



ÅRSREGNSKAPET FOR REGNSKAPSÅRET 2022 - GENERELL INFORMASJON

Enheten

Organisasjonsnummer: 913 500 717
Organisasjonsform: Aksjeselskap
Foretaksnavn: VARME ACQUISITIONS AS
Forretningsadresse: Brynsveien 2
1338 SANDVIKA

Regnskapsår

Årsregnskapets periode: 01.01.2022 - 31.12.2022

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: Janelle Brataas
Dato for fastsettelse av årsregnskapet: 08.03.2023

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Brønnøysundregistrene, 01.06.2024



Resultatregnskap

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2022	2021
RESULTATREGNSKAP			
Kostnader			
Annen driftskostnad	2, 13	108 000	104 000
Sum kostnader		108 000	104 000
Driftsresultat		-108 000	-104 000
Finansinntekter og finanskostnader			
Inntekt på investering i datterselskap og tilknyttet selskap		108 000	104 000
Sum finansinntekter		108 000	104 000
Netto finans	3	108 000	104 000
Ordinært resultat før skattekostnad		0	0
Skattekostnad på ordinært resultat	4	0	0
Ordinært resultat etter skattekostnad		0	0
Årsresultat		0	0



Balanse

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2022	2021
BALANSE - EIENDELER			
Anleggsmidler			
Immaterielle eiendeler			
Finansielle anleggsmidler			
Investering i datterselskap	5	2 469 807 000	2 469 807 000
Investeringer i aksjer og andeler	6	187 000 000	162 000 000
Sum finansielle anleggsmidler		2 656 807 000	2 631 807 000
Sum anleggsmidler		2 656 807 000	2 631 807 000
Omløpsmidler			
Varer			
Fordringer			
Andre fordringer	7, 12	156 000	144 000
Sum fordringer		156 000	144 000
Bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende			
Bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende	8	1 209 000	1 221 000
Sum bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende		1 209 000	1 221 000
Sum omløpsmidler		1 365 000	1 365 000
SUM EIENDELER		2 658 172 000	2 633 172 000
BALANSE - EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD			
Egenkapital			
Innskutt egenkapital			
Selskapskapital		19 407 000	19 407 000
Annen innskutt egenkapital		2 468 371 000	2 468 371 000
Sum innskutt egenkapital		2 487 778 000	2 487 778 000
Opptjent egenkapital			



Balanse

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2022	2021
Annen egenkapital		170 394 000	145 394 000
Sum opptjent egenkapital		170 394 000	145 394 000
Sum egenkapital	9	2 658 172 000	2 633 172 000
Sum langsiktig gjeld		0	0
Sum gjeld		0	0
SUM EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD		2 658 172 000	2 633 172 000
POSTER UTENOM BALANSEN			
Pantstillelser	11	2 471 016 000	2 471 028 000



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Varme Acquisitions AS

Director's report 2022

Varme Acquisitions AS

Ownership

Varme Acquisitions AS is a wholly owned subsidiary of Varme Finco AS.

Business

Varme Acquisitions AS is a holding company whose purpose is to investment in companies with operational activities in district heating. Varme Acquisitions has 2 wholly owned subsidiaries; Oslofjord Varme AS and Mosjøen Varme Leasing AS. The company also owns 57% of Fredrikstad Fjernvarme AS and 50% of Drammen Fjernvarme AS. Varme Acquisitions is located in Bærum.

During the year, Drammen Fjernvarme AS increased its share capital by a total of MNOK 50. The capital increase was carried out by increasing the nominal value and does not affect the rights to the shares. Varme Acquisitions, having a 50% ownership in the company had a share contribution of MNOK 25.

Financial performance

In the Board's opinion, the income statement and balance sheet give a true and fair view of the financial development during the year and the financial position at year end.

The company had a net loss before group contributions received of kr 0,1 mill. The company received a group contribution of kr 0,1 mill so that the net profit is kr 0 mill.

Continued operations

In accordance to the Accounting Act §3-3, we confirm that the requirement for the preparation of the financial statements being based on the going concern assumption has been met. The basis for this is the budget for 2022 and the company's long-term strategic forecast for the coming years.

External environment

The company does not pollute the external environment.

Working environment and personnel

The company does not have any employees. The Board of Directors consists of 3 men and 2 women. The group's personnel policy ensures that there is no gender discrimination, and therefore no other measures are taken in this area.

The company has started work on due diligence assessments and will publish a statement within the statutory deadline.



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**Financial risk**

The company does not have any loans and therefore financial risks must be regarded as low. The difference between net cash flows from operational activities and the operating profit consists mainly of an increase in receivables.

The company has insurance coverage for Directors and Officers which limits their personal liability in their role for the company, external environment and third parties.

Distribution of profits

The company had a net profit of kr 0 mill in 2022. It is proposed that kr 0 is transferred to other equity.

Bærum, 8 March 2023

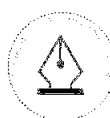
Stein Dale
Chairman of the
Board

Siw Linnea Poulsson
Board member

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Board member

Jérémy Roudier
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Eric Nasby
Board member



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Varme Acquisitions AS Income statement

Amounts in NOK thousands

	Note	2022	2021
Revenue			
Total revenue		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Operating expenses			
Other operating expenses	2, 13	108	104
Total operating expenses		<u>108</u>	<u>104</u>
Operating profit		<u>-108</u>	<u>-104</u>
Financial income and expenses			
Income from subsidiaries		108	104
Other financial income		0	0
Other financial expenses		0	0
Net financial items	3	<u>108</u>	<u>104</u>
Profit before income tax		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Income tax expense	4	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net profit		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Allocated as follows			
Transferred to other equity		0	0



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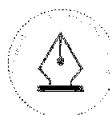
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Varme Acquisitions AS Balance Sheet

Amounts in NOK thousands

	Note	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
<i>Financial assets</i>			
Investments in subsidiaries	5	2 469 807	2 469 807
Investments in associated companies and joint ventures	6	187 000	162 000
Total financial assets		2 656 807	2 631 807
Total non-current assets		2 656 807	2 631 807
Current assets			
<i>Receivables</i>			
Other receivables	7, 12	156	144
Total receivables		156	144
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	8	1 209	1 221
Total current assets		1 365	1 365
TOTAL ASSETS		2 658 172	2 633 172



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Varme Acquisitions AS Balance Sheet

Amounts in NOK thousands

	Note	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
EQUITY			
<i>Paid-in capital</i>			
Share capital		19 407	19 407
Other paid-in capital		<u>2 468 371</u>	<u>2 468 371</u>
Total paid-in capital		<u>2 487 778</u>	<u>2 487 778</u>
<i>Retained earnings</i>			
Other equity		<u>170 393</u>	<u>145 393</u>
Total retained earnings		<u>170 393</u>	<u>145 393</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	9	<u>2 658 172</u>	<u>2 633 172</u>
LIABILITIES			
<i>Provisions</i>			
Deferred tax liability	4	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total provisions		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Other long-term liabilities</i>			
Other long-term liabilities	11	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total long-term liabilities		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Current liabilities</i>			
Income tax payable	4	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Other short-term liabilities		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		<u>2 658 172</u>	<u>2 633 172</u>

Bærum 8.3.2023

Stein Dale
Styretsleder

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Styremedlem

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Varme Acquisitions AS Statement of cash flows

Amounts in NOK thousands

	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before income tax	0	0
Income taxes paid	0	0
Change in accounts receivables	0	0
Change in trade payables	0	0
Change in other working capital	-116	-100
Total net cash from operating activities	-116	-100
Cash flows from investing activities		
Payment for share capital increase in associated company	-25 000	0
Total net cash from investing activities	-25 000	0
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from increase in share capital	0	0
Proceeds from loans	0	0
Repayment of loans	0	0
Net group contributions	25 104	77
Total net cash flows from financing activities	25 104	77
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	-12	-23
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1 221	1 244
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	1 209	1 221



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Varme Acquisitions AS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2022

Note 1 Accounting principles

Accounting principles

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Norwegian Accounting Act of 1998 and accounting standards and practices generally accepted in Norway.

Classification of balance sheet items

Assets intended for long term ownership or use have been classified as fixed assets. Assets relating to the trading cycle have been classified as current assets. Other receivables are classified as current assets if they are to be repaid within one year after the transaction date. Similar criteria apply to classification of liabilities.

Current assets are valued at the lower of cost and fair value. Other short-term liabilities are capitalised based on nominal amounts when the transactions take place.

Fixed assets are initially valued at the cost. These assets are written down to fair value when they have been impaired, and the impairment is not expected to be permanent. Long term liabilities in NOK with the exception of other accruals are capitalised at nominal value when established.

Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities

The gain or loss relating to derivatives is recognised immediately in the income statement.

Shares in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are valued with the cost method. The investments are written down to fair value when the impairment is not considered transient.

Dividends received and corporate contributions from the subsidiaries are recognised as financial income. Dividend and corporate contributions from subsidiaries that exceeds the withheld results during the ownership period are considered repayment of acquisition cost.

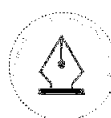
Dividends and corporate contributions are recognised in the accounts of the owner's company in line with the Norwegian standard accounting practice.

Associated companies

Associated companies are companies where the parent has significant influence, but not control. Significant influence is normally where the parent has between 20 and 50 % voting rights. Investments in associated companies are accounted for by the cost method. The carrying amount includes any implicit goodwill at the time of purchase.

Investment in shares in other companies

Shares in other companies are valued with the cost method in the companies' accounts.



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The investment is valued at acquisition cost for shares.

Receivables

Trade and other receivables are recognised at nominal value

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts.

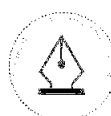
Taxes

The tax charge in the income statement includes both taxes payable for the period and changes in deferred tax. Deferred tax is calculated at 22 % on the basis of the temporary differences which exist between accounting and tax values, and any carryforward losses for tax purposes at the year-end. Tax enhancing or tax reducing temporary differences, which are reversed or may be reversed in the same period, have been eliminated. The disclosure of deferred tax benefits on net tax reducing differences which have not been eliminated, and carryforward losses, is based on estimated future earnings. Deferred tax and tax benefits which may be shown in the balance sheet are presented net.

Tax reduction on group contributions given and tax on group contribution received, booked as a reduction of cost price or taken directly to equity, are booked directly against tax in the balance sheet.

Cash flow statement

The cash flow statement is prepared in accordance to the indirect method.



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Note 2 Employee benefit expenses

(Amounts in NOK thousands)

There are no employees in Varme Acquisitions AS.

The audit fee included in other operating expenses for 2022 totals KNOK 13 excluding VAT and can be categorised as follows:

Statutory audit	13
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Note 3 Specification of financial income and expenses

(Amounts in NOK thousands)

Financial income	2022	2021
Group contribution	108	104
Dividend income	0	0
Other interest income	0	0
Total financial income	108	104

Financial expenses	2022	2021
Interest expenses to group companies	0	0
Other interest expenses	0	0
Other financial expenses	0	0
Total financial expenses	0	0

Note 4 Taxes

(Amounts in NOK thousands)

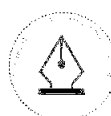
Components of the income tax expense:	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Current tax on profits for the year	0	0
Change in deferred tax	0	0
Total income tax expense	0	0

Basis for income tax expense, changes in deferred tax and tax payable:

Profit (loss) before taxes	0	0
Permanent differences *)	0	0
Limited interest deductibility	0	0
Group contribution received without tax effect	0	0
Taxable income	0	0

There are no temporary differences between accounting and tax values for this company.

Reconciliation of the tax expense	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Profit (loss) before taxes	0	0
Expected income tax based on nominal tax rate	0	0



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Tax effect of the following:		
Permanent differences	0	0
Limited interest deductibility	0	0
Income tax expenses	0	0
Effective tax rate	0,0 %	0,0 %

Note 5 Investments in subsidiaries

(Amounts in NOK thousands)

Company	Number	Ownership	Book value
Oslofjord Varme AS	100	100 %	2 383 948
Mosjøen Varme Leasing AS	30 000	100 %	8 600
Fredrikstad Fjernvarme AS	967 938	56,9 %	77 259
Total			2 469 807

Investments in subsidiaries are booked according to the cost method.

Financial information:	Net profit (loss) for 2022	Equity 31.12.2022	Location
Oslofjord Varme AS	125 576	246 610	Bærum
Mosjøen Varme Leasing AS	2 731	18 858	Bærum
Fredrikstad Fjernvarme AS	5 474	119 487	Fredrikstad

Note 6 Investments in associated companies and joint ventures

(Amounts in NOK thousands)

Company	Number	Ownership	Book value
Drammen Fjernvarme AS	245	50 %	187 000
Total			187 000

Investments in associated companies and joint ventures are booked according to the cost method.

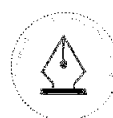
In 2022, Drammen Fjernvarme AS increased its share capital by a total of MNOK 50. The capital increase was carried out by increasing the nominal value and does not affect the rights to the shares. Varme Acquisitions, having a 50% ownership in the company had a share contribution of MNOK 25.

Financial information:	Net profit (loss) for 2022	Share capital increase 2022	Equity 31.12.2022	Location
Drammen Fjernvarme AS	36 075	50 000	221 415	Drammen

Note 7 Trade and other receivables

(Amounts in NOK thousands)

	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Other short term receivables	48	40
Receivables from related parties	108	104
Total	156	144



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Note 8 Cash and cash equivalents

(Amounts in NOK thousands)

Varme Acquisitions AS does not have restricted cash as at 31.12.2022.

Note 9 Shareholders' Equity

(Amounts in NOK thousands)

	Share Capital	Other paid-in equity	Other equity	Total
Equity as at 1.1.2022	19 407	2 468 371	145 393	2 633 172
Profit for the year			0	0
Group contributions after tax			25 000	25 000
Equity as at 31.12.2022	19 407	2 468 371	170 393	2 658 172

Note 10 Shareholdings

The share capital consists of 6.469.149 shares with a nominal value of kr 3,- each. Varme Acquisitions AS is a wholly owned subsidiary of Varme Finco AS.

In accordance to the Norwegian Accounting Act of 1998, §3-7, the company has not prepared consolidated financial statements. Consolidated financial statements are prepared by the parent company of the group, Varme Topco AS and can be obtained at their registered office in Bærum.

Note 11 Guarantee obligations

(Amounts in NOK thousands)

As of 31.12.2022, Varme Finco AS has entered into a Bank Facilities Agreement with a consortium consisting of DNB Bank ASA, Nordea Bank ABP and SEB AB. The facilities agreement is for MNOK 985,9 and as of 31.12.2022, MNOK 660,9 is drawn down. The loan matures in seven years from the date of the first drawdown, 19.12.2019. The loan is to be repaid in full on the maturity date as no installments are made during the period of the loan. The loan has a floating interest rate of NIBOR + margin. Varme Finco AS has also entered into a PP Note Purchase Agreement with PP debt providers represented by IFM Investors Pty Ltd., Vantage Infrastructure and Sunlife. The Agreement is for an equivalent of MNOK 811,9 and 4 notes have been issued at a fixed rate, expiring in 10, 12 and 15 years from the date of the issuance, 19.12.2019. The Notes are to be repaid in full on the maturity date.

Oslofjord Varme AS, Varme Acquisitions AS, Varme Finco AS and Mosjøen Varme Leasing AS have mortgaged their assets as security for the loans.

	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Book value of assets secured for mortgaged debt:		
Investments in shares	2 469 807	2 469 807
Other receivables	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents	1 209	1 221
Total	2 471 016	2 471 028

Note 12 Intercompany balances for group companies

(Amounts in NOK thousands)

		31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Receivables			
Oslofjord Varme AS	Current	108	104
Total group receivables		108	104



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Note 13 Related party transactions

(Amounts in NOK thousands)

The following transactions occurred with related parties:

Sales and purchases of goods and services	2022	2021
- Purchase of services from Oslofjord Varme AS	7	6
Total	7	6



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To the General Meeting of Varme Acquisitions AS

Independent Auditor's Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Varme Acquisitions AS (the Company), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2022, the income statement and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion

- the financial statements comply with applicable statutory requirements, and
- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2022, and its financial performance and its 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 as required by relevant laws and regulations in Norway and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

The Board of Directors (management) is responsible for the information in the Board of Directors' report. The other information comprises information in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the information in the Board of Directors' report.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the Board of Directors' report. The purpose is to consider if there is material inconsistency between the Board of Directors' report and the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or whether the Board of Directors' report otherwise appears to be materially misstated. We are required to report if

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there is a material misstatement in the Board of Directors' report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with 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. The financial statements use the going concern basis of accounting insofar as it is not likely that the enterprise will cease operations.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

For further description of Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements reference is made to: <https://revisorforeningen.no/revisjonsberetninger>

Drammen, 8 March 2023
PricewaterhouseCoopers AS

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Skattedirektoratet

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Tillatelse til å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på engelsk språk

— Vi viser til deres brev av 12. juni 2015 der det søkes om dispensasjon fra kravet til å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk språk for følgende selskaper;

Varme Midco AS org. nr. 913 500 644
Varme Acquisitions AS org. nr. 913 500 717

Skattedirektoratet gir på bakgrunn av en konkret helhetsvurdering Varme Midco AS og Varme Acquisitions AS dispensasjon fra kravet til å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk språk, jf. regnskapsloven § 3-4 tredje ledd. Dispensasjonen forutsetter at opplysningene som vedtaket baserer seg på ikke endres vesentlig.

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

Bakgrunn

Varme Midco AS er datterselskap til det engelske selskapet Varme Holdings UK Ltd. Varme Midco AS er datterselskap til Varme Midco AS. Varme Midco AS er av det engelske morselskapet pålagt å utarbeide årsregnskapet, årsrapporten og konsernregnskapet på engelsk. Varme Acquisitions AS har inngått en låneavtale med en utenlandsk långiver vedrørende finansiering av Varme Acquisitions AS og de underliggende selskapene. Långiveren stiller krav om at selskapet utarbeider årsregnskap, årsrapport og konsernregnskap for de underliggende selskapene på engelsk. En norsk oversettelse vil kun ha til formål å oppfylle regnskapslovens språkkrav.

Skattedirektoratets vurdering

Etter regnskapsloven § 3-4 tredje ledd skal "årsregnskapet og årsberetningen ... være på norsk. Departementet kan ved ... enkeltvedtak bestemme at årsregnskapet og/eller årsberetningen kan være på et annet språk."

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

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

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

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

Det er særlig hensynet til brukerne av regnskapsinformasjon som skal vurderes ved en dispensasjonssøknad. I denne vurderingen har Skattedirektoratet lagt særlig vekt på at selskapene er eiet av et utenlandsk selskap. Eierkretsen er begrenset. Videre er det vektlagt at det ikke foreligger mulige brukere av regnskapsinformasjon som blir vesentlig berørt negativt ved en eventuell dispensasjon.

Vennligst oppgi vår referanse ved henvendelser i saken.

Med hilsen

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