

### UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED GROUP FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS PERIOD

AS "AUGSTSPRIEGUMA TĪKLS"

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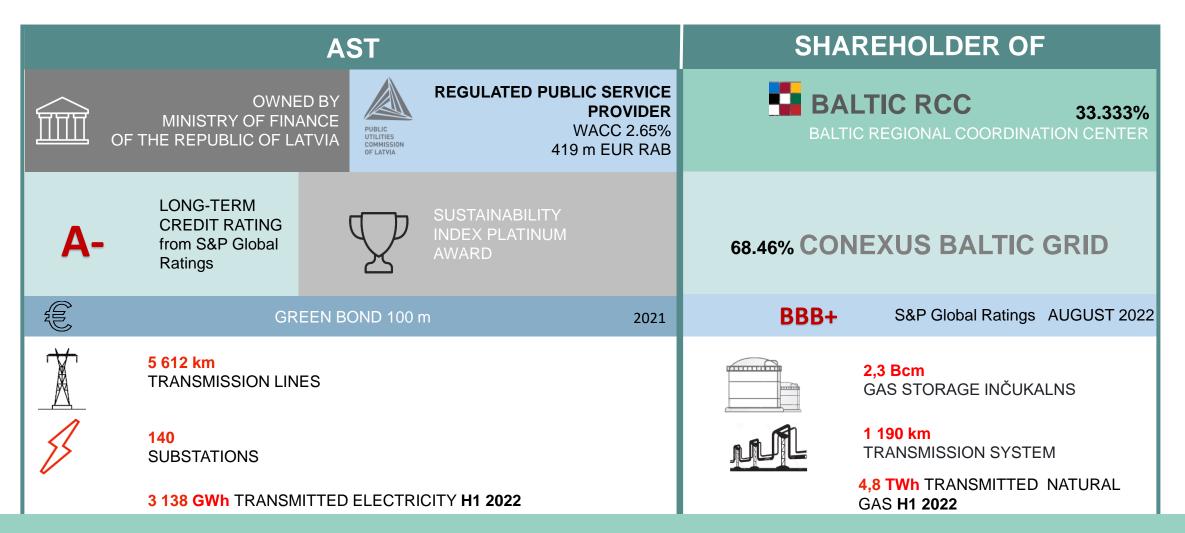




# **GROUP PROFILE**



#### **ABOUT AST GROUP**





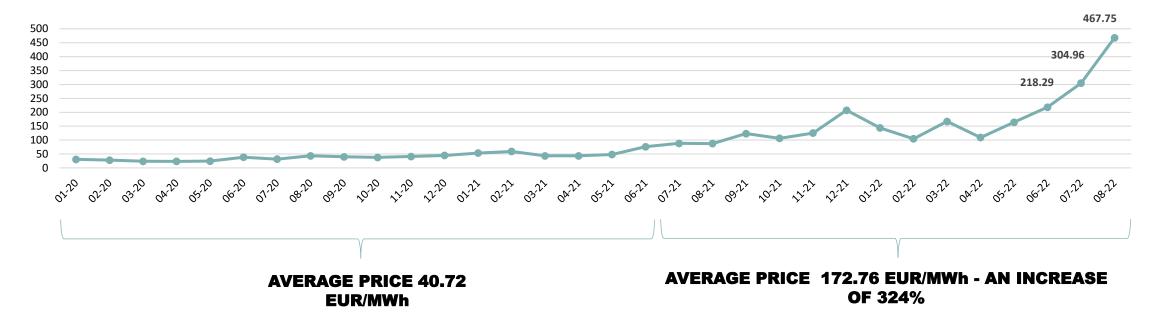
#### MAIN EVENTS H1 2022

AST		CONEXUS				
GEOPOLITICS AND WAR IN UKRAINE						
Average electricity price +186 % vs 2021	Commercial electricity flow from RU has been interrupted	Changes in legislation – Energy Safety Reserves				
Establishment of Baltic RCC	Work in the process to continue Desynchronization from BRELL and Synchronization with European continental electricity grid	Transmitted gas -24% YoY	Work in progress to complete Inčukalns Underground Storage (IUS) modernization and gas-connection upgrade between LT-LV (ELLI)			
Fee for system back-up power reservation	Transmitted electricity is 2% YoY	Conexus joins European Hydrogen Backbone (EHB) initiative	Completed Poland – Lithuania gas transmission line (GIPL)			



#### **SHARP INCREASE IN ELECTRICITY PRICE**

#### LV ELECTRICITY PRICE, EUR/MWh

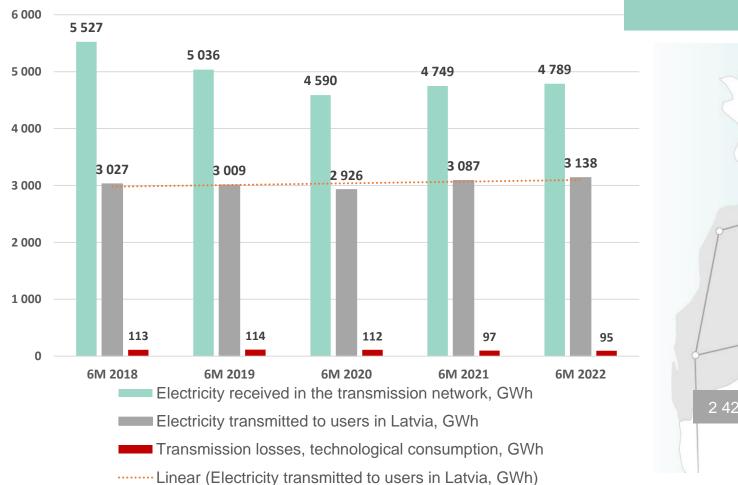


Facts H1 2022:

- In June, the average price of electricity in Latvia stood at 218.29 EUR/MWh an increase of 186% compared to June 2021;
- Historically the highest monthly average electricity prices since the opening of the electricity market have been reached;
- In July 2022, the price of electricity soared to 304.96 EUR/MWh a record which was easily beaten next month (467.75 EUR/MWh).



#### H1 2022 - TRANSMITTED ELECTRICITY

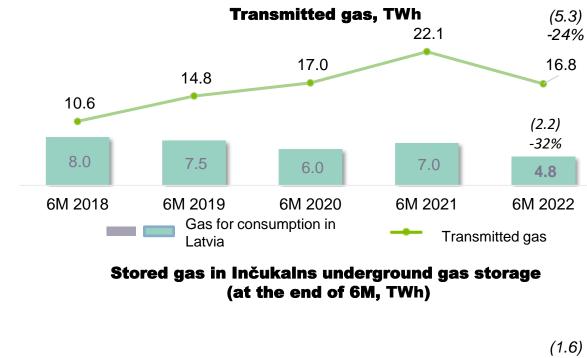


## The amount of transmitted electricity has remained stable over the 5-year period

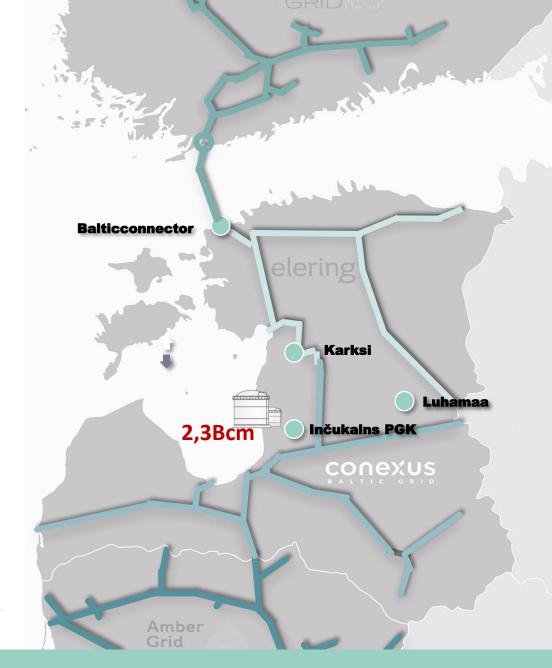




#### H1 2022 – A DROP IN VOLUME OF TRANSPORTED NATURAL GAS







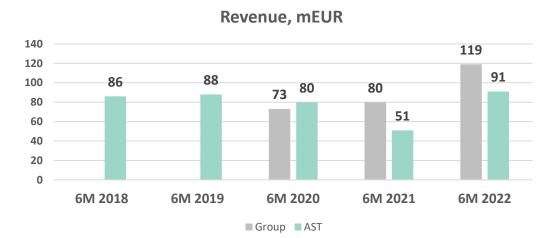




# **GROUP FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

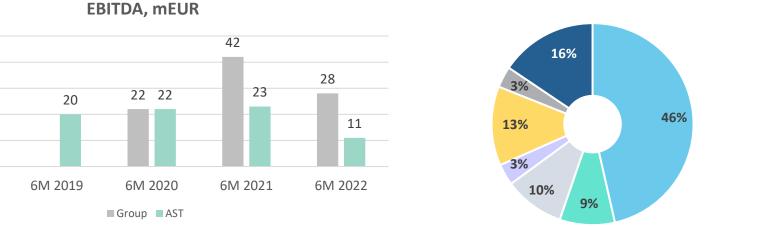


#### AST AND AST GROUP'S INTERIM 6M 2022 CONSOLIDATED **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



Profit, mEUR 64 70 60 50 40 30 14 12 7 20 5 4 10 0 -2 -0.5 -10 6M 2018 6M 2019 6M 2021 6M 2022 6M 2020

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#### **KEY CUSTOMERS BY INCOME**

Latvenergo Nord Pool Enerģijas publiskais tirgotājs Elering

Sadales tīkls

Enefit

Others



50

40

30

20

10

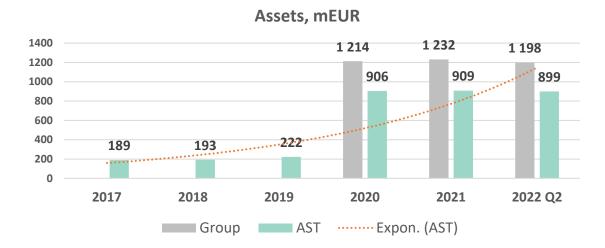
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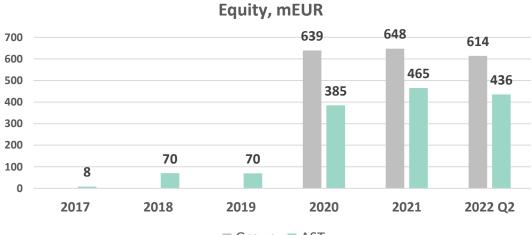
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6M 2018

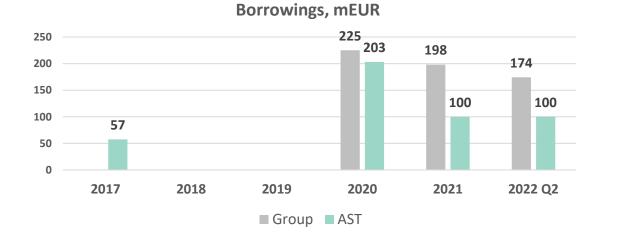
With higher electricity prices and current tariff - EBITDA shrinked in 2021 & 2022 compared to 2020, the negative impact of price increase will be compensated by new tariff.

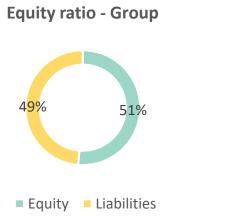
#### AST AND AST GROUP'S SECOND QUARTER CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET



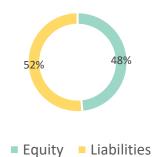


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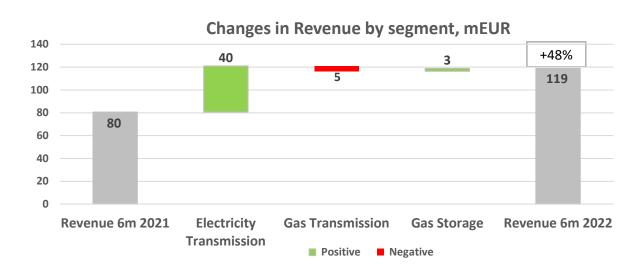


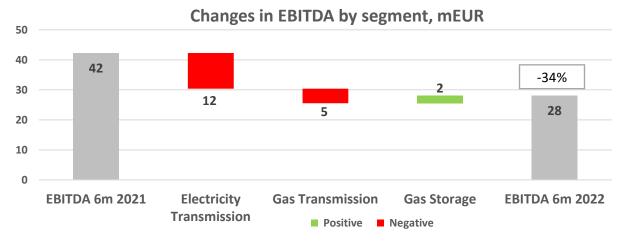
**Equity ratio - AST** 



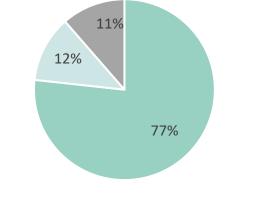


#### **GROUP'S REVENUE INCREASED BY 48%**



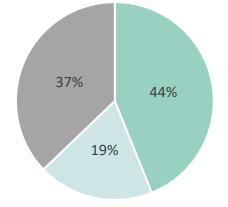


Revenue 6M 2022, segment split



Electricity transmission Gas transmission Gas storage

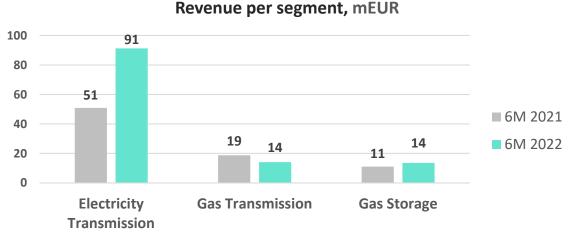
EBITDA 6M 2022, segment split



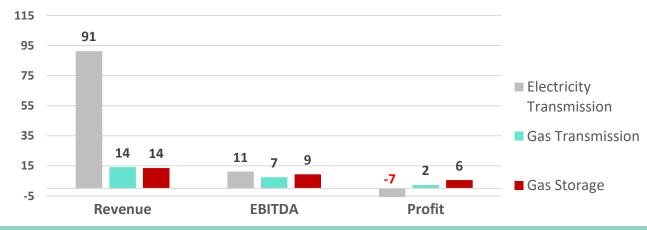
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#### **KEY FINANCIAL INDICATORS PER SEGMENT, H1 2022**



#### Key Financial Indicators per segment, mEUR



- Revenue from the electricity transmission segment increased by 40 mEUR (79% YoY). However, due to a soaring electricity price electricity transmission segment reported a net loss of 7 mEUR. The loss should be recovered through the next regulatory period.
- Profit from gas transmission and storage amounted to 8 mEUR, since higher gas price does not directly affects this segment's profit which is not the case in the electricity transmission segment.



#### **FINANCIAL RATIOS AND BORROWINGS**

RATIOS		H1 2022, mEUR			
		AST	GROUP		
	DEBT	100.1	174.2		
	CASH	40.8	41.1		
	NetDEBT	59.3	133.1		
	Equity (≥35%)	48%	51%		
	NetDEBT/ (NetDEBT+Equity), (≤ 55%)	19%	22%		
Liquidity (≥1.2)		1.5	0.9		

# AST GREEN BOND 100 mEUR OVERDRAFT 20 mEUR (NOT USED)

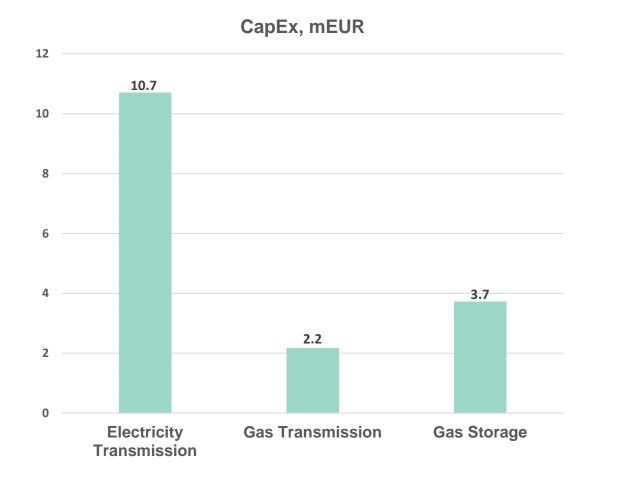
#### CONEXUS

LOANS **74** mEUR (incl. overdraft 7 mEUR) OVERDRAFT **65** mEUR (58 mEUR NOT USED )

- Available credit line limit to ensure liquidity
- All financial conditions included in the commitment agreements are fulfilled



#### **CAPEX PER SEGMENT, H1 2022**



The largest projects in the Electricity Transmission segment:

- maintenance and renewal of the existing network: 3 mEUR
- project "Synchronization with continental Europe"

#### The largest project in the Gas Storage segment:

"Enhancement of Inčukalns UGS" – total investments of 88 mEUR for the modernization of the storage facility (50% of which is co-financed by the EU). Implementation years 2018 – 2025. During the reporting period there were investments made in the amount of 2.1 mEUR.

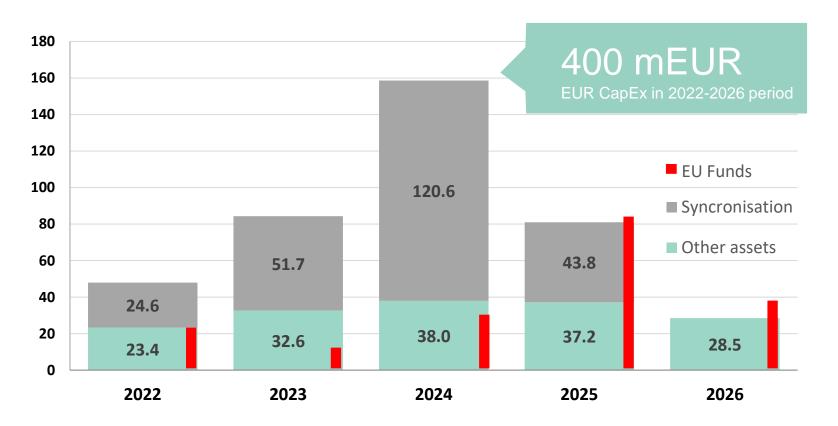
#### The largest projects in the Gas transmission segment:

- "Enhancement of Latvia-Lithuania interconnection" (ELLI) total investments of 5.5 mEUR are to be made by Conexus (50% of which co-financed by the EU). Implementation years 2019 – 2023. During the reporting period there were investments made in the amount of 0.5 mEUR;
- Transmission gas pipelines repairs: 0.4 mEUR;
- Izborska Inčukalns UGS insulation replacement: 0.5 mEUR



#### **CAPITAL INVESTMENTS 2022 - 2026**

#### CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION SYSTEM, mEUR



Synchronization Phase 1, estimated investment will reach 72.7 mEUR with 75% EU support for eligible expenses

- Reconstruction of two existing EE-LV interconnections;
- Additional equipment for the technical requirements set by ENTSO-E;

Estimated to be completed by 2024

Synchronization Phase 2, estimated investment will reach 169.7 mEUR, with 75% support for eligible expenses (92.6 mEUR Max)

- Stationary synchronous compensators;
- Frequency regulation equipment (Battery Energy Storage System – BESS);

Estimated to be completed by 2025





# PLANNED EVENTS



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### EMERGENCY DESYNCHRONIZATION OF THE BALTIC POWER SYSTEM FROM THE BRELL POWER SYSTEM.

- NEW TARIFF METHODOLOGY
- REALIZATION OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROJECTS
- FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

#### PROVISION OF NATURAL GAS RESERVES

- POTENTIALLY UNPLANNED INVESTMENTS IN THE NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION SYSTEM
- ESTABLISHMENT OF A GAS ORIGIN CERTIFICATION SYSTEM IN LATVIA
- BAN ON NATURAL GAS DELIVERIES FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION FROM JANUARY 1, 2023.



#### **TARIFF METHODOLOGY - CHANGES APPROVED AUGUST 2022**

REVENUE AND NON-CONTROLLABLE EXPENSES DIFFERENCES REGULATED COMPANY RECEIVES IN NEXT YEAR TARIFF INSTEAD OF FORE COMING TARIFF PERIOD, THAT COULD BE 2 YEARS, USING UPDATED FORECASTS FROM THE LAST 6 MONTHS.

THE INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF ELECTRICITY GREATER THAN 7 EUR CAN BE RECOVERED IN THE NEXT TARIFF PERIOD THROUGH REGULATORY INVOICE

CONGESTION FEE REVENUES CAN BE USED TO REDUCE THE TARIFF

THE CHANGE IN THE RATE OF RETURN ON CAPITAL FROM REAL TO NOMINAL (FROM 2025)

THE RESULT OF REVALUATION OF ASSETS CARRIED OUT AFTER 01.01.2022 WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE RAB





# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



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