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Important events in the fourth quarter

- In October, Det norske oljeselskap ASA ('Det norske') sold its 15% owner interest in PL 229, PL 229B and PL 229C, including the Goliat Field, to StatoilHydro for MNOK 1,100. The sale was approved by the Norwegian authorities in December 2008.

- In October, Det norske sold its 10% owner interest in PL 316, PL 316 B, PL 316 CS and PL 316 DS including the Yme Field, to Lotos Exploration and Production Norge AS for MNOK 390. The sale was approved by the Norwegian authorities in December 2008.

- Drilling of the Fulla Prospect in PL 362/PL 035B, in which Det norske has a 15% interest, started in November 2008. Gas/condensate volumes of between 6 and 19 million barrels of oil equivalents have been discovered here.

- On 18 December, Det norske was offered owner interests in seven licences, and operatorship in five of these, in the 2008 round of Awards in Predefined Areas (APA 2008).

- Total production from Det norske's interest in Varg, Jotun, Enoch and Glitne was 195,800 (102,000) barrels of oil equivalents during the quarter.

- In the fourth quarter, the company recorded an operating loss of MNOK 361.4, compared with a loss of MNOK 112.2 during the same period last year. Total writedowns of MNOK 400.4 have a significant impact on the operating result. Total exploration costs during the fourth quarter amounted to MNOK 238.6 (122.2). The company had a net cash position of MNOK 1,468.3 at the end of the quarter.

Key figures

	Q4 08	Q3 08	**Q2 08**	Q1 08	**Q4 07**
Oil and gas production (barrels)	**195,800**	164,945	**144,101**	156,886	**102,000**
Oil price achieved (USD/barrel)	**45.8**	117.0	**118.3**	94.1	**94.3**
Operating revenues (MNOK)	**363.9**	102.2	**89.5**	79.5	**55.6**
Exploration costs (MNOK)	**238.6**	146.4	**102.6**	56.9	**122.8**
Operating profit/loss (MNOK)	**-361.4**	-108.3	**-65.0**	-37.3	**-112.2**
Profit/loss after tax (MNOK)	**235.6**	5.6	**-6.7**	-9.0	**-19.4**
No of employees	**127**	121	**123**	117	**78**
No of licences (operatorship)	**42(23)**	46(24)	**45(23)**	46(24)	**34(17)**

MNOK = NOK millions

Production licences

Det norske's production during the fourth quarter amounted to 195,800 barrels of oil equivalents. This corresponds to an average of 2,128 barrels per day. The oil was sold at an average price of USD 45.8 per barrel. This is a record high quarterly production.

There were no serious incidents relating to our operations during the period and no acute emissions under any of the production licences.

PL 038 Varg
In the fourth quarter, Det norske's 5% share of production amounted to 67,808 barrels or an average of 734 barrels per day. During the same period in 2007, production amounted to 604 barrels per day.

The operator Talisman has signed a new agreement in principle with Teekay for the hire of the ship Petrojarl Varg until mid-2013. There are plans to drill two new production wells a year during the three-year period between 2010 and 2012.

PL 048 B Glitne
In the fourth quarter Det norske's 10% share of production amounted to 68,569 barrels. This corresponds to an average production of 745 barrels per day. During the same period in 2007, production amounted to 868 barrels a day.

A 4D seismic survey of Glitne was conducted in September and October. The data is now being processed and the operator StatoilHydro expects to complete the processing towards the end of February. The results of this work may provide a better decision-making basis as regards a potential new production well.

PL 048 D Enoch
In the fourth quarter, there has been good regularity on the Brae A platform to which Enoch is linked, and production from the Enoch Field was therefore higher than in the previous quarter.

Det norske's share of production during the fourth quarter amounted to 12,478 barrels. This corresponds to an average production of 136 barrels per day. During the same period in 2007, production amounted to 158 barrels a day. In addition, Det norske had a share in gas production corresponding to 7 barrels of oil equivalents per day, compared with 19 barrels of oil equivalents per day in the same period in 2007.

In 2009, the operator Talisman will consider the strategy for further development of the Enoch Field with a view to the possible drilling of a new production and/or injection well.

PL 103B and Jotun Unit
In the fourth quarter, Det norske's 7% share of production from the Jotun Field amounted to 46,301 barrels. This corresponds to an average production of 503 barrels per day. The field's production has increased due to efficient operations and little downtime.

Health, safety and the environment
Det norske has not been engaged in drilling operations since PL 001B was completed in the early part of the second quarter. No incidents have occurred in connection with partner-operated drilling operations or seismic shooting during the period.

Potential development projects

PL 364 Frøy and nearby licences
In mid-September, the partners in PL 364, consisting of Det norske and Premier Norge AS, submitted a Plan for development and operation (PDO) of the Frøy field to the Norwegian authorities. Both licence partners acceded the PDO in December. The plan is based on the installation of a jack-up production platform on the field, with storage tanks for oil and drilling capabilities. The PDO will be sanctioned once we have sent confirmation of financing and specification of the time schedule to the authorities.

Since the licensees have fulfilled their work commitment, the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy has granted a 10-year extension of the licence until 2019, with a promise to extend it further should this be warranted by the development of production.

After submission of the PDO, the oil price has dropped considerably, and the main contractor has not succeeded in financing the project. The company is therefore seeking to improve the economy of the project.

It has been decided to drill two exploration wells in licences close to the Frøy field in 2009; a third exploration well has been proposed, but not decided. It is possible that new reserves will be proven through the drilling of these wells, which could then be produced from the Frøy installation. Any such resources would considerably increase the profitability of the project.

PL 001B/028B/242 Draupne and Hanz
The work of evaluating the Draupne discovery in well 16/1-9 was completed at the end of December. Recoverable reserves are assessed to be between 50 and 90 million barrels of oil equivalents. This can be broken down into between 30 and 65 million barrels of oil and between 3 and 4 billion standard cubic metres of gas. Det norske plans to drill a delineation well early in 2010 in order to obtain more data to further reduce the uncertainty surrounding recoverable volumes.

The combined Draupne-Hanz commercialisation project is on schedule. The next milestone is to deliver a commerciality report in the course of the first quarter of 2009. The report will conclude with respect to what development solutions and commercial opportunities should be pursued.

The further time schedule will depend on which development solution is chosen. Production from Draupne and Hanz cannot start until 2013, at the earliest.

PL 337 Storskrymten
The proven resources on Storskrymten are no longer considered to have any commercial potential as independent discoveries, and the costs have therfore been recognised in the fourth quarter. However, a number of other prospects have been surveyed in PL 337, and the partners have plans for a new exploration well which will probably be drilled in 2010.

PL 265 Ragnarrock
The operator StatoilHydro plans to start drilling Exploration Well 16/2-5 in the Graben Prospect in the first quarter 2009, using the jack-up drilling rig West Epsilon. The Graben prospect is expected to contain between 50 and 170 million barrels of oil.

A possible oil discovery could clarify whether or not the trend from the Luno discovery (16/1-8) in the neighbouring block extends into PL 265. If this is the case, it could form the resource base for a major joint petroleum development in an area which today has limited infrastructure. It is conceivable that an area development of this kind could also include the Draupne and Hanz discoveries, both operated by Det norske.

In connection with APA 2008, Det norske was awarded a share in PL 502 which constitutes a small part of block 16/5. The awarded share increases our resource base in the gas prospect Ragnarrock Basement South, the southernmost trend of the gas discovery in Ragnarrock Basement North.

The awarded share involves a well commitment that will be fulfilled in connection with future exploration and delineation drilling in PL 265. As part of the swap agreement with StatoilHydro, whereby StatoilHydro acquired a share in PL 265 from Det norske, Det norske has also undertaken to grant shares in PL 502.

Exploration activity

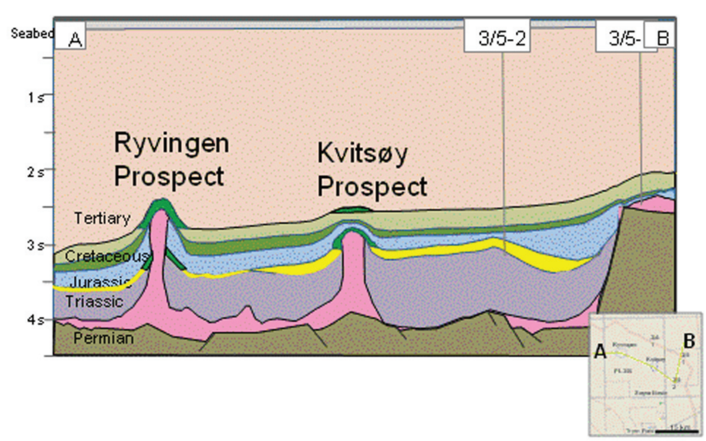
The application for the APA 2008 licensing round was submitted in October. In December, the Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy offered Det norske a total of seven licences, of which it would have operatorship in five and partnership in two licences.

During the quarter, Det norske also worked actively on its applications in connection with the 20th licence round in the Barents Sea and the Norwegian Sea. The applications were submitted in November and the licences are expected to be awarded during the first half of 2009.

For a complete overview of Det norske's exploration licences, see our website: www.detnor.no

The North Sea

PL 356
In licence PL 356 it is decided to drill an exploration well in the Søgne Basin. The plan is to drill the exploration well in the third or fourth quarter 2009 using the jack-up rig Maersk Guardian. There are two drillable prospects in the licence: Ryvingen and Kvitsøy. These are shown in the figure below.



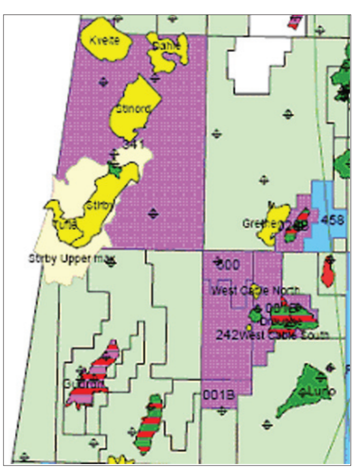
PL 027D/PL 169C/PL 504 – The Jotun area
During the fourth quarter, Det norske strengthened its position in the Jotun area further through being awarded 58.5% and the operatorship in PL 504 in connection with APA 2008. Among other things, PL 504 contains a considerable part of the Jetta Prospect, interpreted by Det norske as a possible southern trend of the Jotun Field.

The optimum drilling location would be in PL 027D. Det norske has made the drilling rig Bredford Dolphin available for drilling Jetta in autumn 2009. This means that Det norske will drill the well on behalf of ExxonMobil, the operator for the licence. The exploration well on Eitri/Phi in PL 027D will be drilled using the same model, and drilling will start as soon as the current drilling of the Freke Prospect has been completed.

PL 038 Grevling
Talisman plans to drill the Grevling prospect in February 2009 using the rig Maersk Guardian. Grevling is expected to contain between 10 and 80 million barrels of oil. Grevling lies less than 20 kilometres north of Varg, and it is expected that a discovery, if any, will be tied in with Varg. Det norske has increased its share in Grevling from 5 to 30% through a swap agreement with Talisman.

PL 341 Stirby
The partners in PL 341 have approved an exploration well in order to test the gas and condensate prospects Stirby Upper and Stirby Deep. Det norske is operator for the licence and plans to drill the well in 2010, using the drilling rig Deep Sea Delta. Stirby Upper lies on the same trend as Gudrun and East Brae (UK).

If hydrocarbons are proven in Stirby Upper, the prospects Stinord and Kveite will be other relevant candidates for drilling. This deep Jurassic exploration model has a total potential of several hundred million barrels of oil equivalents.



PL 102 David
Det norske has acquired a 10% ownership interest in PL 102 through a swap, excluding the fields Skirne and Byggve. The swap is conditional on the approval of the authorities.
PL 102 contains the small oil discovery Tir and a promising oil prospect called David, with expected oil resources of between 15 and 125 million barrels. Det norske has made the drilling rig Bredford Dolphin available to the operator Total for drilling David as early as in May/June 2009. Tir and any discoveries in David could add to the resource base for the Frøy development.

The Norwegian Sea
Det norske plans to drill five exploration wells in the Norwegian Sea in 2009, and work on the related planning has been carried out during the quarter.

Det norske was awarded two licences in the Norwegian Sea during the APA 2008 licence round – PL 432B and PL 512. Det norske is operator for both these licences. The work commitment in PL 432B has already been fulfilled as a result of the licence conditions in PL 432 being fulfilled. In PL 512, the work commitment consists of 3D seismic coverage of the licence area, and a decision regarding drilling will be made within three years.

Licence transactions

Licence transactions are used as an instrument to balance the portfolio and put the company in a better position to explore and recover oil and gas.

In October, Det norske sold its 15 percent share in the Goliat field and its 10 percent share in the Yme field.

In October, Det norske signed an agreement with StatoilHydro to swap a 10% share in PL 265 for a 10% share in PL 102 and a 57% share in PL 169. PL 102 includes the David Prospect which is close to the Frøy Field, while PL 169 is an important addition to the Jotun area. Hence, the swap strengthens Det norske's position in two of its core areas.

Financial considerations

Operating revenues in the fourth quarter amounted to MNOK 363.9 and are mainly constituted by petroleum revenues of MNOK 60.8 and other operating revenues of MNOK 297.6 related to the sales of Goliat and Yme.

Exploration costs during the fourth quarter amounted to NOK 238.6 (122,8) million, of which costs relating to Storskrymten (PL 337) amounted to NOK 128.3 million, while costs relating to exploration and seismic surveys in connection with participation in licences amounted to NOK 85.7 million. Further details are provided in note 2 to the accounts.

Total depreciation for the fourth quarter amounted to NOK 32.8 (17.5) million.

Write-downs in the quarter total MNOK 400.4 and relate to property, plant and equipment, other intangible assets, capitalised exploration expenses, goodwill and deferred taxes.

Cash flow and capital
Cash flow from operational activities amounted to MNOK 473.3 (342.7), mainly related to tax refunds paid in December of 643.4 MNOK, of which interest constitutes 32.5 MNOK. Net cash flow from investment activities were MNOK 1,162.9 (145.8), with the principal amount being proceeds from the sale of the Goliat and the Yme fields. Cash flow from financing activities amounted to MNOK -494.6 (174.5), solely related to repayment of short-term debt.

At year end 2008 the company's cash and cash equivalents amounted to MNOK 1,468,3 (585.1) as well as a recievable of MNOK 545.9 related to the sale of the Yme field which was received on 20 January 2009.

Tax receivables for disbursement in December 2009 have been recognised in the amount of NOK 214.0 (618.0) million.

Total assets amounted to NOK 5,225.3 (6,426.3) million at 31 December 2008. The book value of the group's interest-bearing debt (linked to the exploration credit facility with DnB NOR Bank) was NOK 0.0 (128.6) million. The equity ratio was 71.9% (55.4%) at the end of the fourth quarter.

Shareholders and the stock exchange

Under the integration agreement between NOIL and Pertra, DNO International ASA was obliged to reduce its shareholding in Det norske to a maximum of 25% before the end of 2008.

In October 2008, Det norske's board of directors extended DNO International's deadline until 15 March 2009. At the end of the fourth quarter, DNO International was Det norske's biggest shareholder with 23.97 million shares, corresponding to 36.92 per cent of the outstanding shares.

On 7 January 2009, DNO sold shares in Det norske, reducing its holding to 25%. All requirements under the integration agreement were thus fulfilled.

The share price fell by 6.1%, from NOK 31.0 to NOK 29.1, during the fourth quarter. The highest and lowest closing price during the quarter was NOK 31.0 and NOK 22.0, respectively. The average closing price was NOK 26.8.

A total of 16.1 million shares in Det norske oljeselskap (ticker code DETNOR) were traded on Oslo Børs during the quarter.

The twenty largest shareholders owned 45.5 million shares at the end of the fourth quarter, corresponding to 70.0% of the outstanding shares.

Primary insiders bought a total of 35,400 shares during the quarter and sold 45,000.

Events after the end of the quarter

An extraordinary general meeting of Det norske oljeselskap ASA was held on 2 February 2009 on the request of DNO International. The general meeting elected five new members to the board of directors. Diderik Schnitler was elected new chair of the board. Jan Rune Steinsland, Marianne Elisabeth Johnsen, Marianne Lie and Hege Sjo were elected as new board members, while Ivar Brandvold and Tore Lilloe-Olsen were re-elected.

The new board members were elected for a term of two years, while the existing board members were re-elected for one year.

On 7 January, DNO International sold 7,736,245 shares, whereby it reduced its shareholding to 25%; see the section Shareholders and the stock exchange.

The drilling of Exploration Well 30/11-7 in the Fulla Prospect in PL 272/035B was completed in February 2009. The well proved between 6 and 19 million barrels of oil equivalents in the form of gas and condensate. There are plans to sidetrack the well in spring, with a view to delineating the discovery. Det norske has a 15% interest in Fulla.

Drilling of the Freke Prospect in PL 029B started in early February 2009, using the rig Bredford Dolphin. Det norske is operator for the exploration well on behalf of ExxonMobil, the licence operator. Freke is expected to contain between 35 and 230 million barrels of oil equivalents.

On 3 February 2009, the listed Norwegian oil company Norwegian Energy Company ASA (Noreco) submitted a proposal for a merger between Noreco and Det norske. Det norske's board of directors has informed the market that the company will play an active part in the expected market consolidation process, but that the new board of directors is not ready to embark on negotiations with Noreco or anyone else at this point in time. Det norske will look into and consider the possibility of strengthening its position as the second biggest player on the Norwegian continental shelf, including potential consolidation alternatives.

Outlook

The sale of our interests in Goliat and Yme has given Det norske financial freedom to manoeuvre. This was in line with the strategy to concentrate our efforts on own-operated licences and on areas in which the company has considerable interests.

After payment for the sale of Yme was received on 20 January, Det norske has around two billion Norwegian kroner in cash and tax receivables for accrued exploration costs.

Det norske will give priority to those projects that enable us to generate the greatest values. We have selected four areas of particular interest in the North Sea: the Frøy area, Varg/Storskrymten, the southern part of Viking Graben/ Draupne and the Jotun area. These are areas in which production facilities are either planned or already exist. Det norske will focus its efforts on exploration, licence acquisition and development of these areas.

The year 2009 will be a year full of activity for Det norske. The plan is for Det norske to participate in 15 exploration wells and be operator for nine of them. Drilling in Freke (PL 029B) started in February. According to the plan, the next drilling to be carried out by Det norske will be in Eitri/Phi (PL 027D).

The Ministry of Petroleum and Energy has informed Det norske that the work commitment in production licence 364, which includes the Frøy Field, has been fulfilled. The licensees have therefore been granted a 10-year extension of the licence period until 2019. The licence partners are currently engaged in efforts to cut the costs of the Frøy Project and make it more financially robust.

The new board of directors of the company will take the time they need to familiarise themselves with the company and the opportunities that exist on the Norwegian continental shelf.

The new board of directors will focus on strategy that will strengthen the company's position and increase the values for the shareholders and society at large, in both the short and the long term perspective.

Trondheim, 16 February 2009

The board of directors of Det norske oljeselskap ASA

Income statement

DET NORSKE OLJESELSKAP		Q4		01.01-31.12	
(All figures in NOK 1000)	Note	2008	2007 [1]	2008	2007 [1]
Petroleum revenues		60,764	52,290	326,756	127,689
Other operating revenues	1	303,109	3,335	308,314	3,335
Total operating revenues		**363,872**	**55,625**	**635,070**	**131,024**
Exploration expenses	2	238,551	122,836	544,529	282,943
Change in inventories		(1,266)	2,498	(3,037)	406
Production costs		44,289	9,747	125,657	43,238
Payroll and payroll-related expenses		2,177	10,281	12,634	11,161
Depreciation	6	32,823	17,488	111,357	34,553
Writedowns	3	400,376		400,376	
Other operating expenses		8,282	4,978	15,569	10,807
Total operating expenses		**725,231**	**167,829**	**1,207,084**	**383,109**
Operating profit/loss		**(361,359)**	(112,203)	(572,014)	(252,084)
Interest income		107,624	7,644	144,698	27,289
Other financial income		43,062	1,192	82,214	3,539
Interest expenses		13,427	1,760	44,935	3,940
Other financial expenses		4,688	11,556	26,109	22,288
Net Financial Items	4	**132,571**	**(4,480)**	**155,869**	**4,599**
Income/(loss) before taxes		**(228,788)**	**(116,684)**	**(416,145)**	**(247,485)**
Tax (+)/ tax income (-) on ordinary profit/(loss)	5	(464,419)	97,316	(641,640)	(205,976)
Net income/(loss)		**235,631**	**(19,368)**	**225,494**	**(41,509)**
Minority's share of net profit/loss			(807)	(21)	(807)
Majority's share of net profit/loss			(40,701)	225,515	(40,701)
Weighted average no of shares outstanding		64,925,020	45,219,510	64,925,020	31,240,879
Weighted average no of shares fully diluted		64,925,020	45,219,510	64,925,020	31,240,879
Earnings/loss per share (adjusted for split) after tax		3.63	(0.43)	3.47	(1.33)
Earnings/loss per share (adjusted for split) fully diluted		3.63	(0.43)	3.47	(1.33)

[1] The group was formed 13 November 2007. The comparative figures for 2007, include NOIL Energy from that date.

Balance sheet

(All figures in NOK 1000)	Note	31.12.2008	31.12.2007 [1]	30.09.2008
ASSETS				
Intangible assets				
Goodwill	1,6	864,339	1,671,556	1,742,878
Capitalised exploration expenditures	6	251,544	517,867	543,555
Other intangible assets	6	1,264,624	2,423,340	2,480,372
Tangible fixed assets				
Property, plant and equipment	6	298,054	354,692	543,550
Financial fixed assets				
Long-term receivable (prepayment)		48,447	5,160	27,576
Calculated tax receivable				165,178
Total fixed assets		**2,727,010**	**4,972,614**	**5,503,108**
Inventories				
Inventories		14,727	2,579	11,727
Receivables				
Trade receivables	1	583,463	128,237	31,494
Other receivables	7	200,447	119,718	172,127
Short-term deposits		17,400		
Calculated tax receivable		213,982	618,044	632,107
Cash and cash equivalents				
Cash and cash equivalents	8	1,468,287	585,127	326,628
Total current assets		**2,498,306**	**1,453,705**	**1,174,083**
TOTAL ASSETS		**5,225,316**	**6,426,319**	**6,677,192**

Balance sheet

(All figures in NOK 1000)	Note	31.12.2008	31.12.2007 [1)]	30.09.2008
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Paid in capital				
Share capital	9	12,985	12,985	12,985
Share premium reserve		3,519,597	3,519,597	3,509,524
Minority interests			30,725	
Retained earnings				
Other equity		225,516		
Total equity		**3,758,098**	**3,563,307**	**3,522,509**
Provisions				
Pension obligations		16,164	8,125	9,901
Deferred taxes		847,622	2,166,470	2,186,683
Abandonment provision		134,612	81,133	115,083
Deferred revenues	10	45,132	10,402	24,861
Total provisions		**1,043,530**	**2,266,130**	**2,336,528**
Current liabilities				
Short-term loan			128,625	494,638
Trade creditors		94,287	112,788	73,250
Taxes withheld and public duties payable		12,160	12,044	7,865
Other current liabilities	11	317,241	343,423	242,401
Total current liabilities		**423,688**	**596,881**	**818,154**
Total equity and liabilities		**1,467,217**	**2,863,012**	**3,154,682**
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		**5,225,316**	**6,426,319**	**6,677,192**

[1)] The group was formed on 13 November 2007. The comparative figures for 2007, include NOIL Energy from that date.

Statement of changes in equity

(All figures in NOK 1000)	Share capital	Share premium reserve	Minority interest	Other equity	Total equity
Equity as of 31.12.2006	**5,302**	**802,160**			**807,462**
Share issue (employees)	6	2,086			2,091
Share issue 13.11.2007	6,600	2,369,400			2,376,000
Share issue 6.12.2007	1,077	386,763			387,840
Share issue costs charged to equity		(500)			(500)
Tax effect of share issue costs booked to equity		390			390
Minority's share of profit/loss		(40,701)			(40,701)
Minority interest as of 31.12.2007			30,725		30,725
Minority interest as of 31.12.2007	**12,985**	**3,519,597**	**30,725**		**3,563,307**
Enforced redemption of minority shareholders			(30,704)		(30,704)
Profit/loss for the period			(21)	225,515	225,494
Equity as of 31.12.2008	**12,985**	**3,519,597**		**225,515**	**3,758,098**

Cash flow statement

(All figures in NOK 1000)	Q4 2008	01.01-31.12 2008	2007	01.01-30.09 2008
Cash flow from operating activities				
Income/loss before tax	(228,788)	(416,145)	(247,485)	(187,315)
Tax paid during the period	(1,841)	(1,841)		
Tax refund during the period	610,858	610,858	323,795	
Depreciation	32,823	111,357	34,553	78,533
Writedowns	400,376	400,376		
Expensed dry wells, previous year	124,887	124,887		
Change in plugging and abandonment liabilities	2,414	7,665	3,129	5,251
Change in inventories, accounts payable and accounts receivable	(533,932)	(485,876)	62,975	48,057
Change in net working capital and other accrual items	66,556	(122,371)	127,640	(188,970)
Net cash flow from operating activities	**473,352**	**228,909**	**304,607**	**(244,443)**
Cash flow from investment activities				
Disbursements on investments in tangible fixed assets	(258,113)	(487,012)	(170,824)	(228,899)
Disbursements relating to enforced redemption of minority interests		(75,810)		(75,810)
Disbursements on investments in intangible assets	(68,945)	(144,305)	(194,444)	(75,360)
Sale of licences	1,490,000	1,490,000		
Net cash flow from investment activities	**1,162,942**	**782,873**	**(365,267)**	**(380,070)**
Cash flow from financing activities				
Paid in share capital/capital increase			2,091	
Expenditure relating to acquisition of companies			(13,775)	
Repayment of loan	(494,638)	(128,625)	(290,686)	
Short-term borrowings			130,000	366,013
Net cash flow from financing activities	**(494,638)**	**(128,625)**	**(172,369)**	**366,013**
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	**1,141,658**	**883,157**	**(233,030)**	**(258,500)**
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period	326,628	585,127	565,890	585,127
Cash and cash equivalents in acquired company at time of acquisition			252,267	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	**1,468,286**	**1,468,286**	**585,127**	**326,628**
Specification of cash and cash equivalents at end of period:				
Bank deposits	1,460,176	1,460,176	552,741	302,482
Restricted bank deposits	8,110	8,110	8,806	5,146
Short-term placements			23,580	19,000
Total cash and cash equivalents at end of period	**1,468,287**	**1,468,287**	**585,127**	**326,628**

Notes

(All figures in NOK 1000)

This interim report has been prepared in accordance with international standards for financial reporting (IFRS) issued by the board of IAS, and in accordance with IAS 34 'Interim financial reporting'. The accounting principles used in this report are in accordance with the principles used for the 2007 financial statement. The quarterly report has not been audited.

NOTE 1: MAJOR INDIVIDUAL TRANSACTIONS

Sale of the Goliat and Yme licences

During the fourth quarter, the company sold a 10% share in Yme (PL 316, and PL 316B, PL 316CS and PL 316DS) and a 15% share in Goliat (PL 229, and PL 229B and PL 229C). The effective date of these transactions was 1 January 2008. The implementation date was 30 December 2008. The buyer will cover all expenses from the effective date through a pro & contra settlement. The transactions are recognised in the accounts on the implementation date and have the following effects on the company's balance sheet and income statement:

Description	Accounting item	Goliat	Yme
Balance-sheet items:			
Compensation including interest and pro & contra settlement	Liquid assets	1,255,742	
Compensation including interest, tax balances and pro & contra settlement*	Trade receivables		545,901
Goodwill allocated to the licence	Goodwill	(613,215)	
Deferred tax resulting from acquisition	Deferred tax	672,421	
Deferred tax - ordinary	Deferred tax	159,593	30,540
Capitalised exploration expenses	Capitalised exploration expense	(207,783)	
Other intangible assets	Other intangible assets	(867,712)	
Tangible fixed assets - plant under development	Tangible fixed assets	(80,216)	(363,126)
Share of working capital in licence	Trade creditors, other short-term liabilities, other receivables	14,139	41,088
Total net effect on balance-sheet items		**332,970**	**254,404**
Reimbursement of expenses charged to income in the licence in 2008	Other operating revenues	22,885	2,763
Gain before the effect of deferred tax	Other operating revenues	77,453	194,499
Interest on compensation and pro & contra settlement	Interest income	73,039	26,602
Change in deferred tax in profit/loss account	Tax expense	159,593	30,540
Total net effect on profit/loss after tax, including interest		**332,970**	**254,404**

*) In accordance with the agreement with the buyer, compensation, including interest, tax balances and pro & contra settlement was paid on 20 January 2009. The title deed was transferred to the buyer on the implementation date. Det norske held a mortgage bond in the licence until the payment date of 20 January 2009.

NOTE 2: EXPLORATION EXPENSES

	Q4		01.01-31.12	
Specification of exploration expenses:	**2008**	**2007**	**2008**	**2007**
Seismic shooting, well data, field studies and other exploration expenses	18,769	18,643	82,419	53,661
Share of exploration expenses from participation in licences, including seismic surveys	85,761	24,808	236,019	131,643
Charged to income for capitalised exploration wells previous years	124,887	33	124,887	33
Charged to income for dry exploration wells this year	211	63,105	16,912	63,105
Share of payroll and operating expenses, reclassified as exploration expenses	8,188	7,915	75,527	25,726
Share of R&D costs relating to exploration activities	736	8,331	8,766	8,774
Total exploration expenses	**238,551**	**122,836**	**544,529**	**282,943**

NOTE 3: WRITEDOWNS OF GOODWILL AND LICENCES

A write-down test of goodwill and pertaining licences was carried out in the fourth quarter in accordance with the company's accounting principles. The test was carried out as of 31.12.2008. Goodwill is capitalised as a consequence of the requirement in IFRS 3 to make provision for deferred tax in connection with the acquisition of enterprises, even if the transactions are made on an 'after-tax' basis as a result of a section 10 decision in line with applicable petroleum taxation. The offsetting entry to deferred tax is goodwill.

Each licence is regarded as a cash-generating entity. The value per licence for licences that are still in the exploration phase, is determined by looking at the risked resources and estimating a value per barrel. In order to arrive at a value per barrel, the company has used the average of several analysts' valuations as a basis. The value used is slightly below this average.

For producing licences and licences in a development phase, the recoverable amount is calculated by discounting future cash flows. The discount rate used is 8.0% after tax. The calculations are based on the following expectations regarding oil prices:

Year	Average in USD
2009	53.2
2010	62.0
2011	67.0
2012	69.7
2013	71.5

Based on the evaluations, the following writedowns have been recognised in the accounts:

	Q4		01.01-31.12	
	2008	**2007**	**2008**	**2007**
Writedown tangible fixed assets	50,225		50,225	
Writedown other intangible assets/licence rights	337,825		337,825	
Writedown goodwill	265,324		265,324	
Writedown deferred tax	(252,998)		(252,998)	
Total writedowns	**400,376**		**400,376**	

NOTE 4: FINANCIAL ITEMS

	Q4		01.01-31.12	
	2008	**2007**	**2008**	**2007**
Interest income	107,624	8,818	144,698	28,463
Foreign exchange gains	43,062	18	82,214	2,365
Appreciation, financial investments				
Total interest income expenses and other financial expenses	**150,686**	**8,836**	**226,912**	**30,828**
Interest expenses	13,025	2,050	43,795	4,620
Amortisation of loan expenses	402	390	1,140	390
Foreign exchange loss	3,088	8,893	19,929	19,236
Depreciation, financial investments	1,600	1,983	6,180	1,983
Total interest expenses and other financial expenses	**18,115**	**13,316**	**71,043**	**26,228**
Total financial items	**132,571**	**(4,480)**	**155,869**	**4,599**

NOTE 5: TAX

	Q4		01.01-31.12	
Tax for the period consists of	**2008**	**2007**	**2008**	**2007**
Calculated tax receivable due to exploration expenses	(40,834)	(155,471)	(225,587)	(331,549)
Change in deferred tax	(423,585)	58,156	(416,053)	125,573
Total tax expense (+)/ tax income (-)	**464,419**	**(97,316)**	**(641,640)**	**(205,976)**

NOTE 6: TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS/INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets	Fields under development	Production facilities, including wells	Fixtures and fittings, office machinery etc	Total
Acquisition cost 31.12.2007	**197,289**	**194,932**	**12,584**	**404,804**
Additions/reclassifications	189,449	58,901	9,249	257,599
Disposals/reclassifications				
Acquisition cost 30.09.2008		253,833	21,833	662,403
Accumulated depreciation and write-downs 30.09.2008	386,738	112,350	6,505	118,855
Net book value 30.09.2008	**386,738**	**141,483**	**15,328**	**543,548**
Acquisition cost 30.09.2008	386,738	253,833	21,833	662,403
Additions/reclassifications	240,954	28,377	5,733	275,065
Disposals/reclassifications	437,262	6,110		443,372
Acquisition cost 31.12.2008	190,430	276,100	27,566	494,095
Accumulated depreciation and write-downs 31.12.2008		187,640	8,401	196,042
Net book value 31.12.2008	**190,430**	**88,459**	**19,165**	**298.054**
Depreciation for the year		88,374	6,211	94,585
Writedowns for the year		50,225		50,225
Depreciation Q4		25,065	1,897	26,962
Writedowns Q4		50,225		50,225

Fields under development are depreciated from production start. Production facilities, including wells, are depreciated in accordance with the production unit method. Office machinery, fixtures and fittings etc. are depreciated over their lifetime (3-5 years) in accordance with the straight-line method of depreciation.

Intangible assets	Goodwill	Software	Exploration licences, capitalised exploration wells and field development studies	Purchase of licences	Total
Acquisition cost 31.12.2007	**1,671,556**	**19,839**	**517,867**	**2,427,636**	**4,636,898**
Additions/reclassifications	71,322	6,859	57,386	59,963	195,530
Disposals/reclassifications			31,697		31,697
Acquisition cost 30.09.2008	1,742,878	26,698	543,555	2,487,599	4,800,730
Accumulated depreciation and writedowns 30.09.2008		14,215		19,710	33,925
Net book value 30.09.2008	**1,742,878**	**12,483**	**543,555**	**2,467,889**	**4,766,805**
Acquisition cost 30.09.2008	1,742,878	26,698	543,555	2,487,599	4,800,730
Additions/reclassifications		2,070	61,526	5,348	68,945
Disposals/reclassifications	613,215		353,538	879,479	1,846,232
Acquisition cost 31.12.2008	1,129,663	28,768	251,544	1,613,468	3,023,443
Accumulated depreciation and writedowns 31.12.2008	265,324	15,781		361,831	642,935
Net book value 31.12.2008	**864,339**	**12,987**	**251,544**	**1,251,637**	**2,380,507**
Depreciation for the year		6,246		10,528	16,773
Writedowns for the year	265,324			337,825	603,149
Depreciation Q4		1,566		4,296	5,862
Writedowns Q4	265,324			337,825	603,149
Total depreciation and writedowns 2008:					**111,358**
Depreciation for the year					
Writedowns for the year					**653,374**
Writedown with deferred tax as offsetting entry					(252,998)
Total writedowns 2008					**400,376**

Licences in production are depreciated in accordance with the production unit method. Exploration licences and capitalised exploration wells are temporarily capitalised pending an assessment of their commerciality in accordance with the ‘successful efforts’ method.

NOTE 7: OTHER SHORT-TERM RECEIVABLES

	31/12/2008	31/12/2007
Pre-payments, including rig pre-payments	86,079	65,056
VAT receivable	7,839	11,142
Lifting shortfall (earned income)	4,242	3,558
Guarantee account, unsecured pension scheme	3,653	2,573
Other receivables, including receivables in operator licences	98,634	37,389
Total other receivables	**200,447**	**119,718**

NOTE 8: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The item 'Cash and cash equivalents' consists of bank accounts and short-term placements that are part of the company's transaction liquidity.

Specification of cash and cash equivalents	31/12/2008	31/12/2007
Bank deposits	1,460,176	552,741
Restricted funds (payroll tax withholdings)	8,110	8,806
Short-term placements		25,580
Total cash and cash equivalents	**1,468,287**	**585,127**
Unused credit facility earmarked for exploration	203,283	457,142

NOTE 9: SHARE CAPITAL

	31/12/2008	31/12/2007
Share capital	12,985	12,985
Number of shares	64,925	64,925
Nominal value per share in NOK	0.20	0.20

NOTE 10: DEFERRED INCOME

Together with five other oil companies, Det norske participates in a rig consortium that has reserved the drilling rig Bredford Dolphin for a period of three years (1,095 days). The companies have undertaken to employ the rig for a total of 945 days. Together with another company, Det norske has guaranteed for the commitment relating to the remaining 150 days. As compensation for this commitment, Det norske will receive USD 10,000 per day for the first 945 days of drilling. The amount will be paid into a blocked account and serve as security for the commitment. The amount will be taken to income when it is sufficiently probable that the commitment will not involve any settlement.

	31/12/2008	31/12/2007
Deferred income	38,669	10,402

NOTE 11: OTHER SHORT-TERM LIABILITIES

	31/12/2008	31/12/2007
Short-term liabilities relating to overcall in licences	32,910	119,368
Share of other short-term liabilities from licences	154,750	176,026
Other short-term liabilities	129,582	48,030
Total short-term liabilities	**317,241**	**343,423**

NOTE 12: UNCERTAIN LIABILITIES

In order to ensure the progress of the Frøy project (PL 364), Det norske undertook commitments in relation to the engineering services contractor and other commitments relating to that contractor's subcontractors during the period before 1 October 2008. There is disagreement in the licence as to whether the expense must be covered in its entirety by Det norske or shared between the licence partners, Premier Oil Norge AS and Det norske. The disputed amount is EUR 13.5 million. The whole amount has been entered in the accounts as 'Other short-term liabilities' with 'Tangible fixed assets - fields under development' as the offsetting entry. If the Lease & Operation contract with the contractor is signed before 1 October 2009, the amount will be reimbursed by the contractor and included as part of the total costs of the project and covered by the licence's payment of daily rig rates over the 10-year rental period.

In addition to the EUR 13.5 million mentioned above, Det norske and the contractor also disagree about who should cover a total amount of EUR 3.2 million in contract overruns. The company has not made any provision for this possible commitment.

NOTE 13: CHANGES IN THE LICENCE PORTFOLIO

Licence	31/12/2007	31/03/2008	30/06/2008	30/09/2008	31/12/2008
PL 027D*	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%
PL 035B	25%	25%	25%	25%	15%
PL 103B	0%	0%	0%	70%	70%
PL 229	15%	15%	15%	15%	0%
PL 229B	15%	15%	15%	15%	0%
PL 229C	15%	15%	15%	15%	0%
PL 305/PL 305B	30%	30%	30%	30%	0%
PL 316	10%	10%	10%	10%	0%
PL 316CS	10%	10%	10%	10%	0%
PL 316DS	10%	10%	10%	10%	0%
PL 316B	10%	10%	10%	10%	0%
PL 334	30%	30%	0%	0%	0%
PL 362	25%	25%	25%	25%	15%
PL 380	100%	100%	100%	100%	70%
PL 383	100%	100%	85%	85%	55%
PL 441	60%	60%	0%	0%	0%
PL 447	50%	50%	50%	50%	30%
PL 450	0%	100%	100%	100%	75%
PL 451	0%	40%	40%	40%	40%
PL 453S	0%	25%	25%	25%	25%
PL 458	0%	30%	30%	30%	30%
PL 460	0%	40%	40%	40%	52.5%
PL 463S	0%	100%	100%	100%	70%
PL 476	0%	40%	40%	40%	40%
PL 482	0%	65%	65%	65%	65%
PL 483S	0%	40%	40%	40%	40%
PL 485	0%	0%	15%	15%	15%
PL 490	0%	20%	20%	20%	20%
PL 491	0%	40%	40%	40%	40%
PL 492	0%	30%	30%	30%	30%

• Det norske will have a total owner interest of 35% when the exploration well in the Eitri Prospect has been drilled.

• In APA 2008, Det norske was awarded operatorship in PL 432B (100%, additional area), PL 497 (35%), PL 500 (35%), PL 504 (58.5% and PL 512 (30%). Det norske was awarded participation as partner in PL 494 (30%) and PL 502 (33.3%).

• Det norske has agreed to swap licences with StatoilHydro, so that Det norske will acquire a 10% owner interest in PL 102B and 57% in PL 169B. In return, StatoilHydro will acquire 10% in PL 265. These transactions are conditional on approval by the authorities.

NOTE 14: RESULTS FROM PREVIOUS INTERIM REPORTS

	2008				2007				2006
	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4
Operating revenues	**363,872**	**102,243**	**89,471**	**79,483**	**55,625**	**19,434**	**26,560**	**29,406**	**31,354**
Exploration expenses	238,551	146,443	102,572	56,907	122,836	33,127	102,401	24,579	26,473
Change in inventories	(1,266)	70	(1,499)	(343)	2,498	(2,686)	(881)	1,475	(1,481)
Production costs	44,289	34,513	23,486	23,369	9,747	10,897	9,871	12,723	12,164
Payroll and payroll-related expenses	2,177	1,989	1,549	6,919	10,281	135	313	431	1,727
Depreciation	32,823	29,061	24,217	25,255	17,488	5,191	5,685	6,189	6,030
Write-downs	400,376								
Other operating expenses	8,282	(1,517)	4,160	4,658	4,978	5,475	133	220	625
Total operating expenses	**725,231**	**210,559**	**154,484**	**116,766**	**167,829**	**52,138**	**117,523**	**45,618**	**45,537**
Operating profit/(loss)	(361,359)	(108,317)	(65,013)	(37,283)	(112,203)	(32,704)	(90,963)	(16,213)	(14,183)
Net financial items	132,571	32,233	(1,427)	(7,508)	(4,480)	(1,115)	4,190	6,006	10,655
Ordinary profit-loss before tax	**(228,788)**	**(76,083)**	**(66,440)**	**(44,791)**	**(116,684)**	**(33,819)**	**(86,774)**	**(10,208)**	**(3,528)**
Tax	(464,419)	(81,689)	(59,705)	(35,827)	(97,316)	(28,722)	(68,931)	(11,007)	(3,805)
Net income/loss for the period	**235,631**	**5,605**	**(6,735)**	**(8,964)**	**(19,368)**	**(5,097)**	**(17,843)**	**799**	**277**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