Analysis of financial results



In 2018, Russian Railways fared well both ensuring a balanced operating performance and shaping a long-term development focus in line with the goals set by the President and the Government of the Russian Federation. The Company's RAS income rose by 5.9% y-o-y to RUB 1,798 bn. Our RAS EBITDA increased by 7.4% to RUB 380 bn on the back of higher income from core operations»

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Russian Railways' performance in 2018

In 2018, Russian Railways met its volume and financial targets.

The increase in freight shipments came as a sign of improvements in Russia's economic situation.

While Russia's GDP grew by 2.3% and industrial production was up by 2.9%, the Company increased its freight shipment volumes by 2.2%. Total freight turnover added 4%.

In 2018, the Company focused on ensuring a balanced operating performance and cost management.

The income from core operations totalled RUB 1,798.4 bn, up 5.9 % y-o-y. Income from transportation operations increased by 6.1% y-o-y. Freight transportation yielded 6.4 % more income compared to 2017. As a result of deterioration in the freight transportation mix and tariff indexation in January 2018, the revenue rate growth stood at 2.3%.

Income from passenger transportation increased by 14.3% y-o-y.

As a result of ongoing performance improvement initiatives, transportation costs increased by 2.2% y-o-y (0.9% on a comparable basis) as consumer prices grew by 2.9% and producer prices rose by 11.9%.

Income from other operations amounted to RUB 25.1 bn.

As a result, sales profit for the year increased by 0.6% and amounted to RUB 140.8 bn. Dividends from subsidiaries and affiliates stood at RUB 19.3 bn, while sales of their shares amounted to RUB 6 bn yielding RUB 2.6 bn.¹

The amount of interest payable remained flat y-o-y despite a higher leverage as the Company incurred additional borrowing costs. The Company continued to optimise its debt portfolio and reduce debt servicing costs, including a number of successful placements and refinancing exercises, which helped bring the weighted average annual interest rate from 7.01 to 6.1%.

As a result of the Company's push to improve operational efficiency and financial policy, net profit increased to RUB 18.4 bn compared to RUB 17.5 bn in 2017 (target – RUB 15 bn).

