
Less than 1 year Over 2 years	136 206	130 
	342	331

#### 17 Commitments and contingencies

#### (a) Anti-dumping investigations

The Group's export trading activities are subject from time to time to compliance reviews by the regulatory authorities in the importers' jurisdictions. The Group's export sales prices were considered by local governments within several anti-dumping investigation frameworks. The Group takes steps to address negative effects of the current and potential anti-dumping investigations and participates in the settlement efforts coordinated through the Russian authorities. No provision arising from any possible agreements and decisions as a result of anti-dumping investigations has been made in the consolidated financial statements.

#### (b) Litigation

The Group, in the ordinary course of business, is the subject of, or party to, various pending or threatened legal actions. The Group management believes that any liability resulting from these legal actions will not significantly affect its financial position or results of operations, and no amount has been accrued in the consolidated financial statements.

#### (c) Environmental matters

The enforcement of environmental regulation in the Russian Federation is evolving and the enforcement posture of government authorities is continually being reconsidered. The Group periodically evaluates its obligations under environmental regulations. As obligations are determined, they are recognised in financial statements immediately. Potential liabilities, which might arise as a result of future changes in existing regulations, civil litigation or legislation, cannot be reasonably estimated. In the current enforcement climate under existing environmental legislation, management believes that the Group has met the Government's federal and regional requirements concerning environmental matters, therefore, there are no significant liabilities for environmental damage and remediation.

#### (d) Social commitments

The Group makes contributions to mandatory and voluntary insurance social programs. The Group's social contributions, as well as local social programs, benefit the community at large and are not normally restricted to the Group's employees. The Group has transferred certain social operations and assets to local authorities, however, the Group management expects that the Group will continue to fund certain social programs for the foreseeable future. These costs are recorded in the period they are incurred.



#### 17 Commitments and contingencies (continued)

#### (e) Tax contingencies

The Group management believes that the tax policy of the Group complies with the legislation of the Russian Federation on taxes and related fees.

At the same time, the legislation on taxes and related fees in the Russian Federation is characterised by dynamic development, as well as the possibility of wide discretion by the tax administration on many issues of taxation, which can lead to different interpretations of individual legal norms by taxpayers and regulatory authorities.

Therefore, the risk of expenses cannot be excluded if the tax policy applied by the Group is contested in any part. As a general rule, risk may arise in respect of three calendar years preceding the year in which the decision to conduct the review is made. The amount and probability of risk cannot be estimated with a sufficient degree of reliability, however, they may turn out to be significant from the point of view of the financial situation and/or economic activity of the Group as a whole.

#### (f) Major terms of loan agreements

Certain of the loan agreements contain covenants that impose restrictions on the purposes for which the loans may be utilised, covenants with respect to disposal of assets, incurrence of additional liabilities, issuance of loans or guarantees, obligations in respect of any future reorganisations procedures or bankruptcy of the borrowers, and also require that the borrowers maintain pledged assets to their current value and conditions. In addition, these agreements contain covenants with respect to compliance with certain financial ratios, clauses in relation to performance of the borrowers, including cross-default provisions, as well as to legal claims in excess of certain amount, where reasonable expectations of a negative outcome exist, and covenants triggered by any failure of the borrower to fulfill contractual obligations. The Group companies were in compliance with all debt covenants as at 31 March 2020 and 31 December 2019.

#### (g) Assessment of the coronavirus impact on the Group

At the date of issuing these interim condensed consolidated financial statements the situation with the spread of coronavirus infection (COVID-19) is still evolving, there is no significant impact on the Group's sales or supply chain. The impact of this situation on the Group in the future cannot be predicted. Management closely monitors the development of the situation and takes necessary measures to mitigate negative effects.

#### 18 Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies applied in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those of the Group consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 except for the adoption of hedge accounting of cash flows in accordance with IFRS 9 "Financial instruments".

The Group is exposed to foreign currency risk related to the revenue expected to be received nominated in foreign currencies, mainly in US dollars. To hedge the foreign currency risk exposure on revenue expected to be received in foreign currency the Group attracts borrowings in the same foreign currency.

On February 3, 2020 the Group designated the portion of US dollars nominated borrowings as hedging instrument of the expected highly probable US dollars nominated revenue in accordance with IFRS 9 "Financial instruments".

On February 3, 2020 a portion of future monthly revenues expected to be received in US dollars over the period from February 2020 through June 2026 was designated as a hedged item. The Group's bonds and bonds' coupons nominated in US dollars were designated as hedging instrument (Note 10).



#### 18 Significant accounting policies (continued)

The nominal amounts of the hedged item and the hedging instrument are equal. To the extent that a change in the foreign currency rate impacts on the value of the hedging instrument, the effects are recognized in other comprehensive income or loss and further reclassified to profit or loss in the same period in which the hedged revenue is recognised.

The management strategy of foreign currency risk related to volatility of future cash inflows in foreign currency is to hedge revenue expected to be received in the amount of the net monetary position in US dollars. The amount of hedged revenue aligns the amount of payments on bonds and bonds' coupons. The Group expects that the hedging relationships are highly effective since the future cash outflows on bonds and bonds' coupons payments match the future cash inflows on the hedged portion of revenue.

Information on the amounts of currency differences on hedging instrument recognized in other comprehensive loss is as follows:

	For the three months ended 31 March 2020	For the three months ended 31 March 2019
Hedge reserve of cash flows	(269)	-
Hedging result	2	-
Deferred tax related to hedge reserve of cash flows	53	
	(214)	-

A schedule of the expected reclassification of the accumulated effects from the remeasurement of hedging instrument recognized in other comprehensive loss to profit or loss as of March 31, 2020 is as follows:

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Reclassifications	(10)	(10)	(10)	(117)	(78)	(31)	(13)	(269)
Deferred tax	2	2	2	23	16	6	3	54
	(8)	(8)	(8)	(94)	(62)	(25)	(10)	(215)

#### 19 Subsequent events

On 24 April 2020, the Board of Directors of the Parent Company recommended dividends for the fourth quarter of 2019 of 3.12 Russian rubles per share in the total amount of \$249 at the exchange rate as at 24 April 2020.