



ÅRSREGNSKAPET FOR REGNSKAPSÅRET 2020 - GENERELL INFORMASJON

Enheten

Organisasjonsnummer: 923 594 701
Organisasjonsform: Aksjeselskap
Foretaksnavn: NORSPAN LNG 20 AS
Forretningsadresse: Smedasundet 40
5529 HAUGESUND

Regnskapsår

Årsregnskapets periode: 01.01.2020 - 31.12.2020

Konsern

Morselskap i konsern: Nei

Regnskapsregler

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

Årsregnskapet fastsatt av kompetent organ

Bekreftet av representant for selskapet: Peter Myklebust Opsal
Dato for fastsettelse av årsregnskapet: 28.05.2021

Grunnlag for avgivelse

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Brønnøysundregistrene, 22.06.2021



Resultatregnskap

Beløp i: USD	Note	2020	2019
RESULTATREGNSKAP			
Other operating income			
Kostnader			
Other operating expenses	5	9 318	159
Sum kostnader		9 318	159
Driftsresultat		-9 318	-159
Finansinntekter og finanskostnader			
Financial income		2	
Sum finansinntekter		2	
Foreign exchange gain/loss		-109	-131
Financial expenses		635	
Sum finanskostnader		526	-131
Netto finans	4	-524	131
Ordinært resultat før skattekostnad		-9 842	-28
Taxes	10		329
Ordinært resultat etter skattekostnad		-9 842	-357
Årsresultat		-9 842	-357
Årsresultat etter minoritetsinteresser		-9 842	-357
Totalresultat		-9 842	-357



Balanse

Beløp i: USD	Note	2020	2019
BALANSE - EIENDELER			
Anleggsmidler			
Immaterielle eiendeler			
Varige driftsmidler			
Vessel under construction		8 753 454	
Sum varige driftsmidler		8 753 454	
Finansielle anleggsmidler			
Investering i annet foretak i samme konsern	3	136 269	162 384
Sum finansielle anleggsmidler		136 269	162 384
Sum anleggsmidler		8 889 723	162 384
Omløpsmidler			
Varer			
Fordringer			
Other short-term receivables		3 706	
Intercompany receivables		1 384	
Sum fordringer		5 090	
Bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende			
Bank deposits	2	1 232 441	4 528
Sum bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende		1 232 441	4 528
Sum omløpsmidler		1 237 531	4 528
SUM EIENDELER		10 127 254	166 913
BALANSE - EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD			
Egenkapital			
Innskutt egenkapital			
Share capital	6, 7	329 940	3 304



Balanse

Beløp i: USD	Note	2020	2019
Overkurs		9 671 244	1 094
Sum innskutt egenkapital		10 001 185	4 397
Opptjent egenkapital			
Result brought forward (aut)		-323	
Udekket tap		9 876	357
Sum opptjent egenkapital		-10 199	-357
Sum egenkapital		9 990 985	4 040
Sum langsiktig gjeld		0	0
Kortsiktig gjeld			
Tax payable	10		329
Kortsiktig konserngjeld	9	136 269	162 544
Sum kortsiktig gjeld		136 269	162 873
Sum gjeld		136 269	162 873
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Brønnøysundregistrene

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Brønnøysundregistrene, 21.06.2021



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BALANSE

Beløp i: USD Note 2020 2019

BALANSE - EIENDELER

Anleggsmidler Immaterielle eiendeler

Varige driftsmidler

Vessel under construction 8 753 454
Sum varige driftsmidler 8 753 454

Finansielle anleggsmidler

Investering i annet
foretak i samme konsern 3 136 269 162 384
Sum finansielle
anleggsmidler 136 269 162 384

Sum anleggsmidler 8 889 723 162 384

Omløpsmidler

Varer

Fordringer

Other short-term
receivables 3 706
Intercompany receivables 1 384
Sum fordringer 5 090

Bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende

Bank deposits 2 1 232 441 4 528
Sum bankinnskudd,
kontanter og lignende 1 232 441 4 528

Sum omløpsmidler 1 237 531 4 528

SUM EIENDELER 10 127 254 166 913

BALANSE - EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD

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NOTEOPPLYSNINGER - SELSKAP - alle poster oppgitt i hele tall

Note

Antall aksjer og aksjeeiere

<u>Aksjeklasse</u>	<u>Ant. aksjer</u>	<u>Pålydende</u>	<u>Bokført verdi</u>
Ordinære aksjer	1000.00	30.00	30000.00

<u>Aksjeeiere - fritekst</u>	<u>Antall</u>	<u>Eierandel</u>	<u>Aksjeklasse</u>
Knutsen Lng AS	1000.00	100.00%	Ordinære aksjer

<u>Sum</u>	<u>Sum antall</u>	<u>Sum eierandel</u>
	1000.00	100.00%

Note

Ytelser til ledende personer

Er det gitt ytelser til ledende person: Nei

Ytelser til daglig leder

<u>Ytelser</u>	<u>Lønn</u>	<u>Pensj.forpl.</u>	<u>Andre godtgj.</u>
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Note

Antall årsverk i regnskapsåret

Virksomheten har hatt følgende antall årsverk:
0.00

Note

Lån og sikkerhetsstillelse til ledende personer og aksjeeiere

Er det gitt lån eller sikkerhetsstillelse til ledende personer: Nei

Note

Konsern, tilknyttet selskap og datterselskap

Tilknyttet selskap/datterselskap

<u>Navn og adresse</u>	<u>Eierandel</u>	<u>Stemmeandel</u>	<u>Egenkapital</u>	<u>Resultat</u>
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Ikke aktuell 0.00% 0.00%

Note ikke aktuell



NORSPAN LNG 20 AS

ANNUAL REPORT

2020



NORSPAN LNG 20 AS

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020

Norspan LNG 20 AS was established in 2019. Norspan LNG 20 AS is part owner in Knutsen Kyst LNG KS. The vessel is a 1.100 m³ LNG tanker delivered in 2004. The vessel is operated by Knutsen OAS Shipping AS in Haugesund.

Norspan LNG 20 AS entered in 2020 a contract with Hyundai Samho Heavy Industries CO., LTD, in Korea for the construction of a 174.000 m³ LNG-vessel, shipbuilding number 8095. The vessel is scheduled to be delivered in May 2023 and will after delivery enter a 7-year time charter contract with a company within The Royal Dutch Shell Group.

There are no employees in the company, and the daily operations are managed by Knutsen OAS Shipping AS in Haugesund in accordance with separate agreement.

Profit for the year

The company had no operating income in 2020. The operating result for the year 2020 was a loss of USD 9 318 compared to a loss of USD 159 in 2019. The net financial expense in 2020 is USD 201 (net income USD 131 in 2019), and the result of the year was a negative USD 9 519 (negative USD 357 in 2019).

The Board of Directors suggest the result for the year is transferred from loss brought forward.

Total cash flow from operational activities in the company was USD – 41 535 (USD – 164 463 in 2019). The liquidity balance was USD 1 237 531 at 31.12.20 (USD 4 528 at 31.12.2019).

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

High operational standards

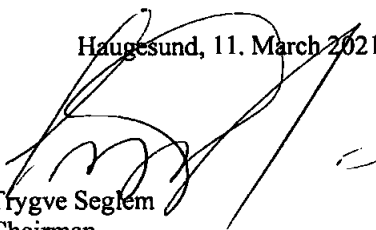
The requirements for safe and environmentally friendly operation of the vessel are increasing, and both the Company and the manager Knutsen OAS Shipping emphasize operational quality. The manager is ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified and establishes each year Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for improved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




Future prospects

The Board of Directors has every reason to believe that 2021 will be a satisfying year for the company.

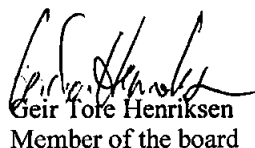
Haugesund, 11. March 2021



Trygve Seglem
Chairman



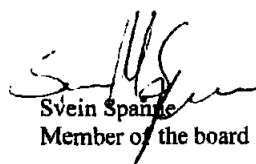
Synnøve Seglem
Member of the board



Geir Tore Henriksen
Member of the board



Gisle Eriksen
Member of the board



Svein Spanne
Member of the board



Norspan LNG 20 AS

Profit & Loss Account

Numbers in USD

	Note	2020	30.09.2019-31.12.2019
Operating Income			
Other operating income		0	0
Operating Expenses			
Other operating expenses	5	9 318	159
Total Operating Expenses		<u>9 318</u>	<u>159</u>
Operating Result		<u>-9 318</u>	<u>-159</u>
Financial Income and Expenses			
Financial income		2	0
Foreign exchange gain/loss		109	131
Financial expenses		-312	0
Net Financial Items	4	<u>-201</u>	<u>131</u>
Result before taxes		<u>-9 519</u>	<u>-28</u>
Taxes	10	0	-329
Result for the year		<u>-9 519</u>	<u>-357</u>



Norspan LNG 20 AS

Balance Sheet as of 31. December

Numbers in USD

ASSETS	Note	2020	2019
Vessel under construction		8 753 454	0
Investments in other group companies	3	136 269	162 384
Total Fixed Assets		8 889 723	162 384
Current Assets			
Other short-term receivables		3 706	0
Intercompany receivables		1 384	0
Bank deposits	2	1 232 441	4 528
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NORSPAN LNG 20 AS

CASHFLOW STATEMENT

	2020	2019
Total generated from operations 1)	-9 519	-28
Change in working capital	<u>-32 016</u>	<u>-164 435</u>
Net cashflow from operations	<u>-41 535</u>	<u>-164 463</u>
Invested in vessel under construction	-8 753 454	0
Invested in shares	<u>26 115</u>	<u>162 384</u>
Net cashflow from investments	<u>-8 727 339</u>	<u>162 384</u>
Paid-in share capital, incl. share premium	9 996 787	6 607
Mortgage debt	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net cashflow from financing	<u>9 996 787</u>	<u>6 607</u>
Net cashflow for the year	1 227 913	4 528
+ Cash balance per 01.01.	<u>4 528</u>	<u>0</u>
= Cash Balance per 31.12.	<u>1 232 441</u>	<u>4 528</u>
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Norspan LNG 20 AS

Balance Sheet as of 31. December

Shareholders Equity and Liabilities	Note	2020	2019
Equity			
Share capital	6, 7	329 940	3 304
Share premium		9 671 244	1 094
Total capital paid-in		10 001 185	4 397
Uncovered loss		-9 876	-357
Total Shareholders' Equity		9 991 308	4 040
Current Liabilities			
Tax payable	10	0	329
Debt to group companies	9	136 269	162 544
Total Current Liabilities		136 269	162 873
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		10 127 577	166 913

Haugesund, 11. March 2021

The board of Norspan LNG 20 AS

Trygve Seglem

chairman of the board

Geir Tore Henriksen

member of the board

Synnøve Seglem

member of the board

Gisle Eriksen

Member of the board

Svein Sparre

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NORSPAN LNG 20 AS

Notes to the Financial Statement 31.12.2020

1 Accounting Principles

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Norwegian Accounting Act and generally accepted accounting principles in Norway. The company was established on 30.09.2019.

Current Assets/Current Liabilities

Fixed assets are intended for long-term ownership and use. Other assets are classified as current assets. Short-term liabilities are due within one year or tied to the operation of the vessel. Other liabilities are classified as long-term liabilities.

Current assets are valued at the lower of cost and fair value. Short-term liabilities are recorded at nominal value at the time of the entering.

Tax

The tax expense in the financial statements consists of taxes payable and changes in deferred taxes.

Companies taxed under The Norwegian Tonnage Tax Regime are not taxed on its net operating profit. Taxation under the tonnage tax regime requires compliance to stringent requirements, and voluntary or compulsory exit from the regime will result in taxation of net profits based on ordinary taxation. Net financial income is taxed on a current basis (22%). The tax rate will from 2020 be 22% in Norway.

Deferred tax is calculated using the liability method at 22% of all temporary differences between the taxable value of assets and liabilities and their booked amounts at the end of the accounting year. Any temporary differences that may increase or decrease taxes that can be legally offset and are intended to be settled net are recorded net.

Deferred tax is calculated for assets and liabilities for which future realization will lead to payable tax.

Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent that it's probably that adequate taxable profit will be generated to recover the tax asset. Anticipated utilization of tax losses are not discounted when calculating the deferred tax asset.

Tonnage tax paid under the tonnage tax regime is classified as operational expenses.

Cash flow statement

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

2 Bank deposits

The company doesn't have locked-up bank funds per 31.12. Funds held by solicitor in a designated client account is classified as cash



3 Investments in jointly controlled entities and associates

The company owns 3 % of Knutsen Kyst LNG KS.

	Company capital	Owner/ Voting share	Result for the year (NOK)	Equity (NOK)
Knutsen Kyst LNG KS	24 500 000	3,000 %	3 738 149	29 593 864

4 Financial Income and -Expenses

	2020	2019
Financial income:		
Interest income	2	0
Total financial income	2	0
Financial expenses:		
Interest expenses to group companies	0	0
Interest expenses	2	0
Other financial expenses	310	0
Total financial expenses	312	0

5 Remuneration

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

Auditors remuneration (excl.	2020	2019
Audit	4 270	0
Tax advice	0	0
Other services besides audit	0	0
	4 270	0



6 Equity

Specification of the equity per 31.12.

	Share capital Ordinary shares	Share premium	Other equity	Total equity
Equity 30.09.	3 304	1 094	-357	4 040
Capital decrease 18.11.20	-3 313			-3 313
Capital increase 18.11.20	329 949	9 670 151		10 000 100
Result for the year	0	0	-9 519	-9 519
Equity 31.12.	329 940	9 671 244	-9 876	9 991 308

Share capital consist of 100.001 shares a NOK 30. 1 ordinary shares and 100.000 preference shares. Preference shares is without voting rights and have first rights to dividend.

Share-owners	Ordinary shares	Preferred shares
Knutsen LNG AS	1	0
CapeOmega Gas Transportation AS	0	100 000
	<u>1</u>	<u>100 000</u>

7 Shares Owned by Board Members and Affiliates

Trygve Seglem controls through Seglem Holding AS 100 % of the company.

8 Employees

The company has no employees and thereby no pension liabilities (under the OTP regulation). Knutsen OAS Shipping AS manages the Company in accordance with a separate management agreement.

9 Balances with related parties

	2020	2019
<u>Short-term receivables group companies</u>		
Knutsen OAS Shipping AS	1 384	0
<u>Short-term liabilities group company</u>		
Knutsen OAS Shipping AS	0	160
Knutsen LNG AS	136 269	162 384
	<u>136 269</u>	<u>162 544</u>



10 Tax

The company is taxed based on the shipping tax regime. This means that companies are not taxed on the basis of its operating income. However it is calculated an annual tax of 22% on the company's net financial income. At the same time companies within the tonnage tax scheme will have to pay a tonnage tax based on the size of the company's operated vessels, which in 2020 amounted to NOK 99. Tonnage tax is classified as an operating expense.

The company should meet certain requirements to be within the scheme, such as only ownership of ship/shares in the shipping companies, and only own certain types of financial assets.

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

Deferred tax asset is not recognised due to uncertainty of future sufficient taxable income with in the tonnage tax regime to utilize the deferred tax asset.

	2020	Change	2019
Loss carried forward	6 928	-6 928	0
Basis for deferred tax (benefit)	6 928	-6 928	0
Deferred tax (benefit)	1 524	1 524	0
Deferred tax (benefit) booked	0	0	0

Taxable result tonnage tax scheme:

	2020	2019
Net financial items	-9 519	131
Currency effect on profit/loss before tax	-103 406	3 889
Non-taxable currency gain	98 811	-2 515
Tax base for the year for allocation to partners	-849	-11
Capitalized interest expense	-29 295	
Non-deductible interests	25 712	
Increased income due to high equity	11 617	
Taxable income before loss carried forward	-6 928	1 494
Change in loss carried forward	-6 928	
Taxable income	0	1 494
Tax payable	0	329
Currency effect on tax payable	0	0
Change in deferred tax	0	0
Tax expense	0	329

11 Fixed Assets

<u>Vessel under construction</u>	2020	2019
Book value opening balance	0	0
Additions	8 753 454	0
Book value 31.12.	8 753 454	0



12 Contracts

The company entered into a shipbuilding contract with Hyundai Samho Heavy Industries CO., LTD, in Korea for the construction of a 174.000 m3 LNG-vessel, shipbuilding number 8095. The vessel is scheduled to be delivered in May 2023, and will after delivery enter a 7 year time charter contract with the The Royal Dutch Shell Group. Shell has two consecutive option periods of three plus three years after the 7 year period. The first installment of USD 8 721 150 is paid to the yard as of 31.12.20 . The remaining contract sum amounted to USD 177 701 850. In addition to the contract sum, construction supervision and company-specific adjustments to construction contracts are incurred.

The company has signed a contract regarding construction supervision of the new building with Knutsen OAS Shipping AS. Knutsen OAS Shipping AS operates as manager on behalf of the company in accordance with management agreement.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Norspan LNG 20 AS

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Norspan LNG 20 AS, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2020, the profit & loss account, and statements of cash flows and for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with laws and regulations and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2020 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 laws, regulations, and auditing standards and practices generally accepted in Norway, including 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 ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Norway, and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities as required by law and regulations. We have also complied with our other ethical obligations 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 Company's annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Board of Directors (management) is responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the audit of 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 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, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of management for the financial statements

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

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



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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 laws, regulations, and auditing standards and practices generally accepted in Norway, including International Standards on Auditing (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 law, regulations and generally accepted auditing principles in Norway, including ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also

- ▶ identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- ▶ obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control;
- ▶ evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management;
- ▶ conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern;
- ▶ evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance 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.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinion on the Board of Directors' report

Based on our audit of the financial statements as described above, it is our opinion that the information presented in the Board of Directors' report concerning the financial statements, the going concern assumption, and proposal for the allocation of the result is consistent with the financial statements and complies with the law and regulations.

Opinion on registration and documentation

Based on our audit of the financial statements as described above, and control procedures we have considered necessary in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000, *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information*, it is our opinion that management has fulfilled its duty to ensure that the Company's accounting information is properly recorded and documented as required by law and bookkeeping standards and practices accepted in Norway.

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Bergen, 14 April 2021
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The auditor's report is signed electronically

Trine H. Bjerkvik
State Authorised Public Accountant (Norway)

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Dispensasjon fra kravet om å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk

Vi viser til TS Shipping Invest AS søknad om dispensasjon fra kravet om å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk for følgende konsernselskaper:

Selskapsnavn	Org.nr.
KNOT Shuttle Tankers 40 AS	923 822 070
KNOT Shuttle Tankers 41 AS	923 166 343
KNOT Shuttle Tankers 42 AS	923 166 211
Norspan LNG 16 AS	923 594 779
Norspan LNG 17 AS	923 594 736
Norspan LNG 18 AS	923 594 744
Norspan LNG 19 AS	923 594 760
Norspan LNG 20 AS	923 594 701
Norspan LNG 21 AS	923 991 824
ACE Norway as	919 018 755

Skattekontoret gir på bakgrunn av en konkret helhetsvurdering selskapene 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.

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

Fra søknaden siteres:

"TS Shipping Invest AS ønsker å omfatte flere av selskapene i konsernet til å kunne utarbeide regnskaper og årsberetning på engelsk fra og med regnskapsåret 2019. Alle selskapene i konsernet er norske selskaper som driver virksomhet innen internasjonal shipping. Selskapene og konsernet har engelsk som arbeidsspråk inklusive datterselskaper.



Brukerne av regnskapene er hovedsakelig aksjonærer, banker samt interessegrupper tilknyttet driften (ansatte, kunder, leverandører etc.). Aksjonærstrukturen er begrenset. Noen av selskapene eies 50 % av TS Shipping Invest AS og 50 % av NYK Logistics Holding (Europe) B.V.

De aller fleste av selskapenes kunder og leverandører og andre brukere har engelsk som sitt naturlige språk/forretningsspråk. Dette gjelder også konsernets långivere.

Utarbeidelse av årsregnskap på to språk innebærer en vesentlig kostnad for konsernet uten synlig gevinst."

Skattekontorets 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 mv., er det uttalt følgende om regnskapslovens formål, jf. pkt. 1.1:

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

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

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

Som nevnt ovenfor er det særlig hensynet til brukerne av regnskapsinformasjon som skal vurderes ved en dispensasjonssøknad. I dette tilfellet er det opplyst at kommunikasjon med de fleste av kunder og leverandører skjer på engelsk. En vesentlig andel av selskapenes eiere er engelskspråklige og vil ikke ha mulighet for å forstå årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk. Skattekontoret finner at disse forholdene samlet tilsier at dispensasjon fra kravet om å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk kan gis.

Vennligst oppgi vår referanse ved henvendelse i saken.



Med hilsen

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