

EXECUTION VERSION

VÅR ENERGI ASA

EUR 750,000,000 SUBORDINATED FIXED RATE RESET SECURITIES DUE 2083

DEED OF COVENANT

THIS DEED OF COVENANT is made on 15 November 2023

BY

(1) **VÅR ENERGI ASA** (the "**Issuer**")

IN FAVOUR OF

(2) **THE ACCOUNTHOLDERS** (as defined below).

WHEREAS

- (A) The Issuer has authorised the creation and issue of EUR 750,000,000 Subordinated Fixed Rate Reset Securities due 2083 (the "**Securities**").
- (B) The Securities will be in bearer form and in the denominations of EUR 100,000 and EUR 1,000. The Securities will initially be issued in the form of a temporary global security (the "**Temporary Global Security**"), which will be exchangeable for interests in a permanent global security (the "**Permanent Global Security**") in the circumstances specified in the Temporary Global Security. The Permanent Global Security will in turn be exchangeable for Securities in definitive form ("**Definitive Securities**"), with interest coupons ("**Coupons**") and talons for further Coupons attached, in the circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Security.
- (C) The Permanent Global Security will be delivered to a common safekeeper for Euroclear Bank SA/NV as operator of the Euroclear System ("**Euroclear**") and Clearstream Banking S.A. ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**").
- (D) The Issuer will, in relation to the Securities, enter into an agency agreement (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "**Agency Agreement**") with Citibank, N.A., London Branch (the "**Fiscal Agent**" which expression includes any successor fiscal agent appointed from time to time in connection with the Securities), and the other paying agents named therein.
- (E) The Issuer wishes to make arrangements for the protection of the interests of Accountholders in the event that the Permanent Global Security becomes void in accordance with its terms.

THIS DEED OF COVENANT WITNESSES as follows:

1. **INTERPRETATION**

1.1 **Definitions**

In this Deed of Covenant the following expressions have the following meanings:

"**Accountholder**" means any accountholder with a Clearing System which at the Determination Date has credited to its securities account with such Clearing System one or more Entries in respect of the Permanent Global Security, except for either Clearing System in its capacity as an accountholder of the other Clearing System;

"**Clearing System**" means each of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg;

"**Conditions**" means the terms and conditions of the Securities (as scheduled to the Agency Agreement and as modified from time to time in accordance with their terms), and any reference to a numbered "**Condition**" is to the correspondingly numbered provision thereof;

"**Determination Date**" means the date on which the Permanent Global Security becomes void in accordance with its terms;

"**Direct Rights**" has the meaning given to in Clause 2.1;

"**Entry**" means any entry which is made in the securities account of any Accountholder with a Clearing System in respect of Securities represented by the Permanent Global Security; and

"**Principal Amount**" means, in respect of any Entry, the aggregate principal amount of the Securities to which such Entry relates.

1.2 **Other defined terms**

Terms defined in the Conditions have the same meanings in this Deed of Covenant.

1.3 **Clauses**

Any reference in this Deed of Covenant to a Clause is, unless otherwise stated, to a clause hereof.

1.4 **Headings**

Headings and sub-headings are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the construction of this Deed of Covenant.

1.5 **Statutes**

Any reference in this Deed of Covenant to any legislation (whether primary legislation or regulations or other subsidiary legislation made pursuant to primary legislation) shall be construed as a reference to such statute, provision, statutory instrument, order or regulation as the same may have been, or may from time to time be, amended or re-enacted.

2. **DIRECT RIGHTS**

2.1 **Creation**

If the Permanent Global Security becomes void in accordance with its terms, each Accountholder shall have against the Issuer all rights ("**Direct Rights**") which such Accountholder would have had in respect of the Securities if, immediately before the Determination Date, it had been the holder of Definitive Securities, duly executed, authenticated and issued, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the Principal Amount of such Accountholder's Entries including (without limitation) the right to receive all payments due at any time in respect of such Definitive Securities as if such Definitive Securities or (as the case may be) the relevant Receipt(s) or Coupon(s) had been duly presented and (in the case of a Receipt, a Coupon or final redemption of a Definitive Security) surrendered on the due date in accordance with the Conditions. Anything which might prevent the issuance of Definitive Securities in an aggregate principal amount equal to the Principal Amount of any Entry of any Accountholder shall be disregarded for the purposes of this Clause 2.1, but without prejudice to its effectiveness for any other purpose.

2.2 **No Further Action**

No further action shall be required on the part of the Issuer or any other person:

2.2.1 *Direct Rights*: for the Accountholders to enjoy the Direct Rights; or

2.2.2 *Benefit of the Conditions*: for each Accountholder to have the benefit of the Conditions as if they had been incorporated *mutatis mutandis* into this Deed of Covenant,

provided, however, that nothing herein shall entitle any Accountholder to receive any payment in respect of the Permanent Global Security which has already been made.

3. **EVIDENCE**

3.1 **Records**

The records of the Clearing Systems shall be conclusive as to the identity of the Accountholders and the respective amounts credited to their securities accounts and a statement issued by a Clearing System setting out:

3.1.1 the name of the Accountholder in respect of which it is issued; and

3.1.2 the Principal Amount of any Entry credited to the securities account of such Accountholder with such Clearing System on any date,

shall be conclusive evidence for all purposes of this Deed of Covenant.

3.2 **Determination Date**

If a Clearing System determines the Determination Date, such determination shall be binding on all Accountholders with such Clearing System.

4. **DEPOSIT OF DEED OF COVENANT**

This Deed of Covenant shall be deposited with and held by the Fiscal Agent until the date on which all the obligations of the Issuer under or in respect of the Securities (including, without limitation, its obligations under this Deed of Covenant) have been discharged in full. The Issuer hereby acknowledges the right of every Accountholder to the production of this Deed of Covenant.

5. **STAMP DUTIES**

The Issuer shall pay all stamp, registration and other taxes and duties (including any interest and penalties thereon or in connection therewith) which may be payable upon or in connection with the execution and delivery of this Deed of Covenant, and shall indemnify each Accountholder against any claim, demand, action, liability, damages, cost, loss or expense (including, without limitation, legal fees and any applicable value added tax) which it may incur or which may be made against it as a result or arising out of or in relation to any failure to pay or delay in paying any of the same.

6. **BENEFIT OF DEED OF COVENANT**

6.1 **Deed Poll**

This Deed of Covenant shall take effect as a deed poll for the benefit of the Accountholders from time to time.

6.2 **Benefit**

This Deed of Covenant shall endure to the benefit of each Accountholder and its (and any subsequent) successors and assigns, each of which shall be entitled severally to enforce this Deed of Covenant against the Issuer.

6.3 **Assignment**

The Issuer shall not be entitled to assign or transfer all or any of its rights, benefits and obligations hereunder. Each Accountholder shall be entitled to assign all or any of its rights and benefits hereunder.

7. **PARTIAL INVALIDITY**

If at any time any provision hereof is or becomes illegal, invalid or unenforceable in any respect under the laws of any jurisdiction, neither the legality, validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions hereof nor the legality, validity or enforceability of such provision under the laws of any other jurisdiction shall in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

8. **NOTICES**

8.1 **Address for notices**

All notices and other communications to the Issuer hereunder shall be made in writing (by letter or email) and shall be sent to the Issuer at:

Vår Energi ASA

Address: Vestre Svanholmen 1, 4313 Sandnes, Norway

Email: rune.dreiem@varenergi.no

Attention: Rune Dreiem

or to such other address, email address or for the attention of such other person or department as the Issuer has notified to the Securityholders in the manner prescribed for the giving of notices in connection with the Securities.

8.2 **Effectiveness**

Every notice or other communication sent in accordance with Clause 8.1 shall be effective upon receipt by the Issuer *provided, however, that* any such notice or other communication which would otherwise take effect after 4.00 p.m. on any particular day shall not take effect until 10.00 a.m. on the immediately succeeding business day in the place of the Issuer.

9. LAW AND JURISDICTION

9.1 Governing Law

This Deed of Covenant and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by English law.

9.2 English courts

The courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute (a "**Dispute**"), arising out of or in connection with this Deed of Covenant (including a dispute relating to the existence, validity or termination of this Deed of Covenant or any non-contractual obligation arising out of or in connection with this Deed of Covenant) or the consequences of its nullity.

9.3 Appropriate forum

The Issuer agrees that the courts of England are the most appropriate and convenient courts to settle any Dispute and, accordingly, that it will not argue to the contrary.

9.4 Rights of the Accountholders to take proceedings outside England

Notwithstanding Clause 9.2 (*English courts*), the Accountholders may take proceedings relating to a Dispute ("**Proceedings**") in any other courts with jurisdiction. To the extent allowed by law, the Accountholders may take concurrent Proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.

9.5 Service of process

The Issuer agrees that the documents which start any Proceedings and any other documents required to be served in relation to those Proceedings may be served on it by being delivered to Law Debenture Corporate Services Limited at 8th Floor, 100 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AG, or to such other person with an address in England or Wales and/or at such other address in England or Wales as the Issuer may specify by notice in writing to the Accountholders. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the right of any Accountholder to serve process in any other manner permitted by law. This clause applies to Proceedings in England and to Proceedings elsewhere.

9.6 Consent to enforcement etc.

The Issuer consents generally in respect of any Proceedings to the giving of any relief or the issue of any process in connection with such Proceedings including (without limitation) the making, enforcement or execution against any property whatsoever (irrespective of its use or intended use) of any order or judgment which is made or given in such Proceedings.

10. MODIFICATION

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of Securityholders to consider matters relating to the Securities, including the modification of any provision of this Deed of Covenant. Any such modification may be made by supplemental deed poll if sanctioned by an Extraordinary Resolution and shall be binding on all Accountholders.

IN WITNESS whereof this Deed of Covenant has been executed by the Issuer and is intended to be and is hereby delivered on the date first before written.

EXECUTED as a deed
by **Vår Energi ASA** acting by

Rune Dreiem 

Stefano Pujatti 