

# Second Quarter 2008 Operational and Financial Results Conference Call







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#### Summary Highlights from 2Q 08

- Continued growth in revenues and earnings driven by higher natural gas and liquids prices and volumes growth
  - Natural gas sales increased by 26.4% Y-o-Y
  - Liquids sales increased by 59.7% Y-o-Y
- Cash flow from operations increased by 76.6% Y-o-Y to RR 7,935 million from RR 4,494 million
- Capital expenditures related to exploration and production increased by 215.4% Y-o-Y to RR 9,470 million
- **EPS** increased by 66.9% Y-o-Y to RR 2.32 from RR 1.39
- Our average netback price for natural gas across end-customers, ex-field and e-trading remained relatively strong for the period
- Operating expenses as a percent of total revenues decreased by 4.5% Y-o-Y from 59.9% to 55.4%
- Ratings upgrade Standard & Poor's of NOVATEK upgraded from BB (stable outlook) to BB+ (stable outlook)



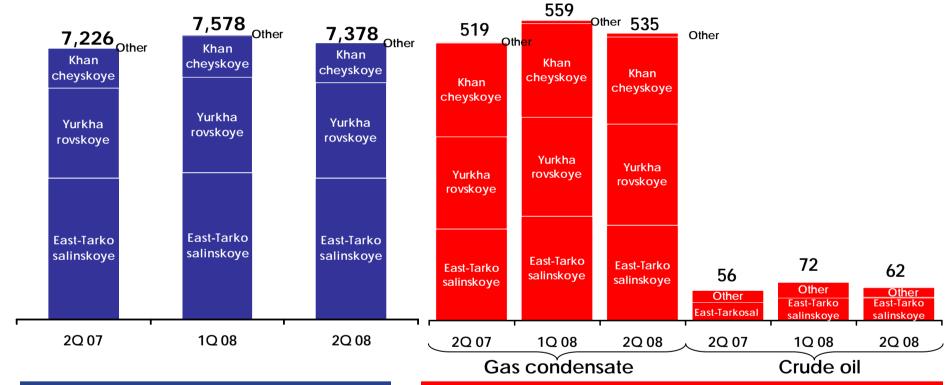
# **Operational Overview**



#### Hydrocarbon production

#### Natural gas production, mmcm

#### Liquids production, mt



- Y-o-Y increase in natural gas production was primarily due to 6.0% organic growth at our Yurkharovskoye field
- Q-o-Q decrease was due to seasonality effect and planned maintenance

- Y-o-Y increase in gas condensate production due to changes in gas separation process at our East-Tarkosalinskoye field and from organic growth at our Yurkharovskoye field
- Y-o-Y increase in crude oil production due to new wells put into operation at our East-Tarkosalinskoye field in 2<sup>nd</sup> half 2007



#### Purovsky Plant & Vitino Sea Port Terminal

- Total volumes delivered: 515 mt
  - East Tarkosalinskoye and Khancheyskoye fields:
     341 mt (100% of net production)
  - Yurkharovskoye: 171 mt (91% of net production)
- Total plant output 510 mt
  - stable gas condensate: 359 mt
  - LPG: 151 mt
- Plant capacity
  - Approximately 100%
- □ 7 Tankers dispatched from Vitino Sea Port Terminal (SGC)
  - 7 tankers to US markets ~ 375 mt
- Inventory reconciliation
  - 2 tankers in transit ~ 105 mt
  - Rail road cisterns and port storage facilities ~ 32 mt
  - Plant storage facilities ~ 12 mt
- Majority of LPG volumes sold on the domestic market 82%

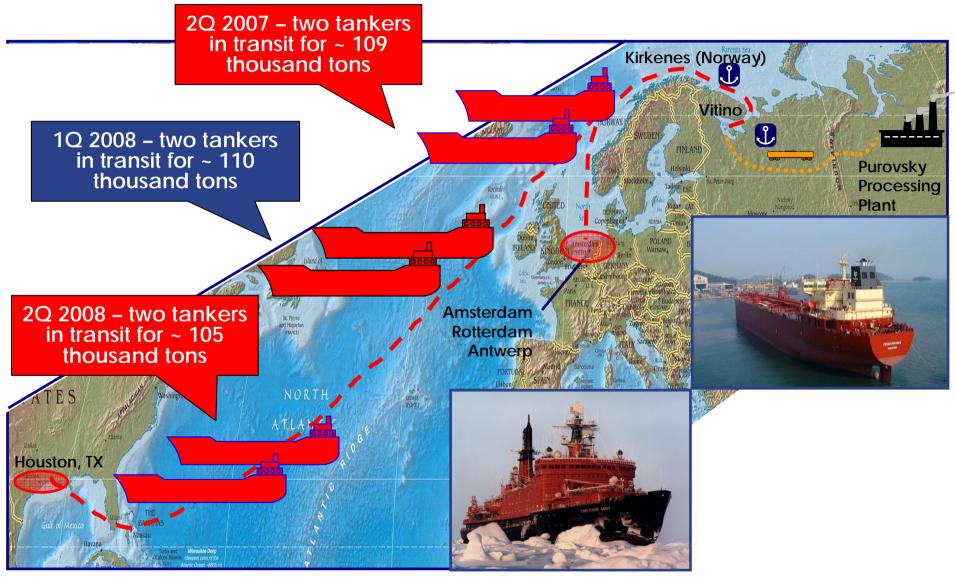








# Stable gas condensate in transit





### Financial Overview - 2Q 08 vs. 2Q 07



# Another record quarter (RR million)

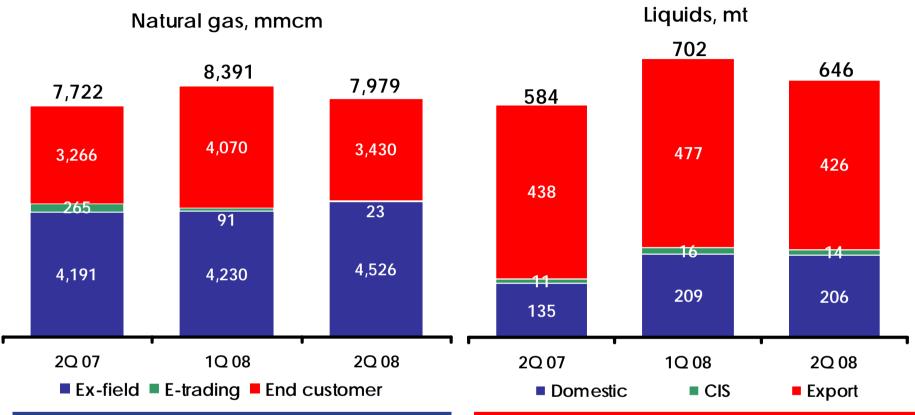
2Q 07	2Q 08	+/(-)	+/(-)%		1Q 08	2Q 08	+/(-)	+/(-)%
14,550	20,411	5,861	40.3%	Oil and gas sales	20,167	20,411	244	1.2%
15,061	21,157	6,096	40.5%	Total revenues & other income	20,892	21,157	265	1.3%
9,010	11,822	2,812	31.2%	Operating expenses	11,023	11,822	799	7.2%
7,109	10,339	3,230	45.4%	EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	10,908	10,339	(569)	-5.2%
47.2%	48.9%	-	-	EBITDA margin	52.2%	48.9%	-	-
30.9%	24.1%	-	-	Effective income tax rate	24.9%	24.1%	-	-
4,216	7,053	2,837	67.3%	Profit attributable to NOVATEK	7,503	7,053	(450)	-6.0%
28.0%	33.3%	-	-	Net profit margin	35.9%	33.3%	-	-
1.39	2.32	0.93	66.9%	Earnings per share	2.47	2.32	(0.15)	-6.1%
3,003	9,470	6,467	215.4%	CAPEX	6,537	9,470	2,933	44.9%
(5,977)	2,997	n/m	n/m	Net debt (cash) (2)	(177)	2,997	n/m	n/m

#### Notes:

- 1. EBITDA represents net income before finance income (expense) and income taxes from the Statements of Income, and depreciation, depletion and amortization and Share-based compensation from the Statements of Cash Flows
- 2. Net debt calculated as long-term debt plus short-term debt less cash and cash equivalents



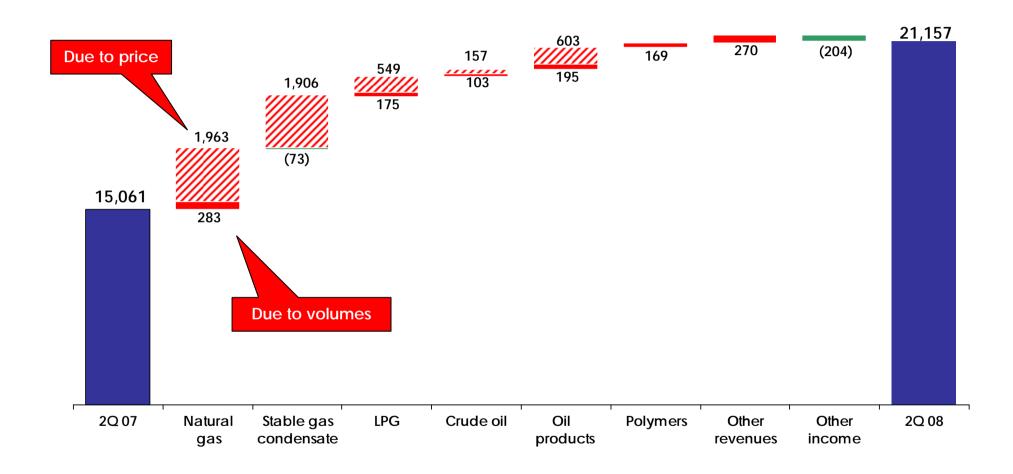
#### Market distribution - sales volumes



- Y-o-Y change due to organic growth in natural gas production at our Yurkharovskoye field and increase in purchases
- Q-o-Q change due to seasonality and injection into UGSF of 209 mmcm in 2Q08
- Y-o-Y growth in domestic sales was due to crude oil and LPG
- Y-o-Y decrease in export sales primarily due to null sales of crude oil in 2q 08
- In 2008 we sold 100% of crude oil volumes on the domestic market due to ability to achieve higher margins as compared with export sales

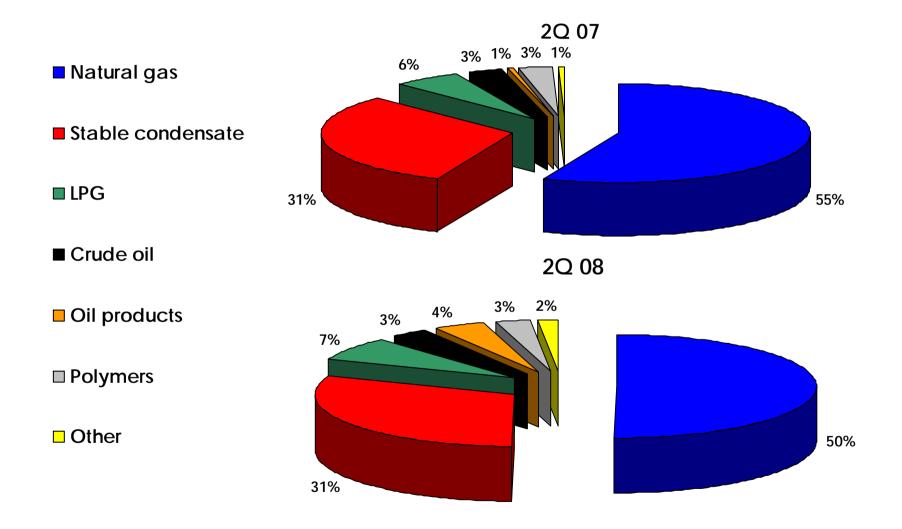


### Revenues and other income (RR million)





# Total revenues breakdown





# Realized hydrocarbon prices (net of VAT and export duties)

2Q 07	2Q 08	+/(-)	+/(-)%		1Q 08	2Q 08	+/(-)	+/(-)%	
<u>Domestic prices</u>									
1,518	1,842	324	21.3%	Natural gas end-customers, RR/mcm	1,791	1,842	51	2.8%	
1,057	1,327	270	25.5%	Natural gas e-trading, RR/mcm	1,728	1,327	(401)	-23.2%	
777	970	193	24.8%	Natural gas ex-field, RR/mcm	980	970	(10)	-1.0%	
8,464	10,678	2,214	26.2%	Stable gas condensate, RR/ton	-	10,678	n/m	n/m	
6,136	9,076	2,940	47.9%	Crude oil, RR/ton	7,257	9,076	1,819	25.1%	
6,317	10,236	3,919	62.0%	LPG, RR/ton	9,085	10,236	1,151	12.7%	
7,084	4,126	(2,958)	-41.8%	Oil products, RR/ton	4,126	4,126	-	0.0%	
	<u>CIS market</u>								
8,076	11,786	3,710	45.9%	LPG, RR/ton	10,817	11,786	969	9.0%	
Export market									
12,097	17,098	5,001	41.3%	Stable gas condensate, RR/ton	13,488	17,098	3,610	26.8%	
7,504	-	n/m	n/m	Crude oil, RR/ton	-	-	n/m	n/m	
9,573	13,160	3,587	37.5%	LPG, RR/ton	13,032	13,160	128	1.0%	



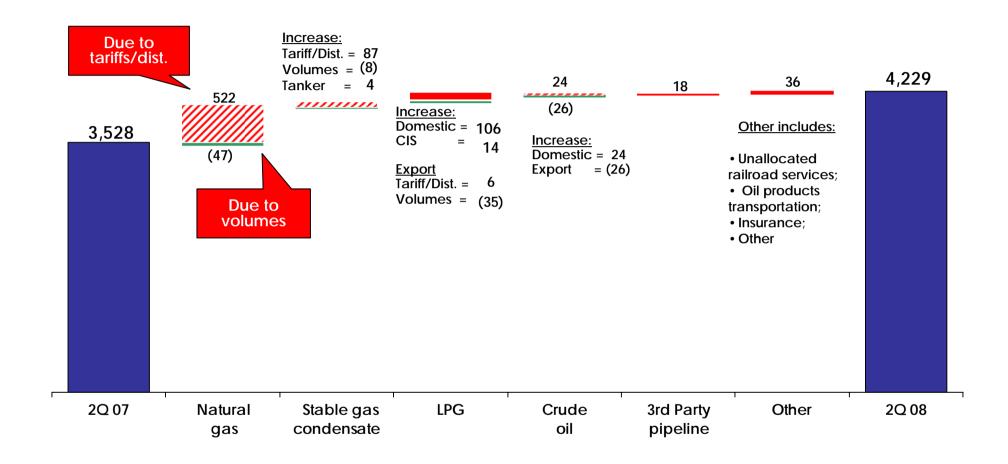
#### Operating expenses (RR million and % of total revenues (TR))

2Q 07	% of TR	2Q 08	% of TR		1Q 08	% of TR	2Q 08	% of TR
3,528	23.5%	4,229	19.8%	Transportation expenses	<b>4,556</b> <i>21.8%</i>		4,229	19.8%
1,615	10.7%	1,792	8.4%	Taxes other than income tax	1,763	8.5%	1,792	8.4%
5,143	34.2%	6,021	28.2%	Non-controllable expenses	6,319	<b>6,319</b> <i>30.3%</i>		28.2%
1,141	7.6%	1,743	8.2%	Materials, services & other	1,469	7.0%	1,743	8.2%
1,109	7.4%	1,516	7.1%	General and administrative	837	<b>837</b> <i>4.0%</i>		7.1%
992	6.6%	984	4.6%	Depreciation and amortization	<b>993</b> 4.8%		984	4.6%
207	1.4%	185	0.9%	Exploration expenses	<b>230</b> 1.1%		185	0.9%
16	n/m	10	n/m	Net impairment expense	<b>6</b> n/m		10	n/m
				Change in natural gas, liquids,				
(21)	n/m	(269)	n/m	and polymer products and WIP	<b>(2)</b> n/m		(269)	n/m
8,587	57.1%	10,190	47.7%	Subtotal operating expenses	9,852	47.2%	10,190	47.7%
				Purchases of natural gas and				
423	2.8%	1,632	7.7%	liquid hydrocarbons	1,171	5.6%	1,632	7.7%
9,010	59.9%	11,822	55.4%	Total operating expenses	11,023	52.8%	11,822	55.4%

- Total operating expenses as % of TR decreased Y-o-Y due to significant increase in revenues resulting from higher average realized prices and focused cost control
- ☐ Transportation expenses increased Y-o-Y due to higher gas sales to end-customers and higher transportation tariffs
- Y-o-Y purchases of natural gas and liquids increased by RR 1,209 million, or 286%, mainly due to purchases of oil products (naphtha) on the international markets for resale and purchase of natural gas to meet local market demand
- Change in inventory due to increase in oil products volumes purchased on international markets which were not sold, an increase in natural gas volumes stored in underground facilities by 209 mmcm as well as inventory related to work-in-progress for operator services provided to our associates which increased by RR 136 million.

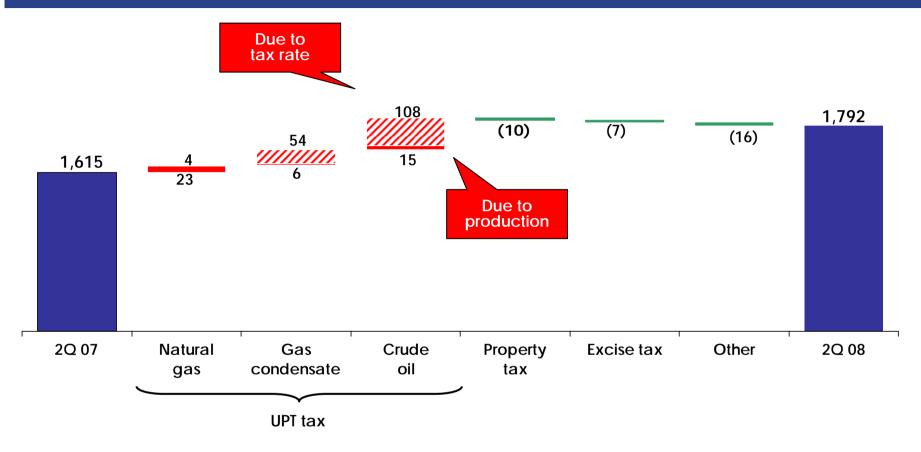


### Transportation expenses (RR million)





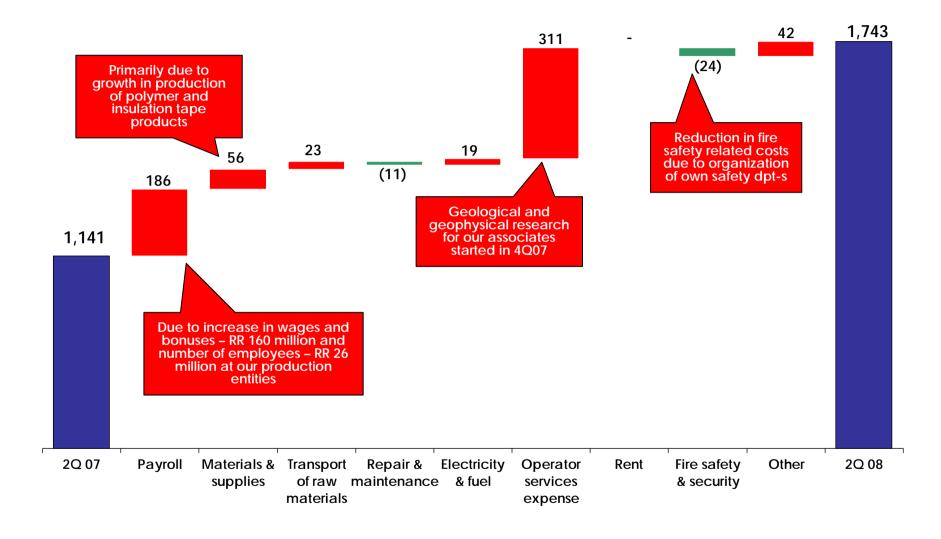
#### Taxes other than income tax (RR million)



- The increase in UPT tax by RR 210 million, or 14.8%, was primarily due to an increase in mineral production taxes for crude oil and gas condensate
- Our crude oil production tax rate increased by 73.1% (or from RR 2,350 per ton in 2Q07 to RR 4,066 per ton in 2Q08) and our volumes of crude oil produced increased by 10.7%
- Natural gas accounted for RR 1,091 million of UPT tax in 2Q 08 while liquids accounted for RR 540 million

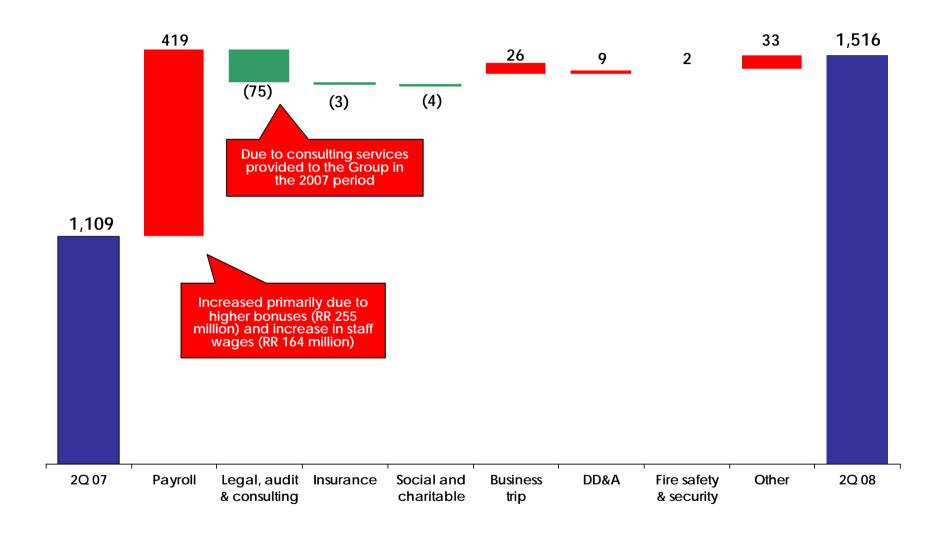


#### Materials, services and other (RR million)





## General and administrative expenses (RR million)





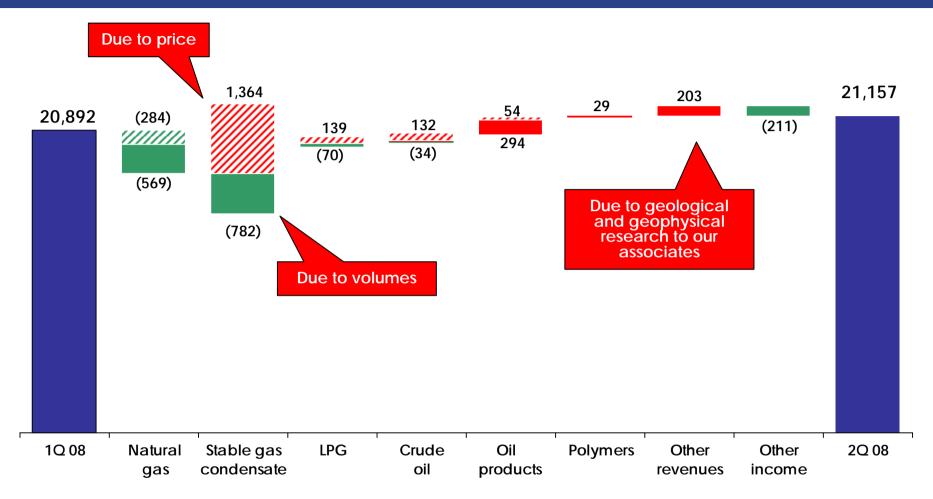
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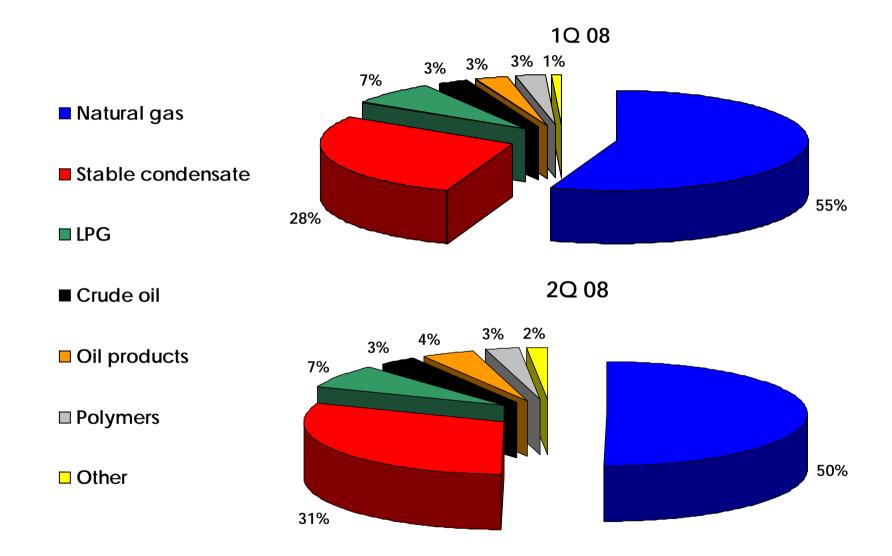


#### Revenues and other income (RR million)



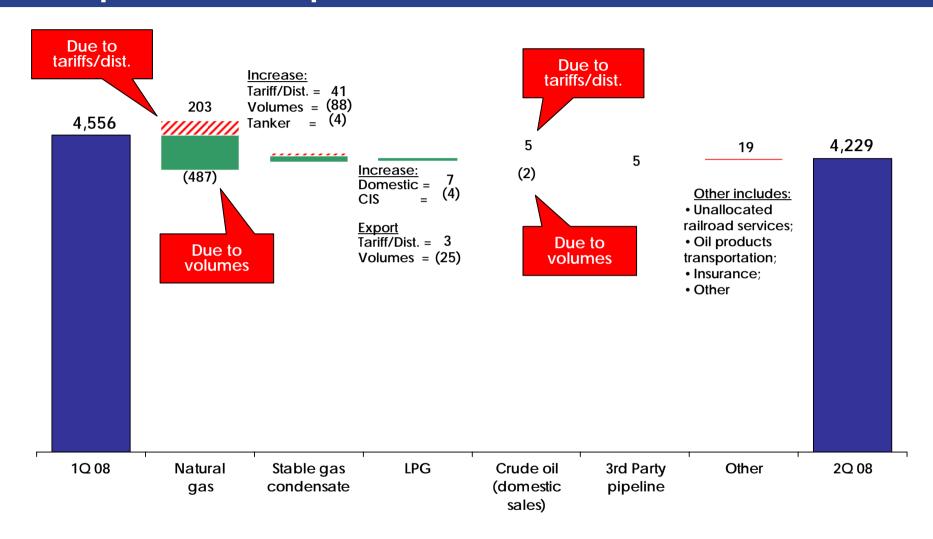


#### Total revenues breakdown



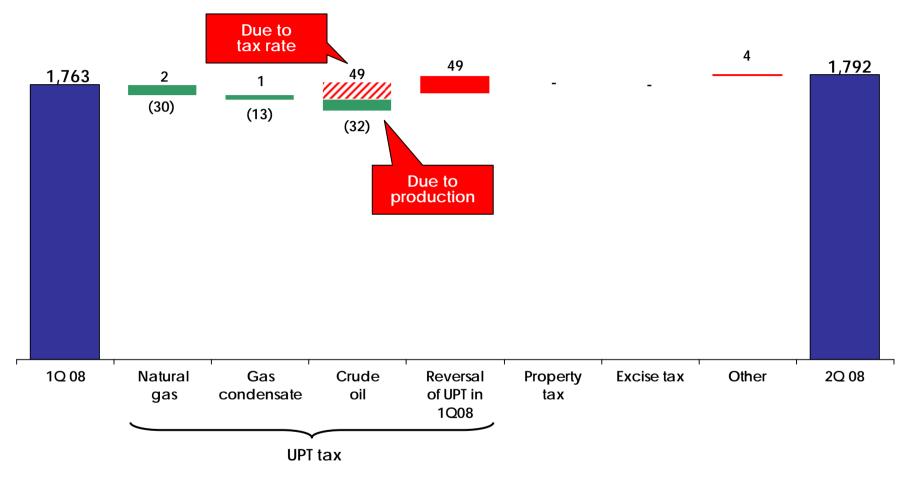


### Transportation expenses (RR million)





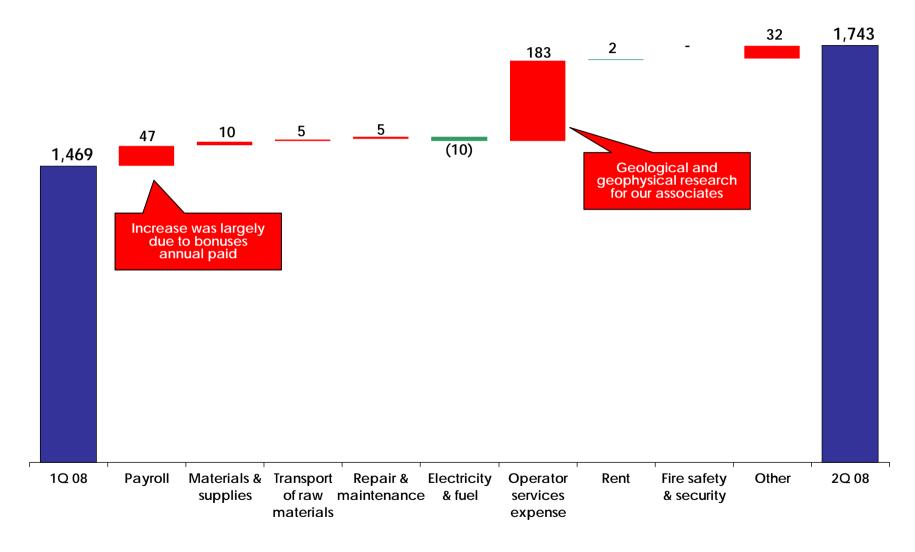
#### Taxes other than income tax (RR million)



- Net increase in UPT of RR 25 million, or 1.6%, was due to higher UPT paid on crude oil and by the reversal in UPT in 1Q 08
- Natural gas accounted for RR 1,091 million of UPT tax in 2Q 08 while liquids accounted for RR 540 million as compared to RR 1,119 million and RR 535 million of UPT for natural gas and liquids in 1Q 08, respectively

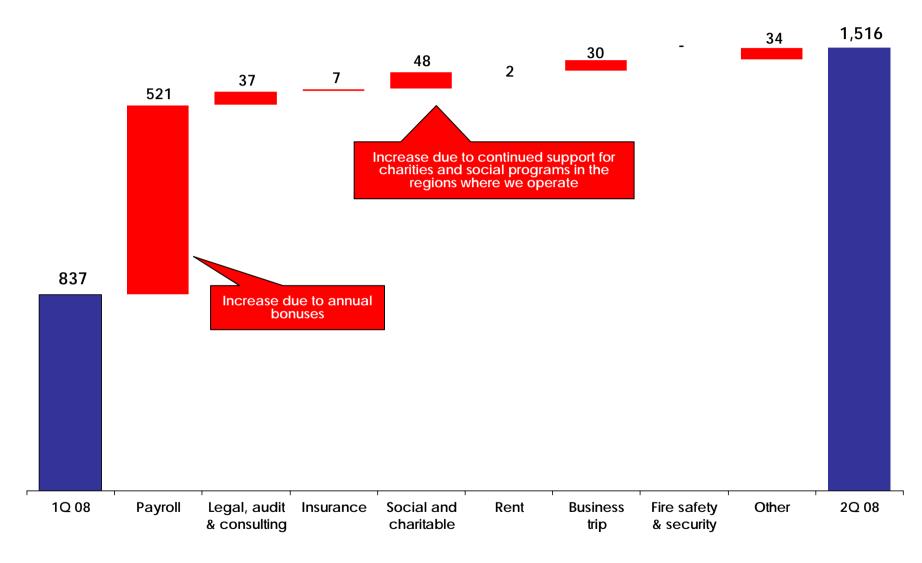


### Materials, services and other (RR million)





# General and administrative expenses (RR million)





# Miscellaneous Information

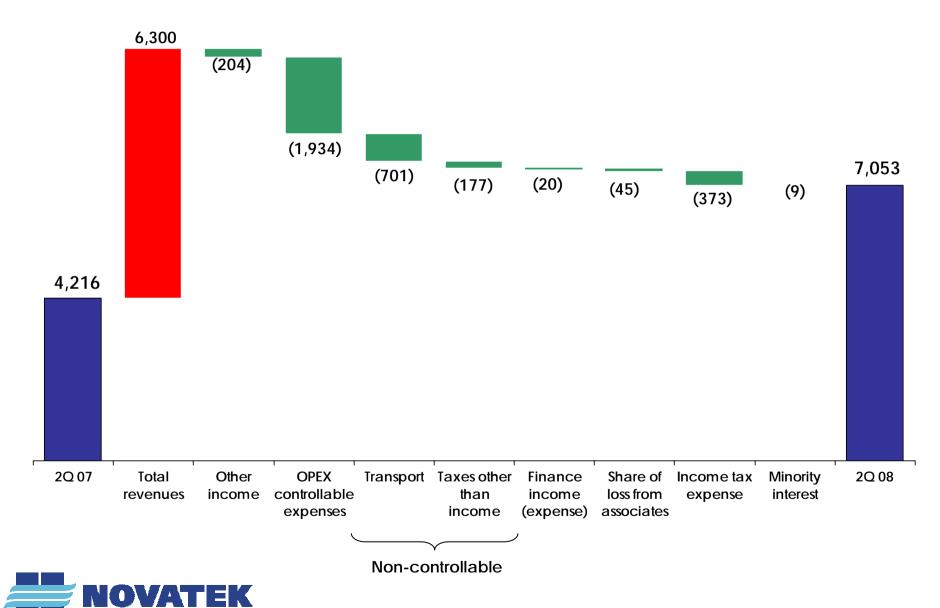


# Condensed balance sheet (RR million)

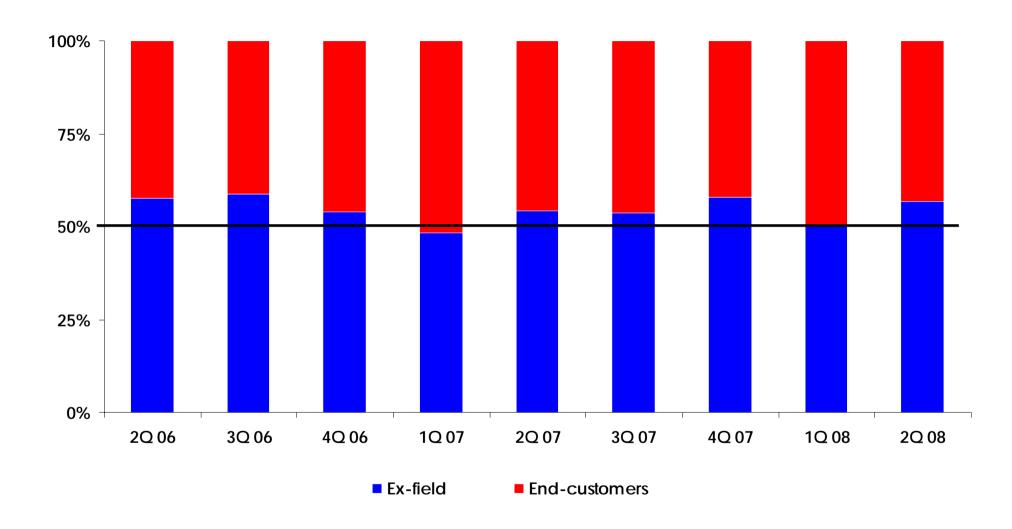
	30 June 2008 31	December 2007	+/(-)	+/(-)%
Total current assets	18,511	17,038	1,473	8.6%
Incl. Cash and cash equivalents	5,163	3,982	1,181	29.7%
Total non-current assets	100,490	86,937	13,553	15.6%
Incl. Net PP&E	96,563	82,669	13,894	16.8%
Total assets	119,001	103,975	15,026	14.5%
Total current liabilities	12,400	12,075	325	2.7%
Incl. ST debt	3,736	6,560	(2,824)	-43.0%
Total non-current liabilities	14,761	10,088	4,673	46.3%
Incl. Deferred income tax liability	8,403	8,083	320	4.0%
Incl. LT debt	4,424	42	4,382	n/m
Total liabilities	27,161	22,163	4,998	22.6%
Total equity	91,840	81,812	10,028	12.3%
Total liabilities & equity	119,001	103,975	15,026	14.5%



#### Profit attributable to NOVATEK shareholders (RR million)



# Natural gas sales volume mix





## Increasing natural gas production (mcm per day)

