



### NET4GAS, s.r.o. announces recent development in its relationship with the Major Shipper

**Prague, 6 April 2023:** In its release dated 4 January 2023, NET4GAS, s.r.o. (“**N4G**”) announced that it had not received the latest monthly payments due under its material contracts with a major Russian shipper (the “**Major Shipper**”).

Further to that announcement, N4G now notes that its negotiations with the Major Shipper about resolving the situation have not been successful so far. Consequently, N4G has decided to commence arbitration proceedings against the Major Shipper in order to protect its legal rights and seek the due payment of the amounts owed to it by the Major Shipper.

Aside from that, N4G continues to explore other options potentially available to it for addressing the negative consequences of the situation. Among these potential options is the modification of the Czech regulation principles applicable to gas transmission, which would take into account the unprecedented change in the transit flows through the Czech gas transmission system (and in the EU more generally) and the resulting change of key assumptions which formed the basis of the price regulation principles applicable in the current (5<sup>th</sup>) regulatory period. N4G is in discussions with the relevant stakeholders regarding such possible modification with the aim to support the financial resilience of N4G in its role as the owner and operator of critical infrastructure in the Czech Republic. There is no guarantee of the outcome of the discussions.

The relevant regulated prices and other relevant regulatory parameters applicable to gas transmission are generally set on an annual basis by a decision of the Czech Energy Regulatory Office usually in November each year. Therefore, one of the next important milestones for the above-mentioned process is expected to be November 2023; the price regulation applicable from 1 January 2024 and its impact on N4G may thus not be known before November 2023. More general regulatory principles applicable in the mid-term horizon are currently expected to be set in 2024 and 2025.

Alongside the above announcement, N4G further informs of the publication of the consolidated annual report and the related investor presentation for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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