



ÅRSREGNSKAPET FOR REGNSKAPSÅRET 2023 - GENERELL INFORMASJON

Enheten

Organisasjonsnummer: 897 099 152
Organisasjonsform: Aksjeselskap
Foretaksnavn: KNOT SHUTTLE TANKERS 20 AS
Forretningsadresse: Smedasundet 40
5529 HAUGESUND

Regnskapsår

Årsregnskapets periode: 01.01.2023 - 31.12.2023

Konsern

Morselskap i konsern: Nei

Regnskapsregler

Regler for små foretak benyttet: Nei
Benyttet ved utarbeidelsen av årsregnskapet til selskapet: Regnskapslovens alminnelige regler

Årsregnskapet fastsatt av kompetent organ

Bekreftet av representant for selskapet: Karl Gerhard Bråstein Dahl
Dato for fastsettelse av årsregnskapet: 13.03.2024

Grunnlag for avgivelse

År 2023: Årsregnskapet er elektronisk innlevert
År 2022: Tall er hentet fra elektronisk innlevert årsregnskap fra 2023

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Brønnøysundregistrene, 01.05.2025



Resultatregnskap

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2023	2022
RESULTATREGNSKAP			
Inntekter			
Freight income	1	84 743 133	70 812 750
Sum inntekter		84 743 133	70 812 750
Kostnader			
Crew-hire	2	942 488	
Ordinary depreciation	3	25 937 052	22 855 140
Commissions		1 271 575	1 227 952
Other operating expenses		3 851 464	133 149
Administration	2	958 747	742 536
Sum kostnader		32 961 325	24 958 777
Driftsresultat		51 781 808	45 853 973
Finansinntekter og finanskostnader			
Financial income	4	1 493 720	289 463
Foreign exchange profit/loss		-45 207 044	4 366 853
Sum finansinntekter		-43 713 324	4 656 315
Financial expenses	4	6 785 375	9 726 262
Sum finanskostnader		6 785 375	9 726 262
Netto finans		-50 498 699	-5 069 947
Ordinært resultat før skattekostnad		1 283 109	40 784 027
Taxes	5		
Ordinært resultat etter skattekostnad		1 283 109	40 784 027
Årsresultat		1 283 109	40 784 027
Årsresultat etter minoritetsinteresser		1 283 109	40 784 027
Totalresultat		1 283 109	40 784 027



Balanse

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2023	2022
BALANSE - EIENDELER			
Anleggsmidler			
Immaterielle eiendeler			
Utsatt skattefordel	5		
Varige driftsmidler			
Vessel	3	308 691 958	335 405 198
Sum varige driftsmidler		308 691 958	335 405 198
Sum anleggsmidler		308 691 958	335 405 198
Omløpsmidler			
Varer			
Inventories	6	7 930 295	
Sum varer		7 930 295	
Fordringer			
Receivables	11	1 716 906	51 201
Sum fordringer		1 716 906	51 201
Bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende			
Bank deposits	7	38 950 756	20 640 186
Sum bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende		38 950 756	20 640 186
Sum omløpsmidler		48 597 958	20 691 388
SUM EIENDELER		357 289 915	356 096 585
BALANSE - EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD			
Egenkapital			
Innskutt egenkapital			
Share capital		10 000 000	10 000 000
Overkurs		10 411 424	10 411 424
Annen innskutt egenkapital		206 966 928	132 363 728



Balanse

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2023	2022
Sum innskutt egenkapital		227 378 352	152 775 152
Opptjent egenkapital			
Other equity		116 414 922	115 131 813
Sum opptjent egenkapital		116 414 922	115 131 813
Sum egenkapital	8, 9	343 793 274	267 906 965
Gjeld			
Langsiktig gjeld			
Annen langsiktig gjeld			
Gjeld til kredittinstitusjoner	10		85 501 520
Sum annen langsiktig gjeld			85 501 520
Sum langsiktig gjeld		0	85 501 520
Kortsiktig gjeld			
Leverandørgjeld	11	8 190 406	255 962
Tax payable	5		
Kortsiktig konserngjeld		1 091 338	595 670
Other current liabilities		4 214 897	1 836 468
Sum kortsiktig gjeld		13 496 641	2 688 100
Sum gjeld		13 496 641	88 189 620
SUM EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD		357 289 915	356 096 585



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KNOT Shuttle Tankers 20 AS Annual Report 2023



M/T "Dan Cisne"

KNOT
Offshore Partners LP



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KNOT SHUTTLE TANKERS 20 AS

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023

KNOT Shuttle Tankers 20 AS owns one 59,336 DWT MR shuttle tanker, M/T Dan Cisne, delivered from COSCO Nantong Shipyard in China in 2011.

The company operates out of Haugesund, Norway and has no employees and working environment. The daily operations of the company are managed by KNOT Management AS in Haugesund in accordance with separate agreement. The daily operations of the vessel are managed by KNOT Management Denmark A/S in Copenhagen, Denmark in accordance with a separate agreement.

The company's activity

M/T Dan Cisne has been chartered out to Transpetro International Company B.V., a Transpetro Group company for operation offshore Brazil on a bareboat charter party agreement from the company acquired the vessel and the vessel was redelivered to the company in December 2023. The vessel sailed in ballast to North Europe and are now operated in the spot market in North Europe and marketed for longer term time charter contracts as ordinary tanker or shuttle tanker.

Result for the year

The operating result for KNOT Shuttle Tankers 20 AS was NOK 51 781 808 in 2023 compared to NOK 45 853 973 in 2022. After net financial loss of NOK 50 498 699 in 2023, against a loss of NOK 5 069 947 in 2022, the results of the year were NOK 1 283 109 in 2023 compared to NOK 40 784 027 in 2022.

The Board of Directors suggests the result for the year transferred to other equity.

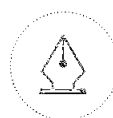
Total cash flow from operating activities in the company was NOK 46 029 695, compared to NOK 82 245 242 in 2022. The liquidity position was NOK 38 950 756 as per 31.12.2023 compared to NOK 20 640 186 as per 31.12.2022. The mortgage loan is repaid in 2023. The company's ability to finance its investments is good.

The company is exposed to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, especially USD, as the company's income is denominated in USD. Since most of the company's operating expenses and financial costs also are denominated in USD, this limits the company's foreign exchange risk. The company has not entered into any forward contracts or other agreements to reduce the company's foreign exchange risk, and thereby operating related market risk.

Total capital was by the end of the year NOK 357 289 915, NOK 356 096 585 at the end of 2022. The equity-share as of 31.12.2023 was 96 %, compared to 75 % per 31.12.2022.

The financial accounts are settled on the assumption of a going concern. The board confirms the assumption of a going concern. The Board of Directors confirms that the Financial Statements give a true picture of the company's assets and liabilities, financial position and results.

The environment safety and quality control



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The requirements for safety and operation of ships are increasing, and the company, the group and the manager KNOT Management AS are concerned with operational excellence. The company vessel consists of modern ships which are designed and engineered for safe, environmentally sound, and efficient operations. The ship is maintained and upgraded continuously to meet the demands and expectations from stakeholders. The company and the manager put significant resources to the quality assurance and there are strict requirements for safety systems and an operation of the ship.

The operation of the vessel can affect the external environment through emissions to air and water and the company and the manager therefor has a high focus on health environment and safety work. The company and manager are concerned with environmental considerations when implementing projects, and environmental considerations are included in all stages from planning and implementation from operation, maintenance, sorting and recycling. The manager and the crew focus on minimize the energy consumption and reduce the pollution from energy generation on the vessel from the daily operation. The requirements for environment and safety in the operations of vessels are increasing, and both the company, the manager and the KNOT Offshore Partners Group emphasize operational quality. There have been no accidents linked to operations that have had serious consequences for crew, the environment, or assets in 2023.

The company have no employees and thus no working environment. The company aims to be workplace where there is no discrimination related to gender, ethnicity, religion, or disability. The board of directors considers the working conditions as satisfactory. The company aims to avoid gender discrimination regarding salary, promotion and recruiting. The members of the Board of Directors are all men. There have not been taken out any board of directors' liability insurance.

The company and the other companies in the Norwegian part of the group regularly carries out risk-based due diligence assessments in accordance with the obligations pursuant to the Act relating to enterprises' transparency and work on fundamental human rights and decent working conditions (LOV-2021-06-18-99) section 4. The due diligence assessments cover the operations in the company. The account for these due diligence assessments and other obligations pursuant to the Act's section 5 are included in a report that could be found here www.knutsenoas.com and the report is updated minimum one time per year.

Future prospects

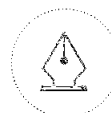
M/T Dan Cisne is operated in the spot market in North Europe and marketed for time charter contracts as ordinary tanker or shuttle tanker. Based on the operation of the vessel in 2023 the Board of Directors of KNOT Shuttle Tankers 20 AS expects to secure a charter contract for the vessel in 2024 and that the year will be a satisfactory for the vessel and the company.

Haugesund, March 13, 2024

Trygve Seglem
Chairman of the Board

Karl Gerhard Bråstein Dahl
Member of the Board

Takashi Domyo
Member of the Board



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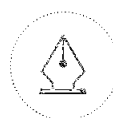
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KNOT Shuttle Tankers 20 AS

Profit & Loss Account

	Note	2023	2022
<u>Operating Income</u>			
Freight income	1	84 743 133	70 812 750
<i>Total Operating Income</i>		<u>84 743 133</u>	<u>70 812 750</u>
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
Crew-hire	2	942 488	0
Commissions		1 271 575	1 227 952
Other operating expenses		3 851 464	133 149
Administration	2	958 747	742 536
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>		<u>7 024 273</u>	<u>2 103 637</u>
<i>Operating result before depreciation</i>		<u>77 718 860</u>	<u>68 709 113</u>
Ordinary depreciation	3	25 937 052	22 855 140
<i>Total depreciation</i>		<u>25 937 052</u>	<u>22 855 140</u>
<i>Operating Result</i>		<u>51 781 808</u>	<u>45 853 973</u>
<u>Financial Income and Expenses</u>			
Financial income	4	1 493 720	289 463
Foreign exchange profit/loss		-45 207 044	4 366 853
Financial expenses	4	-6 785 375	-9 726 262
<i>Net Financial Items</i>		<u>-50 498 699</u>	<u>-5 069 947</u>
<i>Net profit before tax</i>		<u>1 283 109</u>	<u>40 784 027</u>
Taxes	5	0	0
<i>Result for the year</i>		<u>1 283 109</u>	<u>40 784 027</u>



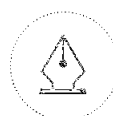
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KNOT Shuttle Tankers 20 AS
Balance Sheet as of 31. December

<u>ASSETS</u>	Note	2023	2022
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Vessel	3	308 691 958	335 405 198
<i>Total Fixed Assets</i>		<u>308 691 958</u>	<u>335 405 198</u>
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Inventories	6	7 930 295	0
Receivables	11	1 716 906	51 201
Bank deposits	7	38 950 756	20 640 186
<i>Total Current Assets</i>		<u>48 597 958</u>	<u>20 691 388</u>
<i>ASSETS</i>		<u>357 289 915</u>	<u>356 096 585</u>



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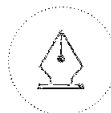
<u>Shareholders Equity and Liabilities</u>	Note	2023	2022
<u>Equity</u>			
Share capital		10 000 000	10 000 000
Share premium		10 411 424	10 411 424
Other paid-in equity		206 966 928	132 363 728
<i>Total paid in capital</i>		<u>227 378 352</u>	<u>152 775 152</u>
Other equity		116 414 922	115 131 813
<i>Total Equity</i>	8, 9	<u>343 793 274</u>	<u>267 906 965</u>
<u>Other non-current liabilities</u>			
Liabilities to financial institutions	10	<u>0</u>	<u>85 501 520</u>
<i>Total Long Term Debt</i>		<u>0</u>	<u>85 501 520</u>
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Accounts payable	11	8 190 406	255 962
Current liabilities group		1 091 338	595 670
Other current liabilities		4 214 897	1 836 468
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>		<u>13 496 641</u>	<u>2 688 100</u>
<i>Total liabilities</i>		<u>13 496 641</u>	<u>88 189 620</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		<u>357 289 915</u>	<u>356 096 585</u>

Haugesund, March 13, 2024,

Trygve Seglem
chairman of the board

Karl Gerhard Bråstein Dahl
member of the board

Takashi Domyo
member of the board



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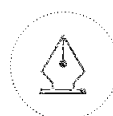


KNOT SHUTTLE TANKERS 20 AS

CASHFLOW STATEMENT

The cash flow statement is presented using the indirect method of NRS. The liquidity balance is defined as the sum of cash, bank deposits and other short term liquid deposits.

	2023	2022
Result before tax	1,283,109	40,784,027
+ Ordinary depreciation	25,937,052	22,855,140
-/+ Profit/loss on foreign exchange liabilities to fin. institutions	16,047,750	24,655,440
+ Financial expenses - liabilities to financial institutions	773,055	911,937
= Total generated from operations	44,040,966	89,206,544
+ Net received on current assets	-8,819,812	6,718
+ Net received on current liabilities	10,808,541	-6,968,020
Net cashflow from operations	46,029,695	82,245,242
<u>Cashflow from investments</u>		
Net cashflow from investments	0	0
<u>Cashflow from financing</u>		
Repayment of liabilities to financial institutions	-102,322,325	-66,651,560
Equity received - group contribution	74,603,200	0
Dividend paid-out	0	-16,805,432
Net cashflow from financing	-27,719,125	-83,456,992
Net cashflow for the year	18,310,570	-1,211,750
+ Bank deposits per 01.01.	20,640,186	21,851,936
= Bank deposits per 31.12.	38,950,756	20,640,186



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KNOT SHUTTLE TANKERS 20 AS

Notes to the Financial Statement 31.12.2023

Accounting Principles

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Norwegian Accounting Act and generally accepted accounting principles in Norway.

Transactions in Foreign Currency

Transactions in foreign currency is recorded at the rate of exchange on the day the transaction is carried out. Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies, that are not used for hedging purposes, are valued at the exchange rate on the date of the balance. Time charter hire in foreign currency for a calendar month is recorded at the rate of exchange on the first day with contract revenue of the month.

Related party transactions

The Company has undertaken several agreements and transactions with group companies and/or related parties. The level of fees are based on market terms and are in accordance with the arm's length principle. Ship management fee includes services like technical management, crewing management, IT and energy management.

1 Contracts

The vessel is now marketing for new time charter employment.

The income from the bareboat was in USD, and was recorded in profit and loss on a straight line basis over the lease term, net of hedging impact.

KNOT Management Denmark A/S has been appointed as ship manager for the vessel and as agent towards the ship registry in Denmark. KNOT Management AS has been appointed by the company as manager for the company.

2 Employees and remuneration

The company has no employees and thereby no pension liabilities (under the new OTP regulation). The company hires the crew from KNOT Management Denmark A/S in accordance with separate management agreements.

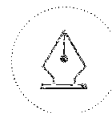
Auditors remuneration (not including VAT):

	2023	2022
Auditor's fee		
Auditing	21,284	40,103
Other consultancy	0	0
	<u>21,284</u>	<u>40,103</u>

3 Fixed Assets

The total cost of the vessel is capitalised at delivery and depreciated linearly to estimated net sales price at the end of estimated economic life. Normal economic life of shuttle tankers is estimated to 23 years from delivery as newbuilding. We use extended life or reduced life if there are commercial or technical indications that the 23 year profile for that specific entity is not correct, i.e. fixed charter contracts above 23 year age, commercial restrictions or technical conditions or -requirements. Equipment or part of the vessels with a material cost or specific use that have another estimated life is evaluated separately.

Dry-docking expenses, in connection with certificate renewal and class of the vessel, are capitalised and expensed over the period till the next class renewal with dry-docking. This is in line with the depreciation plan of the vessel, and takes into account that the vessel is classified to operate for an additional period. Dry-docking is carried out every 5th year for vessels less than 15 years, and every 2.5 year for vessels more than 15 years. In the case of a newbuilding, a portion of the total cost of the vessel equal to the dry-docking cost is capitalised. Actual expenses related to repair and maintenance of the vessel are expensed when the work is executed.



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Vessel	2023	2022
Historical value 01.01	536,377,203	536,377,203
Acc. Depreciation 01.01	200,972,006	178,116,866
Book value 01.01	335,405,198	358,260,338
Allocated to dry-dock	12,884,501	0
Allocated to lub oil	776,188	0
Ordinary annual depreciation	25,693,948	22,855,140
Book value 31.12.	296,050,561	335,405,198

Dry-docking	2023	
Capitalised dry-docking	0	
Accumulated depreciation dry-docking 1.1.	0	
Capitalised dry-docking 1.1.	0	
Allocated from vessel	12,884,501	
Annual depreciation	243,104	
Book value 31.12.	12,641,397	
Total vessel	308,691,958	335,405,198

4 **Financial Income and -Expenses**

	2023	2022
Financial Income:		
Interest income from group companies/related parties		
Other interest income	1,493,720	289,463
Total financial income	1,493,720	289,463
Financial expenses:		
Interest expenses	6,141,807	8,682,391
Guarantee expenses group companies/related parties	411,446	801,855
Other financial expenses	232,122	242,015
Total financial expenses	6,785,375	9,726,262

5 **Tax**

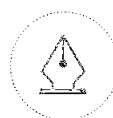
The company qualify for and have elected to be taxed based on the Norwegian tonnage tax regime.

In the tonnage tax regime, the company pay no tax on qualifying operational result and part of the net financial related to the ownership of the vessel, but pay an annual tax set annually by the parliament related to the tonnage owned by the company. The limited part of the profit that is taxable are taxed under the standard Norwegian company tax that for the accounting period is 22%. Tonnage taxed companies will also have to pay a calculated tax on the equity if the equity exceed 70% of total capital.

Below is a specification of the temporary differences at the end of the financial year.

	2023	Change	2022
Loss carried forward	-41,529,257	2,679,713	-44,208,970
Basis for deferred tax (benefit)	-41,529,257	2,679,713	-44,208,970
Deferred tax (benefit) (22 %)	-9,136,437	589,537	-9,725,973
Deferred tax (benefit) booked	0	0	0

Deferred tax assets related to losses carried forward are only recognized to the extent that it is more probable than not that these will be utilized in the future.



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Taxable result tonnage tax scheme:

	2023	2022
Net financial items	-50,498,699	-5,069,947
Non-deductable currency loss	43,923,203	-5,540,774
High equity capital	2,302,759	0
Interest deduction	6,952,450	7,751,284
Taxable income before loss carried forward	2,679,713	-2,859,436
Change in loss carried forward	2,679,713	-2,859,436
Taxable income	0	0
Tax payable	0	0
Change in deferred tax	0	0
Tax expense	0	0
Tonnage tax expenses under operating expenses	70,956	70,956

6 Inventories

Specification of inventories per 31.12.

	2023
Lube oil	776,188
Bunker	7,154,107
Total inventory	7,930,295

7 Bank deposits

The company doesn't have restricted bank funds per 31.12.

8 Equity

Specification of the equity per 31.12.

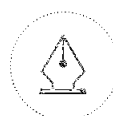
	Share capital	Share premium	Additional paid-in capital	Other equity	Total equity
Equity 01.01	10,000,000	10,411,424	132,363,728	115,131,813	267,906,965
Group contribution, net	0	0	74,603,200	0	74,603,200
Result for the year	0	0	0	1,283,109	1,283,109
Equity 31.12.	10,000,000	10,411,424	206,966,928	116,414,922	343,793,274

Share capital consists of 100 shares NOK 100,000 each, all held by KNOT Shuttle Tankers AS.

KNOT Shuttle Tankers 20 AS is controlled 100% by KNOT Offshore Partners LP. Accounting for the Group can be obtained from the website, <http://knotoffshorepartners.com/>.

9 Shares Owned by Board Members and Affiliates

Trygve Seglem controls TS Shipping Invest AS, which owns 50 % of the company Knutsen NYK Offshore Tankers AS, which controls 30,47 % of KNOT Offshore Partners LP.



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10 Mortgage Debt and Financial Instruments

All loans and borrowings are initially recognized at cost, being the fair value of the consideration received net of issue costs associated with the borrowing.

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method; any difference between proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recorded in the profit and loss over the period of the interest-bearing liabilities. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any issue costs, and any discount or premium on settlement.

We use hedge accounting for long term debt in foreign currencies. The expected net future nominal cash-flow in the same currency from chartering out vessel is the hedging object. The realized foreign exchange gain and -losses are booked together with the hedging object under the the freight income. We book realized- and unrealized foreign exchange gain/-loss for any ineffective part of the hedging over financial items.

Gains and losses are recognized in the net profit and loss statement when the liabilities are devalued or depreciated, as well as through the amortization process.

	Currency	Outstanding currency	Hedge accounting rate	Accounting balance	
				2023	2022
Mortgage debt	USD	0	6.1759	0	86,274,575
Debt issuance cost				0	-773,055
Liabilities to financial institutions				0	85,501,520

The company has aimed to reduce the market risk by entering financial contracts. Hedge accounting has been applied for revenue in foreign currency - cash flow hedge. Loans in foreign currencies are used as hedging instrument. The profit and loss impact of the hedging instrument is presented together with the hedged risk. This implies that realized currency gain/losses on the loans are presented as an increase/reduction of operating income.

	2023	2022
Foreign exchange gain/-loss not taken over profit and loss (i.e. off-balance):	0	-52,116,219

Amounts due within 12 months of the balance sheet date:

Mortgage debt	0	86,274,575
Debt issuance cost	0	-773,055
Liabilities to financial institutions	0	85,501,520

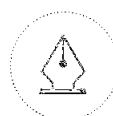
Repayment profile:

0 - 12 months	0	13,969,555
13 - 24 months	0	0
25 - 36 months	0	0
37 - 48 months	0	0
49 - 60 months	0	0
After 60 months	0	0
	0	13,969,555

The exchange rate at the year-end	USDNOK	10.2025	9.9066
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The company has entered into interest rate swap contracts to reduce the effects of exchange rate fluctuations. Hedge accounting has been applied for revenue in interest rate swap contracts - cash flow hedge. Fixed rate interest rate swaps are used as hedging instrument. The profit and loss impact of the hedging instrument is presented together with the hedged risk. This implies that realized gains/-losses on the interest rate swaps are presented as an reduction/increase of Interest expenses.

	Currency	2023	2022
Outstanding fixed interest rate swaps	USD	0	7,671,053
Mark to market valuation	USD	0	138,181



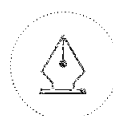
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11 Balances with related parties

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Accounts payable</u>		
KNOT Management AS	1,875,933	123,406
<u>Receivables</u>		
KNOT Management Denmark A/S	<u>4,887</u>	<u>21,315</u>



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Annual Shareholders' Meeting of KNOT Shuttle Tankers 20 AS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of KNOT Shuttle Tankers 20 AS (the Company), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2023, the income statement, statement of cash flows for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion the financial statements comply with applicable legal requirements and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2023 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Norwegian Accounting Act and accounting standards and practices generally accepted in Norway.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the requirements of the relevant laws and regulations in Norway and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other information

Other information consists of the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Management (the board of directors) is responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information, and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information, and, in doing so, consider whether the board of directors' report contains the information required by legal requirements and whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information or that the information required by legal requirements is not included, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard, and in our opinion, the board of directors' report is consistent with the financial statements and contains the information required by applicable legal requirements.

Responsibilities of management for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the Norwegian Accounting Act and accounting standards and practices generally accepted in Norway, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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.
- 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 purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use 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 Company's ability 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 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 the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the board of directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Oslo, 13 March 2024
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The auditor's report is signed electronically

Johan Lid Nordby
State Authorised Public Accountant (Norway)

Independent auditor's report - Knot Shuttle Tankers 20 AS 2023

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Skattedirektoratet

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Dispensasjon fra kravet om å utarbeidelse av årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk språk

Det vises til deres brev av 17. november 2011 og telefonsamtale i sakens anledning. Det søkes om dispensasjon fra kravet om å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk språk på vegne av;

Knutsen NYK Shuttle Tankers 8 AS	org. nr. 997 091 051
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Knutsen Shuttle Tankers 15 AS	org. nr. 997 006 968
Knutsen NYK Shuttle Tankers 16 AS	org. nr. 997 404 009

Skattedirektoratet gir på bakgrunn av en konkret helhetsvurdering de overnevnte selskaper dispensasjon fra kravet til å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk språk, jf. regnskapsloven § 3-4 tredje ledd.

Dispensasjonen forutsetter at engelsk språk benyttes i stedet ved utarbeidelsen, og at øvrige opplysninger som vedtaket baserer seg på, heller ikke endres vesentlig.

Bakgrunn

De overnevnte selskapene er eid 50 % av TS Shipping Invest AS og 50 % av NYK Logistics Holding (Europe) B.V. som er hjemmehørende i Nederland. TS Shipping Invest AS fikk i vedtak (2010/867030) av 2. juni 2010 dispensasjon fra kravet om utarbeidelse av årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk språk. Selskapene driver virksomhet innen shippingbransjen som er en global bransje hvor engelsk primært benyttes ved kommunikasjon med omverden. Selskapene benytter også engelsk som arbeidsspråk internt. Brukerne av regnskapene er hovedsakelig aksjonærer, banker samt interessegrupper tilknyttet driften. Styrene i selskapene har medlemmer som ikke er norskspråklige. De norske versjonene av årsregnskapet utarbeides kun for å tilfredsstille regnskapsloven.

Skattedirektoratets vurdering

Etter regnskapsloven § 3-4 tredje ledd skal ”årsregnskapet og årsberetningen ... være på norsk. Departementet kan ved ... enkeltvedtak bestemme at årsregnskapet og/eller årsberetningen kan være på et annet språk.”

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I Ot. prp. nr. 42 (1997-1998) Om lov om årsregnskap m.v., er det uttalt følgende om regnskapslovens formål, jf. pkt. 1.1:

”Regjeringen har som siktemål at regnskapsloven skal bidra til informative regnskaper for ulike grupper av regnskapsbrukere. Regnskapsbrukerne er dels investorer og kreditorer som tilfører kapital til foretakene, og dels andre grupper som har interesse av å vite hvordan foretaket drives, f.eks. de ansatte og lokalsamfunnet. Informasjonen til kapitalmarkedet skal gi grunnlag for riktig prising av finansielle objekter. Riktig prisdannelse på aksjer er en forutsetning for at ressursbruken i samfunnsøkonomien skal bli best mulig. Gode regnskaper vil også gjøre det vanskeligere for markedsdeltakere å ta ut spekulasjonsgevinster med basis i skjevt fordelt informasjon.”

Det fremgår således at et av hovedformålene med regnskapsloven er å bidra til *“informative regnskaper for ulike grupper av regnskapsbrukere”*. Regnskapsbrukere vil omfatte, jf. uttalelsen i proposisjonen, blant andre investorer, kreditorer, ansatte og lokalsamfunnet.

Det er etter Skattedirektoratets vurdering derfor avgjørende ved vurdering av om dispensasjon fra kravet til å utarbeide årsregnskap og/eller årsberetning på norsk, at det ikke foreligger mulige brukere av regnskapsinformasjon som blir vesentlig berørt negativt ved en eventuell dispensasjon.

Som nevnt ovenfor er det særlig hensynet til brukerne av regnskapsinformasjon som skal vurderes ved en dispensasjonssøknad. I denne vurderingen har Skattedirektoratet lagt vekt på at selskapene er 50 % eid av et selskap som er innvilget dispensasjon og 50 % av et nederlandsk selskap. Selskapene opererer i en global bransje hvor engelsk primært benyttes. Arbeidsspråk er også engelsk. Videre er det vektlagt at styrene i selskapene har medlemmer som ikke er norskspråklige.

Vennligst oppgi vår referanse ved henvendelser i anledning saken.

Med hilsen

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