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# 1. LATVENERGO GROUP PROFILE



# Latvenergo Group



**Latvenergo Group** is one of the largest power suppliers in the Baltics, which operates in

open to new Ideas

- electricity and thermal energy generation and trade
- natural gas trade
- electricity distribution services
- lease of transmission system assets

#### **VISION MISSION** To be one of the leading and primary customer-To ensure high-quality, chosen providers of safe and environmentally sustainable and highfriendly energy generation quality power supply services in the Baltic and supply to customers sustalnably, thus markets. promoting an increase In the long-term value of the Group **VALUES** RESPONSIBILITY **EFFICIENCY OPENNESS** We are rellable We are transparent and We strive for excellence



# **Group Structure**

Latvenergo Group





#### **Generation and trade**

(2018: 55% of revenues; 46% of EBITDA)

Generation of electricity and thermal energy, electricity and natural gas trade in the Baltic states, and administration of the mandatory electricity procurement process in Latvia









#### **Distribution**

(2018: 35% of revenues; 37% of EBITDA)



The distribution service ensures the flow of electricity from the transmission network to consumers. Sadales  $t\bar{t}kls$  AS is the country's largest distribution system operator and covers approximately 99% of the territory of Latvia



#### **Lease of transmission system assets**

(2018: 5% of revenues; 13% of EBITDA)



Leasing transmission system assets (330 kV and 110 kV electricity transmission lines, substations and distribution points) to the transmission system operator

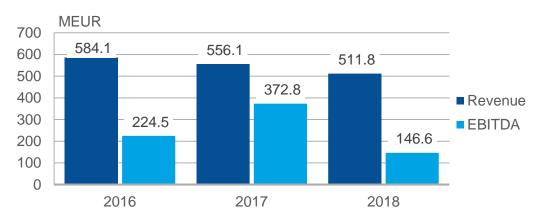


- Vertically integrated utility
- Wholly owned by the Republic of Latvia, shares held by the Ministry of Economics

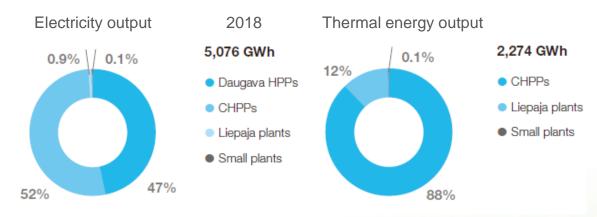


# Operating Segments: Generation and Trade

### Revenue and EBITDA



## Electricity and thermal energy output



## Key highlights 2018

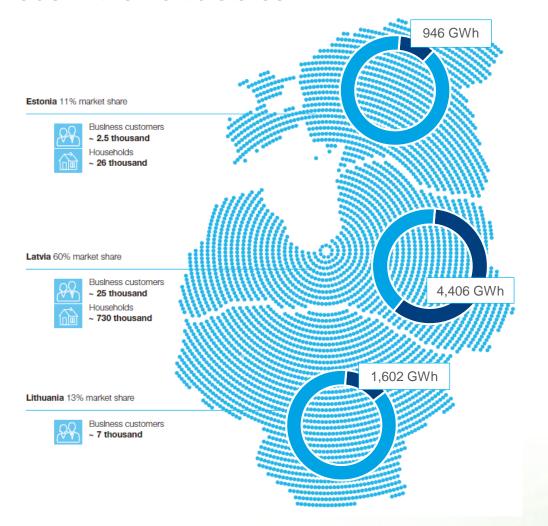
- 2018: 55% of revenues; 46% of EBITDA
- Latvenergo Group has a balanced and environmentally friendly energy generation portfolio, consisting mostly of hydropower plants and highly efficient combined heat and power plants
- Installed electrical capacity 2,581 MW (approx. 89% of the total capacity in Latvia); installed thermal capacity – 1,838 MW
- Segment results in 2018 were negatively impacted by lower electricity output at the Daugava HPPs, as well as by higher prices of energy resources and CO2 emission allowances



# Operating Segments: Generation and Trade



#### Trade in the Baltic states



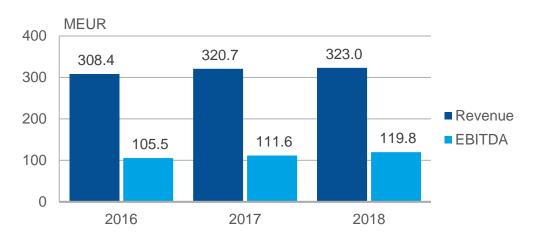
## Key highlights 2018

- The Group is one of the leading energy traders in the Baltic states with ~25% market share in the Baltic electricity market, where the total consumption is around 28 TWh
- In 2018, 7 TWh of electricity were sold to retail customers in the Baltics
- The amount of natural gas consumed by the Group for its own use and sold to customers amounted to 6.9 TWh
- The Group has about 800 thousand customers across the Baltics, 96% of these are households and 4% are business customers
- The service Elektrum Solar that offers the possibility to use independently generated electricity from solar light, is now also available in Lithuania and Estonia
- In 2018, 370 *Elektrum Smart House* devices were installed for our customers providing them with remote control of home heating and electrical appliances
- In the reporting year, the Group successfully started trading of natural gas in Lithuania



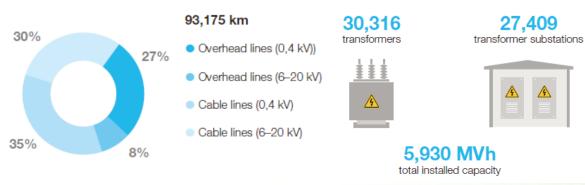
# Operating Segments: Distribution

#### Revenue and EBITDA



#### Distribution network

Length of electricity distribution lines in 2018



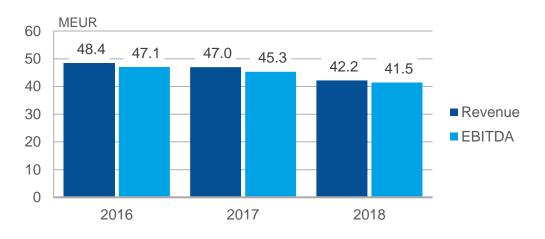
## Key highlights 2018

- 2018: 35% of revenues; 37% of EBITDA
- Operations involve the provision of distribution system services to approximately 811 thousand customers in Latvia at regulated tariffs
- Since the launch of the efficiency programme in 2017, the number of employees at <u>Sadales tīkls AS</u> has been reduced by about 19% or 480 jobs
- Smart electricity meters installed by the company reaches 544.3 thousand or ½ of all electricity meters
- In 2018, results were positively impacted by 7.2 MEUR lower personnel termination costs (efficiency programme) and by 2% larger volume of distributed electricity, negatively impacted by higher electricity prices -> higher costs of distribution losses



# Operating Segments: Lease of Transmission System Assets

#### Revenue and EBITDA



## Key highlights 2018

- 2018: 5% of revenues; 13% of EBITDA
- Operations include lease of <u>Latvijas elektriskie tīkli AS</u> owned transmission system assets (330 kV and 110 kV electricity transmission lines, substations and distribution points) in Latvia to the transmission system operator Augstsprieguma tīkls AS
- Lease of transmission system assets is a regulated segment, and the revenues are calculated according to the methodology approved by the Public Utilities Commission

#### Transmission network



5,243 km total length of electricity transmission lines

16 330 kV substations with a total autotransformer capacity of

3,950 MVA

123 110 kV substations with a total transformer capacity of

5,215 MVA



# Group Strategy 2018-2022

## Strategic objectives

- 1. Strengthen a sustainable and economically sound market position on home markets (in the Baltics) while considering geographical and/or product/service expansion
- In 2018, the Group is one of the largest energy traders and the most valuable energy company in the Baltics
- Started sales of natural gas in Lithuania
- Elektrum Solar introduced also in Lithuania and Estonia
- 2. Development of a generation portfolio suitable for synergy with trade and increasing the Group's value
- In 2018, 21.1 MEUR were invested in the reconstruction of the Daugava HPPs' hydropower units, and three units were modernised
- The performance indicators of the Latvenergo AS CHPPs in 2018 fully justified the investments made in their reconstruction in previous years
- In 2018, the Group was exploring opportunities in a wind power plant pilot project
- 3. Development of a functional, safe and efficient network corresponding to customer needs
- In 2018, the distribution network was further reconstructed and upgraded, which
  facilitated decrease in the System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) by
  13% and the System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) by 11%
- Project for improvement of the operational efficiency of Sadales tīkls AS is continuing
- Considerable progress has been achieved in network digitalisation (smart meters were metering 83% of the total amount of electricity distributed)

### Financial objectives

Target group	Ratio	2017	2018	2022	Industry average ratio*
Profitability					
ambitious, yet achievable profitability, which is consistent with the average ratios of benchmark companies in the European energy sector and provides for an adequate return on the business risk	Return on equity (ROE)	12.2%	2.9%	> 6%	5 – 8%
Capital structure					
an optimal and industry- relevant capital structure that limits potential financial risks	Net debt to equity	21%	30%	< 50%	30 – 50%
	Net debt to EBITDA	1.1	2.0	< 3	2.5 – 3
Dividend policy					
a dividend policy that is consistent with the planned investment policy and capital structure targets	Dividend payout ratio**	90.1 MEUR	156.4 MEUR	> 80%	60 – 70%

<sup>\*</sup> based on the data at the time of development of the strategy



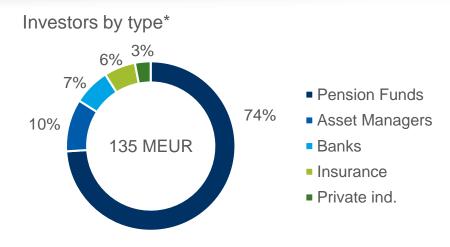
<sup>\*\*</sup> dividends are paid in compliance with the legislation of the Republic of Latvia

## **Bonds**

	35 MEUR bonds 2.8% annual coupon due 22 May 2020	100 MEUR Green bonds 1.9% annual coupon due 10 June 2022		
ISIN	LV0000801165	LV0000801777		
Issued in	2013 (2 tranches)	2015-2016 (2 tranches)		
Use of proceeds	Financing of capital expenditures programme	Financing and refinancing of eligible projects according to the Green Bond Framework		
Programme	Latvenergo AS 85 MLVL (~121 MEUR) Programme	The second Latvenergo AS 100 MEUR Programme		



- Second opinion on Green Bond Framework provided by CICERO\*; strongest rating assigned – dark green shading
- Rated by Moody's Baa2/stable
- The highest Green Bond Assesment grade GB1 (excellent) assigned by Moody's
- Green Bond Report is beeing published annualy (as part of Sustainability Report)



<sup>\*</sup> according to the coupon payments of 2018

First state-owned and investment grade green bond issuer in Eastern Europe

First green bond in CEE rated by international credit rating agency



On 9 October 2019, the Shareholders' Meeting of Latvenergo AS passed a decision to issue debt securities (bonds) under a new program for the issuance of bonds in the amount of up to 200 MEUR in nominal value



<sup>\*</sup> Center for International Climate and Environmental Research - Oslo

# 2. ON UNBUNDLING OF TRANSMISSION SYSTEM ASSETS



## Outline of the Situation

- According to the European Union (EU) regulation (EU Directive 2009/72/EC), the electricity transmission system operator (TSO) should be unbundled from the companies operating in generation and supply of electricity
- The EU has defined three types of unbundling of transmission asset ownership (see next page)
- In 2011, an independent system operator model was introduced in Latvia, as a result of which the electricity transmission system assets are owned by Latvenergo AS subsidiary Latvijas elektriskie tīkli AS (LET) and are leased out to transmission system operator Augstsprieguma tīkls AS (AST). Such a model of unbundling of transmission assets is one of the most uncommon in Europe
- On 8 October 2019, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia (CM) passed a decision to support full unbundling
  of ownership of the electricity TSO. Deadline for implementation 1 July 2020.
- The change of ownership of transmission assets is planned through the reduction of the share capital of Latvenergo AS by withdrawing from the base of assets of Latvenergo AS the capital shares of LET



# Types of Unbundling of TSO Assets

#### EU Directive 2009/72/EC

#### Full ownership unbundling

Assets and functions of TSO are unbundled from vertically integrated company

#### **Independent system operator**

Functions of TSO are unbundled from vertically integrated company, but the assets are managed by a separate person within the vertically integrated company

#### Independent transmission operator

The functions of TSO are unbundled and assets are owned by TSO, but the TSO remains part of the vertically integrated company and a supervisory board is established

In Latvia: 2011 – 1 July, 2020

#### **Independent system operator**

By Order of CM No.12 of 12 January 2011, an independent system operator model was implemented in Latvia. The model was certified by Latvian PUC and European Commission

In Latvia: from 1 July, 2020

#### Full ownership unbundling

On October 8, 2019, CM (Paragraph 38 of the Protocol Decision (TA-1767)) passed a decision to implement the model of full ownership unbundling

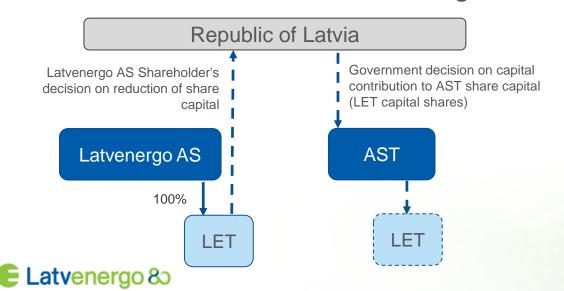


# Ownership Unbundling of Transmission Assets

## Transmission system asset lease segment

- Lease of transmission system assets segment is the smallest segment of the Latvenergo Group both by income (5% of Group's income in 2018) and EBITDA (13% of Group's EBITDA in 2018)
- The total assets of lease of transmission system assets segment as of 31 December 2018 amounted to 579.3 MEUR (14% of the Group's assets), the number of employees 8

## Schematic illustration of unbundling

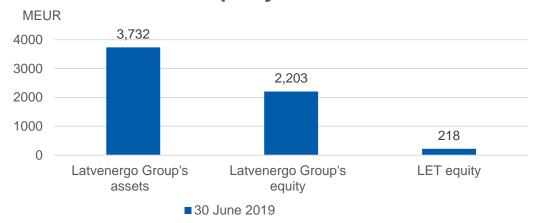


## Unbundling process

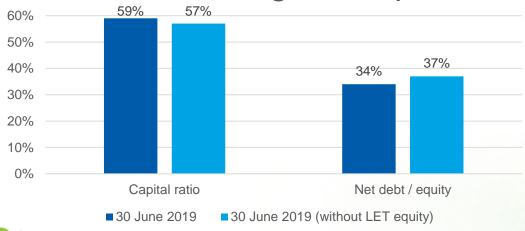
- It is planned to reduce share capital of Latvenergo AS by withdrawing capital shares of LET (LET equity – 218 MEUR as of 30 June 2019; KPMG Baltics AS has been involved to determine market value of LET)
- CM decision of 8 October 2019 stipulates that several conditions should be met during the unbundling process, including the increase of the share capital of Latvenergo AS by investing retained earnings from previous years (as of 30 June 2019 Latvenergo AS retained earnings from previous years 235 MEUR), but not more than the market value of the shares of LET determined by independent valuators. Such action mitigates the negative impact of this process on Latvenergo Group

# Impact on Financial Situation

## Assets and equity



# Indicative changes in capital structure ratios of Latvenergo Group



## Main aspects

- **EBITDA would decrease**, in 2018 41.5 MEUR
- The amount of investment necessary for the coming years would decrease, in 2018 - 87 MEUR, and would decrease a need for external financing
- LET, becoming a subsidiary of AST, would repay loans received from Latvenergo AS (as of 30 June 2019 – 169.7 MEUR), which would result in a decrease in the amount of Latvenergo Group borrowings over time
- Financial covenants would not be breached (including financial covenant included in the General Terms and Conditions of the Notes capital ratio, which should be ≥ 0.3)
- On 15 October 2019, Moody's <u>affirmed Latvenergo AS credit</u> <u>rating</u> at Baa2 investment grade with a stable future outlook. The planned ownership unbundling of transmission assets was taken into account in assessing the credit rating



# Information on requested consent

- Disposal of shares of Latvijas elektriskie tīkli AS qualifies under the covenant of cessation of business (in accordance with Clause 18 (f) Cessation of Business of the General Terms and Conditions)
- Wording of the requested consent:
  - The holders of EUR 100,000,000 Notes due 2022 (ISIN code: LV0000801777) issued under Latvenergo AS Second programme for the issuance of Notes in the amount of EUR 100,000,000 (the "Notes"):
  - (1) consent that Latvenergo AS (the "Issuer") may cease to carry on the business related to the lease of transmission system assets and may dispose of all of the Issuer's shares in Akciju sabiedrība "Latvijas elektriskie tīkli", registration number: 40103379313, by a way of capital reduction of the Issuer and the return of such shares to the Issuer's shareholder or otherwise, as determined in the Issuer's sole discretion (the "Disposal"); and
  - (2) waive any Event of Default which may occur by operation of Clause 18 (f) of the General Terms and Conditions of the Notes as a result of such Disposal.



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