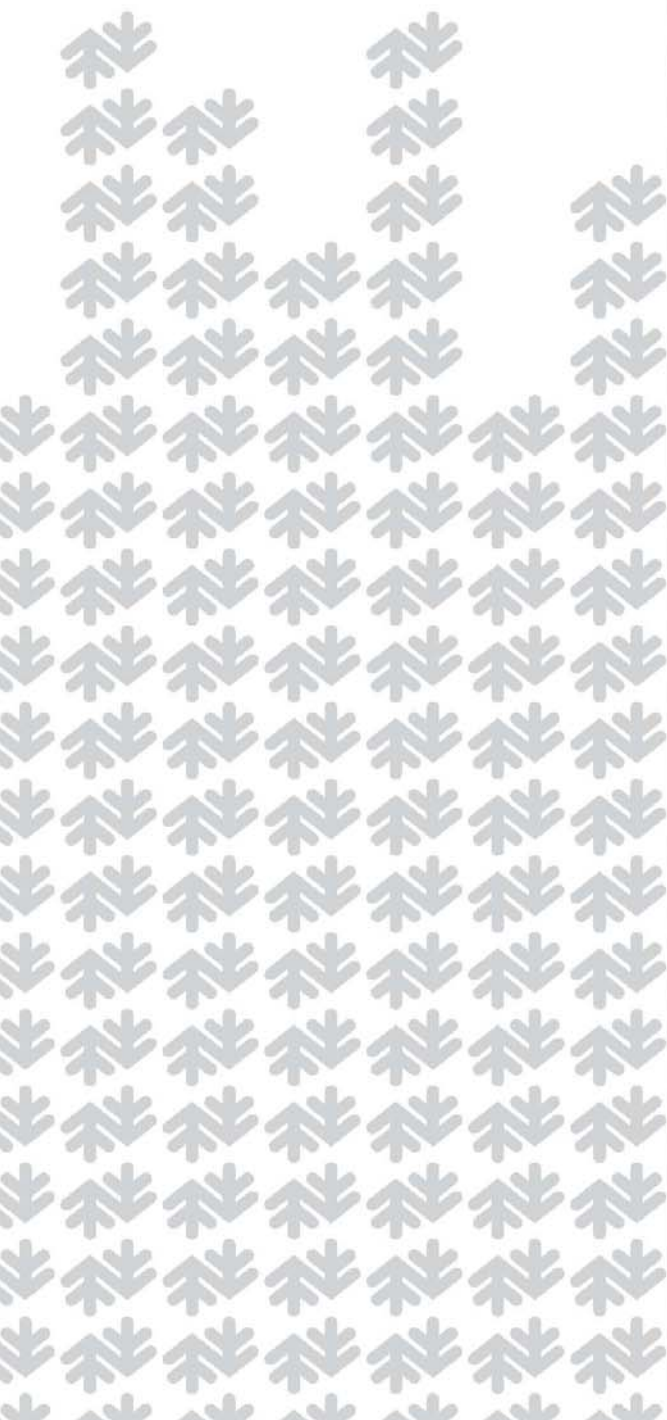


SECOND QUARTER

2012

NORSKE SKOG

NORWEGIAN PAPER TRADITION



OUR BUSINESS

Norske Skog is a world leading producer of newsprint and magazine paper. The group has 12 fully or partly owned mills in 10 countries and an annual production capacity of approximately 4.0 million tonnes. Through sales offices and agents, newsprint and magazine paper is sold to over 80 countries. The group has 4 500 employees.

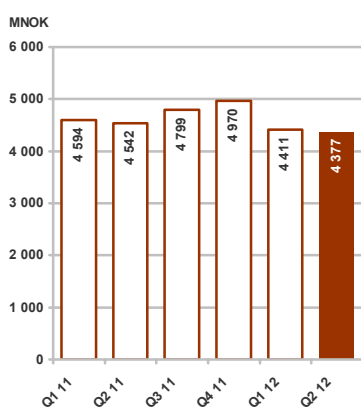
The parent company, Norske Skogindustrier ASA is incorporated in Norway and has its head office at Lysaker outside of Oslo. The company is listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange.

KEY FIGURES (UNAUDITED)

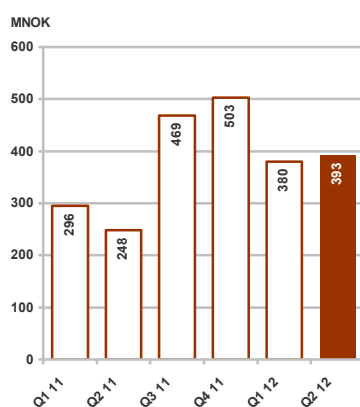
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	APR-JUN 2012	JAN-MAR 2012	APR-JUN 2011	YTD 2012	YTD 2011
INCOME STATEMENT					
Operating revenue	4 377	4 411	4 542	8 788	9 135
Gross operating earnings	393	380	248	772	544
Operating earnings	118	-587	-202	-470	23
Profit/loss for the period	-91	-343	-280	-434	-111
Earnings per share (NOK)	-0.48	-1.80	-1.47	-2.28	-0.58
CASH FLOW					
Net cash flow from operating activities	6	267	-129	273	-367
Net cash flow from investing activities	235	224	603	459	594
Cash flow per share (NOK)	0.03	1.41	-0.68	1.44	-1.93
OPERATING MARGIN AND PROFITABILITY (%)					
Gross operating margin	9.0	8.6	5.5	8.8	6.0
Return on capital employed	1.2	0.9	-1.1	2.1	-1.9
Return on equity	-1.3	-4.7	-2.8	-6.0	-1.1
Return on assets	0.6	-2.7	-0.7	-2.1	0.2
PRODUCTION / DELIVERIES / CAPACITY UTILISATION					
Production (1 000 tonnes)	912	926	910	1 838	1 861
Deliveries (1 000 tonnes)	928	911	922	1 839	1 841
Production / capacity (%)	90	84	82	87	84
	30 JUN 2012	31 MAR 2012	31 DEC 2011	30 SEP 2011	30 JUN 2011
BALANCE SHEET					
Non-current assets	14 267	14 342	15 803	15 892	18 054
Current assets	5 467	5 883	6 171	7 700	7 519
Total assets	19 734	20 224	21 974	23 592	25 573
Equity	7 044	7 031	7 433	7 967	9 851
Net interest-bearing debt	6 883	7 096	7 863	8 066	8 371

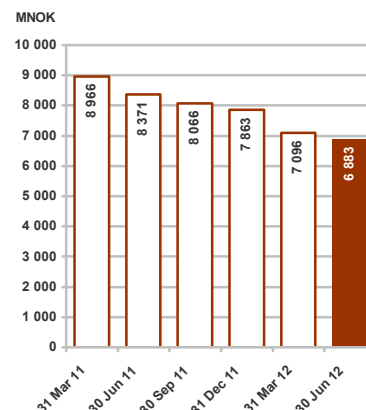
OPERATING REVENUE



GROSS OPERATING EARNINGS



NET INTEREST-BEARING DEBT



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2012

- Second quarter of 2012: Gross operating earnings NOK 393 million (NOK 380 million in the first quarter of 2012). Improvement in earnings despite the economic downturn in Europe and weak demand for newsprint and magazine paper in Europe and Australasia
- Cash flow from operating activities of NOK 423 million, before net financial payments in the quarter
- Net interest-bearing debt was reduced by NOK 213 million to NOK 6 883 million in the second quarter and by NOK 980 in the first half year
- Divestments of Norske Skog Bio Bio and Follum industrial area finalised during the quarter
- Sale of Norske Skog Parenco agreed after quarter-end, limited accounting impact

INCOME STATEMENT

	APR-JUN 2012	JAN-MAR 2012	APR-JUN 2011	YTD 2012	YTD 2011
Operating revenue	4 377	4 411	4 542	8 788	9 135
Gross operating earnings ¹⁾	393	380	248	772	544
Depreciation	-230	-251	-432	-481	-863
Operating earnings	118	-587	-202	-470	23
Profit/loss before income taxes	-125	-470	-271	-595	-1
Profit/loss for the period	-91	-343	-280	-434	-111

¹⁾ Operating earnings before depreciation, restructuring expenses, other gains and losses and impairments.

Norske Skog's operating revenue showed a marginal decrease compared with the corresponding period last year and compared to the previous quarter. The decrease was affected by the deconsolidation of Norske Skog Bio Bio and the closure of Norske Skog Follum. The decline was limited by seasonally higher volumes and full production at Norske Skog Saugbrugs following a fire last year.

Variable costs were lower than the same quarter last year and in line with the previous quarter. Variable costs consist mainly of energy and fibre (wood, recovered paper and cellulose). Fixed costs showed a marked decrease as a result of the lower capacity of the group and ongoing cost reduction programmes. Compared to the same period last year, there was a reduction in fixed costs of more than NOK 100 million in the quarter.

Gross operating earnings showed a marked improvement from the second quarter last year, with reduced costs and stable sales volumes. Compared to the previous quarter, there was a small increase.

For the first half as a whole, gross operating earnings were NOK 772 million, compared with NOK 544 million in the first half of 2011. There

were clear improvements in the results for newsprint Europe and magazine paper, of NOK 111 million and NOK 119 million, respectively. For newsprint outside Europe, there was a slight reduction of NOK 18 million.

Depreciation amounted to NOK 230 million in the quarter and was slightly lower than in the first quarter. Compared to the second quarter of last year, there was a significant reduction due to the prolonged expected useful life of some of the group's paper machines.

Depreciation, interest expenses and foreign exchange losses contributed to a loss before tax. NOK 47 million of the foreign exchange loss was realised.

Global demand for newsprint fell by two per cent in the first five months compared with the corresponding period last year. For magazine paper, there was a drop of five per cent.

Capacity utilisation in the group was good at 90 per cent (84 per cent in the first quarter).

SPECIAL ITEMS IN THE OPERATING EARNINGS UNDER IFRS

	APR-JUN 2012	JAN-MAR 2012	APR-JUN 2011	YTD 2012	YTD 2011
Restructuring expenses	0	-11	-23	-10	-23
Other gains and losses	-46	-670	5	-716	374
Impairments	0	-35	0	-35	-8

Other gains and losses in the quarter were mainly related to a fall in the value of energy contracts recognised in the balance sheet, due to a somewhat lower price level for electricity.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

	APR-JUN 2012	JAN-MAR 2012	APR-JUN 2011	YTD 2012	YTD 2011
Net interest expenses including realised gain/loss on interest rate derivatives	-140	-148	-168	-288	-328
Unrealised gain/loss on interest rate derivatives	-2	1	-13	-1	-19
Net interest expenses	-142	-147	-181	-289	-347
Currency gains/losses ¹⁾	-176	213	126	37	343
Other financial items	76	43	-12	118	-17
Total financial items	-242	109	-67	-133	-21

¹⁾ Currency gains and losses on accounts receivable and accounts payable are reported as Operating revenue and Cost of materials respectively.

Net interest expenses were NOK 140 million in the quarter and eight million lower than in the previous quarter. Foreign exchange losses of NOK 176 million related to the realisation of ongoing currency

hedging and currency changes on debt that is not hedge accounted. Other financial items included the gain on the repurchase of treasury bonds.

CASH FLOW

	APR-JUN 2012	JAN-MAR 2012	APR-JUN 2011	YTD 2012	YTD 2011
Gross operating earnings	393	380	248	772	544
Change in working capital and adjustments ¹⁾	55	-13	113	42	-434
Cash from net financial items	-417	-90	-424	-508	-400
Taxes paid	-24	-10	-66	-34	-77
Net cash flow from operating activities	6	267	-129	273	-367
Purchases of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	-95	-90	-138	-185	-206
Sale of property, plant and equipment, shares in companies, financial assets etc.	329	314	741	643	800

¹⁾ Includes items with no cash effect included in Gross operating earnings, items with cash effect included in Other gains and losses and payments made relating to restructuring activities.

Net cash flow from operating activities was NOK 6 million in the quarter, largely driven by gross operating earnings offset by high interest payments in the period.

Investments in property, plant and equipment related to normal maintenance and energy efficiency investments.

Sales of shares in companies mainly included cash from the divestment of Norske Skog Bio Bio.

Total cash from the sale of the industrial area at Follum does not appear in the second quarter, since some of the cash flow from accounts receivable will be recognised in the third quarter.

BALANCE SHEET

	30 JUN 2012	31 MAR 2012	31 DEC 2011	30 JUN 2011
Non-current assets	14 267	14 342	15 803	18 054
Cash and cash equivalents	1 251	1 157	1 200	2 394
Other current assets	4 216	4 726	4 971	5 125
Total assets	19 734	20 224	21 974	25 573
Equity including non-controlling interests	7 044	7 031	7 433	9 851
Non-current liabilities	9 354	9 556	10 184	10 594
Current liabilities	3 337	3 637	4 356	5 129
Net interest-bearing debt	6 883	7 096	7 863	8 371

Equity including non-controlling interests was NOK 7 044 million at 30 June 2012, an increase of NOK 13 million from the previous quarter. The negative result was offset by currency translation differences and hedge accounting of debt. Equity per share was NOK 37. More information is provided in the detailed statement of changes in equity later in this report.

Net interest-bearing debt was NOK 6 883 million at 30 June 2012, a

reduction of NOK 213 million during the quarter. The reduction came from cash flow from operating activities, cash received from divestments and gain on the repurchase of bonds. Exchange rate changes had a negative effect on debt developments in the quarter.

Cash and cash equivalents amounted to NOK 1 251 million at 30 June 2012.

SEGMENT INFORMATION

NEWSPRINT EUROPE

	APR-JUN 2012	JAN-MAR 2012	APR-JUN 2011	YTD 2012	YTD 2011
Operating revenue	1 205	1 115	1 619	2 320	3 117
Gross operating earnings	107	104	45	212	101
Depreciation	-52	-52	-147	-104	-290
Operating earnings	76	47	-82	123	-167
Gross operating margin (%)	8.9	9.4	2.8	9.1	3.2
Production (1 000 tonnes)	289	301	380	590	792
Deliveries (1 000 tonnes)	308	279	402	587	780
Production / capacity (%)	89	83	88	85	92

The region includes Norske Skog's European operations in the newsprint market with facilities in Norway, France and Austria. Annual production capacity was 1 305 000 tonnes from the second quarter, following the closure of Norske Skog Follum.

Operating revenue increased from the first quarter with higher sales volumes. This was due to seasonal effects and increased exports. Compared with the same period last year, operating revenue was negatively affected by the closure of Norske Skog Follum. Changed reporting of Norske Skog Parenco from the fourth quarter of 2011, from newsprint Europe to magazine paper, affects the figures when comparing with the second quarter of last year.

Variable costs were lower year-on-year, but higher sequentially due to sales from inventories where the cost of goods sold also includes

unallocated depreciation. Fixed costs were reduced due to the closure of Norske Skog Follum.

Gross operating earnings were in line with the previous quarter and showed a clear year-on-year improvement. Depreciation was unchanged from the previous quarter, but lower compared to the same period last year due to the extended useful life.

Demand for newsprint in Europe has shown a decrease of ten per cent in the first half year. An increase in exports of 26 per cent has, however, limited the impact on deliveries from the industry, which have fallen by five per cent.

Capacity utilisation showed a marked improvement to 89 per cent (83 per cent in the first quarter).

NEWSPRINT OUTSIDE EUROPE

	APR-JUN 2012	JAN-MAR 2012	APR-JUN 2011	YTD 2012	YTD 2011
Operating revenue	1 399	1 359	1 445	2 759	2 772
Gross operating earnings	218	196	219	415	433
Depreciation	-120	-137	-152	-258	-305
Operating earnings	74	18	61	91	112
Gross operating margin (%)	15.6	14.4	15.2	15.0	15.6
Production (1 000 tonnes)	280	279	301	559	588
Deliveries (1 000 tonnes)	290	276	304	566	582
Production / capacity (%)	92	86	92	89	90

The region consists of Norske Skog's operations in Australasia, South America and Asia. Norske Skog's mill at Bio Bio in Chile was sold in the first quarter of 2012 and deconsolidated as from 1 May 2012. Following the divestment, annual production capacity in the region was 1 180 000 tonnes. Capacity in the second quarter, including a month's production at Bio Bio, was 1 222 000 tonnes.

Operating revenue showed an increase compared with last quarter, but a decrease compared with the corresponding period last year. The increase from the previous quarter was driven by seasonally higher sales volumes. The year-on-year decrease was due to the deconsolidation of Norske Skog Bio Bio.

Variable costs were slightly higher compared with the corresponding

period last year, and in line with the previous quarter. Fixed costs were reduced as a result of the deconsolidation of Norske Skog Bio Bio.

Gross operating earnings in the second quarter were better than in the previous quarter and unchanged from the same period last year. The depreciation level was slightly lower than in the comparison periods.

Demand for newsprint in Australasia has been weak, falling by 13 per cent in the first five months. In South America there has been a reduction of four per cent.

Capacity utilisation was high at 92 per cent (86 per cent in the first quarter).

MAGAZINE PAPER

	APR-JUN 2012	JAN-MAR 2012	APR-JUN 2011	YTD 2012	YTD 2011
Operating revenue	1 602	1 762	1 276	3 364	2 757
Gross operating earnings	90	104	15	194	75
Depreciation	-52	-56	-126	-108	-253
Operating earnings	43	65	-66	108	-130
Gross operating margin (%)	5.6	5.9	1.2	5.8	2.7
Production (1 000 tonnes)	342	346	228	689	481
Deliveries (1 000 tonnes)	330	356	217	686	479
Production / capacity (%)	90	83	65	86	69

The segment includes Norske Skog's operations in the magazine paper market, with mills in Norway, Germany, Austria and the Netherlands. The total annual production capacity was 1 525 000 tonnes from the second quarter following the closure of Norske Skog Follum.

Operating revenue showed a year-on-year increase, but a decrease compared with the previous quarter. The main factors were capacity improvement, with Norske Skog Saugbrugs (SC) in full production after a fire last year, and volume reduction due to the closure of Norske Skog Follum. Changes in the product mix, with relatively more SC magazine paper, influenced developments in average prices. Changed reporting of Norske Skog Parengo from newsprint Europe to magazine paper, from the fourth quarter of last year, affects the figures when comparing with the second quarter of last year.

Variable costs were at a lower level than in the comparative period, but were affected by changes in the product mix. Fixed costs were reduced due to the closure of Norske Skog Follum.

Gross operating earnings showed a marked year-on-year improvement and a decrease compared to the previous quarter. Depreciation was on a par with the first quarter, but lower compared to the same period last year due to the extended useful life.

Demand for magazine paper in Europe has fallen in the first half. For SC (uncoated) magazine paper, there has been a small decrease of two per cent, while there has been a decrease of nine per cent for LWC (coated) magazine paper.

Capacity utilisation was high at 90 per cent (83 per cent in the first quarter).

OTHER ACTIVITIES

	APR-JUN 2012	JAN-MAR 2012	APR-JUN 2011	YTD 2012	YTD 2011
Operating revenue	618	761	931	1 379	2 033
Gross operating earnings	-32	-31	-37	-63	-75
Depreciation	-5	-5	-6	-10	-14
Operating earnings	-85	-721	-119	-805	200

Other activities include the purchase and internal resale of energy to the mills, trading activities related to recovered paper, unallocated group costs and the purchase and resale of wood.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The H-value (the number of lost-time injuries per million working hours) was 2.4 in the 12 month period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012.

EVENTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2012

Norske Skog Bio Bio in Chile was sold to local investors for USD 56 million and formally transferred on 3 May 2012. Furthermore, the industrial area where Norske Skog Follum was located was sold to Viken Skog for NOK 60 million and transferred to the buyer on 29 June 2012. In the first quarter, excess energy related to the closure of Norske Skog Follum was also sold back to Statkraft, while the group also secured a new long-term power contract for Norske Skog Skogn with NTE.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Norske Skog conducts continuous evaluations of its operational and financial risk factors. The main operational risks are related to prices and sales volumes of newsprint and magazine paper, and the prices for key input factors such as wood, recovered paper and energy.

Financial risk management mainly includes currency, interest rate and liquidity risk. A description of risk factors and risk management is given in the annual financial statements for 2011.

RELATED PARTIES

Some of the company's shareholders are forest owners supplying wood to the group's mills in Norway. All transactions with related parties are conducted in accordance with normal commercial terms. None of the board members receive remuneration for their work for the company from any source other than the company itself.

SHARES

The foreign ownership share at 30 June 2012 was 23 per cent, two percentage points higher than at year-end. An overview of the main shareholders at 30 June 2012 is included on page 17, and is based on information supplied by RD:IR and VPS through the service Nominee ID.

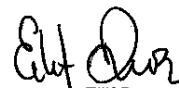
OUTLOOK FOR THE YEAR

Despite the economic downturn in Europe, margins in the second half of the year are expected to be in line with the first half. Norske Skog expects somewhat higher sales volumes in the second half as a result of seasonal variations, but the group will actively adjust production capacity to match market demand. Efforts to reduce fixed costs and net interest-bearing debt will continue.

LYSAKER, 1 AUGUST 2012 – THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN NORSKE SKOGINDUSTRIER ASA



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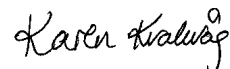
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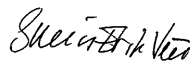
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INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SECOND QUARTER 2012

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

NOK MILLION	NOTE	APR-JUN 2012	JAN-MAR 2012	APR-JUN 2011	YTD 2012	YTD 2011
Operating revenue	6	4 377	4 411	4 542	8 788	9 135
Distribution costs		-428	-419	-421	-846	-851
Cost of materials		-2 569	-2 616	-2 732	-5 185	-5 688
Change in inventories		-19	34	-58	15	118
Employee benefit expenses		-642	-708	-702	-1 350	-1 406
Other operating expenses		-327	-324	-381	-651	-765
Gross operating earnings		393	380	248	772	544
Depreciation	4	-230	-251	-432	-481	-863
Restructuring expenses	9	0	-11	-23	-10	-23
Other gains and losses	5, 8	-46	-670	5	-716	374
Impairments	3, 4	0	-35	0	-35	-8
Operating earnings		118	-587	-202	-470	23
Share of profit in associated companies		0	8	-3	8	-3
Financial items		-242	109	-67	-133	-21
Profit/loss before income taxes		-125	-470	-271	-595	-1
Income taxes		34	128	-9	162	-110
Profit/loss for the period		-91	-343	-280	-434	-111
Profit/loss for the period attributable to:						
Owners of the parent		-91	-343	-280	-434	-111
Non-controlling interests		0	0	0	0	0
Basic/diluted earnings per share (NOK)		-0.48	-1.80	-1.47	-2.28	-0.58

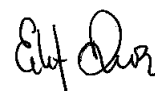
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

NOK MILLION	APR-JUN 2012	JAN-MAR 2012	APR-JUN 2011	YTD 2012	YTD 2011
Profit/loss for the period	-91	-343	-280	-434	-111
Other comprehensive income					
Currency translation differences	105	-189	41	-84	-477
Tax expense on translation differences	-1	1	46	0	46
Hedge of net investment in foreign operations	0	113	35	113	166
Tax expense on net investment hedge	-5	21	-30	16	0
Reclassification to income statement, divestment of operations ¹⁾	-23	0	43	-23	43
Tax expense on reclassifications	23	0	0	23	0
Other items	6	-6	-1	0	0
Tax expense on other items	0	0	0	0	0
Other comprehensive income for the period	105	-60	134	45	-222
Comprehensive income for the period	14	-403	-145	-389	-332
Comprehensive income for the period attributable to:					
Owners of the parent	14	-403	-145	-389	-330
Non-controlling interests	0	0	0	0	-2
¹⁾ Reconciliation of reclassification to income statement, divestment of operations:					
Currency translation differences	58	0	43	58	43
Hedge of net investment in foreign operations	-81	0	0	-81	0
Total	-23	0	43	-23	43

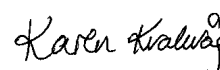
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

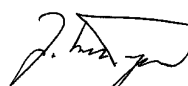
NOK MILLION	NOTE	30 JUN 2012	31 MAR 2012	31 DEC 2011	30 JUN 2011
Deferred tax asset		444	356	352	102
Intangible assets	4	130	167	148	155
Property, plant and equipment	3, 4	11 950	12 012	12 622	14 696
Investment in associated companies		429	423	422	205
Other non-current assets	8	1 314	1 385	2 258	2 896
Total non-current assets		14 267	14 342	15 803	18 054
Inventories		1 768	1 837	1 867	2 208
Trade and other receivables		2 200	2 291	2 732	2 348
Cash and cash equivalents	7	1 251	1 157	1 200	2 394
Other current assets	5, 8	249	598	372	569
Total current assets		5 467	5 883	6 171	7 519
Total assets		19 734	20 224	21 974	25 573
Paid-in equity		12 302	12 303	12 303	12 303
Retained earnings and other reserves		-5 271	-5 285	-4 883	-2 472
Non-controlling interests		13	13	13	20
Total equity		7 044	7 031	7 433	9 851
Pension obligations		500	490	541	565
Deferred tax liability		524	486	500	721
Interest-bearing non-current liabilities	7	7 621	7 862	8 407	8 587
Other non-current liabilities	8	708	718	736	720
Total non-current liabilities		9 354	9 556	10 184	10 594
Interest-bearing current liabilities	7	749	638	931	2 468
Trade and other payables	10	2 244	2 139	2 474	2 421
Tax payable		38	45	31	24
Other current liabilities	5, 8, 10	306	815	920	216
Total current liabilities		3 337	3 637	4 356	5 129
Total liabilities		12 690	13 193	14 540	15 722
Total equity and liabilities		19 734	20 224	21 974	25 573

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

NOK MILLION	APR-JUN 2012	JAN-MAR 2012	APR-JUN 2011	YTD 2012	YTD 2011
Cash generated from operations	4 358	4 710	4 585	9 068	9 221
Cash used in operations	-3 910	-4 343	-4 223	-8 253	-9 111
Cash from net financial items	-417	-90	-424	-508	-400
Taxes paid	-24	-10	-66	-34	77
Net cash flow from operating activities ¹⁾	6	267	-129	273	-367
Purchases of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	-95	-90	-138	-185	-206
Sales of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	10	42	18	53	77
Dividend received	1	0	0	1	0
Sales of shares in companies and other financial payments	319	272	723	590	723
Net cash flow from investing activities	235	224	603	459	594
New loans raised	530	424	1 125	955	1 130
Repayments of loans	-684	-947	-3 218	-1 631	-3 345
Purchase/sale of treasury shares	-1	0	0	-1	0
Net cash flow from financing activities	-154	-523	-2 093	-677	-2 215
Foreign currency effects on cash and cash equivalents	7	-11	31	-5	-58
Total change in cash and cash equivalents	94	-43	-1 587	51	-2 046
^{1) Reconciliation of net cash flow from operating activities}					
Gross operating earnings	393	380	248	772	544
Payments made relating to restructuring activities	-123	-29	-19	-151	-34
Change in working capital	183	-8	99	175	-450
Adjustment for items with no cash impact	-5	24	33	18	51
Cash flow from net financial items	-417	-90	-424	-508	-400
Taxes paid	-24	-10	-66	-34	-77
Net cash flow from operating activities	6	267	-129	273	-367

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN GROUP EQUITY

NOK MILLION	Paid-in equity	Retained earnings	Hedge accounting	Other equity reserves	Total before non-controlling interests	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
Equity 1 January 2011	12 303	-3 048	489	416	10 161	22	10 183
Profit/loss for the period	0	169	0	0	169	0	169
Other comprehensive income for the period	0	0	161	-515	-354	-2	-357
Equity 31 March 2011	12 303	-2 879	650	-99	9 976	20	9 996
Profit/loss for the period	0	-280	0	0	-280	0	-280
Other comprehensive income for the period	0	0	5	130	135	0	135
Equity 30 June 2011	12 303	-3 158	655	31	9 831	20	9 851
Profit/loss for the period	0	-2 426	0	0	-2 426	0	-2 426
Other comprehensive income for the period	0	0	-415	430	15	-7	8
Equity 31 December 2011	12 303	-5 584	240	461	7 420	13	7 433
Profit/loss for the period	0	-343	0	0	-343	0	-343
Other comprehensive income for the period	0	0	134	-194	-60	0	-60
Equity 31 March 2012	12 303	-5 927	374	267	7 018	13	7 031
Profit/loss for the period	0	-91	0	0	-91	0	-91
Other comprehensive income for the period	0	0	-63	168	105	0	105
Change in holding of treasury shares	-1	0	0	0	-1	0	-1
Equity 30 June 2012	12 302	-6 018	311	435	7 031	13	7 044

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Norske Skogindustrier ASA ("the company") and its subsidiaries ("the group") manufacture, distribute and sell publication paper. This includes newsprint and magazine paper.

Norske Skog changed its internal organisational structure in 2011. As a result of this, the group's segment structure has been changed with effect from 1 January 2012. See Note 6 Operating segments for more information.

All amounts in the interim financial statements are presented in NOK million unless otherwise stated. Due to rounding, there may be differences in the summation of columns.

The interim financial statements were authorised for issue by the board of directors in Norske Skogindustrier ASA on 1 August 2012.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The interim financial statements of Norske Skog have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*. The interim financial statements do not include all information required for full annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements for 2011. The interim financial statements are unaudited.

The accounting policies applied in the preparation of the interim financial statements are consistent with those applied in the

preparation of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011, except for the adaptation of amended standards and new interpretations which are mandatory from 1 January 2012. These changes are described in the annual financial statements for 2011. However, none of these currently have a material impact on the financial position or performance of the group.

The group has not early adopted any standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet mandatory.

3. ESTIMATES, JUDGEMENTS AND ASSUMPTIONS

Preparation of interim financial statements in accordance with IFRS implies use of estimates, which are based on judgements and assumptions that affect the application of accounting principles and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Actual amounts might differ from such estimates.

Estimated decline in value of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment

Intangible assets which have an indefinite useful life and goodwill are not subject to amortisation, but are tested annually for impairment. Tangible fixed assets and intangible assets that are subject to amortisation are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Since the carrying amount of the net assets in the group at the end of the second quarter of 2012 is higher than its market capitalisation, an impairment evaluation of the recoverable amount of the group's cash-generating units has been made. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from a cash-generating unit. The group's cash-generating units are Europe newsprint, Australasia newsprint, Norske Skog Pisa newsprint, Norske Skog Singburi newsprint, Europe magazine paper (light weight coated (LWC)), Norske Skog Saugbrugs magazine paper (super calendared (SC)) and Norske Skog Parenco magazine paper (NorCal).

Calculation of value in use requires use of estimates. When estimating the value in use at 30 June 2012, there was no indication that further impairments should be made.

Impairment losses on property, plant and equipment of NOK 36 million in the first quarter of 2012 were related to Norske Skog Bio Bio. Norske Skog Bio Bio was divested during the second quarter of 2012.

The possibility of reversing impairment losses in prior periods on property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (except goodwill) has also been evaluated at 30 June 2012. No reversals of previous impairments have been recognised in the second quarter of 2012.

The estimation of recoverable amount is based on assumptions regarding the future development of several factors. These include

price development for finished goods, sales volumes, input prices (wood, recovered paper, energy, development in salaries etc.), capital expenditure on operational fixed assets, currency rates and interest rates. This means that there will be uncertainty when it comes to the outcome of the calculations. Norske Skog has performed sensitivity analyses using the variables mentioned above to predict how fluctuations will impact recoverable amount. In relation to the assumptions made in the calculation of the present value of future cash flows, recoverable amount is most sensitive to changes in prices of finished goods, sales volumes and exchange rate movements. A reduction in sales price and sales volume in the cash flow period of five per cent will cause a reduction in recoverable amount in the order of NOK 5 600 million and NOK 1 900 million, respectively. Correspondingly, a five per cent weakening of USD will cause a reduction in the recoverable amount of NOK 900 million. A price increase of five per cent on the input prices for wood, recovered paper, energy and labour will reduce recoverable amount by approximately NOK 800 million, NOK 700 million, NOK 600 million and NOK 800 million respectively.

Commodity contracts and embedded derivatives in commodity contracts measured at fair value

Commodity contracts that fail to meet the own-use exemption criteria in IAS 39 *Financial instruments – recognition and measurement* are recognised in the balance sheet and valued at fair value. Fair value of commodity contracts and embedded derivatives in commodity contracts which are not traded in an active market, are assessed through valuation techniques. Some of these contracts are long-term energy contracts. The electricity price for long-term electricity contracts in Norway and New Zealand is not directly observable in the market for the whole contract length. Price forecasts from acknowledged external sources are used in the estimation of fair value. The group uses its judgement to select a variety of methods and make assumptions that are mainly based on marked conditions existing at each balance sheet date.

See Note 9 in the annual financial statements for 2011 for more information regarding the calculation of fair value of derivatives.

Provisions

Provisions for environmental restoration, dismantling costs, restructuring activities and legal claims are recognised when the group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; an outflow of resources is more likely than not to be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Provisions for future environmental- and dismantling liabilities are based on a number of assumptions made using management's best judgment. Changes in any of these assumptions could have an impact on the group's provisions and costs.

See Note 2 in the annual financial statements for 2011 for a more thorough description of important accounting estimates and assumptions impacting the preparation of financial statements.

4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

JAN-JUN 2012	PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	INTANGIBLE ASSETS	TOTAL
Carrying value at beginning of period	12 622	148	12 770
Depreciation	-470	-11	-481
Impairments	-35	0	-35
Acquisitions ¹⁾	182	26	208
Value change, biological assets	-4	0	-4
Disposals	-266	-32	-298
Currency translation differences	-79	-1	-80
Carrying value at end of period	11 950	130	12 080

¹⁾ The difference between acquisitions and the line Purchases of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets in the consolidated statement of cash flows is due to finance leases, allocated emission allowances and accruals for payments.

5. DIVESTMENT OF OPERATIONS

On 24 March 2012, an agreement was signed for the sale of the shares of Papeles Norske Skog Bio Bio S.A. in Chile. The transaction was completed with effect from 3 May 2012. The sale resulted in a loss of NOK 10 million, which was expensed in the second quarter in the income statement line Other gains and losses.

On 23 March 2012, an agreement was signed for the sale of shares in Norske Skog Follum AS, Follum Industripark AS and related properties. The transaction was completed with effect from 29 June 2012. The sale resulted in a gain of NOK 26 million which was recognised in the second quarter in the income statement line Other gains and losses.

Production of newsprint and magazine paper at Norske Skog Follum ceased on 30 March 2012. During the second quarter, Norske Skog has dismantled and removed parts of the technical production equipment.

In accordance with IFRS 5 *Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations*, non-current assets and liabilities at Norske

Skog Bio Bio and Norske Skog Follum were reclassified in the balance sheet as assets and liabilities held for sale and included in Other current assets and Other current liabilities, respectively, at 31 March 2012. In accordance with the same standard, property, plant and equipment was recognised at the lower of carrying value and fair value less costs to sell. Depreciation of fixed assets was ceased from April 2012.

Reclassification to Other current assets at Norske Skog Bio Bio amounted to NOK 226 million at 31 March 2012. Of this amount, NOK 220 million was reclassified from Property, plant and equipment and NOK 6 million from Deferred tax asset. Reclassification of pension liabilities to Other current liabilities amounted to NOK 38 million. See Note 3 for information on the impairment of property, plant and equipment.

Reclassification to Other current assets at Norske Skog Follum amounted to NOK 130 million at 31 March 2012. This amount consisted primarily of deferred tax asset. Reclassification of pension liabilities to Other current liabilities was NOK 10 million.

6. OPERATING SEGMENTS

The composition of Norske Skog's operating segments was changed with effect from 1 January 2012. The segment structure is in line with the new operating model implemented during 2011. Norske Skog's chief operating decision maker is corporate management, who distribute resources and assess performance of the group's mills. The mills have a direct reporting line to corporate management.

In the segment reporting, the mills are grouped based on the product produced, within the segments newsprint and magazine paper. The operating segment newsprint is further divided into the geographic regions newsprint Europe and newsprint outside Europe.

Activities that are not part of the operating segments are included in other activities. From 1 January 2012, activities relating to energy are included within other activities. This is because there is no longer a central unit for monitoring and controlling activities related to energy. There will still be operating revenue and operating expenses related to energy, but the bulk of revenue will be from units within the group. Going forward, the activities related to energy will therefore have little or no importance for Norske Skog's ongoing operations.

The comparative figures for 2011 have been restated in accordance with the new segment structure.

APR-JUN 2012	NEWSPRINT	MAGAZINE PAPER	OTHER ACTIVITIES	ELIMINATIONS	NORSKE SKOG GROUP
Operating revenue	2 727	1 602	618	-569	4 377
Distribution costs	-265	-141	-21	0	-428
Cost of materials	-1 511	-1 032	-524	498	-2 569
Change in inventories	-90	70	1	0	-19
Employee benefit expenses	-328	-261	-53	0	-642
Other operating expenses	-199	-147	-53	71	-327
Gross operating earnings	335	90	-32	0	393
Depreciation	-173	-52	-5	0	-230
Restructuring expenses	0	2	-1	0	0
Other gains and losses	-4	3	-45	0	-46
Impairments	2	0	-1	0	0
Operating earnings	159	43	-85	0	118

JAN-JUN 2012	NEWSPRINT	MAGAZINE PAPER	OTHER ACTIVITIES	ELIMINATIONS	NORSKE SKOG GROUP
Operating revenue	5 295	3 364	1 379	-1 249	8 788
Distribution costs	-513	-290	-45	1	-846
Cost of materials	-3 030	-2 069	-1 189	1 104	-5 185
Change in inventories	-12	26	1	0	15
Employee benefit expenses	-695	-549	-106	0	-1 350
Other operating expenses	-405	-287	-103	144	-651
Gross operating earnings	641	194	-63	0	772
Depreciation	-363	-108	-10	0	-481
Restructuring expenses	-5	-4	-1	0	-10
Other gains and losses	-11	26	-731	0	-716
Impairments	-35	0	0	0	-35
Operating earnings	228	108	-805	0	-470

JAN-JUN 2011	NEWSPRINT	MAGAZINE PAPER	OTHER ACTIVITIES	ELIMINATIONS	NORSKE SKOG GROUP
Operating revenue	5 997	2 757	2 033	-1 651	9 135
Distribution costs	-574	-236	-41	0	-851
Cost of materials	-3 609	-1 729	-1 810	1 459	-5 688
Change in inventories	88	23	7	0	118
Employee benefit expenses	-818	-466	-121	0	-1 406
Other operating expenses	-540	-275	-142	192	-765
Gross operating earnings	543	75	-75	0	544
Depreciation	-596	-253	-14	0	-863
Restructuring expenses	-2	-2	-19	0	-23
Other gains and losses	7	59	307	0	374
Impairments	0	-8	0	0	-8
Operating earnings	-46	-130	200	0	23

OPERATING SEGMENT NEWSPRINT

The newsprint segment encompasses production and sale of standard newsprint and other paper qualities used in newspapers, inserts, catalogues etc.

INCOME STATEMENT	APR-JUN 2012	JAN-MAR 2012	APR-JUN 2011	YTD 2012	YTD 2011
Operating revenue	2 727	2 568	3 114	5 295	5 997
Distribution costs	-265	-247	-294	-513	-574
Cost of materials	-1 511	-1 519	-1 770	-3 030	-3 609
Change in inventories	-90	77	-102	-12	88
Employee benefit expenses	-328	-367	-404	-695	-818
Other operating expenses	-199	-206	-274	-405	-540
Gross operating earnings	335	306	270	641	543
Depreciation	-173	-190	-299	-363	-596
Restructuring expenses	0	-5	-2	-5	-2
Other gains and losses	-4	-6	15	-11	7
Impairments	2	-36	0	-35	0
Operating earnings	159	69	-16	228	-46
Share of operating revenue from external parties (%)	99	99	99	99	99
OPERATING REVENUE PER REGION					
Newsprint Europe	1 205	1 115	1 619	2 320	3 117
Newsprint outside Europe	1 399	1 359	1 445	2 759	2 772
Sales offices and other activities	1 212	1 071	1 152	2 282	2 200
Eliminations	-1 089	-977	-1 102	-2 066	-2 093
Total	2 727	2 568	3 114	5 295	5 997
GROSS OPERATING EARNINGS PER REGION					
Newsprint Europe	107	104	45	212	101
Newsprint outside Europe	218	196	219	415	433
Sales offices and other activities	9	6	6	15	10
Eliminations	0	0	0	0	0
Total	335	306	270	641	543

OPERATING SEGMENT MAGAZINE PAPER

The magazine paper segment encompasses production and sale of the paper qualities super calendered (SC), machine finished coated (MFC), light weight coated (LWC) and NorCal. Magazine paper is

used in magazines, catalogues and advertising materials. Norske Skog Parenco is reported in the operating segment for magazine paper from the fourth quarter of 2011.

INCOME STATEMENT	APR-JUN 2012	JAN-MAR 2012	APR-JUN 2011	YTD 2012	YTD 2011
Operating revenue	1 602	1 762	1 276	3 364	2 757
Distribution costs	-141	-149	-106	-290	-236
Cost of materials	-1 032	-1 037	-821	-2 069	-1 729
Change in inventories	70	-44	41	26	23
Employee benefit expenses	-261	-288	-238	-549	-466
Other operating expenses	-147	-140	-137	-287	-275
Gross operating earnings	90	104	15	194	75
Depreciation	-52	-56	-126	-108	-253
Restructuring expenses	2	-6	-2	-4	-2
Other gains and losses	3	23	48	26	59
Impairments	0	0	0	0	-8
Operating earnings	43	65	-66	108	-130
Share of operating revenue from external parties (%)	94	95	92	95	93

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Activities in the group that do not fall into the operating segments newsprint or magazine paper are presented under other activities. This includes purchase and resale of energy to the group's mills,

corporate functions, real estate activities, trading and sorting of recovered paper and purchase and resale of wood.

INCOME STATEMENT	APR-JUN 2012	JAN-MAR 2012	APR-JUN 2011	YTD 2012	YTD 2011
Operating revenue	618	761	931	1 379	2 033
Distribution costs	-21	-23	-20	-45	-41
Cost of materials	-524	-666	-828	-1 189	-1 810
Change in inventories	1	1	3	1	7
Employee benefit expenses	-53	-53	-61	-106	-121
Other operating expenses	-53	-51	-61	-103	-142
Gross operating earnings	-32	-31	-37	-63	-75
Depreciation	-5	-5	-6	-10	-14
Restructuring expenses	-1	0	-19	-1	-19
Other gains and losses	-45	-686	-58	-731	307
Impairments	-1	1	0	0	0
Operating earnings	-85	-721	-119	-805	200
Share of operating revenue from external parties (%)	27	27	32	27	32
OPERATING REVENUE					
Energy	163	286	391	449	887
Recovered paper	193	206	236	398	478
Real estate activities	0	0	1	0	4
Corporate functions	48	47	58	95	119
Miscellaneous	223	232	258	455	573
Eliminations	-9	-9	-14	-18	-28
Total	618	761	931	1 379	2 033
GROSS OPERATING EARNINGS					
Energy	0	-1	2	0	3
Recovered paper	1	3	3	3	12
Real estate activities	-2	-1	0	-3	-12
Corporate functions	-24	-25	-33	-49	-68
Miscellaneous	-7	-7	-10	-14	-10
Eliminations	0	0	0	0	0
Total	-32	-31	-37	-63	-75

7. INTEREST-BEARING DEBT

NET INTEREST-BEARING DEBT

Norske Skog has recognised an amount in the balance sheet as a result of the termination of a large part of the fair value hedge portfolio in the first half of 2009. A hedge reserve (deferred income) amounting to NOK 236 million is included in interest-bearing debt as at 30 June 2012. The corresponding figure as at 31 December 2011 was NOK 270 million.

The hedge reserve does not constitute any payment obligation for the group, but will be amortised in the income statement over the lifetime of the debt that has been hedged.

30 JUN 2012	REPORTED KEY FIGURES	KEY FIGURES ACCORDING TO LOAN AGREEMENT ¹⁾
Interest-bearing non-current liabilities	7 621	7 590
Interest-bearing current liabilities	749	751
- Hedge reserve	236	223
- Cash and cash equivalents	1 251	1 243
= Net interest-bearing debt	6 883	6 875
Adjusted net interest-bearing debt ²⁾		6 959

¹⁾ Calculated using the average exchange rate per month for the last 12-month period.

²⁾ Adjusted net interest-bearing debt according to definition in loan agreement.

LOAN COVENANTS

The loan covenants in the group's credit facility of EUR 140 million are partly linked to the interest coverage ratio (Adjusted EBITDA / Net interest expense) and debt ratio (Adjusted net interest-bearing debt / Adjusted EBITDA).

In accordance with the agreement, all key figures are calculated at the average exchange rate per month for the last 12-month period.

The group's bond loans do not include financial covenants.

30 JUN 2012	REPORTED FIGURES	LOAN COVENANTS ¹⁾
EBITDA (last 12 months)	1 743	
Adjusted EBITDA ²⁾ (last 12 months)	1 669	
Net interest expense (last 12 months)	634	
Adjusted net interest-bearing debt / Adjusted EBITDA	4.17	< 5.50
Adjusted EBITDA / Net interest expense	2.63	> 2.00

¹⁾ Adjusted EBITDA consists of gross operating earnings for the group, excluding units that have been sold during the last 12 months.

²⁾ The loan covenants presented in the table are as at 30 June 2012.

LOAN COVENANTS 2012/2013	30 SEP 2012	31 DEC 2012	31 MAR 2013	30 JUN 2013
Adjusted net interest-bearing debt / Adjusted EBITDA	< 5.00	< 4.75	< 4.25	< 4.00
Adjusted EBITDA / Net interest expense	> 2.25	> 2.25	> 2.50	> 2.50

DEBT REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

CONTRACTUAL INSTALMENT PAYMENTS ON CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT INTEREST-BEARING DEBT	30 JUN 2012
2012 – third quarter	184
2012 – fourth quarter	540
2013	58
2014	940
2015	988
2016	1 015
2017	3 088
2018	35
2019	36
2020	37
2021	26
2022 to 2033	1 246
Total	8 191

Total debt listed in the repayment schedule may differ from the carrying value in the balance sheet. This is due to premiums and discounts on issued bonds and hedge reserve.

BONDS

Bond financing constitutes the majority of Norske Skog's total debt financing. All bonds are issued by Norske Skogindustrier ASA and are

unsecured. The table below shows Norske Skog's issued bonds at 30 June 2012.

MATURITY	CURRENCY	COUPON	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT 30 JUN 2012
October 2015	USD	6.125%	USD 200 mill	USD 158 mill
October 2033	USD	7.125%	USD 200 mill	USD 200 mill
June 2016	EUR	11.75%	EUR 150 mill	EUR 130 mill
June 2017	EUR	7.00%	EUR 500 mill	EUR 405 mill
June 2014	NOK (NSG 17)	15.5%	NOK 530 mill	NOK 508 mill
June 2014	NOK (NSG 18)	N3m + 11.5%	NOK 220 mill	NOK 195 mill
October 2014	NOK (NSG 15)	5.4%	NOK 300 mill	NOK 185 mill

8. ENERGY CONTRACTS, DERIVATIVES AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS CARRIED AT FAIR VALUE

30 JUN 2012	ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
	CURRENT	NON-CURRENT	CURRENT	NON-CURRENT
Energy contracts and embedded derivatives in energy contracts	152	1 144	-21	-130
Other raw material contracts	1	0	-5	-30
Other derivatives and financial instruments carried at fair value	42	0	-51	-19
Total	195	1 144	-77	-179

Norske Skog's portfolio of commodity contracts consists primarily of physical energy contracts. The fair value of commodity contracts is therefore particularly sensitive to future fluctuations in energy prices. The fair value of embedded derivatives in physical contracts depends on currency and price index fluctuations.

Lower energy prices have a negative impact on fair value. Energy prices in the Nordic region have declined in both the short and long end of the price curve compared with the previous quarter. In New Zealand, energy prices have declined in the short term and are virtually unchanged in the long term.

A decrease in estimates of consumer price indices has a positive impact on fair value. Consumer price indices, which affect the fair value, shows only small changes compared with the previous quarter.

Changes in the value of energy-/commodity contracts and embedded derivatives in contracts are presented in the income statement line Other gains and losses. Realised effects from sales of energy contracts are also included in this accounting line. NOK 45 million has been expensed in the second quarter of 2012, relating to negative changes in the value of energy contracts.

9. RESTRUCTURING EXPENSES

Restructuring expenses in the second quarter of 2012 consist of income of NOK 2 million after a review of the previous provision for severance payments at Norske Skog Parenco in the Netherlands, and a provision for severance payments of NOK 1 million at head office.

Restructuring expenses of NOK 11 million in the first quarter of 2012 were mainly related to provisions for severance payment and other costs as a result of the decision to close Norske Skog's shared service centre located in Antwerp in Belgium.

10. RECLASSIFICATION IN THE BALANCE SHEET

In the first quarter of 2012, a review of the classification of balance sheet items was performed. This resulted in the reclassification of restructuring liabilities in the balance sheet from Trade and other payables to Other current liabilities. The modified classification is

applied retrospectively, and comparative figures in the balance sheet have been restated. The change has had an effect of NOK 83 million at 30 June 2012 (NOK 341 million at 31 March 2012 and NOK 78 million at 30 June 2011).

11. THE NORSKE SKOG SHARE

	30 JUN 2012	31 MAR 2012	31 DEC 2011	30 SEP 2011	30 JUN 2011
Share price (NOK)	4.09	5.70	4.52	4.21	8.95
Book value of equity per share (NOK)	37.08	36.96	39.08	41.88	51.77

12. PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS AT 30 JUNE 2012	NUMBER OF SHARES	OWNERSHIP %
Folketrygdfondet	7 924 431	4.17
AT Skog BA	6 671 000	3.51
Skagen Fondene	6 275 100	3.30
Globeflex Capital	6 135 512	3.23
Dimensional Fund Advisors	5 542 722	2.92
Allskog BA	5 261 414	2.77
Astrup Fearnley AS	5 189 688	2.73
Acadian Asset Management	4 915 349	2.59
Nobelssystem Scandinavia AS	4 000 000	2.11
Uthalden AS	3 820 000	2.01
Fiducia AS	2 986 644	1.57
Nordea Bank PLC Finland	2 601 900	1.37
Havlide AS	2 296 466	1.21
Saba Capital Management	2 135 728	1.12
SEB stocklending collateral account	2 130 000	1.12
Herdebred AS	2 112 005	1.11
Mjøsen Skog BA	1 970 560	1.04
Danske Bank	1 952 222	1.03
Avanza bank as principal	1 911 057	1.01
Shareholders with < 1% ownership	114 113 828	60.08
Total	189 945 626	100.00

The data is provided by RD:IR and VPS, through the Nominee ID service. The data is obtained through the analysis of beneficial ownership and fund manager information provided in replies to disclosure of ownership notices issued to all custodians on the

Norske Skogindustrier ASA share register. Whilst every reasonable effort is made to verify all data, neither RD:IR nor VPS can guarantee the accuracy of the analysis.

13. EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

There have been no events after the balance sheet date with significant impact on the interim financial statements for the second quarter of 2012.

Responsibility Statement from the Board of Directors and President/CEO

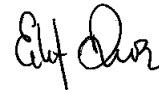
We declare that to the best of our knowledge, the condensed interim financial statements for the period 1 January to 30 June 2012 have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 – *Interim Financial Reporting* and give a true and fair view of the Norske Skog group's assets, liabilities, financial position and result as a whole. We also confirm to the best of our knowledge that the report of the board of

directors gives a true and fair view of important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year and their impact on the condensed interim financial statements, a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year, and major related-party transactions.

LYSAKER, 1 AUGUST 2012 – THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN NORSKE SKOGINDUSTRIER ASA



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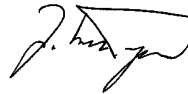
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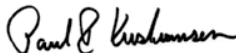
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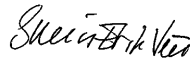
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