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The Information should be read in conjunction with the “Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements as of and for the six-month period ended 30 June 2019” as published on www.epinfrastructure.cz.

H1 2019 Results of EP Infrastructure Group

We are pleased to confirm that in the six months ended 30 June 2019, EP Infrastructure, a.s. (“EPIF”) and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group“) continued to successfully operate their traditional energy infrastructure assets in Central Europe. The Group’s core activities remain the transmission, distribution and storage of natural gas, the distribution of electricity and district heating.

The Group owns and operates:

- the gas transmission pipeline through Slovakia, one of the largest corridors for the supply of Russian gas to Western, Central and Southern Europe;
- the natural gas distribution network in Slovakia;
- the electricity distribution network in Slovakia as one of the country’s three main distributors of electricity;
- the largest gas storage capacities in Central Europe and recently acquired gas storage operations in Bavaria, Germany; and
- significant heat distribution networks and heat production plants in the Czech Republic and Hungary.

A summary of the financial results is attached. The Group’s core operations of the Group reported considerable improvement in the first half of 2019. EBITDAⁱ and Adjusted EBITDAⁱⁱ reached EUR 862 million and EUR 841 million, respectively, for the six months ended 30 June 2019, which represents an increase in Adjusted EBITDA of EUR 62 million (+8%) compared to the six months ended 30 June 2018. For the twelve months ended 30 June 2019, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA reached EUR 1,545 million and EUR 1,528 million.

The enhanced performance measured by Adjusted EBITDA was primarily driven by the gas transmission segment which experienced growing volumes of transmitted gas (to a certain extent a frontloading effect), by the heat infrastructure segment partly through acquisition of share in Plzeňská teplárenská in October 2018 and by the gas storage segment mainly driven by the acquisition of NAFTA Speicher at the end of 2018 financial year.

The Group also generated Free Cash Flowⁱⁱⁱ of EUR 719 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019, a growth of 19% on the six months ended 30 June 2018, with the increase mainly driven by improved operations and by timing of income tax payments.

Alongside delivering on operational performance, the Group has continued to optimize its capital structure. Over the course of the six months ended 30 June 2019, EPIF had its investment grade ratings from all three major rating agencies reconfirmed, and has also successfully secured sufficient external funding for the repayment of the EUR 496 million EP Energy notes due 2019, which will be refinanced at the EPIF level by maturity on 1 November 2019. Once completed, approximately 70% of the overall proportionate Group debt shall be located on EP Infrastructure, a.s. level. The Group’s Proportionate net leverage ratio^{iv} of 4.1x as at 30 June 2019 confirmed the Group’s commitment to a stable and predictable capital structure and remained in line with, and indeed below, the net leverage target of the Group.

System Operation Tariff (surplus) / deficit	-	(22)	-	-	(22)	-	-	-	(22)
Adjusted EBITDA	365	277	115	86	843	2	(4)	-	841
Six months ended 30 June 2018									
Profit from operations	292	170	48	71	581	-	(3)	-	578
Depreciation and amortization	42	76	35	10	163	1	0	0	164
Negative goodwill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EBITDA	334	246	83	81	744	1	(3)	-	742
Non-cash non-recurring impairments of assets	1	-	10	-	11	-	-	-	11
One off gain from sale of unused non-operational land and assets	-	-	(1)	-	(1)	-	-	-	(1)
System Operation Tariff (surplus) / deficit	-	27	-	-	27	-	-	-	27
Adjusted EBITDA	335	273	92	81	781	1	(3)	-	779

Key Metrics	Gas	Gas and Power	Heat	Gas	Total	Holding	Intersegment-	Consolidated	
	Transmission	Distribution	Infra	Storage	segments				Other
<i>(in EUR millions)</i>									
12 months ended 30 June 2019									
Profit from operations	588	360	103	124	1,175	18	(7)	-	1,186
Depreciation and amortization	105	154	77	25	361	3	-	-	364
Negative goodwill	-	-	-	(5)	(5)	-	-	-	(5)
EBITDA	693	514	180	144	1,531	21	(7)	-	1,545
Non-cash non-recurring impairments of assets	2	-	-	8	10	-	-	-	10
One off gain from sale of unused non-operational land and assets	-	-	(4)	-	(4)	(15)	-	-	(19)
System Operation Tariff (surplus) / deficit	-	(8)	-	-	(8)	-	-	-	(8)
Adjusted EBITDA	695	506	176	152	1,529	6	(7)	-	1,528

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	Transmission	Distribution	Infra	Storage	segments				Other
<i>(in EUR millions)</i>									
2018									
Profit from operations	579	308	78	123	1,088	17	(6)	-	1,099
Depreciation and amortization	84	153	70	21	328	3	0	0	331
Negative goodwill	-	-	-	(5)	(5)	-	-	-	(5)
EBITDA	663	461	148	139	1,411	20	(6)	-	1,425
Non-cash non-recurring impairments of assets	2	-	10	8	20	-	-	-	20
One off gain from sale of unused non-operational land and assets	-	-	(5)	-	(5)	(15)	-	-	(20)

System Operation Tariff (surplus) / deficit	-	41	-	-	41	-	-	-	41
Adjusted EBITDA	665	502	153	147	1,467	5	(6)	-	1,466

iii Free Cash Flow represents Cash generated from operations, disregarding Change in restricted cash, less Income tax paid and Acquisition of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets as presented in the consolidated statement of cash flows of the Group

iv Net leverage ratio represents net debt divided by Adjusted EBITDA (calculated as of and for the last 12-month period ended 30 June 2019). Proportionate net leverage ratio represents net leverage ratio, taking into consideration the proportionate ownership of EPIF in its subsidiaries. Net debt represents gross debt less cash and cash equivalents (as included in the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements as of and for the six-month period ended 30 June 2019 of the Group). Gross debt of the Group represents the sum of indebtedness (representing principal amount and disregarding, among other things, unamortised fees, discounts and accrued interest) including lease liabilities but excluding mark-to-market of hedging instruments - as included in the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements as of and for the six-month period ended 30 June 2019 of the Group in the line items non-current loans and borrowings and current loans and borrowings, disregarding unamortised fees and accrued interest.