



## **Statutory auditor's report to the general meeting of Euronav NV on the consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020**

In the context of the statutory audit of the consolidated financial statements of Euronav NV ("the Company") and its subsidiaries (jointly "the Group"), we provide you with our statutory auditor's report. This includes our report on the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020, as well as other legal and regulatory requirements. Our report is one and indivisible.

We were appointed as statutory auditor by the general meeting of May 20, 2020, in accordance with the proposal of the supervisory board issued on the recommendation of the audit and risk committee. Our mandate will expire on the date of the general meeting deliberating on the annual accounts for the year ending December 31, 2022. We have performed the statutory audit of the consolidated financial statements of the Group for 17 consecutive financial years.

### **Report on the consolidated financial statements**

#### ***Unqualified opinion***

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Group as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union, and with the legal and regulatory requirements applicable in Belgium. These consolidated financial statements comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of December 31, 2020, the consolidated statements of profit or loss, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information. The total of the consolidated statement of financial position amounts to USD'000 3,687,239 and the consolidated statement of profit or loss shows a profit for the year of USD'000 473,238.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the Group's equity and financial position as of December 31, 2020 and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union, and with the legal and regulatory requirements applicable in Belgium.

#### ***Basis for our unqualified opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ("ISAs") as adopted in Belgium. In addition, we have applied the ISAs as issued by the IAASB and applicable for the current accounting year while these have not been adopted in Belgium yet. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Statutory auditors' responsibility for the audit of the consolidated financial statements" section of our report. We have complied with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Belgium, including the independence requirements.



We have obtained from the supervisory board and the Company's officials the explanations and information necessary for performing our audit.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

***Key audit matter***

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, 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.

***Assessment of impairment indicators and carrying value for vessels in the Tankers segment***

As discussed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the net carrying value of vessels in the Tankers segment (vessels and vessels in assets under construction and in right of use assets) as of December 31, 2020 was USD 3.1 billion, representing 85% of the Group's total assets. As discussed in Note 1 and Note 8, at each reporting date, the Group evaluates the carrying value of vessels for impairment at the level of the cash generating unit (CGU), by identifying events or changes in circumstances that indicate the carrying value of these CGUs may not be recoverable. The Group identified two impairment indicators for its CGU's included in the Tankers segment: (1) the significant drop in market rates and (2) the very low share price of the Group. The Group subsequently performed its annual impairment tests for each CGU in its Tankers segment, considering management's estimates and assumptions such as vessel values, expected future charter rates, earnings from the vessels, forecasted vessel operating expenses, weighted average cost of capital (WACC) and economic life of vessels. The Group concluded that the recoverable amount (value in use - VIU) of each defined CGU in its Tankers segment exceeded the CGU's carrying value as of December 31, 2020 and consequently, that no impairment loss needed to be recorded as of December 31, 2020.

We identified the assessment of impairment indicators and carrying value of vessels included in the Tankers segment as a key audit matter. The Group's evaluation of the existence of impairment indicators considers both internal and external data, such as vessel and crude oil supply and demand trends, and changes in the extent and manner in which vessels are expected to be used. The assessment of the impact of these indicators on each CGU requires a high degree of auditor judgment. This is due to the existence of unobservable information and the unpredictability of global macroeconomic and geopolitical conditions affecting freight rates over the CGU's useful life. There is also a high degree of auditor judgment involved in evaluating certain key assumptions such as the WACC, expected future charter rates and forecasted vessel operating expenses applied in determining the VIU of the vessels.

The following are the primary procedures we performed to address this key audit matter:

- We evaluated the design and tested the operating effectiveness of certain internal controls related to the vessel impairment process. This included



controls related to the assessment of the impact of internal and external impairment indicators, such as vessel and crude oil supply and demand trends and changes in the extent and manner in which vessels are expected to be used. This also included controls related to certain key assumptions used by management in determining the VIU of the vessels, such as the WACC, expected future charter rates and forecasted vessel operating expenses;

- We evaluated the information and assumptions used by the Group in its assessment of the existence of impairment indicators by comparing information such as vessel and crude oil supply and demand trends, and changes in the extent and manner in which vessels are expected to be used, to historical information, external third-party information such as brokers' reports and other industry data as well as to internal data;
- We evaluated the Group's VIU calculations for each CGU included in the Tankers segment by comparing the assumptions used by the Group with our knowledge of the Group's business and the industry in which it operates, the Group's future, current and historical charter rates and vessel operating expenses, third-party industry publications for conventional tankers with similar characteristics and other available observable market information;
- We evaluated the recoverability of the carrying value of each CGU in the Tankers segment by comparing to the average value of two independent broker values;
- We performed a retrospective comparison of historical expected charter rates and vessel operating expenses used in the Group's VIU calculations to actual charter rates and vessel operating expenses incurred by the Group in prior years;
- We involved valuation professionals with specialized skills and knowledge, who assisted in evaluating the reasonableness of the WACC by developing a range of rates and comparing this to the WACC used by the Group; and
- We performed sensitivity analyses on the WACC and the future charter rates used by the Group to assess the impact of changes to the assumptions, and assess whether there were any indications of management bias in the selection of these assumptions.

***Supervisory board's responsibilities for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements***

The supervisory board is responsible for the preparation of these consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union, and with the legal and regulatory requirements applicable in Belgium, and for such internal control as the supervisory board 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, the supervisory board 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 the supervisory board either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

***Statutory auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance as to 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 the users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

When performing our audit we comply with the legal, regulatory and professional requirements applicable to audits of the consolidated financial statements in Belgium. The scope of the statutory audit of the consolidated financial statements does not extend to providing assurance on the future viability of the Group nor on the efficiency or effectivity of how the supervisory board has conducted or will conduct the business of the Group. Our responsibilities regarding the going concern basis of accounting applied by the supervisory board are described below.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also perform the following procedures:

- 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 controls 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 the supervisory board;
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the supervisory board'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 auditors' 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 auditors' 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 audit and risk committee 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 audit and risk committee 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.

For the matters communicated with the audit and risk committee, 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.

## **Other legal and regulatory requirements**

### ***Responsibilities of the supervisory board***

The supervisory board is responsible for the preparation and the content of the supervisory board's annual report on the consolidated financial statements and the other information included in the annual report.

### ***Statutory auditor's responsibilities***

In the context of our engagement and in accordance with the Belgian standard which is complementary to the International Standards on Auditing as applicable in Belgium, our responsibility is to verify, in all material respects, the supervisory board's annual report on the consolidated financial statements and the other information included in the annual report, and to report on these matters.

### ***Aspects concerning the supervisory board's annual report on the consolidated financial statements and other information included in the annual report***

Based on specific work performed on the supervisory board's annual report on the consolidated financial statements, we are of the opinion that this report is consistent with the consolidated financial statements for the same period and



has been prepared in accordance with article 3:32 of the Companies' and Associations' Code.

In the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements, we are also responsible for considering, in particular based on the knowledge gained throughout the audit, whether the supervisory board's annual report on the consolidated financial statements and other information included in the annual report:

- Shareholder letter, Quick facts, Highlights and Special report; and
- Activity report;

contains material misstatements, that is information incorrectly stated or misleading. In the context of the procedures carried out, we did not identify any material misstatements that we have to report to you.

***Information about the independence***

- Our audit firm and our network have not performed any engagement which is incompatible with the statutory audit of the consolidated accounts and our audit firm remained independent of the Group during the term of our mandate.
- The fees for the additional engagements which are compatible with the statutory audit referred to in article 3:65 of the Companies' and Associations' Code were correctly stated and disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

***Other aspect***

- This report is consistent with our additional report to the audit committee on the basis of Article 11 of Regulation (EU) No 537/2014.

Antwerp, April 15, 2021

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