

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Statutory auditor's report to the general meeting of the company Aquafin NV for the year ended 31 December 2016

As required by law and the Company's by-laws, we report to you in the context of our statutory auditor's mandate. This report includes our opinion on the balance sheet as at 31 December 2016, the income statement for the year ended 31 December 2016 and the disclosures (all elements together "the Annual Accounts") and includes as well our report on other legal and regulatory requirements.

→ REPORT ON THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS - UNQUALIFIED OPINION

We have audited the Annual Accounts of Aquafin NV ("the Company") as of and for the year ended 31 December 2016, prepared in accordance with the financial-reporting framework applicable in Belgium, which show a balance sheet total of 3,392,754,719.60 euros and of which the income statement shows a profit for the year of 8,202,159.51 euros.

Responsibility of the Board of Directors for the preparation of the Annual Accounts

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of Annual Accounts that give a true and fair view in accordance with the financial-reporting framework as applicable in Belgium. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation of Annual Accounts that give a true and fair view and that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making

accounting estimates that are reasonable in the given circumstances.

Responsibility of the statutory auditor

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these Annual Accounts based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ("ISAs") as they were adopted in Belgium. Those standards require that we comply with the ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Annual Accounts are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Annual Accounts. The procedures selected depend on the statutory auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Annual Accounts, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the statutory auditor considers internal control relevant to the Company's preparation and presentation of the Annual Accounts that give a true and fair view, 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 Company's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used, the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board of Directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Annual Accounts.

We have obtained from the Board of Directors and the Company's officials the explanations and information necessary for performing our audit procedure and we

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

Unqualified opinion

In our opinion, the Annual Accounts give a true and fair view of the Company's net equity and financial position as at 31 December 2016, and of its results for the year then ended, prepared in accordance with the financial-reporting framework applicable in Belgium.

→ REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and the content of the Board of Director's report on the Annual Accounts, in accordance with article 96 of the Belgian Company Code ("BCC"), the compliance with the legal and regulatory requirements regarding bookkeeping, as well as compliance with the BCC and with the Company's by-laws.

In the context of our mandate and in accordance with the additional standard to the ISA's applicable in Belgium, it is our responsibility to verify, in all material respects, compliance with certain legal and regulatory requirements. On this basis, we make the following additional statements, which do not modify the scope of our opinion on the Annual Accounts.

- The Board of Director's report on the Annual Accounts, established in accordance with the articles 95 and 96 of the BCC and to be published in accordance with article 100 of the BCC, includes, both in form and in substance, the information required by law, is consistent with the Annual Accounts and does not contain any material inconsistencies with the information that we became aware of during the performance of our mandate.
- The social balance sheet, to be published in accordance with article 100 of the BCC, includes, both in form and substance, the information required by law, and does not contain any material inconsistencies based on the information we have in our audit file.
- Without prejudice to certain formal aspects of minor importance, the accounting records were maintained in accordance with the legal and regulatory requirements applicable in Belgium.
- The appropriation of the results proposed to the general meeting complies with the relevant requirements of the law and the Company's by-laws.
- There are no transactions undertaken or decisions taken in breach of the by-laws or of the BCC that we have to report to you.

Diegem, 4 April 2017

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98.99% of our waste water treatment plants complied with all applicable treatment standards in 2016.