

# Nortegas Energía Distribución S.A.U. and Subsidiaries 2023 Full Year Results

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**Key Highlights** 

## Key Highlights



### 2023 - Main Milestones

Steady Growth
Delivered
Despite
Macroeconomic
Challenges

- Nortegas continues growing in residential & commercial segments, proving resilience and long-term prospects of natural
  gas despite a market impacted by the evolution of gas prices throughout the year
  - +5.5k additional net connection points compared to 2022 results (+15.2k gross new connection points)
  - 21.6 TWh of aggregate remunerated volume in 2023
- **Volume evolution** (-5.0% vs. 2022)
  - Domestic & Commercial and LPG volumes impacted by warmer temperatures throughout 2023
  - Industrial segment volumes impacted by current macro environment

Resilient
Financial
Performance
with Strong Cash
Generation

- Revenues amounting to €201M during 2023, (-6.5% YoY decrease) mainly affected by remuneration adjustments and warmer temperatures
- EBITDA of €148M during 2023, (-4.6% YoY decrease) affected by lower remuneration
- Strong cash generation¹ of €125M thanks to discretionary capex (85% conversion ratio)

De-Risked Capital Structure

- Long-term maturity structure protected from market fluctuations (100% fixed interest rate)
- No additional refinancing until subsequent regulatory period
- Strong liquidity position, with €120m of undrawn facilities
- S&P confirmed Nortegas' investment rating in November 2023 (BBB / stable outlook)

Fully Committed
with Promotion
of Renewable
Gases and
Actively
Achieving ESG
Agenda Goals

- Dedicated to becoming a leading business amidst Spain's ongoing energy transition
- Maintained a Top Score / 5 stars in GRESB ESG performance assessment with 95 points (vs. 95 points in 2022)
- Successfully reduced GHG emissions reduction by 49% in comparison with 2019 levels
- 4,364 t Co2 eq emissions avoided through boilers transformations
- Continuous update and revision of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives to foster equal opportunity and nondiscrimination



**Operational Overview** 

## Operational Overview

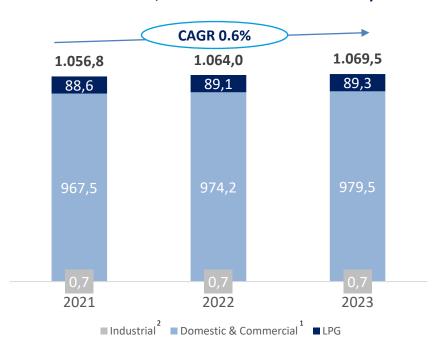
### **Connection Points and Volumes**



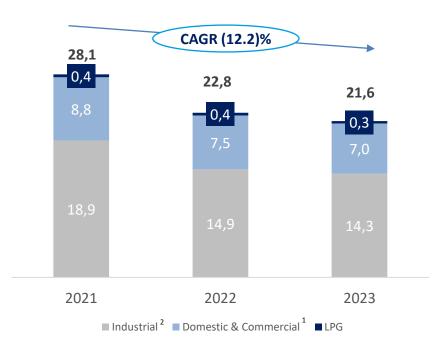
### **Evolution of Connection Points by Commercial Segment**

**Evolution of Volume by Commercial Segment** 

Number of CPs in '000s, as of 31st of December of each year



TWh, as of 31st of December of each year



- Nortegas experienced a sustainable CP growth during 2023. As of December 2023, gross growth in CPs has been over 15.2k (+5.5k net CPs), largely centred on the Domestic & Commercial segment growth
- Nevertheless, the **Domestic & Commercial segment** experienced a **-6.9% YoY decrease in volumes** in 2023 given the warmer temperatures, while the **Industrial sector slowed down due to high prices and macro environment**, showing a **YoY decrease of -4.0%**





## **Nortegas Consolidated Income Statement**

#### Income Statement as of 31st December 2023

€M	2022	2023
Revenues	215	201
Natural gas distribution remuneration	159	150
LPG regulated revenues	31	25
Other regulated revenues	23	23
Other revenues	2	3
Supplies	(26)	(23)
Self-constructed assets	7	7
Other Income	2	2
Operating Expenses <sup>1</sup>	(43)	(39)
EBITDA	155	148
Margin	72.1%	73.5%
Margin ex-LPG <sup>2</sup>	80.0%	80.7%
Amortisation Expenses	(84)	(84)
EBIT	70	64
Margin	32.8%	31.6%
Net Financial Expenses	(19)	(17)
Profit before income tax	52	47
Income Tax	(11)	(9)
Profit for the year	40	38

#### **Comments**

- Revenue decrease due to a lower remuneration on distributed natural gas mainly driven by lower volumes caused by:
  - **Remuneration adjustments**
  - **Ongoing macro volatility**
  - Warm temperatures throughout the year
- High percentage of regulated revenues at around 99%
- B Supplies decrease mainly derived from lower residential demand and lower regulated prices affecting LPG business with no relevant impact on LPG margin
- Operating Expenses: correction on operating expenses driven by active cost management



## **Nortegas Consolidated Cash Flow Statement**

#### Cash Flow Statement as of 31st December 2023

€M	2022	2023
EBITDA	155	148
Corporate Tax payments	(15)	(12)
Change in Current Assets & Liabilities & Others	(10)	(5)
Capex	(28)	(23)
Interest payments	(18)	(16)
Cash-flow from operating and investing activities	83	92
Debt repayment / issuance	(141)	-
Cash-flow after third party financing activities	(58)	92
End of Period Cash and Cash Equivalents	39	68

€M	2022	2023
EBITDA	155	148
CapEx	(28)	(23)
Cash Generation (EBITDA-Capex)	127	125
Cash Conversion	82.0%	84.7%

#### **Comments**

## A CapEx:

- Gross investment of €23M in 2023 (-€5M vs. 2022), including:
  - Expansion Investments to sustain the development of Natural Gas and LPG CPs
  - Maintenance Capex related to works for network substitution
  - Investment in IT as part of the digital transformation strategy of the Company
- B Interest payments include mainly bond interests
- Sustained trend on Strong cash generation: EBITDA-CapEx of €125M in 2023 (vs. €127M in 2022) deriving in a cash conversion ratio of 85% (vs. 82% in 2022)



## **Nortegas Consolidated Balance Sheet**

### Balance Sheet as of 31st December 2023

€M	2022	2023
Property, plant and equipment	918	884
Goodwill	46	46
Other intangible assets	1,397	1,370
Right-of-use assets	2	1
Other non-current financial assets	1	1
Deferred tax assets	0	0
Total non-current assets	2,364	2,303
Other current assets	41	42
Cash and cash equivalents	39	68
Total current assets	79	110
Total assets	2,443	2,413

Total equity	992	965
Financial liabilities from issuing bonds	1,121	1,122
Leases	1	$\bigcirc$ 1
Other non-current financial liabilities	2	$\bigcirc$ 1
Other non-current liabilities	18	22
Deferred tax liabilities	265	263
Total non-current liabilities	1,407	1,409
Current financial liabilities	8	8
Leases	0	0
Debt with group companies and associates	6	15
Other current liabilities	30	16
Total current liabilities	44	39
Total equity and liabilities	2,443	2,413

#### **Comments**

- Total Cash on Balance Sheet at 2023 year-end amounted
   €68M vs €39M in Dec 2022
- Total Equity at year end 2023 amounted to €965M
- Total Net Debt at year end 2023 amounted to €1,079M representing a reduction of €21m in comparison to 2022 figures, mainly driven by the cash position increase
- Financial policy driven by the shareholder commitment to maintain an investment grade credit rating

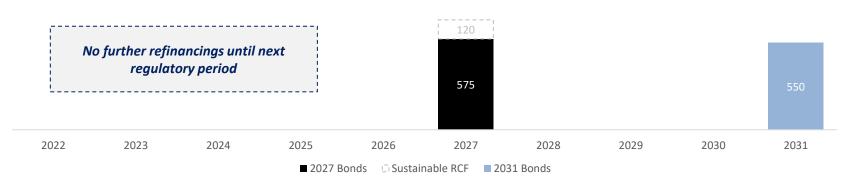


## **Financial Policy and Capital Structure Supporting Investment Grade Rating**

Debt and Liquidity Position as of 31st December 2023 (Nortegas Energía Distribución, S.A.U. and subsidiaries)

Instrument	Available (€M)	Drawn (€M)	Coupon
September 2027 Bonds		575	2.065%
January 2031 Bonds		550	0.905%
Sustainable Revolving Credit Facility	120		Euribor + 0.75%
Cash on Balance Sheet	68		
Total	188	1,125	

### **Debt Maturities as of 31st December 2023 (€M)**



### **Key Data Points**

Net Debt €1,079M ND/EBITDA 7.3x

Rating S&P<sup>1</sup> **BBB-**Stable outlook
(November 2023)

Liquidity €188M

Average Maturity **5.5 yrs** 

Average Financial Cost 1.34%



**Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG")** 

## 4 ESG Review



## **Strong ESG Commitment**

Environmental, social and governance factors are continuously promoted, targeting responsible investments and a better management of risk for more sustainable long-term returns

## Towards neutrality Environmenta excellence:

- Climate change mitigation and adaptation plan:
  - Support the development of biomethane and green hydrogen and enable injection into the gas distribution network
  - - Scope 1 stationary combustion and fugitive emissions reduction
    - Spanish Ecological Transition Ministry's Emission Factors' application for Scopes 1 and 2
    - New emission sources addition to the Scope 3
- ISO 14001:2015 first follow-up audit in April 2024

## Stakeholder focus

- Certification as a Family Responsible Company. Efr model review audit passed.
- High employee and family participation in the ImplicAcción corporate volunteering program.
- Promote technology R&D in collaboration with regional & national development authorities

## Transparency, integrity, the business ensuring sustainable

- Ethics code approved by the Board of Directors ("BoD")
- Focus on ESG training: BoD and all the employees
- Risk management system reviewed
- Accountability and Transparency:
  - Clients' satisfaction surveys
  - Employees working environment survey
  - Nortegas' plan is to align its sustainable linked loan with the Loan Market Association's (LMA) Sustainability Linked Loan Principles (SLLP)
  - The Sustainability Indicators are largely recognized, comply with the principles of the SLLP and are aligned with the sustainability strategy and objectives

















#### **Certifications**











- Carbon footprint 2023: preliminary audit in February 2024 according to the UNE-EN ISO 14064-1:2019 in its scope 1, 2 and 3:

- - - of Nortegas

















## **4** ESG Review

## **Key Indicators**





**4,364 t Co2 eq** emissions avoided by boilers transformations



49% GHG emissions reduction in comparation with the year 2019



0 accidents own personnel



37% women in leadership positions



5 stars rating and 95 out of 100 in 2023 GRESB assessment<sup>1</sup>



10% compensation incentives linked to ESG criteria



121 volunteers have dedicated a total of 256.5 hours to our volunteering activities

## **4** ESG Review

### **2024 GRESB Assessment**



### 2023 GRESB Infrastructure Asset Benchmark Report

Nortegas Energía Distribución, S.A.U Nortegas Energía Distribución, S.A.U







#### Peer Comparison



Europe | Gas Distribution Network | Maintenance and operation

Out of 9

Nature of Ownership: Private (non-listed) entity Sector: Gas Distribution Network Location: Spain

## Rankings



#### GRESB Score

Out of 681



#### GRESB Score within Network Utilities: Gas Distribution Companies / Europe / Private

Out of 9



GRESB Score within Network Utilities: Gas Distribution Companies

(P) Guidance

Out of 14



### Management Score

Out of 685



#### GRESB Score within Network Utilities: Gas Distribution Companies / Europe

Out of 9



Management Score within Network Utilities: Gas Distribution Companies

Out of 14



#### Performance Score

Out of 68



#### **GRESB Score within Private**

Out of 530



Performance Score within Network Utilities: Gas Distribution Companies

Out of 14



**New Businesses and Renewable Gases Update** 

## New Businesses and Renewable Gases Update



## Integrated infrastructure company with ancillary energy services..

#### **LPG Individual Boilers**

Significant growth in the A Punto maintenance service, with 12,986 active customers signed up for the service as of 2023



#### Natural Gas for Vehicles<sup>1</sup>

Successful agreement with Repsol for the development of NGV stations

9 Fully operational stations



### Boiler Rooms<sup>1</sup>

Strong commercial focus on boiler rooms segment

40 operations sold in 2023

4,364 Tn of CO2 emissions avoided in 2023



### ... supporting the energy transition through complementary green energy investments

#### Biomethane<sup>1</sup>

#### Comprehensive biomethane plan in place with:

- Start of operations and injection of over 10.3 GWh into the distribution network through Biolvegas in 2023
- Significant project pipeline under development



#### **Basque Hydrogen Corridor:**

 Project jointly with Petronor-Alba to promote green H<sub>2</sub> distribution infrastructure feed by a 100MW electrolyser recognized as Project of Common European Interest



### Nortegas as a first mover on 2 projects:

- First 100% H<sub>2</sub> pipeline in Spain completed
- R&D project tests completed with 20% H<sub>2</sub> blending with Natural Gas



### Hydrogen Generation Projects under Development<sup>1</sup>

First green hydrogen generation plant for electricity generation and network injection supplying via virtual PPAs







**Closing Remarks** 

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## **Market Context**

- 2023 characterized by macro and geopolitical headwinds, with no disruption on supply security
- Gas prices returning to more stable levels since beginning of the year, diverging from peak prices observed in 2022
- Volumes impacted by macro environment and warmer temperatures

### **Business Model**

- Robust business model with 99.0% of revenues derived from regulated sources and a balanced customer profile
- Sustained increase in CPs despite challenging market conditions, paired by efficiencies and digitalization
- Market volatility not affecting strong cash conversion rate of 84% in 2023

## **Capital Structure**

- Optimized financial framework with no maturities expected until the next regulatory period
- All outstanding debt with fixed interest rates, minimizing impact of macroeconomic conditions
- Strong liquidity position

### **IG Rating**

- Financial policy driven by the shareholder's dedication to preserving an investment-grade credit rating
- S&P's November 2023 assessment reaffirming Nortegas' BBB- rating (stable outlook)

#### **ESG**

• ESG factors are continuously promoted, aiming for responsible investments and enhanced risk management to achieve sustainable long-term returns

### **New Businesses**

Advancing Nortegas' aspiration to reinforce the role of the distribution network as an enabler of Spain's
energy transition by promoting the development of renewable gases



Appendix

## **Appendix: Simplified Legal Chart**



