



ÅRSREGNSKAPET FOR REGNSKAPSÅRET 2022 - GENERELL INFORMASJON

Enheten

Organisasjonsnummer: 912 700 879
Organisasjonsform: Aksjeselskap
Foretaksnavn: WEST SUPPLY VII EIER AS
Forretningsadresse: Smedasundet 97
5525 HAUGESUND

Regnskapsår

Årsregnskapets periode: 01.01.2022 - 31.12.2022

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: Anett Våge
Dato for fastsettelse av årsregnskapet: 21.03.2023

Grunnlag for avgivelse

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Brønnøysundregistrene, 25.06.2024



Resultatregnskap

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2022	2021
RESULTATREGNSKAP			
Inntekter			
Operating income	1	11 853 375	11 853 375
Sum inntekter		11 853 375	11 853 375
Kostnader			
Depreciation	3	6 090 920	6 159 488
Operating expenses vessels	2	267 534	292 810
Overhead expenses	4	29 483	30 702
Sum kostnader		6 387 936	6 483 000
Driftsresultat		5 465 439	5 370 375
Finansinntekter og finanskostnader			
Annen renteinntekt	5	126 359	349
Sum finansinntekter		126 359	349
Net currency differences		131 693	28 892
Financial expenses	5	3 958 647	3 354 197
Sum finanskostnader		4 090 339	3 383 088
Netto finans		-3 963 980	-3 382 739
Ordinært resultat før skattekostnad		1 501 459	1 987 636
Ordinært resultat etter skattekostnad		1 501 459	1 987 636
Årsresultat		1 501 459	1 987 636
Årsresultat etter minoritetsinteresser		1 501 459	1 987 636
Totalresultat		1 501 459	1 987 636
Overføringer og disponeringer			
Transfer to other equity		1 501 459	1 987 636
Sum overføringer og disponeringer		1 501 459	1 987 636



Balanse

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2022	2021
BALANSE - EIENDELER			
Anleggsmidler			
Immaterielle eiendeler			
Varige driftsmidler			
Vessel	3, 6	131 488 343	137 579 263
Sum varige driftsmidler		131 488 343	137 579 263
Sum anleggsmidler		131 488 343	137 579 263
Omløpsmidler			
Varer			
Fordringer			
Accounts receivable	6, 7	1 006 725	3 961 950
Other short-term receivables	6	20 900	22 602
Konsernfordringer	7	13 332	
Sum fordringer		1 040 957	3 984 552
Bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende			
Bank deposits	6	6 043 292	3 467 973
Sum bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende		6 043 292	3 467 973
Sum omløpsmidler		7 084 249	7 452 525
SUM EIENDELER		138 572 593	145 031 789
BALANSE - EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD			
Egenkapital			
Innskutt egenkapital			
Share capital (5.700 shares at NOK 66.030)	8	43 928 655	43 928 655
Overkurs		16 549 020	16 549 020
Sum innskutt egenkapital		60 477 675	60 477 675



Balanse

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2022	2021
Opptjent egenkapital			
Other equity		19 308 510	17 807 052
Sum opptjent egenkapital		19 308 510	17 807 052
Sum egenkapital	9	79 786 185	78 284 726
Gjeld			
Langsiktig gjeld			
Annen langsiktig gjeld			
Gjeld til kredittinstitusjoner	6	58 000 000	66 138 856
Sum annen langsiktig gjeld		58 000 000	66 138 856
Sum langsiktig gjeld		58 000 000	66 138 856
Kortsiktig gjeld			
Leverandørgjeld	7	70 404	63 610
Tax payable	2		
Kortsiktig konserngjeld	7	70 236	
Other current liabilities		645 768	544 596
Sum kortsiktig gjeld		786 408	608 206
Sum gjeld		58 786 408	66 747 062
SUM EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD		138 572 593	145 031 789



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West Supply VII Eier AS

Profit and loss statement

(figures in USD)

Notes	Operating revenue and operating expenses	2022	2021
1	Operating income	11 853 375	11 853 375
2	Operating expenses vessels	267 534	292 810
	Operating result vessels	11 585 841	11 560 565
3	Depreciation	6 090 920	6 159 488
	Result after depreciation	5 494 921	5 401 077
4	Overhead expenses	29 483	30 702
	Operating result	5 465 439	5 370 375
	Financial income and expenses		
5	Financial income	126 359	349
	Net currency differences	-131 693	-28 892
5	Financial expenses	3 958 647	3 354 197
	Net financial result	-3 963 980	-3 382 739
	Result before taxation	1 501 459	1 987 636
2	Tax on ordinary result	0	0
	Result for the year	1 501 459	1 987 636
	Allocation of result and equity transfers		
	Transfer to other equity	1 501 459	1 987 636
	Total allocations and equity transfers	1 501 459	1 987 636



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West Supply VII Eier AS

Balance Sheet at 31 December

(figures in USD)

Notes	ASSETS	2022	2021
	Non-current assets		
	Tangible fixed assets		
3, 6	Vessel	<u>131 488 343</u>	<u>137 579 263</u>
	Total tangible fixed assets	<u>131 488 343</u>	<u>137 579 263</u>
	Total non-current assets	<u>131 488 343</u>	<u>137 579 263</u>
	Current assets		
	Receivables		
6, 7	Accounts receivable	1 006 725	3 961 950
7	Receivables from group companies	13 332	0
6	Other short-term receivables	<u>20 900</u>	<u>22 602</u>
	Total receivables	<u>1 040 957</u>	<u>3 984 552</u>
6	Bank deposits	<u>6 043 292</u>	<u>3 467 973</u>
	Total current assets	<u>7 084 249</u>	<u>7 452 525</u>
	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>138 572 593</u>	<u>145 031 789</u>



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West Supply VII Eier AS

Balance Sheet at 31 December

(figures in USD)

Notes	EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	2022	2021
	Equity		
	Paid-in capital		
8	Share capital (5.700 shares at NOK 66.030)	43 928 655	43 928 655
	Share premium	16 549 020	16 549 020
	Total paid-in capital	60 477 675	60 477 675
	Retained earnings		
	Other equity	19 308 510	17 807 052
	Total retained earnings	19 308 510	17 807 052
9	Total equity	79 786 185	78 284 726
	Liabilities		
6	Debt to financial institutions	58 000 000	66 138 856
	Total non-current liabilities	58 000 000	66 138 856
	Current liabilities		
7	Accounts payable	70 404	63 610
7	Debt to group companies	70 236	0
	Other current liabilities	645 768	544 596
	Total current liabilities	786 408	608 206
	Total liabilities	58 786 408	66 747 062
	TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	138 572 593	145 031 789

Haugesund, 21.03.2023

Johannes Østensjø
Chairman of the Board / CEO

Mark Norman Ras
Board member

Fredrik Ottesen
Board member



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West Supply VII Eier AS
Notes to Financial Statements 31 December 2022

Accounting principles

The financial statement have been prepared in according with the Norwegian Accounting Act and generally accepted accounting principles.

Currency

The Financial Statements are presented in USD. Monetary items (assets, liabilities and bank deposits) in foreign currency are converted at the exchange rate as on the balance sheet date. The exchange rate to Norwegian kroner for 2022 is set to 9,9066 for the balance sheet date and 9,6197 as an average for the year.

Classification and valuation of balance sheet items

Current assets and liabilities include items due for payment within one year from the date of acquisition. Other items are classified as fixed assets / long-term liabilities. Current assets are valued at lower of cost or fair value. Current liabilities are recorded at nominal value at the time it is incurred.

Fixed Assets

Tangible assets are capitalized and depreciated over the expected economic life. Direct maintenance costs are expensed as incurred, while improvements are allocated to the cost base of the relevant asset and depreciated with that asset. If the recoverable amount of the asset is lower than the carrying amount, the asset is written down to its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of net selling price and value in use. Value in use is the present value of future cash flow that the asset is expected to generate.

Drydock / class cost of owned vessels are capitalized and depreciated steadily until the next drydocking. For new vessels, a share of the cost is decomposed and depreciated until the first drydock / classification. All new drydock / class cost from 2018 will be depreciated over 5 years.

Receivables

Receivables are recorded at nominal value less realized and expected losses. Provisions for doubtful debts are made on the basis of individual assessment of each receivable.

Taxes

The company requires assessment pursuant to § 8-10 of the Tax Law - under the Tonnage Tax Regime. This means that the operation of vessels is not taxed, but certain financial income and expenses are subject to taxation.

Operating revenue and expenses

Revenue from freight operations is recognized when earned, which would normally be in the line with the operation of the vessel. Expenses are recorded based on the matching principle, which means that expenses are included in the same period as the related revenues are recognized.



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Use of estimates

During the preparation of the financial statements and according to the generally accepted accounting principles the management has used estimates and assumptions that affect the profit and loss account and the valuation of assets and liabilities, and requires disclosure of information about liabilities that, as of the balance sheet date, are not yet certain.

Hedge accounting

The company uses derivative financial instruments, such as interest rate swaps to hedge its interest rate risk. If the company consider the hedge as effective, any gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the derivatives are considered as an off balance item. If considered hedge, accounting payments/expenses under the interest rate swap agreement are classified as financial income or expense.

Cash Flow analysis

The cash flow statement is prepared using the indirect method.

Group

The company is included in West Supply VII AS's consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements can be obtained at the company's business office in Haugesund.

Note 1 - Operating Income

The vessel Edda Freya has been on a TC-contract with Deep Ocean during 2022 via West Supply VII Drift AS, which has leased the vessel from the company on bareboat terms.



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Note 2 - Taxes

Tax payable based on the result for the year

The company requires assessment pursuant to § 8-10 of the Tax Law - under the Tonnage Tax Regime. This means that profit on financial income and expenses are subject to taxation. At the same time companies within the tonnage tax scheme will have to pay a tonnage tax based on the size of the company's operated vessel, which in 2022 amounted to NOK 29 565 (NOK 29 565 in 2021). Tonnage tax is classified as an operating expense.

	2022	2021
Interest income	126 359	349
Currency differences	-237 946	46 441
Interest expenses	-195 410	-174 549
Other financial expenses	-482 888	-1 479 905
Limitation of interest expense	324 231	0
Taxable profit, base for tax payable	-465 655	-1 607 664
Tax loss carried forward 01.01.	8 930 077	7 623 693
Conversion difference 01.01 loss	-964 797	-257 796
Tax loss current year	442 779	1 564 180
Tax loss carried forward 31.12.	8 408 059	8 930 077
Income tax expense		
Tax payable	0	0
Total income tax expense	0	0



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Note 3 - Vessel

Edda Freya	2022	2021
Book value 01.01	165 813 763	165 813 763
Additions	0	0
Disposal	0	0
Accumulated depreciation	-36 135 706	-30 646 738
Book value 31.12	129 678 057	135 167 025
Depreciation of the year	-5 488 968	-5 488 968
Drydock 01.01	2 412 238	2 116 916
Charged as expense	-601 952	-670 520
Additions drydock	0	965 842
Book value drydock 31.12	1 810 286	2 412 238
Total book value vessel 31.12	131 488 343	137 579 263

The depreciation schedule for the vessel is 30 years linear depreciation.

The offshore oil and gas market has been challenging over a longer period. However, the market for high specification construction vessels is improving and the company is experiencing both increased demand and higher rate expectations for the Edda Freya. The market value has been obtained from two independent brokers. If the obtained market value indicates impairment of the book value of the vessel, an impairment test has been performed. The impairment test analysis employs estimate of future cash flows for the vessel to calculate the value in use.

The analysis takes into consideration the vessel's current charter and expected future contract, as well as utilization through the expected vessel usage time. In addition, the analysis takes into consideration the expected expenses for operation of the vessel, including estimated dry-docking costs.

Additional key assumptions in the analysis include the Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC), which is set to 11.2%. The usage period of the vessel is assumed to be 30 years after delivery. The value in use calculations are based on best estimate and there is a high level of uncertainty in the calculation. The estimated value in use is highly sensitive to any changes in these assumptions. If the impairment analysis shows that the estimated value in use is lower than the book value of the vessel, an impairment is made to the highest recoverable amount of net sales and value in use.

For 2022, the broker values and the value in use calculation indicate values above booked value for the vessel. The Company has assessed that the input in the calculation has not significant changed from prior years and is still reasonable and valid, and supports the booked value as of 31.12.22.



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Note 4 - Remuneration

The company has no employees and is therefore not obliged to follow Act on Mandatory Occupational Pensions.

There has been no remuneration to board members in 2022.

Audit fee for 2022 amounts to USD 10 128 (ex. VAT).

Note 5 - Financial income and expenses

<u>Financial income</u>	2022	2021
Interest from bank	89 220	121
Interest from group companies	1 237	228
Other interest income	35 903	0
Total Financial income	126 359	349

Financial expenses

Interest expenses	3 475 758	1 861 792
Guarantee commission	468 596	1 028 947
Interest to group companies	0	0
Other financial expenses	14 292	463 458
Total Financial expenses	3 958 647	3 354 197

Note 6 - Mortgages and guarantees

	2022	2021
Pledged debt	58 000 000	66 138 856
Liabilities due more than 5 years after year-end	0	0

Book value of pledged assets:

Vessels	131 488 343	137 579 263
Trade debtors	1 006 725	3 961 950
Other receivables	20 900	22 602
Bank deposits	6 043 292	3 467 973
Total book value of pledged assets	138 559 260	145 031 788

The company's bank debt relates to a loan facility financing the Edda Freya. A long-term refinancing of the facility was concluded during the 2nd half of 2022. The facility is fully guaranteed by West Supply VII AS and West Supply VII Drift AS.

In addition, the shareholders of West Supply VII AS have provided pro-rata guarantees for 50% of the outstanding debt.



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Note 7 - Group companies

<u>Accounts receivables</u>	2022	2021
West Supply VII Drift AS	1 006 725	3 961 950
	1 006 725	3 961 950

Receivables from group companies

West Supply VII Drift AS	13 332	0
	13 332	0

Accounts payable

West Supply VI AS	6 810	0
West Supply VI Drift AS	6 810	0
Østensjø Rederi AS	1 796	1 936
	15 416	1 936

Debt to group companies

West Supply VII AS	8 263	0
Johannes Østensjø dy AS	61 973	0
	70 236	0

Other Current liabilities

West Supply VII AS	0	35 568
West Supply VII Drift AS	0	35 568
Johannes Østensjø dy AS	0	259 120
	0	330 256

Note 8 - Share capital and shareholder information

<u>Shareholder</u>	Number of shares	Owner's share	Voting rights
West Supply VII AS	5.700	100 %	100 %

Board members own 54 % of the shares.

Note 9 - Equity

	Share-capital	Share premium	Other equity	Total equity
Equity 01.01	43 928 655	16 549 020	17 807 052	78 284 726
Result	0	0	1 501 459	1 501 458
Equity 31.12	43 928 655	16 549 020	19 308 510	79 786 185



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West Supply VII Eier AS
Cash flow Statement

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Cashflow from operations</u>		
Result before taxation	1 501 459	1 987 636
Depreciation	5 488 968	5 488 968
Expensed drydock	601 952	670 520
Change in debtors / creditors balance	2 962 019	6 764 150
Change in other clearing posts	159 777	391 982
Net cashflow from operations	<u>10 714 175</u>	<u>15 303 256</u>
<u>Cashflow from investments</u>		
Investments in fixed assets	0	-965 842
Net cashflow from investment activities	<u>0</u>	<u>-965 842</u>
<u>Cashflow from financing</u>		
Admission of new debt	58 000 000	0
Repayment of non-current liabilities	-66 138 856	-20 492 394
Net cashflow from financing activities	<u>-8 138 856</u>	<u>-20 492 394</u>
Net change in cashflow for the year	2 575 319	-6 154 980
Cash balance as per 1.1	3 467 973	9 622 953
Cash balance as per 31.12	<u>6 043 292</u>	<u>3 467 973</u>



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WEST SUPPLY VII EIER AS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2022

Operations and locations

West Supply VII Eier AS (the Company) owns the offshore construction vessel Edda Freya. The vessel is chartered out on a bareboat charter to the associated company West Supply VII Drift AS which has chartered the vessel out on a long-term time charter to DeepOcean AS.

The Company has its administration located in Haugesund, Norway, and has a management agreement with Østensjø Rederi AS.

Future development and market conditions

Edda Freya operates in the offshore market, primarily within the oil and gas sector but also servicing the offshore wind market.

The offshore oil and gas market has been challenging over a longer period, and although underlying tendencies of improvement over the last couple of years, earnings and activity has to a certain extent been negatively affected by i.e., a fluctuating oil price and the uncertainty and macro-economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The market for offshore service vessels showed stronger signs of improvement throughout 2022 and going into 2023 the market supply and demand seems to be more balanced with longer lead times and significantly higher rates than what has been seen during recent years. There is currently strong demand for high specification subsea vessels and a limited number of vessels available in the market to meet short to medium-term demand.

The Edda Freya has been employed with DeepOcean throughout 2022, and a new charterparty for a fixed 2 years contract, with an additional 1 year option, was entered into, effective as of January 2023. The contract is entered into at a rate level reflecting the improved market sentiment and secures earnings visibility for the vessel in the years to come. With the current market prospects for high end subsea tonnage and expectations on limited newbuilding capacity entering the market in the years to come, the Board of Directors is increasingly positive about the future development and market conditions for the Edda Freya.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has thus far had limited direct impact on the Company. The macro-economic environment has, however, been volatile and uncertain throughout the year, affecting energy prices, logistics and with geopolitical tensions and other factors in general indirectly having had an impact on the Company. The Company has implemented measures and routines to continuously monitor and take actions to reduce the potential negative impact such risks could have for the Company.

Comments related to the Financial Statement

In the opinion of the Board of Directors, the information in the Financial Statements, including the notes, gives a complete and comprehensive overview over the Company's development and result during 2022, in addition to the financial position at year-end.



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The result for 2022 shows a profit of US dollar (USD) 1,501,459 compared with a profit of 1,987,636 in 2021.

As of December 31, 2022, the Company's equity ratio is 57.6% compared to 54.0% in 2021.

Total cash flow from operating activities for the Company is USD 10,714,175, and the operating profit is USD 5,465,439. The difference mainly concerns ordinary depreciation. Total cash flow from financing was negative with USD 8,138,856 and relates to proceeds and repayment of debt. The Company's cash balance as of December 31, 2022, is USD 6,043,292 compared to USD 3,467,973 in 2021.

The Company's current assets as of December 31, 2022, are USD 7,084,249 compared to USD 7,452,525 in 2021, whilst the current liabilities are USD 786,408 as of December 31, 2022, and USD 608,206 in 2021.

The Board of Directors is not aware of any circumstances occurring after year-end with relevance to the assessment of the financial statements.

Going concern

In accordance with the Accounting Act §3-3, the Board of Directors confirms that the annual accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the Company is a going concern.

The Company's bank debt relates to a loan facility financing the Edda Freya. The facility was refinanced during the second half of 2022 with final maturity being extended and a balloon payment falling due in fourth quarter of 2025. The refinanced facility has a fixed amortization profile and carries a floating interest.

Financial risk

Credit risk:

The credit risk of the Company is considered moderate. The Company's only client, West Supply VII Drift AS has chartered the Vessel based on back-to-back employment with DeepOcean.

Market risk:

The Company's market risk is limited given the fixed employment of the Vessel.

The Company's revenue in 2022 was in USD and the bank debt in USD. The currency exposure is considered limited.

The Company's bank debt is subject to a floating interest rate, with a combination of a USD reference rate + a margin. Following the refinancing of debt which took place during the second half of 2022, USD LIBOR was replaced by SOFR as underlying reference rate. With expectations on increased USD interest rates, the interest risk of the Group is also expected to fluctuate and increase going forward.

Liquidity risk:

The Board of Directors considers the Company's liquidity risk as acceptable. The working capital is positive, and the Company's cash flow from the charter party is sufficient to cover its financial liabilities.



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Working environment and gender equality

The company has no employees, and all board members are male.

External environment

The Company owns an offshore construction vessel. The operation of the vessel includes risks of contamination. The Vessel fulfils all requirements set by national regulations, and the Board of Directors is not aware of spills nor pollution to the external environment beyond normal operations.

Sustainability

Actions within sustainability are followed up by Østensjø Rederi AS's, in the Sustainability Action Plan. The plan is based on the UN's sustainability goals and it has been chosen to place particular emphasis on six of the sustainability goals where concrete goals and initiatives have been identified.

A Sustainability Action Group, consisting of representatives from each department in Østensjø Rederi AS, have been established to maintain, develop, and follow up the Sustainability Action Plan.

During 2022, The Sustainability Action Plan has been updated with the following new initiatives to achieve our goals:

- Offer Biofuel to customers in all new contracts
- Recycling of electrical waste
- Installation of equipment for shore power connection and reading Kwt for all ships
- Renewal of the guarantee of origin for all electricity used in the office (clean energy in the office)
- Østensjø Rederi - Sustainability Action Plan (ostensjo.no)
- Survey on conditions for women on board

The Sustainability Action Plan is available at sustainability.ostensjo.no.

Insurance for board members

West Supply VII and all its subsidiaries are included in a Directors and Officers Liability Insurance (D&O). The D&O insurance provides financial protection for the directors and officers of the Company in the event that they are being sued in conjunction with the performance of their duties as they relate to the Company. The insurance comprises the directors' and officers' personal legal liabilities, including defence- and legal costs.

Corporate Social Responsibility Statement

The company and the manager, Østensjø Rederi AS, are working with the implementation and statement required in the Norwegian Transparency Act (LOV-2021-06-18-99) and plan to publish the statement of the work on the Østensjø Rederi AS's home page before the reporting deadline June 30, 2023.

Allocation of result

The Board of Directors has proposed the result of the Company to be transferred to other equity.



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31 December 2022
Haugesund, -----
21 March 2023

Johannes Østensjø
Chairman of the Board/
CEO

Mark Norman Ras
Board member

Fredrik Ottesen
Board member



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Annual Shareholders' Meeting of West Supply VII Eier AS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of West Supply VII Eier AS (the Company), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2022, the income statement and 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 2022 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 and the general manager) 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 and fair presentation of the financial statements 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



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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.

Bergen, 21 March 2023
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The auditor's report is signed electronically

Øyvind Nore
State Authorised Public Accountant (Norway)

Independent auditor's report - West Supply VII Eier AS 2022

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Skattedirektoratet

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Tillatelse til å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på engelsk språk

- Vi viser til deres brev av 14. oktober 2015 hvor dere søker om dispensasjon fra kravet til å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk språk for følgende selskaper;

West Supply VII AS	org. nr. 912 700 836
West Supply VII Eier AS	org.nr. 912 700 879
West Supply VII Drift AS	org.nr. 912 700 844

Skattedirektoratet gir på bakgrunn av en konkret helhetsvurdering de overnevnte selskaper tillatelse til å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på engelsk språk, jf. regnskapsloven § 3-4 tredje ledd. Dispensasjonen forutsetter at opplysningene som vedtaket baserer seg på ikke endres vesentlig.

Kopi av dette brevet må sendes Regnskapsregisteret i Brønnøysund sammen med årsregnskapet. Det påligger den regnskapspliktige å dokumentere ved dette brev at tillatelsen er gitt.

Bakgrunn

West Supply VII AS er holdingselskap for West Supply VII Eier AS og West Supply VII Drift AS. Hovedaksjonær er Johannes Østensjø Dy AS med 51 %. Videre er selskapene eid av et utenlandsk selskap med 26 %. Andre selskap i Østensjø Rederi konsernet har tidligere fått tillatelse til å benytte engelsk språk. Selskapene driver med rederivirksomhet. Alle sentrale aktører og samarbeidspartnere innen denne bransjen behersker og benytter engelsk. Selskapene benytter også engelsk som arbeidsspråk. Det er heller ingen forhold rundt selskapets finansiering som skulle tilsi behov for regnskap på norsk – bankforbindelser etterspør kun informasjon på engelsk. Den norske versjonen 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.

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

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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 kan gis, 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 hovedaksjonær eier 51 % og at andre selskaper i konsernet tidligere har fått tilvarende dispensasjon. 26 % av aksjene er eid av et utenlandsk selskap. Videre er det vektlagt at sentrale aktører og samarbeidspartnere innen bransjen behersker og benytter engelsk og at selskapet benytter engelsk som arbeidsspråk.

Vennligst oppgi vår referanse ved henvendelser i saken.

Med hilsen

Rune Tystad
seniorrådgiver
Rettsavdelingen, foretaksskatt
Skattedirektoratet

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