

AB Pieno Žvaigždės

Financial statements for the
year 31 December 2013

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Management's statement on the financial statements

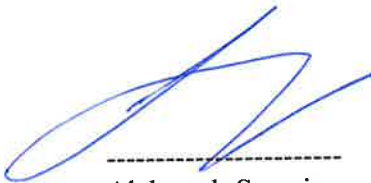
The Management has today discussed and authorized for issue the financial statements and signed them on behalf of the Company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union. We consider that the accounting policies used are appropriate and that the financial statements give a true and fair view as to International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union.

We recommend the financial statements to be approved at the General Shareholders' Meeting.

Vilnius, 28 February 2014

Management:



Aleksandr Smagin
General Director

Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of AB Pieno Žvaigždēs

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Pieno Žvaigždēs AB (hereinafter "the Company"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2013, the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, as set out on pages 5–45.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as adopted by the European Union, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether these financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of these financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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


Nuomonė

Mūsų nuomone, finansinės ataskaitos visais reikšmingais atžvilgiais teisingai pateikia AB „Pieno Žvaigždės“ finansinę būklę 2013 m. gruodžio 31 d. ir tada pasibaigusių metų finansinius veiklos rezultatus bei pinigų srautus pagal Tarptautinius finansinės atskaitomybės standartus, priimtus taikyti Europos Sąjungoje.

Išvada dėl kitų teisinių ir priežiūros reikalavimų

Be to, mes perskaitėme AB „Pieno Žvaigždės“ metinį pranešimą už 2013 m. gruodžio 31 d. pasibaigusius metus, pateiktą finansinių ataskaitų 47–57 puslapiuose, ir nepastebėjome jokių reikšmingų į jį įtrauktos finansinės informacijos neatitikimų AB „Pieno Žvaigždės“ 2013 m. gruodžio 31 d. finansinėms ataskaitoms.

„KPMG Baltics“, UAB, vardu



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Vilnius, Lietuvos Respublika

2014 m. kovo 17 d.

Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December

thousand Litas	Note	2013	2012
Revenue	1	759,437	769,089
Cost of sales		(633,893)	(622,964)
Gross profit		125,544	146,125
Other operating income	2	1,943	1,601
Other operating expenses	2	(963)	(918)
Sales expenses	3	(66,847)	(67,016)
Administrative expenses	3	(45,706)	(40,551)
Operating profit		13,971	39,241
Finance income	4	1,239	345
Finance expenses	5	(3,660)	(5,418)
Finance expenses, net		(2,421)	(5,073)
Profit before taxes		11,550	34,168
Income tax expenses	6	(1,658)	(5,102)
Profit for the year		9,892	29,066
Property, plant and equipment revaluation		-	2,334
Income tax related to other comprehensive income (expenses)		-	(350)
Items that will never be reclassified to profit or loss		-	1,984
Items that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss		-	-
Total other comprehensive income (expenses) less taxes		-	1,984
Total comprehensive income for the year		9,892	31,050
Basic earnings per share (Litas)	7	0.20	0.57
Diluted earnings per share (Litas)	7	0.20	0.57

Total profit for the year goes to the owners of the Company.

The Notes, set out on pages 9 to 45, are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of financial position at 31 December

thousand Lit	Note	2013	2012
Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	207,255	197,273
Intangible assets	9	294	714
Investments available for sale	10	276	276
Long-term receivables	12	998	-
Total non-current assets		208,823	198,263,
Inventories	11	98,385	55,142
Income tax		3,083	-
Receivables	12	51,594	79,788
Cash and cash equivalents	13	2,355	4,528
Total current assets		155,417	139,458
Total assets		364,240	337,721
Equity			
Share capital		49,634	49,634
Share premium		27,246	27,246
Reserves		32,730	33,559
Retained earnings		22,082	38,060
Total equity	14	131,692	148,499
Liabilities			
Government grants	15	5,663	3,187
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	16	112,365	60,543
Employee benefits	17	1,737	-
Deferred tax	18	1,704	1,862
Total non-current liabilities		121,469	65,592
Derivatives	20	768	1,530
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	16	33,811	60,975
Income tax payable		-	956
Trade and other amounts payable	19	76,500	60,169
Total current liabilities		111,079	123,630
Total liabilities		232,548	189,222
Total equity and liabilities		364,240	337,721

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Statement of changes in equity

thousand Lit	Note	Share capital	Share premium	Treasury shares	Legal reserve	Revaluation reserve	Other reserves	Retained earnings (losses)	Total equity
As at 1 January 2012		54,205	27,246	(14,435)	5,420	13,979	17,420	43,997	147,832
Comprehensive income for the period									
Net profit for the year								29,066	29,066
Other comprehensive income									
Depreciation on revaluation increase of buildings						(864)		864	-
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment						1,984			1,984
Total comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	-	1,120	-	29,930	31,050
Transactions with owners recognized in equity									
Transfer to reserves							11,250	(11,250)	-
Dividends								(24,817)	(24,817)
Acquisition of treasury shares				(5,766)					(5,766)
Decrease of share capital		(4,571)		20,201			(15,630)		-
Other income								200	200
Total transactions with owners		(4,571)	-	14,435	-	-	(4,380)	(35,867)	(30,383)
At 31 December 2012	14	49,634	27,246	-	5,420	15,099	13,040	38,060	148,499
As at 1 January 2013		49,634	27,246	-	5,420	15,099	13,040	38,060	148,499
Comprehensive income for the period									
Net profit for the year								9,892	9,892
Other comprehensive income									
Depreciation on revaluation increase of buildings						(989)		989	-
Total comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	-	(989)	-	10,881	9,892
Transactions with owners recognized in equity									
Transfer to reserves							160	(160)	-
Dividends								(27,299)	(27,299)
Other income								600	600
Total transactions with owners		-	-	-	-	-	160	(26,859)	(26,699)
At 31 December 2013	14	49,634	27,246	-	5,420	14,110	13,200	22,082	131,692

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Statement of cash flows

for the year ended 31 December

thousand Litas	Note	2013	2012
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit (loss) for the year		9,892	29,066
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation and amortization	8, 9	29,733	32,081
Amortization of government grants	15	(1,474)	(1,235)
Intangible asset impairment	9	287	-
Gain/Loss on disposal and write-off of property, plant and equipment		(335)	(323)
Doubtful and written down debts	3	-	54
Change in vacation reserve	19	(291)	459
Change in employee benefits	17	1,737	-
Interest income/expenses, net	4,5	2,699	5,220
Income tax expense	6	1,658	5,102
		43,906	70,424
Change in inventories		(43,243)	20,583
Change in receivables		28,194	(7,478)
Change in payables		16,619	(672)
Cash flows from operating activities		45,476	82,857
Interest paid		(3,456)	(3,838)
Income tax paid		(5,855)	(4,514)
Net cash flow from operating activities		36,165	74,505
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	8	(39,816)	(42,925)
Acquisition of intangible assets	9	(77)	(82)
Proceeds on sale of property, plant and equipment		646	426
Other proceeds		600	200
Net cash flow used in investing activities		(38,647)	(42,381)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loans granted		(998)	-
Loans received		89,404	35,848
Repayment of loans		(64,745)	(34,986)
Acquisition of treasury shares		-	(5,766)
Dividends paid		(27,302)	(24,665)
Government grants received	15	3,950	-
Net cash flow from financing activities		309	(29,569)
Change in cash and cash equivalents		(2,173)	2,555
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		4,528	1,973
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December		2,355	4,528

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Notes to the financial statements

Background information

The head office of AB Pieno Žvaigždės (hereinafter “the Company”) is located in Vilnius, Lithuania. AB Pieno Žvaigždės was established in 1998 by way of a merger of stock companies Mažeikių Pieninė, Pasvalio Sūrinė and Kauno Pienas.

As at 31 December 2003 the Company owned 64.2% shares of the subsidiary AB Panevėžio Pienas. During the year 2004 the Company acquired the remaining shares of AB Panevėžio Pienas. As of 30 November 2004 AB Panevėžio Pienas was merged to AB Pieno Žvaigždės and acquired the status of a branch.

The main office of the Company is located in Vilnius and the branches are in Mažeikiai, Pasvalys, Kaunas and Panevėžys.

All ordinary shares of the Company are quoted in the Vilnius Stock Exchange. There is no controlling entity or individual among the shareholders of AB Pieno Žvaigždės.

The Company is engaged in production and sales of dairy products to retail stores directly and through distributors.

The average number of employees in 2013 was 2,023 (2012: 1,988 employees).

Significant accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of AB Pieno Žvaigždės have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

The Board of the Company approved these financial statements for issue to the shareholders on 28 February 2014. The shareholders have the power to reject the financial statements prepared by the management and the right to request that new financial statements be issued.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are presented in Litas being the functional currency of the Company, and are prepared on the historical cost basis, except for land and buildings which are stated at revalued amount.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRSs, as adopted by the EU, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Notes to the financial statements

Significant accounting policies (continued)

Basis of preparation (continued)

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Judgments and estimates made by management in the application of IFRSs adopted in the EU that have significant effect on the financial statements are discussed on page 23.

Derivative financial instruments

Embedded derivatives are separated from the host contract and accounted for separately if the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract and the embedded derivative are not closely related, a separate instrument with the same terms as the embedded derivative would meet the definition of the derivative, and the combined instrument is not measured at fair value through profit and loss.

Derivatives are recognized initially at fair value: attributable transaction costs are recognized in profit or loss when incurred. Subsequently to initial recognition, derivatives are measured at fair value, and changes therein are accounted in profit and loss.

Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to Litas at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated to Litas at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognized in profit or loss. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are translated to Litas at foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was determined.

Property, plant and equipment

Owned assets

Property, plant and equipment (except for land and buildings) are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Buildings are stated at a revalued amount less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, land at a revalued amount less impairment losses.

The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment comprises its purchase price, including import duties and non-refundable purchase taxes, after deducting trade discounts and rebates, any costs directly attributable to asset acquisition and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating.

Borrowing costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an item of property, plant and equipment where substantial period of time is necessary to get ready the asset for its intended use, are capitalized as part of cost of the asset.

Notes to the financial statements

Significant accounting policies (continued)

Property, plant and equipment (continued)

The revaluation reserve is reduced annually in proportion to the depreciation of the revaluation increase, by a transfer from revaluation reserve to retained earnings as the asset is depreciated with the balance being transferred upon ultimate disposal.

Cost of self-constructed property, plant and equipment includes costs related to materials and direct labor costs as well as related indirect costs.

Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment and are depreciated over their expected useful lifetime.

Useful lives, residual amounts and depreciation methods are reviewed at each reporting date.

Leased assets

Leases in terms of which the Company assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Assets used by way of finance lease are recognized as assets of the Company and are stated at the lower of their fair value in the beginning of the lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments at inception of the lease, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Subsequent expenditure

Costs incurred when replacing a component part of an item of property, plant and equipment are capitalized only upon write-off of the carrying amount of the component and if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied with the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the component part can be measured reliably. All other costs are recognized in profit or loss as an expense as incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation (except for land which is not depreciated) is charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of property, plant and equipment. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

- buildings 20–40 years;
- machinery and equipment 10–12 years;
- vehicles and other non current asset 4–20 years.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired by the Company with a definite useful life are stated at cost less accumulated amortization and impairment losses.

Costs related to internally generated goodwill and trademarks are recognized in profit or loss as costs when incurred.

Notes to the financial statements

Significant accounting policies (continued)

Intangible assets (continued)

Subsequent expenditure

Subsequent expenditure on intangible assets is capitalized only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditure is expensed as incurred.

Amortization

Amortization is charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets. Intangible assets are amortized from the date they are available for use. The estimated useful lives are 1 to 3 years.

Goodwill

Goodwill is represented by the fair value of consideration transferred including the recognized amount of any non controlling interest in the acquiree, less the net recognized amount (usually fair value) of identifiable net assets acquired and liabilities assumed, all measured at acquisition date. Goodwill is included in intangible assets and annually assessed for impairment.

Goodwill relates to the acquired and subsequently merged company AB Panevėžio Pienas.

Financial instruments

Financial assets are classified as either financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, held-to-maturity financial assets, loans and receivables, or available-for-sale financial assets, as appropriate. All purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on the trade date. When financial assets are recognized initially, they are measured at fair value, plus, in the case of financial instruments not at fair value through profit or loss, directly attributable transaction costs.

Investments in equity securities

Investments in equity securities are classified as available-for-sale and at initial recognition are stated at fair value plus the related direct costs. Subsequently the investments are revalued to fair value carrying the gain or loss on their revaluation through other comprehensive income to equity. Impairment losses, if any, are included in profit or loss if the fair value decline is considered to be prolonged or significant. When the investments are sold, the accrued gain or loss previously recognized under equity, is recognized in the profit or loss. If the fair value cannot be determined reliably, the investments in equity securities are stated at cost less impairment losses.

The fair value of financial instruments available for sale is their quoted price at the reporting date.

Financial instruments classified as available for sale are recognized / derecognized by the Company on the date it commits to purchase/sell the instruments.

Notes to the financial statements

Significant accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Other financial instruments

Trade receivables of the Company are not traded in an active market. They are included in current assets except for maturities greater than 12 months. Trade receivables and other receivables are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or origination of the financial asset. Subsequently, loans and receivables are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment, if any. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments and receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or liability (or, where appropriate, a shorter period) to carrying amount of the financial asset and liability. Short-term receivables are not discounted.

Borrowings are initially recognized at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition, liabilities are stated at amortized cost on an effective interest method basis. Other liabilities are initially recognized at fair value and are subsequently measured at amortized cost. Short-term liabilities are not discounted.

Fair value of financial instruments

The fair value of financial instruments traded in financial markets is established considering the quoted market prices. Bid prices are used for valuation of assets and ask prices are used for liabilities. The Company uses other methods to establish fair value for all other financial instruments.

Fair values are categorised within different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). This category includes: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not that active and other valuation techniques for which all significant inputs are directly or indirectly based on observable market data.
- Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs) and that significantly affect valuation of instruments. Unobservable inputs include instruments valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments; for the purpose of reflecting the differences between the instruments, significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required.

The fair value of interest-bearing financial instrument is established after valuation of cash flows discounted using interest rates applied to similar instruments. If fair value of a financial asset and liability differs significantly from their carrying amount, it is disclosed separately in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

Significant accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Where appropriate, the Company values the fair value of an instrument with the help of the quoted price of the instrument in active market. Active market is a market in which transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

The Company uses valuation techniques maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs for prices that are not quoted in active market. The chosen technique includes all the factors to be considered by market participants when estimating the price at which a transaction would take place.

Usually, the best source for the fair value of a financial asset or liability on initial recognition is the transaction price, i.e. the fair value of a payment made or received. If the Company finds that on initial recognition the fair value differs from the transaction price and that it cannot be confirmed neither by the quoted price in active market for identical assets and liabilities nor by the valuation technique using observable inputs, on initial recognition the financial instrument is valued at fair value adjusted with deferred difference between the fair value on initial recognition and transaction price. Subsequently, the difference is recognized in profit or loss over the life of the instrument, but not after valuation is fully based on observable market data or transaction is completed.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the estimated costs of completion and selling expenses. The cost of inventories is based on the first-in first-out principle and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories and bringing them to their existing location and condition. In the case of manufactured inventories and work in progress, cost includes an appropriate share of overheads based on normal operating capacity.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash includes cash on hand and cash in banks. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with original maturities of three months or less and that are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

For purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and in banks, and deposits, the term of which on the contract conclusion date is 3 months or less.

Impairment

Impairment of non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Company's assets, other than inventories and deferred tax asset, are reviewed at each reporting date in order to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

Notes to the financial statements

Significant accounting policies (continued)

Impairment of non-financial assets (continued)

For goodwill and intangible assets that are not yet available for use, the recoverable amount is estimated at each reporting date.

An impairment loss is recognized whenever the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognized in profit (loss).

Impairment of financial assets

In the case of equity securities classified as available-for-sale, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the security below its cost is considered an indicator that the securities are impaired. When a decline in the fair value of an available-for-sale financial asset has been recognized through other comprehensive income to equity and there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired, the cumulative loss that had been recognized in equity is recognized in profit or loss. The amount of the cumulative loss that is recognized in profit or loss is the difference between the acquisition cost and current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognized in profit or loss.

Calculation of recoverable amount

The recoverable amount of receivables carried at amortized cost is calculated as the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate (i.e., the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition of these financial assets).

The recoverable amount of other assets is the greater of their fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset reasonably belongs.

Reversals of impairment

An impairment loss in respect of receivables carried at amortized cost is reversed if the subsequent increase in recoverable amount can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized.

An impairment loss in respect of an investment in an equity instrument classified as available-for-sale is not reversed through the statement of comprehensive income.

Impairment of goodwill is not reversed. Impairment loss in respect of other assets is reversed only if there is an indication that the impairment loss may no longer exist and there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount.

An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortization, if no impairment loss had been recognized.

Acquisition of treasury shares

When share capital recognized as equity is repurchased, the amount of the consideration paid, including directly attributable costs, is recognized as a change in equity. Repurchased shares are classified as treasury shares and presented as a deduction from total equity.

Notes to the financial statements

Significant accounting policies (continued)

Dividends

Dividends are recognized as a liability in the period in which they are declared.

Withholding taxes that arise from the distribution of dividends are recognized at the same time as the liability to pay the related dividend.

Provisions

A provision is recognized if, as a result of a past event, the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits, which can be reliably estimated, will be required to settle the obligation. The amount recognized as a provision is the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period. The provisions are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. If it is no longer probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation the provision is reversed. The provision is used only for expenditures for which the provision was originally recognized. When the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount of the provision is the present value of the expenditure expected to be required to settle the obligation. If the discounting method is applied, the increase of provisions with time is recognized as financial expenses.

Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits are recognized as a current expense in the period when employees render the services. These include salaries and wages, social security contributions, bonuses, payable holidays and other benefits. All pension obligations are borne by the State.

Termination benefits are payable whenever an employee's employment is terminated before the normal retirement date or whenever an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. The Company recognizes termination benefits when it is firmly committed to either terminate the employment of current employees according to a detailed formal plan without possibility of withdrawal or to provide termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy.

Under the remuneration plans employees are entitled to jubilee bonuses as well as retirement benefits. Each employee of the Company leaving the Company on the normal retirement date is entitled to a benefit equal to 2 monthly wages, as stipulated in the legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania. The jubilee bonuses are paid to employees who have reached 50 and 60 years old.

Provisions for jubilee bonuses and retirement benefits are calculated individually for each entitled individual. The base for the calculation of provision for an employee is expected benefit which the Company is obliged to pay in accordance with internal policy and regulation. The present value of these obligations is estimated at the end of each reporting year.

The Company recognizes the liability in the statement of financial position under non-current liabilities and reflects the current value of the benefits at the date of the statement of financial position.

Notes to the financial statements

Significant accounting policies (continued)

Revenue

Goods sold and services rendered

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognized in profit or loss when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the buyer. The revenue recognized is net of discounts provided. Revenue from services rendered is recognized in profit or loss in proportion to the stage of completion of the transaction at the reporting date. The stage of completion is assessed on the basis of work done. Rental income is recognized in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Goods sold and services rendered (continued)

No revenue is recognized if there are significant uncertainties regarding recovery of the consideration due, associated costs or the possible return of goods exists or where substantial risks and rewards cannot be considered as transferred to the buyer.

Government grants

A government grant is recognized in the statement of financial position when there is reasonable assurance that it will be received and that the Company will comply with the conditions attaching to it. Government grants intended to compensate the Company for expenses incurred are recognized as revenue in profit or loss in the same periods in which the expenses are incurred. Government grants that compensate the Company for the cost of an asset are recognized in revenue on a systematic basis over the useful life of the asset.

Costs

Operating lease payments

Payments made under operating leases are recognized in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Financial lease payments

Minimum lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding liability. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Other operating income and charges

Other operating income and charges comprise gains and losses from sale of property, plant and equipment, and other items, which are not directly related to the primary activities of the Company.

Finance income and finance costs

Finance costs comprise interest payable on borrowings calculated using the effective interest rate method and foreign exchange losses. The interest expense component of finance lease payments is recognized in profit or loss using the effective interest rate method.

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Significant accounting policies (continued)

Finance income and finance costs (nontinued)

Finance income comprises interest receivable on funds invested, dividend income and foreign exchange gains. Interest income is recognized in profit or loss as it accrues, using the effective interest method. Dividend income is recognized in profit or loss on the date the right to receive payments is established.

Income tax

Income tax comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognized in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity, in which case it is recognized in equity.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The following temporary differences are not provided for: initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit, and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that they will probably not reverse in the foreseeable future. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realization or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

A deferred tax asset is recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

Basic and diluted earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net profit attributable to ordinary equity holders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares. As there are no instruments that dilute equity, the basic and diluted earnings per share do not differ.

Segments

An operating segment is a component of an entity that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses (including transactions with other segments), whose operating results are regularly reviewed by the entity's chief operating decision maker to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance, and for which discrete financial information is available.

Notes to the financial statements

Significant accounting policies (continued)

Financial risk management

In its activities the Company is exposed to various financial risks: market risk (including currency risk, interest rate risk, fair value and price risks), credit risk and liquidity risk. General risk management policy establishment and supervision is the responsibility of the Board. Risk management policy was set up in order to identify and analyze risks facing the Company, and determine risk acceptance limits. Risk management policy and processes are reviewed regularly considering changes in the markets and activities of the Company. The Company, applying learning and management standards and procedures, aims to establish constructive control environment where all employees clearly realize their functions and responsibilities. The Company's management pays the greatest attention to unpredictability of financial markets and aims to decrease its eventual impact on the Company's financial performance. From time to time the Company can use derivative financial instruments in order to hedge certain risks.

a) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the Company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimizing the return.

b) Currency risk

Currency risk relates to sales and receivables, purchases and payables, borrowings and borrowing costs denominated in currencies other than Litas and EUR (Litas is pegged to EUR at a fixed exchange rate of 3,4528 LTL/EUR). There are no other material monetary items denominated in currencies other than Litas and Euro.

c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the Company's receivables from customers.

The Company has established procedures ensuring that sales are made to customers having a proper credit history without exceeding the limit of credit risk set by management. The company has a significant concentration of credit risk on the basis of individual customers, which is disclosed in Note 21. The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure, refer to Note 21.

d) Liquidity risk

A conservative management of liquidity risk enables the company to maintain sufficient cash and cash equivalents or have available funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities. Liquidity risk analysis is presented in Note 21.

e) Interest rate risk

The Company's borrowings are subject to variable interest rates, related to LIBOR, VILIBOR or EURIBOR. The cash flow sensitivity analysis is presented in Note 21.

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Significant accounting policies (continued)

Capital management

The Board's policy is to keep the shareholders' equity over borrowings at the level to maintain the confidence of investors, creditors and the market and to fund business development opportunities in the future. The Board keeps track on the ratios of capital return and makes suggestions regarding proposed dividends.

The Board also seeks to maintain a balance between the higher returns that might be possible with higher levels of borrowings and the security afforded by a sound capital position.

The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its activities. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may adjust the dividend payment to shareholders, return capital to shareholders or issue new shares. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes during the years ended 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012.

According to the Companies Law of the Republic of Lithuania, the Company's equity shall be not less than 50% of its share capital.

Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards that are not yet effective

Except for the changes below, the Company has consistently applied the accounting policies set out in the Notes to the financial statements to all periods presented in these financial statements.

The Company has adopted the following new standards and amendments to standards, including any consequential amendments to other standards, with a date of initial application of 1 January 2013.

(i) Fair value measurement

IFRS 13 establishes a single framework for measuring fair value and making disclosures about fair value measurements when such measurements are required or permitted by other IFRSs. It unifies the definition of the fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. It replaces and expands the disclosure requirements about fair value measurements in other IFRSs, including IFRS 7. As a result, the Company has included additional disclosures in this regard (see Notes 8 (Property, plant and equipment), 21 (Fair value of financial instruments)).

In accordance with the transitional provisions of IFRS 13, the Company has applied the new fair value measurement guidance prospectively and has not provided any comparative information for new disclosures. Notwithstanding the above, the change had no significant impact on the measurements of the Company's assets and liabilities.

(ii) Presentation of items of other comprehensive income

As a result of the amendments to IAS 1, the Company has modified the presentation of items in the statement of other comprehensive income, to present separately items that would be reclassified to profit or loss from those that would never be. Comparative information has been re-presented accordingly.

Notes to the financial statements

Significant accounting policies (continued)

Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards that are not yet effective (continued)

(iii) Other amendments to standards

The following amendments to standards with effective date of 1 January 2013 did not have any impact on these financial statements:

- Amendment to IFRS 7 – Offsetting of Financial Assets and Liabilities;
- Amendment to IAS 19 (2011) – Employee Benefits;
- Amendments to IAS 12 – Deferred Tax: Recovery of Underlying

New standards and interpretation not yet adopted

A number of new standards, amendments and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2014, and have not been applied in preparing these financial statements. Those which may be relevant to the Company as well as management's judgements regarding the possible impact of initial application of new and revised standards and interpretations are set out below. The Company does not plan to adopt these amendments, standards and interpretations early.

(i) IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements, IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements, IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities (2011)

IFRS 10 introduces a single control model to determine whether an investee should be consolidated. As a result, the Group may need to change its consolidation conclusion in respect of its investees, which may lead to changes in the current accounting for these investees. The Company does not expect the new standard to have any impact on the financial statements, since the assessment of control over its current investees under the new standard is not expected to change previous conclusions regarding the Group's control over its investees.

Under IFRS 11, the structure of the joint arrangement, although still an important consideration, is no longer the main factor in determining the type of joint arrangement and therefore the subsequent accounting.

- The Group's interest in a joint operation, which is an arrangement in which the parties have rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities, will be accounted for on the basis of the Group's interest in those assets and liabilities.
- The Group's interest in a joint venture, which is an arrangement in which the parties have rights to the net assets, will be equity-accounted.

The Company does not expect IFRS 11 to have material impact on the financial statements since it is not a party to any joint arrangements.

IFRS 12 brings together into a single standard all the disclosure requirements about an entity's interest in subsidiaries, joint arrangements, associates and unconsolidated structured entities. The Company does not expect the new Standard will have a material impact on the financial statements.

These standards are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014 with early adoption permitted.

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Significant accounting policies (continued)

New standards and interpretation not yet adopted

(ii) *IAS 27 (2011) Separate Financial Statements (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014)*

IAS 27 (2011) carries forward the existing accounting and disclosure requirements of IAS 27 (2008) for separate financial statements, with some minor clarifications. Also, the existing requirements of IAS 28 (2008) and IAS 31 for separate financial statements have been incorporated into IAS 27 (2011). The standard no longer addresses the principle of control and requirements relating to the presentation of consolidated financial statements, which have been incorporated into IFRS 10, *Consolidated Financial Statements*. The Company does not expect IAS 27 (2011) to have a material impact on the financial statements, since it does not result in a change in the Company's accounting policy.

IAS 28 (2011) Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014)

There are limited amendments to IAS 28 (2008) which are related to associates and joint ventures held for sale and changes in interest held in associates and joint ventures. The Company does not expect the amendments to Standard to have material impact on the financial statements since it does not have any significant investments in associates or joint ventures that will be impacted by the amendments.

(iii) *Amendments to IAS 32 on Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014)*

Amendments to IAS 32 (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014; to be applied retrospectively) clarify that an entity currently has a legally enforceable right to set-off if that right is not contingent on a future event and enforceable both in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the entity and all counterparties. The Company does not expect the Amendments to have any impact on the financial statements since the Company does not apply offsetting to any of its financial assets and financial liabilities and has not entered into master netting arrangements.

(iv) *Amendments to IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 27 on Investment Entities (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014)*

The Amendments provide an exception to the consolidation requirements in IFRS 10 and require qualifying investment entities to measure their investments in controlled entities, as well as investments in associates and joint ventures at fair value through profit or loss, rather than consolidating them. The consolidation exemption is mandatory (i.e. not optional), with the only exception being that subsidiaries that are considered as an extension of the investment entity's investing activities, must still be consolidated. An entity qualifies as an investment entity if it meets all of the essential elements of the definition of an investment entity. The Company does not expect the new standard to have any impact on the financial statements, since the Company does not qualify as an investment entity.

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Significant accounting policies (continued)

New standards and interpretation not yet adopted

(v) *Amendments to IAS 36 on Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014)*

The Amendments clarify that recoverable amount should be disclosed only for individual assets (including goodwill) or cash-generated units for which an impairment loss was recognized or reversed during the period. The Amendments also require additional disclosures related to fair value hierarchy when an impairment for individual assets (including goodwill) or cash-generated units has been recognized or reversed in the period and recoverable amount is based on fair value less costs of disposal. The Company does not expect the new Standard will have a material impact on the financial statements.

(vi) *Amendments to IAS 39 on Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014)*

The Amendments allow hedge accounting to continue in a situation where a derivative, which has been designated as a hedging instrument, is novated to effect clearing with a central counterparty as a result of laws and regulations, when certain criteria are met. The Company does not expect the new standard to have any impact on the financial statements, since the Company does not apply hedge accounting.

The accounting policies applied by the Company to all financial information reported in these financial statements are consistent with the accounting policies of the previous year. New IFRSs which became effective in 2013 did not have material impact on the financial statements.

Critical accounting estimates and judgments

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Significant accounting estimates and assumptions

The Company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equate to the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Fair value of land and buildings

The fair values of land and buildings are assessed at each reporting date in order to determine whether there are any significant differences between fair values and carrying amounts in the financial statements. Fair values are assessed by reference to valuation reports or market assumptions reports received from external valuers.

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Significant accounting policies (continued)

Critical accounting estimates and judgments (continued)

Impairment of receivables

The Company reviews its receivables individually to assess impairment at least on a quarterly basis. In determining whether an impairment loss should be recognized, the Company makes judgments as to whether there is any observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from an individual debtor, e.g. adverse change in the payment status of the debtor, etc.

Useful lives of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment

Useful lives of the assets are reviewed at least annually. They are adjusted, if necessary, considering technological changes, expected future use of the asset and its present condition.

Deferred income tax assets

The Company recognizes deferred tax assets based on the judgment of management that realization of the related tax benefits through future taxable profits is probable. Management's judgments are based on internal budgets and forecasts.

Non-current employee benefits

Recognition of provision for employee benefits requires estimate of the probable outflow of economic benefits and defining the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the end of reporting period. Details of applied estimates and their influence on the financial statements are disclosed in Note 17.

Notes to the financial statements

1. Operating segments

The only operating segment of the Company is production of dairy products.

Geographical information may be presented as follows (revenue is presented based on the geographical location of customers, and property, plant and equipment are presented according to their location):

Year 2013, thousand Lit	<u>Lithuania</u>	<u>Other EU countries</u>	<u>Non EU countries</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue	349,031	102,564	307,842	759,437
Property, plant and equipment	205,622	1,633		207,255
Intangible assets and investments available for sale	570			570

The Company has one client from whom revenue in 2013 made over 10% of the total revenue. Revenue earned from this customer amounted to 15% of the Company's total revenue.

Year 2012, thousand Lit	<u>Lithuania</u>	<u>Other EU countries</u>	<u>Non EU countries</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue	334,787	105,436	328,866	769,089
Property, plant and equipment	195,146	2,127		197,273
Intangible assets and investments for sale	990			990

The Company has one client from whom revenue in 2012 made over 10% of the total revenue. Revenue earned from this customer amounted to 13% of the Company's total revenue.

2. Other operating items

Other operating income:

thousand Lit	2013	2012
Income from rent and other services	1,551	1,283
Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	336	261
Other	56	57
	<u>1,943</u>	<u>1,601</u>

Other operating expenses:

thousand Lit	2013	2012
Rent and other services related expenses	(963)	(918)
	<u>(963)</u>	<u>(918)</u>

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3. Sales and administrative costs

thousand Lit	2013	2012
Staff costs	(39,150)	(37,599)
Marketing and advertising	(12,070)	(12,192)
Depreciation and amortization	(8,184)	(8,187)
Fuel	(8,077)	(8,247)
Production delivery costs	(6,180)	(6,537)
Materials and spare parts	(4,106)	(4,275)
Utilities	(3,323)	(3,236)
Repair	(2,739)	(2,470)
Support	(2,489)	(2,750)
Taxes, except income tax	(2,479)	(2,246)
Insurance	(2,079)	(813)
Security costs	(1,865)	(1,782)
Operating lease	(1,621)	(1,543)
Payments to board members	(700)	(540)
Communications	(675)	(699)
Transport	(288)	(215)
Other	(16,528)	(14,236)
	(112,553)	(107,567)
Sales costs	(66,847)	(67,016)
Administrative costs	(45,706)	(40,551)
	(112,553)	(107,567)

4. Finance income

thousand Lit	2013	2012
Change in fair value of interest rate swap	762	-
Penalties and fines	428	276
Interest	37	58
Other	12	11
Total finance income	1,239	345

5. Finance expenses

thousand Lit	2013	2012
Interest on loans and leasing liabilities	(3,489)	(3,878)
Change in fair value of interest rate swap	-	(1,383)
Loss on foreign currency exchange	(3)	(59)
Other	(168)	(98)
Total finance expenses	(3,660)	(5,418)

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6. Income tax expense

thousand Litas	2013	2012
Income tax for the current year	(1,816)	(5,068)
Change in deferred tax	158	(34)
Total income tax expenses	(1,658)	(5,102)

Reconciliation of effective tax rate

thousand Litas	2013		2012	
Profit before tax		11,550		34,168
Income tax using the prevailing tax rate	15%	(1,732)	15%	(5,125)
Non-deductible expenses	7.7%	(896)	1.1%	(413)
Non-taxable income	(0.6%)	66	(0.1%)	41
Support (deducted twice)	(6.4%)	746	(1.2%)	429
	15.6%	(1,816)	14.8%	(5,068)

7. Earnings per share ratio

Basic earnings per share ratio is calculated dividing the net profit for the year by the average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year. There are no potential ordinary shares to be issued.

	2013	2012
Number of shares in issue calculated using weighted average method, thousand units	49,634	50,135
Net result for the year, in thousand Litas	9,892	29,066
Basic earnings per share, in Litas	0.20	0.57
Diluted earnings per share, in Litas	0.20	0.57

Notes to the financial statements

8. Property, plant and equipment

thousand Lit	Land and buildings	Machinery and equipment	Other assets	Construction in progress	Total
Cost/reevaluation					
Balance at 1 January 2012	103,183	260,687	73,677	1,966	439,513
Revaluation	(21,899)	-	-	-	(21,899)
Acquisitions	200	29,181	10,729	5,578	45,688
Disposals and write-offs	(24)	(2,390)	(2,134)	-	(4,548)
Re-classification	5,091	1,202	68	(6,361)	0
Adjustments	(463)	-	-	-	(463)
Balance at 31 December 2012	86,088	288,680	82,340	1,183	458,291
Balance at 1 January 2013	86,088	288,680	82,340	1,183	458,291
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-
Acquisitions	130	21,661	6,319	11,706	39,816
Disposals and write-offs	(697)	(5,584)	(2,868)	-	(9,149)
Re-classification	-	10,246	68	(10,314)	0
Adjustments	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2013	85,521	315,003	85,859	2,575	488,958
Depreciation					
Balance at 1 January 2012	18,885	190,881	48,117	0	257,883
Revaluation	(24,233)	-	-	-	(24,233)
Depreciation for the year	4,966	19,573	7,275	0	31,814
Depreciation of disposals	(9)	(2,313)	(2,124)	0	(4,446)
Re-classification	391	(391)	-	-	0
Balance at 31 December 2012	0	207,750	53,268	0	261,018
Balance at 1 January 2013	0	207,750	53,268	0	261,018
Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation for the year	5,027	16,624	7,872	0	29,523
Depreciation of disposals	(545)	(5,572)	(2,721)	0	(8,837)
Re-classification	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2013	4,482	218,802	58,420	0	281,703
Impairment					
Balance at 1 January 2012	464	-	-	-	464
Adjustment	(464)	-	-	-	(464)
Balance at 31 December 2012	0	0	0	0	0
Balance at 1 January 2013	-	-	-	-	-
Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2013	0	0	0	0	0
Carrying amounts					
1 January 2012	83,834	69,806	25,560	1,966	181,166
31 December 2012	86,088	80,930	29,072	1,183	197,273
1 January 2013	86,088	80,930	29,072	1,183	197,273
31 December 2013	81,039	96,201	27,440	2,575	207,255

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8. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Revaluation of buildings and land

The Company carried out the revaluation of buildings as at 31 December 2004. An increase in the value of the buildings amounting to 4,796 thousand Litas was recorded in a revaluation reserve within equity as at 31 December 2004 net of deferred tax of 730 thousand Litas. A decrease in the value of buildings amounting to 8,050 thousand Litas was recorded in profit or loss in year 2004.

As at 31 December 2007 the Company performed another revaluation of its buildings. An increase in the value of 18,381 thousand Litas (net of deferred tax liability of 2,755 thousand Litas) was recognized in equity under the revaluation reserve. An increase in value of the buildings amounting to 1,721 thousand Litas was recognized in profit or loss for 2007 as reduction of costs because prior to 1 January 2007 an impairment loss was recognized for the mentioned assets. The impairment loss of the assets amounted to 1,007 thousand Litas and was recognized as expenses in profit or loss for 2007. The revaluation was performed based on the fair values determined by external valuers applying the comparative transactions method.

As at 31 December 2012 valuation of buildings and land was performed by independent appraiser UAB Matinkai. Valuation was performed applying the comparative transactions method. As a result, the total increase in value of 2,334 thousand Litas was determined. The revaluation increase was recognized by crediting revaluation reserve (1,984 thousand Litas) and deferred tax liability (350 thousand Litas). Should the Company have continued to account for the land and buildings using the acquisition cost method, the carrying amount of the land and buildings as at 31 December 2013 would have amounted to 69,531 thousand Litas (2012: 72,641 thousand Litas).

The management of the Company is of the opinion that the price of the real estate did not change significantly over the financial year, thus the accounted carrying amount of the asset is close to its fair value.

Pledges

Property, plant and equipment with a carrying amount of 64,516 thousand Litas as at 31 December 2013 (2012: 68,813 thousand Litas) have been pledged to secure the bank loans (Note 16).

Depreciation

Depreciation is included in the following items:

thousand Litas	2013	2012
Cost of sales	21,152	23,699
Sales and administrative expenses	8,370	8,115
	29,523	31,814

Acquisition cost of fully depreciated property, plant and equipment in use amounts to 170,293 thousand Litas as at 31 December 2013 (2012: 158,408 thousand Litas).

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9. Intangible assets

thousand Litas	Goodwill	Software, etc	Total
Cost			
Balance at 1 January 2012	335	5,050	5,385
Acquisitions	-	82	82
Write-offs	-	(20)	(20)
Balance at 31 December 2012	335	5,112	5,447
Balance at 1 January 2013	335	5,112	5,447
Acquisitions	-	77	77
Write-offs	-	(1,613)	(1,613)
Balance at 31 December 2013	335	3,576	3,911
Amortization and impairment			
Balance at 1 January 2012	24	4,462	4,486
Amortization for the year	-	243	243
Impairment for the year	24	-	24
Amortization of written-off assets	-	(20)	(20)
Balance at 31 December 2012	48	4,685	4,733
Balance at 1 January 2013	48	4,685	4,733
Amortization for the year	-	210	210
Impairment for the year	287	-	287
Amortization of written-off assets	-	(1,613)	(1,613)
Balance at 31 December 2013	335	3,282	3,617
Carrying amounts			
1 January 2012	311	588	899
31 December 2012	287	427	714
1 January 2013	287	427	714
31 December 2013	-	294	294

Amortization is included in the sales and administrative expenses.

According to the Company's estimates, the recoverable amount of the goodwill that arose on acquisition of AB Panevėžio pienas was equal to zero as at 31 December 2013 (as at 31 December 2012: 287 thousand Litas), thus, the impairment of 335 thousand Litas was accounted for it (as at 31 December 2012: 48 thousand Litas)

Acquisition cost of fully amortized intangible assets in use amounts to 2,929 thousand Litas as at 31 December 2013 (2012: 4,157 thousand Litas).

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10. Investments available for sale

thousand Litas	2013	2012
Investments available for sale	276	276
	276	276

The major part of investments available for sale as at 31 December 2013 includes shares of UAB Kapitalo Srautai (representing 15.3% ownership interest). UAB Kapitalo Srautai is engaged in financial brokerage activities. Due to the fact that the fair value of the mentioned shares cannot be reliably estimated, they are stated at acquisition cost, which amounts to 200 thousand Litas. The other available for sale investments are also stated at cost due to absence of reliable estimate of their fair value.

11. Inventories

thousand Litas	2013	2012
Raw materials	22,214	19,077
Work in progress	51,271	24,955
Finished goods	22,975	10,557
Goods for re-sale	1,925	553
	98,385	55,142

Raw materials include milk and other materials used in production.

Inventories recognized as costs during the year can be specified as follows:

thousand Litas	2013	2012
Cost of sales (manufactured goods sold)	(633,893)	(622,964)
Sales and administrative expenses (consumption of inventories)	(12,183)	(12,522)
Other operating expenses (sold raw materials, spare parts)	(488)	(398)
	(646,564)	(635,884)

Sales and administrative expenses include consumed fuel and materials and spare parts.

Other operating costs include cost of re-sold goods and cost of sold raw materials and other inventories.

Inventories with the carrying amount of up to 98,358 thousand Litas as at 31 December 2013 (2012: 55,142 thousand Litas) have been pledged to secure the bank loans (Note 16).

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12. Receivables

thousand Lit	2013	2012
Financial instruments		
Trade receivables	41,564	74,822
Other receivables	17	-
Loans	-	315
	41,581	75,137
Impairment of receivables	-	-
	41,581	75,137
Not financial instruments		
Receivable VAT	6,624	2,037
Prepayments	1,788	1,137
Deferred expenses	1,601	1,477
	10,013	4,651
	51,594	79,788

Written-off receivables recognized in profit and loss for 2013 comprises written-off bad trade receivables amounting to 9 thousand Lit (2012: 58 thousand Lit) identified during 2013.

Specification of prepayments may be presented as follows:

thousand Lit	2013	2012
Prepayments for delivery of raw milk	458	368
Other prepayments	1,353	769
	1,811	1,137
Less: long-term part prepayments	(23)	-
	1,788	1,137

According to agreements with raw milk suppliers, prepayments for milk shall be covered during the period of up to 5 years as milk is delivered. A fixed rate interest, varying from 5% to 8%, is calculated on the outstanding prepayment amount.

Specification of loans may be presented as follows:

thousand Lit	2013	2012
Loans to management	860	-
Loans to employees	115	315
	975	315
Less: long-term part	(975)	-
Current loans to management and employees	0	315

As at 31 December 2013 a loan amounting to 860 thousand Lit is granted to member of management, which maturity is 1 October 2015. Interest charged comprise 1 month EURIBOR and fixed margin.

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13. Cash and cash equivalents

thousand Lit	2013	2012
Cash at bank	1,775	4,028
Cash in hand	580	500
	<u>2,355</u>	<u>4,528</u>

As at 31 December 2013 part of cash at bank, comprising 808 thousand Lit is pledged for the bank credits.

14. Equity

As at 31 December 2013 the authorized capital comprised 49,634,419 ordinary shares at par value of 1 Lit each. The Company in 2012 has decreased its authorized capital by cancelling treasury shares. All shares are fully paid.

Holder of ordinary shares have one voting right per share at the shareholders meeting and the right to dividends when they are declared, as well as the right to capital repayment in case of a decrease of share capital. There are no controlling entities or individuals among the shareholders of AB Pieno Žvaigždės.

Treasury shares

As at 31 December 2012 and as at 31 December 2013, the Company had no treasury shares.

In 2012 the Company purchased 1,000,000 units of its own shares, total amount as at 31 December 2012 comprised 4,570,612 treasury shares. On 27 April 2012, during general shareholders meeting it was decided to cancel 4,570,612 units of treasury shares. Reduction in share capital resulting from cancellation of treasury shares of 15,630 thousand Lit was recognized directly in equity by reducing the reserve for acquisition of treasury shares.

When treasury shares are purchased, the amount paid, including direct costs, is accounted for as a change in equity. The purchased treasury shares are presented by deducting the amount from the equity. Any profit or loss from disposal of treasury shares is recognized in equity.

Legal reserve

Under Lithuanian legislation, an annual allocation to the legal reserve should amount to at least 5% of the net profit until the reserve makes up 10% of the share capital. The reserve can be used only to cover losses.

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14. Equity (continued)

Revaluation reserve

As at 31 December 2004 the Company established a revaluation reserve of 4,066 thousand Litas, which is related to the revaluation of buildings as at 31 December 2004. The revaluation reserve is shown net of deferred tax liability amounting to 730 thousand Litas.

As at 31 December 2007 the Company recognized an additional amount of 15,626 thousand Litas to the revaluation reserve, related to revaluation of buildings as at that date. The revaluation reserve was decreased by an amount of deferred tax of 2,755 thousand Litas.

In connection with revaluation of land and buildings as at 31 December 2012 the Company recognized 1,984 thousand Litas in the revaluation reserve (refer to Note 8).

The reserve is decreased in proportion to depreciation and disposal of the revaluation increase. The decrease in reserve is recognized through other comprehensive income as a separate component in equity. When revalued buildings are depreciated a transfer from the revaluation reserve to retained earnings is made. The amount is determined as a difference between the depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount and the depreciation based on the original cost of the buildings.

Other reserves

Other reserves amount to 13,200 thousand Litas as at 31 December 2013 (2012: 13,040 thousand Litas).

Part of other reserves amounting to 10,000 thousand Litas (2012: 10,000 thousand Litas) has been allocated to acquire treasury shares. Under Lithuanian legislation, this reserve will be retained until the Company purchases its treasury shares.

Part of other reserves amounting to 2,500 thousand Litas (2012: 2,500 thousand Litas) has been allocated to support, charity and bonuses, and remaining 700 thousand Litas (2012: 540 thousand Litas) to payments to Board members.

Dividends per share paid in 2013 were 0.55 Litas (2012: 0.50 Litas).

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15. Government grants

thousand Lit	2013	2012
Government grants as at 1 January	17,687	17,687
Additions during the period*	3,950	-
Written-off**	(10,215)	-
Government grants as at 31 December	11,422	17,687
Amortization as at 1 January	14,500	13,265
Amortization for the year	1,474	1,235
Written-off	(10,215)	-
Amortization as at 31 December	5,759	14,500
Net carrying amount at 1 January	3,187	4,422
Net carrying amount at 31 December	5,663	3,187

*Amounts of 3,950 thousand Lit received in 2013 from the structural funds' project 'Increase of Competitiveness of Milk Processing Activity' were used to acquire special transport vehicles (milk-float) and equipment.

** In year 2013 fully amortized subsidies received according to Sapard and other programs, has been written off.

16. Interest bearing loans and borrowings

The Company's loans and borrowings are as follows (in thousand Lit):

Creditor	Ref.	Maturity	Currency	31-12-2013	31-12-2012
AB DNB bank	a)	June 2014	LTL	876	-
AB SEB Bank	b)	June 2014	LTL	7,007	-
Factoring	c)	April 2014	LTL	11,167	11,133
AB SEB, AB DNB banks	d)	April 2014	EUR	92,253	86,545
AB SEB, AB DNB banks	e)	April 2015	EUR	34,873	23,824
AB SEB Bank	f)	Repaid in 2013	EUR	-	16
Total liabilities				146,176	121,518
Less: current part				(33,811)	(60,975)
Total non-current part				112,365	60,543

a) The loan (overdraft) was received for working capital needs. Limit: 10,000 thousand Lit.

b) The loan (overdraft) was received for working capital needs. Limit: 12,500 thousand Lit.

c) The factoring services are being provided by AB SEB Bankas.

d) The syndicated loan was received from AB DNB Bankas and AB SEB Bankas for financing investments in property, plant and equipment.

e) The syndicated credit facility from AB DNB Bankas and AB SEB Bankas to finance the working capital needs.

f) A Business Cards account at AB SEB Bankas.

Notes to the financial statements

16. Interest bearing loans and borrowings (continued)

All the loans and other financial liabilities as at 31 December 2013 are denominated in EUR or Litas. All interest rates on loans, borrowings are variable and consist of LIBOR, EURIBOR or VILIBOR plus a fixed margin. Interest is re-priced every 3 to 6 months depending on the loan and for this reason carrying amounts are assumed to approximate fair values of these loans/leases.

The bank loans are secured by pledging property, plant and equipment with the carrying amount of 64,516 thousand Litas as at 31 December 2013 (2012: 68,813 thousand Litas), inventories with a carrying amount up to 98,385 thousand Litas (2012: 55,142 thousand Litas) and all current and future cash flows in bank accounts.

Interest rates

Effective interest rates of the loans and finance leases can be presented as follows:

%	2013	2012
Long-term loans	2,0-2,2	2,0-3,3
Short-term loans	1,8-1,9	1,8-2,8
Factoring	2,2-2,8	2,2-2,8

Loan repayment schedules

The contractual repayment of loans is as follows:

thousand Litas	2013	2012
Within 1 year	33,811	60,543
After 1 year and up to 5 years	112,365	60,975
Present value of liabilities	146,176	121,518

Operating lease

Operating lease expenses recognized in profit or loss are as follows:

thousand Litas	2013	2012
Rent of milk collection premises	(70)	(72)
Operating lease of vehicles, loaders and other assets	(1 972)	(2,012)
Total operating lease expenses	(2 042)	(2,084)

Expenses in respect to rent of milk collection premises are recognized under cost of sales. Operating lease of other assets is stated under sales and administrative costs (1,621 thousand Litas) and cost of finished goods (479 thousand Litas) (in 2012: 1,543 thousand Litas and 469 thousand Litas respectively).

Notes to the financial statements

16. Interest bearing loans and borrowings (continued)

Future minimum lease payments can be presented as follows:

thousand Litas	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Rent of milk collection premises	-	-	-	-	
Operating lease of vehicles, loaders and other assets	(2,160)	(411)	(121)	(94)	(64)
Total operating lease expenses	(2,160)	(411)	(121)	(94)	(64)

Agreements on the rent of milk collection premises do not prescribe any limitations in respect to termination of agreement. Therefore, the Company does not have any long-term obligations as to these agreements.

17. Employee benefits

Employee benefits comprise liabilities to employees leaving the Company on normal retirement date, and the present value of these obligations is estimated by the Company at the end of each reporting year. The provision amount equals discounted future payments, considering employee rotation and relate to the period ended at the last day of the reporting year.

	<u>Net defined benefit liability</u>
	<u>2013</u>
Balance at 1 January	
Retirement benefits	1,482
Jubilee bonus provision	255
Total non current employee benefits	1,737
Included in profit or loss	1,737
Included in other comprehensive income	-
	1,737

Main assumptions used for the benefit obligation calculation were: discount rate 4,582%; annual salary increase of 3,4 %, 5% and 6% for years 2014-2016 accordingly, and for later periods 5% annual increase planned.

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17. Employee benefits (continued)

	Assumed variations as at 31-12-2013	Influence on retirement benefits	Influence on jubilee provision
Demographic assumptions (+)			
Staff turnover rates, disability and early retirement	0,5 p.p.	(36)	(6)
Financial assumptions (+)			
Discount rate	0,5 p.p.	(31)	(5)
Level of future remuneration	1 p.p.	66	9
Demographic assumptions (-)			
Staff turnover rates, disability and early retirement	- 0,5 p.p.	38	6
Financial assumptions (-)			
Discount rate	- 0,5 p.p.	32	5
Level of future remuneration	- 1 p.p.	(59)	(9)

18. Deferred tax assets and liabilities

The deferred tax assets and liabilities calculated applying the 15% tax are attributed to the following items:

thousand Lit	Assets		Liabilities		Net value	
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	2,156	2,128	2,156	2,128
Accrued costs	(452)	(266)	-	-	(452)	(266)
Tax (asset) / liability	(452)	(266)	2,156	2,128	1,704	1,862

Movements in temporary differences during the year can be presented as follows:

thousand Lit	01-01-2013	Recognized in profit or loss	Recognized in equity	31-12-2013
	Property, plant and equipment	2,128	28	-
Accrued costs	(266)	(186)	-	(452)
Tax (asset) / liability	1,862	(158)	-	1,704

Notes to the financial statements

18. Deferred tax assets and liabilities (continued)

thousand Litas

	01-01-2012	Recognized in profit or loss	Recognized in equity	31-12-2012
Property, plant and equipment	1,717	61	350	2,128
Accrued costs	(239)	(27)		(266)
Tax (asset) / liability	1,478	34	350	1,862

Difference between the tax basis and the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment in the financial statements has occurred mainly due to revaluation of buildings.

19. Trade and other payable amounts

thousand Litas

	2013	2012
Financial instruments		
Payable to suppliers	53,735	48,273
Other payable amounts	1,002	1,672
	<u>54,737</u>	<u>49,945</u>
Non financial instruments		
Received advance payments	11,816	-
Vacation accrual	5,386	5,677
Taxes and social security contributions payable	2,461	2,414
Salaries payable	2,100	2,133
	<u>21,763</u>	<u>10,224</u>
	<u>76,500</u>	<u>60,169</u>

As at 31 December 2013, the Company received advance payments from clients for production. The fixed annual interest of 3.3% is paid for received advance payments.

20. Derivatives

In order to hedge the risk of cash flow with variable interest rate in 2011 the Company has entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a bank, by which it partly hedges from significant interest rate fluctuations. Notional amount for interest rate swap reduces in proportion to main credit facility. The maturity date of the contract is 26 July 2016. The fair value of the interest rate swap amounts to 768 thousand Litas as at 31 December 2013 (2012: 1,530 thousand Litas). Change in fair value during 2013 amounting to 762 thousand Litas (2012: 1,383 thousand Litas) is recognized in the profit and loss under finance expenses.

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21. Financial instruments

Credit, interest rate and foreign exchange risks arise in the course of the Company's activities carried out on normal business conditions.

Credit risk

The Company has established a credit policy and credit risk is being monitored on a continuous basis. The Company as at reporting date had two clients whose receivables accounted for 44% of the total trade receivables balance. Usual payment terms of trade receivables are 1 to 30 days. For one-off sales the Company requires a prepayment.

Allowance for receivables is determined based on estimated non-recoverable amounts. Allowance is determined individually for each client considering payments received after reporting period end and until date of financial statements preparation.

The carrying amount of financial assets shows the maximum credit risk, which was as follows at the date of the statement of financial position:

thousand Litas	Carrying amount	
	2013	2012
Long-term receivable amounts	998	-
Short-term receivable amounts	41,581	75,137
Cash and cash equivalents	2,355	4,528
	44,934	79,665

The maximum credit risk related to amounts receivable at the reporting date could be distributed per geographic zones in the following way:

thousand Litas	Carrying amount	
	2013	2012
Lithuania	29,867	30,964
European Union countries	8,778	9,761
Russia	676	32,562
Other countries	2,260	1,850
	41,581	75,137

Notes to the financial statements

21. Financial instruments (continued)

Impairment losses

The ageing of receivables at the reporting date could be specified as follows:

thousand Lit	Gross amount 2013	Gross amount 2012
Not past due	36,658	58,325
Past due 0–30 days	3,914	15,466
Past due 30–60 days	925	876
Past due 61–90 days	2	421
Past due more than 90 days	82	49
	41,581	75,137

Based on the Company's evaluation, no impairment allowance is necessary in respect of receivables past due up to 90 days. The Company has no impairment recognized for amounts receivable as at 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2012.

Foreign currency exchange risk

The Company is exposed to foreign currency exchange risk, related to sales, purchases and borrowings denominated in other currencies than Lit or EUR (Lit has been pegged to the EUR at a fixed exchange rate of 3.4528 LTL / EUR and would only be expected to change as a result of government macroeconomic policy). The Company has no material sales and purchases in other currencies than Lit and EUR, therefore currency exchange risk is not significant. The Company does not use any financial instruments for hedging currency exchange risk.

As at 31 December 2013 there are no significant financial assets and liabilities denominated in other currencies than Lit and EUR.

Liquidity risk

The following are the contractual maturities of borrowings, including the estimated interest payments:

31 December 2013

thousand Lit	Carrying amount	Contra- tual cash flows	6 months or less	6–12 months	2–5 years	More than 5 years
Financial liabilities						
Loans and other financial liabilities	146,176	152,847	27,854	8,610	116,383	-
Derivatives	768	819	182	182	455	-
Trade and other payables	54,737	54,737	54,737	-	-	-
	201,681	208,403	82,773	8,792	116,838	-

Notes to the financial statements

21. Financial instruments (continued)

Liquidity risk (continued)

31 December 2012

thousand Litas	Carrying amount	Contra- tual cash flows	6 months or less	6–12 months	2–5 years	More than 5 years
Financial liabilities						
Loans and other financial liabilities	121,518	126,197	22,353	39,367	64,477	-
Derivatives	1,530	1,498	383	323	792	-
Trade and other payables	49,945	49,945	49,945	-	-	-
	<u>172,993</u>	<u>177,640</u>	<u>72,681</u>	<u>39,690</u>	<u>65,269</u>	<u>-</u>

The effective interest rates applied for discounting the estimated cash flows were as follows:

	2013	2012
Loans and other financial liabilities	1.96%–2.2%	2%–3.3%

The Company's policy is to have sufficient liquidity to meet current operating settlements including repayment of financial liabilities.

Interest rate risk

The Company is subject to interest rate cash flow risk because interest-bearing loans are subject to variable interest, related to LIBOR, EURIBOR, and VILIBOR.

Interest rates applied on the Company's financial instruments on the reporting date were as follows:

thousand Litas	Carrying amount	
	2013	2012
Financial instruments bearing fixed interest rate		
None	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
thousand Litas	Carrying amount	
	2013	2012
Financial instruments bearing varying interest rate		
AB SEB, AB DNB banks	7,883	-
AB SEB Bankas	-	16
Factoring	11,167	11,133
AB SEB, AB DNB banks	92,253	86,545
AB SEB, AB DNB banks	34,873	23,824
	<u>146,176</u>	<u>121,518</u>

The interest rate is calculated as VILIBOR, EURIBOR or LIBOR for a certain period plus margin determined by creditor.

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21. Financial instruments (continued)

Interest rate risk (continued)

Cash flow sensitivity analysis for variable interest rate instruments

A change of 100 basis points in interest rates on the reporting date would have increased (decreased) profit or loss by amounts stated below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular foreign currency exchange rates, remain constant. An analysis for 2012 is made on the same basis.

Effect in thousand Lit	Profit or loss for the year	
	Increase by 100 bp	Decrease by 100 bp
As at 31 December 2013		
Financial instruments on which variable interest rate was applied	(1,462)	1,462
As at 31 December 2012		
Financial instruments on which variable interest rate was applied	(1,215)	1,215

In order to hedge the risk of cash flow with variable interest rate in 2011 the Company has entered into an interest rate swap agreement with a bank, by which it partly hedges from significant interest rate fluctuations (refer to Note 20).

Fair value of financial instruments

The fair value is defined as an amount at which the instrument can be exchanged at a current transaction by willing parties, except for forced or liquidation transactions.

As at 31 December 2012 and as at 31 December 2013, the Company's financial instruments at fair value consisted of interest rate swap with a bank. The market price was calculated based on a closing price of 31 December 2013. The accounted value does not reflect price supply and demand difference and does not evaluate particular clients or their creditworthiness. According to the fair value hierarchy, the instrument is classified under Level 1 fair value.

The Company's principal financial assets and liabilities not carried at fair value are loans and trade receivables, loans from financial institutions and trade payables accounted for at amortised cost.

For the purpose of valuation of financial assets and liabilities the following methods and assumptions are used:

Trade and other receivable and payable amounts. The management of the Company is of the opinion that the carrying values of trade and other receivables, trade and other payables as well as borrowings approximate their fair value, because trade and other receivables, trade and other payables are short term while borrowings are from third party lenders and subject to variable interest rates.

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22. Purchase commitments

As at 31 December 2013 and as at 31 December 2012 the Company did not have any material purchase commitments.

23. Related parties

Transactions with related parties can be presented as follows:

thousand Litas	2013			2012		
	Sales	Purchases	Receivable loans	Sales	Purchases	Receivable loans
VŠĮ SSK (1)	2,000			2,273	-	-
UAB Žaibo Ratas Vilnius (2)		371		-	421	-
Management (3)		245	860	-	278	300
	2,000	616	860	2,273	699	300

- (1) AB Pieno Žvaigždės is the sole participant of the basketball club VŠĮ SSK to which the Company's support is provided. During the year 2013 the Company granted 2,000 thousand Litas of support (2012: 2,273 thousand Litas).
- (2) UAB Žaibo Ratas Vilnius is a related company through a member of the Board of AB Pieno Žvaigždės. UAB Žaibo Ratas Vilnius rents cars for the Company.
- (3) The Company purchases consulting services from the Board member. Besides that, as at 31 December 2013 there is a loan amounting to 860 thousand Litas granted to member of management.
- (4) During 2013 the Company received 600 thousand Litas (2012: 200 thousand Litas) repayment of loans from related parties which in prior periods were written-off through equity. Proceeds are recognized as income directly in equity.

Amounts payable to the related parties as at 31 December 2013 are as follows: UAB Žaibo Ratas Vilnius – 5 thousand Litas (2012: 0.4 thousand Litas).

Sales and purchases to/from the related parties were carried out on normal market conditions.

Remuneration of key management personnel is included under the sales and administrative expenses category "Staff costs" (Note 3):

thousand Litas	2013	2012
Remuneration costs of management	1,680	1,835
Remuneration to management, net of tax	976	1,065
Payments to Board members	500	540

Remuneration costs of key management personnel comprise calculated salaries and social insurance contributions payable by the Company.

The management consists of: General Director, Deputy General Director, Business Development Director, and General Director of Kauno Pienas branch (starting from 2012) and Finance Director. All the mentioned persons are Board members.

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24. Subsequent events

In year 2014 the Company agreement with AB DnB bank has been changed, by increasing the limit of loan (overdraft) was received for working capital needs from 10,000 thousand Litass to 12,500 thousand Litass.

No subsequent events have occurred after the end of the financial year which could have material influence on the financial statements as at 31 December 2013.

25. Contingent liabilities

There are no significant contingent liabilities related to the Company.

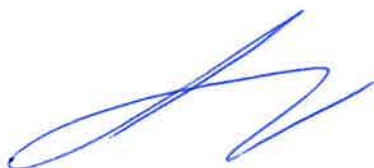
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Confirmation of the Management

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Financial statements and the Annual Report for the year 2013

We, Aleksandr Smagin, General director and Audrius Statulevičius, Finance director, hereby confirm that, to the best of our knowledge, Financial Statements for the year 2013 prepared in accordance with IFRS, give true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position, profit or loss and cash flow of AB Pieno Žvaigždės. Annual report for the year 2013 includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business, together with description of major risks and contingencies incurred by the Issuer.

General Director



Aleksandr Smagin

Finance Director



Audrius Statulevičius

AB PIENO ŽVAIGŽDĖS

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2013

1. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER

1.1 Accounting Period for which the present Report has been Prepared.

The present Report has been prepared for the financial year 2013.

1.2. Key Data on the Issuer

Name	AB Pieno Žvaigždės
Legal and organisational status	Stock Company
Registration date	The Company was registered on 23 December 1998
Company code	1246 65536
VAT payer's code	LT 246655314
Authorised capital	49,634,419 LTL, comprising 49,634,419 ordinary shares at par value of 1 LTL each.
Address	Perkūnkiemio St. 3, LT-12127 Vilnius, the Republic of Lithuania
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Internet website	www.pienozvaigzdes.lt

1.3. Type of the Issuer's main activities

The Company's main activity is production of dairy products.

1.4. Agreements with intermediaries of public trading in securities

The company has signed an agreement with the financial brokerage company AB Finasta (VPK license No.: A 087, address: Maironio St.11, Vilnius, telephone (8-5) 278 68 33 fax (8-5) 278 68 38) concerning management of securities accounting.

1.5. Securities admitted to the trading lists of the stock exchanges

1.5.1. Ordinary shares of AB Pieno Žvaigždės were admitted to the official trading list of NASDAQ OMX Vilnius Stock Exchange.

Type of shares – ordinary registered shares;

Number of shares – 49,634,419;

Total nominal value – 49,634,419 LTL;

VP ISIN code – LT0000111676.

1.5.2. As at 31 December 2013, AB Pieno Žvaigždės has no own shares.

2. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 25 OF THE LAW ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF ENTITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

2.1. The objective review of the Company's state, activity performance and development; the description of the main risk types and uncertainties encountered by the enterprise

AB Pieno Žvaigždės was established on 23 December 1998 after merger of independent milk processing companies operating in Lithuania: AB Mažeikių Pieninė and AB Pasvalio Sūrinė. Later, AB Kauno Pienas and in 2004 AB Panevėžio Pienas were also merged into AB Pieno Žvaigždės. The current structure of the Company enables to specialise production in separate branches and reach the highest efficiency as well as even distribution of raw milk collection capacities in the country.

AB Pieno Žvaigždės is the largest milk processing company in Lithuania, which currently produces more than 500 different products. The Company operates not only in the local market but also exports production to Russia, countries of the European Union, CIS and Baltics. Different types of ferment cheese, whey flour and fresh milk products produced by AB Pieno Žvaigždės are the main products produced for export which are well known for their impeccable quality. The products are awarded with quality certificates.

The main activity of the Issuer is processing of milk. The mentioned business is risky due to eventual changes in product and raw materials markets, competition as well as eventual legal, political, technological and social changes, which are directly or indirectly related to the Issuer's business and may have a negative influence on the Issuer's cash flows and operating results.

The main raw material used by the Issuer is milk, the sales quota for processing of which to the EU milk processing companies is limited by national milk quota. Limitations put on supply of raw milk may result in lack of raw milk and an increase in prices for raw milk. These changes may have a negative influence on the cash flows and operating results of the Issuer.

The Issuer's business (especially collection and transportation of milk) is a labour consuming activity. The lack of human resources and an increase in salary costs may negatively affect the operating results of the Issuer.

AB Pieno Žvaigždės has integrated the quality and environment management system as to the requirements of ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 14001:2004. As of March 2012 the Company is implementing the food safety management system as to ISO 22000:2005, which will be integrated into the existing management system. In December 2013, the affiliate Pasvalio Sūrinė received the certificate confirming the implementation of food safety management system complying with requirement of FSSC 22000. Other three affiliates of AB Pieno Žvaigždės plan finalising implementation of the food management system and receiving certificate according to the requirements of FSSC 22000 already in 2014.

Assurance of the quality of dairy products, especially of their safety, i.e. harmlessness to consumers, is one of the major tasks of the Company. The functioning food safety system allows to monitor risk factors and important control points that are related to milk production processes, transportation, consumption and improves the quality control. The Company has prepared, implemented and operate the programs which provide for conditions, measures and behaviour rules to prevent biological, chemical, allergic and physical contamination and ensure high quality and safety of the dairy products.

During the years 1998–2002 the State Food and Veterinarian Office assigned the affiliates of AB Pieno Žvaigždės with certificates for export to EU, which allow exporting dairy products bearing identification marks to the EU countries. Furthermore, all the branches of the Company are approved for export to Russia and Belarus.

A primary certification of the quality management system in the Company's affiliates was performed in 2002. The granted certificates proved that the establishment, documentation and maintenance of the quality management system complied with the ISO 9001 standard. The certification audit in the affiliates and issuance of the certificates was performed by an international certification firm TUV CERT. During 2005–2006, the environment management system complying with the requirements of ISO 14001 standards was integrated into the quality management system, and in February 2007 AB Pieno Žvaigždės received the certificate confirming the integrated quality and environment management system complying with the requirements of ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 standards operates in the Company. Every year, the certifying firm performs supervision audits of the Company, and every 3 years the recertification takes place. AB Pieno Žvaigždės aims to continuous improvement and better efficiency of its operations and processes, thus, for the purpose of more efficient use of external audit results for company improvement, in 2013, AB Pieno Žvaigždės changed the certification firm. As of 2013, external audit of management systems is performed by certifying firm DNV.

The Company's affiliates Kauno Pienas and Panevezio Pienas are certified for production of ecological products (ecological yogurts, ecological sour cream, ecological curd and cottage cheese). After each annual review, a public company Ekoagros issues a new certificate on the Company's compliance with the requirements. Production of ecological dairy products requires adhering to strict requirements set not only for production processes but also for their compound parts. The certified ecological products are marked with the following additional information: certification mark of ecological products, code of the certifying firm, and reference to the growth place of agricultural goods used for production.

Certain products of the Company are assigned with specific quality certificates HALAL (whey powder and cream) and KOSHER (whey powder).

The Company's management has undertaken to produce safe and high-quality dairy products that satisfy the clients' needs and expectations, with low impact on environment to the maximum extent, all being defined in the Company's policy on the safety and quality of food and environment protection.

2.2. Analysis of financial and non-financial activity results, information related to environment and personnel issues

Key figures, million LTL	31 12 2013	31 12 2012
Turnover	759,4	769,1
Gross profit	125,5	146,1
Profit before tax, interest and depreciation (EBITDA)	42,5	70,1
Profit (loss) before tax	11,6	34,2
Investment in property, plant and equipment	39,9	45,8
Average number of employees	2 023	1 988
Raw milk purchased (natural milk), thousands tons	356,8	365,0
Milk purchased as to basic ratios, thousands tons	431,6	441,6

Main quality management and environmental principles:

- The quality management system is oriented towards a customer, thus a lot of attention is devoted to fulfilling customers' needs and expectations;
- Principles of cleaner production must be adhered to; the aspects that significantly influence the environment must be identified and managed, and proper preparation for emergency situation must be insured.
- Management of the Company sets united aims and goals. Heads of the Company create environment where all employees take part in order to achieve aims.
- Employees of all levels are involved in Company's work.
- All activities of the Company, as well as the recourses related to them are managed as a process.
- Interconnected processes are defined, understood and managed as a system, and this increases Company's capacity and efficiency.
- Company's target is constant improvement. Improvement activities are integrated with Company's strategy and every worker seeks improvement of a product, process and systems.
- High-scoring solutions are based on data and information analysis.
- A lot of attention is devoted to connections with suppliers.

Enjoyment of the ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certificates proves that the structure, duties and responsibilities are strictly defined in the Company, processes and procedures set out, major documents controlled and constantly renewed, checked and that management activities are carried out regularly, while the non-conforming ones are identified, analysed and corrected, even more, the prevention of environmental is ensured.

The Company's top management annually reviews and confirms food safety, quality and environmental policies

2.3. References and additional explanatory notes regarding the data presented in the annual financial statements

Information presented in the financial statements and notes to the financial statements are sufficient, detailed and requires no additional explanation.

2.4. The number of the shares acquired by the entity and the entity's own shares as well as nominal value thereof and a part of the authorised capital made up by these shares

At the end of 2013 the Company has no own shares.

2.5. The number of the own shares acquired and transferred during the reporting period, where they are acquired or transferred against payment

Through the year 2013 the Company did not purchase or sell any own shares.

2.6. Information about payment for own shares, where they are acquired or transferred against payment

Through the year 2013 the Company did not purchase or sell any own shares.

2.7. Reasons for acquiring the entity's own shares during the reporting period

Through the year 2013 the Company did not purchase or sell any own shares.

2.8. Information about branches and representative offices

AB Pieno Žvaigždės comprises four production branches:

- ✓ Branch Kauno Pienas, Taikos pr. 90, LT-51181 Kaunas;
- ✓ Branch Mažeikių Pieninė, Skuodo St. 4, LT-89100 Mažeikiai;
- ✓ Branch Pasvalio Sūrinė, Mūšos St. 14, LT-39104 Pasvalys;
- ✓ Branch Panevėžio Pienas, Tinklų St. 9, LT-35115 Panevėžys.

2.9. Significant events occurred after the end of the financial year

No significant events have occurred after the end of the financial year.

2.10. Plans of the Company's activity and forecasts

During the preparation of the annual report the Company does not have approved business plans for 2014.

2.11. Information about research and development activity

The Company continuously makes investments and searches for new ways how to ensure a constant and better efficiency growth of its activity.

2.12. The goals of financial risk management, hedging instruments used for expected transactions on which hedging accounting is applied, and the scope of price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flows risk

The Company did not use any financial instruments which are important for valuation of the Company's assets, liabilities, financial position and performance results.

3. OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER

3.1. Structure of the Issuer's authorized capital

The authorized capital registered with the Companies Register Centre amounts to 49,634,419 LTL. The authorized capital is divided into 49,634,419 ordinary shares (nominal value 1 LTL). All ordinary registered shares of AB Pieno Žvaigždės are fully paid in. Restrictions on the transfer of securities are not applied.

3.2. Restrictions applicable upon the transfer of securities

There are no restrictions applicable on the transfer of securities.

3.3. Shareholders

The most recent data about Company's shareholders dated 31 December 2013. The Company had 3,736 shareholders.

The shareholders holding more than 5 per cent of the Company's authorized capital are as follows:

Shareholder	Number of shares, units	Share of the capital %	Share of votes with related persons %
SEB SA Omnibus (funds/inst. clients)	6,959,219	14.20	14.02
UAB Agrolitas Imeks Lesma Laisvės pr 125, Vilnius, i.k. 2191855	6,431,431	12.96	12.96
ŽŪKB Smilgelė J. Tumo Vaižganto 8/27-3. Vilnius, i.k. 2490652	5,673,051	11.43	11.43
Swedfund International Sveavagen 24-26, Box 3286, SE-103 65 Stockholm, Sweden	4,700,000	9.47	9.47
Kvaraciejus Julius	7,085,907	14.28	14.28/31.82
Kvaraciejienė Regina	2,126,959	4.28	4.28/31.82
Klovas Voldemaras	2,842,567	5.73	5.73/31.82
Klovienė Danutė	878,328	2.20	1.77/31.82
Smagin Aleksandr	2,547,123	5.13	5.13/31.82
Gžegož Rogoža	46,150	0.09	0.09/31.82

3.4. Shareholders having special control rights, and description of such rights

There are no shareholders having special control rights in the Company.

3.5. All restrictions imposed upon the voting rights

There are no shareholders in the company, who have restrictions imposed upon the voting rights.

3.6. All the agreements concluded among the shareholders of which the issuer was aware and due to which the securities transfer and (or) voting rights may be restricted

The Issuer is not aware about any agreements concluded among the shareholders due to which the securities transfer and (or) voting rights may be restricted.

3.7. Employees

	31 12 2013	31 12 2012
Average number of employees	2,023	1,988
With university education	418	412
With college education	535	530
With secondary education	914	896
With not completed secondary education	156	150
	31 12 2013	31 12 2012
Average salary, Litas		
Management	6,450	7,627
Specialists	2,961	2,799
Workers	2,257	2,088

3.8. Change of the issuer's Articles of Association

Articles of Association of AB Pieno Žvaigždės can be changed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Lithuania.

3.9. Management bodies of the Issuer

The managing bodies of the company are as follows: General shareholders' meeting, the Management Board and the General Director. The Supervisory Board is not formed in the Company.

The Management Board is a collegial management body comprised of 7 (seven) members. The Board members are elected for the 4 years period. The Board elects the Chairman.

The competence of and procedure of announcement of the General shareholders' meeting and all other issues related to the activities of the General shareholders' meeting and their decisions, as well the competence, election, recall and other issues related to the Board and the General Director are regulated by the Companies Law of the Republic of Lithuania.

3.10. Members of the collegial bodies, the management of the Company, chief financial officer

The Management Board

Name, surname	Official duties	Number shares, units	Share of the capital %	From	Until
Paul Bergqvist	Chairman	-	-	27 04 2012	27 04 2016
Hans Mideus	Member	-	-	28 08 2012	27 04 2016
Julius Kvaraciejus	Member	7,085,907	14.28	27 04 2012	27 04 2016
Voldemaras Klovas	Member	2,842,567	5.73	27 04 2012	27 04 2016
Aleksandr Smagin	Member	2,547,123	5.13	27 04 2012	27 04 2016
Audrius Statulevičius	Member	-	-	27 04 2012	27 04 2016
Gžegož Rogoža	Member	46,150	0.09	27 04 2012	27 04 2016

Administration

Name, surname	Official duties	Number shares, units	Share of the capital %
Aleksandr Smagin	CEO	2,547,123	5.13
Audrius Statulevičius	CFO	-	-

The remuneration amount to key management disclosed in the Notes to the financial statements.

3.11. All material agreements to which the issuer is a party and which would come into effect, be amended or terminated in case of change in the issuer's control, also their impact except the cases where the disclosure of the nature of the agreements would cause significant damage to the issuer

There are no such agreements.

3.12. All agreements of the issuer and the members of its management bodies, or the employee agreements providing for a compensation in case of the resignation or in case they are dismissed without a due reason or their employment is terminated in view of the change of the control of the issuer

The Issuer has not entered into agreements with the members of its collegial management bodies and employees prescribing payment of allowances in case of resignation or dismissal without grounded reason or termination of work due to change in control over the Issuer.

3.13. Information on the major related parties' transactions

(The issuers of equity securities shall additionally present the information on the major related parties' transactions while specifying the amounts of the transactions, the nature of the relations between the parties concerned and other information about the transactions indispensable for the understanding of the financial status of the company where the transactions were material or were concluded under unusual market conditions. The information on individual transactions may be generalised by type of the transactions, except the cases where additional information must be disclosed for the purpose of understanding the impact of the related parties' transactions upon the financial status of the company. The term 'related party' shall have the same meaning as used in the accounting standards used by the issuer).

More information on the major related parties' transactions is presented in the Notes to the financial statements.

4. INFORMATION ON THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

Information on the compliance with the corporate governance code are presented in the addendum No.1 to the Annual Report.

5. DATA ON THE PUBLICLY DISCLOSED INFORMATION

All the publicly disclosed information is available on the Company's website www.pienozvaigzdes.lt

31-12-2013. Removal of import restrictions imposed on AB Pieno Žvaigždės by the Russian Federation

Russian Federal service on customers' rights protection and human well-being surveillance Rospotrebnadzor announced on 2013 December 31 the decision to remove the restrictions on dairy company Pieno Žvaigždės production import to Russian Federation.

Pieno Žvaigždės will start the export to Russian Federation as soon as possible.

29-11-2013. Unaudited financial results for the first nine months of 2013 of AB Pieno Žvaigždės

Based on preliminary unaudited results, the Company's sales over first nine months of 2013 accounted to LTL 608.4 million (EUR 176.2 million) or 7.3% higher compared to a year ago. Sales resulted over nine months of 2012 were LTL 567.0 million (EUR 164.2 million). Sales increased in both domestic and export markets. Export volumes increased by 10% and domestic sales increased by 4%.

Over the nine months of the year the Company's EBITDA accounted to LTL 40.6 million (EUR 11.8 million) and decreased by 19.8% to compare with EBITDA of LTL 50.7 million (EUR 14.7 million) a year ago.

The Company earned a net profit of LTL 15.5 million (EUR 4.5 million) or 21.6% less to compare with a net profit of LTL 19.7 million (EUR 5.7 million) over same period in 2012.

29-11-2013. Updated financial forecast of AB Pieno Žvaigždės for the whole year 2013

Based on expected worse results for the fourth quarter Company's management reduces initially forecasted results for 2013:

- Expected sales close to LTL 750 million (close to 217 million EUR);
- Expected EBITDA profitability around 6%;
- Expected net margin around 2%.

30-08-2013. Unaudited financial results of AB Pieno Žvaigždės for the first six months of 2013

Based on preliminary unaudited results, Company's sales over first six months in 2013 accounted to LTL 399.1 million (EUR 115.6 million), 10.6% higher compared to a year ago. Sales resulted for six months in 2012 were LTL 360.9 million (EUR 104.5 million). Sales increased in both domestic and export markets. Export volumes increased by 15% and domestic sales increased by 5%.

Over the six months of the year, the Company's EBITDA accounted to LTL 26.2 million (EUR 7.6 million) and increased by 4.2% compared with EBITDA of LTL 25.1 million (EUR 7.3 million) a year ago.

Company earned a net profit of LTL 9.9 million (EUR 2.9 million) compared with a net profit of LTL 6.6 million (EUR 1.9 million) over same period in 2012.

31-05-2013. Unaudited financial results of AB Pieno Žvaigždės for the first three months of 2013

Based on preliminary unaudited results, the Company's sales over three months in 2013 accounted to LTL 186.4 million (EUR 54.0 million), 18% higher compared to a year ago. Sales results for three months in 2012 were LTL 157.9 million (EUR 45.7 million). Sales increased in both domestic and export markets. Export sales volumes increased by 29% and domestic sales increased by 7%.

Over the three months of the year Company's EBITDA accounted to LTL 15.4 million (EUR 4.5 million) and increased by 11.9% compare with EBITDA of LTL 13.8 million (EUR 4.0 million) a year ago.

The Company earned a net profit of LTL 6.9 million (EUR 2.0 million) or 60% more compared to a net profit of LTL 4.3 million (EUR 1.2 million) over same period in 2012.

30-04-2013. Resolutions of General Shareholders' Meeting of AB Pieno Žvaigždės

The Meeting of Shareholders of AB Pieno Žvaigždės took place on 30 April 2013 at corporate headquarters at Perkunkiemio St. 3, Vilnius, Lithuania, company code 124665536, VAT code LT 246655314, data kept and stored at Legal Registrar.

Annual shareholders meeting resolutions:

No	Agenda	Resolution
1.	Annual Report.	Listened.
2.	Audit report on the company's financial accounts and the Annual Report	Listened.
3.	Approval of audited financial statements 2012.	Approve Company's audited financial statements for the year 2012.
4.	Company's profit distribution	Approve profit distribution (attached).
5.	Election of Audit company and determination of payment for audit services	Elect UAB KPMG Baltics as an auditor for the next two years (2013–2014) and set LTL 85,000 (VAT exclusive) remuneration for each financial year. Company's CEO is authorized to sign audit agreement.
6.	Election of the Audit Committee members	Elected members to the Audit Committee for the next year: Jūratė Zarankienė (independent member, chairman of the committee); Danutė Kairevičienė (member of the committee)
7.	Shares buyback	Buy back the shares of AB Pieno Žvaigždės through the submarket of official proposal at NASDAQ OMX AB Vilnius, in accordance to the rules governing this market, without approving the circular at Lithuanian Bank Supervisory Board. a) The purpose of share buyback is to stabilize the Company's share price, increase liquidity of shares and avoid a losses due to decreased share price; b) The maximum number of shares to be purchased is the nominal value of shares to be purchased altogether with already purchased shares shall not exceed 1/10 of nominal capital;

		<p>c) the period during which the joint stock company may acquire its own shares is 18 months;</p> <p>d) the minimum price of the shares to be purchased is 30% lower than last week's weighted arithmetic average of Company's share price at NASDAQ OMX Stock Exchange Vilnius Central Market. The maximum price for the shares to be purchased is 30% higher than last week's weighted arithmetic average of Company's share price at NASDAQ OMX Stock Exchange Vilnius Central Market.</p> <p>e) The order of selling own shares and the minimum selling price: the minimum selling price is not less than 2/3 of the share purchasing price.</p> <p>In order to ensure equal opportunities for all shareholders to acquire shares that were bought back, shares will be sold at Stock Exchange Central Market or at auction, informing all shareholders about such auction timing and the order through public announcement.</p> <p>According to the decision of this General Shareholders' Meeting and Article No. 54 of Joint Stock Companies Law of Republic of Lithuania, the Company's CEO is authorized to take all decisions, related to share buyback timing, determining price as well as decisions on acquired shares selling time, price and order as well as to solve any other issues, which are not covered by this authorization.</p>
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PROFIT DISTRIBUTION

(Approved by General shareholders' meeting on 30 April 2013)

Items	Amount (in Litas)	Amount (in EUR)
Profit (loss) brought forward from the end of previous year	8.993.770	2.604.776
Financial year profit (loss), net	29.066.229	8.418.162
Transfers from reserves	13.040.000	3.776.645
Distributable profit	51.099.999	14.799.583
Profit distribution:		
– dividends *	27.298.930	7.906.317
– management board bonus	700.000	202.734
– own shares buy back reserve	10.000.000	2.896.200
– support, charity, premiums	2.500.000	724.050
Profit (loss) to be carried forward at the end of the financial year	10.601.069	3.070.282

* 0.55 LTL (0.16 EUR) per share.

15 May 2013 is the account day for the shareholders' rights, i.e. persons who are shareholders by the end of this day will have the right to profit sharing (dividend).

6. OTHER INFORMATION

There is no other information that should be disclosed in the annual financial statement under the legal acts governing the activities of companies or other legal acts or the Articles of Association of the Company.

Addendum 1

**Disclosure by AB Pieno Žvaigždės of compliance with the Governance Code
for the companies listed on NASDAQ OMX Vilnius**

Hereby AB Pieno Žvaigždės disclose its compliance with the Governance Code and its provisions by the NASDAQ OMX following Article 21 paragraph 3 of the Law on Securities of the Republic of Lithuania and item 24.5 of the Listing Regulations of NASDAQ OMX AB.

PRINCIPLES/ RECOMMENDATIONS	YES/NO /NOT APPLIC ABLE	COMMENTARY
<p>Principle I: Basic Provisions</p> <p>The overriding objective of a company should be to operate in common interests of all the shareholders by optimizing over time shareholder value.</p>		
1.1. A company should adopt and make public the company's development strategy and objectives by clearly declaring how the company intends to meet the interests of its shareholders and optimize shareholder value.	Yes	The Company presents forecasts announcing significant events through the centralized information system, however due to competition in the market, the Company cannot publicly disclose certain strategies in advance.
1.2. All management bodies of a company should act in furtherance of the declared strategic objectives in view of the need to optimize shareholder value.	Yes	
1.3. A company's supervisory and management bodies should act in close co-operation in order to attain maximum benefit for the company and its shareholders.	Yes	
1.4. A company's supervisory and management bodies should ensure that the rights and interests of persons other than the company's shareholders (e.g. employees, creditors, suppliers, clients, local community), participating in or connected with the company's operation, are duly respected.	Yes	
<p>Principle II: The corporate governance framework</p> <p>The corporate governance framework should ensure the strategic guidance of the company, the effective oversight of the company's management bodies, an appropriate balance and distribution of functions between the company's bodies, protection of the shareholders' interests.</p>		
2.1. Besides obligatory bodies provided for in the Law on Companies of the Republic of Lithuania – a general shareholders' meeting and the chief executive officer, it is recommended that a company should set up both a collegial supervisory body and a collegial management body. The setting up of collegial bodies for supervision and management facilitates clear separation of management and supervisory functions in the company, accountability and control on the part of the chief executive officer, which, in its turn, facilitate a more efficient and transparent management process.	No	There is no Council in the Company. Control over the Board is performed by General Shareholders Meeting, to which the Board reports.
2.2. A collegial management body is responsible for the strategic management of the company and performs other key functions of corporate governance. A collegial supervisory body is responsible for the effective supervision of the company's management bodies.	Yes	The Board is the collegial management body.

2.3. Where a company chooses to form only one collegial body, it is recommended that it should be a supervisory body, i.e. the supervisory board. In such a case, the supervisory board is responsible for the effective monitoring of the functions performed by the company's chief executive officer.	N/A	The Company has executive body – the Board.
2.4. The collegial supervisory body to be elected by the general shareholders' meeting should be set up and should act in the manner defined in Principles III and IV. Where a company should decide not to set up a collegial supervisory body but rather a collegial management body, i.e. the board, Principles III and IV should apply to the board as long as that does not contradict the essence and purpose of this body ¹ .	Yes	As collegial supervisory body is not formed at the Company the Principle III and IV statements, are applied to the Board as long as it does not contradict to the essence and purpose of such body.
2.5. Company's management and supervisory bodies should comprise such number of board (executive directors) and supervisory (non-executive directors) board members that no individual or small group of individuals can dominate decision-making on the part of these bodies ² .	Yes	The Board consists of 7 members who represent interests of shareholders. This number of members is sufficient and ensures that no individual or small group of individuals dominates decision-making of the Board
2.6. Non-executive directors or members of the supervisory board should be appointed for specified terms subject to individual re-election, at maximum intervals provided for in the Lithuanian legislation with a view to ensuring necessary development of professional experience and sufficiently frequent reconfirmation of their status. A possibility to remove them should also be stipulated however this procedure should not be easier than the removal procedure for an executive director or a member of the management board.	Yes	The Board members are elected for maximum 4 year term as per legislation. There are no limitations for re-election.
2.7. Chairman of the collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting may be a person whose current or past office constitutes no obstacle to conduct independent and impartial supervision. Where a company should decide not to set up a supervisory board but rather the board, it is recommended that the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of the company should be a different person. Former company's chief executive officer should not be immediately nominated as the chairman of the collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting. When a company chooses to departure from these recommendations, it should furnish information on the measures it has taken to ensure impartiality of the supervision.	Yes	The Company's general manager is not the chairman of the Board. No obstacles for independent and objective supervision exist.

¹ Provisions of Principles III and IV are more applicable to those instances when the general shareholders' meeting elects the supervisory board, i.e. a body that is essentially formed to ensure oversight of the company's board and the chief executive officer and to represent the company's shareholders. However, in case the company does not form the supervisory board but rather the board, most of the recommendations set out in Principles III and IV become important and applicable to the board as well. Furthermore, it should be noted that certain recommendations, which are in their essence and nature applicable exclusively to the supervisory board (e.g. formation of the committees), should not be applied to the board, as the competence and functions of these bodies according to the Law on Companies of the Republic of Lithuania (*Official Gazette*, 2003, No 123-5574) are different. For instance, item 3.1 of the Code concerning oversight of the management bodies applies to the extent it concerns the oversight of the chief executive officer of the company, but not of the board itself; item 4.1 of the Code concerning recommendations to the management bodies applies to the extent it relates to the provision of recommendations to the company's chief executive officer; item 4.4 of the Code concerning independence of the collegial body elected by the general meeting from the company's management bodies is applied to the extent it concerns independence from the chief executive officer.

² Definitions 'executive director' and 'non-executive director' are used in cases when a company has only one collegial body.

Principle III: The order of the formation of a collegial body to be elected by a general shareholders' meeting

The order of the formation a collegial body to be elected by a general shareholders' meeting shall ensure representation of minority shareholders, accountability of this body to the shareholders and objective monitoring of the company's operation and its management bodies³.

<p>3.1. The mechanism of the formation of a collegial body to be elected by a general shareholders' meeting (hereinafter in this Principle referred to as the 'collegial body') shall ensure objective and fair monitoring of the company's management bodies as well as representation of minority shareholders.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The Company discloses information of candidates to the Company's collegial body. The shareholders structure does not contain any dominating shareholders. All active shareholder groups have their representatives in the Board.</p>
<p>3.2. Names and surnames of the candidates to become members of a collegial body, information about their education, qualification, professional background, positions taken and potential conflicts of interest shall be disclosed early enough before the general shareholders' meeting so that the shareholders would have sufficient time to make an informed voting decision. All factors affecting the candidate's independence, the sample list of which is set out in Recommendation 3.7, shall be also disclosed. The collegial body shall also be informed on any subsequent changes in the provided information. The collegial body shall, on yearly basis, collect data provided in this item on its members and disclose this in the company's annual report.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Information about members of collegial body is presented in the annual report of the company. Before election of members of the collegial body, information about them is presented together with the meeting's documentation as per legislation.</p>
<p>3.3. Shall a person be nominated for members of a collegial body, such nomination shall be followed by the disclosure of information on candidate's particular competences relevant to his/her service on the collegial body. In order shareholders and investors are able to ascertain whether member's competence is further relevant, the collegial body shall, in its annual report, disclose the information on its composition and particular competences of individual members which are relevant to their service on the collegial body.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Information about members of collegial body is presented in the annual report of the company. Before election of members of the collegial body, information about them is presented together with the meeting's documentation as per legislation.</p>
<p>3.4. In order to maintain a proper balance in terms of the current qualifications possessed by its members, the desired composition of the collegial body shall be determined with regard to the company's structure and activities, and have this periodically evaluated. The collegial body should ensure that it is composed of members who, as a whole, have the required diversity of knowledge, judgment and experience to complete their tasks properly. The members of the audit committee, collectively, should have a recent knowledge and relevant experience in the fields of finance, accounting and/or audit for the stock exchange listed companies. At least one of the members of the remuneration committee should have knowledge of and experience in the field of remuneration policy.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Members of the collegial body have extensive experience in the enterprise management, have versatile knowledge and skills for proper execution of duties.</p>

³ Attention should be drawn to the fact that in the situation where the collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting is the board, it is natural that being a management body it should ensure oversight not of all management bodies of the company, but only of the single-person body of management, i.e. the company's chief executive officer. This note shall apply in respect of item 3.1 as well.

<p>3.5. All new members of the collegial body shall be offered a tailored program focused on introducing a member with his/her duties, corporate organization and activities. The collegial body shall conduct an annual review to identify fields where its members need to update their skills and knowledge.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Members of the collegial body have extensive experience in the enterprise management. Shall new candidates be elected, they would be acquainted with the situation in the Company and specifics of management.</p>
<p>3.6. In order to ensure that all material conflicts of interest related with a member of the collegial body are resolved properly, the collegial body shall comprise a sufficient⁴ number of independent⁵ members.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>2 of 7 of the Board members are independent</p>
<p>3.7. A member of the collegial body shall be considered to be independent only if he is free of any business, family or other relationship with the company, its controlling shareholder or the management of either, that creates a conflict of interest such as to impair his judgment. Since all cases when member of the collegial body is likely to become dependant are impossible to list, moreover, relationships and circumstances associated with the determination of independence may vary amongst companies and the best practices of solving this problem are yet to evolve in the course of time, assessment of independence of a member of the collegial body shall be based on the contents of the relationship and circumstances rather than their form. The key criteria for identifying whether a member of the collegial body can be considered to be independent are the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) He/she is not an executive director or member of the board (if a collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting is the supervisory board) of the company or any associated company and has not been such during the last five years; 2) He/she is not an employee of the company or some any company and has not been such during the last three years, except for cases when a member of the collegial body does not belong to the senior management and was elected to the collegial body as a representative of the employees; 3) He/she is not receiving or has been not receiving significant additional remuneration from the company or associated company other than remuneration for the office in the collegial body. Such additional remuneration includes participation in share options or some other performance based pay systems; it does not include compensation payments for the previous office in the company (provided that such payment is no way related with later position) as per pension plans (inclusive of deferred compensations); 4) He/she is not a controlling shareholder or representative of such shareholder (control as defined in the Council Directive 83/349/EEC Article 1 Part 1); 	<p>Yes</p>	

⁴ The Code does not provide for a concrete number of independent members to comprise a collegial body. Many codes in foreign countries fix a concrete number of independent members (e.g. at least 1/3 or 1/2 of the members of the collegial body) to comprise the collegial body. However, having regard to the novelty of the institution of independent members in Lithuania and potential problems in finding and electing a concrete number of independent members, the Code provides for a more flexible wording and allows the companies themselves to decide what number of independent members is sufficient. Of course, a larger number of independent members in a collegial body is encouraged and will constitute an example of more suitable corporate governance.

⁵ It is notable that in some companies all members of the collegial body may, due to a very small number of minority shareholders, be elected by the votes of the majority shareholder or a few major shareholders. But even a member of the collegial body elected by the majority shareholders may be considered independent if he/she meets the independence criteria set out in the Code.

<p>5) He/she does not have and did not have any material business relations with the company or associated company within the past year directly or as a partner, shareholder, director or superior employee of the subject having such relationship. A subject is considered to have business relations when it is a major supplier or service provider (inclusive of financial, legal, counseling and consulting services), major client or organization receiving significant payments from the company or its group;</p> <p>6) He/she is not and has not been, during the last three years, partner or employee of the current or former external audit company of the company or associated company;</p> <p>7) He/she is not an executive director or member of the board in some other company where executive director of the company or member of the board (if a collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting is the supervisory board) is non-executive director or member of the supervisory board, he/she may not also have any other material relationships with executive directors of the company that arise from their participation in activities of other companies or bodies;</p> <p>8) He/she has not been in the position of a member of the collegial body for over than 12 years;</p> <p>9) He/she is not a close relative to an executive director or member of the board (if a collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting is the supervisory board) or to any person listed in above items 1 to 8. Close relative is considered to be a spouse (common-law spouse), children and parents.</p>		
<p>3.8. The determination of what constitutes independence is fundamentally an issue for the collegial body itself to determine. The collegial body may decide that, despite a particular member meets all the criteria of independence laid down in this Code, he cannot be considered independent due to special personal or company-related circumstances.</p>	Yes	
<p>3.9. Necessary information on conclusions the collegial body has come to in its determination of whether a particular member of the body shall be considered to be independent shall be disclosed. When a person is nominated to become a member of the collegial body, the company shall disclose whether it considers the person to be independent. When a particular member of the collegial body does not meet one or more criteria of independence set out in this Code, the company shall disclose its reasons for nevertheless considering the member to be independent. In addition, the company shall annually disclose which members of the collegial body it considers to be independent.</p>	Yes	<p><i>Based on the independency criteria, set in paragraph 3.7., independent members of the Board are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul Bergqvist – Chairman of the board; - Hans Mideus – Board member;
<p>3.10. When one or more criteria of independence set out in this Code has not been met throughout the year, the company shall disclose its reasons for considering a particular member of the collegial body to be independent. To ensure accuracy of the information disclosed in relation with the independence of the members of the collegial body, the company shall require independent members to have their independence periodically re-confirmed.</p>	Yes	<p><i>The criteria are met throughout the year</i></p>

3.11. In order to remunerate members of a collegial body for their work and participation in the meetings of the collegial body, they may be remunerated from the company's funds ⁶ . The general shareholders' meeting shall approve the amount of such remuneration.	Yes	
<p>Principle IV: The duties and liabilities of a collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting</p> <p>The corporate governance framework shall ensure proper and effective functioning of the collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting, and the powers granted to the collegial body shall ensure effective monitoring⁷ of the company's management bodies and protection of interests of all the company's shareholders.</p>		
4.1. The collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting (hereinafter in this Principle referred to as the 'collegial body') shall ensure integrity and transparency of the company's financial statements and the control system. The collegial body shall issue recommendations to the company's management bodies and monitor and control the company's management performance ⁸ .	Yes	<i>Management submits reports to the collegial body at least once per quarter and gets recommendations. The Board approves the annual report prepared by the management.</i>
4.2. Members of the collegial body shall act in good faith, with care and responsibility for the benefit and in the interests of the company and its shareholders with due regard to the interests of employees and public welfare. Independent members of the collegial body shall (a) under all circumstances maintain independence of their analysis, decision-making and actions (b) do not seek and accept any unjustified privileges that might compromise their independence, and (c) clearly express their objections shall a member consider that decision of the collegial body is against the interests of the company. Shall a collegial body have passed decisions independent member has serious doubts about, the member shall make adequate conclusions. Shall an independent member resign from his office, he shall explain the reasons in a letter addressed to the collegial body or audit committee and, if necessary, respective company-not-pertaining body (institution).	Yes	<i>The Board members perform on their good will on behalf of the company follow the company's interests trying to maintain independency in decision making.</i>
4.3. Each member shall devote sufficient time and attention to perform his duties as a member of the collegial body. Each member of the collegial body shall limit other professional obligations of his (in particular any directorships held in other companies) in such a manner they do not interfere with proper performance of duties of a member of the collegial body. In the event a member of the collegial body shall be present in less than a half ⁹ of the meetings of the collegial body throughout the financial year of the company, shareholders of the company shall be notified.	Yes	<i>Members of the collegial body properly fulfill their duties: take active part in sittings and allot sufficient time for execution of duties. All sittings of the collegial body had quorum.</i>

⁶ It is notable that currently it is not yet completely clear, in what form members of the supervisory board or the board may be remunerated for their work in these bodies. The Law on Companies of the Republic of Lithuania (*Official Gazette*, 2003, No 123-5574) provides that members of the supervisory board or the board may be remunerated for their work in the supervisory board or the board by payment of annual bonuses (tantiems) in the manner prescribed by Article 59 of this Law, i.e. from the company's profit. The current wording, contrary to the wording effective before 1 January 2004, eliminates the exclusive requirement that annual bonuses (tantiems) should be the *only* form of the company's compensation to members of the supervisory board or the board. So it seems that the Law contains no prohibition to remunerate members of the supervisory board or the board for their work in other forms, besides bonuses, although this possibility is not expressly stated either.

⁷ See Footnote 3.

⁸ See Footnote 3. In the event the collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting is the board, it should provide recommendations to the company's single-person body of management, i.e. the company's chief executive officer.

⁹ It is notable that companies can make this requirement more stringent and provide that shareholders should be informed about failure to participate at the meetings of the collegial body if, for instance, a member of the collegial body participated at less than 2/3 or 3/4 of the meetings. Such measures, which ensure active participation in the meetings of the collegial body, are encouraged and will constitute an example of more suitable corporate governance.

<p>4.4. Where decisions of a collegial body may have a different effect on the company's shareholders, the collegial body shall treat all shareholders impartially and fairly. It shall ensure that shareholders are properly informed on the company's affairs, strategies, risk management and resolution of conflicts of interest. The company shall have a clearly established role of members of the collegial body when communicating with and committing to shareholders.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>4.5. It is recommended that transactions (except insignificant ones due to their low value or concluded when carrying out routine operations in the company under usual conditions), concluded between the company and its shareholders, members of the supervisory or managing bodies or other natural or legal persons that exert or may exert influence on the company's management shall be subject to approval of the collegial body. The decision concerning approval of such transactions shall be deemed adopted only provided the majority of the independent members of the collegial body voted for such a decision.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>4.6. The collegial body should be independent in passing decisions that are significant for the company's operations and strategy. Taken separately, the collegial body should be independent of the company's management bodies¹⁰. Members of the collegial body should act and pass decisions without an outside influence from the persons who have elected it. Companies should ensure that the collegial body and its committees are provided with sufficient administrative and financial resources to discharge their duties, including the right to obtain, in particular from employees of the company, all the necessary information or to seek independent legal, accounting or any other advice on issues pertaining to the competence of the collegial body and its committees. When using the services of a consultant with a view to obtaining information on market standards for remuneration systems, the remuneration committee should ensure that the consultant concerned does not at the same time advise the human resources department, executive directors or collegial management organs of the company concerned.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	

¹⁰ In the event the collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting is the board, the recommendation concerning its independence from the company's management bodies applies to the extent it relates to the independence from the company's chief executive officer.

<p>4.7. Activities of the collegial body shall be organized in a manner that independent members of the collegial body could have major influence in relevant areas where chances of occurrence of conflicts of interest are very high. Such areas to be considered as highly relevant are issues of nomination of company's directors, determination of directors' remuneration and control and assessment of company's audit. Therefore when the mentioned issues are attributable to the competence of the collegial body, it is recommended that the collegial body shall establish nomination, remuneration, and audit committees¹¹. Companies shall ensure that the functions attributable to the nomination, remuneration, and audit committees are carried out. However they may decide to merge these functions and set up less than three committees. In such case a company shall explain in detail reasons behind the selection of alternative approach and how the selected approach complies with the objectives set forth for the three different committees. Shall the collegial body of the company comprise small number of members, the functions assigned to the three committees may be performed by the collegial body itself, provided that it meets composition requirements advocated for the committees and that adequate information is provided in this respect. In such case provisions of this Code relating to the committees of the collegial body (in particular with respect to their role, operation, and transparency) shall apply, where relevant, to the collegial body as a whole.</p>	No	Only Audit committee established
<p>4.8. The key objective of the committees is to increase efficiency of the activities of the collegial body by ensuring that decisions are based on due consideration, and to help organize its work with a view to ensuring that the decisions it takes are free of material conflicts of interest. Committees should exercise independent judgement and integrity when exercising its functions as well as present the collegial body with recommendations concerning the decisions of the collegial body. Nevertheless the final decision shall be adopted by the collegial body. The recommendation on creation of committees is not intended, in principle, to constrict the competence of the collegial body or to remove the matters considered from the purview of the collegial body itself, which remains fully responsible for the decisions taken in its field of competence.</p>	Yes	
<p>4.9. Committees established by the collegial body should normally be composed of at least three members. In companies with small number of members of the collegial body, they could exceptionally be composed of two members. Majority of the members of each committee should be constituted from independent members of the collegial body. In cases when the company chooses not to set up a supervisory board, remuneration and audit committees should be entirely comprised of non-executive directors.</p> <p>Chairmanship and membership of the committees should be decided with due regard to the need to ensure that committee membership is refreshed and that undue reliance is not placed on particular individuals.</p>	Yes	
<p>4.10. Authority of each of the committees shall be determined by the collegial body. Committees shall perform their duties in line with authority delegated to them and inform the collegial body on their activities and performance on regular basis. Authority of every committee stipulating the role and rights and duties of the committee shall be made public at least once a year (as part of the information disclosed by the company annually on its corporate governance structures and practices). Companies shall also make public annually a statement by existing committees on their composition, number of meetings and attendance over the year, and their main activities. Audit committee shall confirm that it is satisfied with the independence of the audit process and describe briefly the actions it has taken to reach this conclusion.</p>	Yes	Annual statement of the audit committee is presented to the Board and shareholders meeting.

¹¹ The Law of the Republic of Lithuania on Audit (*Official Gazette*, 2008, No 82-53233) determines that an Audit Committee shall be formed in each public interest entity (including, but not limited to public companies whose securities are traded in the regulated market of the Republic of Lithuania and/or any other member state).

<p>4.11. In order to ensure independence and impartiality of the committees, members of the collegial body that are not members of the committee shall commonly have a right to participate in the meetings of the committee only if invited by the committee. A committee may invite or demand participation in the meeting of particular officers or experts. Chairman of each of the committees shall have a possibility to maintain direct communication with the shareholders. Events when such are to be performed shall be specified in the regulations for committee activities.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>4.12. Nomination Committee.</p> <p>4.12.1. Key functions of the nomination committee shall be the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identify and recommend, for the approval of the collegial body, candidates to fill board vacancies. The nomination committee shall evaluate the balance of skills, knowledge and experience on the management body, prepare a description of the roles and capabilities required to assume a particular office, and assess the time commitment expected. Nomination committee can also consider candidates to members of the collegial body delegated by the shareholders of the company; 2) Assess on regular basis the structure, size, composition and performance of the supervisory and management bodies, and make recommendations to the collegial body regarding the means of achieving necessary changes; 3) Assess on regular basis the skills, knowledge and experience of individual directors and report on this to the collegial body; 4) Properly consider issues related to succession planning; 5) Review the policy of the management bodies for selection and appointment of senior management. <p>4.12.2. Nomination committee shall consider proposals by other parties, including management and shareholders. When dealing with issues related to executive directors or members of the board (if a collegial body elected by the general shareholders' meeting is the supervisory board) and senior management, chief executive officer of the company shall be consulted by, and entitled to submit proposals to the nomination committee.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
<p>4.13. Remuneration Committee.</p> <p>4.13.1. Key functions of the remuneration committee should be the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Make proposals, for the approval of the collegial body, on the remuneration policy for members of management bodies and executive directors. Such policy should address all forms of compensation, including the fixed remuneration, performance-based remuneration schemes, pension arrangements, and termination payments. Proposals considering performance-based remuneration schemes should be accompanied with recommendations on the related objectives and evaluation criteria, with a view to properly aligning the pay of executive director and members of the management bodies with the long-term interests of the shareholders and the objectives set by the collegial body; 2) Make proposals to the collegial body on the individual remuneration for executive directors and member of management bodies in order their remunerations are consistent with company's remuneration policy and the evaluation of the performance of these persons concerned. In doing so, the committee should be properly informed on the total compensation obtained by executive directors and members of the management bodies from the affiliated companies;; 3) Ensure that remuneration of individual executive directors or members of management body is proportionate to the remuneration of other executive directors or members of management body and other staff members of the company. 	<p>N/A</p>	

<p>4) Periodically review the remuneration policy for executive directors or members of management body, including the policy regarding share-based remuneration, and its implementation.</p> <p>5) Make proposals to the collegial body on suitable forms of contracts for executive directors and members of the management bodies;</p> <p>6) Assist the collegial body in overseeing how the company complies with applicable provisions regarding the remuneration-related information disclosure (in particular the remuneration policy applied and individual remuneration of directors);</p> <p>7) Make general recommendations to the executive directors and members of the management bodies on the level and structure of remuneration for senior management (as defined by the collegial body) with regard to the respective information provided by the executive directors and members of the management bodies.</p> <p>4.13.2. With respect to stock options and other share-based incentives which may be granted to directors or other employees, the committee should:</p> <p>1) Consider general policy regarding the granting of the above mentioned schemes, in particular stock options, and make any related proposals to the collegial body;</p> <p>2) Examine the related information that is given in the company's annual report and documents intended for the use during the shareholders meeting;</p> <p>3) Make proposals to the collegial body regarding the choice between granting options to subscribe shares or granting options to purchase shares, specifying the reasons for its choice as well as the consequences that this choice has.</p> <p>4.13.3. Upon resolution of the issues attributable to the competence of the remuneration committee, the committee should at least address the chairman of the collegial body and/or chief executive officer of the company for their opinion on the remuneration of other executive directors or members of the management bodies.</p> <p>4.13.4. The remuneration committee should report on the exercise of its functions to the shareholders and be present at the annual general meeting for this purpose</p>		
<p>4.14. Audit Committee.</p> <p>4.14.1. Key functions of the audit committee shall be the following:</p> <p>1) Observe the integrity of the financial information provided by the company, in particular by reviewing the relevance and consistency of the accounting methods used by the company and its group (including the criteria for the consolidation of the accounts of companies in the group);</p> <p>2) At least once a year review the systems of internal control and risk management to ensure that the key risks (inclusive of the risks in relation with compliance with existing laws and regulations) are properly identified, managed and reflected in the information provided;</p> <p>3) Ensure the efficiency of the internal audit function, among other things, by making recommendations on the selection, appointment, reappointment and removal of the head of the internal audit department and on the budget of the department, and by monitoring the responsiveness of the management to its findings and recommendations. Shall there be no internal audit authority in the company, the need for one shall be reviewed at least annually;</p> <p>4) Make recommendations to the collegial body related with selection, appointment, reappointment and removal of the external auditor (to be done by the general shareholders' meeting) and with the terms and conditions of his engagement. The committee shall investigate situations that lead to a resignation of the audit company or auditor and make recommendations on required actions in such situations;</p>	Yes	Audit committee established and approved by the shareholders' meeting.

5) Monitor independence and impartiality of the external auditor, in particular by reviewing the audit company's compliance with applicable guidance relating to the rotation of audit partners, the level of fees paid by the company, and similar issues. In order to prevent occurrence of material conflicts of interest, the committee, based on the auditor's disclosed inter alia data on all remunerations paid by the company to the auditor and network, shall at all times monitor nature and extent of the non-audit services. Having regard to the principals and guidelines established in the 16 May 2002 Commission Recommendation 2002/590/EC, the committee shall determine and apply a formal policy establishing types of non-audit services that are (a) excluded, (b) permissible only after review by the committee, and (c) permissible without referral to the committee;

6) Review efficiency of the external audit process and responsiveness of management to recommendations made in the external auditor's management letter.

4.14.2. All members of the committee shall be furnished with complete information on particulars of accounting, financial and other operations of the company. Company's management shall inform the audit committee of the methods used to account for significant and unusual transactions where the accounting treatment may be open to different approaches. In such case a special consideration shall be given to company's operations in offshore centers and/or activities carried out through special purpose vehicles (organizations) and justification of such operations.

4.14.3. The audit committee shall decide whether participation of the chairman of the collegial body, chief executive officer of the company, chief financial officer (or superior employees in charge of finances, treasury and accounting), or internal and external auditors in the meetings of the committee is required (if required, when). The committee shall be entitled, when needed, to meet with any relevant person without executive directors and members of the management bodies present.

4.14.4. Internal and external auditors shall be secured with not only effective working relationship with management, but also with free access to the collegial body. For this purpose the audit committee shall act as the principal contact person for the internal and external auditors.

4.14.5. The audit committee shall be informed of the internal auditor's work program, and shall be furnished with internal audit's reports or periodic summaries. The audit committee shall also be informed of the work program of the external auditor and shall be furnished with report disclosing all relationships between the independent auditor and the company and its group. The committee shall be timely furnished information on all issues arising from the audit.

4.14.6. The audit committee shall examine whether the company is following applicable provisions regarding the possibility for employees to report alleged significant irregularities in the company, by way of complaints or through anonymous submissions (normally to an independent member of the collegial body), and shall ensure that there is a procedure established for proportionate and independent investigation of these issues and for appropriate follow-up action.

4.14.7. The audit committee shall report on its activities to the collegial body at least once in every six months, at the time the yearly and half-yearly statements are approved.

<p>4.15. Every year the collegial body shall conduct the assessment of its activities. The assessment shall include evaluation of collegial body's structure, work organization and ability to act as a group, evaluation of each of the collegial body member's and committee's competence and work efficiency and assessment whether the collegial body has achieved its objectives. The collegial body shall, at least once a year, make public (as part of the information the company annually discloses on its management structures and practices) respective information on its internal organization and working procedures, and specify what material changes were made as a result of the assessment of the collegial body of its own activities.</p>	No	
<p>Principle V: The working procedure of the company's collegial bodies</p> <p>The working procedure of supervisory and management bodies established in the company shall ensure efficient operation of these bodies and decision-making and encourage active co-operation between the company's bodies.</p>		
<p>5.1. The company's supervisory and management bodies (hereinafter in this Principle the concept 'collegial bodies' covers both the collegial bodies of supervision and the collegial bodies of management) shall be chaired by chairpersons of these bodies. The chairperson of a collegial body is responsible for proper convocation of the collegial body meetings. The chairperson shall ensure that information about the meeting being convened and its agenda are communicated to all members of the body. The chairperson of a collegial body shall ensure appropriate conducting of the meetings of the collegial body. The chairperson shall ensure order and working atmosphere during the meeting.</p>	Yes	This regulation in the Company is realised by the Board.
<p>5.2. It is recommended that meetings of the company's collegial bodies shall be carried out according to the schedule approved in advance at certain intervals of time. Each company is free to decide how often to convene meetings of the collegial bodies, but it is recommended that these meetings shall be convened at such intervals, which would guarantee an interrupted resolution of the essential corporate governance issues. Meetings of the company's supervisory board shall be convened at least once in a quarter, and the company's board shall meet at least once a month¹².</p>	Yes	The Board sittings are convened at least once per quarter.
<p>5.3. Members of a collegial body shall be notified of the meeting being convened in advance in order to allow sufficient time for proper preparation for the issues on the agenda of the meeting and to ensure fruitful discussion and adoption of appropriate decisions. Alongside with the notice of the meeting, all the documents relevant to the issues on the agenda of the meeting shall be submitted to the members of the collegial body. The agenda of the meeting shall not be changed or supplemented during the meeting, unless all members of the collegial body are present or certain issues of great importance to the company require immediate resolution.</p>	Yes	
<p>5.4. In order to co-ordinate operation of the company's collegial bodies and ensure effective decision-making process, chairpersons of the company's collegial bodies of supervision and management shall closely co-operate by co-coordinating dates of the meetings, their agendas and resolving other issues of corporate governance. Members of the company's board shall be free to attend meetings of the company's supervisory board, especially where issues concerning removal of the board members, their liability or remuneration are discussed.</p>	Yes	The Board is doing the work that collegial body should do.

¹² The frequency of meetings of the collegial body provided for in the recommendation must be applied in those cases when both additional collegial bodies are formed at the company, the board and the supervisory board. In the event only one additional collegial body is formed in the company, the frequency of its meetings may be as established for the supervisory board, i.e. at least once in a quarter.

Principle VI: The equitable treatment of shareholders and shareholder rights

The corporate governance framework shall ensure the equitable treatment of all shareholders, including minority and foreign shareholders. The corporate governance framework shall protect the rights of the shareholders.

6.1. It is recommended that the company's capital shall consist only of the shares that grant the same rights to voting, ownership, dividend and other rights to all their holders.	Yes	Ordinary shares comprising the share capital provide equal rights to all shareholders of the Company.
6.2. It is recommended that investors shall have access to the information concerning the rights attached to the shares of the new issue or those issued earlier in advance, i.e. before they purchase shares.	Yes	
6.3. Transactions that are important to the company and its shareholders, such as transfer, investment, and pledge of the company's assets or any other type of encumbrance shall be subject to approval of the general shareholders' meeting ¹³ . All shareholders shall be furnished with equal opportunity to familiarize with and participate in the decision-making process when significant corporate issues, including approval of transactions referred to above, are discussed.	Yes	The major shareholders have representatives in the Board which is the decision-maker.
6.4. Procedures of convening and conducting a general shareholders' meeting should ensure equal opportunities for the shareholders to effectively participate at the meetings and should not prejudice the rights and interests of the shareholders. The venue, date, and time of the shareholders' meeting should not hinder wide attendance of the shareholders.	Yes	All shareholders are informed about the date, place and time of the general meeting. The shareholders can get information on the meeting's agenda beforehand.
6.5. If is possible, in order to ensure shareholders living abroad the right to access to the information, it is recommended that documents on the course of the general shareholders' meeting should be placed on the publicly accessible website of the company not only in Lithuanian language, but in English and /or other foreign languages in advance. It is recommended that the minutes of the general shareholders' meeting after signing them and/or adopted resolutions should be also placed on the publicly accessible website of the company. Seeking to ensure the right of foreigners to familiarize with the information, whenever feasible, documents referred to in this recommendation should be published in Lithuanian, English and/or other foreign languages. Documents referred to in this recommendation may be published on the publicly accessible website of the company to the extent that publishing of these documents is not detrimental to the company or the company's commercial secrets are not revealed.	Yes	
6.6. Shareholders shall be furnished with the opportunity to vote in the general shareholders' meeting in person and in absentia. Shareholders shall not be prevented from voting in writing in advance by completing the general voting ballot.	Yes	

¹³ The Law on Companies of the Republic of Lithuania (*Official Gazette*, 2003, No 123-5574) no longer assigns resolutions concerning the investment, transfer, lease, mortgage or acquisition of the long-terms assets accounting for more than 1/20 of the company's authorised capital to the competence of the general shareholders' meeting. However, transactions that are important and material for the company's activity should be considered and approved by the general shareholders' meeting. The Law on Companies contains no prohibition to this effect either. Yet, in order not to encumber the company's activity and escape an unreasonably frequent consideration of transactions at the meetings, companies are free to establish their own criteria of material transactions, which are subject to the approval of the meeting. While establishing these criteria of material transactions, companies may follow the criteria set out in items 3, 4, 5 and 6 of paragraph 4 of Article 34 of the Law on Companies or derogate from them in view of the specific nature of their operation and their attempt to ensure uninterrupted, efficient functioning of the company.

<p>6.7. With a view to increasing the shareholders' opportunities to participate effectively at shareholders' meetings, the companies are recommended to expand use of modern technologies by allowing the shareholders to participate and vote in general meetings via electronic means of communication. In such cases security of transmitted information and a possibility to identify the identity of the participating and voting person should be guaranteed. Moreover, companies could furnish its shareholders, especially shareholders living abroad, with the opportunity to watch shareholder meetings by means of modern technologies.</p>	No	
<p>Principle VII: The avoidance of conflicts of interest and their disclosure</p> <p>The corporate governance framework shall encourage members of the corporate bodies to avoid conflicts of interest and assure transparent and effective mechanism of disclosure of conflicts of interest regarding members of the corporate bodies.</p>		
<p>7.1. Any member of the company's supervisory and management body shall avoid a situation, in which his/her personal interests are in conflict or may be in conflict with the company's interests. In case such a situation did occur, a member of the company's supervisory and management body shall, within reasonable time, inform other members of the same collegial body or the company's body that has elected him/her, or to the company's shareholders about a situation of a conflict of interest, indicate the nature of the conflict and value, where possible.</p>	Yes	
<p>7.2. Any member of the company's supervisory and management body may not mix the company's assets, the use of which has not been mutually agreed upon, with his/her personal assets or use them or the information which he/she learns by virtue of his/her position as a member of a corporate body for his/her personal benefit or for the benefit of any third person without a prior agreement of the general shareholders' meeting or any other corporate body authorized by the meeting.</p>	Yes	
<p>7.3. Any member of the company's supervisory and management body may conclude a transaction with the company, a member of a corporate body of which he/she is. Such a transaction (except insignificant ones due to their low value or concluded when carrying out routine operations in the company under usual conditions) must be immediately reported in writing or orally, by recording this in the minutes of the meeting, to other members of the same corporate body or to the corporate body that has elected him/her or to the company's shareholders. Transactions specified in this recommendation are also subject to recommendation 4.5.</p>	Yes	
<p>7.4. Any member of the company's supervisory and management body shall abstain from voting when decisions concerning transactions or other issues of personal or business interest are voted on.</p>	Yes	
<p>Principle VIII: Company's remuneration policy</p> <p>Remuneration policy and procedure for approval, revision and disclosure of directors' remuneration established in the company shall prevent potential conflicts of interest and abuse in determining remuneration of directors, in addition it shall ensure publicity and transparency both of company's remuneration policy and remuneration of directors.</p>		
<p>8.1. A company should make a public statement of the company's remuneration policy (hereinafter the remuneration statement) which should be clear and easily understandable. This remuneration statement should be published as a part of the company's annual statement as well as posted on the company's website.</p>	N/A	

<p>8.2. Remuneration statement shall mainly focus on directors' remuneration policy for the following year and, if appropriate, the subsequent years. The statement shall contain a summary of the implementation of the remuneration policy in the previous financial year. Special attention shall be given to any significant changes in company's remuneration policy as compared to the previous financial year.</p>	N/A	
<p>8.3. Remuneration statement should leastwise include the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Explanation of the relative importance of the variable and non-variable components of directors' remuneration; 2) Sufficient information on performance criteria that entitles directors to share options, shares or variable components of remuneration; 3) An explanation how the choice of performance criteria contributes to the long-term interests of the company; 4) An explanation of the methods, applied in order to determine whether performance criteria have been fulfilled; 5) Sufficient information on deferment periods with regard to variable components of remuneration; 6) Sufficient information on the linkage between the remuneration and performance; 7) The main parameters and rationale for any annual bonus scheme and any other non-cash benefits; 8) Sufficient information on the policy regarding termination payments; 9) Sufficient information with regard to vesting periods for share-based remuneration, as referred to in point 8.13 of this Code; 10) Sufficient information on the policy regarding retention of shares after vesting, as referred to in point 8.15 of this Code; 11) Sufficient information on the composition of peer groups of companies the remuneration policy of which has been examined in relation to the establishment of the remuneration policy of the company concerned; 12) A description of the main characteristics of supplementary pension or early retirement schemes for directors; 13) Remuneration statement should not include commercially sensitive information. 	N/A	
<p>8.4. Remuneration statement shall also summarize and explain company's policy regarding the terms of the contracts executed with executive directors and members of the management bodies. It shall include, inter alia, information on the duration of contracts with executive directors and members of the management bodies, the applicable notice periods and details of provisions for termination payments linked to early termination under contracts for executive directors and members of the management bodies.</p>	N/A	

<p>8.5. Remuneration statement shall also contain detailed information on the entire amount of remuneration, inclusive of other benefits, that was paid to individual directors over the relevant financial year. This document shall list at least the information set out in items 8.5.1 to 8.5.4 for each person who has served as a director of the company at any time during the relevant financial year.</p> <p>8.5.1. The following remuneration and/or emoluments-related information shall be disclosed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The total amount of remuneration paid or due to the director for services performed during the relevant financial year, inclusive of, where relevant, attendance fees fixed by the annual general shareholders meeting; 2) The remuneration and advantages received from any undertaking belonging to the same group; 3) The remuneration paid in the form of profit sharing and/or bonus payments and the reasons why such bonus payments and/or profit sharing were granted; 4) If permissible by the law, any significant additional remuneration paid to directors for special services outside the scope of the usual functions of a director; 5) Compensation receivable or paid to each former executive director or member of the management body as a result of his resignation from the office during the previous financial year; 6) Total estimated value of non-cash benefits considered as remuneration, other than the items covered in the above points. <p>8.5.2. As regards shares and/or rights to acquire share options and/or all other share-incentive schemes, the following information shall be disclosed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The number of share options offered or shares granted by the company during the relevant financial year and their conditions of application; 2) The number of shares options exercised during the relevant financial year and, for each of them, the number of shares involved and the exercise price or the value of the interest in the share incentive scheme at the end of the financial year; 3) The number of share options unexercised at the end of the financial year; their exercise price, the exercise date and the main conditions for the exercise of the rights; 4) All changes in the terms and conditions of existing share options occurring during the financial year. <p>8.5.3. The following supplementary pension schemes-related information shall be disclosed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) When the pension scheme is a defined-benefit scheme, changes in the directors' accrued benefits under that scheme during the relevant financial year; 2) When the pension scheme is defined-contribution scheme, detailed information on contributions paid or payable by the company in respect of that director during the relevant financial year. <p>8.5.4. The statement shall also state amounts that the company or any subsidiary company or entity included in the consolidated annual financial statements of the company has paid to each person who has served as a director in the company at any time during the relevant financial year in the form of loans, advance payments or guarantees, including the amount outstanding and the interest rate.</p>	N/A	
<p>8.6. Where the remuneration policy includes variable components of remuneration, companies should set limits on the variable component(s). The non-variable component of remuneration should be sufficient to allow the company to withhold variable components of remuneration when performance criteria are not met.</p>	N/A	
<p>8.7. Award of variable components of remuneration should be subject to predetermined and measurable performance criteria.</p>	N/A	

8.8. Where a variable component of remuneration is awarded, a major part of the variable component should be deferred for a minimum period of time. The part of the variable component subject to deferment should be determined in relation to the relative weight of the variable component compared to the non-variable component of remuneration.	N/A	
8.9. Contractual arrangements with executive or managing directors should include provisions that permit the company to reclaim variable components of remuneration that were awarded on the basis of data which subsequently proved to be manifestly misstated.	N/A	
8.10. Termination payments should not exceed a fixed amount or fixed number of years of annual remuneration, which should, in general, not be higher than two years of the non-variable component of remuneration or the equivalent thereof.	No	
8.11. Termination payments should not be paid if the termination is due to inadequate performance	Yes	
8.12. The information on preparatory and decision-making processes, during which a policy of remuneration of directors is being established, should also be disclosed. Information should include data, if applicable, on authorities and composition of the remuneration committee, names and surnames of external consultants whose services have been used in determination of the remuneration policy as well as the role of shareholders' annual general meeting.	N/A	
8.13. Shares should not vest for at least three years after their award.	N/A	
8.14. Share options or any other right to acquire shares or to be remunerated on the basis of share price movements should not be exercisable for at least three years after their award. Vesting of shares and the right to exercise share options or any other right to acquire shares or to be remunerated on the basis of share price movements, should be subject to predetermined and measurable performance criteria	N/A	
8.15. After vesting, directors should retain a number of shares, until the end of their mandate, subject to the need to finance any costs related to acquisition of the shares. The number of shares to be retained should be fixed, for example, twice the value of total annual remuneration (the non-variable plus the variable components).	N/A	
8.16. Remuneration of non-executive or supervisory directors should not include share options.	N/A	
8.17. Shareholders, in particular institutional shareholders, should be encouraged to attend general meetings where appropriate and make considered use of their votes regarding directors' remuneration.	N/A	
8.18. Without prejudice to the role and organization of the relevant bodies responsible for setting directors' remunerations, the remuneration policy or any other significant change in remuneration policy shall be included into the agenda of the shareholders' annual general meeting. Remuneration statement shall be put for voting in shareholders' annual general meeting. The vote may be either mandatory or advisory.	N/A	

<p>8.19. Schemes anticipating remuneration of directors in shares, share options or any other right to purchase shares or be remunerated on the basis of share price movements shall be subject to the prior approval of shareholders' annual general meeting by way of a resolution prior to their adoption. The approval of scheme shall be related with the scheme itself and not to the grant of such share-based benefits under that scheme to individual directors. All significant changes in scheme provisions shall also be subject to shareholders' approval prior to their adoption; the approval decision shall be made in shareholders' annual general meeting. In such case shareholders shall be notified on all terms of suggested changes and get an explanation on the impact of the suggested changes.</p>	N/A	
<p>8.20. The following issues shall be subject to approval by the shareholders' annual general meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Grant of share-based schemes, including share options, to directors; 2) Determination of maximum number of shares and main conditions of share granting; 3) The term within which options can be exercised; 4) The conditions for any subsequent change in the exercise of the options, if permissible by law; 5) All other long-term incentive schemes for which directors are eligible and which are not available to other employees of the company under similar terms. Annual general meeting shall also set the deadline within which the body responsible for remuneration of directors may award compensations listed in this article to individual directors. 	N/A	
<p>8.21. Shall national law or company's Articles of Association allow, any discounted option arrangement under which any rights are granted to subscribe to shares at a price lower than the market value of the share prevailing on the day of the price determination, or the average of the market values over a number of days preceding the date when the exercise price is determined, shall also be subject to the shareholders' approval.</p>	N/A	
<p>8.22. Provisions of Articles 8.19 and 8.20 shall not be applicable to schemes allowing for participation under similar conditions to company's employees or employees of any subsidiary company whose employees are eligible to participate in the scheme and which has been approved in the shareholders' annual general meeting.</p>	N/A	
<p>8.23. Prior to the annual general meeting that is intended to consider decision stipulated in Article 8.19, the shareholders must be provided an opportunity to familiarize with draft resolution and project-related notice (the documents shall be posted on the company's website). The notice shall contain the full text of the share-based remuneration schemes or a description of their key terms, as well as full names of the participants in the schemes. Notice shall also specify the relationship of the schemes and the overall remuneration policy of the directors. Draft resolution must have a clear reference to the scheme itself or to the summary of its key terms. Shareholders must also be presented with information on how the company intends to provide for the shares required to meet its obligations under incentive schemes. It shall be clearly stated whether the company intends to buy shares in the market, hold the shares in reserve or issue new ones. There shall also be a summary on scheme-related expenses the company will suffer due to the anticipated application of the scheme. All information given in this article must be posted on the company's website.</p>	N/A	

<p>Principle IX: The role of stakeholders in corporate governance</p> <p>The corporate governance framework shall recognize the rights of stakeholders as established by law and encourage active co-operation between companies and stakeholders in creating the company value, jobs and financial sustainability. For the purposes of this Principle, the concept “stakeholders” includes investors, employees, creditors, suppliers, clients, local community and other persons having certain interest in the company concerned.</p>		
9.1. The corporate governance framework shall assure that the rights of stakeholders that are protected by law are respected.	Yes	
9.2. The corporate governance framework shall create conditions for the stakeholders to participate in corporate governance in the manner prescribed by law. Examples of mechanisms of stakeholder participation in corporate governance include: employee participation in adoption of certain key decisions for the company; consulting the employees on corporate governance and other important issues; employee participation in the company’s share capital; creditor involvement in governance in the context of the company’s insolvency, etc.		
9.3. Where stakeholders participate in the corporate governance process, they shall have access to relevant information.		
<p>Principle X: Information disclosure and transparency</p> <p>The corporate governance framework shall ensure that timely and accurate disclosure is made on all material information regarding the company, including the financial situation, performance and governance of the company.</p>		
<p>10.1. The company shall disclose information on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The financial and operating results of the company; 2) Company objectives; 3) Persons holding by the right of ownership or in control of a block of shares in the company; 4) Members of the company’s supervisory and management bodies, chief executive officer of the company and their remuneration; 5) Material foreseeable risk factors; 6) Transactions between the company and connected persons, as well as transactions concluded outside the course of the company’s regular operations; 7) Material issues regarding employees and other stakeholders; 8) Governance structures and strategy. <p>This list shall be deemed as a minimum recommendation, while the companies are encouraged not to limit themselves to disclosure of the information specified in this list.</p>	Yes	Information about the company pointed out in these recommendations is disclosed in the following sources: annual report, financial statements and notes to the financial statements, announcements on acquisition/disposal of shareholdings, announcements on significant events through the information system of the Stock Exchange.
10.2. It is recommended that consolidated results of the whole group to which the company belongs shall be disclosed when information specified in item 1 of Recommendation 10.1 is under disclosure.	Yes	
10.3. It is recommended that information on the professional background, qualifications of the members of supervisory and management bodies, chief executive officer of the company shall be disclosed as well as potential conflicts of interest that may have an effect on their decisions when information specified in item 4 of Recommendation 10.1 about the members of the company’s supervisory and management bodies is under disclosure. It is also recommended that information about the amount of remuneration received from the company and other income shall be disclosed with regard to members of the company’s supervisory and management bodies and chief executive officer as per Principle VIII.	Yes	

<p>10.4. It is recommended that information about the links between the company and its stakeholders, including employees, creditors, suppliers, local community, as well as the company's policy with regard to human resources, employee participation schemes in the company's share capital, etc. shall be disclosed when information specified in item 7 of Recommendation 10.1 is under disclosure.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>10.5. Information shall be disclosed in such a way that neither shareholders nor investors are discriminated with regard to the manner or scope of access to information. Information shall be disclosed to all simultaneously. It is recommended that notices about material events shall be announced before or after a trading session on the NASDAQ OMX Vilnius, so that all the company's shareholders and investors shall have equal access to the information and make informed investing decisions.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Information through the centralised information system is presented in the Lithuanian and English languages at the same time. Furthermore, the company aims to to announce the information before or after the trading session and provide it to all markets in which the company's shares are traded. Information which may influence the share price is not disclosed in any way until such information is publicly announced through the Stock Exchange information system.</p>
<p>10.6. Channels for disseminating information shall provide for fair, timely and cost-efficient access to relevant information by users. It is recommended that information technologies shall be employed for wider dissemination of information, for instance, by placing the information on the company's website. It is recommended that information shall be published and placed on the company's website not only in Lithuanian, but also in English, and, whenever possible and necessary, in other languages as well.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>10.7. It is recommended that the company's annual reports and other periodical accounts prepared by the company shall be placed on the company's website. It is recommended that the company shall announce information about material events and changes in the price of the company's shares on the Stock Exchange on the company's website too.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>Principle XI: The selection of the company's auditor</p> <p>The mechanism of the selection of the company's auditor shall ensure independence of the firm of auditor's conclusion and opinion.</p>		
<p>11.1. An annual audit of the company's financial reports and interim reports should be conducted by an independent firm of auditors in order to provide an external and objective opinion on the company's financial statements.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>11.2. It is recommended that the company's supervisory board and, where it is not set up, the company's board shall propose a candidate firm of auditors to the general shareholders' meeting.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The Company follows this regulation. The Board proposes an audit firm for election to the general shareholders meeting.</p>
<p>11.3. It is recommended that the company shall disclose to its shareholders the level of fees paid to the firm of auditors for non-audit services rendered to the company. This information shall be also known to the company's supervisory board and, where it is not formed, the company's board upon their consideration which firm of auditors to propose for the general shareholders' meeting.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	