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Consolidated unaudited results of AB Lietuvos Dujos for Half 1 of 2011

AB Lietuvos Dujos consolidated unaudited sales of Half 1 of 2011, compared with the respective period of the previous year, decreased by 4% and amounted to LTL 924.4 million* (in H 1 of 2010: LTL 959.2 million). The decrease in sales was mainly impacted by the decrease in the gas sales volumes. A drop in demand for natural gas was shown by AB Lietuvos Elektrine. By contrast, the revenue from gas transit increased due to the higher transit tariff and the increase in the gas transit volumes.

The consolidated unaudited profit before tax of Half 1 of 2011 of AB Lietuvos Dujos decreased by LTL 1.9 million y/y to LTL 99.8 million (in H 1 of 2010: LTL 101.7 million). The net profit of the period amounted to LTL 86.0 million (in H 1 of 2010: LTL 86.7 million).

The EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) of Half 1 of 2011, compared with the respective period of the previous year, increased by LTL 5.6 million and amounted to LTL 154.5 million. The increase in the EBITDA was determined by the increase in the depreciation expenses.

"In Half 1 of 2011, the Company devoted to investments a total amount of LTL 13.6 million. This year the state has finally made its decision regarding the co-funding of the Sakiai–Klaipeda Gas Transmission Pipeline project with the financial assistance of the EU structural funds. It is quite some time that the Company is fully prepared to proceed with the works for the construction of this pipeline and it will proceed with these works forthwith, as soon as the procedures for the allocation of the EU financial assistance are duly executed. The Sakiai–Klaipeda Gas Transmission Pipeline Project was launched by the Company on its own initiative back in 2006, and AB Lietuvos Dujos has already invested into it approx. LTL 40 million of its own funds. The first section to the town of Jurbarkas of this Gas Transmission Pipeline of national importance was constructed already back in 2007, and via it natural gas is already being supplied to gas consumers," said the Deputy General Manager – Director of Commerce Dr Joachim Hockertz commenting on the results of Half 1 of 2011.

In Half 1 of 2011, the natural gas volumes transmitted to customers of Lithuania via the natural gas system of AB Lietuvos Dujos amounted to 1,838.5 MCM, which represents a rise of 11% y/y. This rise was impacted by the increase in the volumes transmitted for AB Achema as this fertilizer production company has markedly increased its gas consumption. Transit to the Kaliningrad Region of the Russian Federation increased by 42% y/y and hit 1,012.5 MCM.

In Half 1 of 2011, the Company transported via its distribution pipelines 621.6 MCM of natural gas, which represents a drop of 3% y/y.

The Company's sales volumes of Half 1 of 2011 totaled 729.3 MCM. Of this total, natural gas sales volumes to household customers amounted to 113.7 MCM (a drop of 2% y/y), and natural gas sales volumes to non-household customers amounted to 615.6 MCM (a drop of 21% y/y).

According to the data for the past four years, AB Lietuvos Dujos imports volumes on average accounted for 42% of the total natural gas volumes consumed in Lithuania, and in Half 1 of 2011 this indicator stood at 40%. The remaining 60% were gas volumes transported by AB Lietuvos Dujos for third parties (granting the Third Party Access). Total number of the Company's customers exceeds 554 thousand; they are energy and industrial enterprises, other enterprises, organisations and households.

AB Lietuvos Dujos shares are quoted on the Main List of the stock exchange NASDAQ OMX Vilnius.

* LTL 3.45 = EUR 1