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1. Significant accounting policies

a) Basis of consolidation

(i) Business combinations

The Group accounts for business combinations using the acquisition method when control is transferred to the Group.

(ii) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. The Group controls an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date on which control commences until the date on which control ceases. The Group's significant subsidiaries are disclosed in note 32.

(iii) Transactions eliminated on consolidation

Intra-group balances and transactions, and any unrealised income and expenses arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated.

b) Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the functional currency of Group entities at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are retranslated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortised cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the period, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the period, and the amortised cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the reporting period. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Foreign currency differences arising in retranslation are recognised in profit or loss. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

c) Financial instruments

(i) Recognition and initial measurement

Trade receivables and debt securities issued are initially recognised when they are originated. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset (unless it is a trade receivable without a significant financing component) or financial liability is initially measured at fair value plus, for an item not at FVTPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. A trade receivable without a significant financing component is initially measured at the transaction price.

(ii) Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial assets

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortised cost; FVOCI – debt investment; FVOCI – equity investment; or FVTPL.

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Group changes its business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

A debt investment is measured at FVOCI if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Group may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in OCI. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or FVOCI as described above are measured at FVTPL.

Financial assets – Business model assessment

The Group makes an assessment of the objective of the business model in which a financial asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed and information is provided to management. The information considered includes:

- the stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice. These include whether management's strategy focuses on earning contractual interest income, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of any related liabilities or expected cash outflows or realising cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Group's management;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales of financial assets in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and expectations about future sales activity.

Transfers of financial assets to third parties in transactions that do not qualify for derecognition are not considered sales for this purpose, consistent with the Group's continuing recognition of the assets.

Financial assets – assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest

For the purposes of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as a profit margin.

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, the Group considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition. In making this assessment, the Group considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount or timing of cash flows;
- terms that may adjust the contractual coupon rate, including variable-rate features;
- prepayment and extension features; and
- terms that limit the Group's claim to cash flows from specified assets (e.g. non-recourse features).

A prepayment feature is consistent with the solely payments of principal and interest criterion if the prepayment amount substantially represents unpaid amounts of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding, which may include reasonable additional compensation for early termination of the contract. Additionally, for a financial asset acquired at a discount or premium to its contractual par amount, a feature that permits or requires prepayment at an amount that substantially represents the contractual par amount plus accrued (but unpaid) contractual interest (which may also include reasonable additional compensation for early termination) is treated as consistent with this criterion if the fair value of the prepayment feature is insignificant at initial recognition.

Financial assets – Subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial assets at amortised cost	These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities – Classification, subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost or FVTPL. A financial liability is classified as at FVTPL if it is classified as held-for-trading, it is a derivative or it is designated as such on initial recognition. Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value and net gains and losses, including any interest expense, are recognised in profit or loss. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognised in profit or loss.

The Group has fixed rate bank loans for which the banks have the option to revise the interest rate following the change of key rate set by the CBR. The Group have an option to either accept the revised rate or redeem the loan at par without penalty. The Group considers these loans as in essence floating rate loans.

(iii) Modification of financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets

If the terms of a financial asset are modified, the Group evaluates whether the cash flows of the modified asset are substantially different. If the cash flows are substantially different (referred to as 'substantial modification'), then the contractual rights to cash flows from the original financial asset are deemed to have expired. In this case, the original financial asset is derecognised and a new financial asset is recognised at fair value.

The Group performs a quantitative and qualitative evaluation of whether the modification is substantial, i.e. whether the cash flows of the original financial asset and the modified or replaced financial asset are substantially different. The Group assesses whether the modification is substantial based on quantitative and qualitative factors in the following order: qualitative factors, quantitative factors, combined effect of qualitative and quantitative factors. If the cash flows are substantially different, then the contractual rights to cash flows from the original financial asset deemed to have expired. In making this evaluation the Group analogizes to the guidance on the derecognition of financial liabilities.

If the cash flows of the modified asset carried at amortised cost are not substantially different, then the modification does not result in derecognition of the financial asset. In this case, the Group recalculates the gross carrying amount of the financial asset and recognises the amount arising from adjusting the gross carrying amount as a modification gain or loss in profit or loss. The gross carrying amount of the financial asset is recalculated as the present value of the renegotiated or modified contractual cash flows that are discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. Any costs or fees incurred adjust the carrying amount of the modified financial asset and are amortised over the remaining term of the modified financial asset.

Financial liabilities

The Group derecognises a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different. In this case, a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognised at fair value. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished and the new financial liability with modified terms is recognised in profit or loss.

If a modification (or exchange) does not result in the derecognition of the financial liability the Group applies accounting policy consistent with the requirements for adjusting the gross carrying amount of a financial asset when a modification does not result in the derecognition of the financial asset, i.e. the Group recognises any adjustment to the amortised cost of the financial liability arising from such a modification (or exchange) in profit or loss at the date of the modification (or exchange).

Changes in cash flows on existing financial liabilities are not considered as modification, if they result from existing contractual terms, e.g. changes in fixed interest rates initiated by banks due to changes in the CBR key rate, if the loan contract entitles banks to do so and and the Group have an option to either accept the revised rate or redeem the loan at par without penalty. The Group treats the modification of an interest rate to a current market rate using the guidance on floating-rate financial instruments. This means that the effective interest rate is adjusted prospectively.

Group performs a quantitative and qualitative evaluation of whether the modification is substantial considering qualitative factors, quantitative factors and combined effect of qualitative and quantitative factors. The Group concludes that the modification is substantial as a result of the following qualitative factors:

- change the currency of the financial liability;
- change in collateral or other credit enhancement;
- inclusion of conversion option;
- change in the subordination of the financial liability.

For the quantitative assessment the terms are substantially different if the discounted present value of the cash flows under the new terms, including any fees paid net of any fees received and discounted using the original effective interest rate, is at least 10 per cent different from the discounted present value of the remaining cash flows of the original financial liability. If an exchange of debt instruments or modification of terms is accounted for as an extinguishment, any costs or fees incurred are recognised as part of the gain or loss on the extinguishment. If the exchange or modification is not accounted for as an extinguishment, any costs or fees incurred adjust the carrying amount of the liability and are amortised over the remaining term of the modified liability.

(iv) Derecognition

Financial assets

The Group derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

Financial liabilities

The Group derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expire. The Group also derecognises a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different, in which case a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognised at fair value.

On derecognition of a financial liability, the difference between the carrying amount extinguished and the consideration paid (including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed) is recognised in profit or loss.

(v) Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Group currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

(vi) Impairment

Financial instruments and contract assets

The Group recognises loss allowances for ECLs on:

– financial assets measured at amortised cost;

– debt investments measured at FVOCI; and

– contract assets.

The Group uses a simplified approach to measure loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit losses (ECL) for trade receivables and contract assets that result from transactions that are within the scope of IFRS 15, irrespective of whether they contain a significant financing component or not.

Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk.

For measuring of loss allowance for trade receivables and contract assets, the Group allocates those financial assets into the following two categories based on shared credit risk characteristics that are determined by existence of a collateral:

- Trade receivables and contract assets arising from sales of real estate;
- Trade receivables and contract assets arising from provision of construction services and other operations.

The Group does not transfer title for sold properties to the customers until they settle their accounts in full. In case a customer fails to settle obligations in a reasonable time as determined in their sales contract, the Group initiates termination of the sales contract, the properties are returned to the Group and in addition to that, the Group withholds a penalty from the amount of consideration it returns to the customer. The properties are subsequently sold to other customers, and the cash flows from sale of collateral are included into the cash flows that the Group expects to receive under the initial contract. The Group estimates and recognises expected credit losses on trade receivables based on its own statistics about contract termination and credit losses incurred.

For the second category of receivables and contract assets, the Group calculates ECL based on individual credit risk ratings of each debtor and the remaining terms to maturity. The Group determines the inputs for calculation of ECL such as probability of default and loss given default using both internal and external statistical data. ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive).

The Group defines default event when a financial asset is more than 90 days past due or it is unlikely that the debtor's obligations to the Group will be repaid in full without the Group taking such actions as the sale of the collateral (if any).

Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost and debt securities at FVOCI are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- a breach of contract such as a default or being more than 90 days past due;
- the restructuring of a loan or advance by the Group on terms that the Group would not consider otherwise;
- it is probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
- the disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties.

Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets.

Write-off

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off when the Group has no reasonable expectations of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof. The Group individually makes an assessment with respect to the timing and amount of write-off based on whether there is a reasonable expectation of recovery of a financial asset. The Group expects no significant recovery from the amount written off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Group's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

d) Advances received and paid

Due to the nature of its activities, the Group receives significant advances from customers, and makes significant prepayments to sub-contractors and other suppliers. Advances paid are recognised on an undiscounted basis. The Group adjusts contract liabilities (including advances received) for the significant financing component if the timing of payments agreed to by the parties provides the Group with a significant benefit of financing.

e) Property, plant and equipment

(i) Recognition and measurement

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss.

Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of self-constructed assets includes the cost of materials and direct labour, any other costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to a working condition for their intended use, the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located, and borrowing costs on qualifying assets for which the commencement date for capitalisation is on or after 1 January 2008, the date of transition to IFRSs.

When parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

Gains and losses on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment, and are recognised net within "other income" in profit or loss.

(ii) Subsequent costs

The cost of replacing part of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Group and its cost can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property, plant and equipment are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

(iii) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated over the depreciable amount, which is the cost of an asset, or other amount substituted for cost, less its residual value.

Depreciation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of property, plant and equipment, since this most closely reflects the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset. Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives unless it is reasonably certain that the Group will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term. Land is not depreciated.

The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative periods are as follows:

- Buildings and constructions 7-30 years;
- Machinery and equipment 5-15 years;
- Vehicles 5-10 years;
- Other assets 3-7 years.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each financial year-end and adjusted if appropriate. No estimates in respect of plant and equipment were revised in 2019.

f) Investment property

Investment property is measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Any gain or loss on disposal of investment property (calculated as the difference between the net proceeds from disposal and the carrying amount of the item) is recognised in profit or loss.

g) Inventories

Inventories comprise real estate properties under construction (including residential premises, stand-alone and built-in commercial premises) when the Group acts in the capacity of a developer, finished goods, and construction and other materials.

The Group accounts for stand-alone and built-in commercial properties within inventories because it does not intend to engage in renting-out those assets and keeping those as investment properties to generate rental income and benefit from appreciation. Properties classified as inventory may be rented out on a temporary basis while the Group is searching for a buyer. Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the estimated costs of completion and selling expenses.

The cost of real estate properties under construction is determined on the basis of specific identification of their individual costs. The costs of individual residential units and built-in commercial premises are arrived at by allocating the costs of a particular development project to individual apartments and built-in premises on a pro rata basis relative to their size.

Since 1 January 2017, for items on which revenue is recognized over time, real estate property under construction is treated as an asset ready for sale in its current condition and is not a qualifying asset for the capitalization of borrowing costs.

The costs of real estate property comprise costs of construction and other expenditure directly attributable to a particular development project, including finance costs.

The cost of inventories, other than construction work in progress intended for sale, is based on the weighted average cost formula and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories, production or conversion costs and other costs incurred in bringing them to their existing location and condition. Cost of manufactured inventories and work in progress includes an appropriate share of overheads based on normal operating capacity. Transfer from real estate properties under construction to the stock of finished goods occurs when the respective building is approved by the State commission established by the local regulating authorities for acceptance of finished buildings.

The Group's inventory is not limited to 12 months and may be of longer term since the development cycle exceeds 12 months. Inventories are classified as current assets even when they are not expected to be realised within twelve months after the reporting date.

h) Share-based payment arrangements

The grant-date fair value of equity-settled share-based payment arrangements granted to employees is generally recognized as an expense, with a corresponding increase of share options reserve in equity, over the vesting period of the awards. The amount recognized as an expense is adjusted to reflect the number of awards for which the related service conditions are expected to be met, such that the amount ultimately recognized is based on the number of awards that meet the related service conditions at the vesting date.

For share-based payment awards with non-vesting conditions, the grant-date fair value of the share-based payment is measured to reflect such conditions and there is no true-up for differences between expected and actual outcomes. For share based-payment awards with vesting market conditions, which creates variability in the number of equity instruments that will be received by employees, the Group determines the grant-date fair value of the right to receive a variable number of equity instruments reflecting the probability of different outcomes.

i) Revenue

(i) Revenue from sale of real estate properties (including flats, commercial premises and parking places)

Revenue is measured based on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer adjusted for the effect of the time value of money (significant financing component) if the timing of payments agreed to by the parties provides the customer or the Group with a significant benefit of financing. The timing of satisfaction of the Group's performance obligations does not necessarily correspond to the typical payment terms, as the Group either accepts full down payments at the inception of construction, or provides instalment plans for the whole period of construction or beyond it.

The Group recognises revenue when (or as) it transfers control over an asset to a customer. Transfer of control may vary depending on the individual terms of the sales contracts.

For contracts for sale of finished goods, the Group generally considers that control have been transferred on the date when a buyer signs the act of acceptance of the property.

Effective 1 January 2017, amendments were made to the Federal law 214-FZ, according to which in case a real estate developer properly fulfills his obligations under share participation agreement, the buyer has no right to terminate the contract unilaterally. Following the amendments made to the Federal law No.214-FZ, the Group has an enforceable right to payment under the agreements since 1 January 2017. Share participation agreements specify the exact apartment to be delivered to the customer, which cannot be delivered to another customer and thus represents an asset with no alternative use to the Group. In accordance with the requirements of IFRS 15, share participation agreements concluded on or after 1 January 2017 qualify for revenue recognition over time as control over the property is transferred to the customer over time.

For sales contracted under share participation agreements concluded with customers before 1 January 2017 there was a contradictory court practice in respect of the right of the buyer to terminate the contract unilaterally. Until 1 July 2018, for share participation agreements concluded with customers before 1 January 2017, the control was considered to have been transferred to individual buyers, when the construction is completed and the buildings has been approved by the State commission for acceptance of finished buildings. As at 1 July 2018, following the development of the court practice, management reassessed whether the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date in accordance with IFRS 15 paragraph 35(c). Following the result of reassessment, management concluded that the Group has an enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date. In accordance with the requirements of IFRS 15, share participation agreements concluded before 1 January 2017 qualify for revenue recognition over time since 1 July 2018. The corresponding catch up adjustment for the contracts as at 1 July 2018 was recognized in the second half of 2018 prospectively.

For each performance obligation satisfied over time (promise to transfer an apartment specified in the contract with a customer in a multicompartment building under construction), the Group recognises revenue over time by measuring the progress towards complete satisfaction of that performance obligation using the input method. Under the input method, revenue is recognised on the basis of costs incurred relative to the total expected costs to the satisfaction of that performance obligation that is the proportion of costs incurred to date to construct a multicompartment building to the total costs to construct this building in accordance with a business plan.

The progress is considered to be the same for all apartments within a building, irrespective of their floors, and revenue is recognised with respect to apartments that are contracted under share participation agreements. Costs used to measure progress towards complete satisfaction of performance obligation include costs of design and construction of a multicompartment building and exclude the cost of acquisition of land plots. The cost of acquisition of land plot is recognised in cost of sales consistently with the transfer to the customers of the apartments to which the land plot relates.

In relation to sales via housing cooperatives, revenue is recognized on the date when sold real estate property is transferred to, and accepted by, the cooperative. Before that date, the respective building has to be approved by the State commission for acceptance of finished buildings.

When adjusting the promised amount of consideration (monetary or non-monetary) for a significant financing component, the Group applies discount rates that would be reflected in a separate financing transaction between the entity and its customer at contract inception that is typically the average mortgage rate for contract assets and the Group's incremental borrowing rate for contract liabilities.

As a practical expedient, the Group does not adjust the promised amount of consideration for the effects of a significant financing component if the Group expects, at contract inception, that the period between the transfer of a promised good to a customer and the customer's payment for that good will be one year or less.

(ii) Revenue from construction services

For accounting purposes, the Group distinguishes two types of construction contracts:

1) Contracts for provision of construction services;
2) Contracts for construction of an asset.

For the first type of contracts, revenue from construction services rendered is recognized in the consolidated statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income when the Group transfers control of a service to customer. These contracts are normally short-term, therefore revenue is recognised when the customer signs the act of acceptance of the construction service.

For the second type of contracts revenue is recognized over time by measuring progress towards complete satisfaction of the performance obligation at the reporting date, measured based on the proportion of contract costs incurred for work performed to date relative to the estimated total contract costs, using the input method. Contract costs are recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred except when the costs are the costs that generate or enhance resources of the entity that will be used in satisfying performance obligation in future.

Some or all of an amount of variable consideration is included in the transaction price only to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur when that uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved.

The Group accounts for a contract modification (change in the scope or price (or both)) when that is approved by the parties to the contract.

Where the outcome of a performance obligation cannot be reasonably measured, contract revenue is recognised to the extent of costs incurred in satisfying the performance obligation that is expected to be recovered.

When it becomes probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the Group recognize expected losses from onerous contract as an expense immediately.

(iii) Revenue from sale of construction materials

Revenue from the sale of construction materials is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income when the Customer obtains control of a promised asset.

j) Income tax

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognised directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the period, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years. Current tax payable also includes any tax liability arising from the declaration of dividends.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognised for:

- temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss;
- temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries and associates to the extent that it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future; and
- taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to the temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

In accordance with the tax legislation of the Russian Federation, tax losses and current tax assets of a company in the Group may not be set off against taxable profits and current tax liabilities of other Group companies. In addition, the tax base is determined separately for each of the Group's main activities and, therefore, tax losses and taxable profits related to different activities cannot be offset.

A deferred tax asset is recognised for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences, to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

k) New Standards and Interpretations

A number of other new standards are effective from 1 January 2019 but they do not have a material effect on the Group's financial statements. Various Improvements to IFRSs and other amendments have been dealt with on a standard-by-standard basis. All amendments, which result in accounting changes for presentation, recognition or measurement purposes, will come into effect for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020. The Group has not yet analysed the likely impact of the improvements on its financial position or performance.

2. Changes in accounting policies (1H 2019 Financial Results)

The Group has consistently applied the accounting policies to all periods presented in these consolidated interim financial statements, except as described below.

The Group has initially applied IFRS 16 at 1 January 2019. Under the transition method chosen, comparative information is not restated, see note 2(e)(i).

Effective from 1 January 2019, the Group has changed its accounting policy with respect to capitalisation of borrowing costs and significant financing component, see note 2(e)(ii).

i) Adoption of IFRS 16

Effective from 1 January 2019, the Group has initially adopted IFRS 16 "*Leases*" that replaced IAS 17 "*Leases*", IFRIC 4 *"Determining whether an Arrangement contains a lease"*, SIC-15 *"Operating Leases – Incentives"* and SIC-27 *"Evaluating the Substance of Transactions Involving the Legal Form of a Lease"*.

IFRS 16 introduced a single, on-balance sheet accounting model for lessees. As a result, the Group, as a lessee, has recognised right-of-use assets representing its rights to use the underlying assets and lease liabilities representing its obligation to make lease payments. Lessor accounting remains similar to previous accounting policies.

The Group has applied IFRS 16 using the modified retrospective approach, under which the cumulative effect of initial application is recognised in retained earnings at 1 January 2019. Accordingly, the comparative information presented for 2018 has not been restated – i.e. it is presented, as previously reported, under IAS 17 and related interpretations. The details of the changes in accounting policies are disclosed below.

Definition of a lease

Previously, the Group determined at contract inception whether an arrangement was or contained a lease under IFRIC 4 *Determining Whether an Arrangement contains a Lease*. The Group now assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease based on the new definition of a lease. Under IFRS 16, a contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys a right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

On transition to IFRS 16, the Group didn't apply the practical expedient to grandfather the assessment of which transactions are leases. The Group applied the IFRS 16 definition of a lease to all its contracts.

As a lessee

The Group recognised new right-of-use assets and lease liabilities primarily for its operating leases of land plots for development purposes.

Significant accounting policies

In accordance with IFRS 16 variable payments which do not depend on index or rate, i.e. do not reflect changes in market rental rates, should not be included in calculation of lease liability. In respect of municipal (or federal) land leases where the lease payments are based on cadastral value of the land plot and do not change until the next potential revision of that value or payments (or both) by the authorities, the Group determined that these lease payments are not considered as either variable (that depend on an index or rate or reflect changes in market rental rates) or in-substance fixed, and therefore these payments are not included in the measurement of the lease liability.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Group's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The lease liability is subsequently increased by the interest cost on the lease liability and decreased by lease payment made. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, a change in the estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, or as appropriate, changes in the assessment of whether a purchase or extension option is reasonably certain to be exercised or a termination option is reasonably certain not to be exercised.

Transition

Previously, the Group classified leases of land plots for development purposes as operating leases under IAS 17. The leases typically run for a period of construction of development projects.

At transition, for leases classified as operating leases under IAS 17, lease liabilities were measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted at the Group's incremental borrowing rate as at 1 January 2019. Right-of-use assets are measured at an amount equal to the lease liability, adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments – the Group applied this approach to all leases of land plots.

As a lessor

The accounting policies applicable to the Group as a lessor are not different from those under IAS 17. The Group is not required to make any adjustments on transition to IFRS 16 for leases in which it acts as a lessor.

The Group does not present right-of-use assets for land plots separately in the statement of financial position but include such assets within inventories under construction. The depreciated part of right-of-use asset arising from lease of land plots is recognised within cost of sales on the same basis as the cost of acquisition of land plots, see note 3(h)(i)).

The Group presents lease liabilities in "Trade and other payables" (note 25) in the statement of financial position.

Impacts on financial statements

Impacts on transition

On transition to IFRS 16, the Group recognised additional right-of-use assets, presented within Inventories under construction and Property, plant and equipment and additional lease liabilities - in equal amounts, and thus no difference is recognised in retained earnings and deferred taxes remain unaffected. The impact on transition is summarised below.

mln RUB	**1 January 2019**
Right-of-use asset presented in inventories and property, plant and equipment (note 28).	892
Lease liabilities (note 28)	(1 921)

When measuring lease liabilities for leases that were previously classified as operating leases, the Group discounted the remaining lease payments using its incremental borrowing rate at 1 January 2019. The weighted-average rate applied is 8,91%.

mln RUB	1 January 2019
Operating lease commitment at 31 December 2018 as disclosed in the Group's consolidated financial statements	3 004
Lease payments that are not either variable (that depend on an index or rate or reflect changes in market rental rates) or in-substance fixed	(558)
Short-term lease agreements at 31 December 2018	(98)
Discounted using the incremental borrowing rate at 1 January 2019	(427)
Lease liabilities recognised at 1 January 2019 (note 28)	**1 921**
Accrued lease payments recognised as at 31 December 2018	(1 029)
Right of use assets recognised at 1 January 2019 (note 28)	**892**
Retained earnings impact at 1 January 2019	-

Impacts for the period

As a result of initially applying IFRS 16, in relation to the leases that were previously classified as operating leases, the Group recognized RUB 1 790 million of right-of-use assets and RUB 2 543 million of lease liabilities as at 30 June 2019.

Also, in relation to those leases under IFRS 16, the Group has recognized depreciation expense in the amount of RUB 87 million and interest expense in the amount of RUB 120 million (note 28).

ii) Change in accounting policy with respect to capitalisation of borrowing costs and significant financing component

In order to make cost of sales recognition more predictable and comparable on an ongoing basis and, as a result, provide more meaningful and relevant information for the users, effective from 1 January 2019, the Group ceased capitalisation of borrowing costs into the cost of inventories under construction, revenue for which is recognized over time. The change in accounting policy was applied retrospectively, and the Group applied the new accounting policy from the beginning of the earliest prior period presented in these consolidated interim financial statements.