

# Third Quarter 2008 Operational and Financial Results Conference Call







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#### Summary Highlights from 3Q 08

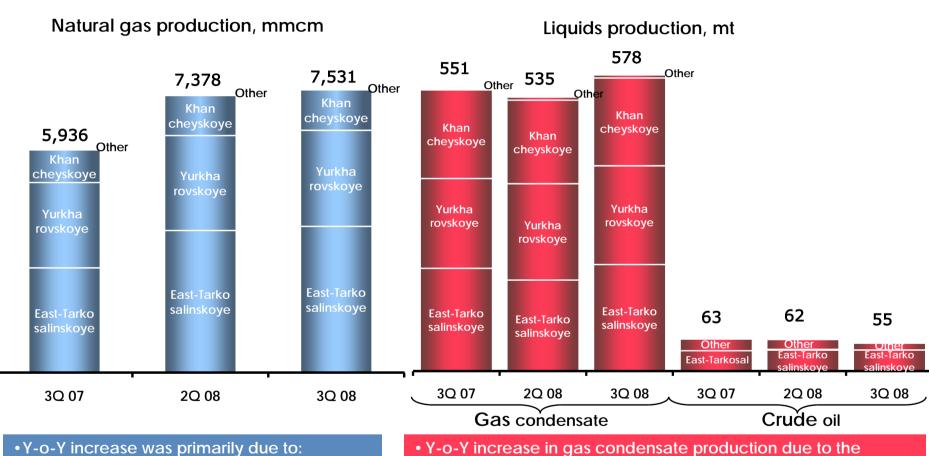
- Continued growth in revenues and earnings driven by higher natural gas and liquids prices and volumes growth
  - Natural gas sales increased by 58.1% Y-o-Y and 8.3% Q-o-Q
  - Liquids sales increased by 6.4% Y-o-Y but decreased by 19.3% Q-o-Q due to an increase in "goods in transit" balance
- □ Cash flow from operations decreased by 2.3% Y-o-Y to RR 6,759 million from RR 6,916 million
- Capital expenditures related to exploration and production increased by 67.8% Y-o-Y to RR 9,476 million
- EPS increased by 10.7% Y-o-Y to RR 1.87 from RR 1.69; EBITDA increased by 26.7% Y-o-Y
- 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 increased by 2.2% Y-o-Y from 56.1% to 58.3%



# **Operational Overview**



#### Hydrocarbon production



- 39.5% growth at our East-Tarkosalinskoye field as a result of restoration of normal production levels
- 12.7% increase due to organic growth at our Yurkharovskoye field
- production capacity expansion at our Yurkharovskoye field related to the field's second phase of development



#### Purovsky Plant & Vitino Sea Port Terminal

- Total volumes delivered: 558 mt
  - East-Tarkosalinskoye and Khancheyskoye fields:
     379 mt (100% of net production)
  - Yurkharovskoye: 176 mt (91% of net production)
- Total plant output 554 mt
  - stable gas condensate: 397 mt
  - LPG: 157 mt
- Plant capacity
  - Approximately 100%
- 6 Tankers dispatched from Vitino Sea Port Terminal (SGC)
  - 5 tankers to US markets ~ 275 mt
  - 1 tanker to European markets ~ 56 mt
- Inventory reconciliation
  - 2 tankers in transit 106 mt
  - Rail road cisterns and port storage facilities ~ 99 mt
  - Plant storage facilities ~ 11 mt
- Majority of LPG volumes sold on the domestic market 80%

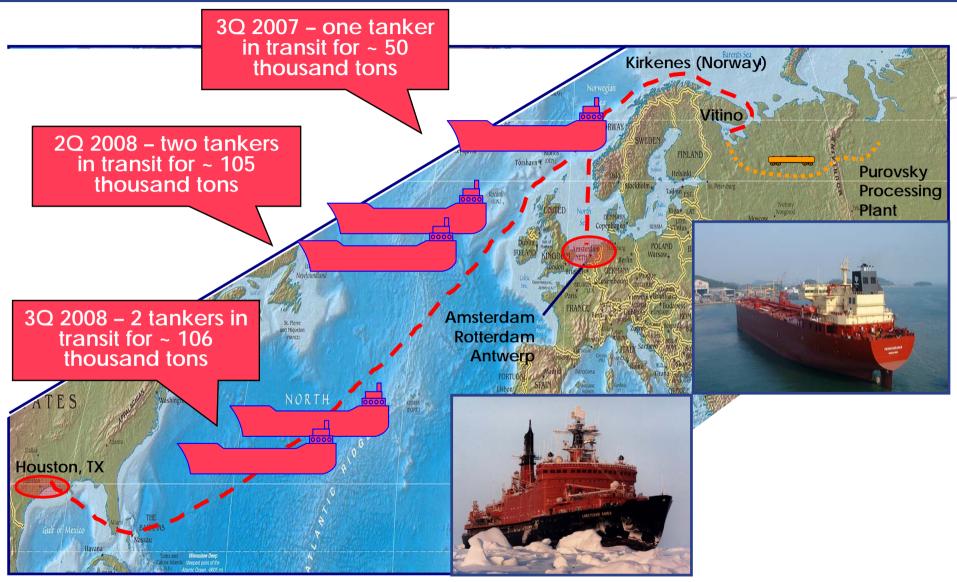








#### Stable gas condensate in transit





#### Financial Overview - 3Q 08 vs. 3Q 07



#### Another record quarter (RR million)

| 3Q 07   | 3Q 08  | +/(-) | +/(-)% |                                | 2Q 08  | 3Q 08  | +/(-)   | +/(-)% |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| 14,695  | 19,437 | 4,742 | 32.3%  | Oil and gas sales              | 20,411 | 19,437 | (974)   | -4.8%  |
| 15,210  | 20,452 | 5,242 | 34.5%  | Total revenues & other income  | 21,157 | 20,452 | (705)   | -3.3%  |
| 8,539   | 11,936 | 3,397 | 39.8%  | Operating expenses             | 11,822 | 11,936 | 114     | 1.0%   |
| 7,602   | 9,633  | 2,031 | 26.7%  | EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>          | 10,339 | 9,633  | (706)   | -6.8%  |
| 50.0%   | 47.1%  | -     | -      | EBITDA margin                  | 48.9%  | 47.1%  | -       | -      |
| 23.3%   | 24.1%  | -     | -      | Effective income tax rate      | 24.1%  | 24.1%  | -       |        |
| 5,119   | 5,682  | 563   | 11.0%  | Profit attributable to NOVATEK | 7,053  | 5,682  | (1,371) | -19.4% |
| 33.7%   | 27.8%  | -     | -      | Net profit margin              | 33.3%  | 27.8%  | -       |        |
| 1.69    | 1.87   | 0.18  | 10.7%  | Earnings per share             | 2.32   | 1.87   | (0.45)  | -19.4% |
| 5,908   | 9,784  | 3,876 | 65.6%  | CAPEX                          | 9,470  | 9,784  | 314     | 3.3%   |
| (4,724) | 9,789  | n/m   | n/m    | Net debt (cash) (2)            | 2,997  | 9,789  | n/m     | n/m    |

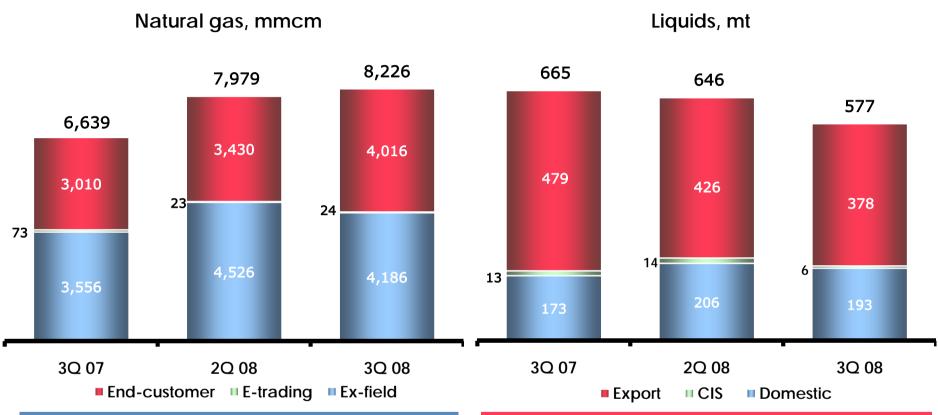
#### Notes:

<sup>2.</sup> Net debt calculated as long-term debt plus short-term debt less cash and cash equivalents



<sup>1.</sup> 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

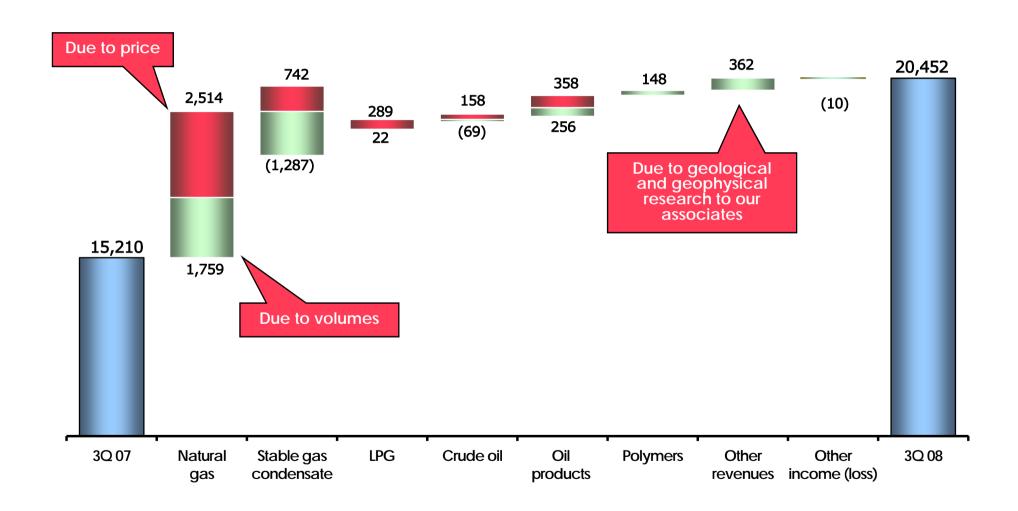
#### Market distribution – sales volumes



- Y-o-Y and Q-o-Q change due to an increase in natural gas production volumes at our East-Tarkosalinskoye and Yurkharovskoye fields
- Y-o-Y growth in domestic sales was due to LPG and crude oil
- Y-o-Y decrease in export sales primarily due to SGC inventory balance increase at 30 September 2008 and nil sales of crude oil in 3q 08
- In 2008 we sold 100% of crude oil volumes on the domestic market due to our ability to achieve higher margins as compared with export sales

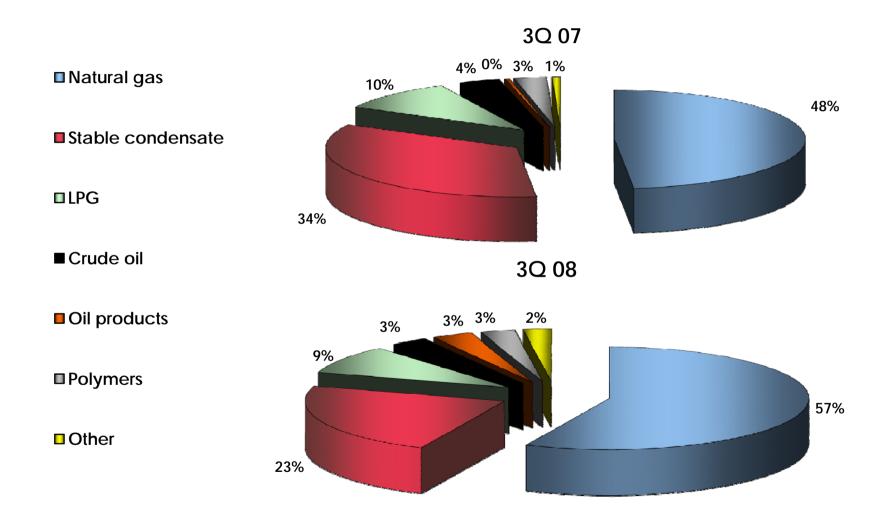


#### Revenues and other income (RR million)





#### Total revenues breakdown





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

| 3Q 07         | 3Q 08                  | +/(-) | +/(-)% |                                   | 2Q 08  | 3Q 08  | +/(-)   | +/(-)% |  |
|---------------|------------------------|-------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--|
|               | <u>Domestic prices</u> |       |        |                                   |        |        |         |        |  |
| 1,509         | 1,850                  | 341   | 22.6%  | Natural gas end-customers, RR/mcm | 1,842  | 1,850  | 8       | 0.4%   |  |
| 1,130         | 1,382                  | 252   | 22.3%  | Natural gas e-trading, RR/mcm     | 1,327  | 1,382  | 55      | 4.1%   |  |
| 770           | 996                    | 226   | 29.4%  | Natural gas ex-field, RR/mcm      | 970    | 996    | 26      | 2.7%   |  |
| 6,936         | 9,632                  | 2,696 | 38.9%  | Crude oil, RR/ton                 | 9,076  | 9,632  | 556     | 6.1%   |  |
| 9,668         | 11,300                 | 1,632 | 16.9%  | LPG, RR/ton                       | 10,236 | 11,300 | 1,064   | 10.4%  |  |
| 6,552         | 7,245                  | 693   | 10.6%  | Oil products, RR/ton              | 4,126  | 7,245  | 3,119   | 75.6%  |  |
|               |                        |       |        | CIS market                        |        |        |         |        |  |
| 11,210        | 14,949                 | 3,739 | 33.4%  | LPG, RR/ton                       | 11,786 | 14,949 | 3,163   | 26.8%  |  |
| Export market |                        |       |        |                                   |        |        |         |        |  |
| 11,995        | 14,251                 | 2,256 | 18.8%  | Stable gas condensate, RR/ton     | 17,098 | 14,251 | (2,847) | -16.7% |  |
| 7,634         | -                      | n/m   | n/m    | Crude oil, RR/ton                 | -      | -      | n/m     | n/m    |  |
| 12,702        | 15,361                 | 2,659 | 20.9%  | LPG, RR/ton                       | 13,160 | 15,361 | 2,201   | 16.7%  |  |



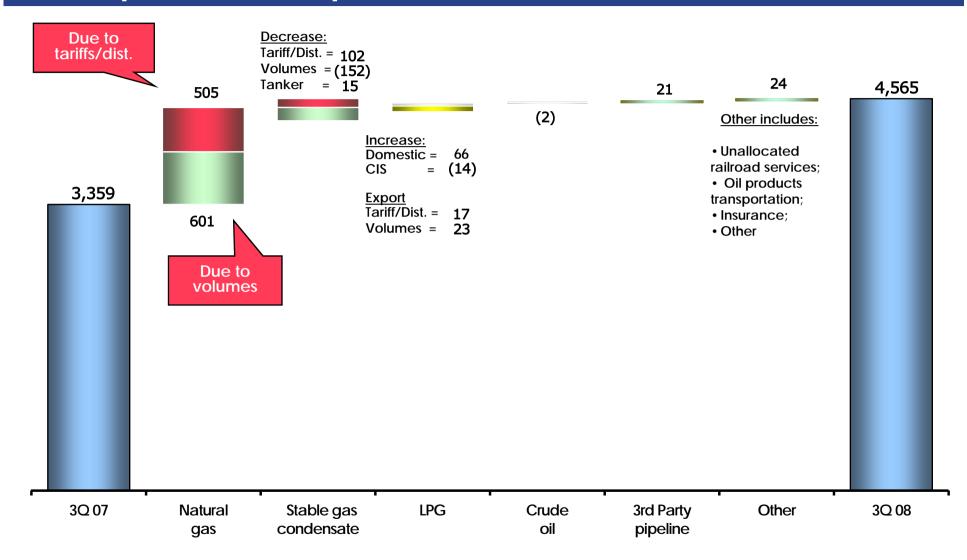
#### Operating expenses (RR million and % of total revenues (TR))

| 3Q 07 | % of TR | 3Q 08  | % of TR |                                 | 2Q 08  | % of TR | 3Q 08  | % of TR |
|-------|---------|--------|---------|---------------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| 3,359 | 22.1%   | 4,565  | 22.3%   | Transportation expenses         | 4,229  | 19.8%   | 4,565  | 22.3%   |
| 1,425 | 9.4%    | 1,928  | 9.4%    | Taxes other than income tax     | 1,792  | 8.4%    | 1,928  | 9.4%    |
| 4,784 | 31.5%   | 6,493  | 31.7%   | Non-controllable expenses       | 6,021  | 28.2%   | 6,493  | 31.7%   |
| 1,172 | 7.7%    | 1,642  | 8.0%    | Materials, services & other     | 1,743  | 8.2%    | 1,642  | 8.0%    |
| 913   | 6.0%    | 1,336  | 6.5%    | General and administrative      | 1,516  | 7.1%    | 1,336  | 6.5%    |
| 850   | 5.6%    | 1,085  | 5.3%    | Depreciation and amortization   | 984    | 4.6%    | 1,085  | 5.3%    |
| 48    | 0.3%    | 219    | 1.1%    | Exploration expenses            | 185    | 0.9%    | 219    | 1.1%    |
| 50    | n/m     | 30     | n/m     | Net impairment expense          | 10     | n/m     | 30     | n/m     |
|       |         |        |         | Change in natural gas, liquids, |        |         |        |         |
| 51    | n/m     | 5      | n/m     | and polymer products and WIP    | (269)  | n/m     | 5      | n/m     |
| 7,868 | 51.7%   | 10,810 | 52.8%   | Subtotal operating expenses     | 10,190 | 47.8%   | 10,810 | 52.8%   |
|       |         |        |         | Purchases of natural gas and    |        |         |        |         |
| 671   | 4.4%    | 1,126  | 5.5%    | liquid hydrocarbons             | 1,632  | 7.6%    | 1,126  | 5.5%    |
| 8,539 | 56.1%   | 11,936 | 58.3%   | Total operating expenses        | 11,822 | 55.4%   | 11,936 | 58.3%   |

- ☐ Transportation expenses increased Y-o-Y due to higher natural gas sales volumes to end-customers and higher transportation tariffs
- ☐ Taxes other than income tax increased Y-o-Y due to UPT (mainly natural gas) and property tax increase
- Y-o-Y purchases of natural gas and liquids increased by RR 455 million, or 68%, mainly due to purchases of oil products (naphtha) on the international markets for resale and purchase of natural gas to meet local market demand
- G&A expenses increase Y-o-Y by RR 423 million, or 46.3%, was primarily due to higher bonuses paid to administrative employees in the 2008 period
- Increase in operating expenses Q-o-Q was due to an increase in transportation expenses and taxes other than income tax that was partially offset by a decrease in purchases of naphtha and lower G&A expenses

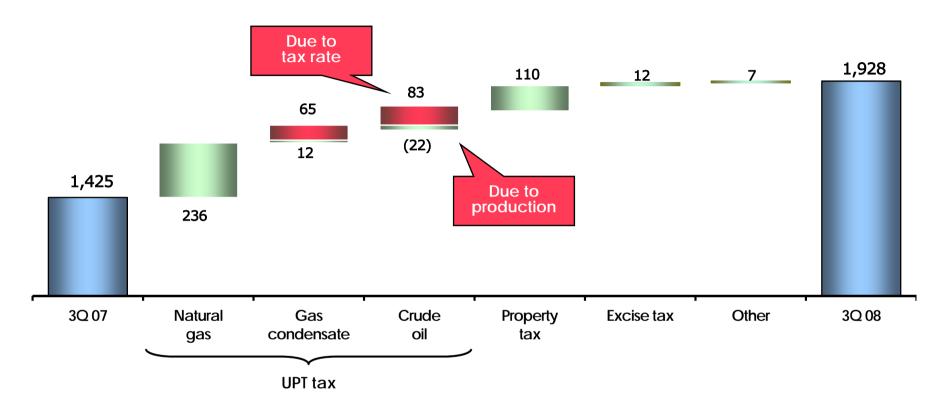


#### Transportation expenses (RR million)





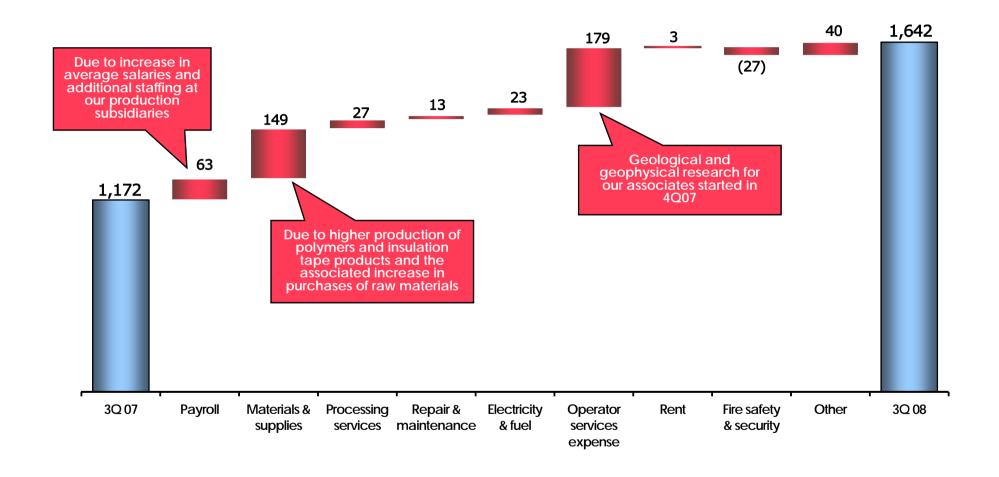
#### Taxes other than income tax (RR million)



- The increase in UPT tax by RR 374 million, or 29.1%, was primarily due to an increase in natural gas production volumes
- Our crude oil production tax rate increased by 57.6% (or from RR 2,639 per ton in 3Q07 to RR 4,158 per ton in 3Q08)
- □ Natural gas accounted for RR 1,112 million of UPT tax in 3Q08 while liquids accounted for RR 548 million
- Property tax expense increased by RR 110 million, or 90.2%, due to additions of PPE at our production subsidiaries. A
  re-assessment of the existing tax base resulted in an additional property tax expense of RR 71 million

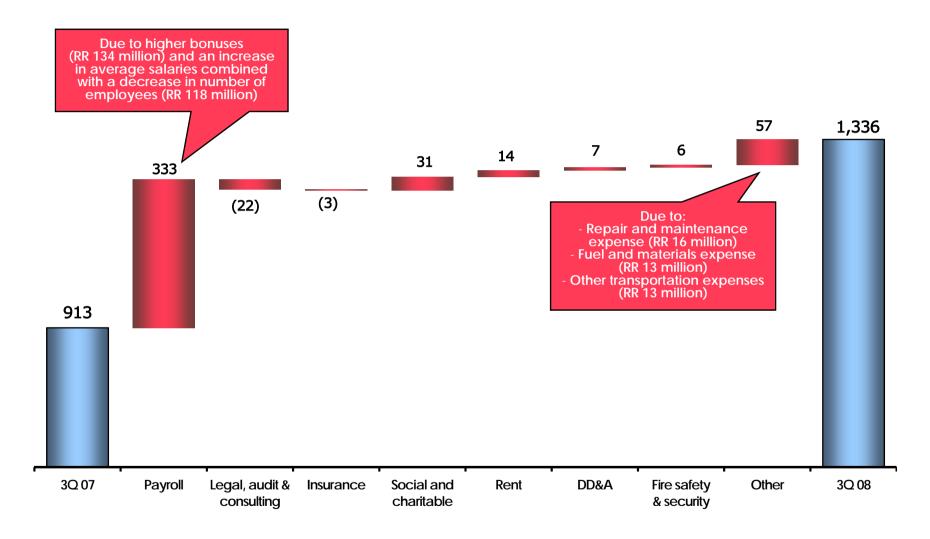


#### Materials, services and other (RR million)





#### General and administrative expenses (RR million)





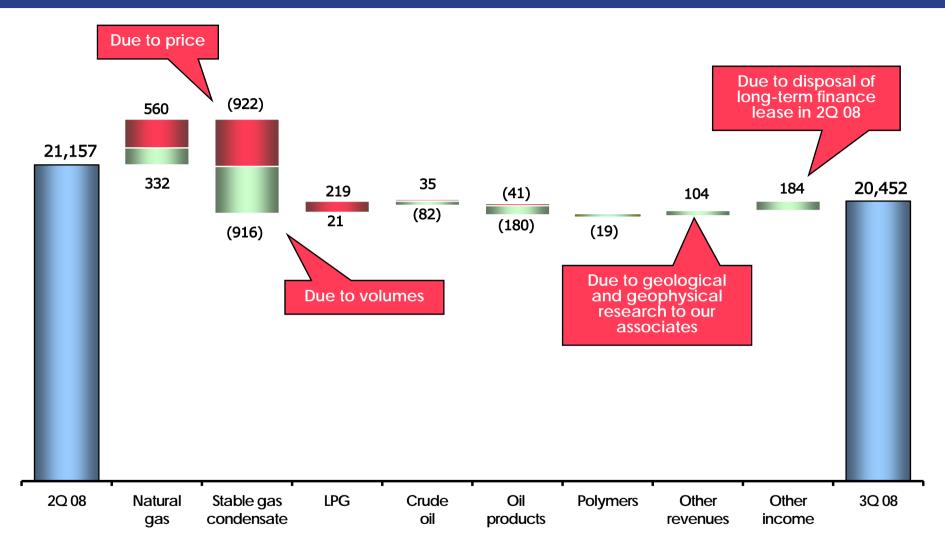
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#### Financial Overview – 3Q 08 vs. 2Q 08

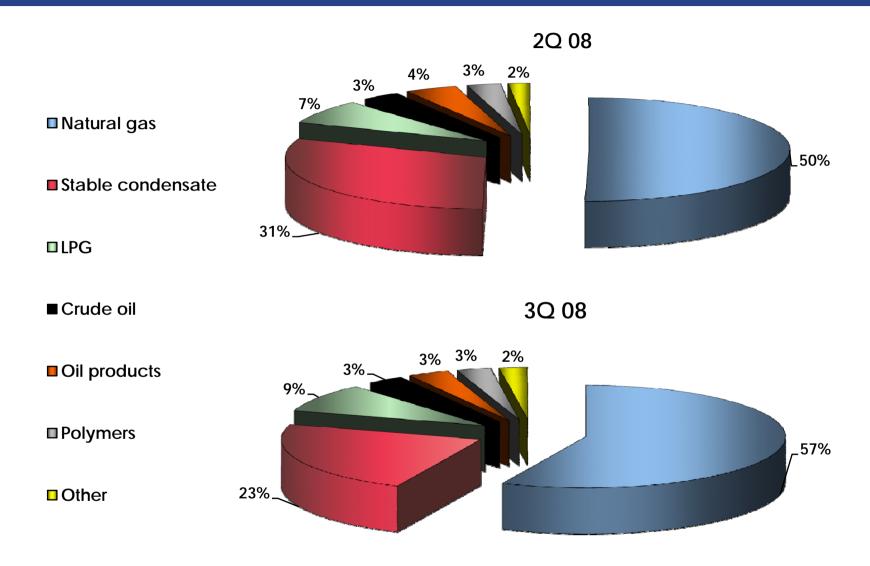


#### Revenues and other income (RR million)



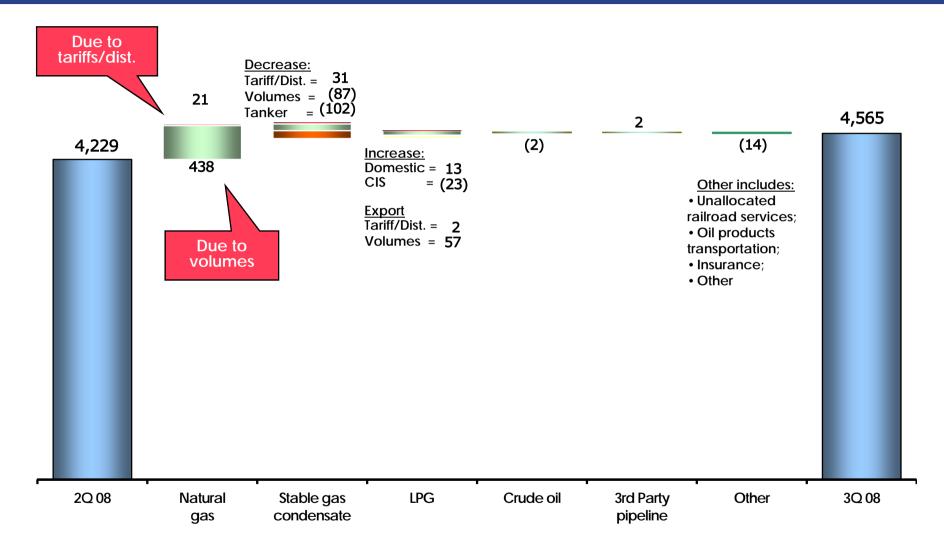


#### Total revenues breakdown



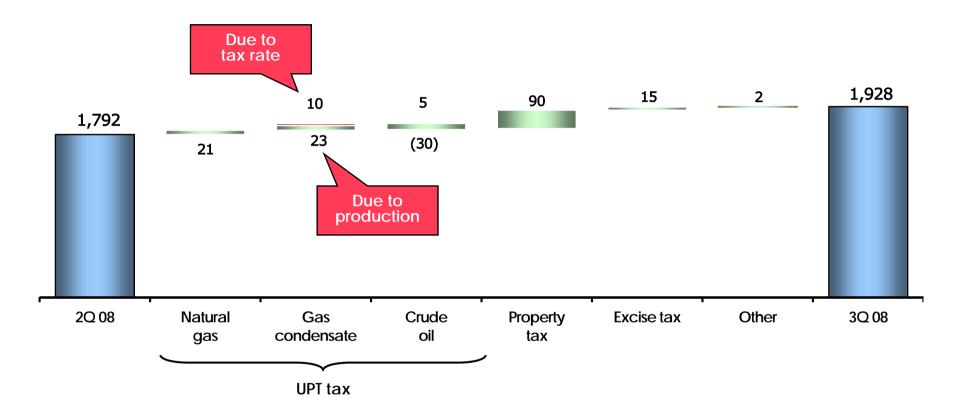


#### Transportation expenses (RR million)





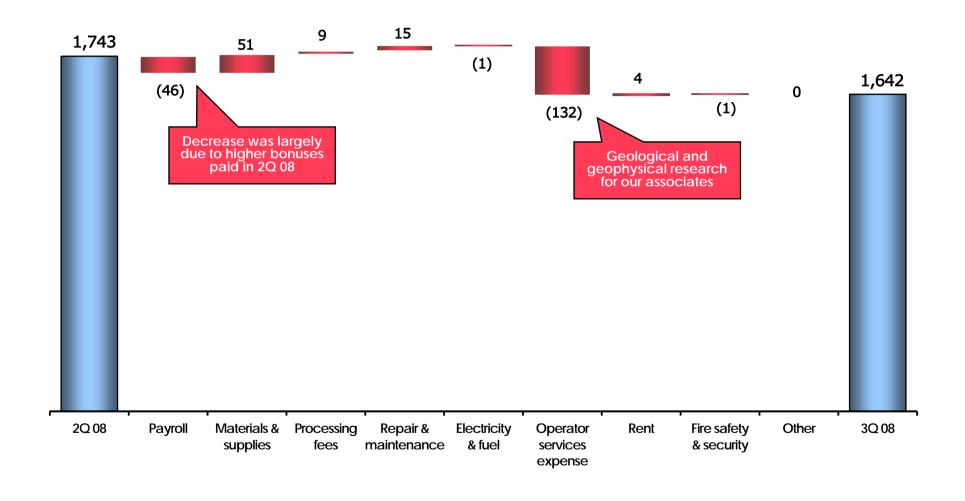
#### Taxes other than income tax (RR million)



- The increase in UPT tax by RR 29 million, or 1.8%, was primarily due to an increase in natural gas and gas condensate production by 2.1% and 8.2% respectively
- Our crude oil production tax rate increased by 2.2% (or from RR 4,066 per ton in 2Q08 to RR 4,158 per ton in 3Q08 RR)
- Property tax expense increased by RR 90 million, or 63.4%, mainly due to the re-assessment of existing tax base which resulted in an additional property tax expense of RR 71 million

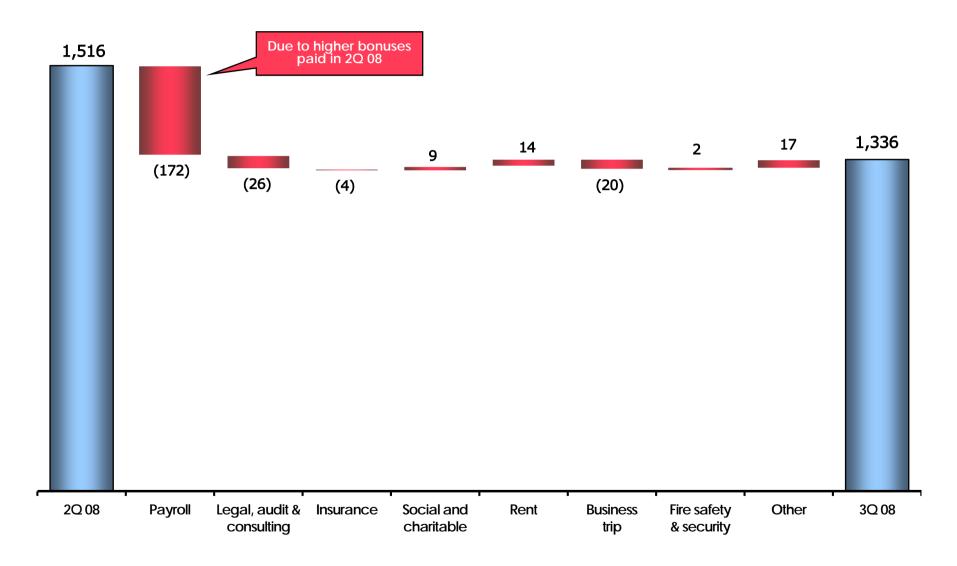


#### Materials, services and other (RR million)





#### General and administrative expenses (RR million)

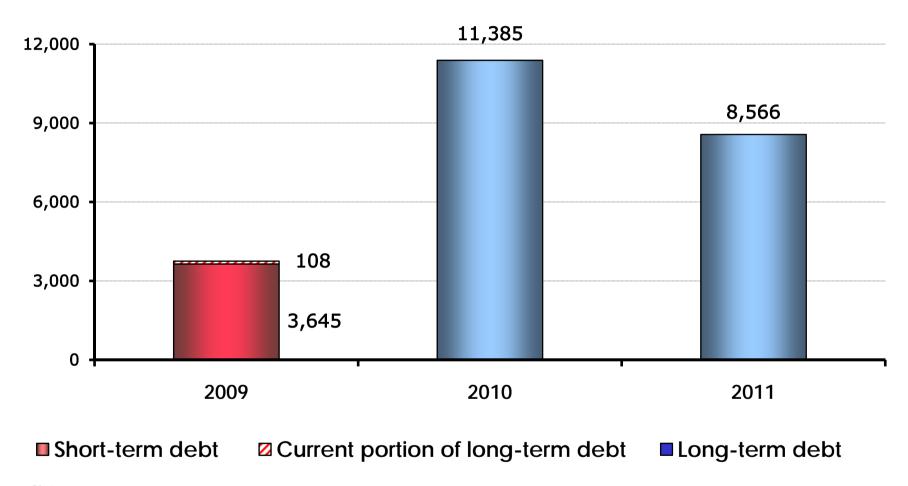




#### Miscellaneous Information



### Total debt maturity profile (RR million)



Notes:

Current debt maturity profile at 30 September 2008 with the repayment in 12 months, ended 30 September 2009, 2010, 2011

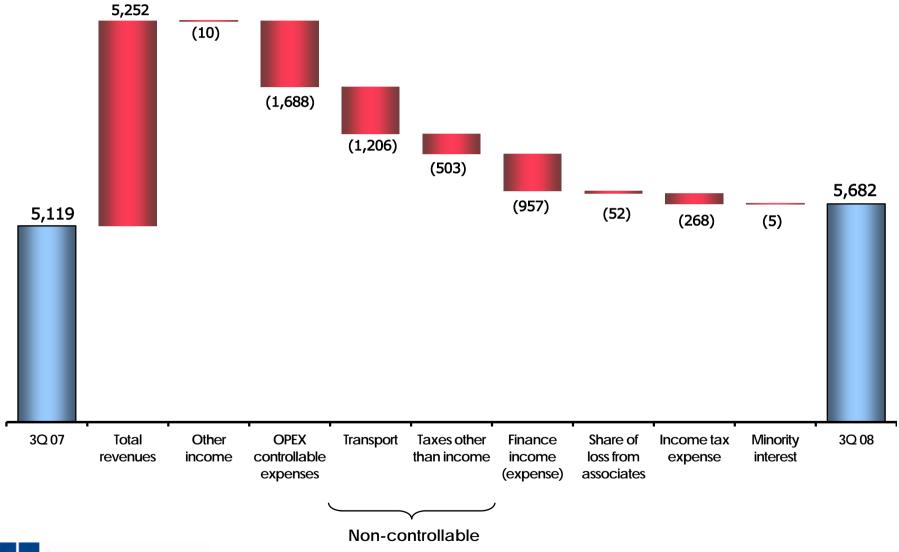


#### Condensed balance sheet (RR million)

|                                      | 30 September 2008 | 31 December 2007 | +/(-)   | +/(-)% |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------|--------|
| Total current assets                 | 29,526            | 17,038           | 12,488  | 73.3%  |
| Incl. Cash and cash equivalents      | 13,915            | 3,982            | 9,933   | 249.4% |
| Total non-current assets             | 108,990           | 86,937           | 22,053  | 25.4%  |
| Incl. Net PP&E                       | 105,091           | 82,669           | 22,422  | 27.1%  |
| Total assets                         | 138,516           | 103,975          | 34,541  | 33.2%  |
| Total current liabilities            | 10,877            | 12,075           | (1,198) | -9.9%  |
| Incl. ST debt                        | 3,753             | 6,560            | (2,807) | -42.8% |
| Total non-current liabilities        | 30,347            | 10,088           | 20,259  | 200.8% |
| Incl. Deferred incom e tax liability | 8,306             | 8,083            | 223     | 2.8%   |
| Incl. LT debt                        | 19,951            | 42               | 19,909  | n/m    |
| Total liabilities                    | 41,224            | 22,163           | 19,061  | 86.0%  |
| Total equity                         | 97,292            | 81,812           | 15,480  | 18.9%  |
| Total liabilities & equity           | 138,516           | 103,975          | 34,541  | 33.2%  |



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





## Natural gas sales volume mix





#### Increasing natural gas production (mcm per day)

