

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

### **To the General Shareholders Meeting and Supervisory Board of Arctic Paper S.A.**

#### **Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2016 of Capital Group of Arctic Paper S.A. ('the Group'), with parent's company Arctic Paper S.A. ('the Company') registered office located in Poznań at Dąbrowskiego 334A which comprises of: the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016, the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2016, the consolidated cash flow statement, the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016, accounting policies and additional explanatory notes ('the accompanying consolidated financial statements').

#### *Responsibilities of the Management Board and members of the supervisory board for the consolidated financial statements*

The Management Board is responsible in accordance with the Accounting Act dated 29 September 1994 ('the Accounting Act'), regulations issued on the basis of the Accounting Act for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements and fair presentation in accordance with International Accounting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and related Interpretations announced in the form of European Commission regulations ('International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by European Union') and other applicable laws. The Management Board is also responsible 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.

According to the Accounting Act the Management Board and members of the supervisory board are required to ensure that the consolidated financial statements meet the requirements of the Accounting Act.

#### *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on accompanying consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with chapter 7 of the Accounting Act and National Auditing Standards in the version of International Standards on Auditing as adopted by Resolution no 2783/52/2015 of the National Council of Statutory Auditors dated 10 February 2015 with subsequent amendments ('National Auditing Standards'). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment,

including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Company's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements 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 Company's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

In accordance with National Auditing Standard 320 point 5 the concept of materiality is applied by the auditor both in planning and performing the audit, and in evaluating the effect of identified misstatements on the audit and of uncorrected misstatements, if any, on the consolidated financial statements and in forming the opinion in the auditor's report. Hence all auditor's assertions and statements contained in the auditor's report, including those on other information or regulatory requirements, are made with the contemplation of the qualitative and quantitative materiality levels established in accordance with auditing standards and auditor's professional judgement.

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

### *Opinion*

In our opinion, paragraph the accompanying consolidated financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of a Group as at 31 December 2016 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the period from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by European Union and accounting policies;
- are in respect of the form and content, in accordance with legal regulations governing the preparation of consolidated financial statements and the Company's Articles of Association.

### **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

#### *Report on the Directors' Report of the Group*

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not include the Directors' Report of the Group.

The Company's Management Board is responsible for preparation of the Directors' Report of the Group in accordance with the Accounting Act and other applicable laws. In addition the Company's Management Board and members of the supervisory board are obliged to state that the Directors' Report of the Group meet the requirements of the Accounting Act.

In connection with the audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility was to read the content of the Directors' Report of the Group and consider whether the information contained in it take into account the provisions of art. 49 of the Accounting Act and the Decree of the Minister of Finance dated 19 February 2009 on current and periodic information published by issuers of securities and conditions for recognition as equivalent the information required by laws of non-EU member states ('the Decree on current and periodic information') and whether they are consistent with the information

contained in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Our responsibility was also to report, based on our knowledge of the Group and its environment obtained during the audit of the consolidated financial statements, whether the Directors' Report does not include material misstatements.

We have concluded that the information included in the Directors' Report of the Group corresponds with the relevant regulations of art. 49 of the Accounting Act and the Decree on current and periodic information and that the information derived from the accompanying consolidated financial statements reconciles with the Directors' Report of the Group. Based on our knowledge of the Group and its environment obtained during the audit of the consolidated financial statements, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report of the Group.

In connection with the conducted audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility was also to read the Company's representation on application of corporate governance which constitutes a separate part of the Directors' Report of the Group. We concluded that in the representation the Company included information required by implementing rules issued under art. 60 para. 2 of the Act of 29 July 2005 on public offering and on the terms of introducing financial instruments into an organised trading system and on public companies. This information is, in all material respects, in accordance with applicable regulations and with the information included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Warsaw, 20 March 2017

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