



**BARCO NV**

**Statutory auditor's report to the general  
shareholders' meeting on the consolidated  
financial statements for the year ended  
31 December 2021**

9 February 2022



## **STATUTORY AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING OF BARCO NV ON THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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We present to you our statutory auditor's report in the context of our statutory audit of the consolidated financial statements of Barco NV (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (jointly "the Group"). This report includes our report on the consolidated financial statements, as well as the other legal and regulatory requirements. This forms part of an integrated whole and is indivisible.

We have been appointed as statutory auditor by the general meeting d.d. 29 April 2021, following the proposal formulated by the board of directors and following the recommendation by the audit committee and the proposal formulated by the works' council. Our mandate will expire on the date of the general meeting which will deliberate on the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. We have performed the statutory audit of the consolidated financial statements of Barco NV for 4 consecutive years.

### **Report on the consolidated financial statements**

#### ***Unqualified opinion***

We have performed the statutory audit of the Group's consolidated financial statements, which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2021, the consolidated statement of income, the statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and which is characterised by a consolidated balance sheet total of EUR '000 1.104.249 and a net profit attributable to the equity holder of the parent of EUR '000 8.881.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the Group's net equity and consolidated financial position as at 31 December 2021, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and with the legal and regulatory requirements applicable in Belgium.

#### ***Basis for unqualified opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as applicable in Belgium. Furthermore, we have applied the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as approved by the IAASB which are applicable to the year-end and which are not yet approved at the national level. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "*Statutory auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements*" section of our report. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Belgium, including the requirements related to independence.

We have obtained from the board of directors and Company officials the explanations and information necessary for performing our audit.



We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### ***Key audit matters***

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated 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 goodwill - Note 8

##### *Description of key audit matter*

The carrying value of the Group's goodwill amounts to EUR'000 105.612 at 31 December 2021.

These assets are subject to impairment testing on an annual basis or more frequently if there are indicators of impairment.

We consider this matter as key to our audit because the determination of whether or not an impairment charge is necessary involves significant judgement in estimating the future results of the business.

##### *How our audit addressed the key audit matter*

We evaluated the appropriateness of the Group's accounting policies and assessed compliance with the policies in accordance with IFRS.

We evaluated management's annual impairment testing and assessment of the indicators of impairment and challenged impairment calculations by assessing the future cash flow forecasts used in the models, and the process by which they were drawn up, including comparing them to the latest budgets approved by the board of directors.

We understood and challenged:

- Assumptions used in the Group's budget and internal forecasts and the long-term growth rates by comparing them to economic and industry forecasts;
- The discount rate by assessing the cost of capital and other inputs including benchmarking with comparable organizations;
- The historical accuracy of budgets to actual results to determine whether cash flow forecasts are reliable based on past experience;
- The mechanics of the underlying calculations.

In performing the above work, we utilized our internal valuation experts to provide challenge and external market data to assess the reasonableness of the assumptions used by management.

We evaluated the sensitivity analysis around the key drivers within the cash flow forecasts to ascertain the extent of change in those assumptions and also considered the likelihood of such a movement in those key assumptions arising.



Whilst recognizing that cash flow forecasting, impairment modeling and valuations are all inherently judgmental, we found that the assumptions used by management were within an acceptable range of reasonable estimates.

Valuation of deferred taxes and valuation allowance on deferred tax assets related to tax losses carried forward and tax credits - Note 10

*Description of key audit matter*

Deferred tax assets on tax losses carried forward and tax credits amounts to EUR'000 36.787 (note 10). The valuation of the deferred tax positions at Barco involved significant judgement, more specifically in the determination of the recognition of deferred tax assets related to tax losses carried forward and tax credits. The estimation of the future taxable basis is highly judgemental as well as the assessment of the impact of tax laws and regulations, tax planning action and strategies, rulings and transfer pricing.

The valuation and recoverability of deferred tax assets is key to our audit due to the magnitude of the amount recognized for these assets and because the assessment requires management estimates, mainly on the assumptions regarding expected future market and economic conditions and tax laws and regulation.

*How our audit addressed the key audit matter*

We challenged the assumptions made to assess the recoverability of deferred tax assets related to tax losses carried forward and tax credits and the timing of the reversal of deferred tax positions. During our procedures, we used amongst others budgets, forecasts and tax laws and in addition we assessed the historical accuracy of management's assumptions. We involved tax specialists in our audit. An important management judgement was the period over which taxable profits can be reliably estimated and consequently, no deferred tax assets are recognised for tax losses used in any period beyond. We verified that the deferred tax position was calculated at the enacted tax rate for the year in which the deferred tax position is expected to reverse.

We also assessed the adequacy and completeness of the Company's disclosure included in Note 10 in respect of deferred taxes.

We found management's judgements in respect of the Group's deferred tax positions to be consistent and in line with our expectations.

***Responsibilities of the board of directors for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements***

The board of directors is responsible for the preparation of consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and with the legal and regulatory requirements applicable in Belgium, and for such internal control as the board of directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the board of directors is responsible for assessing the Group'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 the board of directors either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.



### ***Statutory auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated 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 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 consolidated financial statements.

In performing our audit, we comply with the legal, regulatory and normative framework applicable to the audit of the consolidated financial statements in Belgium. A statutory audit does not provide any assurance as to the Group's future viability nor as to the efficiency or effectiveness of the board of directors' current or future business management at Group level. Our responsibilities in respect of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the board of directors' are described below.

As part of an 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 consolidated accounts, 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 Group's internal control;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the board of directors;
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the board of directors' 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 Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our statutory auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated 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 statutory auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern;
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation;
- Obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.



We communicate with the audit committee 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 the audit committee 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 the audit committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated 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.

## **Other legal and regulatory requirements**

### ***Responsibilities of the board of directors***

The board of directors is responsible for the preparation and the content of the directors' report on the consolidated financial statements, the report on non-financial information and the other information included in the report on the consolidated financial statements.

### ***Statutory auditor's responsibilities***

In the context of our mandate and in accordance with the Belgian standard which is complementary to the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as applicable in Belgium, our responsibility is to verify, in all material respects, the directors' report on the consolidated financial statements, the separate report on non-financial information and the other information included in the report on the consolidated financial statements and to report on these matters.

### ***Aspects related to the directors' report on the consolidated financial statements and to the other information included in the annual report on the consolidated financial statements***

In our opinion, after having performed specific procedures in relation to the directors' report on the consolidated financial statements, this report is consistent with the consolidated financial statements for the year under audit, and it is prepared in accordance with article 3:32 of the Companies' and Associations' Code.

In the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements, we are also responsible for considering, in particular based on the knowledge acquired resulting from the audit, whether the directors' report on the consolidated financial statements and the other information included in the annual report on the consolidated financial statements is materially misstated or contains information which is inadequately disclosed or otherwise misleading. In light of the procedures we have performed, there are no material misstatements we have to report to you.

The non-financial information required by virtue of article 3:32, §2 of the Companies' and Associations' Code is included in the directors' report on the consolidated financial statements. The Company has prepared the non-financial information, based on Global Reporting Initiative Standards. However, in accordance with article 3:80, §1, 5° of the Companies' and Associations' Code, we do not express an opinion as to whether the non-financial information has been prepared in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative Standards as disclosed in the consolidated financial statements.



#### ***Statement related to independence***

- Our registered audit firm and our network did not provide services which are incompatible with the statutory audit of the consolidated financial statements, and our registered audit firm remained independent of the Group in the course of our mandate.
- The fees for additional services which are compatible with the statutory audit of the consolidated financial statements referred to in article 3:65 of the Companies' and Associations' Code are correctly disclosed and itemized in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

#### ***European Uniform Electronic Format (ESEF)***

We have also verified, in accordance with the draft standard on the verification of the compliance of the financial statements with the European Uniform Electronic Format (hereinafter "ESEF"), the compliance of the ESEF format with the regulatory technical standards established by the European Delegate Regulation No. 2019/815 of 17 December 2018 (hereinafter: "Delegated Regulation").

The board of directors is responsible for the preparation, in accordance with ESEF requirements, of the consolidated financial statements in the form of an electronic file in ESEF format (hereinafter "consolidated financial statements") included in the annual financial report.

Our responsibility is to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence to conclude that the format and marking language of the digital consolidated financial statements comply in all material respects with the ESEF requirements under the Delegated Regulation.

Based on the work we have performed, we believe that the format of and marking of information in the digital consolidated financial statements included in the annual financial report of Barco NV per 31 December 2021 comply in all material respects with the ESEF requirements under the Delegated Regulation.

#### ***Other statements***

- This report is consistent with the additional report to the audit committee referred to in article 11 of the Regulation (EU) N° 537/2014.

Ghent, 9 February 2022

The statutory auditor  
PwC Réviseurs d'Entreprises SRL / PwC Bedrijfsrevisoren BV  
Represented by

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## **INDEPENDENT LIMITED ASSURANCE REPORT ON A SELECTION OF SUSTAINABILITY KPI'S IN THE INTEGRATED ANNUAL REPORT 2021 OF BARCO NV**

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the terms of our contract dated 16 September 2021 (the "Agreement"), whereby we have been engaged to issue an independent limited assurance report in connection with a selection of sustainability KPIs, marked with a check mark (☑), of the Integrated Annual Report as of and for the year ended 31 December 2021 of Barco NV and its subsidiaries (the "Report").

### **The Directors' Responsibility**

The Directors of Barco NV ("the Company") are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the selection of sustainability KPIs for the year 2021, marked with a check mark (☑) in the in the Report (the "Subject Matter Information"), in accordance with the criteria disclosed in the Report (the "Criteria").

This responsibility includes the selection and application of appropriate methods for the preparation of the Subject Matter Information, for ensuring the reliability of the underlying information and for the use of assumptions and estimates for individual sustainability disclosures which are reasonable in the circumstances. Furthermore, the responsibility of the Directors includes the design, implementation and maintenance of systems and processes relevant for the preparation of the Subject Matter Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Our Independence and Quality Control**

We have complied with the legal requirements in respect of auditor independence, particularly in accordance with the rules set down in articles 12, 13, 14, 16, 20, 28 and 29 of the Belgian Act of 7 December 2016 organising the audit profession and its public oversight of registered auditors, and with the independence and other ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an independent conclusion about the Subject Matter Information based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained. Our assurance report has been prepared in accordance with the terms of our engagement contract.



We conducted our work in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised) "Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information". This standard requires that we comply with ethical requirements and that we plan and perform the engagement to obtain limited assurance as to whether any matters have come to our attention that cause us to believe that the Subject Matter Information does not comply, in all material respects, with the Criteria.

In a limited-assurance engagement the evidence-gathering procedures are more limited than for a reasonable assurance engagement, and therefore less assurance is obtained than in a reasonable-assurance engagement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Subject Matter Information in respect of the Criteria. The scope of our work comprised the following procedures:

- Assessing and testing the design and functioning of the systems and processes used for data-gathering, collation, consolidation and validation, including the methods used for calculating and estimating the Subject Matter Information as of and for the year ended 31 December 2021 presented in the Report.
- Conducting interviews with responsible officers.
- Inspecting internal and external documents.

The scope of our work is limited to assurance over the selection of sustainability KPIs for the year 2021, marked with a check mark (✓) in the in the Report. Our assurance does not extend to information in respect of earlier periods or to any other information included in the Report.

### **Conclusion**

Based on our limited assurance engagement, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the selection of sustainability KPIs for the year 2021, marked with a check mark (✓) in the Report, does not comply, in all material respects, with the Criteria.

### **Other matter - Restriction on Use and Distribution of our Report**

Our report is intended solely for the use of the Company, in connection with their Report as of and for the year ended 31 December 2021 and should not be used for any other purpose. We do not accept or assume and deny any liability or duty of care to any other party to whom this report may be shown or into whose hands it may come.

Diegem, 9 February 2022

PwC Bedrijfsrevisoren BV/Reviseurs d'Entreprises SRL  
Represented by



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Registered auditor

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