**SVG: Explanation on the Audited Financial Statements 2023**

On March 14, 2024, Industrial Gas and Welding Electrode JSC announced Official Dispatch No. 142/CBTT-TCKT on explaining the Financial Statements 2023 after audit as follows:

* Profit after tax in the audited Financial Statements 2023 of the reporting period changed by 10% or more compared to 2022.
* Profit after tax in the Financial Statements 2023 after the audit of the reporting period has a difference of 5% or more before and after the audit.

On the Financial Statements 2023 after audit, profit after tax is VND 118,133,444, down over 10% compared to 2022 and there is a difference before and after audit of 5% or more.

In 2023, the domestic economic situation had many difficulties, demand for the Company's products decreased, sales revenue in 2023 decreased compared to 2022 by VND 37,020.87 million, while there were many production costs increased, such as: Electricity costs accounting for a large proportion of the Company's production costs. In 2023, the State adjusted electricity prices twice; From May 4, 2023, it increased by 3.0%, then by November 9, 2023, it continued to increase to 4.5% and during the year there were many more customers who had difficulties and were slow to pay their debts, giving rise to bad debts, the Company had to increase provision for bad debts in 2023 by VND 601.2 million, so profits decrease compared to the same period last year.

The Financial Statement before audit has a profit after tax of VND 130,899,178, after audit, profit after tax is VND 118,133,444. Profit after tax decreased due to the Auditor adjusting and increasing the cost of purchasing physical insurance for trucks by VND 13,082,187.