



## STATUTORY AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING OF BARCO NV ON THE CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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We present to you our statutory auditor's report in the context of our statutory audit of the consolidated accounts of Barco NV (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (jointly "the Group"). This report includes our report on the consolidated accounts, 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 accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023. We have performed the statutory audit of the Group's consolidated accounts for 6 consecutive years.

### Report on the consolidated accounts

#### *Unqualified opinion*

We have performed the statutory audit of the Group's consolidated accounts, which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2023, the consolidated statement of income, the statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows 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 1,159,415 and a net profit attributable to the equity holder of the parent of EUR'000 80,168.

In our opinion, the consolidated accounts give a true and fair view of the Group's net equity and consolidated financial position as at 31 December 2023, 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 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 accounts*" 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 accounts 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 judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated accounts of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated accounts 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 the Key Audit Matter*

The carrying value of the Group's goodwill amounts to EUR'000 105,612 at 31 December 2023.

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 organisations;
- 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 utilised 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 modelling 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 the Key Audit Matter*

Deferred tax assets on tax losses carried forward and tax credits amounts to EUR'000 29,900 (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 Group'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 accounts***

The board of directors is responsible for the preparation of consolidated accounts 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 accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated accounts, 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 accounts***

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

In performing our audit, we comply with the legal, regulatory and normative framework applicable to the audit of the consolidated accounts 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 scepticism 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 accounts 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 accounts, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts, the separate report on non-financial information and the other information included in the annual report on the consolidated accounts.

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

In the context of our engagement 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 accounts, the separate report on non-financial information and the other information included in the annual report on the consolidated accounts and to report on these matters.

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

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

In the context of our audit of the consolidated accounts, we are also responsible for considering, in particular based on the knowledge acquired resulting from the audit, whether the directors' report on the consolidated accounts 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 accounts, 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 accounts referred to in article 3:65 of the Companies' and Associations' Code are correctly disclosed and itemized in the notes to the consolidated accounts.

***European Uniform Electronic Format (“ESEF”)***

In accordance with the draft standard on the verification of the compliance of the financial statements with the European Uniform Electronic Format (hereinafter “ESEF”), we must verify whether the ESEF format is in accordance 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.

The annual financial report and the digital consolidated financial statements have not yet been submitted to us at the date of this report.

If, in our audit of the digital consolidated financial statements, we determine that there is a material misstatement, we will be required to report the matter to the board of directors and request the latter to make any necessary changes. If this does not happen, we will be forced to adjust this report due to the fact that the format of and the marking of information in the digital consolidated financial statements included in the annual financial statements report of Barco NV conform 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, 7 February 2024

The statutory auditor

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## **INDEPENDENT LIMITED ASSURANCE REPORT ON A SELECTION OF SUSTAINABILITY KPIS IN THE INTEGRATED ANNUAL REPORT 2023 OF BARCO NV**

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To the Board of Directors of Barco NV

This report has been prepared in accordance with the terms of our engagement contract dated 21 November 2023 (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 checkmark (☑), in the Integrated Annual Report as of and for the year ended 31 December 2023 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 2023, marked with a checkmark (☑) 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.

### ***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.

We conducted our work in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) "Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information" (ISAE 3000), issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. 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 has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Criteria.





The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable engagement been performed. The selection of such procedures depends on our professional judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Subject Matter Information in accordance with 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 2023 presented in the Report;
- conducting interviews with responsible officers;
- reviewing, on a limited test basis, relevant internal and external documentation;
- performing an analytical review of the data and trends in the information submitted for consolidation;
- considering the disclosure and presentation of the Subject Matter Information.

The scope of our work is limited to assurance over the selection of sustainability KPIs for the year 2023, marked with a checkmark (☑) in the Report. Our assurance does not extend to information in respect of earlier periods or to any other information included in the Report.

### ***Our independence and quality management***

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements in the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' (IESBA) International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the legal Belgian requirements in respect of the 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 Art. 3:62, 3:63 and 3:64 and 3:65 of the Companies' and Associations' Code.

Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Management n°1, Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Statements, and Other Assurance Related Services Engagements, and accordingly, maintains a comprehensive system of quality management including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.



### ***Our conclusion***

Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Subject Matter Information within your Report as of and for the year ended 31 December 2023 has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Criteria disclosed in the Report.

### ***Other ESG related information***

The other information comprises all of the ESG related information in the Report other than the Subject Matter Information and our assurance report. The directors are responsible for the other ESG related information. As explained above, our assurance conclusion does not extend to the other ESG related information and, accordingly, we do not express any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our assurance of the Subject Matter Information, our responsibility is to read the other ESG related information and, in doing so, consider whether the other ESG related information is materially inconsistent with the Subject Matter Information or our knowledge obtained during the assurance engagement, or otherwise appears to contain a material misstatement of fact. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement of fact, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the Subject Matter Information or a material misstatement of the other information, and to take appropriate actions in the circumstances.

### ***Other matter - restriction on use and distribution of our report***

Our report is intended solely for the use of the Company, to whom it is addressed, in connection with their Report as of and for the year ended 31 December 2023 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.

Ghent, 7 February 2024

The statutory auditor

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**STATUTORY AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 12 OF THE ROYAL DECREE OF 14 NOVEMBER 2007, REGARDING THE COMPLIANCE OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS IN THE FORM OF AN ELECTRONIC FILE OF BARCO NV AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ESEF (EUROPEAN SINGLE ELECTRONIC FORMAT) REQUIREMENTS AND TAXONOMY UNDER THE DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2019/815**

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**Mission**

In accordance with article 12 of the Royal Decree of 14 November 2007, the statutory auditors' mission is to report on the format and XBRL marking language of the digital consolidated financial statements in the form of an electronic file (hereinafter "digital consolidated financial statements") in accordance with the ESEF requirements and taxonomy (more specifically the provisions in force as laid down in the ESEF Regulatory Technical Standard, "ESEF RTS" under Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815 dated 17 December 2018) applicable to the digital consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2023.

This report follows our statutory auditor's report to the general shareholders meeting of Barco NV in the context of the consolidated annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 due to the untimely receipt of the digital consolidated financial statements.

**Responsibilities of the board of directors**

The board of directors is responsible for the preparation of the digital consolidated financial statements as included in the annual financial report in accordance with the ESEF requirements ("ESEF RTS") applicable to the digital consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2023.

This responsibility includes the selection and application of the most appropriate methods to prepare the digital consolidated financial statements. In addition, the responsibility of the board of directors includes designing, implementing and maintaining systems and processes relevant to the preparation of the digital consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement resulting from fraud or errors. The board of directors should verify that the digital consolidated financial statements are consistent with the human-readable consolidated financial statements.

**Statutory auditor's responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion as to whether the format and the marking language XBRL of the digital consolidated financial statements of Barco NV per 31 December 2023 complies in all material respects with the ESEF technical regulatory standards under Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815 based on the work we perform.

We conducted our work in accordance with 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 reasonable assurance about whether nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the digital consolidated financial statements are, in all materiality, in that respect would not have been prepared in accordance with the ESEF technical regulatory standards applied by the Company.



The selection of the procedures performed depends on our judgment and assessment of the risk of material misstatement in the digital consolidated financial statements and in the statements of the board of directors. The entirety of the work performed by us consisted of, among other things, the following procedures:

- Verify that the digital consolidated financial statements in XHTML format have been prepared in accordance with Article 3 of the Delegated Regulation;
- Obtain an understanding of the processes of the Company's practice in the XBRL marking language of its digital consolidated financial statements and of the internal controls relevant to the certification, 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 internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance about whether the XBRL marking language of the digital consolidated financial statements complies in all material respects with the ESEF regulatory technical standards;
- Obtaining sufficient appropriate audit evidence about the effective operation of controls relevant to the XBRL marking language of the digital consolidated financial statements of Barco NV per 31 December 2023;
- Reconciliation of the marked data with the audited consolidated financial statements of Barco NV per 31 December 2023;
- Assessing the completeness and fairness of the marking language of the digital consolidated financial statements prepared by the Company;
- Assessing the appropriateness of the Company's use of the XBRL elements of the ESEF taxonomy and assessing the creation of the extension taxonomy.

### **Our independence and quality management**

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements in the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' (IESBA) International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the legal Belgian requirements in respect of the 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 Art. 3:62, 3:63 and 3:64 and 3:65 of the Companies' and Associations' Code.

Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Control (ISQC) n°1, Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Statements, and Other Assurance Related Services Engagements, and accordingly, maintains a comprehensive system of quality management including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

### **Our opinion**

In our opinion, based on the procedures performed, the format of and the marking language of the digital consolidated financial statements as included within the annual financial report of Barco NV per 31 December 2023 complies in all material respects with the ESEF requirements under the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815.



We do not express an audit opinion, a review conclusion or any other assurance conclusion on the consolidated financial statements themselves in this report. Our audit opinion on the Group's consolidated financial statements is set out in the statutory auditor's report dated 7 February 2024.


#### **Other matter**

The consolidated financial statements of Barco NV (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (jointly "the Group") have been prepared by the board of directors of the Company on 7 February 2024 and has been subject to a statutory audit. Our statutory auditor's report (signed on 7 February 2024 includes an unqualified opinion on the true and fair view of the Group's equity and consolidated financial position as of 31 December 2023, as well as its consolidated results and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union and with the legal and regulatory requirements applicable in Belgium.

Ghent, 22 March 2024

The statutory auditor

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