



## ÅRSREGNSKAPET FOR REGNSKAPSÅRET 2023 - GENERELL INFORMASJON

### Enheten

Organisasjonsnummer:	991 735 194
Organisasjonsform:	Aksjeselskap
Foretaksnavn:	LOTOS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION NORGE AS
Forretningsadresse:	Moseidsletta 122 4033 STAVANGER

### Regnskapsår

Årsregnskapets periode:	01.01.2023 - 31.12.2023
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### Konsern

Morselskap i konsern:	Nei
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### Regnskapsregler

Regler for små foretak benyttet:	Ja
Benyttet ved utarbeidelsen av årsregnskapet til selskapet:	Forenklet IFRS

### Årsregnskapet fastsatt av kompetent organ

Bekreftet av representant for selskapet:	Piotr Jan Dlugosz
Dato for fastsettelse av årsregnskapet:	15.03.2024

### 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, 11.07.2025



## Resultatregnskap

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2023	2022
<b>RESULTATREGNSKAP</b>			
<b>Inntekter</b>			
Salgsinntekt			5 609 865 299
<b>Sum inntekter</b>			<b>4 153 197 115</b>
<b>Kostnader</b>			
Lønnskostnad		4 325 748	95 910 003
Avskrivning			-1 456 668 184
Nedskrivning av varige driftsmidler og immaterielle eiendeler			-694 194 569
Annen driftskostnad		9 152 292	161 311 515
<b>Sum kostnader</b>		<b>8 606 518</b>	<b>853 143 248</b>
<b>Driftsresultat</b>		<b>-8 606 518</b>	<b>3 300 053 867</b>
<b>Finansinntekter og finanskostnader</b>			
Annen finansinntekt		224 978 458	23 494 289
<b>Sum finansinntekter</b>		<b>224 978 458</b>	<b>23 494 289</b>
Annen finanskostnad		-169 872 898	72 023 017
<b>Sum finanskostnader</b>		<b>-169 872 898</b>	<b>72 023 017</b>
<b>Netto finans</b>		<b>394 851 356</b>	<b>-48 528 728</b>
<b>Ordinært resultat før skattekostnad</b>		<b>386 244 838</b>	<b>3 251 525 139</b>
Skattekostnad på ordinært resultat		-84 973 865	-2 462 394 337
<b>Ordinært resultat etter skattekostnad</b>		<b>301 270 973</b>	<b>789 130 802</b>
Ekstraordinære poster		191 353 002	
<b>Årsresultat</b>		<b>492 623 975</b>	<b>789 130 802</b>
<b>Overføringer og disponeringer</b>			
Overføringer annen egenkapital		492 623 975	789 130 803
<b>Sum overføringer og disponeringer</b>		<b>492 623 975</b>	<b>789 130 803</b>



## Balanse

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2023	2022
<b>BALANSE - EIENDELER</b>			
<b>Anleggsmidler</b>			
<b>Immaterielle eiendeler</b>			
Intangible assets			381 001 261
Utsatt skattefordel		1 888 821	
<b>Sum immaterielle eiendeler</b>		<b>1 888 821</b>	<b>381 001 261</b>
<b>Varige driftsmidler</b>			
Tomter, bygninger og annen fast eiendom			3 956 335 635
<b>Sum varige driftsmidler</b>			<b>3 956 335 635</b>
<b>Finansielle anleggsmidler</b>			
Andre fordringer			1 351 564 494
<b>Sum finansielle anleggsmidler</b>			<b>1 351 564 494</b>
<b>Sum anleggsmidler</b>		<b>1 888 821</b>	<b>5 688 901 390</b>
<b>Omløpsmidler</b>			
<b>Varer</b>			
<b>Sum varer</b>			<b>225 836 105</b>
<b>Fordringer</b>			
Kundefordringer			552 002 181
Andre fordringer		4 994 823 767	1 148 012
<b>Sum fordringer</b>		<b>4 994 987 265</b>	<b>581 821 512</b>
<b>Investeringer</b>			
Aksjer og andeler i foretak i samme konsern		163 498	28 671 319
<b>Sum investeringer</b>		<b>163 498</b>	<b>28 671 319</b>
<b>Bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende</b>			
<b>Sum bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende</b>		<b>370 757 191</b>	<b>3 166 628 630</b>
<b>Sum omløpsmidler</b>		<b>5 365 744 456</b>	<b>3 974 286 247</b>
<b>SUM EIENDELER</b>		<b>5 367 633 276</b>	<b>9 663 187 637</b>



## Balanse

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<b>BALANSE - EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD</b>			
<b>Egenkapital</b>			
<b>Innskutt egenkapital</b>			
Aksjekapital		4 431 890 000	4 431 890 000
<b>Sum innskutt egenkapital</b>		<b>4 431 890 000</b>	<b>4 431 890 000</b>
<b>Opptjent egenkapital</b>			
Annen egenkapital		845 740 628	-1 464 554 363
<b>Sum opptjent egenkapital</b>		<b>845 740 628</b>	<b>-1 464 554 363</b>
<b>Sum egenkapital</b>		<b>5 277 630 628</b>	<b>2 967 335 637</b>
<b>Gjeld</b>			
<b>Langsiktig gjeld</b>			
Utsatt skatt			680 453 510
Andre avsetninger for forpliktelser			2 446 389 421
<b>Sum avsetninger for forpliktelser</b>			<b>3 126 842 931</b>
<b>Annen langsiktig gjeld</b>			
Øvrig langsiktig gjeld			612 674 429
<b>Sum annen langsiktig gjeld</b>			<b>612 674 429</b>
<b>Sum langsiktig gjeld</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>3 739 517 360</b>
<b>Kortsiktig gjeld</b>			
Leverandørgjeld		1 295 270	16 506 606
Betalbar skatt		86 713 210	2 302 485 391
Skyldige offentlige avgifter		210 499	9 374 719
Annen kortsiktig gjeld		1 783 670	627 967 924
<b>Sum kortsiktig gjeld</b>		<b>90 002 648</b>	<b>2 956 334 640</b>
<b>Sum gjeld</b>		<b>90 002 648</b>	<b>6 695 852 000</b>
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## Brønnøysundregistrene

### ÅRSREGNSKAP FOR REGNSKAPSÅRET 2023 - GENERELL INFORMASJON

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NOTEOPPLYSNINGER - SELSKAP - alle poster oppgitt i hele tall

Note

Antall aksjer og aksjeeiere

Note

Antall årsverk i regnskapsåret

Virksomheten har hatt følgende antall årsverk:  
0.00

Omløpsmidler                      Startdato      Sluttdato      Endring

Skattemessig fremf.undersk. Startdato      Sluttdato      Endring

Kortsiktig gjeld                      Startdato      Sluttdato      Endring



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## **Annual report 2023**

**Board of directors' report**

**Annual accounts**

- **Income statement**
- **Balance sheet**
- **Cash flow statement**

**Auditor's report**



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### Income statement

	Note	2023	2022
Total revenue		0	0
Cost of sales		0	0
Gross profit		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
General and administrative expenses	3	9 152 293	0
Other operating income		545 774	0
Other operating expenses		0	0
Operating profit		<u>-8 606 519</u>	<u>0</u>
Finance income/cost (-)	4	394 851 356	0
Ordinary result before tax		<u>386 244 837</u>	<u>0</u>
Tax on ordinary result	5	-84 973 864	0
Discontinued operations	2	191 353 002	789 130 802
<b>Net profit or loss for the year</b>		<u>492 623 975</u>	<u>789 130 802</u>
Transferred to other equity		492 623 975	789 130 800



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### Balance sheet as of December 31

	Note	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Deferred tax asset	5	1 888 821	0
Intangible assets	6	0	381 001 261
Property plant and equipment	7,8	0	3 956 335 632
Non-current financial assets	9	0	1 349 798 396
Non-current prepayments and accrued income		0	1 766 098
Total non-current assets		<u>1 888 821</u>	<u>5 688 901 387</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	10	<u>0</u>	<u>225 836 105</u>
<i>Current receivables</i>			
Trade receivables	11	0	552 002 181
Other receivables	12	4 994 823 767	1 148 012
Current prepayment and unbilled income	12	163 498	28 671 319
Total current receivables		<u>4 994 987 265</u>	<u>581 821 512</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	13	<u>370 757 191</u>	<u>3 166 628 630</u>
Total current assets		<u>5 365 744 456</u>	<u>3 974 286 247</u>
Total assets		<u>5 367 633 276</u>	<u>9 663 187 634</u>



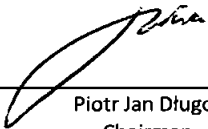
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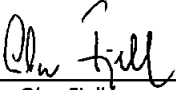
### Balance sheet as of December 31

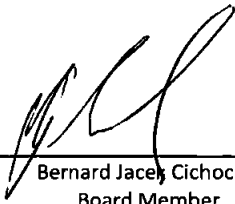
	Note	2023	2022
<b>Equity</b>			
<i>Paid-in capital</i>			
Share capital	14	4 431 890 000	4 431 890 000
<i>Retained earnings</i>			
Other equity		845 740 628	-1 464 554 366
Total equity		<u>5 277 630 628</u>	<u>2 967 335 634</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<i>Provisions</i>			
Deferred tax liability	5	0	680 453 510
Asset retirement obligation - long term	15	0	2 446 389 421
Total provisions		<u>0</u>	<u>3 126 842 931</u>
<i>Other long-term liabilities</i>			
Lease liabilities - long term	16	0	612 674 429
<i>Current liabilities</i>			
Trade creditors		1 295 270	16 506 606
Tax payable	5	86 713 210	2 302 485 391
Public duties payable	17	210 499	9 374 719
Short term lease liabilities	16	0	69 840 474
Other current liabilities	17	0	399 428 190
Asset retirement obligation - short term	15	0	118 024 422
Accruals and deferred income	17	1 783 670	40 674 838
Total current liabilities		<u>90 002 648</u>	<u>2 956 334 640</u>
Total liabilities		<u>90 002 648</u>	<u>6 695 852 000</u>
Total equity and liabilities		<u>5 367 633 276</u>	<u>9 663 187 634</u>

31 December 2023

Stavanger, 15 March 2024

  
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Piotr Jan Długosz  
Chairman

  
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Olav Fjell  
Board Member

  
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Bernard Jacek Cichocki  
Board Member



## Lotos Exploration And Production Norge AS

### Cash flow statement

	Note	2023	2022
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>			
Result before tax (continued operations)		386 244 837	0
Result before tax (discontinued operations)	2	898 099 828	3 251 525 137
Income tax paid/received	5	-2 237 464 714	-928 825 027
Depreciation and amortization	6,7,8	200 693 376	943 081 851
Change in inventories		-172 676 928	-35 324 806
Interest and financial distributions		-233 428 879	39 707 429
Effect of changes in exchange rates		59 713 296	5 823 456
Change in liabilities and accruals		-282 552 439	198 959 484
Change in provisions		8 938 251	298 349 438
Change in receivables		551 897 450	-552 055 228
Change in prepayments		-59 034 333	455 989 177
Net cash flow from operating activities		<u>-879 570 255</u>	<u>3 677 230 911</u>
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>			
Net investments in non-current financial assets		1 349 798 396	-1 196 919 345
Purchase of intangible assets and PP&E	6,7	-373 317 496	-936 304 742
Intercompany loan provided	12	-5 000 000 000	0
Sale of business	2	1 919 320 326	0
Interest received from loans	4	122 592 333	0
Interest received from financial assets	4	102 272 327	0
Net cash flow from investing activities		<u>-1 879 334 114</u>	<u>-2 133 224 087</u>
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>			
Paid interest and fees		0	-42 593 299
Payment of finance lease liabilities	16	<u>-36 967 070</u>	<u>-79 205 432</u>
Net cash flow from financing activities		<u>-36 967 070</u>	<u>-121 798 731</u>
Effect of foreign exchange differences on cash		0	-203 687 100
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		-2 795 871 438	1 218 520 993
Cash and cash equivalents as of 01.01		<u>3 166 628 629</u>	<u>1 948 107 636</u>
Cash and cash equivalents as of 31.12		<u>370 757 191</u>	<u>3 166 628 629</u>



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**Statement of Changes in Equity**

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	<b>Share capital</b>	<b>Other equity</b>	<b>Total</b>
Owners' equity 01.01.2022	4 431 890 000	-2 253 685 165	2 178 204 835
Profit for the year 2022	0	789 130 800	789 130 800
Owners' equity 31.12.2022	4 431 890 000	-1 464 554 367	2 967 335 633
Owners' equity 01.01.2023	4 431 890 000	-1 464 554 367	2 967 335 633
Profit for the year 2023	0	492 623 975	492 623 975
Gain on sale of business	0	1 817 671 020	1 817 671 020
Owners' equity 31.12.2023	4 431 890 000	845 740 628	5 277 630 628



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### Notes to the Financial Statement

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#### New standards and interpretations

The Company, later also referred to as LEPN or LOTOS Norge, has evaluated that there were no new standards and interpretations that are relevant for 2023.

#### Note 1 - Summary of Accounting Principles

##### 1.1. Basis of preparation

The company's Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting Act and Regulations for simplified IFRS adopted by the Ministry of Finance 21.01.2008.

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis.

The functional currency of the company and the presentation currency is Norwegian Kroner ("NOK").

##### 1.2. Accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with simplified IFRS requires management to make judgements estimates and assumptions that have effect on the application of accounting principles and the reported assets, liabilities, income, and expenses.

Accounting estimates are used to determine reported amounts, including the depreciation of assets, the cost and timing of decommissioning activities, impairment testing of goodwill and the recognition and measurement of tax liabilities. Whilst these estimates are based on management's best judgement and assessments of previous current events and action, the actual results may deviate from the original estimates. Changes to accounting estimates are recognized in the period when they arise.

Income tax expense, tax payable or receivables, and deferred taxes are based on management's interpretation of applicable laws and regulations, and on relevant court decisions where relevant.

These estimates are dependent on management's ability to interpret and apply the requirements of tax and other relevant legislation and requires judgement in respect to the recognition and measurement of any uncertain tax positions. See Note 1.7 and 5 for further details.

##### 1.3. Operating revenues and cost

Operating costs are recognized in the statement of Comprehensive Income in the same period as the corresponding revenues are recognized.

##### 1.4. Classification

Current assets and current liabilities include items that fall due for payment less than one year from end of the reporting period, as well as items relating to the ordinary business cycle.



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### Notes to the Financial Statement

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The following years installments on long term liabilities are classified as current liabilities.

#### 1.5. Foreign currency transactions

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the exchange rate on the transaction date. Monetary items denominated in foreign currencies in the Statement of Financial Positions are translated using the exchange rates at the reporting date. Foreign exchange gains and losses are recognized as incurred. Non-monetary items that are measured at historical costs in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates on the date of the initial transaction. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate on the date when the fair value is determined.

#### 1.6. Trade debtors

Trade debtors are recognized in the Statement of Financial Positions at nominal value after a deduction for the provision for credit losses.

#### 1.7. Tax

##### *General*

Tax consists of tax payable and changes in deferred tax. Deferred tax/ tax benefits are calculated based on the differences between book value and tax basis value of assets and liabilities, except for temporary differences on acquisition of licenses that are defined as asset purchase.

Deferred tax is measured using the expected tax rate when the tax benefit is realized or the tax liability is met, based on tax rates and tax regulations that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Tax payable and deferred tax is recognized against equity or other comprehensive income insofar as the tax items are related to equity transactions or items of other comprehensive income.

Deferred tax and tax benefits are presented net, where netting is legally permitted, and the deferred tax benefit and liability are related to the same tax subject and are payable to the same authorities.

##### *Petroleum taxation*

As a partner on the Norwegian Continental Shelf (NCS), Lotos E&P was subject to the special provisions of the Petroleum Taxation Act. Taxable profits from activities on the NCS are liable to ordinary income tax and special tax. The tax rate for general corporate tax was 22% in 2023.

Calculated ordinary corporate tax (22%) is deductible in the Special Tax base as of 2022. To maintain an overall tax rate of 78%, the Special tax rate is set to 71.8%.

As the Company has ceased all petroleum extraction activities from 2 May 2023, future activity will no longer be subject to petroleum taxation.

#### 1.8. Interest in joint arrangements

IFRS defines a joint arrangement as an arrangement over which two or more parties have joint control. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.



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The Company no longer have interests in licenses on the Norwegian Continental Shelf as the petroleum extraction business was sold in 2023.

#### 1.9. Tangible fixed assets and intangible fixed assets

##### *General*

Tangible fixed assets are recognized on a historical cost basis. The book value of tangible fixed assets consists of acquisition cost net of accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Ordinary repair and maintenance costs relating to day-to-day operations are charged to the income statement in the period in which they are incurred.

Gains and losses relating to the disposal of assets are determined by comparing the selling price with the book value and are included in other operating income/ expenses.

Spare parts and service equipment are capitalized as fixed assets, if it is expected that they will be used in more than one accounting period and when they can only be used in conjunction with the fixed assets they are recorded along with.

Operating assets related to petroleum activities (petroleum activity ceased on 2 May 2023)

##### *Exploration and development costs related to oil and gas fields*

Capitalized exploration expenses are classified as intangible assets and reclassified to tangible asset at the start of the development. For accounting purposes, the field is considered to enter the development phase when the technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting hydrocarbons from the field are demonstrable, normally at the time of concept selection. All costs relating to development of commercial oil/ gas fields are recognized as tangible assets. Pre- operational costs are expensed as they are incurred.

Drilling costs for exploration wells are temporarily capitalized pending the evaluation of potential discoveries of oil and gas reserves. If reserves are not found, or if the discoveries are considered not to be technically or commercially recoverable, capitalized exploration expenses are expensed.

The company uses the "successful efforts" method to account for exploration and development costs. All exploration costs including seismic shooting, seismic studies and "own cost", except for acquisition costs of licenses and drilling costs for exploration wells, are expensed as incurred. When exploration drilling is ongoing in a period after the reporting date and the result of the drilling is subsequently not successful, the capitalized exploration cost as of the reporting date is expensed if the evaluation of the well is completed before the date when the financial statement issued.

The costs for acquiring licenses are capitalized and assessed for impairment at each reporting date.

##### *Depreciation of oil and gas fields*

Capitalized exploration and evaluation expenditures, development expenditures from construction, installation or completion of infrastructure facilities are capitalized as production facilities and are depreciated using the unit-of-production method based on proven and probable developed reserves expected to be recovered from the area during the concession or contract period. The reserve basis used for depreciation purposes is updated at least annually. Any changes in the reserves affecting unit-of-production calculations are reflected prospectively.



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Depreciation of assets other than oil and gas fields, including right to use assets, is calculated using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives and adjusted for any impairment of change in residual value, if applicable.

#### 1.10. Impairment of non-current assets

Tangible fixed asset and intangible assets with a finite useful life will be addressed for potential impairment when event or changes in circumstances indicate that the book value of the asset is higher than the recoverable amount.

The unit of account for assessment of impairment is based on the lowest level at which it is possible to identify cash inflows that are independent of cash inflows from other groups of fixed assets. For oil and gas assets, this is typically the field or license level. Impairment is recognized when the book value of the CGU exceeds the recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less cost of disposal and value in use.

When estimating value in use and fair value less cost of disposal, expected future cash flow are discounted to the net present value by applying a discount rate after tax that reflects the current market valuation of the time value of money and the specific risk related to the asset. The discount rate is derived from the Weighted Cost of Capital (WACC).

A previously recognized impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount, however, not to a higher amount than if no impairment loss had been recognized. Such reversal is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income. After such a reversal, the depreciation charge is adjusted in future periods to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount, less any residual value, on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

#### 1.11. Interest bearing debt

All borrowings are recognized at transaction price, which equals the fair value of the amount received net of costs directly related to the establishment of the loan or issuance of debt.

Subsequently, interest bearing borrowings are valued at amortized cost using the effective interest method: the difference between the transaction price and the face value is recognized in the Income Statement in the period until the loan falls due. Amortized costs are calculated by considering all issue costs on the settlement date, except for any discount or premium expensed immediately.

#### 1.12. Provisions

A provision is recognized when the company incurs a commitment, legal or constructive, because of a past event it is probable that financial settlement will take place as result of this commitment, and the amount can be reliably calculated. Provisions are evaluated at each period end and are adjusted to reflect the best estimate.

#### *Decommissioning and removal costs*

In accordance with the license terms and conditions for the licenses in which the company participates, the



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Norwegian State can require license owners to remove installations in whole or part when production ceases or the license period expires.

In the initial recognition of the decommissioning and removal obligations, the company provides for the net present value of future costs related to decommissioning and removal. A corresponding asset is capitalized as a tangible fixed asset and depreciated using the unit-of-production method. Changes in the time value of the obligation related to decommissioning and removal accretion are charged to income as financial expenses and increase the liability related to future decommissioning and removal expenses. Changes in the best estimate for expenses related to decommissioning and removal are recognized in the Statement of Financial Position, except where it relates to licenses with no future production. The discount rate used in the calculations of the fair value of the decommissioning and removal obligations is the risk-free rate with the addition of a credit risk element.

All asset retirement obligations are transferred to PUN as part of the sale of business.

#### 1.13. Leases

At the inception of a contract, the company assesses whether the contract is, or contains a lease. A contract is or contains a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period in exchange for consideration.

The lease liability is recognized at the commencement date and measured at the present value of the remaining lease payment, discounted using the company's incremental borrowing rate at the commencement date. The borrowing rate is derived from the terms of the company's existing credit facilities.

Right of use assets are depreciated over the lease term as this is normally shorter than useful life of the assets. The lease term represents the non-cancellable period of the lease, together with periods covered by an option either to extend or to terminate the lease when the company is reasonably certain to exercise this option.

The company applies the exemption for short term leases (12 months or less) and low value leases. As such, related lease payments are not recognized in the balance sheet but expensed or capitalized in line with the accounting treatment of non-lease expenses.

#### 1.14. Cash

Cash and cash equivalents include cash, bank deposits and other short-term highly liquid investments with an original due date of three months or less.

#### 1.15. Employee benefits

##### *Pension schemes*

The Company is in compliance with the requirement to have an occupational pension scheme in accordance with the Norwegian law on required occupational pension ("Lov om obligatorisk tjenestepensjon"). As of 2 May 2023, all employees and related pension schemes are transferred to PUN as part of the sale of business.



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#### 1.16. Events after the balance sheet date

New information on LEPN financial position at the end of the reporting period which becomes known after the balance sheet date is recorded in the annual accounts. Events after the balance sheet date that do not affect LEPN financial position at the end of the reporting period, but which will affect the LEPN financial position in the future are disclosed if significant.

#### 1.17. Inventory

Commodity inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined by the first-in first-out method and comprises direct purchase costs, cost of production, transportation and manufacturing expenses. Inventories of drilling and spare parts are reflected according to the weighted average method.

#### 1.18. Business combinations

Business combinations involving entities or businesses under common control are excluded from the scope of IFRS 3. There is currently no guidance in IFRS on the accounting treatment for combinations among entities or businesses under common control.

IAS 8 requires management, if there is no specifically applicable standard or interpretation, to develop a policy that is relevant to the decision-making needs of users and that is reliable. The ORLEN Group has developed such policy in accordance with IAS 8.

Business combinations of entities under common control are recognized by aggregating individual items of assets and liabilities and income and expenses of the merged companies in the book values resulting from the consolidated financial statements as at the date of the merger/business transfer (the so-called predecessor method). The effect of business combinations under common control has no impact on the consolidated financial data. Assets and liabilities of the acquired entity are stated at predecessor carrying values and no new goodwill arises. In the separate financial statements the difference between the price received/paid and the carrying amount is booked to equity.



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#### Note 2 – Discontinued operations

On 30 March 2023, PUN and LEPN signed the agreement to transfer the entire petroleum business from LEPN to PUN. The agreement was completed on 2 May 2023 and the effective date for tax purpose was agreed to be 1 January 2023. The transferred business included shares in the producing licenses Sleipner Vest, Sleipner Øst, Gungne, Utgard and Yme as well as other assets, data, positions, rights, obligations and liabilities. Certain matters were excluded from the transaction, such as escrow pledge agreements, escrow accounts, bank accounts and share capital. Following the transaction, all upstream licenses and employees were transferred.

The agreed consideration for the transferred business was a post-tax amount of NOK 2 344 million (being a post-tax transaction). The net value of assets and liabilities transferred and as listed below was NOK 102 million and the net consideration received from PUN was NOK 1 919 million after pro & contra adjustments, resulting in a gain of NOK 1 818 million. The gain was booked directly to equity.

<b>Assets/liabilities transferred</b>	<b>NOK</b>
Capitalized exploration	458 248 516
Development and producing assets	3 584 810 079
Right to use assets	475 373 271
Other assets	287 518
Stock/inventory	398 513 032
Account receivable and prepayments	109 543 790
Asset retirement obligation	- 2 573 352 094
Lease liability	- 721 657 013
Tax payable	- 508 021 597
Deferred tax liability	- 944 348 891
Overlift position	- 4 350 617
Other accruals and liabilities	- 173 396 688
<b>Net assets transferred</b>	<b>101 649 305</b>
<b>Net consideration received</b>	<b>1 919 320 326</b>
<b>Gain on petroleum business disposal</b>	<b>1 817 671 020</b>
whereof booked to equity	1 817 671 020

Close to all of the tax values in LEPN were transferred as part of the transaction.

The transaction was accounted for using the Predecessor Accounting method as described in 1.18. Before the transfer of business and as included in the discontinued operations, the accounting policies and principles in PUN and LEPN were aligned.

The accounting policies and principles alignment included:

- Depreciation of oil and gas assets
- Valuation of over/underlift
- Working capital currency conversion

The policies/principles alignment impact on the discontinued operations profit before tax was NOK 139 million (income). Prior period amounts are not restated.



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The full 2023 financial year net profit was NOK 493 million and the profit before tax was NOK 1 284 million. The net profit includes the discontinued operations with a net profit of NOK 191 million (discontinued operations profit before tax equal to NOK 898 million). The discontinued operations include the first four months of 2023 up to the business transfer on 2 May 2023. The full year net profit (discontinued operations) in 2022 was NOK 789 million and the profit before tax was NOK 3 251 million. The following table shows the discontinued operations specifications for 4 months in 2023 and 12 months in 2022. The full 2022 income statement is classified as discontinued operations.

<b>Discontinued operations (NOK)</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total revenue	1 462 832 034	5 609 865 299
Cost of sales	- 482 464 269 -	1 453 318 922
Gross profit	980 367 765	4 156 546 377
General and administrative expenses	- 52 854 365 -	164 660 778
Other operating income	3 323 002	2 362 836
Other operating expenses	- -	694 194 569
Operating profit	930 836 402	3 300 053 866
Interest income	471	24 088 610
Interest expense	- 39 392 477 -	131 960 874
Net currency gain	20 528 463	124 721 254
Other financial expenses	- 13 873 031 -	65 377 719
Profit before tax	898 099 828	3 251 525 137
Corporate income tax	- 706 746 826 -	2 462 394 337
<b>Net profit (discontinued operations)</b>	<b>191 353 002</b>	<b>789 130 800</b>

The average number of full time employees in the Company up to the business transfer on 2 May 2023 was 34. All employees were transferred to PUN as part of the transaction. The average full time employees in 2022 was 34.

#### Management remuneration in the period up to 2 May 2023

	Salary	Other remuneration
Piotr Statkiewicz	2 142 030	663 286

No loans/guarantees have been authorized to either the CEO, the Board, or any other related parties. Neither have any severance pay arrangements been established for the CEO or the Board. LEPN had a bonus scheme for all employees calculated according to the achieved objective approved by the shareholders.

LEPN was bound by law to maintain a pension scheme for its employees and had a defined contribution plan for all employees.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Defined contribution cost	2 643 053	10 268 608



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Payroll expenses of discontinued operations comprises:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Salaries	20 831 991	59 667 692
National insurance contributions	5 522 706	12 402 182
Pension cost	2 929 438	10 747 241
Other benefits	2 556 201	13 092 886
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 840 336</b>	<b>95 910 001</b>

Note 3 – General and administrative expenses

	<b>2023</b>
Payroll expenses	4 933 742
Depreciation onshore assets	230 949
Office expenses	259 359
External services	3 161 144
Other expenses	567 099
<b>Total</b>	<b>9 152 293</b>

The payroll expenses of NOK 4 933 742 comprise Board member compensation of NOK 3 525 295, social security tax of NOK 799 803 and other benefits of NOK 608 644. No loans/guarantees/severance pay arrangements have been authorized to the Board or any other related parties. The company have no employees as of 2 May 2023. Reference is made to the discontinued operations note for the period up to 2 May 2023 and prior period.

The full year auditor fee has been divided as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Audit fee	354 000	650 225
Other assurance services	52 000	75 000
<b>Total</b>	<b>406 000</b>	<b>725 225</b>

VAT is not included in the auditor fees.



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Note 4 – Finance income and Finance costs

<b>Finance income</b>	<b>2023</b>
Foreign exchange gain	214 787 203
Interest income	<u>224 971 258</u>
Total	<u>439 758 461</u>
<b>Finance costs</b>	<b>2023</b>
Foreign exchange loss	36 672 501
Interest expense on non-bank borrowings	21 199
Other finance expense	<u>8 213 405</u>
Total	<u>44 907 105</u>
<b>Net finance income/cost(-)</b>	<u><b>394 851 356</b></u>

Financial elements in 2022 are included in discontinued operations. Reference is made to discontinued operations note.



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#### Note 5 – Income Taxes

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<i>Basis for 22% income taxes</i>		
Basis	1 284 344 665	3 251 525 137
Permanent differences	6 390 462 -	19 005 285
Change in timing differences	- 197 186 721	117 319 261
Basis for 22% income taxes based on P&L statement	<u>1 093 548 406</u>	<u>3 349 839 113</u>
<i>Basis for special taxes</i>		
Basis for 22% income taxes	1 093 548 406	3 349 839 113
This year's uplift	- 30 513 164 -	109 010 529
Financial items 22% tax	- 452 901 337 -	67 793 347
Additional change in timing differences in SPT	- 110 148 328 -	351 006 313
Deduction for calculated tax in 22%	- 162 285 254 -	786 078 765
Basis for special taxes 71,8% based on P&L statement	<u>337 700 322</u>	<u>2 035 950 159</u>
<i>Specification of current taxes/utilization of losses:</i>		
Tax basis ordinary taxes 22%	<u>1 093 548 406</u>	<u>3 349 839 113</u>
Current tax 22%	<u>240 580 649</u>	<u>736 964 605</u>
Tax basis special taxes 71,8%	<u>337 700 322</u>	<u>2 035 950 159</u>
Current tax Special Tax	<u>242 468 831</u>	<u>1 461 812 214</u>
<i>Specification of current year's tax income (-)/- loss (+)</i>		
Changes tax payables (-)/- loss (+)	483 049 481	2 198 776 819
Changes deferred tax asset (-)/- loss (+)	240 168 323	206 481 421
Principle alignment	58 176 905	-
Prior year adjustments	10 325 981	57 136 099
Income taxes	<u>791 720 690</u>	<u>2 462 394 339</u>
Hereof allocated to discontinued operations	706 746 826	-
Hereof allocated to continued operations	84 973 864	-
<i>Reconciliation of tax income /-expense</i>		
Marginal taxes 78%	1 001 840 212	2 536 319 668
Tax effect of financial items without special taxes	- 253 624 749 -	37 964 274
Tax effect of uplift	- 21 908 452 -	78 269 560
Tax effect permanent diff	4 984 816 -	14 827 594
Principle alignment	58 176 905	-
Prior year adjustments	10 325 981	57 136 099
Other	- 8 074 024	-
Current year's income taxes	<u>791 720 690</u>	<u>2 462 394 338</u>



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#### Corporate tax payable

Corporate tax payable 22%	-	240 580 649	-	1 498 495 210
Corporate tax payable 71,8%	-	242 468 831	-	1 461 812 214
Uncertain Tax positions	-	112 873 929	-	271 008 966
Transferred as part of sale of business		508 021 597		-
Tax paid/received		1 188 603		928 830 999
Current tax due	-	86 713 210	-	2 302 485 391

#### Corporate tax payable - breakdown

Current tax due CY	-	86 713 210	-	2 031 476 425
Current tax due PY (UTP)		-	-	271 008 966
Current tax due	-	86 713 210	-	2 302 485 391

#### Tax effect of temporary timing differences:

Properties, plant and equipment and intangible assets	-	42 631		1 859 000 480
Provision for removal		-	-	2 564 413 843
Liability for overlift		-		8 027 712
Consumables Spare parts		-		146 554 818
Receivables	-	7 912 917		-
Other temporary differences	-	630 000		66 738 881
Basis for deferred taxes/ tax assets (-) - ordinary taxes 22%	-	8 585 548	-	484 091 952

#### Additional Tax effect of temporary timing differences SPT:

Properties, plant and equipment and intangible assets additional depreciation		-		1 708 176 264
Basis for deferred taxes/ tax assets (-) - special taxes		-		1 224 084 312

Deferred taxes/ tax assets (-) 22%	-	1 888 821	-	106 500 229
Deferred taxes/ tax assets (-) new regime investments		-	-	39 806 842
Deferred taxes/ tax assets (-) special Tax		-		826 760 582
Deferred taxes/ tax assets (-) in the balance sheet	-	1 888 821		680 453 510

Reference is made to Note 1.7 related to information about tax rates and current tax rules.

As of 1 January 2024, and following the BEPS Pillar 2 initiative, Norway implemented legislative changes relating to global minimum tax, "Suppleringskatteloven". LEPN's current assessment concludes that no significant impact on the Company of the new legislation is expected in the foreseeable future.



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Note 6 - Intangible assets

	<b>Cap. expl. costs</b>	<b>Software</b>	<b>Total</b>
Acquisition cost at 01.01.2023	401 702 813	6 272 215	407 975 028
Additions	74 326 828		74 326 828
Move to dev asset			-
Write down/ other adjustments	2 995 831		2 995 831
Transferred as part of sale of business	- 479 025 472	-	- 479 025 472
<b>Acquisition cost 31.12.2023</b>	-	6 272 215	6 272 215
Accumulated amortization 01.01.2023	-	6 196 811	6 196 811
Amortization for the year	-	18 128	18 128
<b>Accumulated amortization 31.12.2023</b>	-	6 214 939	6 214 939
Accumulated impairments 01.01.2023	- 20 776 956	-	20 776 956
Impairment adjustments		57 276	57 276
Transferred as part of sale of business	20 776 956		20 776 956
<b>Accumulated impairments 31.12.2023</b>	-	57 276	57 276
<b>Net carrying amount at 31.12.2023</b>	-	-	-

Note 7 - Property, Plant and Equipment

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Property, Plant and Equipment in Balance Sheet consist of bot PP&E as well as Right-of-use Assets and divided as follows.

Please see note 12 for further info on Right-to-use Assets.

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	11	-	3 452 521 820
<b>Right-of-use assets</b>	12	-	503 813 813
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		-	3 956 335 633



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	Office equipment and other movables	Fields under development	Production facilities incl. wells	Total
Acquisition cost 01.01.2023	2 130 233	1 114 772 956	8 313 611 164	9 430 514 353
Adjusted balance at 1 January 2023	2 130 233	1 114 772 956	8 320 320 232	9 437 223 421
Additions	56 806	268 444 251	30 489 611	298 990 668
Disposal	523 600	-	-	523 600
Abandonment: asset change in provision	-	-	-	-
Transferred as part of sale of business	1 663 439	1 383 217 207	8 350 809 843	9 735 690 489
Acquisition cost 31.12.2023	-	-	-	-
Acc. depreciation 01.01.2023	1 783 954	1 955 919	3 606 133 176	3 609 873 049
Depreciation for the year	74 855	-	109 676 222	109 751 077
Disposal	482 888	-	-	482 888
Transferred as part of sale of business	1 375 921	1 955 919	3 715 809 398	3 719 141 238
Acc. depreciation 31.12.2023	-	-	-	-
Acc. impairment 01.01.2023	-	205 228 164	2 167 164 403	2 372 392 567
Impairments for the year	-	-	-	-
Transferred as part of sale of business	-	205 228 164	2 167 164 403	2 372 392 567
Acc. impairment 31.12.2023	-	-	-	-
Net carrying amt. 31.12.2023	-	-	-	-
Amortization plan	Straight line 15-33%		UoP	

All Property, Plant and Equipment are disposed at year end 2023, primarily as part of the sale of business.

**Note 8 - Right-of-use assets**

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	Right-of-use asset office	Right-of-use offshore asset	Total
Gross value 01.01.2023	14 954 678	667 789 135	682 743 813
Change/additions	1 799 193	5 487 289	3 688 096
Transferred as part of sale of business	-	673 276 424	673 276 424
Gross value 31.12.2023	13 155 485	-	13 155 485
Acc. depreciation 01.01.2023	10 681 596	63 058 179	73 739 775
Depreciation for the year	1 124 495	134 844 975	135 969 470
Transferred as part of sale of business	-	197 903 154	197 903 154
Acc. depreciation 31.12.2023	11 806 091	-	11 806 091
Acc. impairment 01.01.2023	-	105 190 225	105 190 225
Impairment for the year	1 349 394	-	1 349 394
Transferred as part of sale of business	-	105 190 225	105 190 225
Acc. impairment 31.12.2023	1 349 394	-	1 349 394
Net carrying amt. 31.12.2023	-	-	-

	Right-of-use asset office	Right-of-use offshore asset	Total
Gross value 01.01.2022	14 886 757	644 744 274	659 631 031
Change/additions	67 921	23 044 861	23 112 782
Gross value 31.12.2022	14 954 678	667 789 135	682 743 813
Acc. depreciation 01.01.2022	7 995 869	15 267 300	23 263 169
Depreciation for the year	2 685 727	47 790 879	50 476 606
Acc. depreciation 31.12.2022	10 681 596	63 058 179	73 739 775
Impairment	-	105 190 225	105 190 225
Net carrying amt. 31.12.2022	4 273 082	499 540 731	503 813 813



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LEPN follows IFRS16 for leases. Under IFRS 16 a lessee will recognize a right- to-use asset and a lease liability for all leases except short term leases and leases of low value assets. The lease liability is calculated as the present value of outstanding leases, discounted using the incremental borrowing rate at the date of the transition. The asset is the set equal to the liability. Right- to-use assets are depreciated using the straight-line method.

All Right-of-use assets are disposed at year end 2023, primarily as part of the sale of business.

### Note 9 – Non-current financial assets

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Escrow Account in NOK 2023: 0 (2022: 1 349 798 396)

As an integral part of the Sales and Purchase Agreement between Centrica Resources Norge AS (from 2017 Spirit Energy Norway AS) and LEPN a comprehensive Decommissioning Security Agreement (DSA) was established and agreed upon. The main element of the DSA is a commitment on LEPN to establish a decommissioning security by providing a Letter of Credit for the total amount or by executing the Escrow account and Pledge Agreement.

As part of the RBL facility, LEPN provided for Spirit Energy Norway Letter of Credit partially covered by cash collateral to secure Heimdal decommissioning project. After signing the Amendment to DSA agreement, Letter of Credit for Heimdal decommissioning obligations together with cash collateral account were replaced with Escrow Account in SEB bank, pledged for Spirit Energy Norway.

At year end 2022, the calculated escrow amount was MNOK 169.8. At year end 2023, the escrow amount is settled.

As an integral part of the Sales and Purchase Agreement between ExxonMobil and LEPN a comprehensive Decommissioning Security Agreement (a DSA) was established and agreed upon. The main element of this DSA is a commitment on LEPN to establish a decommissioning security by providing a Letter of Credit for the total amount or by executing the Escrow account and Pledge Agreement. On 21st of March 2019 LEPN established a RBL financing facility allowed to replace all funds from escrow account with a letter of credit (LoC) issued by BNP Paribas, following full release of funds from Escrow.

In July 2022 the Company decided to terminate the RBL facility and replaced the security for Sleipner decommissioning by an Escrow account in Nordea bank, pledged for ExxonMobil. At year end 2022 the escrow amount was MNOK 1.180. At year end 2023, the escrow amount is settled.



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Note 10 - Inventories

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	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Oil	-	73 800 090
Ethane	-	199 138
Propane	-	2 031 615
Butane	-	1 254 545
Iso Butane	-	126 925
Naptha	-	367 870
Consumables	-	148 055 922
Total	-	225 836 105

Note 11 – Trade receivables

	<b>31.12.2023</b>	<b>31.12.2022</b>
Receivables related to the sale of petroleum	-	552 002 181
Total accouts receivable	-	552 002 181

Age distribution of accounts receivable as of 31 December for the company was as follows:

Year	<b>Total</b>	<b>Not due</b>	<b>&lt;30d</b>	<b>30 - 90d</b>	<b>&gt;90d</b>
2023	-	-	-	-	-
2022	552 002 181	-	552 002 181	-	-

Note 12 - Other receivables and current prepayments

<i>Other receivables</i>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Loan to PUN	4 994 714 805	-
Other receivables	108 962	1 148 013
Total	4 994 823 767	1 148 013



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#### *Current prepayment and unbilled income*

Prepayments arising from JV agreements	-	24 844 125
Prepaid development asset insurance	-	1 315 437
Other prepayments	163 498	2 511 758
<b>Total</b>	<b>163 498</b>	<b>28 671 320</b>

The loan to PUN comprises the NOK 5 billion principal, accrued interest of NOK 2 627 722 and an estimated credit loss of 7 912 917. The current year interest amounts to NOK 122 592 333 (NIBOR 1M+0.95%). Repayment of the full balance is agreed to be on or before 31 December 2024.

#### Note 13 - Restricted assets

As required under Norwegian law cash related to taxes withheld from employees of NOK 0.6 million are restricted (2022: NOK 6.4 million).

#### Note 14 - Share capital and shareholder information

##### Share capital

	<b>Number of shares</b>	<b>Face value</b>	<b>Book value</b>
LOTOS UPSTREAM S.P.	4 431 889 999	1	4 431 889 999
Orlen	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 431 890 000</b>		<b>4 431 890 000</b>

All the shares have equal voting rights. Orlen's A- share carries one board member position in the company. Group accounts are prepared by Orlen, ul.Chemikow 7, 09-411 Plock, Poland. Consolidated financial statements may be obtained at the internet link: <https://www.orlen.pl/en/investor-relations/reports-and-publications/financial-results>



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#### Note 15 - Asset retirement obligation

	2023	2022
<b>Long-term</b>		
Asset retirement obligation as of 01.01	2 446 389 421	2 240 155 065
Addition/ Change in the provision/ estimate	-	93 385 366
Gasled removal liability	-	22 700 000
Current year accretion	27 281 062	90 148 990
Transferred as part of sale of business	- 2 473 670 483	-
Long-term Asset retirement obligation as of 31.12	-	2 446 389 421
<b>Short-term</b>		
Asset retirement obligation as of 01.01	118 024 421	13 569 689
Addition/ Change in the provision/ estimate	-	123 545 652
Use	- 18 342 810	- 19 090 920
Transferred as part of sale of business	- 99 681 611	-
Short-term asset retirement obligation as of 31.12	-	118 024 421
<b>Total asset retirement obligation as of 31.12</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2 564 413 842</b>

The asset retirement obligation relates to the removal of the installations as well as plugging and abandonment of wells at Yme, Heimdal, Atla, Skirne, Vale, Utgard and Sleipner fields (Sleipner West, Sleipner East and Gungne).

All asset retirement obligations are transferred to PUN as part of the sale of business.



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Note 16 – Financial liability IFRS 16

Leasing cost:

		<b>Building</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>Production facilities</b>	<b>Total</b>
Depreciation for the year	-	1 124 495 -	4 159 956 -	25 494 802 -	30 779 253
Finance cost	-	44 928 -	28 523 -	12 033 411 -	12 106 862
Other operating income		2 078 720	-	-	2 078 720
<b>Total</b>		<b>909 297 -</b>	<b>4 188 479 -</b>	<b>37 528 213 -</b>	<b>40 807 395</b>

Whereof allocated to continued operations		1 847 041	-	-	1 847 041
Whereof allocated to discontinued operations	-	937 744 -	4 188 479 -	37 528 213 -	42 654 436

Leasing balances:

		<b>Building</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>Production facilities</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Non- current lease</b>					
Lease contract opening balance		1 907 550	-	610 766 879	612 674 429
Transfer LT/ST	-	1 907 550	-	20 205 043 -	22 112 593
FX		-	-	53 820 426	53 820 426
Transfer to PUN		-	-	644 382 262 -	644 382 262
<b>Total non-current lease obligation at 31.12.2023</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Current lease**

Lease contract initial value		3 063 151	5 579 843	63 979 744	72 622 738
Contract modification	-	1 901 821	2 239 054	3 248 244	3 585 478
Completed contract before original leasing period	-	2 078 720	-	-	2 078 720
Transfer Long term/ short term		1 907 550	-	20 205 043	22 112 593
FX		-	-	5 892 870	5 892 870
Interest expense		44 928	31 616	12 030 318	12 106 862
Repayment	-	1 035 088 -	4 717 414 -	31 214 568 -	36 967 070
Transfer to PUN		-	3 133 099 -	74 141 652 -	77 274 750
<b>Total current lease obligation at 31.12.2023</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

All financial lease arrangements are transferred or ceased at the end of 2023.

Note 17 - Specification of other current liabilities

Specification of items included in other short-term liabilities:

*Other current liabilities*

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Accruals related to non-operated licenses	-	389 858 873
Salaries and wages	61 837	6 669 008
Liability for overlift	-	2 900 309
<b>Other current liabilities</b>	<b>61 837</b>	<b>399 428 190</b>



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*Public duties payable*

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Social security& withholding tax	210 499	9 374 719
Public duties payable	<u>210 499</u>	<u>9 374 719</u>

*Accrual and deferred income*

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Accrued bonus	-	7 374 952
Other accrued expenses	1 721 833	24 316 383
Petoro tax for PL029	-	8 983 522
Total accruals	<u>1 721 833</u>	<u>40 674 838</u>

Note 18 – Transaction with related parties

Transactions with related parties are carried out based on the “arm’s length”- principle.

<b>Related party</b>	<b>Receivables (+)/ liabilities (-)</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
PGNiG Upstream Norway AS	Receivables*	4 994 714 805	-
PGNiG Trade & Supply GmbH	Receivables	-	568 117 826
Orlen SA	Trade creditors	- 15 542 -	112 802
Lotos Upstream Sp Zoo	Trade creditors	-	44 924
Orlen CUK Sp z o.o	Trade creditors	- 77 268	-
PGNiG Upstream Norway AS	JV Creditor (cash-call)	- 125 000	794 705

<b>Related party</b>	<b>Revenues (-)/ Expenses (+)</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
PGNiG Trade & Supply GmbH	Expenses	54 527 933 -	4 721 020 646
PGNiG Upstream Norway AS	Expenses	100 000	-
Orlen SA	Expenses	84 886	1 025 026
Orlen CUK Sp z o.o	Expenses	1 244 752	-
Grupa Lotos	Expenses	-	1 531 874
Lotos Petrobaltic	Expenses	1 168 609	2 973 406
Lotos Upstream Sp Zoo	Expenses	191 882	527 918

\*Reference is made to note 12 Other receivables and current prepayments.



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### INFORMATION ON COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY REPORTING OF PAYMENTS TO AUTHORITIES IN 2023

#### Background

LOTOS Exploration and Production Norge AS ("LEPN" or "the Company") is subject to the country-by-country reporting of payments to authorities as stated in the Norwegian Accounting Act § 3-3d. The Company is as such obliged to report and publish an annual overview of payments to the authorities for the year. The reporting is based on actual payments done in the year 2023. This report is issued together with the Annual Report for 2023. The report is not subject to external audit.

#### Country-by-country reporting of payments to authorities

The overview of payments made to the authorities in 2023 consists of profit oil in-kind, taxes and fees, royalty, dividends, bonuses, licencing fees and infrastructure and ownership rights in accordance with the Norwegian Accounting Act § 3-3d and the Regulations to country-

by-country reporting §2. As the Company only operates in Norway, all amounts refer to payments to Norwegian authorities. All amounts are presented in Norwegian kroner (unless otherwise stated).

#### Reporting of other data

In addition, the Company has provided an overview of investments, sales revenues, production, purchase of goods and services and interest costs to associated companies in accordance with the Regulations on country-by-country reporting §3. Information on payments on project level is given where this is available. The amounts included are based on the financial statements for 2023 and to the best extent possible reflect the actual amounts paid in 2023. The petroleum exploitation business was sold to PGNIG Upstream Norway AS as of 2 May 2023 and the amounts listed reflects the 4 months ending on this date, except for the purchase of goods and services and interest as is reflecting the full 12 months in 2023.

### COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY REPORTING OF PAYMENTS TO AUTHORITIES IN 2023

Payments made in 2023	Profit oil in-kind (1)	Taxes and fees (2)	Royalty	Dividends	Bonuses	Licence fees (3)	Infrastructure (4)	Ownership rights (5)
Paid, in million NOK	0	2 040	0	0	0	0	0	0

- (1) Profit oil in-kind: Part of production emitted to authorities.
- (2) Taxes and fees: Taxes and fees relating to the Company's income, excluding taxes and fees on consuming goods such as VAT, tax withholding for employees etc. The amount included for 2023 is related to tax instalments to the Norwegian state for tax year 2022 only. For further details, please refer to the Annual Report.
- (3) Bonuses related to signatures, discoveries and production.
- (4) Fees related to licences, access to licences, license applications, concessions etc. Area fee as paid by the operators is not included in the amounts.
- (5) Contributions to improved infrastructure. Ordinary tariff cost from the Gassled transportation system paid to Gassco is not included.
- (6) Distribution of shares or other ownership interests in the Company to the authorities.



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## REPORTING OF ADDITIONAL DATA

The Company is also obliged to provide certain additional data under the regulations on country-by-country reporting § 3. Such data is presented in the table below. For further details to these numbers, please refer to the financial statement and notes to the Annual Report.

Other information	Investments (1)	Revenues (2)	Production (3) in thousand boe	Purchase of goods and services (4)	Interest to/from associated companies (5)
Million NOK (except production)	373	1 463	1 599.7	544	123

- (1) Investments include investments on development projects, investments on producing fields, investments on exploration licences and investment in onshore assets (office machines etc.). For further details, please refer to the Annual Report.
- (2) Total revenues for the year 2023 from sales of hydrocarbons and other income. For further details, please refer to the Annual Report.
- (3) Production of hydrocarbons in thousand boe for the year from all the producing fields presented in million barrels of oil equivalent.
- (4) Purchase of goods and services in relation to operating activities. The amount includes the share of operating cost from joint ventures.
- (5) Net of Interest cost/income paid to (+) /received from (-) associated companies (loan from/to parent Company). For further details, please refer to the Annual Report.



**LOTOS Exploration and Production Norge AS**

**Board of Directors Report**

**for the year ended 31.12.2023**

**15 March 2024**



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## 1. Nature and location of business and highlights in 2023

LOTOS Exploration and Production Norge AS (LEPN, the Company), a Norwegian private limited liability company was established on 14 September 2007. The purpose of the Company was, *inter alia*, to explore for and produce hydrocarbons and perform services in connection with oil and gas fields on the Norwegian Continental Shelf (NCS). The petroleum business was ceased on 2 May 2023.

The Company's premises are located in Stavanger, in Moseidsletta 122. As at 31 December 2023, the Company was owned 99.9999998% by LOTOS Upstream Sp. z o.o. (4 431 889 999 shares), headquartered in Gdańsk, Poland (LOTOS Upstream Sp. z o.o. is further owned 100.00% by PKN ORLEN S.A. (The ORLEN Group)) and 0.0000002% (1 share) by PKN ORLEN S.A., headquartered in Płock, Poland.

The ORLEN Group merged with Grupa LOTOS in 2022, strengthening its leading role in the fuel and energy industry in Central and Eastern Europe. The ultimate parent company, PKN ORLEN S.A., is a joint-stock company listed on the Warsaw Stock Exchange (WSE).

The ORLEN Group is an integrated, multi-utility company, operating in Central Europe and Canada. It provides energy and fuel to over 100 million of Europeans, while its advanced products are marketed to over 90 countries across 6 continents. The ORLEN Group pursues strengthening the position as a regional leader in energy transition by implementing clean and sustainable technologies, as well as power generation based on low- and zero-emission sources. The actions are driven by a strategic goal of reaching emission neutrality by 2050.

Following the merger in 2022, ORLEN became the ultimate owner of PGNiG Upstream Norway AS (PUN) and LOTOS Exploration and Production Norge AS and ORLEN decided to consolidate the upstream activities in Norway within one entity. The decision to integrate the businesses was aimed at achieving operational and financial synergies and bringing the operations into compliance with Norwegian regulatory requirements/the Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy (MoPE) decision.

On 30 March 2023, PUN and LEPN signed the agreement to transfer the entire petroleum business from LEPN to PUN. The agreement was completed on 2 May 2023 and the effective date for tax purpose was agreed to be 1 January 2023. The transferred business included shares in the producing licenses Sleipner Vest, Sleipner Øst, Gungne, Utgard and Yme as well as other assets, data, positions, rights, obligations and liabilities. Certain matters were excluded from the transaction, such as escrow pledge agreements, escrow accounts, bank accounts and share capital. Following the transaction, all upstream licenses and employees were transferred.

The agreed consideration for the transferred business was a post-tax amount of NOK 2 344 million (being a post-tax transaction). The net value of assets and liabilities transferred was NOK 102 million and the net consideration received from PUN was NOK 1 919 million after pro & contra adjustments, resulting in a gain of NOK 1 818 million. The gain was booked directly to equity. Following the transfer of business to PUN in May 2023 LEPN is a company without assets and employees.



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The transaction was accounted for using the Predecessor Accounting method. Before the transfer of business and as included in the discontinued operations, the accounting policies and principles in PUN and LEPN were aligned.

The accounting policies and principles alignment included:

- Depreciation of oil and gas assets
- Valuation of over/underlift
- Working capital currency conversion

The tax values in LEPN were also transferred as part of the transaction.

## 2. Financial performance

The 2023 financial year net profit was NOK 493 million and the profit before tax was NOK 1 284 million, which included profit before tax from continuing operations NOK 386 million and profit before tax from discontinued operations NOK 898 million. The net profit comprises the continued operations with a net profit of NOK 301 million (continued operations profit before tax equal to NOK 386 million) and the discontinued operations with a net profit of NOK 191 million (discontinued operations profit before tax equal to NOK 898 million). The discontinued operations include the first four months of 2023 up to the business transfer on 2 May 2023. The full year net profit (discontinued operations) in 2022 was NOK 789 million and the profit before tax was NOK 3 251 million. The main positive contributors to the 2023 continued operations profit were interest on a loan to PUN and realized foreign exchange gains.

The net profit of NOK 493 million was allocated to Retained Earnings and contributes to reduce past accumulated losses.

The cash flow statement from operating activities is negative by NOK -880 million and deviates from net operating income from discontinued and continued operations primarily due to income tax paid of NOK 2 237 million. Cash flow from investing activities is also negative by NOK -1 879 million and comprises most significant elements like: inflow from escrow accounts NOK 1 350 million, sale of business to PUN NOK 1 919 million after pro & contra adjustments and intercompany loan provided to PUN – outflow of NOK 5 billion. The Company closed the year with NOK 371 million cash position.

The main two elements of Assets in Balance sheet of LOTOS Norge are: short term loan granted to PUN of NOK 5 billion and cash of NOK 371 million.

The equity ratio at the end of 2023 is 98% compared to the 31% equity ratio at the end of 2022. Remaining 2% is liabilities, primarily tax payable for 2023 year income.

## 3. Risk picture

The Company is exposed to various market and business risks although the risks are significantly lowered following the business transfer. Volatility in market conditions and currency exchange rates may affect future margins and liquidity. In order to address associated financial risks, the company has reached various commercial terms with counterparties, primarily relating to



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placement of funds. As result of the combination of the above, the total risk exposure is regarded as acceptable.

The Board of Directors are covered by a liability insurance.

#### 4. 2024 and further outlook

The 2024 and further outlook of the company performance is evaluated by the company management as positive. Current equity level is considered to be far above acceptable level. The management is looking into various business opportunities for the Company to invest in and develop going forward. One of the projects considered is carbon capture and storage.

#### 5. Working environment and equal opportunities

The Board is pleased to report that the Company has built a competent organization based on employees with diverse experience. The average number of full-time positions during the four first months of 2023 (before the business transfer) amounted to 34. Registered absence due to illness in this period was at 3.12%. In 2023 there have not been any occupational accidents during the year.

The Company has assimilated a policy aiming to prevent discrimination due to gender or nationality.

As of 31 December 2023, the Company had no employees as all employees were transferred to PUN as part of the petroleum business transfer on 2 May 2023.

Norway has implemented an Act relating to enterprises' transparency and work on fundamental human rights and decent working conditions called "Transparency Act". The Company is obliged to carry out due diligence and publish annual statement on measures taken in order to ensure compliance with respect for fundamental human rights and decent working conditions and ensure the general public access to information regarding how the Company addresses adverse impacts on fundamental human rights and decent working conditions.

Due Diligence report for year 2022 is available on the site:

<https://www.lotos.pl/en/3618/this-is-lotos/our-companies/lotos-exploration-production-norge/values>

Due Diligence report related to the Transparency Act for the year 2023 will be published on the Company's website by 30 June 2024.

#### 6. External environment

Our aim is to conduct our business in a professional, safe and environmentally friendly manner. Up to 2 May 2023, LEPN operated in an industry which implies risk of pollution of the environment. The Company closely followed the operator's actions to perform its see-to-it duties to prevent any actions potentially harmful to the environment. There is no information known to the Board of Directors that would suggest any pollution of external environment caused by the Company.



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As part of Annual Report for 2023, the Company will submit the country-by-country report of payments to authorities, as stated in the Norwegian Accounting Act § 3-3d.

## 7. Going concern assumption

The annual accounts and information presented in the Board of Directors' report have been prepared on the basis of going concern assumption, meaning that the entity will continue to have sufficient funds to finance continued operations and fulfil all LEPN's obligations in the foreseeable future. Pursuant to Section 3-4 of the Private Limited Companies Act (the "Act") the Company, at all times, must have an equity and liquidity, which is sufficiently sound, based on the risk and extent of the activities of the company.

During the year 2023, the Company has restored negative Retained earnings of NOK -1 465 million to sufficient positive levels of NOK 846 million due to gain on disposal of exploration and production business and net profit of the year. Equity ratio was over 98% and future outlook allow for reasonable belief that the entity will continue to deliver positive results although the petroleum business is ceased. In accordance with the section 3-3 of the Accountancy Act, the Board of Directors confirm that the Company meets the requirements for continuation as a going concern.

## 8. Other matters (if any)

As far as the Board of Directors is aware, there has been no other event of any significance since the closing of the accounts which would be significant for the financial position and profits of the Company.

Stavanger, 15 March 2024

On behalf of LOTOS Exploration and Production Norge AS

Piotr Jan Długosz  
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To the General Meeting of Lotos Exploration And Production Norge AS

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of Lotos Exploration And Production Norge AS (the Company), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2023, statement of profit and loss, statement of changes in equity, 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 statutory requirements, and
- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with simplified application of International Accounting Standards according to the Norwegian Accounting Act section 3-9.

### *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 as required by 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*

The Board of Directors (management) is responsible for the information in the Board of Directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the information in the Board of Directors' report.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the Board of Directors' report. The purpose is to consider if there is material inconsistency between the Board of Directors' report and the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or whether the Board of Directors' report otherwise appears to be materially misstated. We are required to report if there is a material misstatement in the Board of Directors' report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Based on our knowledge obtained in the audit, it is our opinion that the Board of Directors' report

- is consistent with the financial statements and
- contains the information required by applicable statutory requirements.

### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with simplified application of International Accounting Standards according to the Norwegian Accounting Act section 3-9, 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

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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 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. We 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 a true and fair view.

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.

Stavanger, 15 March 2024  
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**Bjarte M. Jonassen**  
State Authorised Public Accountant

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**Tillatelse til å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på engelsk språk for LOTOS Exploration & Production Norge AS, org.nr. 991 735 194**

- Vi viser til deres brev av 3. juli 2015 der dere søker om dispensasjon fra kravet til å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk språk for LOTOS Exploration & Production Norge AS.

Skattedirektoratet gir på bakgrunn av en konkret helhetsvurdering LOTOS Exploration & Production Norge AS dispensasjon fra kravet til å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk 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**

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**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:

*"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*

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*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.

Det er særlig hensynet til brukerne av regnskapsinformasjon som skal vurderes ved en dispensasjonssøknad. I denne vurderingen har Skattedirektoratet lagt særlig vekt på at selskapet er et datterselskap av et utenlandsk selskap og at eierkretsen derfor er begrenset. Videre er det vektlagt at selskapet opererer innen en bransje der engelsk er det dominerende språket.

Vennligst oppgi vår referanse ved henvendelser i saken.

Med hilsen

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