## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Annual General Meeting of Apetit plc

## **REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## **OPINION**

In our opinion

- the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the group's financial position and financial performance and cash flows in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the EU
- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the parent company's financial performance and financial position in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the preparation of the financial statements in Finland and comply with statutory requirements.

Our opinion is consistent with the additional report to the Audit Committee.

## WHAT WE HAVE AUDITED

We have audited the financial statements of Apetit plc (business identity code 0197395-5) for the year ended 31 December 2020. The financial statements comprise:

- the consolidated statement of financial position, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, statement of consolidated changes in shareholders' equity, consolidated statement of cash flows and notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies
- the parent company's balance sheet, income statement, statement of cash flows and notes.

## **BASIS FOR OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with good auditing practice in Finland. Our responsibilities under good auditing practice are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report.

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

## INDEPENDENCE

We are independent of the parent company and of the group companies in accordance with the ethical requirements that are applicable in Finland and are relevant to our audit, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, the non-audit services that we have provided to the parent company and to the group companies are in accordance with the applicable law and regulations in Finland and we have not provided non-audit services that are prohibited under Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) No 537/2014. The non-audit services that we have provided are disclosed in note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

## OUR AUDIT APPROACH

## OVERVIEW



## Materiality

 We applied an overall group materiality of € 1,2 million, which amounts to some 0,4% of consolidated net sales of continuing operations. The result of Apetit group has fluctuated during the recent years and therefore net sales provides a more solid base for determining materiality than using the result as a benchmark.

### Group scoping

• The group audit scope encompassed four domestic subsidiaries in addition to the parent company.

#### Key audit matters

- Occurrence and cut-off of revenue recognition
- Deferred tax assets valuation
- Shares in associated companies valuation

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements. In particular, we considered where management made subjective judgements; for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain.

#### MATERIALITY

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. An audit is designed to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They are considered material if individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined certain quantitative thresholds for materiality, including the overall group materiality for the consolidated financial statements as set out in the table below. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and to evaluate the effect of misstatements on the financial statements as a whole.

Overall group materiality	€ 1,2 million (previous year € 1,2 million)
How we determined it	approximately 0,4% of consolidated net sales
Rationale for the materiality benchmark applied	The result of Apetit group has fluctuated and been at loss during the previous years. Therefore net sales provides a more solid base for determining materiality than using the result as a benchmark. In our view net sales is a benchmark against which the performance of the group is commonly measured by users.

#### HOW WE TAILORED OUR GROUP AUDIT SCOPE

We tailored the scope of our audit, taking into account the structure of the Apetit group, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which the group operates.

The group operates mainly in Finland. The group audit scope encompassed the Finnish entities. We determined that no risk for material misstatements relates to foreign subsidiaries and therefore our procedures regarding these entities comprised only of analytical procedures performed at group level as well as specified audit procedures on selected income statement and balance sheet line items.

By performing the procedures above, we have obtained sufficient and appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the Group as a whole in order to provide an opinion on the consolidated financial statements.

#### **KEY AUDIT MATTERS**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including among other matters consideration of whether there was evidence of bias that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

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#### Key audit matter in the audit of the group

## How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Occurrence and cut-off of revenue recognition

Accounting principles, note 2 to the consolidated financial statements The group's net sales consist mainly of the sales of frozen food as well as grain and oilseed products. The Group's sales in all business segments take place at a single time when control is transferred to buyer. Because of the nature of revenue, we focused on sales transactions that occurred during the financial period, especially on whether the recorded sales reflect real sales transactions.

We also focused on the accurate timing of revenue recognition (cut-off) of big shipments of grain sales. For other revenue streams of the group, the accurate timing of revenue recognition is not considered to be a key audit matter because of the nature of the operations and the relatively small monetary value of individual sales transactions. Our audit procedures consisted of obtaining an understanding of the group's internal control as well as substantive procedures performed on recorded sales transactions.

As part of substantive audit procedures relating to net sales, we:

- Evaluated the appropriateness of the accounting policies for revenue recognition
- Tested a sample of sales transactions recorded during the financial year to verify that they reflect actual sales transactions
- Tested the accurate timing of revenue recognition of sales transactions recorded near the end of the financial period, focusing on big shipments in the grain business.
- Tested the basis for selected journal entries posted to net sales.

## Deferred tax assets - valuation

Key audit matter in the audit of the group

Accounting principles, note 11 to the consolidated financial statements. Deferred tax assets recognized in the consolidated balance sheet totaled  $\notin$  4,3 million ( $\notin$  5,0 million). Deferred tax assets mainly consist of tax losses confirmed or to be confirmed.

Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent that it is probable that they can be utilized against taxable profit in the future. The valuation of deferred tax assets requires estimates by management, including the future operating profitability of operations.

Because of the estimates involved in the valuation of deferred tax assets as well as their materiality we consider deferred tax assets to be a key audit matter. In particular, we focused on the risk of overstatement of deferred tax assets in the consolidated balance sheet. We obtained an understanding of the company's processes relating to the calculation and valuation of deferred taxes.

Our audit procedures were especially directed to the following:

How our audit addressed

the key audit matter

- We tested the reliability of estimates and forecasts previously made by the company by comparing management's forecasts from prior years to actual results.
- We tested the mathematical accuracy of calculations and reconciled data, for applicable parts, to plans and other assumptions approved by management.
- We evaluated the appropriateness of key assumptions used in the forecasts. Our focus was especially on assumptions that are significant to future profitability, such as the development of net sales and expenses and the period of utilization of deferred tax assets.

## How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Shares in associated companies - valuation Accounting principles, note 14 to the consolidated financial statements The shares in associated companies as at 31 December 2020 are  $\in$  19,7 million (2019  $\in$  19,4 million).  $\in$  19,4 million (2019  $\in$  19,1 million) consist of ownership in Sucros group.

The profitability of the associated company Sucros group has not been on the desired level during the previous years. Profitability below expectations may be an indication of impairment of assets. Where such indications are identified, the asset's estimated recoverable amount needs to be determined. An impairment loss is recognized, if the carrying amount of the asset in the balance sheet exceeds its recoverable amount.

The company's management has prepared impairment test calculation at the level of the cash generating unit, Sucros group. Impairment test calculations include, to a significant extent, estimates by management. The valuation of shares in associated companies is a key audit matter due to magnitude of the asset and the level of management judgement involved. We obtained and assessed the impairment test calculation prepared by the management through the following procedures:

- We discussed the calculation with the management and evaluated the accounting methods applied.
- We discussed with management the significant assumptions used in cash flow estimates. We have evaluated and compared the assumptions to the available information and long term strategic plans and budget.
- We discussed and evaluated the basis for the discount rate (WACC) used and its' mathematical accuracy.
- We tested the mathematical accuracy of the impairment calculation.

There are no significant risks of material misstatement referred to in Article 10(2c) of Regulation (EU) No 537/2014 with respect to the group financial statements.

We have no key audit matters to report with respect to our audit of the parent company financial statements.

There are no significant risks of material misstatement referred to in Article 10(2c) of Regulation (EU) No 537/2014 with respect to the parent company financial statements.

# RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board of Directors and the Managing Director are responsible for the preparation of consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the EU, and of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the preparation of financial statements in Finland and comply with statutory requirements. The Board of Directors and the Managing Director are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Directors and the Managing Director are responsible for assessing the parent company's and the group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared using the going concern basis of accounting unless there is an intention to liquidate the parent company or the group or to cease operations, or there is no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 good auditing practice 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 users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with good auditing practice, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 control 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 parent company's or the group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors' and the Managing Director'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 parent company's or 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 auditor's report to the related disclosures in the 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 auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the parent company or the group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events so that the financial statements give a true and fair view.
- 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 those charged with governance 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 those charged with governance 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.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the 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 or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

#### **OTHER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

#### **APPOINTMENT**

PricewaterhouseCoopers Oy has, without interruption, been acting as the auditor of Apetit plc for 27 years since first being appointed on 18 April 1994, when Authorised Public Accountant (KHT) working for our firm was appointed as the auditor. Since 18 April 1994 also the other auditor of Apetit plc has been an auditor working for our firm. Authorised Public Accountant (KHT) Pasi Karppinen has, without interruption, been acting as the auditor since 25 March 2015 for six years.

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

The Board of Directors and the Managing Director are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the report of the Board of Directors and the information included in the Annual Report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. We have obtained the report of the Board of Directors prior to the date of this auditor's report and the Annual Report is expected to be made available to us after that date.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. With respect to the report of the Board of Directors, our responsibility also includes considering whether the report of the Board of Directors has been prepared in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

- In our opinion
- the information in the report of the Board of Directors is consistent with the information in the financial statements
- the report of the Board of Directors has been prepared in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Helsinki 18 February 2021

PricewaterhouseCoopers Oy Authorised Public Accountants

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