



## ÅRSREGNSKAPET FOR REGNSKAPSÅRET 2023 - GENERELL INFORMASJON

### Enheten

Organisasjonsnummer: 987 755 628  
Organisasjonsform: Aksjeselskap  
Foretaksnavn: NORSPAN LNG IV AS  
Forretningsadresse: Smedasundet 40  
5529 HAUGESUND

### Regnskapsår

Årsregnskapets periode: 01.01.2023 - 31.12.2023

### Konsern

Morselskap i konsern: Nei

### Regnskapsregler

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

### Årsregnskapet fastsatt av kompetent organ

Bekreftet av representant for selskapet: peter opsal  
Dato for fastsettelse av årsregnskapet: 19.04.2024

### Grunnlag for avgivelse

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

*Det er ikke krav til at årsregnskapet m.v. som sendes til Regnskapsregisteret er undertegnet. Kontrollen på at dette er utført ligger hos revisor/enhetens øverste organ. Sikkerheten ivaretas ved at innsender har rolle/rettighet for innsending av årsregnskapet via Altinn, og ved at det bekreftes at årsregnskapet er fastsatt av kompetent organ.*

Brønnøysundregistrene, 29.06.2025



### Resultatregnskap

Beløp i: USD	Note	2023	2022
<b>RESULTATREGNSKAP</b>			
<b>Inntekter</b>			
Operating Income	1	26 186 075	23 065 950
Commissions		-78 558	-67 537
<b>Sum inntekter</b>		<b>26 107 516</b>	<b>22 998 412</b>
<b>Kostnader</b>			
Crew-hire	2	2 339 458	2 673 525
Ordinary depreciation	3	8 138 754	7 710 078
Other operating expenses	2	2 817 881	3 384 193
<b>Sum kostnader</b>		<b>13 296 094</b>	<b>13 767 797</b>
<b>Driftsresultat</b>		<b>12 811 422</b>	<b>9 230 616</b>
Financial income	4	-162 493	-51 589
Foreign exchange gain/loss		266 218	-26 038
Financial expenses	4	9 673 197	10 173 597
<b>Sum finanskostnader</b>		<b>9 776 922</b>	<b>10 095 970</b>
<b>Netto finans</b>		<b>-9 776 922</b>	<b>-10 095 970</b>
<b>Ordinært resultat før skattekostnad</b>		<b>3 034 501</b>	<b>-865 354</b>
Taxes	5		
<b>Ordinært resultat etter skattekostnad</b>		<b>3 034 501</b>	<b>-865 354</b>
<b>Årsresultat</b>		<b>3 034 501</b>	<b>-865 354</b>
<b>Årsresultat etter minoritetsinteresser</b>		<b>3 034 501</b>	<b>-865 354</b>
<b>Totalresultat</b>		<b>3 034 501</b>	<b>-865 354</b>



## Balanse

Beløp i: USD	Note	2023	2022
<b>BALANSE - EIENDELER</b>			
<b>Anleggsmidler</b>			
<b>Immaterielle eiendeler</b>			
<b>Varige driftsmidler</b>			
Vessel	3	153 430 169	161 581 000
<b>Sum varige driftsmidler</b>		<b>153 430 169</b>	<b>161 581 000</b>
<b>Sum anleggsmidler</b>		<b>153 430 169</b>	<b>161 581 000</b>
<b>Omløpsmidler</b>			
<b>Varer</b>			
Inventories	6	199 978	190 564
<b>Sum varer</b>		<b>199 978</b>	<b>190 564</b>
<b>Fordringer</b>			
Other short-term receivables		671 599	876 565
Group receivables		1 619 212	
Receivable associated companies		48 622	10 712
<b>Sum fordringer</b>		<b>2 339 433</b>	<b>887 277</b>
<b>Bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende</b>			
Bank deposits	7	7 676 455	5 346 064
<b>Sum bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende</b>		<b>7 676 455</b>	<b>5 346 064</b>
<b>Sum omløpsmidler</b>		<b>10 215 865</b>	<b>9 691 163</b>
<b>SUM EIENDELER</b>		<b>163 646 034</b>	<b>171 272 163</b>
<b>BALANSE - EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD</b>			
<b>Egenkapital</b>			
<b>Innskutt egenkapital</b>			
Sharecapital		9 862 539	9 862 539
Overkurs		23 954 841	23 954 841



### Balanse

<b>Beløp i: USD</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Annen innskutt egenkapital		3 267 258	3 267 258
<b>Sum innskutt egenkapital</b>		<b>37 084 637</b>	<b>37 084 637</b>
<b>Opptjent egenkapital</b>			
Other equity		3 276 318	1 861 029
<b>Sum opptjent egenkapital</b>		<b>3 276 318</b>	<b>1 861 029</b>
<b>Sum egenkapital</b>	8, 9	<b>40 360 955</b>	<b>38 945 666</b>
<b>Gjeld</b>			
<b>Langsiktig gjeld</b>			
<b>Annen langsiktig gjeld</b>			
Gjeld til kredittinstitusjoner	10	116 993 828	124 114 704
<b>Sum annen langsiktig gjeld</b>		<b>116 993 828</b>	<b>124 114 704</b>
<b>Sum langsiktig gjeld</b>		<b>116 993 828</b>	<b>124 114 704</b>
<b>Kortsiktig gjeld</b>			
Sertifikatlån		1 619 212	
Leverandørgjeld		1 689 843	2 079 417
Accrued interest		619 045	654 511
Other current liabilities		2 363 152	2 210 607
<b>Sum kortsiktig gjeld</b>		<b>6 291 252</b>	<b>8 211 794</b>
<b>Sum gjeld</b>		<b>123 285 080</b>	<b>129 059 239</b>
<b>SUM EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD</b>		<b>163 646 034</b>	<b>171 272 163</b>



**Skattedirektoratet**

Saksbehandler  
Jan Hoelstad

Deres dato  
28.10.2009

Vår dato  
02.06.2010

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Vår referanse  
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**Søknad om tillatelse til å unnlate å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk språk**

Det vises til Deres søknad av 28. oktober 2009 samt telefonsamtaler 12. desember 2009 og 31. mai 2010 i sakens anledning. De søker om dispensasjon fra kravet til å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk språk for følgende selskaper:

- Norspan LNG AS org. nr: 981 146 131
- Norspan LNG II AS org. nr: 982 786 126
- Norspan LNG III AS org. nr: 986 860 045
- Norspan LNG IV AS org. nr: 987 755 628
- Norspan LNG V AS org. nr: 989 970 690
- Norspan LNG VI AS org. nr: 990 224 366
- Norspan LNG VII AS org. nr: 990 911 053
- Norspan LNG VIII AS org. nr: 991 817 603

**Bakgrunn:**

Selskapene er eid av de tre norske selskapene TS Shipping Invest AS, Umoe Shipping & Energy AS og Gas Maroil AS. Bak sistnevnte selskap står det spanske eierinteresser. Eierandelen mellom de tre aksjonærene er noe forskjellig for de ulike Norspan selskapene. Både eierne og selskapene det søkes dispensasjon for, driver alle innen internasjonal shipping. Selskapene har engelsk som arbeids og rapporteringsspråk. Selskapenes virksomhet er finansiert gjennom flere norske og internasjonale banker. Eitersom finansieringen i all hovedsak gjøres via syndikerte banklån, er det et krav fra bankene at regnskapet oversettes til engelsk språk.

Selskapene må derfor i dag utarbeide alle regnskaper både på norsk og engelsk. Denne praksisen innebærer en vesentlig kostnad uten at man ser noen synlig nytte av den norske versjonen. Det søkes derfor om dispensasjon.

**Skattedirektoratets vurdering og konklusjon**

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

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*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. Offentlige myndigheter må også anses som en sentral regnskapsbruker, idet ulike myndigheter, som lignings- og tilsynsmyndigheter, benytter regnskapene som et verktøy i sin kontrollvirksomhet.

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

Som nevnt ovenfor er det særlig hensynet til brukerne av regnskapsinformasjon som skal vurderes ved en dispensasjonssøknad. Det framgår av søknaden at selskapenes aksjer eies av et begrenset antall aksjonærer som foretrekker årsregnskap og årsberetning på engelsk. Selskapene opererer innen en bransje med sterk internasjonal karakter og arbeidsspråket er engelsk. Finansieringen hentes fra profesjonelle institusjoner som etterspør engelsk versjon av årsregnskapet og årsberetning. Alle sentrale aktører innen de bransjer selskapene driver, antas å måtte beherske og benytte engelsk språk.

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

Dispensasjonen forutsetter at engelsk språk benyttes i stedet ved utarbeidelsen, og at øvrige opplysninger som vedtaket baserer seg på, heller ikke endres vesentlig. Dette inkluderer blant annet en forutsetning om at alle aksjonærer også i fortsettelsen er enig i at årsregnskap og årsberetning ikke ønskes utarbeidet på norsk.

Vennligst oppgi vår referanse ved henvendelser i anledning saken.

Med hilsen

Inger Johanne Stolt-Nielsen  
underdirektør  
Rettsavdelingen, foretaksskatt  
Skattedirektoratet

  
Jan Høelstad



# **NORSPAN LNG IV AS**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**2023**



***LNG/C "SESTAO KNUTSEN"***



**NORSPAN LNG IV AS**

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023**

Norspan LNG IV AS owns LNG/C Sestao Knutsen, a 138.000 m<sup>3</sup> LNG vessel, which was delivered in 2007.

The company has no employees. Knutsen OAS Shipping in Haugesund is the company's manager and manages and operates the vessel in accordance to a management agreement. Norspan LNG IV AS hires crew from Knutsen OAS Espana S.L.

The company's vessel has from delivery operated on a fixed 25-year time charter contract for the transportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) for the Spanish energy companies Repsol and Gas Natural. The Royal Dutch Shell Group (Shell) finalized in 2014 the acquisition of Repsol's interests in the LNG sector including their 50% interest in the time charter for Sestao Knutsen and the time charter previously with Repsol was novated to Shell. Shell at the same time agreed to assume Gas Natural's interest in the time charter and took over as sole charterer for Sestao Knutsen.

The Board of Directors and the manager are satisfied with the operation of the vessel in 2023.

**Result for the year**

Norspan LNG IV AS had an operating result of USD 12 811 422 (USD 9 230 616 in 2022). After net financial expenses of USD 9 776 922 (USD 10 095 970 in 2022), the result for the year was 3 034 501 USD (USD -865 354 in 2022).

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

Net cash flow from operating activities in the company was USD 6 306 497 (USD 12 401 622 in 2022).

The liquidity balance was USD 7 676 455 as at 31.12.2023 (USD 5 346 064 as at 31.12.2022). The Company's ability to finance its own investment is good.

The company's current debt relative to total debt was 5,1 % compared to 6,1 % as of 31.12.2022. The financial position is satisfactory, and the company can as of 31.12.2023 repay current debt with its most liquid assets (current assets-inventories).

The total capital was by year end USD 163 646 034 compared to USD 171 272 163 from the previous year. The equity was USD 40 360 955 as per 31.12.2023 and 38 945 666 in 31.12.2022.

The Company is exposed to fluctuations in exchange rates, with income in USD while a portion of the Company's expenses are in foreign currencies other than USD. However, the risk is reduced since the majority of the Company's expenses related to operating and financing expenses are denominated in USD. The Company has entered into forward contracts in order to reduce the Company's exchange rate risk thus the market risk related to the operation.



The financial accounts are settled on the assumption of a going concern. The board confirms the assumption of a going concern.

## **High operational standards**

The requirements for safe and environmentally friendly operation of the vessel are increasing, and both the Company and the manager Knutsen OAS Shipping emphasize operational quality. The manager is ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 45001 certified and establishes each year Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for improved safety and environmental operation.

LNG/c Sestao Knutsen is a vessel with high technical standard. The Company and the manager allocate considerable resources to quality control, and there are strict requirements to safety and the operational systems of the vessel.

Knutsen OAS Shipping has a policy to minimize pollution to air and sea from the operations and has established a continuous program to improve environmental impact from the operations. The Board of Directors considers the working conditions as satisfactory. All certificates are valid and Sestao Knutsen is certified in accordance with both the ISM and ISPS codes.

There have not been taken out any board of directors' liability insurance.

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



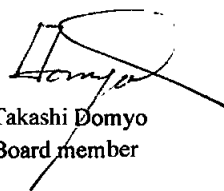
**Future prospects**

LNG/C Sestao Knutsen is on a long-term contract with a first-class charterer. The Board of Directors has every reason to believe that 2024 will be a satisfactory year for the company.


Haugesund, 19 March 2024




Trygve Seglem  
Chairman



Takashi Domyo  
Board member



Synnøve Seglem  
Board member



Svein Steimler  
Board member



## Norspan LNG IV AS

### Profit & Loss Account

Numbers in USD

	<u>Note</u>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b><u>Operating Income</u></b>			
Operating Income	1	26 186 075	23 065 950
Commissions		-78 558	-67 537
<i>Total Operating income</i>		<u>26 107 516</u>	<u>22 998 412</u>
<b><u>Operating Expenses</u></b>			
Crew-hire	2	2 339 458	2 673 525
Other operating expenses	2	2 817 881	3 384 193
<i>Total Operating Expenses</i>		<u>5 157 340</u>	<u>6 057 718</u>
<i>Operating result before depreciation</i>		<u>20 950 176</u>	<u>16 940 694</u>
Ordinary depreciation	3	8 138 754	7 710 078
<i>Total depreciation and write-down</i>		<u>8 138 754</u>	<u>7 710 078</u>
<i>Operating Result</i>		<u>12 811 422</u>	<u>9 230 616</u>
<b><u>Financial Income and Expenses</u></b>			
Financial income	4	162 493	51 589
Foreign exchange gain/loss		-266 218	26 038
Financial expenses	4	-9 673 197	-10 173 597
<i>Net Financial Items</i>		<u>-9 776 922</u>	<u>-10 095 970</u>
<i>Result before taxes</i>		<u>3 034 501</u>	<u>-865 354</u>
Taxes	5	0	0
<i>Result for the year</i>		<u>3 034 501</u>	<u>-865 354</u>



**Norspan LNG IV AS**  
**Balance Sheet as of 31. December**

Numbers in USD

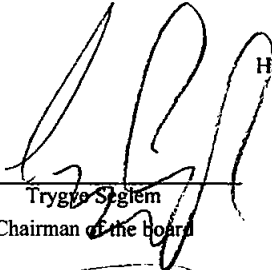
<u>Assets</u>	<u>Note</u>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>			
Vessel	3	153 430 169	161 581 000
<i>Total Fixed Assets</i>		<u>153 430 169</u>	<u>161 581 000</u>
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>			
Inventories	6	199 978	190 564
Other short-term receivables		671 599	876 565
Group receivables		1 619 212	0
Group contribution		0	3 267 258
Receivable associated companies		48 622	10 712
Bank deposits	7	7 676 455	5 346 064
<i>Total Current Assets</i>		<u>10 215 865</u>	<u>9 691 163</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>163 646 034</u>	<u>171 272 163</u>

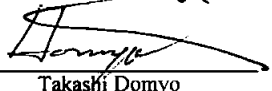


**Norspan LNG IV AS**  
**Balance Sheet as of 31. December**

<u>Shareholders Equity and Liabilities</u>	<u>Note</u>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Sharecapital		9 862 539	9 862 539
Share premium		23 954 841	23 954 841
Other paid-up equity		3 267 258	3 267 258
<i>Total capital paid-in</i>		<u>37 084 637</u>	<u>37 084 637</u>
Other equity		3 276 318	1 861 029
<i>Total Shareholders' Equity</i>	<b>8, 9</b>	<u>40 360 955</u>	<u>38 945 666</u>
<b>Long Term Debt</b>			
Mortgage debt	<b>10</b>	116 993 828	124 114 704
<i>Total Long Term Debt</i>		<u>116 993 828</u>	<u>124 114 704</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Group contribution		1 619 212	0
Trade payables		1 689 843	2 079 417
Accrued interest		619 045	654 511
Intercompany short-term debt		0	3 267 258
Other current liabilities		2 363 152	2 210 607
<i>Total Current Liabilities</i>		<u>6 291 252</u>	<u>8 211 794</u>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<u>163 646 034</u>	<u>171 272 163</u>

Haugesund, 19 March 2024

  
Trygve Seglem  
Chairman of the board

  
Takashi Domyo  
Member of the board

  
Synnøve Seglem  
Member of the board

  
Svein Steimler  
Member of the board



## NORSPAN LNG IV AS

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

### CASHFLOW STATEMENT

Numbers in USD:	2023	2022
Total generated from operations 1)	11 307 820	6 979 289
Change in working capital	<u>-5 001 323</u>	<u>5 422 333</u>
Net cashflow from operations	<u>6 306 497</u>	<u>12 401 622</u>
Invested in vessel	0	-3 719 581
Dry-docking	12 077	-5 293 747
Net cashflow from investments	<u>12 077</u>	<u>-9 013 329</u>
Repayment mortgage debt	-7 255 441	-7 796 230
Group contribution	3 267 258	
Paid dividend		
Net cashflow from financing	<u>-3 988 183</u>	<u>-7 796 230</u>
Net cashflow for the year	2 330 391	-4 407 937
+ Cash balance per 1.1	<u>5 346 064</u>	<u>9 754 001</u>
= Cash Balance per 31.12.	<u>7 676 455</u>	<u>5 346 064</u>

#### 1) Generated from operations:

Result before tax	3 034 501	-865 354
+ Ordinary depreciation	8 138 754	7 710 078
+ Amortization debt issuance cost	<u>134 565</u>	<u>134 565</u>
= Total generated from operations	<u>11 307 820</u>	<u>6 979 289</u>



## Norspan LNG IV AS

### Notes to the Financial Statement 31.12.2023

#### Accounting Principles

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

#### Going concern

The financial accounts are made on a going concern basis. The Board of Directors confirms the conditions for continued operation. The Board of Directors is of the opinion that the financial statements give a true and fair reflection of the company's assets and liabilities as well as financial strength and profitability.

#### Transactions in Foreign Currency

Income and expenditure in foreign currency are converted with the exchange rate at the time of the transaction. All current assets and current liabilities in foreign currency are registered at the rate of exchange as per 31.12. Realized foreign exchange gain and loss are registered as financial items

#### Related party transactions

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

#### 1 Contracts

The vessel Sestao Knutsen was delivered in 29 November 2017, and entered into a 25 year time charter contract with the energy company Repsol YPF/ Gas Natural.

The income from the time charter contract is recorded in profit and loss on a straight line basis over the lease term

#### 2 Employees and remuneration

The company has no employees and thereby no pension liabilities (under the new OTP regulation). Knutsen OAS Shipping AS manages the Company in accordance with a separate management agreement. Knutsen OAS Shipping AS is crewing manager for the Company and hires the crew from related crewing companies with separate crewing agreements.

The company have not paid salary or any other remuneration, nor given any loan or guarantees to any leading person or board members during the year.

Auditors remuneration (excl. VAT):

	2023	2022
Audit	6 528	9 677
Tax advice	0	0
Other services besides audit	0	0
	<u>6 528</u>	<u>9 677</u>



### 3 Fixed Assets

Yard instalments paid on newbuildings and vessels under conversion are gradually recorded as fixed assets as the instalments are paid. All costs regarding construction supervision, construction financing (including building loan interest, arrangement fees, provision of guarantees), additions and upgrading beyond the yard contract regarding the individual contract and other expenses related to the construction or conversion of the vessel are recorded on the fixed asset under construction/conversion.

The total cost of the vessel is capitalised at delivery and depreciated linearly to estimated net sales price at the end of estimated economic life. Due to prevailing longer-term market trends, the normal economic life of LNG steam vessel has, from the 1st of January 2022, been updated from an estimation of 40 years to an estimate of 35 years from delivery as newbuilding. We use extended life or reduced life if there are commercial or technical indications that the 35 year profile for that specific entity is not correct, i.e. fixed charter contracts above 35 year age, commercial restrictions or technical conditions or -requirements. Equipment or part of the vessels with a material cost or specific use that have another estimated life is evaluated separately.

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

<u>Vessel</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Historical value 01.01.	249 969 252	246 249 671
Accumulated depreciation and impairment 01.01.	93 417 400	86 483 400
Book value 01.01.	156 551 852	159 766 271
Additions	0	3 719 581
Annual depreciation	7 080 724	6 934 000
Impairment	0	0
Disposals depreciation and impairment	0	0
Book value 31.12.	149 471 128	156 551 852

The company changed in 2022 the useful life estimate for LNG/c Iberica Knutsen from 40 years to 35 years due to prevailing longer-term market trends. The company updated at the same time the estimated net sales price at the end of estimated life from NOK 0 at 40 years to estimated net sales price at end of the new estimated end of life.

<u>Dry-docking</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Historical value 01.01.	8 635 804	3 342 057
Accumulated depreciation and impairment 01.01.	3 606 657	2 830 579
Capitalised dry-docking 01.01.	5 029 147	511 478
Additions - capitalised dry-docking	-12 077	5 293 747
Annual depreciation	1 058 030	776 078
Book value 31.12.	3 959 040	5 029 147
Total book value vessel 31.12.	153 430 169	161 581 000



## 4 Financial Income and -Expenses

	2023	2022
<b>Financial Income:</b>		
Interest income from group companies	0	37 328
Other interest income	162 493	14 261
Total financial income	162 493	51 589
<b>Financial expenses:</b>		
Interest expenses to group companies	110 802	42 479
Interest expenses	9 185 733	9 858 495
Financial expenses to related parties	100 000	50 000
Other financial expenses	276 662	222 623
Total financial expenses	9 673 197	10 173 597

## 5 Tax

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

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

We classify the tonnage tax as an operating expense.

Tonnage tax

### Specification on the temporary differences:

	31.12.23	Change	31.12.22
Interest rate swaps	14 249 072	2 056 125	16 305 197
Loss carried forward	-39 956 315	754 641	-39 201 673
Temporary differences	-25 707 243	2 810 766	-55 547 852
Calculated deferred tax	5 655 593	6 564 934	12 220 528
Deferred tax in balance	0	0	0

Deferred tax assets related to losses carried forward are only recognized to the extent that there is convincing evidence that these will be utilized in the future.

### Tax cost

	2023	2022
Net financial Items	-9 776 922	-10 095 970
Currency effect on profit/loss before tax	-1 719 069	292 341
Non-taxable currency gain	1 263 228	-220 295
Dividende DNK	0	0
Deductable interest	6 757 937	6 558 316
Change interest rate swaps	1 583 230	1 630 520
Taxable income before loss carried forward	-1 891 596	-1 835 088
Currency effect on loss carried forward	-1 136 954	-4 531 005
Loss carried forward	754 641	-2 695 917
Taxable income	0	0
Tax payable	0	0
Change deferred tax/(tax benefit)	0	0
Tax calculated	0	0
Tonnage tax expenses under operating expenses	12 484	13 488



## 6 Inventories

Inventories refer to lube oil as per 31.12. are: 199 978

## 7 Bank deposits

The company doesn't have restricted bank funds per 31.12.except for a debt service retention account and dry-dock resere account with balance of USD 2 291 503.

## 8 Equity

Specification of the equity per 31.12.

	Share capital	Share premium	Additional paid-in capital	Other equity	Total equity
Equity 01.01.	9 862 539	23 954 841	3 267 258	1 861 029	38 945 666
Result for the year	0	0	0	3 034 501	3 034 501
Group contribution provision at year end	0	0		-1 619 212	-1 619 212
Equity 31.12.	9 862 539	23 954 841	3 267 258	3 276 318	40 360 955

The company's share capital consists of 100 shares of NOK 800 000, with equal rights.

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Knutsen NYK LNG Holding AS. Financial statements for the group can be obtained at company's registered office, Smedasundet 40, 5529 Haugesund.

## 9 Shares Owned by Board Members and Affiliates

Trygve Seglem controls TS Shipping Invest AS, which owns 50 % of the parent company Knutsen NYK LNG Holding AS.



## 10 Mortgage Debt and Financial Instruments

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Mortgage debt	USD	118 200 861	125 456 302
Debt issuance cost		-1 207 033	-1 341 598
Liabilities to financial institutions		<u>116 993 828</u>	<u>124 114 704</u>

The Company's mortgage debt was refinanced in 2019, the new mortgage debt in 2019 is a fix interest loan. The company has entered into new interest rate swaps to convert a portion of the debt to a floating interest rate until 2032 so the interest rate swaps are keep of balance. Mark to market gain/loss on interest swaps have not been taken into account with loss USD 9 402 345 (loss of USD 11 332 492 in 2022)

The current portion of the mortgage debt is USD 8 675 573 (USD 7 255 442 in 2022) Deferred debt issuance costs is capitalized with USD 1 207 033 (USD 1 341 598 in 2022). The current portion is USD 134 565 ( USD 134 565 in 2022)

Security for the loan is made through a first priority mortgage in the vessel and assignment of income. Book value of mortgaged assets is USD 153 million.

Estimated outstanding debt pr 31.12.2028 is USD 70 million. The debt is to be refinanced in 2032.

The company has aimed to reduce the market risk by entering financial contracts. The company has entered long term freight contracts in USD, with the intention of having income, vessel investment and loans in the same currency in order to minimize the effects of exchange rate fluctuations. The company has entered interest rate contracts for the entire loan in order to reduce the uncertainty of the floating interest rates. Hedge accounting has been applied for interest rate swap contracts - cash flow hedge. Fixed rate interest rate swaps are used as hedging instrument. The profit and loss impact of the hedging instrument is presented together with the hedged risk. This implies that realized gains/-losses on the interest rate swaps are presented as an reduction/increase of Interest expenses.

Future interest payments on the floating rate liabilities to financial institutions exceed the interest rate swaps notional amounts at the balance sheet date. Therefore it is not recognized mark to market gains/losses on fixed interest rate swaps on the basis of the year-end market interest rates.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Annual Shareholders' Meeting of Norspan LNG IV AS

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Norspan LNG IV AS (the Company), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2023, the profit and loss account, the statement of cashflows for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

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

### Basis for opinion

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

### Other information

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

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

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

### Responsibilities of management for the financial statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the

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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 skepticism 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, 20 March 2024  
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*The auditor's report is signed electronically*

Trine Hansen Bjerkvik  
State Authorised Public Accountant (Norway)

Independent auditor's report - Norspan LNG IV AS 2023

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