Statutory auditors’ report on the consolidated financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2017
Tarkett
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To the general meeting of shareholders of Tarkett,

1 Opinion

In compliance with the engagement entrusted to us by your annual general meeting, we have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Tarkett for the year ended 31 December 2017.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities and of the financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2017 and of the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union.

The audit opinion expressed above is consistent with our report to the Audit Committee.

2 Basis for opinion

Audit framework

We conducted our audit in accordance with professional standards applicable in France. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Statutory auditors’ responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements section of our report.

Independence

We conducted our audit engagement in compliance with independence rules applicable to us, for the period from 1st January 2017 to the date of our report and specifically we did not provide any prohibited non-audit services referred to in Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) N°537/2014 or in the French Code of Ethics (Code de déontologie) for statutory auditors.
3 Justification of assessments - Key audit matters

In accordance with the requirements of Articles L.823-9 and R.823-7 of the French Commercial Code (Code de commerce) relating to the justification of our assessments, we inform you of the key audit matters relating to risks of material misstatement that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period, as well as how we addressed those risks.

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 specific items of the consolidated financial statements.

Long term assets valuation

Key audit matter

Goodwill, intangible assets and property, plant and equipment have net book values at 31 December 2017 of 510,5M€, 91,4M€ and 467,4M€, respectively, and represent a significant amount of the consolidated balance sheet. These assets are accounted and described in notes “2.2 - Business Combinations”, “5.1 – Goodwill” and “5.2 - Tangible and intangible assets” to the consolidated financial statements.

These assets may present a risk of depreciation related to internal or external factors, such as the deterioration of the Group's performance, changes in the competitive environment, unfavorable market conditions and changes in legislation or regulations. These changes can have an impact on the Group's cash flow forecasts and consequently on the determination of the recoverable amounts of these assets.

Management performs impairment tests if there is an impairment trigger and at least once a year for goodwill and other non-amortizable intangible assets or for other non-financial assets as described in Note 5.3.1 - Non-Financial Assets. Assets are tested at the level of the cash-generating units (“CGUs”) defined by the Group. An impairment loss is recognized if net booked value of an asset or cash-generating unit is higher than its recoverable value. The recoverable value is the higher amount between the fair value less the transfer costs and value in use. Value in use is determined according to the discounted future cash flow projections method (excluding interest on borrowings and taxes) for each cash generating unit.

The assessment of the recoverable value of these assets is a key audit matter, given the significant potential of impairment and the high degree of estimation and judgment required by management for this assessment. The judgments include, in particular, assumptions regarding the future evolution of selling prices, volumes and costs of raw materials, renewal investments and changes in working capital requirements related to the operation of these assets, and the determination of infinite growth rates and discount rates applied to the appropriate future cash flows.

Audit approach

We reviewed the impairment testing process implemented by Group management, in order to identify trigger events and proceed to impairment testing, on the base of cash-flow forecasts from the budget and business plan established by the Board of Management and presented to the Supervisory Board, and assessed the permanence of the method used.

We also assessed appropriateness and relevance of Group management's approach to determine the cash-generating units for long-term assets' testing.

We adapted our audit approach when impairment losses triggers appeared on such cash-generating units. Concerning value in use, we assessed the reasonableness of key
management assumptions with respect to earnings forecasts (with comparison to both budget and historical performance), of growth and discount rates.

With the help of our valuation experts, we reviewed Group management’s key assumptions on discount and growth rates, comparing them with external market data and other comparable sectors’ companies.

For a selection of CGUs, we assessed the reasonableness of future cash flow projections, including the infinity normative terminal cash flow amount, with respect to past achievements, our knowledge of business activity supported by interviews with Group or division managers and, according to their availability, external data of other comparable sectors’ companies.

We analyzed the sensibility of the impairment test to assess the materiality of the potential impacts on the recoverable value of the riskiest assets.

**Litigations and provisions**

**Key audit matter**

The Group is exposed to a variety of legal and tax risks, as well as litigations, including asbestos claims in the United States and product warranties to customers.

As indicated in note “6.1 – Provisions” to the consolidated financial statements, these risks and litigations are covered by provisions established in accordance with the applicable accounting standard (IAS 37 “Provisions”) and amount to 79,1M€ at 31 December 2017 including essentially asbestos litigations and provisions for warranties.

Significant contingent liabilities for these risks and litigations, the amount and timing of which can not be reliably estimated, are described in note “6.2 - Contingent liabilities” to the consolidated financial statements.

The identification of risks and litigations, the valuation of provisions for such risks and litigations constitute a key audit matter given the amounts involved and the high degree estimate and judgment required by management.

**Audit approach**

In order to get a sufficient understanding of litigations, contingent liabilities and related valuations, we reviewed the process of identification, qualification and valuation implemented by Group management for such provisions through various interviews with Group’s legal and finance departments, divisions and main subsidiaries.

We conducted a critical review of the internal analysis notes for the likelihood and potential impact of each risk, examining the available procedural elements (letters, claims, judgments, notifications, etc.).

We obtained direct confirmations from the main lawyers involved to confirm our understanding of risks and litigations and assessed the adequation of the amount of provisions accrued.

Based on historical datas used by the Group to estimate its provisions for asbestos claims and product warranties:

- We assessed the permanence of methods used, the relevance and reliability of underlying data and calculations applied;
- We compared amounts paid to previously recognized provisions to assess the quality of the management estimates.

We excercised our professional judgment to assess, in particular, the positions held by Management within risk assessment ranges and the validity of the evolution over time of such positions.
Recognition of deferred tax assets on tax losses carried forward

Key audit matter

As indicated in note “8.2 – Deferred Tax” to the consolidated financial statements, the deferred tax assets amount to 80,1M€ at 31 December 2017, including 25,1M€ recognized on tax losses carried forward, out of which 12,3M€ relate to tax losses recognized for the first time at 31 December 2017 in one entity of the Group, due to a change in projection of foreseeable tax results. Unrecognized deferred taxes assets related to tax losses carried forward amounts to 78,1M€ at 31 December 2017.

A deferred tax asset is only recognized if it is likely that the Group will have taxable future profits over the next five years on which this asset may be used.

The Group's ability to recover deferred tax assets is assessed by management at the close of each financial year taking into account forecasts of future taxable results.

We have considered the recoverability of such deferred tax assets on tax losses carried forward as a key audit matter due to the importance of management's estimation and judgment and the materiality of amounts at stake.

Audit approach

We reviewed the evaluation process of deferred tax assets on tax losses carried forward implemented by Group Management.

We assessed the permanence of methods used, the relevance and consistency of underlying assumptions (budget and mid term plan including earnings growth and applicable tax rates) and tested the arithmetic accuracy.

We assessed the probability that the company may use in the future its deferred tax assets, particularly with regard to:

- the review of deferred tax liabilities existing in the same tax jurisdiction, that may be charged against existing tax losses carried forward before they expire;
- the ability of each affiliate to generate sufficient future taxable profits in a foreseeable future allowing the use of existing tax losses carried forward.

4 Verification of the information pertaining to the group presented in the management report

As required by law we have also verified in accordance with professional standards applicable in France the information pertaining to the Group presented in the management report of Board of Directors.

We have no matters to report as to its fair presentation and its consistency with the consolidated financial statements.

5 Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Appointment of the statutory auditors

We were respectively renewed for KPMG and appointed for Mazars, as statutory auditors of Tarkett by the combined annual general meeting held on 13 May 2014 to approuve accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013.

As at 31 December 2017, KPMG and Mazars were in the 4th year of uninterrupted engagement since securities of the Company were admitted to trading on a regulated market.
6 Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and for such internal control as management 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, management is responsible for assessing the Company'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 it is expected to liquidate the Company or to cease operations.

The Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring the financial reporting process and the effectiveness of internal control and risks management systems and where applicable, its internal audit, regarding the accounting and financial reporting procedures.

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors.

7 Statutory auditors’ responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Objectives and audit approach

Our role is to issue a report on the consolidated financial statements. Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards 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.

As specified in Article L.823-10-1 of the French Commercial Code (Code de commerce), our statutory audit does not include assurance on the viability of the Company or the quality of management of the affairs of the Company.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, the statutory auditor exercises professional judgment throughout the audit and furthermore:

- Identifies and assesses the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designs and performs audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtains audit evidence considered to be sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for his 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.
- Obtains 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 internal control.
- Evaluates the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management in the consolidated financial statements.
• Assesses the appropriateness of management’s 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 Company’s ability to continue as a going concern. This assessment is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of his audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern. If the statutory auditor concludes that a material uncertainty exists, there is a requirement to draw attention in the audit report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are not provided or inadequate, to modify the opinion expressed therein.

• Evaluates the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements and assesses whether these statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

• Obtains sufficient 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. The statutory auditor is responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit of the consolidated financial statements and for the opinion expressed on these consolidated financial statements.

Report to the Audit Committee

We submit a report to the Audit Committee which includes in particular a description of the scope of the audit and the audit program implemented, as well as the results of our audit. We also report, if any, significant deficiencies in internal control regarding the accounting and financial reporting procedures that we have identified.

Our report to the Audit Committee includes the risks of material misstatement that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and which are therefore the key audit matters, that we are required to describe in this audit report.

We also provide the Audit Committee with the declaration provided for in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) N°537/2014, confirming our independence within the meaning of the rules applicable in France such as they are set in particular by Articles L.822-10 to L.822-14 of the French Commercial Code (Code de commerce) and in the French Code of Ethics (Code de déontologie) for statutory auditors. Where appropriate, we discuss with the Audit Committee the risks that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and the related safeguards.

Paris La Défense, on the 8 February 2018

The statutory auditors

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