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Statutory auditor's report on review of interim financial information of the association charged with a mission (opdrachthoudende vereniging) FARYS as of June 30, 2024

VAT BE0200.068.636 - RPR Ghent (division Ghent)

We have reviewed the accompanying balance sheet of the association charged with a mission (opdrachthoudende vereniging) FARYS as of June 30, 2024 and the related statement of income for the 6 months period then ended. Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of this interim financial information in accordance with the financial reporting framework applicable in Belgium (Belgian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles). Total balance sheet of these interim financial statements amounts to € 3.584.187.108 and shows a profit of € 12.585.857 for the 6 months period ended June 30, 2024. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim financial information based on our review.

Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with international standards on review engagements ISRE 2410: "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" as set forward into our engagement letter dated September 6, 2024. A review of interim financial information 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 (ISA) 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.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying interim financial information is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the financial reporting framework applicable in Belgium (Belgian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles).

We declare that we have fulfilled our assignment in good faith.

Ghent, October 1, 2024

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Statutory Auditor
Represented by


Bart Meganck
Certified Company Auditor
Partner

Annex 1 : Interim financial information as of June 30, 2024



ASSETS

30/06/2024

Fixed assets	3.223.864.425,87
I. Formation expenses	-
II. Intangible fixed assets	21.008.732,99
III. Tangible fixed assets	3.198.372.244,34
A. Land and buildings	241.290.817,01
B. Plant, machinery and equipment	2.831.558.347,88
C. Furniture and vehicles	3.599.004,47
D. Leasing and similar rights	-
E. Other tangible fixed assets	-
F. Assets under construction and advance payments	121.924.074,98
IV. Financial fixed assets	4.483.448,54
A. Affiliated enterprises	3.902.064,12
B. Other enterprises linked by participating interests	235.800,00
C. Other financial assets	345.584,42
Current assets	360.322.682,02
V. Amounts receivable after more than one year	-
A. Trade debtors	-
B. Other amounts receivable	-
VI. Stocks and contracts in progress	12.279.733,45
A. Stocks	7.642.349,84
1. Raw materials and consumables	7.642.349,84
2. Work in progress	-
3. Finished goods	-
4. Goods purchased for resale	-
5. Immovable property intended for sale	-
6. Advance payments on purchases for stocks - Acquisition value	-
B. Contracts in progress	4.637.383,61
VII. Amounts receivable within one year	172.457.093,28
A. Trade debtors	110.010.803,30
B. Other amounts receivable	62.446.289,98
VIII. Current investments	10.000.000,00
A. Own shares	-
B. Other current investments	10.000.000,00
IX. Cash at bank and in hand	7.843.337,68
X. Deferrals and accruals	157.742.517,61
Total assets	3.584.187.107,89

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EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

30/06/2024

Equity	1.878.737.385,38
I. Capital	-
A. Issued capital	-
B. Uncalled capital	-
II. Share premium account	643.129.378,23
III. Revaluation surpluses	555.608.201,39
IV. Reserves	441.091.209,28
A. Legal reserve	-
B. Reserves not available	10.283.999,29
C. Untaxed reserves	-
D. Available reserves	430.807.209,99
V. Accumulated profits (losses)	12.585.856,74
VI. Investment grants	226.322.739,74
Advance to associates on the sharing out of the assets	-
VII. Provisions and deferred taxes	19.586.268,71
A. Provisions for liabilities and charges	19.586.268,71
1. Pensions and similar obligations	1.113.027,38
2. Taxation	-
3. Major repairs and maintenance	4.934.099,84
4. Other liabilities and charges	13.539.141,49
B. Deferred taxes	-
Amounts payable	1.685.863.453,80
VIII. Amounts payable after more than one year	1.383.752.879,88
A. Financial debts	1.343.761.776,41
B. Trade debts	-
C. Advance payments received on contract in progress	-
D. Other amounts payable	39.991.103,47
IX. Amounts payable within one year	278.765.232,60
A. Current portion of amounts payable after more than one year falling due within one year	38.829.916,86
B. Financial debts	-
C. Trade debts	51.038.758,54
D. Advances received on contracts in progress	109.098.559,98
E. Taxes, remuneration and social security	13.342.461,37
F. Other amounts payable	66.455.535,85
X. Deferred charges and accrued income	23.345.341,32
Total liabilities	3.584.187.107,89

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INCOME STATEMENT

30/06/2024

I. Operating income	298.041.638,30
A. Turnover	260.788.063,07
B. Increase (decrease) in stocks and work and contracts in progress	613.805,08
C. Own construction capitalised	18.459.477,14
D. Other operating income	18.180.293,01
II. Operating charges	265.992.372,56
A. Raw materials, consumables	129.737.095,15
B. Services and other goods	42.273.520,48
C. Remuneration, social security and pensions	48.186.912,59
D. Depreciation of and other amounts written down formation expenses, intangible and tangible fixed assets	41.796.870,52
E. Amounts written down stocks, contracts in progress and trade debtors - Appropriations (write-backs)	957.726,81
F. Provisions for risks and charges - Appropriations (uses and write-backs)	32.538,96
G. Other operating charges	3.007.708,05
Operating charges carried to assets as restructuring costs	-
III. Operating result	32.049.265,74
IV. Financial income	3.812.553,67
V. Financial charges	21.108.674,42
VI. Result from ordinary activities	14.753.144,99
VII. Extraordinary income	-
VIII. Extraordinary charges	1.917.500,00
IX. Result for the financial year	12.835.644,99
IXbis. Deductions/Transfer to deferred taxes	-
X. Income taxes	249.788,25
XI. Result for the financial year	12.585.856,74
XII. Transfer from/Transfers to untaxed reserves	-
XIII. Result to allocate	12.585.856,74


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ANALYTICAL ACCOUNTS OF THE DRINKING WATER ACTIVITY (IN €)

	(1)	(2)	(1)-(2)
	30/06/2024	30/06/2023	Difference
OPERATING INCOME	204 466 907,47	196 443 949,88	8 022 957,59
Turnover	176 595 358,16	171 774 590,22	4 820 767,94
<i>Sales of drinking water to distribution customers</i>	93 849 681,00	90 466 856,30	3 382 824,70
<i>Sales of water to third parties</i>	8 513 948,28	10 090 320,02	- 1 576 371,74
<i>Contribution of supramunicipal sewerage</i>	44 222 959,19	41 549 212,14	2 673 747,05
<i>Contribution of municipal sewerage (contracts)</i>	16 488 792,65	15 457 442,18	1 031 350,47
<i>Services</i>	13 519 977,04	14 210 759,58	- 690 782,54
Stocks of finished goods and work and contracts in progress: increase (decrease) (+)/(-)	12 814 804,73	11 198 031,06	1 616 773,67
Other operating income	15 056 744,58	13 471 328,60	1 585 415,98
OPERATING CHARGES	186 933 360,58	179 191 221,78	7 742 138,80
Raw materials, consumables	120 233 329,10	114 731 231,23	5 502 097,87
<i>Purchase of water</i>	23 637 661,05	23 972 015,71	- 334 354,66
<i>Costs of Aquafin (supramunicipal)</i>	58 681 285,93	54 443 596,03	4 237 689,90
<i>Costs of municipal sewerage contracts</i>	16 278 247,68	15 193 402,41	1 084 845,27
<i>Other</i>	21 636 134,44	21 122 217,08	513 917,36
Services and other goods	21 521 010,73	19 928 286,16	1 592 724,57
Remuneration, social security costs and pensions	26 182 600,40	25 782 640,96	399 959,44
Depreciation of and other amounts written off formation expenses, intangible and tangible fixed assets	13 895 344,63	13 379 583,62	515 761,01
Amounts written off stocks, contracts in progress and trade debtors:			
Appropriations (write-backs) (+)/(-)	802 918,06	471 529,06	331 389,00
Provisions for liabilities and charges: Appropriations (uses and write-backs) (+)/(-)	- 42 842,21	- 243 556,08	200 713,87
Other operating charges	2 923 499,87	3 105 551,73	- 182 051,86
Non-recurring operating charges	1 417 500,00	2 035 955,10	- 618 455,10
OPERATING PROFIT	17 533 546,89	17 252 728,10	280 818,79
FINANCIAL INCOME (+)	50 181,35	48 664,68	1 516,67
FINANCIAL COSTS (-)	6 943 255,49	6 180 710,28	762 545,21
REPARTITION OF COST OVERHEAD SERVICES (-)	3 781 264,45	4 788 273,12	- 1 007 008,67
GAIN OF THE PERIOD	6 859 208,30	6 332 409,38	526 798,92

ANALYTICAL ACCOUNTS OF THE SEWERAGE ACTIVITY (IN €)

	(1)	(2)	(1)-(2)
	30/06/2023	30/06/2023 pro forma	Difference
OPERATING INCOME	56 500 782,78	55 270 925,01	1 229 857,77
Turnover	51 383 562,07	50 654 113,12	729 448,95
Stocks of finished goods and work and contracts in progress: increase (decrease) (+)/(-)	4 799 727,02	4 503 000,12	296 726,90
Other operating income	317 493,69	113 811,77	203 681,92
OPERATING CHARGES	43 062 829,22	40 311 790,21	2 751 039,01
Raw materials, consumables	17 459 579,80	16 161 297,87	1 298 281,93
Services and other goods	3 305 922,66	2 764 606,65	541 316,01
Remuneration, social security costs and pensions	5 776 198,97	5 563 531,47	212 667,50
Depreciation of and other amounts written off formation expenses, intangible and tangible fixed assets	15 881 754,30	14 733 171,60	1 148 582,70
Provisions for liabilities and charges: Appropriations (uses and write-backs)(+)/(-)	96 452,58	109 450,14	- 12 997,56
Other operating charges	42 920,91	229 732,48	- 186 811,57
Non-recurring operating charges	500 000,00	750 000,00	- 250 000,00
OPERATING PROFIT	13 437 953,56	14 959 134,80	- 1 521 181,24
FINANCIAL INCOME (+)	3 086 797,04	2 662 722,49	424 074,55
FINANCIAL COSTS (-)	9 551 089,40	8 484 529,61	1 066 559,79
REPARTITION OF COST OVERHEAD SERVICES (-)	1 247 012,75	1 596 091,04	- 349 078,29
GAIN OF THE PERIOD	5 726 648,45	7 541 236,64	- 1 814 588,19

ANALYTICAL ACCOUNTS OF THE SECONDARY ACTIVITY (IN €)

	(1)	(2)	(1)-(2)
	30/06/2024	30/06/2023 pro forma	Difference
OPERATING INCOME	33 227 526,93	30 643 439,61	2 584 087,32
Turnover	29 068 373,38	25 844 337,70	3 224 035,68
Stocks of finished goods and work and contracts in progress: increase (decrease) (+)/(-)	1 426 634,11	1 430 194,45	- 3 560,34
Other operating income	2 732 519,44	3 368 907,46	- 636 388,02
OPERATING CHARGES	28 787 890,47	27 294 294,12	1 493 596,35
Raw materials, consumables	2 625 979,80	2 597 411,70	28 568,10
Services and other goods	11 958 606,46	11 018 915,13	939 691,33
Remuneration, social security costs and pensions	5 002 019,67	4 707 970,97	294 048,70
Depreciation of and other amounts written off formation expenses, intangible and tangible fixed assets	9 155 360,02	8 913 231,37	242 128,65
Amounts written off stocks, contracts in progress and trade debtors: Appropriations (write-backs)	4 738,91	2 994,02	1 744,89
Other operating charges	41 185,61	53 770,93	- 12 585,32
OPERATING PROFIT	4 439 636,46	3 349 145,49	1 090 490,97
FINANCIAL INCOME (+)	310 759,74	252.868,36	57 891,38
FINANCIAL COSTS (-)	3 744 138,60	2 656 924,68	1 087 213,92
REPARTITION OF COST OVERHEAD SERVICES (-)	938 931,90	867 392,37	71 539,53
INCOME TAXES (-)	67 325,70	77 696,80	- 10 371,10
GAIN OF THE PERIOD	0,00	0,00	0,00

ANALYTICAL ACCOUNTS OF THE ROAD ACTIVITY (IN €)

	(1)	(2)	(1)-(2)
	30/06/2024	30/06/2023	# Difference
OPERATING INCOME	1 042 226,59	642 465,88	399 760,71
Turnover	999 618,82	574 136,11	425 482,71
Stocks of finished goods and work and contracts in progress: increase (decrease) (+)/(-)	4 593,56	30 315,56	- 25 722,00
Other operating income	38 014,21	38 014,21	0,00
OPERATING CHARGES	743 592,04	412 329,22	331 262,82
Raw materials, consumables	331 672,26	8 022,14	323 650,12
Services and other goods	25 748,99	40 723,32	- 14 974,33
Depreciation of and other amounts written off formation expenses, intangible and tangible fixed assets	386 170,79	363 583,76	22 587,03
OPERATING PROFIT	298 634,55	230 136,66	68 497,89
FINANCIAL INCOME (+)	0,00	0,00	0,00
FINANCIAL COSTS (-)	244 248,54	174 951,62	69 296,92
REPARTITION OF COST OVERHEAD SERVICES (-)	54 386,01	55 185,04	- 799,03
GAIN OF THE PERIOD	0,00	0,00	0,00

Trading update regarding the results at 30 June 2024

Operating income

The volumes drinking water sold to our customers are 29,3 million m³ during the first semester of 2024, approximately the same amount as during the first semester of 2023.

The volumes drinking water sold to other customers (mostly other drinking water companies) are 8,4 million m³ during the first semester of 2024 compared to 9,4 million m³ during the first semester of 2023. We sold less to De Watergroep, another drinking water company.

Revenue was € 260,8 million in the first semester of 2024 compared to € 250,9 million in the first semester of 2023. The main reasons are:

- higher unit prices per m³ for drinking water and sewerage (tariff plan and indexation)
- higher operating allowance billed to our partners of the sport division.

Operating charges

Purchase of raw materials and consumables were € 129,7 million in the first semester of 2024 compared to € 123,2 million in the first semester of 2023.

Purchase of services and other goods were € 42,2 million in the first semester of 2024, approximately the same amount as in the first semester of 2023.

Remunerations and other employee expenses were € 48,2 million in the first semester of 2024 compared to € 47,2 million in the first semester of 2023, approximately the same amount.

The EBITDA was € 74,8 million in the first semester of 2024 compared to € 72,1 million in the first semester of 2023.

The gain of the period was € 12,6 million in the first semester of 2024 compared to € 13,9 million in the first semester of 2023.

The net investments (after deduction of investment grants paid by VMM and the municipalities) amount to € 68,1 million in the first semester of 2024 compared to € 90,9 million in the first semester of 2023.

The net debt amounts to € 1.405 million on the 30th of June 2024, the same amount as on the 31st of December 2023.