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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

# ON THE PERFORMANCE OF A REASONABLE ASSURANCE ENGAGEMENT TO ASSESS A REMUNERATION REPORT

# To the General Meeting and Supervisory Board of CIECH S.A.

We have been engaged to assess the attached remuneration report of CIECH S.A, hereinafter referred to as "the Company" for the year 2022 for completeness of the information contained therein as required under Article 90g paragraphs 1 - 5 and 8 of the Act of 29 July 2005 on Public Offerings, Conditions Governing the Introduction of Financial Instruments to Organised Trading, and on Public Companies (consolidated text: 2022 Journal of Laws, item 2554) (hereinafter referred to as "the Public Offerings Act").

## Identification of applicable criteria and description of subject matter

The remuneration report has been prepared by the Supervisory Board in order to comply with the requirements of Article 90g paragraph 1 of the Public Offerings Act. The applicable requirements for the remuneration report are contained in the Public Offerings Act.

The requirements described in the preceding sentence set out the basis for the preparation of the remuneration report and are, in our view, appropriate criteria for us to formulate a reasonable assurance conclusion.

Pursuant to the requirements of Article 90g paragraph 10 of the Public Offerings Act, the remuneration report shall be assessed by the auditor with respect to the inclusion therein of the information required under Article 90g paragraphs 1 - 5 and 8 of the Public Offerings Act. This report constitutes compliance with that requirement.

By the auditor's assessment referred to in the preceding sentence and constituting the basis for our reasonable assurance conclusion, we mean an assessment of whether, in all material respects, the scope of information presented in the remuneration report is complete and the information has been disclosed in the detail required by the Act on Public Offerings.

## Responsibility of Supervisory Board Members

In accordance with the Public Offerings Act, members of the Company's Supervisory Board are responsible for the preparation of the remuneration report in accordance with binding regulations and, in particular, for the completeness of the report and the information contained therein.

The responsibility of the Supervisory Board also includes designing, implementing and maintaining an internal control system to ensure the preparation of a complete remuneration report free from material misstatement resulting from fraud or error.

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## Responsibility of the Auditor

Our objective was to assess the completeness of the information provided in the accompanying remuneration report against the criterion set out in the *Identification of criteria and description of subject matter* section, and to express, on the basis of the evidence obtained, an independent conclusion on the performance of the reasonable assurance engagement.

We performed the engagement in accordance with the provisions of the National Standard on Assurance Engagements Other than Audits and Reviews 3000 (Revised) in the wording of International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) - "Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information", adopted by Resolution No. 3436/52e/2019 of the National Council of Statutory Auditors of 8 April 2019, with subsequent amendments (hereinafter: "KSUA 3000 (Z)").

This standard requires the auditor to plan and perform procedures to obtain reasonable assurance that the remuneration report has been prepared completely in accordance with specified criteria.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but it is not a guarantee that an engagement performed in accordance with KSUA 3000 (Z) will always detect an existing material misstatement.

The choice of procedures depends on the auditor's judgement, including the auditor's assessment of the risk of material misstatement resulting from fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the preparation of the complete report in order to design appropriate procedures to provide the auditor with sufficient and appropriate evidence. The internal control system was not assessed for the purpose of expressing a conclusion on the effectiveness of its operation.

#### Summary of work performed and limitations of our procedures

The procedures we planned and performed included, in particular:

- reviewing the content of the remuneration report and comparing the information contained therein to the applicable requirements;
- reviewing the resolutions of the Company's General Meeting concerning the remuneration policy for members of its Management Board and Supervisory Board and the related supplementary resolutions of the Supervisory Board;
- identifying, by comparison with corporate documents, a list of those whose information is required to be included in the remuneration report, and determining, by enquiries of those responsible for preparing the report and, where we considered it appropriate, also directly of those covered by the reporting requirement, whether all the information required by the criteria for preparing the remuneration report has been disclosed.

Our procedures were solely intended to obtain evidence that the information included by the Supervisory Board in the remuneration report complies with the applicable completeness requirements. The objective of our work was not to assess the sufficiency of the information included in the remuneration report for the purpose of preparing the remuneration report, nor to assess the correctness and reliability of the information contained therein, in particular as regards the amounts disclosed, including previous year estimates, numbers, dates, inclusion in distribution, allocation methods, compliance with the remuneration policy adopted by the Management Board.

The remuneration report was not audited as defined in the National Standards on Auditing. Our assurance procedures did not include an audit or review of the information used to prepare the remuneration report. Accordingly, we do not accept responsibility for expressing or updating any reports or opinions on the Company's historical financial information.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained provides a sufficient and appropriate basis for our conclusion below.



### Ethical requirements, including independence

In performing the engagement the auditor and the audit firm complied with independence and other ethical standards set out in the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, adopted by Resolution of the National Council of Statutory Auditors No. 3431/52a/2019 of 25 March 2019 on the principles of professional ethics for statutory auditors (hereinafter "the IESBA Code"). The IESBA Code is based on the fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional conduct. We have also complied with other independence and ethical requirements applicable to such assurance engagements in Poland.

#### Quality control requirements

The audit firm applies National Quality Control Standards in the wording of the International Standard on Quality Control 1 - "Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Statements and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements" adopted by Resolution 2040/37a/2018 of the National Council of Certified Auditors of 3 March 2018, with subsequent amendments (hereinafter referred to as "NQCS").

As required by the NQCS, the audit firm maintains a comprehensive quality control system that includes documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

### Conclusion

As the auditor's conclusion has been formulated based on the matters described above, the conclusion should be read with these matters in mind.

In our opinion, the attached remuneration report, in all material respects, contains all the elements listed in Article 90g, paragraphs 1 - 5 and 8 of the Public Offerings Act.

#### Limitations of use

This report has been prepared by BDO spółka z ograniczoną odpowiedzialnością sp. k. for the General Meeting of Shareholders and Supervisory Board of CIECH S.A. and is intended solely for the purpose described in the *Identification of applicable criteria and description of subject matter* section. It should not be used for any other purpose.

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Warsaw, 23 March 2023