

# BOARD OF STATUTORY AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING OF AVIO S.p.A.

in accordance with Article 153 of Legislative Decree No. 58/1998 and of Article 2429, paragraph 2, of the Civil Code

Dear Shareholders,

with this report, drawn up as per Article 153 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of February 24, 1998 ("CFA") and Article 2429, paragraph 2, of the Civil Code, the Board of Statutory Auditors of Avio S.p.A. ("Avio" or also the "Company") reports on the activities carried out in the year ending December 31, 2024, in compliance with the applicable regulation, taking account also of the conduct rules for the Board of Statutory Auditors of listed companies recommended by the Italian Accounting Profession (Consiglio Nazionale dei Dottori Commercialisti e degli Esperti Contabili), of Consob's provisions concerning corporate controls and the standards and recommendations of the Corporate Governance Code.

In particular, this report is drawn up in accordance with the indications provided by Consob with Communication DAC/RM/97001574 of February 20, 1997 and Communication DEM/1025564 of April 6, 2001, as amended and supplemented by Communications DEM/3021582 of April 4, 2003 and DEM/6031329 of April 7, 2006.

In addition, as Avio has adopted a traditional governance model, the Board of Statutory Auditors acts as the "Internal Control and Audit Committee" and, therefore, in this report, account shall also be taken of the specific financial disclosure, consolidated sustainability reporting and audit control and monitoring functions, as per Article 19 of Legislative Decree No. 39 of January 27, 2010, as amended by Legislative Decree No. 135 of July 17, 2016 and Legislative Decree No. 125 of September 6, 2024.

The current Board of Statutory Auditors was appointed on May 6, 2020 and reconfirmed, in its same composition, on April 28, 2023 by the Shareholders' Meeting of Avio. Its term of office concludes with the approval of the financial statements at December 31, 2025.

The audit of the financial statements as per the above-stated Legislative Decree No. 39 of January 27, 2010, as amended by Legislative Decree No. 135 of July 17, 2016, is undertaken by the



Independent Audit Firm Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. (hereafter also "the Auditor"), appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting of June 15, 2017 for nine financial years (2017-2025).

The Independent Audit Firm Deloitte & Touche S.p.A., which had already been appointed to carry out the audit and issue the attestation provided for, on the subject of non-financial statements, by Article 3, paragraph 10, of Legislative Decree No. 254 of 2016, was appointed, based on the transitional rule contained in paragraph 1 of Article 18 of Legislative Decree No. 125 of September 6, 2024, to issue the attestation on the compliance of the sustainability statement pursuant to Article 8 of the Legislative Decree No. 125.

#### 1. SUPERVISORY ACTIVITY

### 1.1 Oversight upon legal, regulatory and By-Law compliance

The supervisory duties of the Board of Statutory Auditors are governed by Article 2403 of the Civil Code, by Legislative Decree No. 58 of 1998 and by Legislative Decree No. 39 of 2010. The Board of Statutory Auditors took into account the amendments made to Legislative Decree No. 39 of 2010, implementing Directive 2014/56/EU, by Legislative Decree No. 135 of 2016 and the regulations contained in European Regulation 537/2014, as well as the amendments made to Legislative Decree No. 39, implementing the CSRD Directive, by Legislative Decree No. 125 of 2024.

On the supervisory activities carried out during the year, considering also the indications provided by Consob in the above-mentioned communications, the Board undertook the duties outlined below.

The Board of Statutory Auditors ascertained that the provisions of the By-Laws, as last amended by the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting on December 20, 2024, comply with the legal provisions and regulations.

The Board of Statutory Auditors periodically received from the Directors, also through attending the meetings of the Board of Directors and of the internal board committees, information on the activities carried out and on the main economic, financial and equity transactions approved and executed in the year, in addition to, in accordance with Article 150 of the CFA, paragraph 1, those undertaken by the subsidiaries. Based on the information available, the Board can reasonably state that these transactions were in compliance with law and the corporate objectives and were not imprudent, reckless, contrary to resolutions of the Shareholders' Meetings or such as to compromise the integrity of the company's assets.



The Board of Statutory Auditors monitored compliance with the disclosure requirements regarding regulated, inside information or information required by the supervisory authorities, ensuring that each body and function of Avio have complied with its disclosure obligations.

The Board of Statutory Auditors monitored, by acquiring information from the functions concerned, civil, administrative, criminal and tax litigation that may affect Avio.

During FY 2024, the Board of Statutory Auditors performed its duties by holding nineteen meetings, attended two Shareholders' Meetings, ten meetings of the Board of Directors, twelve meetings of the Control and Risks Committee, ten meetings of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee, and seven meetings of the Sustainability Committee.

During the year, the Board of Statutory Auditors met the Supervisory Board as per Legs. Decree No. 231 of 2001 to reciprocally exchange information.

1.2 Oversight upon compliance with the principles of correct administration and on the adequacy of the organisational structure

The Board of Statutory Auditors acquired knowledge of and supervised, to the extent of its remit, the adequacy of the Company's organisational structure through information acquired from the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer, and the heads of corporate functions.

With reference to the Italian subsidiaries, the Board of Statutory Auditors, through information acquired from the Boards of Statutory Auditors and/or the administrative body of those companies, as part of the mutual exchange of relevant data and information, obtained knowledge and supervised:

- the fulfilment of the principles of correct administration;
- the adequacy of the organisational structure;
- the adequacy of the instructions issued by Avio pursuant to Article 114, paragraph 2 of the CFA;
- the timely delivery of the requested information.

From the information received by the Boards of Statutory Auditors of the Italian subsidiaries, including by means of relevant questionnaires to take into account the changes that have taken place in the consolidated sustainability reporting, filled out and signed by the supervisory bodies, no critical issues arose.



The transactions potentially presenting a conflict of interests were approved in compliance with law, the regulatory provisions, the By-Laws. and the Board of Directors' regulation.

The Board of Statutory Auditors during the year supervised on the manner in which the corporate governance rules set out by the Corporate Governance Code were effectively applied. Among others, it verified the progressive implementation of the recommendations of the Corporate Governance Committee of December 14, 2023.

The main events in the year, which the Board of Statutory Auditors highlight in view of their significance, were as follows:

- The European Space Agency has chosen Vega C to launch the Solar wind Magnetosphere Ionosphere Link Explorer (SMILE) mission;
- the Zefiro-40 solid-fuel rocket engine, the second stage of the Vega-C launcher, was tested by Avio on May 28, 2024 at the Salto di Quirra testing range in Sardinia; a second ignition test was successfully conducted on October 3, 2024;
- by resolution on July 5, 2024, the European Space Agency (ESA) laid the foundations for the commercialisation of the Vega launcher, developed by its prime contractor, Avio, on behalf of the ESA;
- Arianespace and Avio have agreed that Arianespace will remain the launch service provider and operator for Vega and Vega-C launch services until Vega flight 29 (VV29), scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2025;
- on July 9, 2024, the Ariane 6 launcher successfully made its maiden flight, taking off from the French Guyana Space Centre, placing multiple payloads into orbit;
- Avio is working on a more powerful version of the boosters, called the P160, which increases the thrust of the Ariane 6 launcher and consequently also its load capacity;
- on July 23, 2024, Avio announced that it had signed a contract with Raytheon, a division of RTX (NYSE: RTX), a leader in defence solutions for the US government and its allies, to begin and advance the development of solid propellant engines for Defence; the contract lays the foundation for the engineering work needed to begin production of these engines;
- on the same date, Avio announced that Avio S.p.A. and the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities

  Development Command Aviation & Missile Center are entering into a partnership to

  develop and prototype a solid-propellant thruster for surface-to-air applications;
- on July 30, 2024, an Avio French branch was set up and registered on August 29, 2024 at the Nanterre Companies Register, based in Boulogne-Billancourt. Its main scope is the



- commercialisation of launch services, in order to strengthen discussions and collaboration with local institutions,
- on September 5, 2024, Vega successfully launched the Sentinel-2C Earth Observation Satellite, a dedicated mission for the European Commission Copernicus Program;
- Avio USA, a subsidiary of Avio S.p.A., has chosen ACMI Properties to conceive and design its first solid-propellant engine production plant in the United States; the project is a potential investment in the U.S. industrial base to support the rapidly increasing demand for solid-propellant engines in the aerospace and defence sectors;
- Avio has signed a contract with MBDA Italy for Avio to supply propulsion engines for the CAMM-ER (Extended Range) missiles produced by MBDA; the conclusion of this contract, worth close to Euro 150 million, includes at the same time as the supply of the propulsion units, technology transfer activities related to part of the manufacturing and engine integration.
- on December 6, 2024, Vega C successfully launched the Earth observation satellite Sentinel-1C, a mission of the European Commission's Copernicus programme;
- on December 18, 2024, two contracts have been signed between ESA and Avio, with a total value of approximately Euro 350 million and a three-year timeframe;
- the development of the new Vega-E launcher;
- the upgrades to the ground infrastructure for Vega-C to increase launch cadence;
- ESA has signed a framework contract with Avio for the acquisition of launch services in support of the agency's future missions, as well as a first operational order for the launch of the FORUM Earth observation mission.

With reference to the calls for attention published by Consob on March 18, 2022 and May 19, 2022, addressed to listed issuers and concerning the impact of the war in Ukraine on financial disclosure, the Board of Statutory Auditors highlights that, in the Annual Financial Report, approved by the Board of Directors on March 13, 2025, "Main risks and uncertainties to which the Group is exposed - Risks relating to the war in Ukraine", Avio, among other matters, highlights that:

- due to the skills and know-how developed and the qualification processes that have certified their compliance with the specific requirements, the Group's strategic suppliers which are difficult to replace or, in any case, whose replacement could require a lengthy period of time and significant costs, still include two Ukrainian suppliers who currently supply the main engine for the fourth stage of the Vega-C launcher (the "MEA engine");



- therefore the status of supplies of the main engine of the 4th stage for the Vega-C launcher, already in Colleferro, by virtue of the advance orders placed as early as 2017, allows the uninterrupted continuation of industrial activity with respect to the VEGA-C programme in the short and medium term;
- as a result of regular contacts with these suppliers, production of the MEA engine continues;
- the situation is being monitored in order to take proactive actions to protect business continuity over the long term. In this context, the ESA recently decided to allocate specific financial resources to initiate technical and industrial actions to mitigate the long-term supply risk through the development of complementary technological solutions;
- against this backdrop, and again with the goal of strengthening business continuity in the medium to long term, as outlined in the previous financial report, at the end of 2023 a contract was finalised with two of the aforementioned Ukrainian suppliers of the fourth stage main engine for the Vega and Vega-C launchers. Delivery is expected in the medium term (2025-2027);
- on the basis of the information currently available, it cannot however be excluded that a
  worsening of the Ukrainian crisis, or the continuation of the current situation, could have
  possible future impacts on the Group's production activities with reference to the VEGA and
  VEGA-C programmes;
- based on the above, the risks from impacts from dependence on such Ukrainian strategic suppliers are qualified as possible;
- currently, there is no direct procurement from Russian suppliers.

In the Annual Financial Report, among the Subsequent events, the company points out that:

- Avio recently signed the ESA Zero Debris Charter and is fully committed to compliance thereto;
- all components of the Vega C launcher are systematically de-orbited following launch, including the AVUM+ last stage, which performs an atmospheric re-entry manoeuvre to clear orbit following satellite deployment;
- in February 2025, the first ignitions in bipropellant mode of the first prototype of the MPGE, Multi Purpose Green Engine, were successfully carried out on a test stand also built as part of the project at Avio's facilities;
- on March 6, 2025, the Ariane 6 launcher successfully completed flight VA263 from the Guiana Space Centre, putting the CSO-3 satellite into orbit for the French Armed Forces;



- the process to transfer Vega C Launch Service Operator (LSO) and Launch Service Provider (LSP) functions is still underway and is being carried out in line with the ESA Board Resolution of November 6, 2023;
- Arianespace and Avio have agreed that Arianespace will remain the launch service provider and operator for Vega and Vega-C launch services until Vega flight 29 (VV29), scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2025;
- for Vega-C launches following VV29, the customers who have already contracted with Arianespace were offered the possibility to transfer their contracts to Avio as the new launch service provider and sole operator of Vega. customers, without exception, have accepted this possibility, and the formalities associated with the transfer process are underway with an expectation of completion in the second quarter of 2025.

The Directors' Report, the information received during the meetings of the Board of Directors and that received from the Chief Executive Officer, senior management, the Boards of Statutory Auditors and/or the Board of Directors of the subsidiaries and from the Independent Audit Firm do not indicate the existence of atypical and/or unusual transactions with Group companies, with third parties or with related parties.

During the year, the company introduced various provisions to implement measures introduced by Regulations, the Oversight Authorities, in addition to the Corporate Governance Code.

The Board of Statutory Auditors verified, also through participation at the meetings of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee, the company processes undertaken to establish the remuneration policies of the company, with particular regards to the remuneration criteria of the Chief Executive Officer and of the Senior Executives.

As part of its supervisory activities, the Board of Statutory Auditors then reviewed and obtained information on the organisational and procedural activities put in place pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 231/2001 for the prevention of the offenses set forth therein; these latter activities are illustrated in the Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure Report, to which reference should be made.

Based on this information, it is the opinion of the Board of Statutory Auditors that the organisational structure of the Company, the procedures put in place, in addition to the set of expertise and responsibilities, can be considered on the whole adequate in relation to the size of the company and the type of business conducted.



## 1.3 Oversight of the internal control and risk management system

The Board of Statutory Auditors monitored the adequacy of the internal control and risk management systems through:

- regular participation at the Control and Risks Committee, the Appointments and Remuneration Committee and the Sustainability Committee of the Company,
- the periodic meetings with the Internal Audit function and the Legal and Compliance function to assess the work planning methods, based on the identification and assessment of the main process and organisational unit risks;
- the meetings with the Risk Management function to analyse Avio's and the Group's strategic risks;
- the meetings with senior positions regarding the organisational and operating impacts of Avio's activities;
- the review of reports from the Internal Audit function;
- the meetings with the Executive Responsible for Financial Reporting;
- the discussion of the work performed by the Independent Audit Firm Deloitte & Touche S.p.A.;
- the meetings with the Supervisory Board pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 231 of 2001 and the examination of its periodic Reports, in which it is stated that, based on the information received and meetings undertaken, no critical issues arose on compliance with the 231 Model, which appears to be adequately implemented;
- the acquisition as per paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 151 of the CFA of information from the boards of the Italian registered subsidiaries on events considered significant involving the Group companies and on the internal control system;
- the review of the report of the Control and Risks Committee and the activities carried out and on the adequacy of the internal control and risk management system;
- discussion with the Company's Chief Executive Officer on the adequacy of Avio's organisation, administrative and accounting structure, aimed at understanding the risks, including prospective risks, to be faced;
- the acknowledgement of the assessment, expressed by the Board of Statutory Auditors, of the adequacy of the organisational, administrative and accounting structure of Avio and of the strategically significant subsidiaries.

The Company's Internal Audit function which, with the favourable opinion of the Board of Statutory Auditors, is outsourced to a specialised company, operates on the basis of a multi-year plan,



reviewed annually, which defines activities and processes to be audited with a view to a risk-based approach. The plan is approved by the Board of Directors, following the approval of the Control and Risks Committee and consultation with the Board of Statutory Auditors.

The activities carried out by Internal Audit during the year substantially covered the planned scope of activities. These activities did not indicate significant issues, although highlighting areas for improvement, carefully monitored, to be implemented according to established and verified timelines.

The Board of Statutory Auditors has acquired information upon the adequacy of the organisational, administrative and accounting structure of the Company and its subsidiaries - taking into account the characteristics and size of the company - including for the purposes of the provisions of the Crisis and Insolvency Code, with particular regard to the tools adopted for tracking and managing risks.

On the basis of the activities carried out, the information acquired and the Internal Audit function's report, as well as the positive assessments expressed by the Board of Directors, the Board of Statutory Auditors considers that no criticalities exist which may affect the internal control and risk management systems structure.

# 1.4 Oversight on the administrative-accounting system and on the financial disclosure process

The Board of Statutory Auditors supervised the administrative and accounting system's suitability and its appropriateness in correctly representing accounting data and activities performed under the coordination of the Executive Officer, for the purposes of the requirements referred to in Law 262/05 "Provisions for the protection of savings and the regulation of financial markets" and subsequent amendments and additions.

The Board of Statutory Auditors periodically met the Executive responsible for the preparation of the corporate accounting documents to exchange information on the administrative-accounting system, while also considering the reliability of this latter to correctly present operating events.

The Board of Statutory Auditors also reviewed the declaration of the Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Officer for Financial Reporting, prepared on March 13, 2025, in accordance with the provisions contained in Paragraph 5 and Paragraph 5-bis of Article 154-bis of the CFA, in accordance with the model set forth in Article 81-ter of Consob Regulation No. 11971 of May 14, 1999, as subsequently amended and supplemented.



The Board of Directors on January 28, 2025 approved the impairment test procedure drawn up according to IAS 36, governing the methods to verify the recoverability of Avio Group's assets and on March 13, 2025 approved the results of applying the same procedure, also with the support of an independent advisor, to the relative items of the 2024 financial statements.

The Board supervised (i) on the adoption of the procedure and, subsequently (ii) on the outcome of the checks made by management, with the support of an independent advisor, which confirms the recoverability of the assets subject to the impairment test.

The Executive Officer for Financial Reporting and the Independent Audit Firm confirmed to the Board of Statutory Auditors that the guidance provided by the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) in its October 24, 2024 document on Common European Supervisory Priorities and Consob's December 20, 2024 Notice for Attention regarding the impact of climate-related issues was taken into account in conducting the impairment test.

The Board of Statutory Auditors monitored compliance with the procedural rules for the financial disclosure process relating to the separate financial statements and consolidated financial statements and does not report upon any deficiencies that would affect its judgment of the adequacy and effective application of administrative and accounting procedures.

## 1.5 Supervisory activities on sustainability reporting

The Board of Statutory Auditors reviewed the sustainability governance structure adopted by the company. In this regard, central importance is given to the Board of Directors, which, as part of its strategic guidance, identifies the medium- and long-term ESG goals - approving the Group's sustainability plan within the long-term strategy - and identifies the Impacts, Risks and Opportunities ("IRO"), validating the double materiality analysis.

The Board of Directors also relies on the work of the Sustainability Committee, which is entrusted with an investigative and proactive role regarding ESG issues and processes, including those concerning sustainability reporting.

The Board of Statutory Auditors has verified that sustainability reporting is structured in a way that is consistent with the provisions of Legislative Decree No. 125 of 2024 and with the strategic objectives and corporate policies set out in business plans, and that it sets out information regarding both the impact of the company's activities on the environment, people and governance ("insideout"), and how risks and opportunities arising from sustainability issues affect the company's economic and financial performance ("outside-in").



It should be noted that Avio has established for the declaration of the Sustainability Statement to be made by the Executive Officer for Financial Reporting.

The Board of Statutory Auditors therefore acquired information on the activities planned and then carried out by the Executive Officer for the purpose of certifying compliance with the standards set by the regulations.

The Board of Statutory Auditors has verified that the consolidated sustainability statement has been prepared by the Directors in accordance with the reporting standards adopted by the European Commission under Directive 2013/34/EU (European Sustainability Reporting Standards) and that the information contained in Section "2.1 EU Taxonomy" has been prepared in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No. 852 of June 18, 2020 ("Taxonomy Regulation").

The Board of Statutory Auditors also took note of the declaration issued by the Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Officer regarding the compliance of the sustainability statement with the standards applied pursuant to Directive 2013/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, and Legislative Decree No. 125, as well as regarding the preparation thereof with the specifications adopted pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament on taxonomy.

#### 1.6 Oversight on related party transactions

The Board of Statutory Auditors supervised the compliance of the Related Party Transactions Policy ("RPT Policy") with the applicable regulation.

Intercompany or related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements, § 7 Related Party Transactions, as well as in the notes to the financial statements, § 6 Related Party Transactions.

The related parties of the Companies are identified on the basis of IAS 24 - *Related Party Disclosures*, applicable from January 1, 2011, and are generally the parent companies, companies with a connection with the Avio Group and its subsidiaries as defined by the applicable rules, companies controlled but not consolidated within the Avio Group, associates and jointly-controlled companies of the Avio Group and other investee companies.

### 2. INTERNAL CONTROL AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

2.1 Supervisory activities on the audit of annual and consolidated financial statements



In accordance with Article 19 of Legislative Decree No. 39 of 2010, the Board of Statutory Auditors is identified as the Internal Control and Audit Committee and carried out the required oversight activities upon the legally required audit of the statutory annual accounts and of the consolidated accounts.

The Board of Statutory Auditors periodically met with the Independent Audit Firm Deloitte & Touche S.p.A., also as per Article 150, paragraph 3, of the CFA for the exchange of reciprocal information. At these meetings, the Independent Audit Firm did not indicate any facts or events requiring indication or irregularities requiring specific reporting as per Article 155, paragraph 2 of the CFA.

For its supervision activities, the Board of Statutory Auditors periodically met with the independent audit firm to review the results from the auditing of the proper maintenance of accounting records, to review the Avio and Group 2024 Audit Plan and for the state of advancement of the Audit Plan.

In particular, the Board of Statutory Auditors:

- i. noted an appropriate level of professional scepticism;
- ii. promoted effective and timely communication with the Auditors.

The Board of Statutory Auditors has (i) analysed the work carried out by the Independent Audit Firm, and in particular, the methodological framework, the audit approach used for the various significant areas of the financial statements and the planning of the audit work and (ii) shared with the Independent Audit Firm the issues related to corporate risks, thus being able to appreciate the adequacy of the response by the auditor with the structural and risk profiles of the Company and the Group; (iii) carried out adequate in-depth analysis of the Audit Quality Indicators.

The draft financial statements at December 31, 2024, accompanied by the Directors' Report prepared by the Directors, in addition to the indicated statement of the Chief Executive Officer and of the Executive Officer, were approved by the Board of Directors at the meeting of March 13, 2025 and simultaneously made available to the Board of Statutory Auditors in view of the Shareholders' Meeting called for April 30, 2025.

On the same date of March 13, 2025, Avio's Board of Directors also took note of the consolidated financial statements, as prepared, pursuant to Article 154-bis of the CFA, by the same Executive, which were also the subject of the same statement, and similarly made them available to the Board of Statutory Auditors.



Avio S.p.A.'s financial statements report a net profit of Euro 7,992 thousand.

The Directors' Report highlights, with regard to Avio S.p.A., that:

- the EBIT was Euro 7,058 thousand, increasing Euro 4,828 thousand on 2023;
- this increase is mainly attributable to the contribution of revenues, a decrease in energy costs, and a reduction in non-recurring charges mainly related to the return to flight of Vega C;
- the result for 2024 was also shaped by the research and development tax credit of Euro 1,796 thousand (Euro 2,729 thousand in 2023), mainly relating to research and development activities, commissioned by the European Space Agency, recognised in the results for the period on the basis of the costs incurred for the Group's long-term research and development projects to which the grant refers, as well as to the Industry 4.0 and technological innovation investments.

The Directors' Report highlights, with regard to the Group, that:

- the EBIT was Euro 8,383 thousand, increasing Euro 3,155 thousand on 2023;
- this increase is mainly attributable to the contribution of revenues, a decrease in energy costs, and a reduction in non-recurring charges mainly related to the return to flight of Vega C;
- the aforementioned tax credit for research and development activities in the amount of Euro 1,796 thousand (Euro 2,729 thousand in 2023) also contributed to the 2024 result.

The Directors' Report, through the reconciliation of EBIT, Adjusted EBIT and Adjusted EBITDA, highlights, with reference to the results of the Avio Group, that the Adjusted EBIT and the Adjusted EBITDA included non-recurring charges/income for a net amount of Euro 5.5 million, comprising:

- exploratory activities of potential new business amounting to charges of Euro 4,709 thousand;
- new European launcher governance amounting to charges of Euro 967 thousand;
- other non-recurring charges/(income) amounting to Euro 198 thousand;
- corporate, legal and financial consultancy amounting to charges of Euro 534 thousand;
- settlement agreements/incentives/other personnel amounting to income of Euro 95 thousand;
- extraordinary provisions for risks associated with Vega C's return to flight, net of compensation expected from the European Space Agency, and for the future execution of programmes (mainly included in provisions for risks and charges and with a minority portion to adjust inventories) amounting to income of Euro 850 thousand;



- provision for registration tax amounting to income of Euro 58,220 thousand;
- (indemnity) for registration tax amounting to charges of Euro 58,220 thousand;

As illustrated in the Directors' Report, the movement in the "Registration Tax Provision" and "(Indemnity) Registration tax" follows the order of the Court of Cassation published on December 13, 2024 which definitively rejected the Tax Agency's appeal filed against the favourable second instance ruling for Avio S.p.A. of the Piedmont Tax Commission. The requirements for the recognition of a receivable from the General Electric Group and a simultaneous payable to the Tax Agency for Euro 58,220 thousand in 2016 therefore no longer apply.

On March 31, 2025, the Independent Audit Firm issued, pursuant to Article 14 of Legislative Decree No. 39 of 2010 and Article 10 of Regulation (EU) No. 537/2014, the audit reports on the financial statements and consolidated financial statements of the Avio Group for the year ended December 31, 2024, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards - IFRS adopted by the European Union, in addition to the implementing provision of Article 9 of Legs. Decree No. 38 of 2005.

The Independent Audit Firm highlighted the following key aspects of the audit:

- Valuation of contract work-in-progress;
- Recoverability of goodwill

and also highlighted the relevant audit procedures carried out.

Regarding opinions and certifications, the Independent Audit Firm in its audit reports on the annual financial statements and consolidated financial statements has:

- issued an opinion indicating that the financial statements of Avio and the consolidated financial statements of the Avio Group provide a true and fair view of the equity and financial situation of the company and of the Group at December 31, 2024, of the result for the year and of the cash flows for the year ending at that date, in compliance with the International Financial Reporting Standards, adopted by the European Union, in addition to the implementation provisions of Article 9 of Legislative Decree No. 38 of 2005;
- issued an opinion on the consistency of the Directors' Report with the separate financial statements and consolidated financial statements at December 31, 2024 and the specific information in the Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure Report indicated in Article 123-bis, paragraph 4 of the CFA, whose responsibility lies with the Directors of Avio,



and are consistent with the documentation of the financial statements and are legally compliant;

- issued an opinion on the compliance of the preparation of the separate financial statements
   in XHTML format with the provisions of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815;
- issued an opinion that the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2024 have been prepared in XHTML format and have been marked in all significant aspects in accordance with the provisions of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815;
- declared, with regards to any significant errors in the Directors' Report, on the basis of its knowledge and understanding of the company and of the relative context acquired during the audit activities, to not having any matters to report.

On March 31, 2025, the Independent Audit Firm also presented to the Board of Statutory Auditors the additional report required by Article 11 of Regulation EC No. 537/2014 and which did not indicate significant deficiencies in the internal control system with regards to the financial disclosure process requiring the attention of Internal Control and Audit Committee. The Board of Statutory Auditors will inform the Board of Directors on the results of the audit, transmitting for this purpose the additional report pursuant to Article 11 of the European Regulation 537/2014, accompanied by any observations, pursuant to Article 19 of Legislative Decree 39 of 2010.

The Independent Audit Firm presented to the Board of Statutory Auditors the statement regarding its independence, as required by Article 6 of Regulation (EC) 537/2014, indicating no situations which may compromise such.

During 2024, the Independent Audit Firm performed the tasks described in point 8 of the notes to the separate financial statements and note 9 of the consolidated financial statements, as required by Article 149-duodecies of the Issuers' Regulation.

# 2.2 Monitoring activities of the consolidated sustainability statement process and its limited review by the Independent Audit Firm

As the Internal Control and Audit Committee, pursuant to Article 19 of Legislative Decree No. 39 of January 27, 2010, the Board of Statutory Auditors examined the sustainability statement process and related procedure implemented by the company also for the purpose of compliance with the standards adopted by the European Commission, including the use of the electronic format; it also checked the effectiveness of the internal control, quality and risk management system as well as the internal audit with regard to sustainability reporting.



## Avio approved:

- an "Internal Control Model on sustainability reporting";
- a "Procedure for the preparation of the consolidated sustainability statement";
- a new version of the "Executive Officer for Financial Reporting Regulation".

The Internal Control Model for sustainability reporting was based on leading national and international practices (e.g. the CoSO Report on sustainability statements).

The Procedure for preparing the consolidated sustainability statement seeks to define the operational process for preparing the Avio S.p.A. Group's Sustainability Statement as part of the Directors' Report within the Annual Financial Report. This document is drafted in compliance with Legislative Decree No. 125/2024 (hereinafter also referred to as the Decree), which transposed the new Directive 2022/2464/EU (Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive, CSRD). It follows the European Sustainability Reporting Standard (ESRS) and of EU Regulation 2020/852 (the Taxonomy Regulation).

The procedure defines activity flows and verification processes, in line with the Internal Control Model for sustainability reporting, establishing roles and responsibilities.

The new version of the "Executive Officer for Financial Reporting Regulation" takes into account the circumstance that Legislative Decree No. 125/2024, on the transposition of the CSRD supplemented Article 154-bis of the CFA (paragraph 5-ter), introducing an expansion of the sphere of attestation of the Executive Officer for Financial Reporting, who will also have to provide an attestation of compliance of the Sustainability Statement with the reporting standards (European Sustainability Reporting Standard, ESRS) and the Taxonomy Regulation.

The Board of Statutory Auditors acquired knowledge from the functions in charge of the sustainability reporting process and verified the existence:

- of an appropriate organisational structure for the sustainability reporting process;
- of an adequate administrative/accounting system;
- of directives, procedures and operating practices adopted for the purpose of ensuring that consolidated sustainability reporting is complete and reliable;
- of adequate periodic information, both quantitative and qualitative, instrumental in defining sustainability reporting.



The Board of Statutory Auditors monitored the declaration activities of the consolidated sustainability statement by ensuring a regular exchange of information with the Auditor of the sustainability statement and carried out an analysis of the methodological audit framework adopted by them.

The Executive Officer for Financial Reporting and the Independent Audit Firm have confirmed to the Board of Statutory Auditors that they have taken into account in their verifications the guidance provided by the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) in its October 24, 2024 document on Common European Supervisory Priorities and Consob's December 20, 2024 Notice for Attention on Climate Disclosures provided in Sustainability Reporting.

On March 31, 2025, the Independent Audit Firm Deloitte & Touche S.p.A., which is independent in accordance with the rules and principles of ethics and independence applicable to the assignment in question, issued its report on the limited audit of the consolidated sustainability statement pursuant to Article 14-bis of Legislative Decree No. 39 of January 27, 2010.

The Independent Audit Firm has declared that, based on its work, no evidence has come to its attention to suggest that:

- the Avio Group's consolidated sustainability statement for the year ending December 31, 2024, has not been prepared, in all significant aspects, in accordance with the reporting standards adopted by the European Commission pursuant to Directive (EU) 2013/34/EU (ESRS);
- the information contained in the paragraph "2.1 EU Taxonomy" of the consolidated sustainability statement has not been prepared in all significant aspects in accordance with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No. 852 of June 18, 2020 (Taxonomy Regulation).

### 3. OTHER ACTIVITIES

## 3.1 Method for the concrete application of the Corporate Governance rules

In exercising its functions, the Board of Statutory Auditors, as required by Article 2403 of the Civil Code and Article 149 of the CFA, oversaw the methods for the concrete implementation of the corporate governance rules set out in the conduct codes with which Avio complies. The company complies with the Corporate Governance Code of listed companies prepared by the Corporate Governance Committee and in accordance with Article 123-bis of the CFA the "Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure Report", in which information is provided upon:



- i. the effectively applied corporate governance practices;
- ii. the main features of Internal Control and Risk Management Systems;
- iii. the mechanisms for the functioning of the Shareholders' Meetings, its main powers, the rights of Shareholders and the operating rules;
- iv. the composition and functioning of the administration and control boards and of the internal committees.

The Board of Directors approved the "Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure Report" on March 13, 2025.

The Board of Statutory Auditors verified the correct application of the assessment criteria and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors to assess the independence of its members, based also on the qualitative and quantitative criteria previously defined by the Board of Directors pursuant to Recommendation 7, first paragraph, letters c) and d), contained in Article 2 of the Corporate Governance Code.

The Board of Directors conducted, with the support of an external consulting firm, an evaluation of its operation, the results of which were discussed at the meeting of March 7, 2025 and are outlined in the "Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure Report".

### 3.2 Supervisory Activities on Remuneration Policies

The Board of Statutory Auditors verified the company processes undertaken to establish the remuneration policies of the company, with particular regards to the remuneration criteria of the Chief Executive Officer and of the Senior Executives providing, where required by law, their opinion.

The Board of Directors on March 13, 2025, on the proposal of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee, approved the "Remuneration policy and report" drawn up as per Article 123 *ter* of the CFA and Article 5 of the Corporate Governance Code.

### 3.3 Notices, claims, omissions or citable events, opinions provided and initiatives taken

In 2024, the Board of Statutory Auditors did not receive any notices as per Article 2408 of the Civil Code, nor received petitions from third parties. The Board of Statutory Auditors is not aware of any other notices to be reported to the Shareholders' Meeting.



In the course of the activities carried out and based on the information obtained, no significant omissions, matters, irregularities or circumstances that would require reporting to the Supervisory Authority or mention in the present report were noted.

The Board of Statutory Auditors also issued the opinions required by current legislation.

The Board of Statutory Auditors, in its role as the Internal Control and Audit Committee, submitted to the Shareholders' Meeting of December 20, 2024 a reasoned proposal for the appointment of the independent audit firm for the period 2026-2034 pursuant to Article 13 of Legislative Decree No. 39/2010, and Article 16 of Regulation (EU) No. 537/2014.

The Shareholders' Meeting, accepting the Board of Statutory Auditors' proposal, resolved to appoint KPMG S.p.A. to audit Avio's financial statements for the nine year period from 2026 to 2034.

## 3.4 Board of Statutory Auditors' Self-Assessment

The Board of Statutory Auditors monitored whether each of its members met and continued to meet the regulatory requirements of independence, standing, professionalism, and compliance with the limits on the accumulation of positions.

The statutory gender distribution criterion is applied with reference to the composition of the Board of Statutory Auditors currently in office.

Pursuant to Rule Q.1.7 of the Rules of Conduct for the Board of Statutory Auditors of Listed Companies, the Board of Statutory Auditors conducted its own self-assessment with the support of an external consulting firm, the results of which were discussed and presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on March 7, 2025, and are described in the "Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure Report".

### 4. CONCLUSIONS

Taking account of that outlined above, the Board of Statutory Auditors, considering the content of the reports prepared by the Independent Audit Firm, noting the statements issued jointly by the Chief Executive Officer and by the Executive Officer, expresses a favourable opinion on the approval of the statutory financial statements of Avio at December 31, 2024 and on the proposal to allocate the net profit for the year of Euro 7,991,577, drawn up by the Board of Directors, as follows:

- Euro 3,750,000 as dividend;
- Euro 4,241,577 to retained earnings.



Rome, March 31st 2025

The Board of Statutory Auditors

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