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#### TRANSPORTADORA DE GAS DEL NORTE S.A

(hereinafter the "Company" or "TGN") is pleased to announce RESULTS FOR THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2023.

#### **STOCK INFORMATION:**

Market capitalization as of March 31, 2023: AR\$ 170.477.1 million.



20% of its capital stock trades on BYMA<sup>(\*)</sup>; Ticker: TGNO4

#### Capital Structure:

Class A: 179.3 million Class B: 172.2 million Class C: 87.9 million Total: 439.4 million

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# Main indicators for the three-month period ended March 31, 2023:

- Income for the first quarter 2023 amounted to AR\$ 10,937.2 million (AR\$ 24.8927 per share) compared to a loss of AR\$ 3,088.0 million (AR\$ -7.0282 per share) during the same period in previous year, principally explained by an increase in other net income and expenses, as a result of the accounting impact of the agreement between TGN and YPF, which was partially offset by higher charge of current income tax and other net financial income.
- Revenues for the three-month period reached AR\$ 10,043.9 million, decreasing 21.4% in comparison with the same period in previous year where revenues amounted to AR\$ 12,194.4 million. This decrease is mainly explained as a result of the net effect between inflation acceleration and the 60% rate increase that the company received in march 2022.
- EBITDA <sup>1</sup> for the period reached AR\$ 1,719.0 million, representing a decrease of 257.1% compared to the same period in 2022 where EBITDA amounted to AR\$ 6,139.0 million. This variation is mainly explained by a decrease in sales and higher operating expenses, which was partially offset by lower cost of service.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EBITDA: Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization, have been calculated as "Income before other income and expenses" plus depreciation for the period for items of "Property, plant and equipment".





#### 1- Current economic context:

The Company operates within a complex economic context where main variables have experienced a strong volatility.

Argentina's main macroeconomic indicators are:

- The Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") growth in 2022 has been 5.5%.
- Primary fiscal deficit for 2022 was 2.4% of the GDP, while the financial deficit reached 4.2% of the GDP.
- Cumulative inflation between January 1 and March 31, 2023 reached 21.73% as shown by the Consumer Price Index published by the National Institute of Statistics and Census.
- From January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023, the peso depreciated 17.98% against the US dollar, as shown by the exchange rate published by Banco de la Nación Argentina.

The Central Bank of Argentina ("BCRA") imposed greater exchange restrictions, which also affect the value of the foreign currency on existing alternative markets for certain exchange transactions that are restricted on the official market. These measures, aimed at restricting access to the exchange market and therefore the demand for US dollars, imply the need to obtain the previous authorization of the BCRA for certain transactions. Said exchange restrictions, or any other as may be imposed in the future, may affect the Company's capacity to access the Free Foreign Exchange Market ("MULC") to acquire the foreign currency necessary to face its commercial obligations. As of December 31, 2023, foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities have been valued based on the exchange rates quoted by MULC.

As of the date of issue of these interim condensed financial statements the economic context continues to be uncertain and volatile. The Company's Management permanently monitors how the variables that affect the business evolve in order to determine possible actions to be adopted and identify potential impacts on its equity and financial position. These interim condensed financial statements should be read in the light of said circumstances.





#### 2- Revenues for the three-month ended March 31, 2023:

The decrease in inflation adjusted revenues amounting to \$ 2,150.4 million between the three-month periods ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 is due to:

- AR\$ 1,946.5 million increase in revenues mainly due to higher export volumes under interruptible and exchange and displacement transportation services;
- AR\$ 4,303.9 million decrease in revenues, as a result of the net effect between inflation acceleration and the 60% rate increase in force until April 28, 2023. (See Note 1.3.3 to the Company's interim condensed financial statements for the three-month period ended March 31, 2023); and
- AR\$ 207.0 million increase in revenues from "Gas pipeline operation and maintenance and other services".

As of March 31, 2023, 91.0% of the Company's revenues came from the gas transportation services (regulated business), with the remaining 9.0% being represented by gas pipeline operation and maintenance and other services (non-regulated business). As of March 31, 2022, revenues from the regulated business accounted for 94.3% while those from the non-regulated business accounted for the remaining 5.7%.

#### 3- 2017 Comprehensive Rate Review and 2022 Interim Agreement:

From April 2014 to December 2017 TGN received successive interim rate increases toward the Comprehensive Rate Review ("CRR") conducted by ENARGAS starting in March 2016. Additionally, the CRR provided that between April 1, 2017 and March 31, 2022, the Company had to implement a Mandatory Investment Plan ("MIP") for approximately \$ 5.6 billion (expressed in December 2016 currency), which amount would be adjusted in line with TGN rate adjustment. The Company was bound to both invest the amount committed and to carry out those works described under the MIP.

The regulatory framework provides for non-automatic semi-annual transportation rate procedures for rate reviews, due to changes experienced in the cost of service, in order to maintain the economic-financial balance and quality of the service.

In September 2019, the Energy Secretariat passed Resolution No. 521/2019 (amended by Resolution No. 751/2019) deferring the semi-annual rate adjustment that should have been applied effective October 1, 2019, until February 1, 2020, and further established that licensees would be compensated with the MIP review to the extent of the lower revenues derived from said measure. Consequently, between October and December 2019 the Company submitted proposals to ENARGAS for adjusting the MIP for an amount of \$ 459.2 million (at December 2016 currency). However, upon enactment of the Social Solidarity and Productive Reactivation under





the Public Emergency Framework Law No. 27,541 (the "Solidarity Law"), the national government announced its intention to suspend rate adjustments for natural gas and electricity transportation and distribution utility services under federal jurisdiction for 180 days, to start renegotiating the CRR, or embark on a rate review of an exceptional nature. On June 18, 2020, the PEN enacted Necessity and Urgency Decree No. 543/20 extending once again the rate freeze established under the Solidarity Law for another 180 running days.

Said law empowered the PEN to freeze natural gas rates that are under federal jurisdiction and to start renegotiating the CRR, or else a rate review of an exceptional nature, in the terms of the Natural Gas Act, for a maximum term of up to 180 days, aimed at reducing the actual rate burden on household, commercial and industrial users. The PEN was further empowered to administratively intervene ENARGAS for a one-year term. Indeed, on March 16, 2020 the PEN instructed the intervention of the ENARGAS, entrusting the comptroller to conduct a legal, technical and economic audit of all aspects regulated under the Solidarity Law in energy matters and to prepare a report to be submitted to the PEN.

On November 20, 2020, ENARGAS comptroller submitted a report to the National Energy Secretary and Minister of Economy with the results of the audit and CRR, concluding that the latter would have been affected by serious flaws that could render it null and void and that, in his opinion, would have had a negative impact on the rates paid by users, as a result of which he proposed to opt for the CRR renegotiation alternative foreseen in section 5 of the Solidarity Law. The Company, which received notice of said report on January 7, 2021, disagrees with said conclusions as it considers that the CRR was a valid procedure under the applicable legislation that gave rise to fair and reasonable transportation rates, as required under the Natural Gas Act.

Following ENARGAS comptroller's recommendation, on December 17, 2020, the PEN passed Necessity and Urgency Decree No. 1020/20 ("Decree 1020/20") instructing to suspend the Comprehensive Agreement to the extent to be established by ENARGAS, to start the CRR renegotiation as established in section 5 of the Solidarity Law and to complete the renegotiation process no later than December 17, 2022. Said process must end with the execution of a final agreement with natural gas transportation and distribution licensees regarding the CRR, with ENARGAS being authorized to apply interim rate adjustments to assure the normal and continued provision of the utility service. Said decree further provides that if no final agreement is reached. the ENARGAS shall enact, ad referendum of the PEN, a new rate regime for natural gas transportation and distribution utility services. Hence, on February 22, 2021, ENARGAS passed Resolution No. 47/21 convening a public hearing that took place on March 16, 2021, to discuss the interim rate regime foreseen in Decree 1020/20. Said resolution envisages that any interim rate increase must be endorsed by an agreement to be entered into between licensees and ENARGAS, and further that during the effective term of the interim rate regime licensees will not be allowed to distribute dividends, directly or indirectly prepay financial and commercial liabilities with shareholders, acquire other companies or grant loans, without ENARGAS express authorization.





On March 27, 2021, ENARGAS offered gas distribution and transportation licensees to enter into interim rate adjustment agreements in exchange for their commitment not to bring claims based on the rate freezing established under the Solidarity Law. As such proposal was equal to zero for TGN, the Company declined to enter into said agreement, though it agreed to embark on the CRR renegotiation process established under Decree 1020/20, making reservation of its rights and actions.

On June 1, 2021, the Company received notice of certain resolutions passed by the Ministry of Economy ("MECON") as well as the ENARGAS, all of them validated by a presidential decree, whereby an Interim Rate Regime ("IRR") was put in force.

The IRR involved: (i) that TGN rates remained frozen, (ii) that the Company will have to continue rendering the gas transportation service, (iii) the prohibition to distribute dividends, prepay loans with shareholders and acquire companies or grant loans (except to users or contractors other than the Company's shareholders), without ENARGAS previous approval, and (iv) that no mandatory investment plan applies during the IRR. The IRR also provided for the possibility that ENARGAS adjusts TGN rates as from April 1, 2022.

On June 30, 2021, the Company filed an appeal at administrative level against Decree 1020/20, MECON and ENARGAS Joint Resolution 2/21 whereby the IRR was approved subject to further approval by the PEN, Decree No. 353/21 that ratified Joint Resolution 2 and ENARGAS Resolution 150/21 whereby the IRR rate charts were put into force. In line with the express provisions of the Natural Gas Act (article 48) and the "Basic Rules of the Transportation License" (item 9.8), the Company believes that the cost of any subsidy to natural gas users must be borne by the National Treasury and not TGN, or otherwise TGN must be compensated by the PEN. The Company also believes that neither the PEN, MECON nor ENARGAS have the authority to place the bans imposed by the IRR.

By means of Resolution No. 518/21 dated December 27, 2021, the ENARGAS convened a new public hearing that took place on January 19, 2022, at which gas transportation and distribution licensees put forward their interim rate adjustment proposals for 2022.

On January 27, 2022, TGN filed before MECON the previous administrative claim foreseen under the Administrative Proceedings Law No. 19,549, requesting to be compensated for the loss experienced as a result of the decision adopted by the national government to freeze the transportation rates and to prevent it from invoicing services based on the rate charts approved in 2017 under the CRR framework.

On February 18, 2022, TGN entered into an interim agreement with MECON and ENARGAS that established a 60% transportation rate increase effective as of March 2022 (the "2022 Interim Agreement"). Said agreement, which will remain in force until December 2022, unless extended by mutual consent of the parties, does not provide for mandatory investments but establishes: (i) that the Company will have to continue rendering the gas transportation service, (ii) the prohibition to distribute dividends, prepay loans with shareholders and acquire companies or grant loans





(except to users or contractors other than the Company's shareholders), without previous approval, and (iii) that during the effective term, TGN and its controlling shareholder, Gasinvest S.A., must agree not to file legal actions or claims against the National Government based on the rate freezing established under the Solidarity Law. The 2022 Interim Agreement came into force on February 22, 2022, upon enactment of PEN Decree No. 91/22 and ENARGAS Resolution No. 59/22 dated February 23, 2022, approving the interim rates effective as of March 1, 2022.

On December 6, 2022 the PEN enacted Necessity and Urgency Decree No. 815/22 providing for (i) the extension of the term for completing the CRR renegotiation provided for in section 5 of the Solidarity Law, for one year and (ii) the extension of the term for ENARGAS intervention, for one year or until the new rate charts resulting from the CRR renegotiation come into force, whichever the first. ENARGAS is thereby also instructed to take the necessary steps toward an interim rate adjustment, as provided under Decree 1020/20.

Therefore, by means of Resolution No. 523/22 dated December 7, 2022, the ENARGAS convened a new public hearing that took place on January 4, 2023, at which gas transportation and distribution licensees put forward their interim rate adjustment proposals for 2023.

On April 24, 2023 the Company signed an addendum to the 2022 Interim Agreement (the "Addendum") with MECON and ENARGAS providing for a 95% rate increase. The Addendum was ratified and put into force by means of Decree No. 250/23 published on April 29, 2023, date on which the rate charts approved by means of ENARGAS Resolution No. 187/23 reflecting the rate increase foreseen in the Addendum became effective.

#### 4- Costs and expenses for the three-month period ended March 31, 2023:

During the first three-month period of 2023, the cost of service amounted to AR\$ 7,601.8 million, decreasing 45.0% in comparison with the same period in previous year. This decrease is mainly explained by a variation in Property, plant and equipment depreciation.

Administrative and selling expenses for the period amounted to AR\$ 3,934.4 million, showing a 94.2% increase with respect to the previous year, mainly explained by a higher charge on Lawsuits and litigation expenses.





#### 5- Financial situation:

On September 16, 2022, the loan taken with "Itaú Unibanco S.A. Nassau Branch" on October 19, 2020, and originally due on October 21, 2022, was extended for an additional term of twenty-four months.

The terms and conditions of the facility are described below:

Amount: US\$ 55,000,000;Term: twenty-four months;

Amortization: 100% at maturity;

Interest: quarterly;Rate: 1.50% p/a;

Prepayment: total or partial at any time without any cost or penalty;

Guarantee: first lien for the amount of of US\$ 56,500,000.

As a subsequent event, in April 19, 2023, the Company has paid interest for US\$ 201.7 thousand under this loan.

#### 6- Operating data:

Volumes dispatched during the first three-month period of 2023 decreased by 3.6% compared to the same period in 2022. This was mainly explained by a decrease in interruptible local transportation services, which was partially offset by an increase in export transportation volumes.

Below are volumes dispatched broken down by source, contract type and destination:

Per source in million m³	As of 03.31		
	2023	2022	
Northern Pipeline	1,414	1,616	
Central West Pipeline	3,322	3,492	
Final Sections	854	683	
Total	5,590	5,791	





Per contract type in million m³	As of	As of 03.31		
	2023	2022		
Firm	2,865	2,910		
Interruptible & exchange and displacement	2,725	2,881		
Total	5,590	5,791		

Per destination in million m³	As of 03.31		
	2023	2022	
Domestic market	4,881	5,284	
Export market	709	507	
Total	5,590	5,791	

### 7- Other relevant news of the period:

On February 3, 2023 TGN and YPF entered into a settlement agreement that put an end to the complaints, under which YPF agreed to pay TGN the amount of US\$ 190.6 million – in Argentine pesos at the asked rate published by Banco de la Nación Argentina – in four annual instalments payable each February 1, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027.





## **ANEXOS:**

# 1- Annual Statement of Income (in millions AR\$)

	Three-month period ended	
	03.31.2023	03.31.2022
Revenues	10,043.9	12,194.4
Cost of service	(7,601.8)	(11,023.7)
Gross profit	2,442.1	1,170.7
Selling expenses	(433.2)	(486.9)
Administrative expenses	(3,501.3)	(1,539.6)
Other net income and expenses	23,312.8	(158.9)
Recovery due to impairment of financial assets	7,894.4	6.6
Income (loss) before financial income	29,714.9	(1,008.2)
Other net financial income	(3,432.0)	1,238.0
Financial income	313.1	330.4
Financial expenses	(94.4)	(155.9)
Loss on monetary position	(9,382.9)	(5,623.8)
Income from investments in affiliated companies	7.7	6.5
Income (loss) before income tax	17,126.4	(5,213.0)
Income tax	(6,189.2)	2,125.0
Income (loss) for the period	10,937.2	(3,088.0)
Other comprehensive income for the period	(13.1)	(27.5)
Comprehensive income (loss) for the period	10,924.1	(3,115.5)





# 2- Balance Sheet (in millions AR\$)

	03.31.2023	12.31.2022
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	130,781.2	132,997.6
Investments in affiliated companies	448.1	453.5
Materials and spare parts	4,187.0	4,402.0
Other accounts receivable	21,323.2	294.8
Trade accounts receivable	10,376.0	18,395.6
Investments at amortized cost of restricted availability	11,799.9	12,186.7
Total non-current assets	178,915.5	168,730.2
Current assets		
Materials and spare parts	384.8	308.8
Other accounts receivable	10,554.4	2,003.6
Trade accounts receivable	4,798.1	5,628.5
Investments at amortized cost	0.5	1.5
Investments at fair value	17,255.6	19,187.8
Cash and cash equivalents	3,083.0	3170.341
Total current assets	36,076.4	30,300.5
Total assets	214,991.9	199,030.7
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common stock	439.4	439.4
Common stock integral adjustment	68,099.8	68,099.8
Property, plant and equipment revaluation allow ance	19,605.7	19,925.8
Statutory reserve	13,707.8	13,707.8
Optional reserve for w orking capital and liquidity coverage	55,885.6	55,885.6
Other reserves	(122.5)	(109.4)
Retained earnings	8,069.1	(3,188.1)
Total shareholders' equity	165,685.0	154,760.9
LIABILITIES		
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred income tax liability	17,425.2	24,343.5
Income tax payable	12,826.5	-
Loans	11,438.1	11,791.9
Lease debts	1,011.9	859.2
Other debts	1,773.2	207.3
Trade accounts payable	244.3	316.0
Total non-current liabilities	44,719.3	37,517.9
Current liabilities		
Contingencies	106.1	52.6
Loans	32.1	35.1
Lease debts	193.2	164.9
Salaries and social security contributions	1,849.6	2,123.4
Taxes payable	310.7	392.8
Other debts	182.9	196.0
Trade accounts payable	1,913.0	3,787.1
Total current liabilities	4,587.6	6,751.9
Total liabilities	49,306.9	44,269.8
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	214,991.9	199,030.7





## 3- Statement of Cash Flows (in millions AR\$)

	03.31.2023	12.31.2022
Income (loss) for the period	10,937.2	(3,088.0)
Adjustments to cash generated by (used in) operating activities:		
Property, plant and equipment depreciation	3,211.7	6,995.3
Residual value of property, plant and equipment written-off	56.3	9.1
Income tax	6,189.2	(2,125.0)
Accrued interest generated by liabilities	85.7	146.1
Accrued interest generated by assets	(313.1)	(330.4)
Income from discount at present value	10,213.2	-
Increase in allow ances and provisions (net of recoveries)	(7,828.2)	(11.8)
Increase in allow ances and provisions	1,675.3	-
Exchange rate differences and other net financial income	(6,505.8)	(542.7)
Income from commercial compensations	(23,377.9)	-
Loss from investments in affiliated companies	(7.7)	(6.5)
Net changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Decrease in trade accounts receivable	11,664.5	1,710.8
(Increase) decrease in other accounts receivable	(5,691.7)	654.0
Decrease in materials and spare parts	148.6	97.0
Decrease in trade accounts payable	(1,961.6)	(1,020.1)
Decrease in salaries and social security contributions	(273.8)	(335.4)
(Decrease) Increase in taxes payable	(372.1)	157.4
Decrease in other debts	(309.5)	(37.0)
Decrease in contingencies	(10.0)	(147.0)
Net cash flow (used in) generated by operating activities	-2,469.7	2,125.8
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(1,050.4)	(1,219.8)
Subscriptions net of recovery of investments at amortized cost and investments at fair value (non-	5,336.4	(194.1)
cash equivalents)	3,330.4	(194.1)
Principal received from investments at amortized cost and investments at fair value	0.7	1.5
Interest received from investments at amortized cost and investments at fair value	0.2	1.2
Net cash flow generated by (used in) investing activities	4,286.8	(1,411.3)
Payment of principal on Notes	-	(899.3)
Payment of interest on Notes	-	(81.9)
Payment of interest on Itaú Unibanco S.A. Nassau Branch Ioan	(45.2)	-
Payment of principal on local loans in pesos	-	(545.1)
Payment of interest on local loans in pesos	-	(49.1)
Lease payment	(35.6)	(9.6)
Net cash flow used in financing activities	(80.8)	(1,585.0)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,736.4	(870.4)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of fiscal year	3,170.3	6,852.3
Financial loss generated by cash	(1,823.7)	(2,746.5)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period	3,083.0	3,235.4

This earnings release should be read in connection with the interim condensed financial statements for the three-month period ended March 31, 2023 that are available at:

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