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## **Zhaikmunai LLP**

### **Operational Update for the First Quarter and the Three Months ending 31 March 2019**

**Uralsk, 30 April 2019**

Zhaikmunai LLP, a subsidiary of Nostrum Oil & Gas PLC (“Nostrum” or “the Company” and together with its subsidiaries “the Group”) an independent oil and gas company engaging in the production, development and exploration of oil and gas in the pre-Caspian Basin, today announces Nostrum’s operational update in respect of the three-month period ending 31 March 2019. This update is being issued in advance of the release of Nostrum’s consolidated accounts for the same period. The information contained in this update remains subject to review by the Company’s independent auditors.

#### **Highlights:**

##### **Operational**

- Q1 2019 average production after treatment of 32,646 boepd and average sales volumes of 31,621 boepd

##### **Financial**

- Q1 2019 revenues expected to be in excess of US\$95 million (Q1 2018: US\$94 million)
- Q1 2019 cash position in excess of US\$75 million (FY 2018: US\$122 million)
- Total debt<sup>1</sup> expected not to exceed US\$1,110 million and net debt expected not to exceed approximately US\$1,035 million as at 31 March 2019

**Kai-Uwe Kessel, Chief Executive Officer of Nostrum Oil & Gas, commented:**

*First quarter production has been stable and we remain on track to meet our 2019 guidance production of 30,000 boepd average corresponding to sales volumes of 28,000 boepd. In our Northern area where two wells are being drilled, the first well (Well 42) is nearing completion with test results expected towards the end of May whilst the second well (Well 41) is still being drilled. No production from either well is assumed in our production forecasts.*

*Schlumberger continues to work on the evaluation of the Biski North East and the Biski West reservoirs with results of the study due in Q3 2019.*

*From a financial perspective, Q1 improved as the oil price increased. Given that we had the coupon payments on both bonds coming in Q1 and a receivable balance of over US\$50m we had closing cash of US\$75m. This will reverse during Q2 where we have no coupon payments on our bonds and a portion of the receivable balance will unwind.*

*Our focus remains on growing production over the short to medium term, controlling costs and generating as much cash flow as possible.*

<sup>1</sup> Total debt does not include finance lease liabilities under IFRS16 Leases

## Sales volumes

The sales volumes split for Q1 2019 was as follows:

Products	Q1 2019 sales volumes (boepd)	Q1 2019 product mix (%)
Crude Oil & Stabilised Condensate	11,853	37.49%
LPG (Liquid Petroleum Gas)	4,109	13.00%
Dry Gas	15,658	49.52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,621</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

*The difference between production and sales volumes is primarily due to internal consumption of gas*

## Q1 2019 Drilling

- As at 31 March 2019, the Company had 45 wells in production (18 oil wells and 27 gas-condensate wells).
- Well 42 is nearing completion with test results expected towards the end of May.
- Well 41 is currently just above the target horizons.

## 2019 Drilling and sales volume guidance

- With two drilling rigs we remain able to drill up to six wells during 2019.
- The first two wells are in the Northern area of the field around well 40 (wells 41 and 42).
- The location of additional wells will be determined once we have completed the evaluation of wells drilled during 2018 and those currently being drilled.
- 2019 production guidance remains unchanged at 30,000 boepd, corresponding to sales volumes of 28,000 boepd. Guidance does not include any additional production from new wells planned this year.

### **Progress on the development of GTU3**

Mechanical completion of GTU3 was achieved in December 2018 and cold commissioning is in progress with first gas into plant targeted for May 2019 and full commissioning completed in Q3 2019.

The below figures reflect all future cash payments expected to be made (excluding VAT) on GTU3.

<b>Remaining cash spend on GTU3 (excl VAT) as at 31 March 2019</b>	US\$23.4 million
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### **Trident**

The current term of the Rostoshinkoye licence expired in February 2019 and a further extension to August 2022 is under application. Both the Yuzhno-Gremyachenskoye and the Darinskoye licences expire at the end of 2021.

### **Release of Nostrum's Q1 2019 Financial Results**

Nostrum plans to release its audited consolidated accounts for Q1 2019 ending 31 March 2019 on 21 May 2019.

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### **Further information**

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About Nostrum Oil & Gas



Nostrum Oil & Gas PLC is an independent oil and gas company currently engaging in the production, development and exploration of oil and gas in the pre-Caspian Basin. Its shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange (ticker symbol: NOG). The principal producing asset of Nostrum Oil & Gas PLC is the Chinarevskoye field, in which it holds a 100% interest and is the operator through its wholly-owned subsidiary Zhaikmunai LLP. In addition, Nostrum Oil & Gas holds a 100% interest in and is the operator of the Rostoshinskoye, Darinskoye and Yuzhno-Gremyachenskoye oil and gas fields through the same subsidiary. Located in the pre-Caspian basin to the north-west of Uralsk, these exploration and development fields are situated between approximately 60 and 120 kilometres from the Chinarevskoye field.

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