# ANALYSIS OF THE FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF 12.31.2023



#### Abbreviations:

M\$ Million Chilean pesosTh\$ Thousand Chilean pesosLPG Liquefied petroleum gas

NG Natural gas



# ANALYSIS OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the period ended December 31, 2023

#### PRINCIPAL ACCUMULATED RESULTS

- Consolidated EBITDA as of December 2023 was M\$ 125,372, 13.6% higher than in the same period
  of 2022, largely due to higher gross margin and better results in Chile and Colombia.
- Chile accounts for 76% of the total EBITDA, Colombia for 13% and Peru for 11%, which means that 24% of the EBITDA is generated outside of Chile.
- Sales of bottled LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) in Chile contracted by 4.1%, in line with a winter with higher temperatures, however Lipigas only decreased by 2.3%. In the last quarter the market showed signs of recovery compared to the previous year, growing by 3.2%. In Chile, accumulated market share of Lipigas in the bottled business increased by +1.1% as of December 2023 compared to the same period of 2022, and in the fourth quarter of 2023 it increased by +0.4% compared to the same quarter of the previous year.
- In Chile, the electricity and natural gas businesses accounted for 1.6% and 3.1% of EBITDA, respectively, in line with the business diversification strategy that the company is developing.

#### 1. SUMMARY

Accumulated consolidated gas sales volume (liquefied plus natural) as of December reached 868,328 LPG equivalent tons, and it decreased by 13,929 ton (-1.6%) compared to December 2022 . Regarding accumulated LPG volume as of December 2023 it reached 740,595 tons, decreasing 2.3% compared to the same period of the previous year, mainly due to a 2023 winter with higher average temperatures than the historical average, while natural gas sales totaled 164.8 million m3, increasing by 3.1% compared to the same period of 2022.

Revenues from ordinary activities totaled M\$ 739,487, decreasing by 13.5% compared to the same period of the previous year, mainly due to lower sales prices resulting from a decline in international gas purchase prices and to a lesser extent from lower sales volume associated with a winter with higher average temperatures compared to the previous year.

Accumulated consolidated EBITDA at December was M\$ 125,372, which is 13.6% higher than in the same period of 2022. The distribution of EBITDA was 76% Chile, 13% Colombia and 11% Peru.

As of December 31, 2023, Operating Income of Empresas Lipigas S.A. reached M\$ 75,548 an increase of 19.1% over the same period in 2022, mainly due to increased gross margin in Chile and Colombia, associated with higher unit margins and higher NG sales volume. Operating expenses increased by 6.4%, below the comparable average inflation rate as of December 2022 (equivalent to 7.6%). Depreciation and amortization increased in all three countries, mainly related to the IFRS 16 amortization of rights of use (leases associated with vehicles and sales locations).



Accumulated non-operating income was M\$ -20,604, a figure which is M\$ 13,791 more negative than the one recorded in the previous fiscal year. The main variations are related to higher expenses for guarantee liabilities (M\$ 8,611, from lower gains from restatement of prepayments (for the Oxiquim Terminal) and the realization of an impairment of assets of the subsidiary Marquesa SpA.

As of December 2023, income after taxes amounted to M\$ 38,075, which is M\$ 1,834 lower compared to December 2022, due to higher non-operating expenses.



# MATERIAL AND RELEVANT DISCLOSURES DURING THE QUARTER

#### **Material Disclosures**

- On August 30, 2023, the Board of Directors of Empresas Lipigas S.A. agreed to pay an interim dividend out of 2023 earnings of CLP 68 per share, and that was paid beginning September 27, 2023.
- On October 10, 2023, Logística y Desarrollos Digitales SpA, a subsidiary of Empresas Lipigas S.A. signed a commitment to subscribe 70% of the shares of Rocktruck SpA for a total of UF 340,090 to be paid in stages over the next five years. The corporate purpose of Rocktruck SpA is the transportation of cargo by road and in urban areas. This investment is part of the strategy of participating in businesses that allow taking advantage of Lipigas' strategic assets such as the relationship with end customers and first and last mile logistics.
- On November 29, 2023, the Board of Directors of Empresas Lipigas S.A. agreed to pay an interim dividend out of 2023 earnings of CLP 68 per share, and that was paid beginning December 28, 2023.



# 2. CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT BY FUNCTION

INCOME STATEMENT BY FUNCTION	FY2023 FY2022 4Q23 M\$ M\$ M\$	4Q22 M\$	Var FY (2023 - 2022)		Var 4Q (2023 - 2022)			
	МФ	МФ	rip	РФ	M\$	%	MM\$	%
Revenue	739,487	854,711	191,310	189,785	(115,224)	(13.5)%	1,526	0.8 %
Cost of sales	(498,948)	(635,706)	(127,691)	(140,687)	136,758	(21.5)%	12,996	(9.2)%
Gross Earnings	240,539	219,005	63,619	49,098	21,534	9.8 %	14,521	29.6 %
Other income by function	1,383	788	436	226	596	75.7 %	211	93.5 %
Other expenses by function	(46,189)	(40,965)	(13,938)	(10,627)	(5,224)	12.8 %	(3,311)	31.2 %
Distribution costs	(73,076)	(69,606)	(20,111)	(17,187)	(3,471)	5.0 %	(2,924)	17.0 %
Administrative expenses	(47,109)	(45,775)	(11,600)	(11,865)	(1,333)	2.9 %	265	(2.2)%
Operating income	75,548	63,446	18,406	9,645	12,101	19.1 %	8,761	90.8 %
Financial costs	(23,840)	(15,902)	(8,994)	(2,006)	(7,937)	49.9 %	(6,988)	348.3 %
Financialincome	5,775	2,906	2,544	1,994	2,869	98.7 %	550	27.6 %
Share in profits (losses) of associates and joint ventures accounted for using the equity method	(1,077)	(74)	(249)	(74)	(1,003)	1362.0 %	(175)	238.1 %
Exchange differentials	(107)	773	(199)	(1,268)	(880)	(113.8)%	1,069	(84.3)%
Profit (loss) on indexation units	1,544	4,212	2,557	1,506	(2,668)	(63.4)%	1,050	69.7 %
Other gains (losses)	(2,899)	1,271	(3,273)	867	(4,171)	(328.0)%	(4,140)	(477.3)%
Earnings (loss) before taxes	54,944	56,633	10,792	10,664	(1,689)	(3.0)%	128	1.2 %
Income tax expense	(16,869)	(16,725)	(3,653)	(3,773)	(144)	0.9 %	121	(3.2)%
Profit (loss)	38,075	39,908	7,139	6,891	(1,834)	(4.6)%	249	3.6 %
Profit (loss) attributable to the owners of the controller	37,996	39,217	7,658	6,783	(1,221)	(3.1)%	875	12.9 %
Profit (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	79	691	(518)	108	(612)	(88.6)%	(626)	(579.9)%
Profit (loss)	38,075	39,908	7,139	6,891	(1,834)	(4.6)%	249	3.6 %
Depreciation and amortization	49,824	46,894	12,956	12,379	2,931	6.2 %	577	4.7 %
EBITDA	125,372	110,340	31,363	22,024	15,032	13.6 %	9,339	42.4 %

Income after taxes for the fourth quarter 2023 reached M\$ 7,139 higher by +3.6% compared to the M\$ 6,891 recorded in the same quarter of the previous year.

Consolidated gross profit for the quarter reached M\$ 63,619, M\$14,521 (+29.6%) higher than in the same period of 2022, due to higher unit margins in the three countries and higher sales volumes of both LPG and NG. Gross profit in Chile increased due to higher unit margins, higher LPG sales volumes mainly in the bottled, industrial and commercial segments, higher NG sales volumes and an increase in the share of direct sales to final bottled clients. In Colombia, gross profit increased due to higher unit margins and higher NG sales volume, partially offset by lower LPG sales. In Peru, gross profit increased compared to the same quarter of the previous year due to higher unit margins and higher NG sales volumes, partially offset by lower LPG sales volume in the bulk segment due to weather-related effects of "El Niño."

Operating costs and expenses for the quarter increased by M\$ 5,971 (+15.0%). In Chile, they are associated with higher remuneration expenses due to the CPI (Consumer Price Index) adjustment, higher LPG freight expenses due to higher sales, increased marketing expenses and external services. In Colombia, expenses increase due to higher salary expenses resulting from an increase in the local salary level (associated with an increase in the country's minimum wage and inflation), cylinder inspection, and transportation expenses. In



Peru, expenses decreased mainly due to lower freight expenses due to lower volume and the 2.7% devaluation of the Peruvian sol against the Chilean peso.

In Chile, they are related to higher remuneration expenses due to the CPI (Consumer Price Index) adjustment and higher severance indemnities, higher LPG freight expenses, marketing, external services and uncollectible debt provisions. In Colombia, expenses increased due to higher remuneration expenses due to higher local salary levels (related to the increase in the country's minimum wage and inflation), higher personnel expenses, cylinder inspection, transportation expenses and the 15.9% appreciation of the Colombian peso against the Chilean peso. In Peru, expenses decreased mainly due to lower freight expenses.

EBITDA for the fourth quarter of 2023 reached M\$ 31,363, which is M\$ 9,339 (+42.4%) higher than the same period of the previous year due to better results in the three countries.

Operating income reached M\$ 18,406, M\$ 8,761 (+90.8%) higher than the M\$ 9,645 recorded in the fourth quarter of 2022.

In accumulated terms, income after taxes as of December 2023 amounted to M\$ 38,075, lower by M\$ 1,834regarding the results recorded in the same period of the previous year. A more detailed analysis of the variations in the Consolidated Statement of Income as of December 2023 is shown below.

Gross profit at the consolidated level as of December reached M\$ 240,539, an increase of M\$ 21,534 (+9.8%), due to higher gross profit in Chile and Colombia. In Chile, gross profit increased due to a higher unit margins, higher LNG sales, and LPG sales volume, in line with the previous year (0.9%). In Colombia, gross profit increases due to higher unit margin and higher LNG sales volume. In Peru, gross profit decreased mainly due to lower LPG and NG volumes.

Through December, accumulated operating costs and expenses increased by M\$ 10,028 (+6.4%). In Chile, this is primarily explained by higher LPG freight expenses higher remuneration expenses due to CPI adjustments, higher maintenance expenses, and payments for logistics operator services (related to direct bottled sales) which are partially offset by lower external consultant expenses. In Colombia, expenses increased due to higher remuneration expenses (as a result of an increase in the country's minimum wage) and cylinder inspections, partially offset by a 6.1% devaluation of the Colombian currency. In Peru, expenses decreased mainly in freight and a 1.4% devaluation of the Peruvian sol against the Chilean peso.

EBITDA as of December 2023 reached M\$ 125,372, which is M\$ 15,032 (+13.6%) higher than the same period of the previous year due to better results in Chile and Colombia.

Operating income reached M\$ 75,548, M\$ +12,1014 (+19.2%) higher than the M\$ 63,446 recorded as of December 2022.

In terms of non-operating income through December 2023, financial costs were M\$ 23,840, an increase of M\$ 7,937 (+49.9%) mainly due to higher cylinder guarantee liability expense.



Financial income amounted to M\$ 5,775, an increase of M\$ 2,869 (+98.7%), due to higher interest received on financial instruments, associated with greater availability of cash and cash equivalents.

Profit (loss) on indexation units was M\$ 1,544, which decreased by M\$ 2,668 from the previous year due to lower gains from the restatement of prepayments (Oxiquim Terminal) by a decrease in the CPI (Consumer Price Index).

The loss from exchange rate differences was M\$ 107, which is M\$ 880 less than in 2022, because in 2022 there were higher balances in U.S. dollars that showed a positive adjustment in the period, which did not occur in 2023.

Other gains and losses amounted to M\$ -2,899, which is M\$ 4,171 more negative than in the previous year. The main variation is related to the realization of an impairment of assets of the subsidiary Marquesa SpA.



# **INCOME BY SEGMENT**

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		Segments				Segments		
CLP million	Chile	Colombia	Peru	Total Group	Chile	Colombia	Peru	Total Group
Revenue from ordinary activities	132,392	24,746	34,173	191,310	528,848	89,773	120,866	739,487
Purchases charged to cost of sales	(69,620)	(13,453)	(22,459)	(105,531)	(286,950	(49,571)	(82,906)	(419,427)
Expenses charged to cost of sales	(7,055)	(2,179)	(3,669)	(12,903)	(29,363	(6,914)	(8,924)	(45,201)
Depreciation and amortization	(6,553)	(1,373)	(1,331)	(9,257)	(25,929	(3,679)	(4,713)	(34,320)
Gross profit	49,164	7,741	6,714	63,619	186,600	6 29,609	24,324	240,539
Other income by function	34	248	155	436	134	4 806	444	1,383
Other operating expenses	(32,256)	(5,304)	(4,390)	(41,950)	(117,103	(17,725)	(16,042)	(150,870)
Depreciation and amortization	(3,424)	(49)	(227)	(3,700)	(13,531	(1,250)	(724)	(15,505)
Operating income	13,518	2,636	2,253	18,406	56,106	11,440	8,002	75,548
EBITDA	23,495	4,058	3,810	31,363	95,56	16,369	13,438	125,372
		4Q2	022			EV2	022	
		Segments	022			Segments	.022	
CLP million	Chile	Colombia	Peru	Total Group	Chile	Colombia	Peru	Total Group
Revenue from ordinary activities	128,957	24.150	36.679	189.785	603,864		151,793	854.711
Purchases charged to cost of sales	(80,238)	(15,049)	(26,018)	(121,305)	(389,685	· ·	(112,572)	(566,008)
Expenses charged to cost of sales	(6,464)	(1,465)	(2,280)	(10,208)	(25,272		(7,429)	(38,511)
Depreciation and amortization	(6,394)	(736)	(2,044)	(9,174)	(23,738	1	(4,317)	(31,188)
Gross profit	35,861	6,900	6,337	49,098	165,169		27,476	219,005
Other income by function	27	125	74	226	115	5 502	171	788
Other operating expenses	(27,074)	(4,029)	(5,370)	(36,473)	(105,992	(15,887)	(18,762)	(140,640)
Depreciation and amortization	(3,485)	(411)	690	(3,206)	(13,267	(1,690)	(749)	(15,706)
Operating income	5,329	2,585	1,731	9,645	46,026	9,284	8,136	63,446
EBITDA	15,208	3,732	3,085	22,024	83,03	1 14,108	13,201	110,340
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	<b>,</b>	Variation 4Q20	023 vs 4Q2022			Variation FY2	023 vs FY2022	
CLP million		Segments		Total Group		Segments		Total Group
	Chile	Colombia	Peru	•	Chile	Colombia	Peru	·
Revenue from ordinary activities	3,435	596	(2,506)	1,526	(75,016	1	(30,927)	(115,224)
Purchases charged to cost of sales	10,618	1,596	3,559	15,774	102,735		29,666	146,580
Expenses charged to cost of sales	(591)	(714)	(1,389)	(2,694)	(4,092	, , , ,	(1,495)	(6,690)
Depreciation and amortization	(159)	(637)	713	(83)	(2,191		(396)	(3,132)
Gross profit	13,303	841	377	14,521	21,43	-	(3,152)	21,534
Other income by function	7	123	81	211	19		273	596
Other operating expenses	(5,182)	(1,275)	980	(5,477)	(11,112	,	2,720	(10,229)
Depreciation and amortization	61	362	(917)	(494)	(264		25	201
Operating income	8,189	51	521	8,761	10,080		(134)	12,101
EBITDA	8,287	326	726	9,339	12,534	4 2,261	237	15,032

# Chile:

EBITDA for the fourth quarter of 2023 was higher by M\$ 8,287 (+54.5%) compared to the fourth quarter of the previous year, explained by a higher gross margin and higher LPG and NG sales volumes.

LPG sales volume increased by +5.5% compared to the same period of the previous year, mainly in the bottled, industrial and commercial segments. Direct sales grew by 1.7% compared to the fourth quarter of 2022, reaching 64.4% of the segment's total sales. Overall demand in the Chilean bottled market grew by +3.2% compared to the same quarter of the previous year according to statistics provided by SEC, after several months of falling demand during 2023 following two years of exceptional growth driven by monetary stimulus and direct gas subsidies provided by municipalities. It is important to highlight that, in the bottled gas business, Lipigas experienced a +3.6% growth compared to the same quarter of the previous year and increased its market share by +0.4%, reaching 35.6% at the national level. In addition to the above, sales



volume in the commercial, industrial and bulk residential client segments increased with respect to the same period of the previous year. The volume of natural gas sales by network increased by +16.4%, associated with higher unit consumption and new clients connected to the network, and LNG volume increased by +28.4%, due to the entry of new mining clients in the northern zone. Total sales volume in LPG equivalent tons (including sales of natural gas in its different formats) increased by +7.6%.

Gross profit was +37.1% higher than in the same quarter of the previous year due to higher unit margins, higher LPG and NG sales volumes and a positive inventory effect due to the increase in the international price of raw materials during the quarter.

Operating expenses for the quarter (excluding depreciation and amortization) increased by M\$ 5,182 (+19.1%), explained mainly by remunerations (due to CPI adjustments), higher expenses in LPG freight, (due to increased sales), higher expenses for external services, and marketing. The Chilean operation was also affected by the 4.6% increase in inflation compared to the same quarter of the previous year.

Accumulated EBITDA as of December 2023 was higher by M\$ 12,534 (+15.1%) compared to the same period of the previous year, explained by a higher gross margin, higher NG sales volumes, and LPG sales volumes in line with the previous year (-0.9%).

LPG sales volumes decreased slightly by -0.9% compared to the previous year. Network natural gas sales volume decreased by -7.6%, (due to lower unit consumption because of a warmer winter season), and LNG volume increased by +16.5%, due to the entry of new mining clients in the northern zone, and increased consumption at our LNG refueling stations for long-distance transportation. Total sales volumes in LPG equivalent tons (including sales of natural gas in its different formats) increased by +0.4%.

Accumulated gross profit was +13.0% higher than in December 2022, due to higher unit margins and higher NG sales volume.

Accumulated operating expenses through December (excluding depreciation and amortization) increased by M\$ 11,112 (+10.5%), mainly explained by higher freight expenses, higher remuneration expenses due to the CPI adjustment, increased maintenance and marketing expenses, and higher payments for logistics operators' services ). The previous was partially offset by lower external consulting expenses. The Chilean operation was also impacted by a 7.6% increase in inflation compared to December 2022.

#### Colombia:

EBITDA for the fourth quarter of 2023 was higher by M\$ +326 (+8.7%) compared to the same period of the previous year, a variation explained by higher gross margin and higher NG sales volume. Both were partially offset by higher operating expenses. LPG sales volume was lower than in the same quarter of the previous year (-2.6%). Sales in LPG equivalent tons decreased by 2.3%.

Gross profit increased +12.2% due to higher unit margins and NG volume, partially offset by lower LPG sales volume.

Operating expenses for the fourth quarter (excluding depreciation and amortization) increased by M\$ 1,275 (+31.6%), mainly explained by higher remuneration expenses due to the increase in the minimum wage in



the country, cylinder inspection, transportation expenses and the 15.9% revaluation of the Colombian peso against the Chilean peso.

Accumulated EBITDA through December 2023 was higher by M\$ 2,261 (+16.0%) compared to the same period of the previous year, a variation explained by higher gross margin and higher NG sales volume, partially offset by higher operating expenses. LPG sales volume decreased by -3.6%. Sales in LPG equivalent tons decreased by 3.3%.

Gross profit increased by +12.3% due to higher unit margins and NG sales volume, which offset the decrease in LPG sales volume.

Operating expenses (excluding depreciation and amortization) increased by M\$ 1,838 (+11.6%), mainly explained by higher remuneration expenses due to the increase in the minimum wage in the country, cylinder inspections and transportation expenses, which were partially offset by a 6.1% devaluation of the Colombian currency.

#### Peru:

EBITDA for the fourth quarter of 2023 increased by M\$ 726 (+23.5%) compared to the same quarter the previous year, owing to higher gross margin and NG sales volume, which were offset by lower LPG sales. El Niño weather patterns in Peru have led to higher temperatures, affecting bulk sales in the country's northern and central regions.

Gross profit for the quarter increased by +6.0% and associated with higher unit margins and NG sales volume. Operating expenses (excluding depreciation and amortization) decreased by M\$ 980 (-18.3%), mainly explained by lower transportation expenses.

EBITDA as of December 2023 increased by M\$ 237 (+1.8%) compared to the same period of the previous year due to lower operating expenses, which were partially offset by lower LPG and NG sales volume, which decreased by -6.1% and -4.1%, respectively.

Gross profit as of December 2023 decreased by -11.5% due to lower sales volume, partially offset by higher unit margins. Operating expenses (excluding depreciation and amortization) decreased by M\$ -2,720 (-14.5%), mainly explained by lower freight expenses and a 1.4% devaluation of the Peruvian nuevo sol against the Chilean peso.



# 3. ANALYSIS OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL POSITION

#### **ASSETS**

**Total assets** 

	12.31.2023 M\$	12.31.2022 M\$
Current assets	214,387	159,743
Non-current assets	520,973	536,498

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M\$	%			
54,644	34.2%			
(15,525)	(2.9%)			
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The Company's assets as of December 31, 2023 show an increase of M\$ +39,119, equivalent to +5.6% with respect to the figures recorded as of December 31, 2022. The main variations correspond to:

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Current assets increased by M\$ +54,644, mainly due to higher cash and cash equivalents by M\$ +70,300 mainly explained by the payment received for the settlement of the hedging derivative of the UF variation hedge of the financial debt (Cross Currency Swap), improvements in working capital and by recovery of taxes from previous years. Along with the aforementioned, trade and other current accounts receivable increased by M\$ 9,482, due to higher sales compared to December 2022. This was partially offset by lower current tax assets and a decrease in inventory.

Non-current assets decreased by M\$ -15,525 , with M\$ -38,778 representing a decrease in other non-current financial assets due to the settlement of the hedging derivative of the UF variation of the debt subscribed during the year 2021, partially offset by the increase in property, plant and equipment by M\$ +19,877 due to higher investments realized during the period and higher revaluation of assets in Colombian pesos and soles.

It is important to note that, in addition to the settlement of the CCS (Cross Currency Swap) hedging derivative, new derivatives were taken to hedge the variation of debt inflation (re-couponing operation), with maturity date of 2033 and an average annual inflation rate of 3.18% for the duration of these contracts.

#### **LIABILITIES**

Current liabilities
Non-current liabilities
Total liabilities

12.31.2023 M\$	12.31.2022 M\$
112,946	107,652
424,830	410,215
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M\$	%
5,294	4.9%
14,615	3.6%
19,908	3.8%

The Company's liabilities as of December 31, 2023 show an increase of M\$ 19,908, equivalent to +3.8% compared to the figures recorded as of December 31, 2022. The main variations correspond to:

Current liabilities increased by M\$+5,294, with M\$ 5,676 corresponding to higher current tax liabilities due to an increase in the income tax provision, and M\$ 2,503 corresponding to bank and financial institution



liabilities that have been converted to current liabilities due to their expiration in 2024, , the aforementioned is partially offset by M\$ 2,445 in lower trade and other current accounts payable.

Non-current liabilities increased by M\$ 14,615, with M\$ 9,563 representing higher non-current other financial liabilities due to an increase in non-current debt obligations in UF due to the effect of inflation (UF debt did not increase) and M\$ 8,702 representing higher non-current other non-financial liabilities mainly associated to the increase in cylinder guaranty liability.

# **EQUITY**

The Company's equity as of December 31, 2023 increased by M\$ 19,211 when compared to the figures recorded on December 31, 2022. The variation is due to an increase in accumulated earnings of M\$ +6,082 and an increase in other reserves of M\$ +12,302, which is primarily explained by a higher translation difference of M\$ +17,700 (due to variations in foreign investment exchange rates) and partially offset by lower cash flow hedge reserves of M\$ -6,257.

#### 5. ANALYSIS OF STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF DIRECT CASH FLOW	01.01.2023 to 12.31.2023	01.01.2022 to 12.31.2022	V	ar.
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Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	143,030	99,474	43,555	43.8%
Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities	(43,298)	(41,159)	(2,139)	5.2%
Net cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities	(31,107)	(59,022)	27,915	(47.3%)
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Net Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents, before effects of variation in foreign exchange rates	68,625	(707)	69,331	1.7%
Effects of variations in foreign exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents	1,675	226	1,449	640.8%
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	70,300	(480)	70,780	642.5%
Cash and cash equivalents – beginning of the period or fiscal year	45,298	45,788	(480)	(1.0%)
Cash and cash equivalents – end of the period or fiscal year	115,598	45,298	70,300	155.2%

Cash and cash equivalents as of December 31, 2023 recorded a balance of M\$ 115,598, increasing by M\$ +70,300 compared to the balance as of December 31, 2022. The variations in the cash flow statement are mainly explained by the following movements:



# **CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

As of December 31, 2023, the operation generated a positive net cash flow of M\$ 143,030; this increased by M\$ +43,555 over the previous year. The main variations correspond to an increase in EBITDA generated of M\$ +15,032 and a decrease in working capital between periods', resulting in a higher cash flow of M\$ 24,105.

# **CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

As of December 31, 2023, the net cash flow used in investing activities is a negative M\$ 43,298, with a negative variation of M\$ -2,139 compared to the cash flow used in the same period of the previous year, maintaining the Company's investment policy.

# CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES

The net cash flow used in financing activities as of December 31, 2023 is negative M\$ 31,107, representing a positive variation of M\$ +27,915 compared to the previous year's negative net cash flow of M\$ 59,022. The main variation is explained by the payment received in the settlement of the hedging derivative of the UF variation of the financial debt (Cross Currency Swap), which is partially offset by higher lease payments and higher dividend payments.

#### 5. FINANCIAL INDICATORS

# LIQUIDITY

Indicators	Units	12.31.2023	12.31.2022
Liquidity ratio (1)	Times	1.90	1.48
Acid-test ratio (2)	Times	1.68	1.16

- (1) Liquidity ratio = Current Assets / Current Liabilities
- (2) Acid-test ratio = (Current Assets Inventories)/ Current Liabilities

Liquidity indicators increased as of December 31, 2023 compared to December 2022, owing primarily to an increase in cash and cash equivalents as a result of the settlement of the hedging derivative of the UF variation of the financial debt mentioned above, as well as higher trade and other accounts receivable due to higher sales. The preceding is partially offset by lower current tax assets, inventories, and higher other current financial liabilities.



#### **INDEBTEDNESS**

Indicators	Units	12.31.2023	12.31.2022
Indebtedness ratio (1)	Times	2.72	2.90
Portion of current debts (2)	%	21.0%	20.8%
Portion of non-current debts (3)	%	79.0%	79.2%
Net financial debt / Equity (4)	Times	0.65	1.05
Net financial debt / Equity (adjusted) (5)	Times	0.73	1.02

- (1) Indebtedness ratio = Total liabilities / Equity.
- (2) Portion of current debts = Current liabilities / Total liabilities.
- (3) Portion of non-current debts = Non-current liabilities / Total liabilities.
- (4) Net financial debt / Equity = (Other financial liabilities cash and cash equivalent) / Equity.
- (5) Net financial debt / Equity (adjusted)= (Other financial liabilities + Lease liabilities(\*) cash and cash equivalents CCS hedge) / (Equity cash flow hedge reserve (marked to market)).
- \* Corresponds to the long-term lease agreement with the company Oxiquim S.A.

The indebtedness ratio decreases at December 31, 2023 compared to the end of December 2022, mainly due to the increase in equity described above in the analysis section of the consolidated statements of financial position.

The Net financial debt/Equity indicator decreases mainly due to a lower net financial debt, which is due in part to an increase in cash and cash equivalents (due to the re-couponing operation and recovery of taxes receivable) and the accounting reclassification of the maritime terminal lease contracts (Oxiquim) from financial lease liabilities to lease liabilities.

It should be noted that on August 18, 2022, the Series E and G Bondholders' Meetings were held, where the amendment of the calculation of the Financial Indebtedness covenant was approved, incorporating into the calculation the variation of the accrued UF of the contracted amount of hedging derivatives, net of Other financial liabilities; the amendment was registered with the CMF during November 2022.

Subsequently, on August 22, 2023, we received Ordinary Letter No. 75830 from the CMF, requiring us to reclassify and correct the lease liabilities, in order to remove any reference to the prior denomination of finance leases in IAS 17. This meant moving transactions from Other Current and Non-Current Financial Liabilities to the Lease Liabilities account. We started the process of changing the bond issue agreements, particularly the ninth paragraph that deals with compliance with the Financial Indebtedness covenant, as a result of this formal notification. The contracts specify that the External Auditor shall determine the changes that must be made to the Contract in order to adapt the obligations to the new situation while maintaining neutrality, given that the modification of IFRS 16 alters the composition of the accounts involved in the calculation of this covenant and that the impact should have been determined at the date of its adoption. The modification proposed by the Auditor and agreed with the Representative of Bondholders (RTB) considers the inclusion of the remaining lease liabilities with Oxiquim S.A. in the Current and Non-Current Lease Liabilities account within Total Net Financial Liabilities.



#### **PROFITABILITY**

Indicators	Units	12.31.2023	12.31.2022
ROE (1)	%	19.3%	22.4%
ROA (2)	%	5.2%	5.7%
ROA (adjusted) (3)	%	5.2%	6.1%
EBITDA (4)	M\$	125,372	110,340
EAT (5)	M\$	38,075	39,908

- (1) Return on Equity = Gain (Loss) LTM / Equity at the closing of the period
- (2) Return on Asset = Gain (Loss) LTM / Total assets at the closing of the period.
- (3) Return on Asset (adjusted) = Gain (Loss) LTM/ (Total assets at the closing of the period CCS value).
- (4) EBITDA = Operating income + depreciation and amortization (LTM)
- (5) EAT = Earnings after taxes (LTM)

Return on equity and return on assets are lower with respect to December 2022, due to a decrease in earnings after taxes and an increase in equity and assets, respectively, as explained above, affecting their returns.

EBITDA increased compared to December 2022 mainly due to higher unit margins.

Earnings after taxes decreased compared to December 2022 due to lower non-operating income as described in the analysis of the income statement.

# **INVENTORY**

Indicators	Units	12.31.2023	12.31.2022
Inventory turnover (1)	Times	16.6	17.3
Inventory permanence (2)	Days	21.6	20.8

- (1) Inventory turnover = Cost of sales LTM / Inventory average (Beginning inventory + final inventory) / 2
- (2) Inventory permanence = 360 days / Inventory turnover

Inventory turnover decreased compared to December 2022 due to lower LPG sales costs associated with lower international oil prices, partially offset by lower average inventory.



#### 6. BUSINESS ANALYSIS

Empresas Lipigas S.A. participates in the Chilean LPG market with its brand Lipigas. It has more than 60 years of presence in the market, reaching an annual average share of 34.6% as of December 2023, according to data form Chile's Superintendency of Electricity and Fuels (Superintendencia de Electricidad y Combustibles-SEC).

For the distribution and commercialization of LPG in Chile, the Company has 13 storage and/or bottling plants, two maritime terminals located in the municipalities of Quintero and Mejillones and 21 own distribution centers and 65 distribution centers outsourced to Logistics' Operators (LOP), distributed throughout the country. In addition to this, there is a network of nearly 130 points of direct sales (Lipivecinos) in 89 communes and 590 distributors, achieving national coverage from the Arica and Parinacota Region to the Magallanes Region.

It also has residential natural gas (NG) distribution networks in the city of Calama, which allow supplying this energy to nearly 3,200 homes continuously, thus meeting their heating, hot water and food cooking needs. Starting in 2017, it began supplying natural gas to customers in the cities of Puerto Montt and Osorno, where it has more than 4,400 customers.

It has liquefied natural gas (LNG) supply, sale and distribution operations that is dispatched in trucks to industrial customers far from gas pipelines, which incorporate this type of fuel to their production processes in power generation, construction, food, manufacturing and other industries that seek to comply with regulatory-environmental standards and of lower carbon emission, due to the benefits of LNG in this area, as well as lower costs compared to other types of energy. The investments made and the territorial coverage achieved - from the Arica Region to the Los Lagos Region - position Empresas Lipigas as one of the main players in the industrial LNG market. Additionally, as of 2021, it provides LNG as fuel for long-distance truck transportation in the first two stations of this type in South America, thus initiating the construction of a green corridor that will allow the company to begin the evolution towards Carbon Neutrality in long-distance cargo transportation.

Since 2017, it has been developing activities in the electric power generation and commercialization market, including the purchase in September 2021 of Four Trees Energía Distribuida, a company dedicated to distributed solar generation, and the purchase in October 2022 of Ecom Energía Chile SpA and Ecom Generación SpA, companies dedicated to the activity of advising clients in the optimization of their electric power costs and commercialization of electric power.

In October 2022, Lipigas signed a commitment to subscribe capital increases to reach 70% of the shares of Frest SpA. for a total of approximately USD 5.5 million, to be paid in stages over the next 5 years. Frest SpA's corporate purpose is the sale, commercialization, and distribution of fresh food, whether in person or remotely. In October 2023, Lipigas signed a commitment to subscribe capital increases up to 70% of the shares of Rocktruck SpA. for a total of UF 340,090 to be paid in stages over the next 5 years. The



main corporate purpose of Rocktruck SpA. is the transportation of cargo by road and in urban areas. These investments are part of Lipigas' strategy to participate in businesses that leverage its strategic assets, including its relationship with end customers and last-mile logistics.

In 2010, Empresas Lipigas entered the Colombian market through the company Chilco Distribuidora de Gas y Energía S.A.S. E.S.P. This is an LPG commercializing company that participates in the Colombian market with its brand Gas País.

It is present in 25 of the 32 departments of the country and has an annual average market share at national level of 15.8% as of December 2023, according to data from the Unified Information System of the Superintendence of Public Utilities (Sistema Único de Información de la Superintendencia de Servicios Públicos.)

For the commercialization of LPG in Colombia, the Company has 16 bottling plants and its own distribution network which, together with the distribution network of third parties, serves more than 690,000 customers. In 2017, the supply of LPG through networks to customers in 12 municipalities in the interior of Colombia began and in 2018, the Company took control of the subsidiary Surcolombiana de Gas S.A.S. It currently supplies gas through networks to more than 140,000 customers.

In 2021, the company Chilco Net S.A.S. was incorporated in Colombia to offer customers in small cities and intermediate cities in the interior of Colombia, high-speed internet service.

In 2013, Empresas Lipigas S.A. entered the Peruvian market through the acquisition of the LPG commercializing company Lima Gas S.A. The decision was based mainly on the sustained growth of the LPG market and the favorable conditions of the Peruvian economy.

Lima Gas participates in the Peruvian LPG market in the bottled and bulk business and commercializes the product mainly under three brands: Lima Gas, Zafiro and Caserito. It has an annual average market share at national level of 6.5% as of December 2023 according to data obtained from the Peruvian Energy and Mining Investment Supervisory Agency (*Organismo Supervisor de la Inversión en Energía y Minería - Osinergmin*).

Lima Gas currently has eight bottling plants and one distribution center, which allows it to have a significant logistical capacity to supply LPG to its customers. The distribution network of bottled LPG is made up of approximately 379 distributors that supply LPG to end users. In the case of bulk, direct distribution reaches more than 2,100 customers.

In November 2015, the Company reached an agreement to acquire Neogas Perú S.A. (currently Limagas Natural Perú S.A.), a company engaged in the distribution of compressed natural gas and LNG to industrial customers and automobile supply stations. The Company took control of the management of the new operation in February 2016. It began commercializing LNG at the end of 2018. Peru is a producer of natural gas, which represents a highly competitive energy source in the country's energy matrix. In



November 2022, Lipigas contributed 60% to the creation of the company Limagas Natural Movilidad for the purpose of developing the business of supplying LNG for long-distance transport trucks.

#### 7. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk factors inherent to the Company's activity consist of those inherent to the markets in which it participates and to the Company's and its subsidiaries' activities. In order to design and monitor compliance with the mitigation measures deemed appropriate, the Board of Directors and Management periodically review the risk map, in which 13 strategic risks of the Company have been redefined, in order to design and monitor mitigation measures. The following is a list of the most significant business risk factors, arranged in the new order established by the company:

# 7.1 Environmental Risk

The Company's operations involve the development of different activities that could eventually have a negative environmental impact as a result of, among other factors, incorrect management and handling of waste and residues from the operation (water pollution), overfilling of cylinders, storage tanks and cisterns (gas leakage into the atmosphere), consequences of production activity (noise), etc. The Company provides ongoing training to its personnel and its network of collaborators on environmentally safe practices, in accordance with current policies and procedures and regulations.

# 7.2 Risk to safety, health and people

All human activities are exposed to hazards that can generate accidents and certainly the fuel distribution industry is no exception. In order to minimize the probability of these hazards becoming undesirable situations, prevention actions and mitigation actions must be developed to reduce their consequences if the hazards manifest themselves as accidents or emergencies.

To this end, continuous efforts are made to ensure that all operations are conducted with a high level of safety. These measures include:

- Training of collaborators and contractors regarding safe operations.
- Emergency response procedures with on-site emergency response vehicles.
- Dissemination of safe gas handling actions among clients and the community in general (firefighters, associations, etc.).
- Maintenance of an Occupational Health and Safety management system, certified OHSAS 18.001:2007 in 13 storage and bottling plants in Chile and in the central offices.
- Implementation of management systems based on the OHSAS standard and safety systems in accordance with Peruvian Law No. 29,783. The company has five certified plants.
- Certification of 15 plants in Colombia with the ISO 9001 quality standard for the operation and maintenance of LPG storage tanks and the provision of LPG bottling services in cylinders for users, as required by law.
- Strict compliance with health, safety, and environmental regulations in all operations.



In addition to the measures taken to reinforce the safe handling of fuel, the Company has insurance coverage that is considered consistent with standard industry practices.

#### 7.3 <u>Human capital, diversity and talent management risk</u>

Human capital is a fundamental element in the development of the Company's activities. To enhance the value of its human capital, the Company strives to manage quality working conditions that contribute to the well-being, health, development and personal life balance of its employees, in a climate of harmony and respect for diversity. In turn, it manages the relationship with its contractors to achieve harmonious relations with their workers. The management of human capital involves risks of conflicts, demotivation, loss of valuable collaborators, etc. Management has designed different tools to effectively manage human capital: labor climate perception surveys, surveys with contractor personnel, meetings with personnel and their union representatives, meetings with contractors and their personnel, coexistence protocols and constant training on good practices in relation to the management of this factor.

# 7.4 Reputational risk

The Company's business is associated with the handling of fuels, particularly LPG, and its commercialization to a broad customer base. This business is subject to specific regulations in each of the countries where the Company operates. In addition, the Company is subject to various provisions related to compliance with tax, environmental, labor, antitrust and corporate regulations, among others. In the event that any damage is caused by the products commercialized or if there are observations by the control agencies on compliance with the provisions applicable to the Company, this could lead to a deterioration of the Company's reputation and corporate image.

This risk is mitigated through appropriate operational and regulatory compliance processes implemented within the Company. The controls in place are reviewed on an ongoing basis and people are trained to avoid such risks. The Company has established whistle-blowing lines and procedures to investigate these in order to determine actions that deviate from its Code of Conduct, regulations and laws in force. The appearance of news related to the Company in the media and social networks is permanently monitored in order to respond guickly in appropriate cases.

# 7.5 **Political and social risk**

# 7.5.1 Risk of change in the regulatory, political, economic and social conditions of the countries in which we operate.

The Company's financial and operational performance may be adversely affected by changes in the regulatory, political, economic and social conditions of the countries in which it operates. The Company is exposed to risks of renegotiation, nullity, forced modification of contracts, expropriation, exchange rate policies, changes in laws, regulations and political instability. The Company is also exposed to the



possibility of being subject to jurisdiction, arbitration or the need to enforce a judicial decision in another country.

Company Management permanently monitors the evolution of regulatory, political, economic and social conditions of the countries in which it is present, in order to mitigate the risks described above.

#### 7.5.2 Risk of riots

The economic and social situation in the various countries where the Company operates could lead to protests that could result in violent actions that damage facilities or hinder operations. The Company remains attentive to the evolution of these events, prioritizing the protection and safety of its employees, collaborators and communities . It also has insurance coverage for possible damage or theft of goods or facilities.

# 7.6 Risk of interruption of operations

Operations at the Company's plants involve safety and other operational risks, including the handling, storage and transportation of highly flammable, explosive and toxic materials.

These risks could cause injury and death, serious damage or destruction of property, equipment and environmental damage. Although the Company is very careful about the safety of its operations, a sufficiently large accident at one of the Company's bottling or storage plants or at customer-located facilities for either LPG or natural gas, or during the transportation or delivery of products sold, could force the temporary suspension of operations at the site and result in significant remediation costs, the loss of revenues or generate contingent liabilities, and adversely affect the corporate and reputational image of the Company and its subsidiaries. It is important to note that despite having broad insurance coverages, these may not be available on a timely basis and be insufficient to cover all losses. Equipment breakdowns, natural disasters and delays in obtaining imports of necessary spare parts or equipment may also affect distribution operations and, consequently, operating results.

To this end, actions are permanently developed to ensure that all operations are carried out with high safety levels. These actions include the following:

- Contingency and emergency plan.
- Plant and equipment maintenance.
- Training of operating personnel and contractors in safe operations.
- Other procedures and action protocols that are updated and disseminated to personnel.
- There is a safety area that conducts periodic audits of the company's own and clients' facilities.
- Internal audits are conducted on safety issues.
- We rely on a safety system that complies with international standards ISO 9001, 14001, 45001, and also with current mandatory GLP regulations.
- Internal and external safety campaigns to prevent accidents.
- Labor and safety certification of contractors



# 7.7 Macroeconomic risk

#### 7.7.1 Market risk

This is the risk that the fair values of financial assets and liabilities fluctuate due to changes in market prices. Likewise, the market risks to which the Company is exposed with respect to its financial assets and liabilities are exchange rate, indexation units and interest rate risk. In addition, the Company is exposed to risks related to the demand and supply of the products it commercializes.

# 7.7.1.a Exchange rate and indexation unit risk

This risk arises from the probability of loss due to the exchange rate fluctuations of the currencies in which financial assets and liabilities are denominated with respect to currencies other than the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries:

# Purchases of goods and future payment commitments denominated in foreign currency:

The Company's cash flows are mainly comprised of transactions in the Company's functional currency and those of its subsidiaries. The Company and its subsidiaries hedge the risk of transactions involving the purchase of LPG by sea until it enters the Chilean market, and imports of goods or future payment commitments denominated in foreign currency by contracting forward currency purchase transactions (forwards) in order to hedge significant commitments in currencies other than the functional currency of each company.

As of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the balances of accounts in currencies other than the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries were as follows:

Originating transaction currency: U.S. dollar

Current and non-current assets	Assets at 12.31.2023 Th\$	Assets at 12.31.2022 Th\$	
Cash and cash equivalents	3,955,711	6,829,538	
Trade accounts and other accounts receivable, current and non-current	2,054,376	1,502,091	

	Liabilities at	Liabilities at		
Current and non-current liabilities	12.31.2023	12.31.2022		
	Th\$	Th\$		
Other financial liabilities, current	1,462,466	973,899		
Trade accounts and other accounts payable, current	11,035,740	17,996,995		
Other financial liabilities, non-current	2,785,197	1,978,645		
Trade accounts and other accounts payable, non-current	1,430,803	1,241,355		



- <u>Foreign Investments</u>: As of December 31, 2023, the Company holds net foreign investments in Colombian pesos equivalent to ThCh\$ 76,061,633 (ThCh\$ 55,664,490 as of December 31, 2022) and in Peruvian soles equivalent to ThCh\$ 62,873,836 (ThCh\$ 53,238,003 as of December 31, 2022).

Fluctuations of the Colombian peso and the Peruvian sol with respect to the Chilean peso affect the value of these investments, generating variations in equity.

In the past, the Colombian peso and Peruvian sol have been correlated with the Chilean peso. Management has decided not to hedge this risk, permanently monitoring the forecasted evolution of the different currencies.

- <u>Liabilities on debt securities:</u> The Company's indebtedness for this concept corresponds to the placement of bonds in the Chilean market as follows:
  - a) The first placement corresponds to Series E bonds carried out during April 2015 (mnemonic code BLIPI-E), charged to the 30-year bond line registered in Chile's CMF Securities Register under number 801, for UF 3,500,000. The placement rate was 3.44% annual for a face rate of 3.55%. Interest is paid semi-annually, and principal amortization will be paid in a single installment on February 4, 2040.
  - b) The second placement corresponds to Series G bonds carried out during January 2020 (mnemonic code BLIPI-G) charged to the 30-year bond line registered in Chile's CMF Securities Register under number 881, for UF 2,500,000. The placement rate was 2.18% annual for a face rate of 2.90%. Interests are paid semi-annually, and principal amortization will be paid in a single installment on November 5, 2044.

These liabilities are denominated in Unidades de Fomento (UF), which is indexed to inflation in Chile and differs from the Company's functional currency (CLP).

As of December 31, 2023, the Company holds derivative instruments to hedge the UF readjustment risk for bonds placed in the local market.

# Lease liabilities:

i. The Company signed a lease agreement with Oxiquim S.A. for a term of 25 years for the use of the reception, storage and dispatch facilities to be built by Oxiquim S.A. in the Quintero Bay. To date, the balance of these obligations amounts to UF 596,942. The annual interest rate is 3.0%. Additionally, the Company signed a new lease agreement with Terminal Marítimo Oxiquim Mejillones S.A. (a subsidiary of Oxiquim S.A.) for a term of 20 years for the use of the reception, storage and dispatch facilities to be built by Terminal Marítimo Oxiquim Mejillones S.A. in the Mejillones bay. To date, the balance of these liabilities amounts to UF



328,679. The annual interest rate is 0.84%. The denomination currency of both liabilities is the Unidad de Fomento (UF), which is indexed to inflation in Chile and differs from the Company's functional currency (CLP). However, most of the Company's commercialization margins in Chile are correlated to the variation of the UF, so this risk is mitigated.

ii. The Company has entered into agreements for terms ranging from 3 to 18 years for the use of property, technology and vehicles with various suppliers for the amount of UF 844,166. The average annual interest rate is 2.57%. The currency of denomination of these liabilities is the Unidad de Fomento (UF), which is indexed to inflation in Chile and differs from the Company's functional currency (CLP). However, most of the Company's commercialization margins in Chile are correlated to the variation of the UF, so this risk is mitigated.

#### Sensitivity analysis regarding exchange rate variations and indexation units

The Company estimates the following effects on results or equity, resulting from variation of the exchange rate and indexation units:

Exchange rate variation(*)	Increase Loss (Gain) Th\$	Decrease Loss (Gain) Th\$	Allocation
CLP/USD +/- 5.0%	17,072	(17,072)	Results: Exchange rate differences
CLP/USD +/- 5.0%	139,900	(139,900)	Equity: Reserves for cash flow hedging
CLP/COP +/- 2.4%	3,540,418	(3,540,418)	Equity: Reserves for exchange rate translation differences
CLP/PEN +/- 9.6%	6,201,548	(6,201,548)	Equity: Reserves for exchange rate translation differences

<sup>\*</sup> Percentages equivalent to the annual average of the evolution of the last two years.

The portion of unhedged financial liabilities (indexed to the UF) has no effect on equity or results.

#### 7.7.1.b Interest rate risk

It refers to the sensitivity to interest rate fluctuations of the value of financial assets and liabilities.

The purpose of interest rate risk management is to achieve a balance in the financing structure, minimizing the cost of the debt with reduced volatility in the income statement.

As of December 31, 2023, 99.93% of the Company's financial debt is at fixed rates. As a result, the risk of fluctuations in market interest rates is low regarding cash flows. Regarding the portion in variable rates, Management permanently monitors the outlook in terms of the expected evolution of interest rates.



The breakdown of financial liabilities separated between fixed and variable interest rates is presented below as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

		Maturity in less than one year		Maturity in	more than one year	Total	
Category	Note	Fixed Rate Th\$	Variable Interest Th\$	Fixed Rate Th\$	Variable Interest Th\$	Fixed Rate Th\$	Variable Interest Th\$
Other financial liabilities	15	9,960,418	70,296	233,923,063	107,963	243,883,481	366,663
Total at 12.31.2023		9.960.418	70,296	233,923,063	107,963	243,883,481	178,259

		Maturity in less than one year		Maturity in more than one year		Total	
Category	Note	Fixed Rate Th\$	Variable Interest Th\$	Fixed Rate Th\$	Variable Interest Th\$	Fixed Rate Th\$	Variable Interest Th\$
Other financial liabilities	15	<mark>6,059,449</mark>	1,320,543	224,247,456	220,246	230,306,905	1,540,789
Total at 12.31.2022		<mark>6,059,449</mark>	1,320,543	224,247,456	220,246	230,306,905	1,540,789

# 7.7.2 Risks related to demand, supply and procurement of commercialized products

#### 7.7.2.a Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)

The Company participates in the distribution of liquefied gas business in Chile, with coverage that extends between the Region of Arica and Parinacota and the Region of Magallanes, reaching an average annual market share of 34.6% at December 2023, according to data provided by Chile's Superintendence of Electricity and Fuels (Superintendencia de Electricidad y Combustibles - SEC).

At the end of 2010, the Company entered the Colombian market through the purchase of assets from Group Gas País, currently achieving a presence in 25 of the 32 Colombian departments and reaching an average annual market share of 15.8% at December 2023, according to data from Colombia's Single Information System of the Superintendence of Domiciliary Public Services (Sistema Único de Información (SUI) de la Superintendencia de Servicios Públicos Domiciliarios (SSPD))

Continuing with its internalization process in the LPG industry, in July 2013, the Company acquired 100% of Lima Gas S.A., a Peruvian-based LPG distributing company, which at December 2023 reached an average annual market share of 6.5%, according to data provided by Peru's Energy and Mines Investment Regulator (*Organismo Supervisor de la Inversión en Energía y Minería del Perú - Osinergmin.*)

#### **Demand**

As a basic consumer good, in all the countries where the Company operates, the demand for residential LPG is less affected by economic cycles. However, factors such as temperature, rainfall, the price of LPG in relation to other substitute energies (natural gas, firewood, diesel, kerosene, electricity, etc.), the price level of the input itself in relation to household disposable income, and deep economic activity crises could affect demand. In some regions, demand is highly seasonal



resulting from temperature variations. The economic cycles have a significant impact on the demand from commercial and industrial segments.

Because the Company operates in a highly competitive market, its sales volumes could be impacted by the commercial strategies of its competitors. In order to lessen the impact of the risk mentioned above, Empresas Lipigas leverages its strengths in logistics, digital, and service to expand its business and diversify both geographically and in terms of new ventures. It does this by introducing alternative business lines like biofuel and renewable LNG for long-distance transport trucks, continuing to grow in the energy field by offering clean energy solutions to its clients and improving all aspects of its digital and logistical development.

#### Supply

One of the risk factors in the business of commercializing LPG is the supply of LPG.

Regarding Chile, the Company has the ability to minimize this risk through contracts signed with Enap Refinerías S.A. and the management of importing this fuel by sea from Argentina and other countries.

In order to strengthen its strategic positioning in terms of raw material supply, in 2012 the Company signed a series of contracts with the company Oxiquim S.A. to develop the construction of LPG reception, storage and dispatch facilities at the terminal owned by said company located in the Quintero bay which, as of March 2015, allows the Company to have several sources of supply by sea. Additionally, in 2019 the Company signed a series of contracts with the company Oxiquim S.A. to develop the construction of LPG reception, storage and dispatch facilities at the terminal owned by said company located in the Mejillones Bay, which, from the beginning of its operation in April 2021, reinforces its strategic positioning in terms of raw material supply.

For the Colombian market, the risk factor of commercializing LPG in terms of supply is minimized through the establishment of purchase quotas, which are agreed upon with Ecopetrol S.A., which covers a great part of the demand of distribution companies through public offerings. In addition to the agreements with Ecopetrol S.A., the Company also has purchase agreements with other local market players and imports product by sea through facilities located in Cartagena.

For the Peruvian market, LPG supply presents a high concentration in Lima where almost half of this capacity is located. Since the nation's capital is the area of highest consumption, important supply facilities have been built to provide it with a greater level of reliability. In this sense, agreements have been entered into with Petroperú (which has two supply plants: Callao and Piura) and Pluspetrol. In addition to these agreements, the Company also has purchase agreements with other market players and imports product from Bolivia to supply the south of the country.



#### **Prices**

LPG purchase prices are affected by the variation in the international value of fuel prices and by variations in the exchange rate of each local currency with respect to the U.S. dollar. Variations in raw material costs are considered when setting selling prices, although competitive market dynamics are always taken into account. Cycles of high prices of petroleum-based fuels affect the possibility of transferring to price the variations in fuel and other input costs.

The Company maintains LPG inventories. The realization value of these inventories is affected by the variation in international fuel prices, which are the basis for establishing sales prices to customers. A variation in the international prices of LPG would produce a variation in the same direction and of similar magnitude in the realization price of inventories. In general, the Company does not cover this risk since it is considered that variations in international prices are offset over time.

The Company permanently monitors the evolution and forecasts of the evolution of international product prices. Since the beginning of the operation of the maritime terminal located in the Quintero Bay, the Company has decided to hedge the risk of variation in the realization price of the product inventory stored in the maritime terminals by contracting swaps related to the prices of LPG and currency forwards to hedge the effect of the variation in the exchange rate of the U.S. dollar (currency used to express the reference price of inventories).

#### 7.7.2.b Natural gas

As a basic consumer good, residential demand for natural gas is less affected by economic cycles, although deep economic crises could have an adverse effect. Demand from the commercial and industrial segments is more significantly impacted by economic cycles.

With respect to the risk of product supply for the Company's operations in the north and south of Chile, both are covered by long-term agreements signed with different suppliers.

In Peru, the subsidiary Limagas Natural Perú S.A. has signed supply agreements with natural gas distributors in different regions to cover the demand needs.

In Colombia, the subsidiary Surcolombiana de Gas S.A. E.S.P. has signed supply agreements with natural gas commercialization companies in different regions to cover the demand needs.

#### 7.7.2.c Liquefied natural gas

The Company has agreements for the supply of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to industrial clients in Chile, including a "take or pay" clause. Such agreements contain formulas to establish the selling price that, in turn, transfer the agreed variation to the price of the agreements with the supplier of the product. To respond to commitments with customers, the Company has entered into LNG supply



agreements with several suppliers, which include the "take or pay" clause (with similar characteristics to those signed with customers, which mitigate the risk).

In Peru, the Company has signed LNG supply agreements with industrial customers, producers and commercializing companies in the market.

# 7.8 <u>Financial risk</u>

#### 7.8.1 Credit risk

Credit risk arises from losses that might occur because of a breach of the contractual obligations on behalf of counterparties of the Company's different financial assets.

The Company has credit policies that mitigate risks of non-collection of trade accounts receivable. These policies consist of establishing limits to the credit of each client based on their financial background and behavior, which is permanently monitored.

The Company's financial assets consist of cash and cash equivalents balance, trade accounts and other accounts receivable, other financial assets and other non-current financial assets.

Credit risk is mainly related to trade accounts and other accounts receivable. The balance of cash and cash equivalents and other financial assets are also exposed to a lesser extent. The exposure of cash and cash equivalents to credit risk is limited because cash is deposited in banks with a high credit rating. The Company's cash surplus investments are diversified among different financial institutions that also have high credit ratings. Investments classified as current financial assets correspond to liabilities issued by companies with AA- o higher ratings. Other non-current financial assets correspond to funds of restricted availability related to guaranty deposits for the delivery of cylinders to clients in Colombia and to hedging instruments contracted with high-credit quality financial institutions.

There are no significant guarantees to cover the credit risk, so the maximum exposure to credit risk approximates its book value, such value of financial assets is as follows:

Financial Assets	Nata	12.31.2023	12.31.2022
Financial Assets	Note	Th\$	Th\$
Cash and cash equivalents	3	115,597,511	45,297,769
Trade receivables and other accounts receivable, current	7	65,829,088	56,346,997
Trade receivables and other accounts receivable, non-current	7	4,258,954	3,618,020
Other financial assets, current	4	96,922	-
Other financial assets, non-current	4	5,390,432	44,168,291
Total	191,172,907	149,431,077	



As of December 31, 2023 the subsidiaries in Peru and Colombia have contracted insurance policies covering the credit risk of commercial customers for the following amounts, respectively: ThPEN 20,587,316, equivalent to Th\$ 4,878,576 and ThCOP 18,056,359 equivalent to Th\$ 4,152,963.

#### Policy on uncollectible debt

Uncollectible provisions are determined according to the Company's policy on uncollectible debt.

This policy is in accordance with IFRS 9, where the recognition of uncollectible client accounts is determined based on the expected losses thereof, establishing the following criteria to make the provisions:

- Segmentation: clients are grouped by business lines according to the Company's sales channels.
- Risk Variables: the business line and arrearage are considered.
  - The business line, because it groups different segments of clients which are possible to identify and group for risk analysis purposes.
  - Arrearage, because it is directly associated with the levels of recovery and maturity of the debt. The longer the delinquency is counted from its maturity date, the more difficult it is to recover.
- Simplified statistical model: the payment period of accounts receivable for this type of business is not more than 12 months. For the same reason we opted for a simplified model, which is one of the alternatives recommended by IFRS 9, when it relates to lower than oneyear debts.
- Significant payment risk increase:
  - A provision is made, considering partial or total debt, should a client be found to have an
    inability to pay due to significant risk increase, even if it does not classify within the above
    criteria.
  - A provision is made, considering partial or total debt, should a client refinance its debt for relevant amounts.
  - The weighted estimate of the probability of credit losses is measured considering the uncollectibility of the last five years. These historical ratios are adjusted with the statistical calculation of "Forward Looking" which converts the historical loss into a projected estimated loss according to the correlation of macroeconomic variables applied to each of our lines of business. For each of our lines of business, growth rate, inflation, GDP and unemployment were considered.

Administrative expenses include the impact of our uncollectibility policy on results.

# 7.8.2 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk refers to the possibility that an entity cannot cope with their short-term payment commitments.



Liquidity risk is handled through the proper management of assets and liabilities, optimizing daily cash surplus, investing in top quality financial instruments, thus, ensuring compliance with debt commitments upon maturity.

The Company maintains relationships with major financial institutions in the markets in which it operates. This allows counting on credit lines to deal with specific illiquidity situations.

Periodically, cash flow projections and analysis of the financial situation are performed, to acquire new financing or restructuring of existing debts on terms that are consistent with the Company's business cash flow generation, should the need arise.

Note 15 of the Financial Statements presents an analysis of the Company's financial liabilities classified according to their maturity.

# 7.8.3 Acquisition strategy risk.

The Company has grown, in part, through several significant acquisitions, including:

- The assets of Gas País in 2010 through which the Company started growing with operations in Colombia.
- Lima Gas S.A. in 2013 through which the Company entered the Peruvian LPG market.
- Neogas Perú S.A. (currently Limagas Natural Perú S.A.), through which the Company has presence in the natural gas market in Peru since February 2016.
- The acquisition in 2021 and 2022 of the companies Four Trees Energía Distribuida SpA, Ecom Energía Chile SpA and Ecom Generación SpA in order to strengthen its presence in the electricity business.
- The commitment signed in 2022 to make contributions to the company Frest SpA dedicated to the distribution of fresh food and other types of products for household consumption.

Going forward, the Company will continue to engage in a number of assessments and pursue other possible acquisitions, which could result in the acquisition of other companies or operations, seeking to incorporate them into existing operations.

Acquisitions involve known and unknown risks that could adversely affect the Company's future net sales and operating income. For example:

- Failing to identify companies, products or brands precisely and appropriately for acquisition.
- Facing difficulties in integrating the management, operations, technologies and distribution processes of the acquired companies or products.
- Failing to obtain the necessary regulatory approvals, including those of anti-trust authorities, in the countries where acquisitions are being made.
- Entering new markets with which we are unfamiliar.



- Diverting management's attention from other business concerns.
- Acquiring a company that has known or unknown contingent liabilities that include, among others, patent infringement or product liability claims.
- Incur in considerable additional indebtedness.

Any future or potential acquisitions may result in substantial costs, disrupt our operations or materially adversely affect the Company's operating results.

Each acquisition performed by the Company is analyzed in detail by multi-disciplinary teams with external consultants, if necessary, in order to analyze the consequences and mitigate the risks inherent in any new business acquisition.

# 7.8.4 Risk that insurance coverage may be insufficient to cover losses that may be incurred

The operation of any distribution company specializing in LPG logistics operations and fuel distribution involves substantial risks of property damage and personal injury and may result in significant costs and liabilities.

The Company permanently analyzes the risks that may be covered by insurance policies, both in the amount of possible losses for the Company as in the characteristics of the risks, therefore Management considers that current insurance levels are appropriate. Notwithstanding the previous, the occurrence of losses or other liabilities that are not covered by the insurance or that exceed coverage limits may result in additional unexpected and significant costs.

#### 7.8.5 Risk of fraud

The Company has relationships with a number of customers, suppliers and third parties. These relationships materialize largely in cash flows from executed transactions and are based on the Company's assets. The Company may be subject to fraudulent actions that could represent financial losses or misuse of its assets. The Company has procedures in place that include controls to prevent fraud. Compliance with these procedures is monitored by the financial control areas of Management. Additionally, Internal Audit reviews the controls contained in the procedures, in terms of design, execution and compliance.

# 7.8.6 Risk of errors in the information provided to the market.

The Company periodically discloses its results and financial position. This information could be subject to errors that could cause reputational damage and sanctions. In order to maintain the reliability of the information provided to third parties, the Company has teams trained in the preparation of financial reports and has control procedures prior to the publication of the information. External companies of recognized prestige audit the annual closing financial information.



# 7.9 <u>Legal and regulatory risk</u>

# 7.9.1 Risk of changes in the regulatory conditions under which the Company's business is conducted.

The amendments of the Gas Services Law (DFL 323) came into effect in February 2017.

The most relevant changes affect businesses in networks under concession, with the most meaningful change being the establishment of a profitability cap of 3% above the capital cost rate for the supply of gas through networks under concession. The capital cost rate may not be lower than 6%, with which resulting profitability is 9% for new networks. Regarding networks built during the 15 years preceding the effective date of the amendments to the law and during the 10 years following the effective date of the amended law, a 5% profitability cap on the capital cost is established for a period of 15 years from its entry into operation, resulting in an 11% rate for the first 15 years of operation.

The Company currently has a natural gas operation in the city of Calama and has begun supplying natural gas in cities located in the south of Chile. The changes included in the law do not affect the evaluation of the natural gas projects currently being developed, since the Company has included the previously mentioned profitability restrictions within the evaluation parameters. For all natural gas distribution operations in networks under concession, annual returns are below the maximum range allowed by law.

The freedom of fixing prices to customers remains for networks not under concession. In addition, it reaffirms that customers or consumers with residential gas services are entitled to change the distribution company. Given the above, a maximum period of five years is set for the validity of relationship contracts between residential gas customers and distributing companies for new real estate projects or should the transfer to another company involves the replacement and adaptation of existing client facilities due to the amendment of supply specifications, in order to enable the connection to the distribution network. In the other cases, the maximum term of the contracts is two years.

As in other liquefied gas markets, the residential bulk business is very competitive among its participants. Additionally, LPG distributing companies must compete with other types of energy (natural gas, firewood, diesel, paraffin, electric power, etc.). The possibility that customers change the company that provides them with LPG already existed before the amendments introduced by law. The service delivered and the security both of supply and facilities, in addition to a competitive price, are relevant to the degree of customer satisfaction. The Company intends to continue being a competitive energy option for those customers connected to LPG networks.

In November 2020, the Chilean National Economic Prosecutor's Office (*Fiscalía Nacional Económica - FNE*) announced the initiation of a Gas Market Study (Study), in order to determine the proper operation of the gas market from the point of view of free competition. The Company collaborated throughout the



process with the FNE, providing information and studies and opinions of international experts on the operation of the liquefied gas market in Chile.

On December 29, 2021, the FNE published its conclusions by issuing a Gas Market Study, in which an analysis of the operation of the market and recommendations for amendments to the operation of the market are made. In no case does the FNE conclude that there are any infringements to free competition regulations. However, with respect to bottled LPG, it makes three recommendations, among which is to prohibit by any means, whether direct or indirect, the participation of wholesale distributors in the LPG retail distribution market and the exclusivity agreements between bottling wholesalers and retail distributors.

Regarding the final report of the Gas Market Study in Chile, issued by the National Economic Prosecutor's Office (FNE), Empresas Lipigas considers the following:

- At Lipigas we are in favor of initiatives that increase competition and benefit consumers. However,
  the FNE's recommendations go in the opposite direction. The Prosecutor's Office is wrong in its final
  analysis and insists on an erroneous diagnosis that does not solve the problem and that will be
  directly detrimental to consumers.
- Regarding the diagnosis, for example, the FNE speaks of a 15% overpricing in gas at the industry level, which is wrong. In the case of Lipigas, the error is even greater, since in its calculation the FNE only incorporates a smaller portion of the real costs and does not consider company investments that benefit consumers, such as the development of maritime terminals to ensure energy security, the modernization of bottling plants, investment in modern truck fleets that provide supply continuity, the development of advanced logistics and the digitization of processes for greater efficiency, among other costs and investments. In fact, the company invests more than 30 billion Chilean pesos a year in the LPG business, which the FNE does not consider either. The problem is that the FNE's erroneous diagnosis generates false expectations of a price reduction, which in Chile depends on the international price of gas and leads to measures that could harm people.
- As for the FNE's recommendation to remove wholesalers from retail distribution, this measure will harm consumers. Removing players from the market does not increase competition, but rather decreases it. Especially if players that can charge less because they are more efficient are removed. As the data show, the cylinders sold by Lipigas direct distribution are cheaper than those currently distributed by third-party retailers and offer a better quality of service to consumers. The best way to meet the FNE's objectives is to maintain the direct distribution of gas companies in coexistence with multi-brand distributors, which would give people more options from which to choose.
- We know that the price of gas -and the increase in prices in general- is affecting the pockets of families, which is a matter of concern and has led us to develop solutions such as a non-delivery service called *LipiVecino*, with savings of up to 15% when buying a 15-kilo load, which is available in



105 of Chile's most important municipalities. In addition, we have signed agreements with over 150 municipalities and other entities that allow the delivery of consumer-beneficial discounts.

In January 2022, the Executive Branch submitted to the Honorable House of Representatives a bill on the improvement of the gas market, which incorporated the recommendations included in the Study issued by the FNE. This bill was withdrawn by the new administration that took office in March 2022. The new administration has announced that it will present a bill to monitor competition in the LPG market.

The Company is completely willing to participate in the parliamentary discussion process by making suggestions for amendments to the bill presented in order to ensure that the changes benefit consumers so that they have more and better alternatives from which to choose and continue receiving a service that has been recognized by several surveys as one of the best services of its kind in Chile.

In July 2022, the state-owned company ENAP announced the start of a pilot plan to commercialize 6,000 bottled cylinders in three municipalities using LPG produced at its refineries. This pilot plan ended in December of 2022. The state-owned company has announced that it will acquire 60,000 new cylinders to deliver finished product to retail distributors in the regions of Valparaiso, O'Higgins, Maule, Ñuble, Bío Bío and Los Ríos as from the first half of 2023, since these are the areas where the company already operates bottling plants. As from October 2023, ENAP began selling LPG in bulk to Talca, a city where it will focus its commercial strategy on the regions of Valparaíso and Biobío small businesses in the area.

In June 2023, a bill on the improvement of the gas market was submitted to the Honorable House of Representatives, which incorporates the recommendations included in the Study issued by Chile's National Economic Prosecutor (FNE), which is currently under consideration.

Significant changes in laws and regulations in the sectors in which the Company operates may adversely affect its business or the conditions thereof, increase the Company's operating costs or affect the financial situation of the Company. In addition, change of rules or their interpretation could require incurring costs that could affect financial performance or impact the financial position of the Company.

#### 7.9.2 Risk of litigation, penalties and fines

The Company may be subject to litigation, penalties or fines resulting from its business. These potential impacts are mitigated from their inception, by complying with relevant regulations. The principal litigation and sanctioning procedures currently underway involving the Company or its subsidiaries are described in Note 29 to the consolidated financial statements.

The Company's main businesses are regulated by the Superintendence of Electricity and Fuels (SEC) in Chile, the Ministry of Mines and Energy (hereinafter MME), the Superintendence of Domiciliary Public Services (hereinafter SSPD), the Regulatory Commission of Energy and Gas (hereinafter CREG) in Colombia, and the Ministry of Energy and Mines and the Energy and Mines Investment Regulator (Osinergmin) in Peru, which ensure compliance with the laws, decrees, rules, memorandum and



resolutions that govern the activity. In addition, different agencies in different countries are responsible for the control of compliance with the provisions related to tax, environmental, labor, antitrust, and corporate regulations, among others.

The Company has procedures in place and has the knowledge required to act under the protection of current laws and avoid penalties and fines. The controls implemented are constantly reviewed and people are trained to avoid contractual and regulatory breaches.

The Company has implemented a Crime Prevention Model in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 20,393 enacted in Chile to prevent the crimes of money laundering, financing of terrorism, bribery of national or foreign public officials, receiving, bribery between private parties, disloyal administration, incompatible negotiation and misappropriation. This model manages, through various control activities, especially the processes or activities that are exposed to the risk of committing these crimes in the 3 countries where the Company operates.

# 7.10 Compliance risks

#### 7.10.1 Risk of non-compliance related to competition freedom

The Company is committed to supporting and promoting free and fair competition in all markets in which it operates, with a profound regard for the principle of competition freedom, preventing and avoiding monopolistic practices, competing fairly and ethically within the framework of existing laws in this field, and never preventing other market players from participating on equal terms. The Company's activity is developed by its executives and employees in the different markets of the 3 countries where it operates and there could be a risk of deviation from the principles of competition freedom. In order to comply with and enforce compliance with the regulations applicable to competition freedom, training is permanently provided to the different areas of the Company and its subsidiaries so that all personnel adhere to the principles of free competition and denounce any practices that could be in conflict with these principles. Respect for the principle of free competition is outlined in the Codes of Conduct applicable to the Company's operations. In turn, it has a policy and manual on free competition that establishes the practices that must be developed to ensure compliance with this principle.

# 7.10.2 Risk of practices deviating from respect for human rights

The Company has a profound regard for the rights and characteristics of the various groups with which it interacts. It is committed to equal opportunity and the protection of basic rights. Regarding its employees, the company promotes a diverse workforce and an inclusive environment and values the individuality, unique perspectives, talents, and contributions of each individual to the success of the Company. The Company's interactions with its customers, contractors, and the communities in which it operates are always governed by its principles of transparency and respect. The Company's activity is developed by its executives and employees in the different markets of the 3 countries where it operates and there could be a risk of deviating from these principles. To comply with and enforce the principles



of respect for the human rights of employees, customers, contractors, and communities, the Company and its subsidiaries provide ongoing training to ensure that all personnel adhere to the Company's principles and values. The Company's Code of Conduct outlines the expected conduct of its employees, as well as policies regarding conduct with contractors, harassment, and disregard for the rights of individuals. The Company has established whistleblower hotlines through which any individual may anonymously report any conduct that may be in violation of these principles. In each of the reported cases, the Ethics Committee investigates the complaint and provides a treatment and response in strict confidence.

#### 7.11 Risks related to climate change and natural disasters

# 7.11.1 Risks relating to climate change

Due to concern over risks of climate change, several countries have adopted, or are considering the adoption of, regulatory frameworks to, among other measures, reduce greenhouse gas emissions. These could include adoption of cap-and-trade regimes, carbon taxes, increased efficiency standards, and incentives or mandates to develop the generation of renewable energy. These requirements could reduce demand for fossil fuels, replacing them with energy sources of relatively lower-carbon sources. In addition, some governments may provide tax advantages and other subsidies and mandates to make alternative energy sources more competitive against oil and gas. Governments may also promote research into new technologies to reduce the cost and increase the scalability of alternative energy sources, all of which could lead to a decrease in the demand for our products. In addition, current and pending greenhouse gas regulations may substantially increase our compliance costs and, consequently, increase the price of products distributed by the Company.

The effects of climate change could force changes in consumer behavior that will decrease the demand for fossil fuels, preferring other energy sources.

In addition, climate change could produce a modification in operating conditions that will increase operating costs (for example, a greater likelihood of storm surges that prevent normal operations in ports).

The Company permanently monitors the evolution of regulations related to climate change and its consequences on consumer behavior and operations and analyzes alternative fuels with a lower carbon footprint that can be commercialized as a substitute for or in combination with fossil fuels. Proof of these last actions is the development of LNG for industries and as a fuel for long-distance trucks to replace more polluting fuels, and the agreements signed with Suburban Propane Partners, L.P. and Oberon Fuels to analyze the production and commercialization of renewable dimethyl ether (rDME) blended with LPG to significantly reduce its carbon footprint. An agreement has also been signed with Omega Green S.A., a biorefinery belonging to Be8, a leading Brazilian company in biodiesel production, which will produce advanced biofuels in Paraguay for the future sale of Green LPG or Bio LPG to the Chilean company, which will be available in 2026. In addition, agreements have been signed to develop



the production of renewable BioLNG derived from organic waste, allowing customers to reduce their carbon footprint.

#### 7.11.2 Risk of natural or health catastrophes

In the countries in which the Company is present, catastrophic situations eventually occur such as floods, tsunamis or earthquakes, which force us to operate in contingency to maintain the supply to our customers. Previous experiences, in addition to emergency and contingency plans, periodically monitored, allow to mitigate this risk.

On the other hand, rapidly spreading infectious diseases can have consequences for the Company's business. Authorities may impose restrictions that impact the activity of customers or the Company, decreasing its revenue stream or incurring additional costs. In turn, the protection of the safety of workers, employees and customers can lead to higher operating costs driven by health reasons or arising from the same restrictions.

The Board of Directors and Management monitor the evolution of such situations, privileging the safety of workers, collaborators, customers and communities in which the Company's activities are conducted. Special committees are formed composed of first line managers to quickly respond and coordinate safeguard measures.

# 7.12 <u>Technology and cybersecurity risk</u>

# 7.12.1 Cybersecurity risk

The world is on a fast-paced path of digitization, whereby robotics, digitization and the Internet are rapidly integrating into the operating environment, bringing with them changes in cybersecurity risks. Companies of all sizes and sectors have seen an increase in cyberattack incidents and attempts. In addition, considering a business context in which the security of systems has been decentralized with the mobility of employees, having a cybersecurity strategy that includes this situation has become essential.

Aware of these risks, Management constantly monitors and updates the different cybersecurity risks and implements actions to mitigate them, evaluating the impact on the organization and the probability of occurrence according to scales defined for it. Thus, to closely examine the level of risk, a complete analysis has recently been developed that has allowed to determine the level of maturity and alignment of the organization, using the requirements established in ISO 27.001:2013 as a basis, and an action plan was implemented in 2022 that reduced cybersecurity risks. In 2023, aware that there is always a residual cybersecurity risk, the Company will continue to improve its security measures to protect its digital assets and prevent future attacks using and external audit specializing in this type of risk to measure risk and maturity.



# 7.12.2 Risk of misuse of third-party information

The Company collects data from third parties (customers, suppliers, employees, and independent contractors) that are essential to the development of its business. There is a risk that these data will be misused, either due to failures in computer security or personnel misuse. As described in the cybersecurity risk, the Company safeguards its data processing and storage systems to prevent unauthorized individuals from using third-party data. Regarding its personnel, the company provides ongoing training to ensure that all employees are aware of the restrictions on the use of third-party data.

# 7.13 Third-party management risks

# 7.13.1 Risks resulting from third party management

Multiple services are provided by third parties for the Company's operation. Some of them are crucial in that they are difficult to replace, and errors in the performance of the third party could have a negative impact on the Company's operations and results. The Company selects the third parties that provide services and goods using a procedure that considers the past performance and conduct of the third party in its relationship with the Company. The Company's contracts with third parties contain clauses that protect it from suppliers' and contractors' noncompliance with their contractual obligations. In addition, suppliers and contractors are evaluated prior to and following contracting in order to assess their performance.