



ÅRSREGNSKAPET FOR REGNSKAPSÅRET 2020 - GENERELL INFORMASJON

Enheten

Organisasjonsnummer:	915 956 033
Organisasjonsform:	Aksjeselskap
Foretaksnavn:	WEST ENERGY AS
Forretningsadresse:	Smedasundet 97 5525 HAUGESUND

Regnskapsår

Årsregnskapets periode:	01.01.2020 - 31.12.2020
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Konsern

Morselskap i konsern:	Ja
Konsernregnskap lagt ved:	Nei

Regnskapsregler

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

Årsregnskapet fastsatt av kompetent organ

Bekreftet av representant for selskapet:	Anett Våge
Dato for fastsettelse av årsregnskapet:	19.05.2021

Grunnlag for avgivelse

År 2020: Årsregnskapet er elektronisk innlevert
År 2019: Tall er hentet fra elektronisk innlevert årsregnskap fra 2020

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Brønnøysundregistrene, 05.08.2022



Resultatregnskap

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2020	2019
RESULTATREGNSKAP			
Inntekter			
Operating income vessels		15 539 319	15 720 271
Sum inntekter		15 539 319	15 720 271
Kostnader			
Endring i beholdning av varer under tilvirkning og ferdig tilvirkede varer	3		2 816 650
Time Charter and Bareboat-rent		15 433 740	8 622 684
Other operating expenses	3	77 626	1 012 875
Ordinary depreciation	1		568 310
Administrative expenses	3		
Sum kostnader		15 511 366	13 020 519
Driftsresultat		27 953	2 699 752
Finansinntekter og finanskostnader			
Renteinntekt fra foretak i samme konsern	6	98 526	
Annen renteinntekt		5 690	15 096
Sum finansinntekter		104 215	15 096
Net currency differences	7	-54 413	-2 948 520
Rentekostnad til foretak i samme konsern	6	7 298	230 203
Other financial expenses		907	2 007 723
Sum finanskostnader		-46 208	-710 594
Netto finans		150 423	725 689
Ordinært resultat før skattekostnad		178 376	3 425 441
Tax on ordinary result	8	41 412	349 573
Ordinært resultat etter skattekostnad		136 964	3 075 868
Årsresultat		136 964	3 075 868
Årsresultat etter minoritetsinteresser		136 964	3 075 868



Resultatregnskap

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2020	2019
Totalresultat		136 964	3 075 868
Overføringer og disponeringer			
Ordinært utbytte		2 000 000	
Konsernbidrag			587 338
Udekket tap		-1 863 036	2 488 530
Sum overføringer og disponeringer	4	136 964	3 075 868



Balanse

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2020	2019
BALANSE - EIENDELER			
Anleggsmidler			
Immaterielle eiendeler			
Utsatt skattefordel	8		
Equipment and other movables	1		
Finansielle anleggsmidler			
Investering i datterselskap	1	18 348 854	18 348 854
Other long-term receivables	1		
Sum finansielle anleggsmidler		18 348 854	18 348 854
Sum anleggsmidler		18 348 854	18 348 853
Omløpsmidler			
Varer			
Fordringer			
Accounts receivables		2 614 021	2 629 799
Other short-term receivables		634 076	636 766
Krav på innbetaling av selskapskapital	6	2 010 177	1 277 215
Sum fordringer		5 258 274	4 543 780
Bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende			
Cash and bank deposits		1 979 110	5 456 105
Sum bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende		1 979 110	5 456 105
Sum omløpsmidler		7 237 384	9 999 885
SUM EIENDELER		25 586 238	28 348 738
BALANSE - EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD			
Egenkapital			
Innskutt egenkapital			
Share capital	4	2 738 994	2 738 994



Balanse

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2020	2019
Overkurs		18 195 323	20 195 323
Annen innskutt egenkapital		4 598 707	4 598 707
Sum innskutt egenkapital		25 533 025	27 533 025
Opptjent egenkapital			
Other equity	4		
Udekket tap	4	3 376 872	3 513 835
Sum opptjent egenkapital		-3 376 872	-3 513 835
Sum egenkapital	4, 5	22 156 153	24 019 189
Gjeld			
Langsiktig gjeld			
Utsatt skatt	8		
Annen langsiktig gjeld			
Obligasjonslån	6		522 456
Gjeld til kredittinstitusjoner	3		
Deferred tax	8	7 769	9 694
Sum annen langsiktig gjeld		7 769	532 150
Sum langsiktig gjeld		7 769	532 150
Kortsiktig gjeld			
Konvertible lån	6		752 997
Sertifikatlån		49 485	2 147 308
Leverandørgjeld	6	1 329 494	223 010
Tax payable	8	43 337	
Utbytte		2 000 000	
Other current debt			674 084
Sum kortsiktig gjeld		3 422 316	3 797 399
Sum gjeld		3 430 085	4 329 549
SUM EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD		25 586 238	28 348 738



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WEST ENERGY AS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2020

Operation and location

The Company operates two offshore wind vessels under ownership of its two Spanish, vessel owning companies Puerto de Calella SL and Puerto de Llafranc SL, together (the Group).

The Company has its administration located in Haugesund, and the Company has entered into a Ship Management Agreement for the vessels with Østensjø Rederi AS.

Comments related to the Financial Statement

In the opinion of the board of directors, the information in the financial statements, including the notes, gives a complete and comprehensive overview over the Company's development and result during 2020, in addition to the financial position at year-end.

The company's vessels are employed on longer term contracts in the offshore wind market. The market for offshore wind is growing and it is expected that the demand for vessels will increase in the years to come.

As for most companies in Norway and around the world, the Covid-19 virus will also affect the Company in 2021. The Covid-19 vaccine and various financial schemes recently established for the purpose of reducing the economic impact of the pandemic are also expected to reduce the impact the virus will have on the Company. The Company follows the development related to the outbreak closely and is continuously making assessments and measures to limit the effects the virus could have on the business. Through established routines and implemented measures, the Company has handled the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic and ensured a stable operation of the Company's ships through 2020.

The result for 2020 is a profit of GBP 136,964 compared to a profit of GBP 3,075,868 in 2019.

At year-end, the equity ratio was 86,6 %, compared to 84,7 % in 2019.

The Company's current assets at 31st December 2020 were GBP 7,237,384, whilst the current liabilities were GBP 3,422,316.

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

Going concern

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



Financial risks

Credit risk:

The credit risk of the Company is considered low, and the counterparty risk is low.

Market risk:

The Group has bank debt in Pound Sterling recorded in its Spanish subsidiaries. The Company's assets in the form of ownership in subsidiaries have the same currency exposure. The currency exposure is thus considered acceptable.

Interest rates on the Group's long - term debt is mainly floating rate of interest. Despite partial interest rate hedging through an interest rate swap agreement, the Group is exposed to changes in interest rate.

Liquidity risk:

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

Working environment and gender equality

The company has no employees. The board members are male.

External environment

The Company operates vessels engaged in offshore wind services. This operation includes risks of contamination. The vessels fulfil all requirements set by national regulations, and the Board is not aware of spills nor pollution to the external environment beyond normal operations.

Allocation of result

The Board of Directors has proposed the result of West Energy AS to be attributed to:

Transfer from share premium	2,000,000
Dividend	-2,000,000
Cover of previous losses	136,964
Total	<u>136,964</u>

31 December 2020

Haugesund, -----

19 May 2021

Håvard Framnes
Chairman of the board

Johannes Østensjø
Member of the board

Geir Oppegård Flåesen
Member of the board

Jan Eyvin Wang
Chairman of the board

Kenneth Walland
General Manager



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Revenue statement

Figures in GBP		2020	2019
Note	Operating income vessels	15 539 319	15 720 271
	Time Charter and Bareboat-rent	15 433 740	8 622 684
3	Crew cost	0	2 816 650
3	Other operating expenses	77 626	1 012 875
	Operating profit vessels	27 953	3 268 062
1	Ordinary depreciation	0	568 310
	Result after depreciation	27 953	2 699 752
	Operating profit	27 953	2 699 752
Financial income and expenses			
6	Interest income from group companies	98 526	0
	Other interest income	5 690	15 096
7	Net currency differences	54 413	2 948 520
6	Interest expense to group companies	7 298	230 203
	Other financial expenses	907	2 007 723
	Net financial items	150 423	725 689
	Operating result before tax	178 376	3 425 441
8	Tax on ordinary result	41 412	349 573
	Ordinary result after tax	136 964	3 075 868
	Annual net profit	136 964	3 075 868
Brought forward			
	Allocated to loss brought forward	136 964	2 488 530
	Allocated to dividend	2 000 000	0
	Given intra-group contribution	0	587 338
	Transfer from share premium reserve	2 000 000	0
4	Net brought forward	136 964	3 075 868




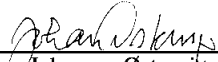
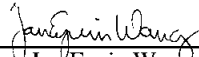


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Balance sheet

Note		2020	2019
		GBP	GBP
	Assets		
	Financial fixed assets		
1	Investments in subsidiaries	<u>18 348 854</u>	<u>18 348 854</u>
	Total financial fixed assets	<u>18 348 854</u>	<u>18 348 854</u>
	Total fixed assets	<u>18 348 854</u>	<u>18 348 853</u>
	Current assets		
	Accounts receivables	2 614 021	2 629 799
	Other short-term receivables	634 076	636 766
6	Receivables from group companies	<u>2 010 177</u>	<u>1 277 215</u>
	Total receivables	<u>5 258 274</u>	<u>4 543 780</u>
	Cash and bank deposits	1 979 110	5 456 105
	Total current assets	<u>7 237 384</u>	<u>9 999 885</u>
	Total assets	<u>25 586 238</u>	<u>28 348 738</u>

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Balance sheet

Note		2020 GBP	2019 GBP
	Equity and liabilities		
	Paid-up equity		
4	Share capital	2 738 994	2 738 994
	Share premium reserve	18 195 323	20 195 323
	Other paid-up equity	4 598 707	4 598 707
	Total paid-up equity	25 533 025	27 533 025
	Retained earnings		
4	Uncovered loss	-3 376 872	-3 513 835
	Total retained earnings	-3 376 872	-3 513 835
4, 5	Total equity	22 156 153	24 019 189
	Liabilities		
	Other long-term liabilities		
6	Liabilities to group companies	0	522 456
8	Deferred tax	7 769	9 694
	Total of other long term liabilities	7 769	532 150
	Current debt		
6	Given intra-group contribution	0	752 997
	Liabilities to group companies	49 485	2 147 308
6	Trade creditors	1 329 494	223 010
8	Tax payable	43 337	0
	Dividend	2 000 000	0
	Other current debt	0	674 084
	Total current debt	3 422 316	3 797 399
	Total liabilities	3 430 085	4 329 549
	Total equity and liabilities	25 586 238	28 348 738

Haugesund, 19.05.2021


Håvard Framnes
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Member of the board
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General Manager



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Notes to the accounts 2020

ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

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

Investment in subsidiaries

Investment in subsidiaries are accounted for using the cost method. Investments are valued at acquisition cost unless write-down has been necessary. Impairment of the investments has been made at fair value when the impairment is due to reasons that are not considered to be temporary and it is considered necessary in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Impairment losses are reversed when the basis for impairment is no longer present.

Currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are converted to the exchange rate at the time of the transaction. Monetary items (assets, liabilities and bank deposits) in foreign currencies are converted at the exchange rate as on the balance sheet date. The Company's functional currency is GBP and the accounts are booked and presented in this currency.

Classification

Current assets and liabilities include items due for payment within one year from the date of acquisition. Other items are classified as fixed assets / long-term liabilities.

Current assets are valued at the lower of cost or fair value. Current liabilities are recorded at nominal value at the time it is incurred.

Fixed assets

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

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

Receivables

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

Operating revenues and expenses

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



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Income tax and deferred tax

Income tax expense relates to the accounting result and comprises current tax and changes in net deferred taxes. Deferred tax expense results from temporary differences between the accounting value of assets and liabilities and their value for tax purposes. The tax effect is offset against any income tax expense, and the net is recorded in the financial statements. Deferred tax is recorded as long-term liabilities. To the extent that deferred tax assets exceed deferred tax liabilities, deferred tax assets are recorded in accordance with accepted accounting principles.

Cash flow analysis

The cash flow statement is prepared using the indirect method.

Use of estimates

The management has used estimates and assumptions that have affected the income statement and the valuation of assets and liabilities, as well as uncertain assets and liabilities on the balance sheet date during the preparation of the annual accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

All figures are in GBP, unless otherwise stated in the individual note.

Note 1 - Investment in subsidiaries

Investment in foreign subsidiaries	Share of ownership	Book value	Result 2020 (EUR)	Equity 2020 (EUR)
Puerto de Calella SL	100 %	8 653 858	-136 133	15 734 181
Puerto de Llafranc SL	100 %	9 694 996	-11 127	14 519 829
		<u>18 348 854</u>		

The Company own shares in vessel owning subsidiaries. Write-down on shares in subsidiaries has been valued based on the underlying impairment process of the vessels in the subsidiaries. The Group's vessels operate on long-term contract in the offshore-wind market. Market value has been obtained from two independent brokers. If the obtained market value indicates impairment of the book value of the vessels, an impairment test has been performed.

After termination of the Spanish Tax Lease Structure originally entered into for the tax lease financing of the vessels "Edda Passat" and "Edda Mistral" Puerto de Calella SL and Puerto de Llafranc SL are fully owned subsidiaries of West Energy AS. Each of the two Spanish subsidiaries became additional borrowers under the Facility Agreement financing the vessels in December 2019. West Energy is still jointly and severally liable for the debt obligation under the Facility Agreement.

West Energy AS had already entered into two identical interest rate swap agreements as a hedging instrument for the term loan facility agreement. The obligation in the interest rate swap agreement shall be allocated to Puerto de Callela SL and Puerto de Llafranc SL. The agreements will formally still remain in West Energy, but all cost related to the agreement will be invoiced to Puerto de Calella SL and Puerto de Llafranc SL.



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Outstanding long-term debt	2020	2019
Puerto de Calella SL	20 250 000	21 262 500
Puerto de Llafranc SL	19 237 500	22 275 000
	<u>39 487 500</u>	<u>43 537 500</u>

Interest rate swaps

The notional amount under agreement no 1 is GBP 9,262,500 with maturity date 27.02.2023. The market value of agreement one is GBP -229,448 excl accrued interest as per 31.12.20

The notional amount under agreement no 2 is GBP 9,262,500 with maturity date 27.02.2023. The market value of agreement two is USD - 327,625 excl accrued interest as per 31.12.20

Note 2 - Remuneration

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

No remuneration to board members in 2020.

Audit fee:

Statutory audit	12 497	Excl. VAT
Consulting services	<u>6 650</u>	Excl. VAT
Total remuneration	<u>19 147</u>	Excl. VAT

Note 3 - Changes in equity

	Share-capital	Premium reserve	Retained earnings	Other paid-in capital	Total equity
Equity 01.01	2 738 994	20 195 323	-3 513 835	4 598 707	24 019 189
Reduction premium reserve	0	-2 000 000	0	0	-2 000 000
Profit for the year	0	0	136 964	0	136 964
Equity 31.12	<u>2 738 994</u>	<u>18 195 323</u>	<u>-3 376 870</u>	<u>4 598 707</u>	<u>22 156 153</u>

Note 4 - Shareholders

Name	Number of shares	Ownership	Voting-right
Edda Wind AS	<u>30</u>	<u>100 %</u>	<u>100 %</u>

Johannes Østensjø dy AS owns 75% of the shares in Edda Wind AS

Chariman of the board Håvard Framnes owns 0,4% of the shares through Framnes Holding AS



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Note 5 - Intercompany

	2020	2019
Interest income		
Puerto de Llafranc S.L.	97 751	0
Edda Wind I AS	463	0
Edda Wind II AS	302	0
Edda Wind IV AS	10	0
Total interest income	98 526	0
Interest expense		
Puerto de Calella S.L.	2 244	85 105
Puerto de Llafranc S.L.	0	30 274
Johannes Østensjø d.y. AS	5 054	114 825
Total interest expense	7 298	230 203
Long-term debt		
Johannes Østensjø d.y. AS	0	522 456
	0	522 456
Current liabilities		
Edda Supply Ships Ltd	0	7 084
Puerto de Calella S.L.	1 368 392	2 147 307
Puerto de Llafranc S.L.	49 485	0
Edda Wind AS - dividend	2 000 000	0
Østensjø Rederi AS	0	34 556
Johannes Østensjø d.y. AS	0	30 625
Johannes Østensjø d.y. AS - group contribution	0	752 997
Edda Crewing Services Ltd	0	53 001
Total current liabilities	3 417 877	3 025 570
Current assets		
West Supply VIII AS	0	114
Edda Wind I AS	161 517	0
Edda Wind II AS	145 121	0
Edda Wind IV AS	2 581	0
Johannes Østensjø d.y. AS	36 616	0
Johannes Østensjø d.y. AS - group contribution	0	587 338
Østensjø Rederi AS	7 440	0
Puerto de Calella S.L.	1 700 957	0
Puerto de Llafranc S.L.	0	689 763
Total current assets	2 054 234	1 277 215



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Note 6 - Currency differences

	2020	2019
Disagio(-) /agio, realized short term	48 503	-81 586
Disagio(-) /agio, unrealized short term	89 102	3 030 106
Disagio(-) /agio, realized long term	-15 766	0
Disagio(-) /agio, unrealized long term	-67 426	0
Net currency differences	54 413	2 948 520

Note 7 - Taxes

	2020	2019
Profit/loss before taxes	178 376	3 425 441
Permanent differences	0	1 094
Non-deductible interest expenses	0	368 350
Change in temporary differences	9 055	18 566
Basis taxable income	187 431	3 813 451
Tax loss carried forward	0	-816 303
Limitation of interest deduction	-29 287	0
Net taxable income	158 145	2 997 148
Given intra group contribution	0	752 997
Tax payable	43 337	165 659

Temporary differences

	01.01.2020	31.12.2020	Change
Reserves in fixed assets	44 063	35 007	9 055
Total temporary differences	44 063	35 007	9 055
Tax loss carry forward	0	0	0
Limitation of interest expense carry forward	-2 375 067	-2 329 412	-45 655
Basis deferred tax	-2 331 004	-2 294 405	-36 600
Deferred tax, 22%	512 821	504 769	8 052
Tax effect on group contribution	0	0	0
Reversed deferred tax	-522 515	-512 539	-9 976
Deferred tax	-9 694	-7 769	-1 925

Tax expense

	2020	2019
Tax payable	43 337	165 659
Tax effect on group contribution	0	0
Change in deferred tax	-1 925	183 914
Tax expense for the year	41 412	349 573



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Note 8 - Subsequent events

The impact on the company subsequent to the balance sheet date as a result of the steps taken by the Government to control the Covid-19 pandemic is uncertain. This is the case for the majority of businesses in Norway and around the world.

The Company is closely monitoring the developments related to Covid-19 outbreak and makes ongoing assessment and measures to minimize the impact on the Company's operations and financial result. Based on routines established and implemented measures to handle the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Company has managed to keep up good operations throughout 2020.

If the Covid-19 pandemic continue to have a major impact on the situation over a longer period, this could affect revenues and costs, as well as increase in credit risk related to accounts receivable.

The Directors do not consider that the Covid-19 pandemic has had a material impact on the Company's financial position at the balance sheet date and this no adjustments have been made to the carrying values of the Company's assets and liabilities as of 31 December 2020.



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Cash flow Statement

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Cash flow from operations</u>		
Result before taxes	178 376	3 425 441
Taxes paid	0	0
Ordinary depreciation	0	568 310
Change in debtors / creditors balance	1 122 262	-660 112
Change in intercompany balances	-2 830 785	1 288 479
Change in other clearing posts	-671 394	1 048 174
= (A) Net cash flow from operations	<u>-2 201 541</u>	<u>5 670 292</u>
<u>Cash flow from investments</u>		
Investments in fixed assets	0	49 247
Sale of assets	0	278 094
= (B) Net cash flow from investments	<u>0</u>	<u>327 341</u>
<u>Cash flow from financing</u>		
Repayment of debt	0	-4 050 000
Change in intercompany balances	-1 275 453	-5 035 880
Group contribution	0	5 142 781
= (C) Net cash flow from financing	<u>-1 275 453</u>	<u>-3 943 099</u>
A+B+C Net change in cash flow for the year	-3 476 994	2 054 534
+ Cash balance as per 01.01	<u>5 456 105</u>	<u>3 401 570</u>
= Cash balance as per 31.12	<u>1 979 110</u>	<u>5 456 105</u>



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Annual Shareholders' Meeting of West Energy AS

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of West Energy AS, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2020, the income statement, statements 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 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 and General Manager (management) are 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.



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.

Bergen, 19 May 2021
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The auditor's report is signed electronically

Øyvind Nøre
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Tillatelse til å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på engelsk for West Energy AS, org.nr. 915 956 033

Vi viser til deres brev av 9. mars 2021 der det søkes om dispensasjon fra kravet til å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk for West Energy AS.

Skattekontoret gir på bakgrunn av en konkret helhetsvurdering West Energy AS dispensasjon fra kravet til å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk, jf. regnskapsloven § 3-4 tredje ledd. Dispensasjonen gjelder så lenge opplysningene som danner grunnlaget for vedtaket ikke endres vesentlig.

Kopi av dette brevet må sendes til Regnskapsregisteret i Brønnøysund sammen med årsregnskapet. Den regnskapspliktige må selv dokumentere ved dette brev at tillatelse er gitt.

Bakgrunn

West Energy AS er eid av et norsk selskap. Selskapet er en del av et konsern som driver virksomhet innen internasjonal shippingvirksomhet. Selskapet benytter engelsk som arbeidsspråk, og det er ingen forhold rundt selskapets finansiering som skulle tilsi behov for regnskap på norsk.

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 "informativ regnskaper for ulike grupper av regnskapsbrukere". Regnskapsbrukere vil omfatte, jf. uttalelsen i proposisjonen, blant andre investorer, kreditorer, ansatte 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.

Det er særlig hensynet til brukerne av regnskapsinformasjon som skal vurderes ved en dispensasjonssøknad. I denne vurderingen har skattekontoret lagt særlig vekt på at selskapet er eid av en profesjonell eier. Videre er det vektlagt at selskapet driver virksomhet i en internasjonal bransje der alle sentrale aktører behersker og benytter engelsk.

Vennligst oppgi vår referanse ved henvendelse i saken.

Med hilsen

Lars Waalorp
seniorrådgiver
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Skatteetaten

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