## ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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## **2018: THE YEAR IN REVIEW**

Overall, 2018 was a landmark year for Nexign, a year of important achievements that laid the foundation for successful future growth:



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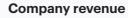


6 LAUNCHING OUR INNOVATIVE TELECHAIN **BROKER SOLUTION** 



9 LAUNCHING A NEW PRODUCT PORTFOLIO

2018 saw rapid growth and development for Nexign as we continued along our present course. The new 2017-2020 strategy, the approved three-year financial plan, and our investments all continued to produce good results: Nexign's key financial indicators were the best they have been in recent years.

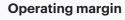






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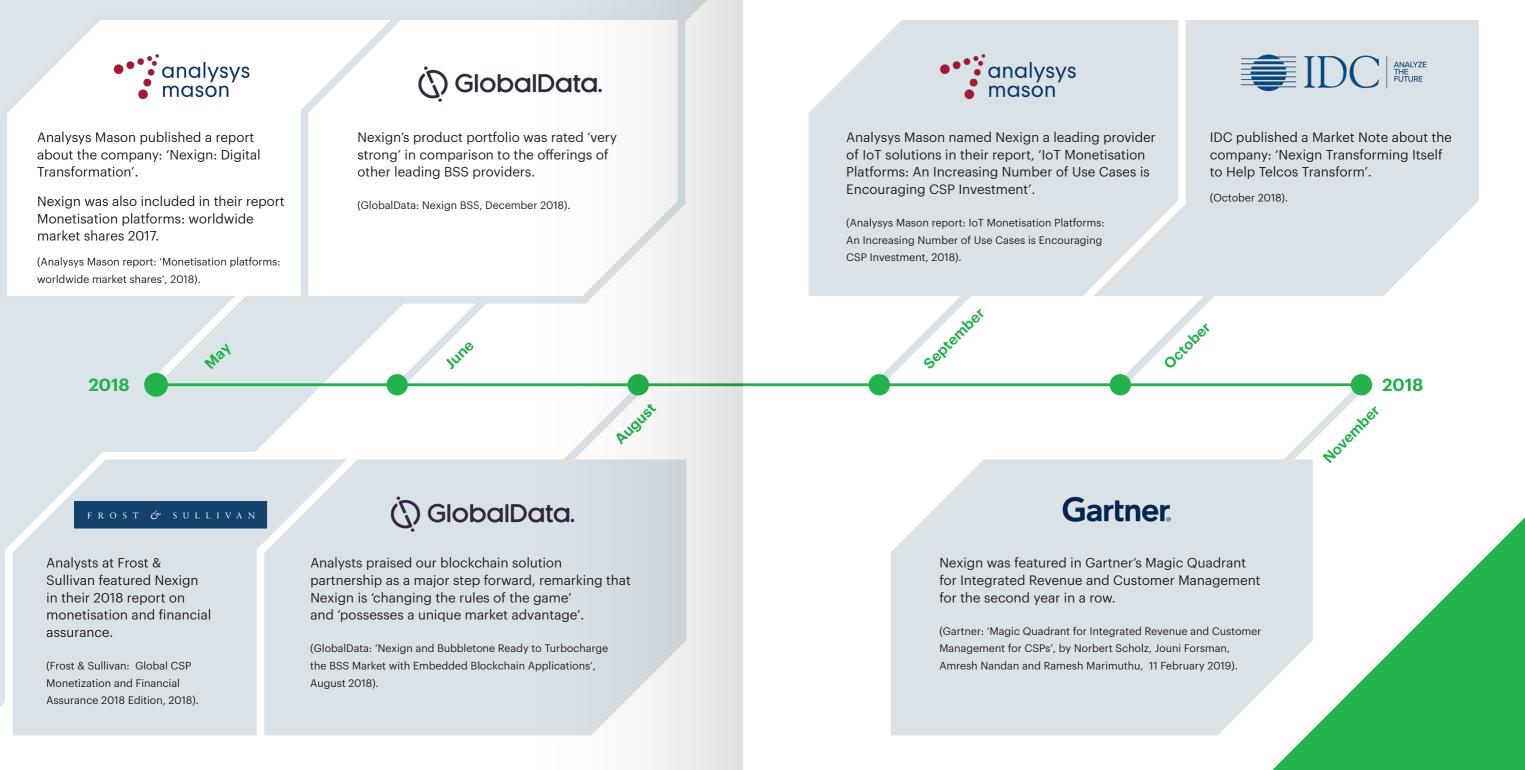






## **ENGAGEMENT** WITH INDUSTRY AND ANALYSTS

Today, Nexign is solidly established on the Russian and global markets. In 2018, the company earned high marks from international analytics agencies and was mentioned in several major professional publications

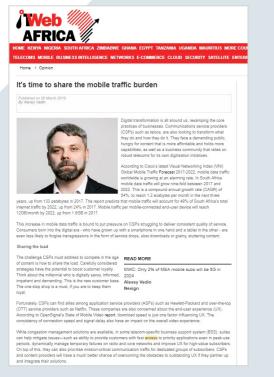




## **EXTENSIVE COVERAGE** IN INTERNATIONAL MEDIA



Intelligent CIO, Middle East



IT Web, Africa



telecompaper::: HOME : WIRELESS : BROADBAND : VIDEO : GENERAL 🗔 п Nexign targets Africa in 2019 13/24 user (News) et system (BSS) provider Nexign says it will be focusing on establishing its r the coming months. Ahmad Sayed, the regional director for MEA will TelecomPaper, Europe



Enterprise Channels MEA, Middle East





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### **SHARING THE MOBILE TRAFFIC BURDEN**

ALEXEY VEDIN, DIRECTOR OF NETWORK MONETISATION PRODUCTS, NEXIGN, ON WHY CSPS, ASPS AND OTTS MUST WORK TOGETHER IN PERFECT HARMONY

igital transformation is all
around us, revamping the
core practices of businesses
Communications service
providers (CSPs) are also
looking to transform what they do and
how they do it. They face a demanding
public, hungry for content consumption
and creation capabilities and a business
community that relies on robust telecoms
for its own digitisation initiatives.
According to a recent report from
Cisco and Business Insider Intelligence,
mobile data traffic is growing at an
alarming rate. Last year, worldwide

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### Nexign Partners with Bubbletone to deliver revolutionary Blockchain solution for telcos

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### Intelligent Tech Channels, Middle East



WHEN WE TALK DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, ONE OF THE MOST TALKED ABOUT TECHNOLOGIES IS THE INTERNET OF THINGS (IOT), AN ARCHITECTURE THAT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY POPULAR AS BUSINESSES SEEK WAYS OF DELIVERING MORE TO OUTCOMERCIES AND A SECONDESC CUSTOMERS, USING LESS RESOURCES. 77

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The investments we made in 2017 allowed us to achieve the best results of the past five years



### A MESSAGE

from the Chairman of the Board of Directors

In 2018, Nexign enjoyed real success in implementing its strategic plans for entering the global market and developing a new product line. The investments we made in 2017 allowed us to achieve the best results of the past five years. Armed with our new brand, Nexign entered the international market as a strong player focused on results and ready to take the next step together with our customers.

Telecom operators' expectations of the IT solutions providers they work with are everincreasing. Customers are looking for a reliable partner, not just a vendor. It is important to them that we make decisions together, create joint project teams, and work to achieve a shared outcome. That is precisely how Nexign works with our key customers, and we are ready to demonstrate our partner-centric approach on the international stage.

The technological and functional advantages of Nexign's portfolio, combined with our unique 27-year track record of transforming Tier 1 telecom operators' businesses, allow the company to confidently compete with major international providers whose positions are traditionally strong in our priority regions. At the same time, Nexign's strategy and competitiveness are built not only on the expanded functional possibilities of our products, but also on non-functional qualities: transparency about total cost of ownership, flexibility in conducting business, and a customised approach.

I am confident that the company will continue to grow unabated as part of ICS Holding, both with respect to revenue and with respect to the expansion of our influence on the international market. Nexign will continue to refine its product solutions in line with the latest industry trends, predicting and staying ahead of those factors that directly affect customers' businesses and ensuring stable growth and development in its target regions.

Mikhail Dubin





### A MESSAGE

from the CEO of ICS Holding

2018 was a turning point for ICS Holding. We Nexign is one of our largest assets. The continued working to create a multidisciplinary company's products will become part of a structure including some leading IT companies, complete line of IT solutions brought into being and made some significant acquisitions on the by ICS Holding. I am aware that the company Russian ICT market. possesses unique technologies incorporated into its products, a highly professional in-house Today, Holding brings together 25 companies, team that includes internationally recognised each of which is unique, possessing its own experts, a large customer base, and many years' technical developments, products, and experience on the international market.

approach to business solutions. At ICS Holding, Russian market leaders are joined by young, progressive companies. Our strategic goal is to unite all our assets in a single, functional, effective ecosystem primed to achieve clear leadership in the field of telecommunications solutions.

Employees' intellect, work ethic, and knowledge are crucial to any company's success. Holding needs the best specialists and the most cuttingedge products. And that is precisely what I saw in Nexign.

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Nexign is an important element of our new telecommunications system. I am confident that Nexign will continue its successful growth in 2019, and that the company's synergy with all of Holding's companies will allow it to more quickly make its goals a reality as it pursues its course of strategic development.

**Anton Cherepennikov** 

Joining the ICS Holding ecosystem will give us access to new technologies, while joining forces with other companies in the group will allow us to make our products even more competitive



### A MESSAGE

from Nexign's CEO

This past year was a pivotal one in the history of our company. In early 2018, at Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, we revealed our rebranding and announced a product line which we finished developing in late 2018, all in line with the strategy we developed and approved in 2017. The new brand and products were received positively by current and potential customers, partners, and analysts.

We began to actively develop our business in the Middle East, Africa, and Southeast Asia and to consolidate our local position in these regions, opening a company office in Dubai (UAE) and hiring strong professionals with many years of experience in the telecom industry for our regional teams. Our company was invited to tender by nationwide mobile operators and gained new customers: our biggest deal in the last year was the contract we signed with Uzbektelecom.

We are seeing favourable conditions in our target regions and great potential for those of our products with development roadmaps featuring points that have state backing and are of particular interest to the market (such as IoT, 5G, and blockchain). Our experience executing large-scale digital transformation projects has been widely acknowledged, and our project with the company MegaFon was nominated for the prestigious TM Forum Excellence Awards.

We remain committed to the growth and evolution of our partner ecosystem: over the last year, we signed agreements with two major international systems integrators, Wipro and Infosys, and are continuing our intensive work to develop regional partnerships. Together with our exclusive partner Bubbletone, we presented the global telecom community with our innovative TeleChain Broker solution, the first solution in the industry's history to be based on blockchain technology.

In December 2018, Nexign joined ICS Holding, a dynamic, evolving, multidisciplinary IT group. Joining the ICS Holding ecosystem will give us access to new technologies, while joining forces with other companies in the group will allow us to make our products even more competitive on the market and appealing to customers.

In 2019, we will continue to actively develop and promote our new product line. We are confident that Nexign's international expertise, together with our deep knowledge of technology, trends, and the finer points of the telecom business, will continue to promote the growth of our customers, the largest communications services providers in Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States. We believe that Nexign's products and solutions have the competitive advantages it will take to transform telecom operators' businesses around the world and open up new opportunities in the age of the digital economy.

**Igor Gorkov** 



## **STRATEGIC PRIORITIES** FOR 2019

The transformation of the telecom service market and consumer behaviour requires industry players to constantly adapt. Telecommunications operators strive to maintain and increase their competitiveness, which is why their business models are in constant flux.

With these trends in mind, Nexign is continuing its expansion on the global IT solutions market, both by extending its geographical reach and by reinforcing its customer base. We have established the following priorities for 2019:

- **1.** Signing our first contracts with customers in the Middle East, Africa, and Southeast Asia;
- 2. Consolidating the company's success in all our key markets;
- **3.** Completing the billing transformation programme at MegaFon;
- **4.** Researching the needs of local communications service providers in depth as we develop new products;
- **5.** Strengthening current partnerships and further cultivating our network of partners.



Nexign is a leading provider of business support systems, Internet of Things platforms, and network monetisation technologies

## Nexign company overview

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## AT THE END OF 2018, THE PETER-SERVICE JSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSISTED OF:

- **Mikhail Dubin**, Managing Director for IT Project Management and Development at USM Management LLC and Chairman of the Peter-Service Board of Directors
- **Alexander Esikov**, Advisor to the CEO of USM Management and member of the Peter-Service Board of Directors
- **Pavel Kaplun**, Director for Investment, Mergers, and Acquisitions at CRPT Operator LLC and member of the Peter-Service Board of Directors
- Anna Serebryanikova, Deputy CEO for the Digital Economy and Government Relations at USM Management and member of the Peter-Service Board of Directors
- Anton Cherepennikov, CEO of ICS Holding and member of the Peter-Service Board of Directors

### THE COMPANY TODAY

Nexign is a leading provider of business support systems, Internet of Things platforms, and network monetisation technologies. The company helps communications service providers to transform their business in the digital economy.

Nexign was the first company in Russia to start developing service solutions for communications service providers, including billing systems, and can rightfully call itself a pioneer in this field.

Since 1992, the company has been developing and implementing practical solutions aimed at reducing the total cost of ownership (TCO) for customers. Today, as communications service providers become digital service providers, Nexign helps them to accelerate their internal transformations by creating a product line that takes into account businesses' high-tech needs.

Thanks to Nexign's cutting-edge engineering solutions and product and service flexibility, operators can significantly diversify their revenue sources without compromising on service quality.

Nexign has an extensive network of branches and offices across Russia, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. Its headquarters are located in Saint Petersburg, Russia. Over 1800 people currently work for the company. Nexign has an extensive network of branches and offices across Russia, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Africa

### NEXIGN IS THE BRAND BEHIND PETER-SERVICE JSC AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES:

- Ventura Dijital Çözümler Anonim Şirketi Incorporated in: Republic of Turkey Scope: developing technology and modern information-sharing processes in the field of information technologies and software Share of authorised capital belonging to Peter-Service: 100%
- 2. Peter-Service Estonia OÜ Incorporated in: Tallin, Republic of Estonia Scope: programming Share of authorised capital belonging to Peter-Service: 100%
- 3. Peter-Service Ukraine Incorporated in: Kyiv, Ukraine Scope: installing and implementing software by Peter-Service; providing technical support for this software Share of authorised capital belonging to Peter-Service: 100%



In 2018, Peter-Service also had two limited liability corporations as subsidiaries: Peter-Service Spetstekhnologii (PS ST LLC), with a 49% share of its authorised capital, and the Center for Research in Perspective Technologies, with a 50% share of its authorised capital. However, the subsidiaries' activities were not relevant to the course of action set out in Peter-Service's approved development strategy.

In December 2018, Peter-Service ended its involvement in the subsidiaries by selling its 49% share in PS ST LLC and its 50% share in the Center for Research in Perspective Technologies to USM Technologies LLC.



### **OUR MISSION**

is to help telecommunications service providers grow their business in the era of the digital economy, developing and supplying best-in-class products, guaranteeing reliable service, and building long-term partnerships.

Nexign has been a leader in the BSS solutions market for 27 years. Over that time, we have completed more than 120 projects, including digital transformation projects for Tier 1 communications service providers. The company offers its customers best-in-class TCO (25% lower than the market average), as well as a more than 80% reduction in time to market.

## **OVER** 120 projects

INCLUDING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS FOR **TIER 1 COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE** PROVIDERS

### **IMPORTANT FIGURES FOR 2018**

2018 was a landmark year for Nexign's business in many ways, demonstrating that the company is moving in the right direction. In line with its chosen strategy, the company is continuing to develop technologies and partnerships aimed at transforming business models and creating new revenue sources for CSPs. In 2018, Nexign was invited to tender for major contracts in CIS countries and other target regions: the Middle East, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Overall, last year's key financial indicators were the best they

million US	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Company revenue	78	103	121	123	210
Operating margin	27	57	70	45	106
Net profit	32	51	58	33	76
Net cash flow	23	48	29	29	68

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### It is worth emphasising that the decline in the figures for net profit and operational margin in 2017 was influenced by:

- a decline in revenue, related to the lifecycle Nexign understands the important role of of the MegaFon billing transformation project, marketing strategy in corporate strategy which began in December 2014. The majority overall, and is giving special consideration to of the revenue from the delivery of this its development. In 2018, the company spent software developed in previous years was three times more on marketing than in 2017. The company is confident that these collected in 2016; investments will allow us to increase brand an increase in costs and operating expenses recognition and achieve an increase in sales related to the expansion of the company's revenue in the long term.
- activities. This expansion followed the launch of our new strategy and the beginning of the implementation of new investment projects.

### Nexign has been a leader in the BSS solutions market for 27 years, supporting more than 50 CSPs in 16 countries worldwide



have been in the past five years. Net profits, operational margins, and net cash flow in 2018 exceeded their 2017 levels by a factor of 2.5, thanks in large part to the completion of key implementation stages in projects for two major CSPs in Russia and the CIS. At the same time, it is important to note that the increase in revenue (an 80% increase on the previous period) is significantly less than the rate of increase in net profits, which attests to an increase in the company's efficiency.

### **KEY BENEFITS** OF NEXIGN PRODUCTS

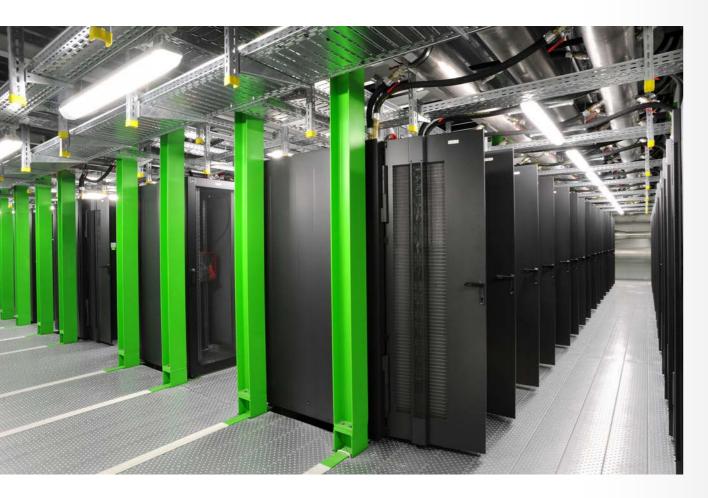
Nexign offers high-tech software solutions developed with contemporary global market trends in mind. Today's telecommunications companies need IT products that allow for agile interactions with other market players, along with closer control over BSS spending and increased transparency and efficiency. Providers aim to create ecosystems that allow third-party access so they can collaborate effectively with partners, while their customers want to be able to access products and services immediately through any channel they wish. Through our use of open APIs, Nexign is laying the groundwork for the digital transformation of Tier 1 and Tier 2 CSPs, opening up a range of opportunities for fast-paced business growth and increased revenue. Nexign's transparent and agile methodology ensures best-in-class TCO and helps to speed up new programme launches by optimising and digitalising workflows.

The following were some of the key benefits for CSPs most often ascribed by analytics companies to Nexign's solutions in 2018:

- **1.** The optimisation of total cost of ownership thanks to flexible and dynamic products and open cloud architecture
- 2. The comprehensiveness of our product portfolio, which allows providers to benefit from the use of existing investments in BSS solutions and network monetisation as well as to deliver new projects based on new technologies such as 5G, the Internet of Things, and blockchain
- The ability to satisfy even the most demanding and tech-savvy subscribers while implementing the most complex commercial projects, thanks to our 27 years of experience supporting Tier 1 and Tier 2 CSPs



### **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**



In 2018, Nexign made R&D one of its principal strategic priorities. We invested 65% more in product development and improvement than we did in 2017. The most important outcomes of our R&D work are the high agility of our product solutions and their competitiveness in the global market. We currently have 300 world-class experts working in R&D.

65% MORE INVESTED IN PRODUCT

**DEVELOPMENT AND REFINEMENT THAN IN 2017** 

Nexign has been a leader in the high-tech market for more than 27 years, an achievement which was made possible only by constantly developing and refining our product portfolio. In a globalising economy, our company is committed to adapting the solutions we develop to the high standards of the international market, allowing Nexign to successfully compete with leading global telecom solutions providers.

In 2018, the company's R&D centre prepared the first release of our new Nexign Digital BSS, which included the following key features:

Optimisation of web apps for cloud technology (for deployment to Amazon Web Services):

- Each app is made up of independent components, expanded with the aid of containers;
- · All components have APIs.

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### Creation of microservice architecture, with ZooKeeper and Docker responsible for orchestration:

- ZooKeeper is used for storing app configurations and connection data;
- Docker containers simplify scaling and allow for independent app deployment.

### Dynamic workflow configuration (with Camunda):

- A simple mechanism for entering changes to process configurations at the delivery stage;
- A basic set of processes for work with customers, contracts, and jobs.

### Simple integration of channel applications through API-based frontend construction:

- To increase solution agility, the same APIs are used for both internal interfacing channels and external applications;
- REST APIs with Swagger support ensure ease of development.

## **PRODUCTS AND SERVICES OVERVIEW**



Nexign's goal is to create high-quality product solutions that guarantee customers robust growth in the digital economy. The company aims to transform communications service providers' business models and provide them with opportunities to expand their sources of revenue.

The telecommunications service market is characterised by growing subscriber demand for varied and more personalised offerings. The B2B2X (business-to-business-to-X) model is increasingly coming to the fore. These factors

necessitate that CSPs diversify their revenue streams, using the opportunities opened up by IoT, 5G, and blockchain technologies. At the same time, the need to reduce total cost of ownership (TCO) is obliging providers to expand their use of cloud technology and virtualisation and work towards effective coordination with other industry players. New functionality in Nexign's product portfolio introduced in 2018 will allow CSPs to build global digital partnerships and reap the benefits of an open ecosystem, including increased business agility, accelerated integration, and TCO optimisation.

## NEXIGN DIGITAL BSS

An end-to-end platform delivering full-stack BSS functionality to drive communications service providers' digital transformation. Nexign Digital BSS is built on a solid foundation of converged billing and a real-time network monetisation platform, enhanced by centralised product management.

### **KEY BENEFITS:**

- · Omni-channel customer experience;
- Digital partner ecosystem enablement;
- Boosting revenue using a unified approach to traditional and non-telecom revenue streams with support for complex offerings and settlement methods;
- Reduced time-to-market for new digital products and services;

- Rapid introduction of new functionality thanks to DevOps approach;
- Compliance with TM Forum and 3GPP industry standards and 5G support;
- Cloud deployment support;
- Convergent architecture;
- · All core BSS functions via a single comprehensive product.



In recent years, the telecommunications service market has been undergoing a process of digital transformation that has dramatically altered CSPs' business models.

Stagnating revenue from traditional communications services has prompted telecom providers to diversify their revenue streams and include new digital products in their portfolios. Nexign Digital BSS's functionality is in line with all key market trends:

### **EVOLVING MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS**

STANDARDS: FROM 4G TO 5G Today, 4G technology predominates: the number of 4G connections has exceeded the number

of 2G connections and is predicted to reach 50% of all connections in 2019. At the same time, 2018 marked an important stage in the development of 5G technology: the relevant

3GPP standards defining the core network of CSPs were documented and published. The mass launch of 5G on a global scale is expected no earlier than 2020. Nexign Digital BSS supports 5G technology.

### **CREATING PARTNER ECOSYSTEMS**

Communications service providers should have the ability to rapidly integrate new partners, offering them agile collaboration plans, including plans that allow partners to come forward with their own products for joint package offerings.

Nexign Digital BSS offers everything companies need to develop an extensive ecosystem and monetise today's B2B2X scenarios. We allow for omnichannel customer interaction with seamless integration of traditional and digital interfaces by supporting self-service channels and offering the best possible customer service that takes digital realities into account.

### LOW TIME TO MARKET FOR NEW DIGITAL

**PRODUCTS** Nexign Digital BSS's architecture, which is built around a centralised product catalogue that serves as a single point of configuration for all products, helps to lower TTM from months to weeks.

**REDUCED TCO** Nexign offers the best TCO in its segment.

### **Nexign Digital BSS facilitates digital transformation** for CSPs, allowing them to grasp new opportunities to grow their businesses and increase their revenues



## **\$1.97**

BY 2022, GLOBAL INVESTMENT IN DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IS PREDICTED TO REACH \$1.97 TRILLION (IDC)



BY 2025, 5G IS EXPECTED TO ACCOUNT FOR 15% OF ALL MOBILE CONNECTIONS (GSMA)

## NEXIGN NETWORK MONETISATION SUITE

A versatile solution for real-time rating, charging, and policy control for all network services: mobile and fixed communications, VAS services, OTT services, and e-commerce.

### **KEY BENEFITS:**

- Integration with the global digital marketplace using blockchain;
- Direct integration with application service providers and OTT services;
- Flexible traffic management;
- · Reduction in time to market;
- Reduction in total cost of ownership;
- 5G- and IoT-readiness;
- · Cloud-readiness.



### Nexign Network Monetisation Suite is easy to adapt to customer needs and is constantly evolving in line with market trends:

### VIRTUALISATION

5G launches would be impossible without the development of Software Defined Network and Network Functions Virtualisation technologies and their appearance in CSPs' technological landscapes. Both fields are developing apace thanks to leading Tier 1 providers who are drawing on the open source community.

### BLOCKCHAIN

Blockchain technology is currently evolving rapidly. We are seeing a shift in solutions offerings from the B2C segment to the more conservative and technologically complex B2B. In 2018, Nexign announced its exclusive partnership with blockchain solution developer Bubbletone. Nexign and Bubbletone collaborated to create the innovative TeleChain Broker solution, a secure digital blockchain-based marketplace with seamless BSS integration. When they connect to the marketplace, CSPs across the world will be able to create new roaming products and package offerings with digital offerings that go beyond communications services. Providers will be able to create individual packages for their roaming subscribers. This product is the first of its kind on the global market and has already attracted the attention of major

This product allows providers to diversify their revenue sources, accelerate the launch of new services (including 5G and IoT services), increase customer loyalty, and optimise their TCO

CSPs both in Russia and abroad. This solution opens up new opportunities to attract B2C and B2B customers, including in the IoT field. It also allows providers to significantly increase roaming services revenue.

THE EMBEDDED SIM CARD (ESIM) technology developed and introduced worldwide by the GSMA continues to gain universal recognition. In 2018, the new ecosystem reached a good level of maturity thanks to support for eSIM technology and the launch of new eSIM-based services by US, European, Chinese, Japanese, and Thai providers.

### **MOBILE MONEY**

Mobile devices have become a key channel for information-sharing, now generating more than 50% of all web traffic. Growing numbers of people use smartphones and tablets to make purchases online. Taking advantage of this trend, CSPs are increasingly offering various mobile money services, competing with traditional financial organisations.



## \$300

BY 2025, GLOBAL REVENUE FROM 5G SERVICES IS EXPECTED TO REACH \$300 BILLION (JUNIPER RESEARCH)

77.9%

THE MARKET FOR BLOCKCHAIN **BASED SOLUTIONS FOR THE TELECOM INDUSTRY IS EXPECTED TO** GROW BY 77.9% YEAR-ON-YEAR (INFOHOLIC RESEARCH)

## NEXIGN IOT PLATFORM

Nexign IoT Platform helps CSPs to increase their revenue by offering new IoT services, and lets enterprises focus on their business by digitalising workflows and reducing costs. The platform complies with 3GPP and OneM2M standards, and allows IoT devices to be managed, IoT data to be collected and analysed, and IoT apps to be integrated. It also allows partner ecosystems to be created to offer comprehensive solutions to enterprises. Nexign IoT Platform provides an advanced level of security while helping businesses to achieve their IoT goals with maximum efficiency.

### **KEY BENEFITS:**

### For communications service providers

- New monetisation models;
- Increase in corporate customers;
- Optimal TCO.

### For organisations

- Focus on business;
- Reduced operating costs;
- · High level of security.



As IoT technologies continue their rapid evolution, Nexign is constantly improving its IoT platform in line with market demand, particularly in the following areas:

### INDUSTRIAL IoT

Continued development of the industrial Internet of Things to help enterprises to complete their digital transformation, reduce costs, and increase productivity.

### IoT SECURITY

Ensuring the security of both solutions and the services built around them through analyses of device behaviour and IoT data, for objectives such as fraud prevention.

### **SMART CITY**

Centralised management and online monitoring of urban flows with the goal of reducing spending, optimising resource use, and responding promptly to incidents.

### **DIGITAL TWINS**

The ability to create digital twins (models of physical devices) in digital space in order to monitor them in real time, without the need to interact with the physical devices directly.

### DISTRIBUTED EDGE

Developing support for distributed infrastructure for processing data at edge nodes in situations where fast, accurate decision-making is critical.

### **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Using artificial intelligence to increase data analysis accuracy, resulting in faster, more reliable decisionmaking, as well as to reduce manual labour.

### **MACHINE LEARNING**

Applying advanced machine learning algorithms to predict events, streamline analytics, and catch anomalies in time.

### **BIG DATA**

Real-time collection, integration, and continuous analysis of big data from the IoT ecosystem to support decision-making systems and boost business productivity.

### Nexign IoT Platform helps CSPs increase their revenue by bringing new IoT services to market and allowing enterprises to optimise their workflows



BY 2025, THE GLOBAL IOT MARKET IS EXPECTED TO REACH \$1.1 TRILLION, COMPARED TO \$166 BILLION IN 2016 (GSMA INTELLIGENCE)



THANKS TO NEXIGN IOT PLATFORM A TIER 1 CSP INCREASED ITS IOT MARKET SHARE FROM 19% TO 37% WITHIN THREE YEARS

## NEXIGN SERVICES

Nexign offers comprehensive customer support, ensuring that its customers can make high-quality and maximally efficient use of its product solutions. In addition, the Nexign team provides consulting services to optimise businesses and introduce new cutting-edge practices. Our 27-year track record enables us to successfully implement digital transformation for Tier 1 and Tier 2 communications service providers while keeping costs low and workflows uninterrupted.

### BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION DELIVERY SERVICES

Our work with customers is based on a combination of Agile and DevOps methodologies, and is carried out as a collaboration between the Nexign team and the customer's team on cloud management platforms. Thanks to this approach, customers can immerse themselves in project activities, immediately access exhaustive information about project progress, and monitor the business transformation process at every stage. Integrating contractor and customer teams allows us to achieve impressive business results and fulfil customer tasks on time and within budget.

### OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE CONSULTING SERVICES

The speed at which new services are brought tomarket is a critically important parameter for CSPs looking to preserve their competitive advantage. Nexign helps customers to finetune their internal ecosystem so that all of its elements help accelerate business processes and do not impede communication with end users. The company offers consulting services in the following areas:

- Business process modelling, audit, and reengineering;
- Solutions design;
- Identifying optimal project configuration and managing implementation;
- Knowledge transfer.

Thanks to their collaborations with Nexign, providers have achieved record results in areas including shortening TTM, reducing accompanying spending (by up to 30%), optimising and automating business processes, improving the quality of their offerings, and increasing the transparency of interactions between IT and other departments.

### **DIGITAL BUSINESS SUPPORT**

Nexign offers customers various technical support and consultation programmes, including 24/7/365 support. Customers are free to choose the maintenance option that suits them best. The technical assistance that comes with Digital Business Support is not restricted by time zone and ensures that customers' problems are resolved as quickly as possible.

### Working with Nexign lets telecom providers focus on their core business objectives, including expanding their customer base and increasing revenue

### The Digital Business Support service includes

- Incident resolution, identification, and remove of underlying causes;
- · System servicing and stability improvements
- Configuring systems to meet new demands.

### MANAGED OPERATIONS SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY

Working with Nexign lets telecom providers focus on their core business objectives, includin expanding their customer base and increasing revenue, while Nexign handles the comprehense management of their applications, operational activities, and infrastructure. This approach to business model organisation has proven itself a a way to reduce expenditure, optimise business processes, and accelerate TTM for new product



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## **KEY PRINCIPLES OF OUR WORK** WITH CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERS

### **BASIC PRINCIPLES:**

- Nexign prioritises its collaborations with customers, which are based on openness, transparency, and building long-term partnerships;
- Nexign is committed to meeting all its customers' business needs;
- Nexign uses a variety of approaches to project management. Chief among them is the combination of Agile and DevOps methods, to which the company owes its deep integration of its own team with the customer's team. This allows us to save time at all stages of the project lifecycle and achieve the best possible results in the shortest possible timeframe.

Markets' and customers' requirements are increasing faster with every passing year. To preserve their leading positions in hightech business, companies must constantly improve and offer fundamentally new solutions. Throughout 2018, Nexign prioritised analysis of

our business processes with the goal of further streamlining them.

The company is continually working to introduce new technologies and international best practices. Nexign is a tight-knit team of



professionals who all contribute to optimising and refining products and services and who are all conscious of their personal responsibility to colleagues, management, and customers for the outcomes of their work.

In 2018, the company's main customers were major mobile and landline service providers whose combined subscriber base totalled over 200 million subscribers. Nexign's solutions for creating new revenue streams and raising profit margins help providers to claim and maintain leading positions on their regional markets. Today, Nexign's solutions support more than 50 CSPs in 16 countries around the world.



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### PARTNERS

Nexign is mindful of its choice of partners and how it collaborates with them. The company creates strategic alliances with leading international developers. Merging teams allows us to strengthen our position on new markets, complete major projects, and increase brand recognition.



The rapid development of digital technology and evolution of end user demands are leading to major changes in the telecommunications market and require increased agility and openness



## Success stories





Company: MegaFon Region: Russia and Tajikistan Number of subscribers: 76 million Nexign solution: Nexign Digital BSS Year introduced: 2015

### SUCCESS STORY SUMMARY

Unifying billing systems is always a challenge, but try unifying seven different systems across 10,000 kilometres.

MegaFon succeeded with help from Nexign, which developed a unique Nexign Digital BSS solution.

### Nexign introduced a single integrated **BSS** platform for convergent pricing and billing that allowed for TCO optimisation and completely satisfied MegaFon's requirements

### BACKGROUND

MegaFon has always been a trendsetter and a technology pioneer. It was the first company among mobile operators to introduce standards for 3G, 4G, LTE, and LTE Advanced.

Today MegaFon is a leading pan-Russian provider of digital opportunities, operating across all segments of the telecommunications market.

In 2009, MegaFon underwent a significant restructuring as part of corporate expansion plans. All branches were combined into a single company, resulting in seven separate billing systems.

Each billing system was customised to meet the requirements of the relevant branch. However, even MegaFon's high-end hardware couldn't keep pace with rapid subscriber growth and the creation of new products and services.



structures at a federal level.

**Sergey Nikiforets** Digital Services Director, MegaFon



ls	Time to market (TTM) for new products and services is a key differentiator in the telecommunications industry. MegaFon was struggling to ensure a competitive TTM because each branch required a different time period to configure different billing settings.
S	MegaFon decided to replace the seven billing systems with a new, world-class unified billing system. The goal was to achieve the following strategic initiatives:
le ne	<ul> <li>Realise digital and business transformation</li> <li>Improve the customer experience and quality of service</li> <li>Centralise and accelerate the process of launching new business initiatives</li> <li>Create an ecosystem that enables the rapid integration of external partners</li> <li>Optimise the total cost of ownership (TCO)</li> <li>Become technological leaders in the Russian telecommunications market</li> </ul>

### Thanks to its modular design, this world-class BSS has allowed MegaFon to reduce TTM by a factor of three, improve the customer experience, and unify business processes and organisational

There is no Russian or global BSS product as multifaceted as MegaFon's. It is the ideal solution for a pan-Russian provider of digital opportunities and a leader in the global telecommunications industry

### THE SOLUTION

After evaluating several Business Support System (BSS) solutions on the market, MegaFon decided to partner with Nexign to deploy an entirely new, one-of-a-kind billing system.

Nexign delivered an end-to-end unified BSS for convergent rating and billing that optimises TCO and fully supports MegaFon's digital transformation. It delivers ultra-high levels of availability, reliability, and capacity, thanks to a flexible, distributed architecture based on physical and logical redundancy and load sharing.

This isn't the first time MegaFon and Nexign have worked together. They've collaborated on projects since 1996, making their partnership the longest in MegaFon's history.



With its ability to support a subscriber base of over 100 million and accommodate complex pricing policies adjustable in real time, the Nexign Digital BSS currently has no equivalents on the market.

### Sergey Nikiforets Digital Services Director, MegaFon

"We have a true partnership with Nexign," said Andrey Knyazev, Business Systems Director at MegaFon. "Unlike most projects that have a clear client-vendor relationship, this was a joint project between MegaFon and Nexign—two companies working as one team with one set of goals." One of those goals was a smooth implementation. Nexign's DevOps delivery model and the billing system's distributed architecture allow the system to be updated with no downtime and no impact on subscribers. The system uses unique, cuttingedge technologies and tools such as Cassandra, CouchBase, and Tarantool.

### THE RESULTS

**Reduces TTM for new products and services:** Nexign reduced TTM by a factor of three, enabling MegaFon to not only maintain its competitive edge in the industry, but to surge ahead of the pack. Nexign also accelerated integration with business partners and is helping MegaFon to build its next-generation product catalogue, which simplifies the partner experience for faster deployment.

### Achieves ultra-high levels of availability,

**reliability and capacity:** To support MegaFon's exponential growth, Nexign developed a flexible and reliable convergent billing system that easily supports today's peak load of more than 50,000 charging and policy transactions per second. The system is built on mature



A big benefit of working with Nexign is the delivery method. Throughout implementation, legacy systems continued running, so business initiatives and subscribers were not affected.

**Andrey Zhikin** 

Head of Commercial Direction for the Unified Billing Project at MegaFon



components produced by Nexign that have been used in projects all over the world. Modern and aligned with industry standards, the system helps MegaFon to increase revenue by creating new capabilities for network monetisation while keeping the user experience transparent for subscribers.

### **Optimises TCO and supports long-term**

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**Company:** Chinguitel Telecom **Company Limited Region:** Northwest Africa Number of subscribers: Over 1 million Nexign solution: Nexign Digital BSS, Nexign Network Monetisation Suite Year of deployment: 2017

### SUCCESS STORY SUMMARY

Chinguitel is one of the largest communications service providers in Mauritania.

When Chinguitel's billing system failed to bill subscribers accurately and revenue decreased, the company worked quickly to resolve the problem. Chinguitel compared solutions from several companies and chose Nexign.

### THE CHALLENGE

Chinguitel has an excellent reputation for providing subscribers with top-notch services and constantly innovating.

To improve subscriber services, Chinguitel replaced its outdated, inflexible billing system with a modern, converged solution designed for the digital era.

### THE SOLUTION

Following careful consideration of several solutions, Chinguitel chose Nexign's Business Support System and Network Monetisation Suite.

"Nexign unifies each subscriber's services, enabling us to bill accurately," Almamoun said. "Nexign also helps us to be more competitive. We're creating innovative new services that meet subscribers' specific needs. Revenue is increasing by 10% each year."



**Nexign Digital BSS and Nexign Network Monetisation Suite were** the obvious choice. Billing and charging are more accurate, revenue is up by 10%, and our subscriber base is expected to reach 1.5 million by the end of 2019.

Radi Abdalla Ali Almamoun Chief Technology Officer, Chinguitel

### Nexign is helping Chinguitel to address the challenges of digitalisation, including digitising business processes to support growth.



Chinguitel launched 27 new subscriber services within the first 12 months of implementing Nexign. Almamoun said one of the most lucrative new services is based on geographical location.

"We target locations where our market share is low and offer a service that is extremely competitive," he said. "We gain new subscribers, and they gain best-in-class service."

Chinguitel's subscriber base is growing fast. It is expected to reach 1.5 million by the end of 2019.

"We have more leverage in the market than ever before because Nexign makes business operations more efficient," Almamoun said. "With unified subscriber information, our call centre is able to resolve issues more efficiently. Before we deployed Nexign, subscribers' details were scattered in several locations,

and calls were often sent to the technical team for resolution. Thanks to Nexign, calls to the technical team have decreased by 40%, allowing them to focus on core duties such as reporting and analysis, which also improves business efficiency."

Efficiency is Nexign's hallmark. Shortly after Nexign completed implementation, Mauritania's government announced an overhaul of the country's currency, which significantly altered its value. Nexign integrated the changes into Chinguitel's billing system within three weeks.

"If Nexign hadn't acted so quickly and efficiently, the government could have fined us up to USD \$200,000," Almamoun said. "One of the things we value most about Nexign is their loyalty. They didn't just leave after deploying their solution - they've been providing support

for us ever since. Nexign manages our billing system so we can focus on providing the very best subscriber services."

The very best subscriber services include digital services. Nexign is helping Chinguitel to address the challenges of digitalisation, including digitising business processes to support growth, enabling analytic-based decisions to improve business agility, and creating more subscriber services to increase loyalty and diversify revenue streams.

"We have plans to capitalise on the Internet of Things (IoT) so we can provide subscribers with more personalised, relevant services," Almamoun said. "We're confident our digital transformation will be successful and efficient with Nexign."

One of the key reasons for selecting Nexign was efficiency. The Nexign team implemented our new billing system and migrated our subscribers in a record time of just over seven months, whereas Nexign's competitors said they needed up to 18 months to complete the project.

Radi Abdalla Ali Almamoun Chief Technology Officer, Chinguitel

### THE RESULTS

Modern, converged solution boosts revenue by 10% annually: Nexign Digital BSS and Nexign Network Monetisation Suite make business operations more efficient, giving Chinguitel more leverage in the market to boost revenue.

Subscriber base is projected to increase by 50%: Nexign gives Chinguitel the flexibility to offer new, competitive services that are predicted to grow the subscriber base to 1.5 million by the end of 2019.

### **Digital transformation will support**

long-term growth: Nexign's engineering excellence, customised processes, which allow the company to reduce spending and develop revenue-stream diversification, will help Chinguitel to digitise its business.

Thanks to Nexign, all of Moldcell's subscribers were migrated to a single convergent billing platform with no interruptions to their service or critical business processes





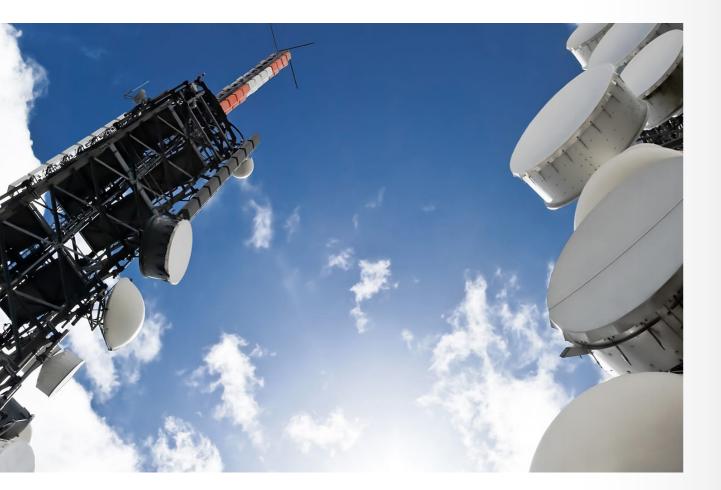
Moldcell is a leading Moldavian mobile operator serving more than 1.5 million subscribers. With cutting-edge technologies and a strong connectivity base, Moldcell is a critical hub in the digital ecosystem, maintaining an open line of communication between people, companies, and societies. Moldcell is part of the Telia Company, a leading global telecom provider.

### THE CHALLENGE

Only a highly experienced vendor capable of working flexibly with their customer could satisfy Moldcell's specific convergent billing system needs. Nexign rose to the challenge, implementing a convergent billing solution quickly and efficiently.

### THE RESULTS

Thanks to Nexign, all of Moldcell's subscribers were migrated to a single convergent billing platform with no disruptions to their service or critical business processes. As a result, Moldcell was able to reduce maintenance costs while improving reliability.





Company: Kyrgyztelecom Region: Kyrgyzstan Subscribers: 456,000 Nexign solution: Nexign Converged BSS Year of deployment: 2019

### SUCCESS STORY SUMMARY

Kyrgyzstan is a small country, so telecommunications providers are competing for a finite number of customers. Since all providers offer similar prices for services, the provider that offers the best customer experience and most flexible rate plans wins the most customers.

### Kyrgyztelecom improves the customer experience with Nexign

### THE CHALLENGE

Kyrgyztelecom is a telecommunications provider serving all regions of Kyrgyzstan. It is one of several providers in a relatively small country (it has a population of 6.2 million), so competition for customers is intense.

Kyrgyztelecom has been known for excellent customer service since it was founded in 1993. Kyrgyztelecom couldn't offer a wide variety of To maintain that reputation, the company rate plans because rating and charging tools wanted to combine telephony and broadband had limited, pre-defined functionality. systems on one platform. The systems were on "Our subscribers need flexible rate plans, and separate platforms, so when a customer needed we strive to meet their needs," said Vladimir phone and Internet services, they had to create Bunin. "We value every one of our customers." two separate accounts and pay two separate bills.

Nexign Converged BSS enables us to offer subscribers two things we couldn't offer before. Each subscriber will have a single account rather than several accounts, making it easier for them to see all of their services in one place and pay for them. We can also create a wider variety of rate plans to meet subscribers' diverse needs. Our industry is very competitive, so the customer experience must be exceptional.

### **Vladimir Bunin**

Head of Software Division, Billing System Maintenance & Support Department, Kyrgyztelecom



"We wanted each customer to have one account and pay one bill," said Vladimir Bunin, Head of the Software Division in the Billing System Maintenance & Support Department at Kyrgyztelecom. "It was also very important to offer customers a wider variety of rate plans to meet their individual requirements."

### For the first time, Kyrgyztelecom can create flexible rate plans that align with customers' diverse needs

### THE SOLUTION

Kyrgyztelecom met with several vendors. Each offered multi-platform solutions, except for Nexign.

The Nexign Converged BSS solution combines phone services and broadband on one platform. When Kyrgyztelecom develops a global system for mobile communication (GSM), that will be on this platform, too

"Now we can provide each subscriber with a single account," Bunin said. "They can see all of their services in one place and pay one bill. It's faster and easier for them, which improves the customer experience."

The Nexign solution includes Nexign Network Monetisation Suite for online billing and policy management. Nexign Network Monetisation Suite features a revenue management system to improve the management of accounts receivable.

"Nexign helps us do something else we couldn't do before," Bunin said. "We can create new rate plans to meet subscribers' diverse needs. Customer loyalty is sacred to us - every customer counts."

Another way Kyrgyztelecom is improving the customer experience is by providing customer service representatives with a more intuitive user interface. It helps them identify issues faster and offer solutions. Now representatives serve subscribers twice as fast.

"The customer experience is key in our industry," Bunin explained. "The improvements we're making will likely grow our subscriber base."

Kyrgyztelecom can grow the subscriber base as large as it wants. The Nexign solution is designed to support more than 1.5 million subscribers.

Bunin noted one additional benefit. "Nexign provides us with high-quality technical support in a timely manner. Their support is professional and always complies with our service level agreements. They're more than a vendor to us. They're a partner."

### THE RESULTS

### Combines telephony and broadband on one platform.

Now Kyrgyztelecom can consolidate customer data in a single account for each subscriber. Subscribers see all services in one place and pay one bill.

## Enables the creation and rollout of new, flexible rate plans.

For the first time, Kyrgyztelecom can create flexible rate plans that align with customers' diverse needs. Flexible rate plans give Kyrgyztelecom a competitive edge.



Nexign provides high-quality technical support in a timely manner. Their support is professional and always complies with our service level agreements. They're more than a vendor – they're a reliable partner.

### **Vladimir Bunin**

Head of Software Division, Billing System Maintenance & Support Department, Kyrgyztelecom



## Speeds up customer service and scales for the future.

Customer service representatives can identify and resolve subscribers' problems twice as fast now. This is especially important as the subscriber base grows. The Nexign Converged BSS solution accommodates more than 1.5 million subscribers.



We know our field and today's job market well and work constantly to improve our recruitment and onboarding processes

## Human capital

## **COMPANY** MANAGEMENT







Alexey Volynkin

Chief Business

Officer









Yulia Poslavskaya Corporate Communications





Officer





Andrew Tan Regional Director, Southeast Asia

> **Andrey Gulidin** Account Management Director



Nexign values employees' contributions to our growing business and uses various methods to motivate our team, including intangible rewards. In 2018, the company awarded individual and team prizes for the most outstanding results in various fields. The awards were given in four categories that corresponded to Nexign's new corporate values:

**#OneTeamOneDNA** – for teambuilding contributions

**#OwnResult** – for quality of work, contributions to company growth and results achieved

**#DriveChange** – for readiness to learn, to share knowledge and ideas, and the ability to solve the most difficult problems and overcome any obstacles

#ThinkCustomer - for quality of customer relationships and striving to meet customer needs to the fullest extent possible

+668

NEW EMPLOYEES, 62% MORE THAN IN 2017

### **OUR WORK FORCE**

Nexign has in-depth knowledge of the IT and telecom industries, as well as the trends on today's job market. We work constantly to improve our recruitment and onboarding processes, attract high-quality talent and create a well-developed and straightforward motivation system.

In 2018, the company continued to grow its productive capacity in line with our chosen strategy for expansion into new target markets. Over the course of the year, the company hired 668 new employees, 62% more than in 2017. Now our team numbers 1819 people, including 32 outside of Russia, in Azerbaijan, Belarus, Greece, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, and Moldova. The company is also represented by contractors in Ukraine, Turkey, Singapore, Germany, the UAE, and Israel.

Nexign provides decent working conditions for all its workers, from experienced experts to young professionals, with a high potential for growth, regardless of gender and physical ability. Eleven people with disabilities work alongside their able-bodied colleagues at the company. Nexign is a fairly young company: the average employee age is 34.



### Employee count growth rate



### Distribution of workers outside of Russia as of 31/12/2018

Employees:		Independent contractors:	
Azerbaijan	1	Ukraine	21
Armenia	1	Turkey	2
Belarus	7	Singapore	3
Greece	1	Germany	1
Kazakhstan	10	UAE	3
Kyrgyzstan	1	Israel	4
Lithuania	1		
Moldova	1		
Ukraine	9		
Total	32		34

Nexign is a community of people with common values

# Corporate social responsibility



### **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Nexign is a community of people with common values. The company recognises its corporate social responsibilities and makes sure that all Nexign team members are on the same page about their various aspects, which include:

- environmental responsibility;
- social responsibility to colleagues, customers, and partners;
- innovating to meet society's needs;
- running a trustworthy business and combating corruption - in 2018, representatives of Baker&Makenzie led

training courses for Nexign employees aimed at fostering an anti-corruption culture, in keeping with the company's anti-corruption policy;

· creating a culture of ethical behaviour and integrity that promotes transparency in business on a global level.

Nexign considers corporate social responsibility to be an indispensable part of the development of our company and our brand.

### **NEW NEXIGN HEADQUARTERS**

In 2018, the company moved to a new, comfortable office, located at 4 Uralskaya Street, Saint Petersburg. We recruited Russian architectural firm UNK Project, which has worked with companies including Google, Microsoft, Mail.ru, and Disney Studios, to design our space in the new building.



spaces.

The 400-square-metre roof is home to an openair terrace, where employees can hold team meetings, get fresh air as they work, or take a break on the comfortable couches during the warmer months.

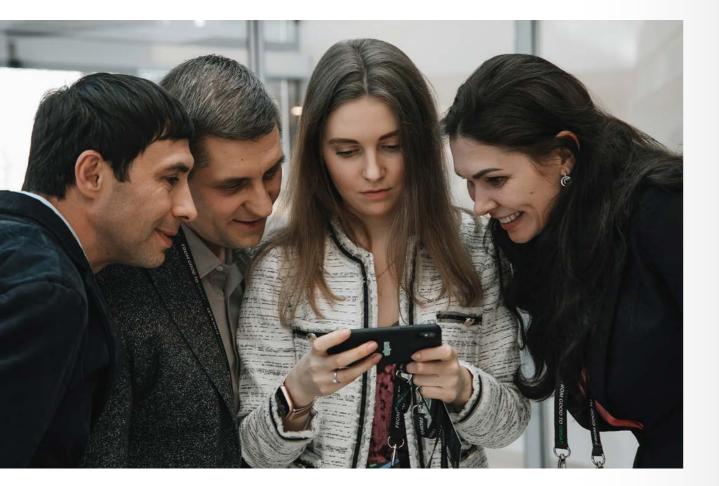
Nexign's office is fitted with everything that people with physical disabilities need to

The office is equipped with an enhanced security system with biometric identification fingerprint scanners, as well as an advanced emergency warning system



### The office on Uralskaya Street features over 9000 m2 of space and 5 floors, with office space, conference rooms for various kinds of meetings, a gym, a doctor's office, relaxation areas, and lunch

independently navigate the space. The office is equipped with an enhanced security system with biometric identification fingerprint scanners, as well as an advanced emergency warning system, and all necessary fire extinguishing systems.



### **TALENT SUPPORT**

Our company has built a multifaceted professional development and skills upgrading system for our employees. Every year, workers attend training courses and take part in industry conferences and business events. Our Study Project Laboratory and NX Academy Training Centre have been successfully conducting various educational programmes for over two years. Nexign is invested in growing our professional ecosystem, and we are working to create the next generation of experts in different fields. The company collaborates and actively partners with Russian STEM universities that have top programmes in fields related to information technology. As part of the Nexign Bootcamp in 2018, 46 students interned in departments including R&D, analytics, tech support, maintenance, and testing. 29 interns received job offers.

### Nexign is invested in growing our professional ecosystem, and we are working to build a future generation of experts in different fields

### In 2018, Nexign specialists also gave lectures and taught classes:

- A year-long course on Java programming for students at Saint Petersburg ITMO University taught by a member of the NX Academy staff;
- Public lectures for students in IT-related fields at universities including ITMO and St. Petersburg Polytechnic University (SPbPU).

In 2019, Saint Petersburg's leading STEM universities – the Saint Petersburg State University of Aerospace Instrumentation (SUAI), ITMO and SPbPU – were invited to participate in the Nexign Bootcamp. We are also considering inviting universities from other regions of Russia.



### **EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS**

## In 2018, Nexign continued to develop our educational projects, which include:

- The School for Software Testers: This project trains young employees in software testing theory and the basics of manual and automated code quality testing. The programme is free for all participants and led by the company's best professionals;
- **NX meet-ups**: Nexign regularly hosts professional meet-ups with guest experts in project development, testing, and management.

This is a platform for IT professionals to discuss today's most pressing questions. Over 500 people attended the company's meet-ups in 2018.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE** CAMPAIGNS

In 2018, Nexign participated in various community service events and organised its own charity campaigns:

children with cancer who were forced to

• The Charity Instead of Presents campaign

took money earmarked for gifts for our

receive presents;

foundation;

children's homes.

spend the New Year in hospital were able to

partners and spent it on organising a party for

the care recipients at the Enjoying Old Age

· The company participated in the Project for

Real Wizards campaign, where employees

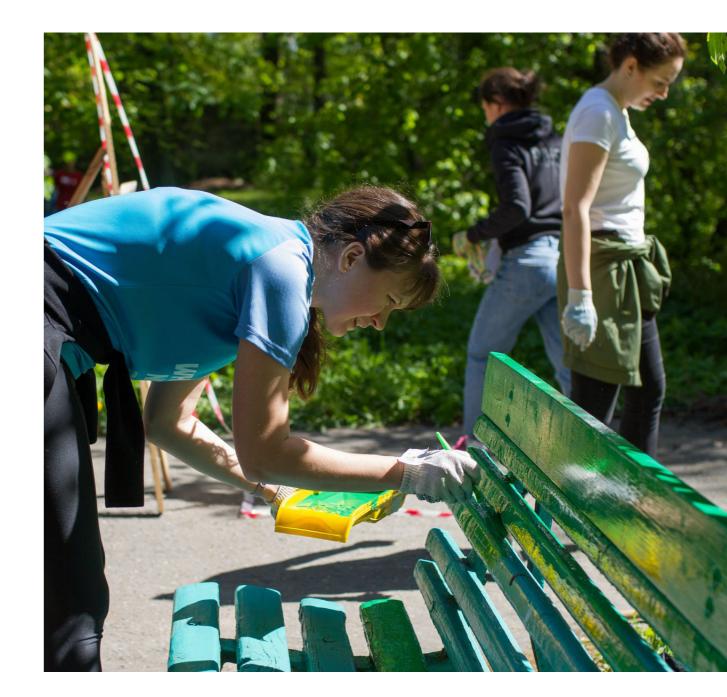
brought New Year's presents to children from

- We held a volunteer clean-up day at the Home for Disabled Children No. 1 in Peterhof, where we painted benches, litter bins, swings, and gazebos;
- The company held two blood drives in 2018 with a total participation of around 80 people, and as part of the Bravery Box campaign, the donors spent part of the compensation they received for food to buy boxes of toys for hospital rooms, to cheer up young patients;
- Together with the foundations AdVita and Anton's Right Here, we organised the #GivingTuesday charity fair;
- We organised a charity drive for AdVita's visiting patients - thanks to the campaign,

### **ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Nexign is intentional about its interactions with the environment and reduces the impact from its waste:

- The company uses only reusable dishes and paper plates in our office kitchens;
- All offices are equipped with receptacles for plastic lids and for used batteries.



### The company recognises its corporate social responsibilities and makes sure that all Nexign team members are on the same page about them



## ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICY

Nexign has a zero-tolerance approach to corruption. The company's anti-corruption policy, in effect since 2013, is fully compliant with Russian Federation law and reflects the requirements outlined in the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the UK Bribery Act.

### NEXIGN'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION:

- Our leadership's mission: creating an ethical standard that rejects corruption in all forms wherever it appears, whether in everyday activities or strategic projects (a zero-tolerance policy);
- Periodic risk assessment: identifying and updating our corruption risk barometer;
- Appropriate anti-corruption procedures: developing and introducing procedures to reduce identified corruption risks;
- Contractor checks: assessing contractors' tolerance of corruption in accordance with established procedure;

- Regular information-sharing and education: publishing our anti-corruption policy on our corporate portal, sharing information and encouraging employees to follow the policy's key principles and requirements. In 2018, representatives of Baker&Makenzie led training courses for Nexign employees aimed at fostering an anti-corruption culture;
- Monitoring and control: compliance control and improvements to appropriate corruption prevention procedures.





## Nexign prioritises combating corruption

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Nexign's activities, like those of any company, are attended by various kinds of risks that can cause us to fail to achieve our goals. Nexign recognises the existence of risks and strives to manage them systematically.

Nexign's goal in this area is to boost the effectiveness of management decisions by analysing their accompanying risks, as well as to ensure maximum effectiveness of our risk management activities as these decisions are carried out.

## Nexign is guided by the following general principles:

- Risk awareness: Company management is regularly informed of risks, and the management system allows for horizontal flows of information about risks;
- Efficient risk management: Risk management decisions are made on the basis of a costbenefit analysis;
- Continuity: continual risk identification, assessment and management and subsequent analysis of the effectiveness of our risk management system.

Today's high-tech market is characterised by highly competitive world players. In addition, our BSS solutions are directly vulnerable to social risks related to potential changes in subscriber behaviour. Nexign strives to predict not only future demand from our customers, but also the needs of their subscribers and align our work with industry trends.

Nexign's activities have never been political – the company is exclusively focused on growing our business and building long-term partnerships with our customers. Nonetheless, in May 2018 the company was included by Ukraine in a list of companies subject to sanctions. Because of the restrictions imposed upon us, the company was forced to suspend its activities in the country after completely fulfilling our obligations to our customers as outlined in their contracts.

Such events highlight the need for the geographical diversification of our business, which is part of our ongoing strategy.



### **AUDIT REPORT**

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Independent Auditor's Report on Annual Financial Statements of PETER-SERVICE Joint Stock Company for the year ended December 31, 2018

> St. Petersburg 2019

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying annual financial statements of PETER-SERVICE, Joint Stock Company (OGRN: 1027809251774, located at 4 Lit. B, Office # 19H, Uralskaya Street, St. Petersburg, 199155, Russia) which comprises: - the Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2018

- the Statement of Financial Result for the year of 2018 - appendices to the Balance Sheet and those to the Statement of Financial Result for the year of 2018, including:

- the Statement on Changes in Equity for the year of 2018
- the Cash Flow Statement for the year of 2018
- including a summary of the major provisions of the accounting policy.

In our opinion, the accompanying annual financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of PETER-SERVICE, Joint Stock Company as at December 31, 2018, and their financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Russian Accounting Standards.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further set forth in The Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements section of our report.

We are independent of PETER-SERVICE, Joint Stock Company in accordance with the Independence Rules for Auditors and Audit Firms and the Code of Ethics for Professional Auditors, which comply with IESBA (International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants) Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants and Russian ethical requirements applied to our audit of annual financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Responsibility of the Management of PETER-SERVICE, Joint Stock Company for the **Annual Financial Statements**

The management of PETER-SERVICE, Joint Stock Company is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these annual financial statements in accordance with Russian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of annual financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### to the Shareholders of **PETER-SERVICE**, Joint Stock Company

• the notes to Balance Sheet and the Statement of Financial Result for the year then ended,

In preparing the annual financial statements, the management is responsible for assessing the ability of PETER-SERVICE, Joint Stock Company to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and not using the going concern basis of accounting where the management either intends to liquidate PETER-SERVICE, Joint Stock Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of Annual Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual financial statements 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 annual financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- a) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the annual financial statements, 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.
- b) 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 purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control of PETER-SERVICE, Joint Stock Company.
- c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management of PETER-SERVICE, Joint Stock Company.
- d) Conclude on the appropriateness of the use by the management of the audited entity 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 ability of PETER-SERVICE, Joint Stock Company to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the annual financial statements 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 auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause PETER-SERVICE, Joint Stock Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- e) Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the annual financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the management of PETER-SERVICE, Joint Stock Company charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and the significant audit findings during the audit, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

### Deputy General Director for Audit -Head of Audit Department of JSC MCD Artur V. Gazarvan **Qualification** Certificate No. 02-000238 dated September 10, 2012 ORNZ 21606070950

**Auditing Firm** 

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### March 04, 2019

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Location (Address) 4 Lit. B Office 19H, Uralskaya Street, Saint Petersburg 199155

Notes <sup>1</sup>	Item description <sup>2</sup>	Code	As for December 31, 2018 <sup>3</sup>	As for December 31, 2017 <sup>4</sup>	As for Decembe 31, 2016 <sup>5</sup>
	ASSETS				
1.1	I. NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
	Intangible assets	1110	61,518	8,258	16,386
	Research and development	1120	14	-	-
	Intangible development assets	1130	5.76	-	
	Tangible development assets	1140		-	+
2.1	Fixed assets	1150	351,549	248,339	295,361
	Income-bearing investments in tangible assets	1160	-		
3.1	Financial investments	1170	193,364	4,611,294	118,515
	Deferred tax assets	1180	144,896	101,163	44,004
	Other non-current assets	1190	597,461	179,990	58,281
	Total of Section I	1100	1,348,788	5,149,044	532,547
	II. CURRENT ASSETS				
4.1	Inventories,	1210	393,112	195,207	185,601
1	including MATERIALS	12101	5,875	2,868	4,062
	WORK-IN PROGRESS EXPENSES	12102	349,842	54,844	22,037
	DEFERRED EXPENSES	12103	37,395	137,495	159,502
	VAT on value items acquired	1220	9,803	11,196	2,305
5.1	Accounts receivable	1230	3,346,814	2,684,777	1,954,25
	Including long-term accounts receivable	12301	473,380	561,067	44,098
	Short-term accounts receivable	12302	2,873,434	2,123,710	1,910,15
3.1	Financial investments (other than cash equivalents)	1240	4,012,332	919,340	1,132,60
	Cash and cash equivalents	1250	89,848	118,798	517,445
	Other current assets	1260	7,396	3,716	781
	Total of Section II	1200	7,859,305	3,933,034	3,792,986
	BALANCE	1600	9,208,093	9,082,078	4,325,53

Notes <sup>1</sup>	Item description <sup>2</sup>	Code	As for December 31, 2018 <sup>3</sup>	As for December 31, 2017 <sup>4</sup>	As for December 31, 2016 <sup>5</sup>
	LIABILITIES				
	III. CAPITAL AND RESERVES <sup>6</sup>				
	Authorized capital (pooled capital, authorized	1210	26	26	00
	fund, contributions of partners)	1310 1320	26	26	26
	Shares repurchased from the shareholders	1340	2	2	(-)
	Revaluation of non-current assets	1350	2		2
Concernant of the second	Added capital (without revaluation)			- 13	- 13
	Reserve capital	1360	13		
	Retained earnings (undistributed loss)	1370	5,998,385	5,768,148	3,793,720
-	Total of Section III	1300	5,998,426	5,768,189	3,793,76
	IV. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES			1	-
	Borrowings	1410	1,200,000	1	-
	Deferred tax liabilities	1420	-		
	Estimated liabilities	1430			
and the second	Other liabilities	1450	20,145	594	
	Total of Section IV	1400	1,220,145	594	
	V. SHORT-TERM LIABILITIES				
	Borrowings	1510	2,116	2,256,542	-
5.3	Accounts payable	1520	1,304,463	590,084	403,421
	Deferred revenues	1530		(. <del></del> )	2
7	Estimated liabilities	1540	660,308	465,370	128,351
	Other liabilities	15401	660,308	465,370	128,351
	Including PROVISION FOR VACATION AND PREMIUMS PAYMENT	1550	22,635	1,299	-
	Total of Section V	1.500	KCa44,989,522	3,313,295	531,772
	BALANCE	1700	9,208,093	9,082,078	4,325,53

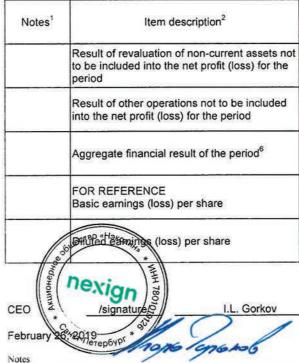
To be specified the number of a respective note to the balance sheet and profit and loss statement.
 According to the Accounting Regulations PBU 4/99 "Accounting Statements of an Organization" approved by Order of the Ministry of finance of the Russian Federation No. 6417-PK dated August 06, 1999 the said Order is not required to be registered by the state), the parameters of some assets, liabilities can be shown in aggregate amounts, with the disclosure in the notes to the Balance Sheet, in case each of the parameters separately is not material for the assessment by stakeholders of the financial status of a company or the financial results of its business.
 The reporting date of the accounting period is stated.
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 Non-profit organizations name the section as Target Financing. Instead of the terms Authorized capital (pooled capital, authorized fund, contributions of partners), Shares repurchased from the shareholders, Added capital, Reserve capital and Retained earnings (undistributed loss), the terms Mutual investment fund, Specific Capital, Target Funds, Property and Valuables fund, Reserve and other Trust Funds shall be used instead (depending on the form of non-profit organization and the sources of property formation).
 Hereinafter and below in the statements the indicator deducted or negative indicator shall be shown in parentheses.

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Notes <sup>1</sup>	Item description <sup>2</sup>	Code	As for December 31, 2018 <sup>3</sup>	As for Decembe 31, 2017 <sup>4</sup>
	Revenue⁵	2110	13,145,707	7,180,503
6	Net cost of sales	2120	(3,866,315)	(2,831,128)
	Gross profit (loss)	2100	9,279,392	4,349,375
6	Business expenses	2210	(220,180)	(50,159)
6	Administration expenses	2220	(2,310,072)	(1,517,424)
	Sales profit (loss)	2200	6,749,140	2,781,792
	Income from equity participation	2310		-
	Interest receivable	2320	321,542	415,985
	Interest payable	2330	(69,912)	(126,404)
	Other income Including FOREIGN EXCHANGE GAIN	2340 23401	307,979 295,082	49,523 39,303
	Other expenses Including FOREIGN EXCHANGE LOSSES	2350 23501	(475,213) (139,467)	(638,952) (69,176)
	Profit (loss) before tax	2300	6,833,536	2,481,944
	Current profit tax	2410	(1,290,917)	(601,277)
	Including regular tax liabilities (assets)	2421	69,053	115,486
	Changes in deferred tax liabilities	2430	-	
	Changes in deferred tax assets	2450	32,145	57,159
	Other	2460	(426,954)	36,602
	Including Penalties, additional taxation as a result of tax authorities audit	2460	(426,172)	
	Write-down of deferred liabilities	2460	(782)	
	Net profit (loss)	2400	5,147,810	1,974,428



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 4. The previous year period is stated that is similar to the accounting one.
 5. Proceeds are shown net of value added tax and excises.
 6. Aggregate financial result of the period is determined as sum total of lines "Net Profit (Loss)", "Result of Revaluation of Non-Current Assets not to be included into the Net Profit (Loss) for the Period"

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