

Enagás' General Shareholders' Meeting approves 2014 results and the management of the company, which met its targets for the eighth consecutive year

- Chairman, Antonio Llardén, gave shareholders details of the Strategic Plan for 2015-2017, in which growth is predicated on the business in Spain and international expansion
- On Monday, 23 March, Enagás announced the agreement with Fluxys to jointly acquire Swedish operator, Swedegas, in an operation that reinforces the company's commitment to creating a European energy market
- Enagás will pay a gross dividend of €1.30 per share against 2014 results, 2% more than in 2013
- In 2014, the company made further progress in complying with the recommendations of proxy advisors and international investors and in adopting corporate governance best practices
- Maintaining current credit ratings with Standard & Poor's (BBB) and Fitch Ratings (A-) in 2015-2017 is a strategic priority
- Enagás maintains its commitment to employment and in 2014 increased its headcount by 5%
- Last year, the company renewed its "Equality at Work" seal and increased the number of women employees
- CEO, Marcelino Oreja Arburúa, reviewed 2014 results a year marked by the gas reform and advances made in international expansion
- Enagás's General Meeting approved all resolutions on the agenda

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The Chairman of Enagás, Antonio Llardén, today presided over the General Shareholders' Meeting, which approved the financial statements, the 2014 management report and all resolutions on the agenda.

During the Meeting, the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer, Marcelino Oreja, reviewed the company's performance in 2014 and the key lines of the 2015-2017 Strategic Plan presented in February.

Antonio Llardén pointed out that in 2014 Enagás met all its stated commitments for the eighth consecutive year, "thanks to the company's efforts to adapt to the new economic context at the national and international level".

The CEO stated that Enagás reported net profit of €406.5 million in 2014, in a year marked by two milestones: the gas reform, aimed at reducing the final price of energy in Spain and increasing the competitiveness of Spanish companies, and the company's international expansion.

According to Marcelino Oreja, in 2014 Enagás made significant advances in its international expansion process, "and was done while considering the values that define us and form the basis that allows us to compete in a globalised world: innovation, efficiency, transparency, integrity, sustainability, safety and team work".

### 2015-2017 Strategic Plan

In his speech, Antonio Llardén gave shareholders details of the company's 2015-2017 Strategic Plan, which "will maintain and strengthen our financial and strategic priorities: efficiency, profitability, the completion of the Spanish gas network, international expansion, steady growth in profit and appropriate shareholder remuneration".

He reiterated that the under this Strategic Plan the company expects to obtain average annual net profit growth of around 1% to 2017. To achieve this, Enagás will base its strategy on two drivers of growth: the business in Spain and international expansion.

The company will continue to operate in Spain, where the regulatory framework is "stable and predictable" following the approval of the gas reform and where "demand for gas is expected to grow at an annual average rate of 4%" between 2015 and 2017. During this period, Enagás will start construction work on the Tenerife regasification plant, one of two to be built in the Canary Islands.

Enagás will also continue to operate in the global market, "where demand for gas is expected to grow at an annual rate of 2% until 2020 and gas trading is set to increase". "To meet this growing demand, considerable investment in supply infrastructures are required", stated Llardén, and therefore, "Enagás will continue to work to establish itself internationally as the leading mid-stream player".

The company embarked on its international expansion programme in 2011. Today, it has operations in Mexico, Peru and Chile and forms part of the European Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) project, classified as

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a Project of Common Interest by the EU. Furthermore, on Monday, 23 March, Enagás announced the acquisition, in partnership with the Belgian Transmission System Operator (TSO), Fluxys, of Swedegas, the company that owns and operates the entire gas network in Sweden. Antonio Llardén stressed that this operation "fits perfectly with Enagás' strategy of contributing to market integration in Europe", in addition to the TAP pipeline and the MidCat project.

The Chairman also stated that one of Enagás's key priorities in 2015-2017 is to keep its current credit ratings with Standard & Poor's (BBB) and Fitch Ratings (A-) and maintain a low cost of debt. .

#### **Shareholder remuneration**

The General Shareholders' Meeting has approved payment of a gross dividend of €1.30 per share against 2014 results, 2% more than in 2013. Chairman, Mr. Llardén affirmed in his speech that once the interim dividend already paid is deducted, the company will pay €0.78 per share on 2 July.

A dividend per share against 2015 results of epsilon 1.32 will be paid and 5% annual dividend growth maintained in 2016 and 2017, in line with the best in class of European peers.

Mr. Llardén reminded shareholders that Enagás, with 90% of its capital traded on the stock market, is "one of the companies with the largest free floats on the Spanish market". Approximately 85% of this figure corresponds to international investors from North America, the UK and Continental Europe.

### **The Sustainable Management Model**

Antonio Llardén explained to shareholders that Enagás' Sustainable Management Model aims to drive ongoing improvements in three spheres: corporate governance, social and environmental.

In 2014, in keeping with its commitment to Good Governance, the company made further progress in complying with the recommendations of proxy advisors and international investors and in adopting corporate governance best practices. Among the measures implemented in 2014, he highlighted the review of Enagás' ethics and compliance model, which led to the approval of a new Code of Ethics.

The company maintains its commitment to employment and in 2014 increased its headcount by 5%. It has also reiterated its firm commitment to equal opportunities and diversity. "Once again last year, we renewed our "Equality at Work" seal and increased the number of women employees by 10% from 2013", said Mr. Llardén.

With regard to the environmental sphere, the Chairman pointed out that the initiatives implemented to improve energy efficiency have resulted in energy savings of nearly 600,000 MWh. "This is equivalent to a reduction in emissions of more than 100,000 tonnes of  $CO_2$  into the air, or 22% of our Carbon Footprint".

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#### 2015 outlook

The goal for 2015, according to Mr. Llardén, is to deliver 0.5% growth in net profit. Enagás also plans to invest €4305Mn, of which approximately 50% is earmarked for regulated assets in Spain and the remaining 50% for international projects, in line with the new Strategic Plan.

In 2015, the company will maintain debt ratios within levels accepted by our ratings agencies, with a prudent net debt /EBITDA ratio and an average cost of debt of around 3.1%.

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