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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the shareholders of  
Sirma Group Holding JSC  
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### Report on the Audit of the Separate Financial Statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sirma Group Holding JSC (the Company), which comprise the separate statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023 and the separate statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the separate statement of changes in equity and the separate statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the separate financial statements, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying separate financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2023 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as adopted by the EU and Bulgarian legislation.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independent Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code), together with the ethical requirements of Bulgarian Independent Financial Audit Act, and we have fulfilled our other responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to note 4.23 "Estimation uncertainty", where information is disclosed about the risks characterizing the business environment in which the Company operates. When performing the annual asset impairment test and determining their recoverable value, the Company's management refers to forecasts and assumptions that largely depend on external factors and are beyond the Company's control. They are the result and combination of negative effects of the deteriorating macroeconomic situation, geopolitical risks, including the military conflicts on the territory of the Middle East and Ukraine and the specifics of the IT sector. These circumstances lead to significant complications in forecasting the plans, implementation of activities and achievement of expected indicators and parameters used in determining the recoverable value of the Company's assets. This, in turn, could lead to a change in their net carrying amount as of 31 December 2023, which in the separate financial statements is estimated after making a number of judgments and assumptions by the management, taking into account the most reliable information available at the date of the approximate assumptions.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the separate financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Impairment testing of investments in subsidiaries, accounted for using the cost model	
Note 7 to the separate financial statements	
Key audit matter	How this matter was addressed during the audit
<p>As of 31 December 2023, the investments in subsidiaries of Sirma Group Holding AD amount to BGN 70 830 thousand and represent 79% of the Company's assets. Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost and are subject to regular annual impairment testing.</p> <p>In determining the recoverable amount of investments, the Company's management makes a number of significant assumptions and assumptions that may be based on uncertain future events. Management performs detailed analyses of the activities of its subsidiaries and the financial results achieved by them to determine whether there are indications of impairment of the value of investments. In addition, it uses reports of independent licensed valuers to determine the fair value of part of the investments.</p> <p>Management is required to apply a significant level of judgment in the formation of accounting estimates regarding assumptions and external influencing factors such as potential economic consequences of macroeconomic changes during the period that may have an effect on the operations of subsidiaries. The current macroeconomic environment is characterized by lower economic growth, measures to control inflation since the beginning of the year, the deterioration of the business climate, and high geopolitical risks and uncertainty regarding future developments in regions of military conflicts.</p> <p>These circumstances lead to significant complications in forecasting plans, execution of activities, achievement of expected indicators and parameters used in determining the recoverable amount of investments, including investments in companies that have plans to provide services related to cyber security in the area in the Middle East.</p> <p>Due to the importance of investments in subsidiaries, as well as the fact that management's judgment is based on significant assumptions and future events, we have identified this issue as a key audit issue for the audit. Notes 4.23 and 7 to the separate financial statements present the disclosures regarding the judgments and assumptions of the Company's management regarding investments in subsidiaries as of 31 December 2023.</p>	<p>During our audit, our audit procedures included, but were not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- gaining an understanding of the process applied by the Company's management with respect to identifying impairment indicators related to investments in subsidiaries as well as the necessity to prepare impairment tests;</li> <li>- review and analysis of the financial statements, other available, relevant financial information, including budgets, business plans and estimates of subsidiaries;</li> <li>- assessment and analysis of the estimates and assumptions used by the management in terms of their relevance and adequacy;</li> <li>- assessment of the assumptions used by management in terms of the impairment indicators including those based on the financial indicators of the subsidiaries;</li> <li>- review of the professional competence and qualification of the external appraisers;</li> <li>- assessment and analysis of the independence of external experts, including through a declaration of independence;</li> <li>- analysis and evaluation of the applied valuation methods, including assumptions and other key indicators and their comparison with our available information on the real estate market and other external information;</li> <li>- enquiries made to the Company's experts regarding valuation processes, including the extent to which the negative impact on a number of sectors of the economy from the military conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine as well as observable external data used by the Company has made it difficult for management to make judgements;</li> <li>- assessment of the completeness and adequacy of the disclosures in the separate financial statements, including disclosures of key assumptions and judgements about investments in subsidiaries.</li> </ul>

#### Information Other than the Separate Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the annual management report, including the corporate governance statement and the report on compliance with the remuneration policy, prepared in accordance with Bulgarian Accountancy Act and other applicable legislation requirements, but does not include the separate financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the separate financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the separate financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the separate financial statements or whether our knowledge obtained in the audit may indicate that there is a material misstatement or otherwise the other information appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Separate Financial Statements**

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

In preparing the separate financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Separate financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the separate financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and Bulgarian Independent Financial Audit Act will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these separate financial statements.

As part of our audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the separate financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control;
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management;
- conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the separate financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern;
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the separate financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the separate financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the separate financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

## **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

In addition to our responsibilities for reporting under ISAs, described above in section “Information Other than the Separate financial statements and Auditor’s Report Thereon”, regarding annual management report, including the corporate governance statement, we have performed the additional procedures contained in the Guidelines of the professional organisation of certified public accountants and registered auditors in Bulgaria - Institute of Certified Public Accountants (ICPA). The procedures on the existence, form and contents of the other information have been carried out in order to state whether the other information includes the elements and disclosures in accordance with Chapter Seven of Bulgarian Accountancy Act, Article 100n, paragraph (10) in relation to Article 100n, paragraph (8), subparagraphs (3) and (4) of Bulgarian Public Offering of Securities Act, as well as Article 100n, paragraph 14 in relation to Article 116c, paragraph (1) of Bulgarian Public Offering of Securities Act.

**Statement Pursuant to Article 37, Paragraph (6) of Bulgarian Accountancy Act**

Based on the procedures performed, we describe the outcome of our work:

- (a) the information in the separate management report is consistent with the separate financial statements for the same reporting period;
- (b) the separate management report is prepared in accordance with the applicable legal requirements;
- (c) as a result of the acquired knowledge and understanding of the activities of the Company and the environment in which it operates, we have found no cases of material misrepresentation in the separate management report;
- (d) the separate corporate governance statement for the financial year contains the required information in accordance with the applicable legal requirements, including Article 100n, paragraph (8) of Bulgarian Public Offering of Securities Act;
- (a) the report on compliance with the remuneration policy has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the ordinance pursuant to Article 116c, paragraph 1 of Bulgarian Public Offering of Securities Act and the information in it is consistent with the separate financial statements for the same reporting period.

**Statement Pursuant to Article 100n, Paragraph (10) of Bulgarian Public Offering of Securities Act**

Based on the procedures performed and our knowledge of the Company and the environment in which it operates, in our opinion, there is no material misstatement in the description of the main characteristics of the internal control system and of the risk management system of the Company in connection with the financial reporting process and also in the information pursuant to Article 10, paragraph 1, items “c”, “d”, “f”, “h” and “i” of Directive 2004/25/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on takeover bids, which are included in the corporate governance statement, being a component of the annual separate management report.

**Additional reporting concerning the audit of separate financial statements in connection with Article 100n, paragraph (4), subparagraph (3) of Bulgarian Public Offering of Securities Act**

- *Statement on Article 100n, paragraph 4, subparagraph (3), item “b” of Public Offering of Securities Act*

Related party transactions are disclosed in note 28 to the separate financial statements. Based on the performed audit procedures on related party transactions as part of our audit of separate financial statements as a whole, no facts, circumstances or other information have come to our attention that caused us to conclude that the related party transactions are not disclosed in the accompanying separate financial statements for the year ended on 31 December 2023, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of IAS 24 „Related Party Disclosures“. The results of our audit procedures on related party transactions were taken into consideration for the purposes of issuing an auditor’s opinion on the separate financial statements as a whole, not for issuing a separate opinion only on related party transactions.

- *Statement on Article 100n, paragraph (4), subparagraph 3, item “c” of Public Offering of Securities Act*

Our responsibilities for audit of the separate financial statements as a whole, described in our report in section „Responsibilities of the Auditor for the Audit of Separate financial statements“, include assessment whether the separate financial statements present fairly the significant transactions and events. Based on the performed audit procedures on the significant transactions, which are fundamental to the separate financial statements for the year ended on 31 December 2023, no facts, circumstances or other information have come to our attention that caused us to conclude that there are instances of unfair presentation and disclosure in accordance with the requirements of IFRS, as adopted by the European Union. The results of our audit procedures on the significant transactions and events of the Company, which are material to the separate financial statements, were taken into consideration for the purposes of issuing an auditor’s opinion on the separate financial statements as a whole, not for issuing a separate opinion only on the significant transactions.

***Reporting on compliance with the electronic format of the separate financial statements included in the annual separate financial statements for the activity under Art. 100n, paragraph 4 of POSA with the requirements of the EEEF Regulation***

In addition to our responsibilities and reporting under ISA, described above in the section " Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Separate financial statements", we have followed the procedures in accordance with the Guidelines on the Audit Opinion in Implementing the Single European Electronic Format ( EEEF) on the financial statements of companies whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Union (EU) of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants (ICPA) in Bulgaria". These procedures concern verification of the form and part of this electronic format corresponds to the audited separate financial statements and an opinion on the compliance of the electronic format of the separate financial statements of Sirma Group Holding AD for the year ending 31 December 2023, attached to the electronic file "8945007AD80FTJTEGH37-20231231-EN-SEP.xhtml"., with the requirements of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815 of 17 December 2018 supplementing Directive 2004/109 / EC of the European Parliament and of the Council through regulatory technical standards to define the uniform electronic format for reporting ("EEEF Regulation"). Based on these requirements, the electronic format of the separate financial report included in the annual separate report on the activities under Art. 100n, paragraph 4 of POSA, must be submitted in XHTML format.

The management of the Company is responsible for the application of the requirements of the EEEF Regulation when preparing the electronic format of the separate financial statements in XHTML.

Our opinion is only regarding the electronic format of the separate financial statements attached to the electronic file "8945007AD80FTJTEGH37-20231231-EN-SEP.xhtml" and does not cover other information included in the annual separate financial statements for the activities of Art. 100n, paragraph 4 of the POSA.

Based on the performed procedures, our opinion is that the electronic format of the separate financial statement of the Company for the year ending 31 December 2023, contained in the attached electronic file "8945007AD80FTJTEGH37-20231231-EN-SEP.xhtml" has been prepared in all essential respects in accordance with the requirements of the EEEF Regulation.

***Reporting Pursuant to Article 59 of Bulgarian Independent Financial Audit Act in relation to Article 10 of Regulation (EC) № 537/2014***

In accordance with the requirements of Bulgarian Independent Financial Audit Act and in relation with Article 10 of Regulation (EC) № 537/2014, we report additionally the information as follows:

- Grant Thornton OOD was appointed as statutory auditor of the separate financial statements of Sirma Group Holding JSC for the year ended on 31 December 2023 by the general meeting of shareholders, held on 15 June 2023, for a period of one year.
- The audit of the separate financial statements of the Company for the year ended on 31 December 2023 has been made for the fifth year.
- In support of our audit opinion, we have provided a description of the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement, a summary of the auditor's response and where relevant, key observations arising with respect to those risks in the section „Key audit matters“ of this report.
- We confirm that our audit opinion is consistent with the additional report to the audit committee, which was provided in accordance with Article 60 of Bulgarian Independent Financial Audit Act.
- We declare that prohibited non-audit services referred to in Article 64 of Bulgarian Independent Financial Audit Act were not provided.
- We confirm that we remained independent of the Company in conducting the audit.
- For the period for which we were engaged as statutory auditors, we have not provided any other services to the Company and its controlled undertakings in addition to the statutory audit

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18 March 2024  
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