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# COMBINED OFFER DOCUMENT AND PROSPECTUS

## VOLUNTARY OFFER

Voluntary offer to acquire



APL (Advanced Production & Loading) PLC

made by



BW Offshore Limited

### Offer Price

Either (i) 3.0249 BW Offshore Limited shares per APL PLC share or (ii) NOK 85 per APL PLC share (provided that maximum 40% of the total offer price shall be in cash)

Shareholders holding up to and including 1,000 APL PLC shares will be entitled to receive full consideration in cash

### Offer Period

30 March 2007 – 18 April 2007 at 1630 CET (both dates inclusive)

### LISTING

Listing of 172,943,889 new BW Offshore shares in connection with a completed private placement

Manager



29 March 2007

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This Offer Document has been prepared in connection with (i) a voluntary offer made by BW Offshore Limited (the "Company" or "BW Offshore") to acquire all outstanding shares of APL (Advanced Production and Loading ) PLC ("APL") on the terms and conditions set out in this Offer Document (ii) the listing of any BW Offshore shares issued as consideration for the APL Shares on Oslo Børs and (iii) the listing of 172,943,889 new BW Offshore shares issued in connection with a completed Private Placement.

This Offer Document has been prepared to comply with the Norwegian Securities Trading Act chapters 4 and 5 and related secondary legislation, including the EC Commission Regulation EC/809/2004. Oslo Børs has reviewed and approved this Offer Document in accordance with the Norwegian Securities Trading Act sections 4-14 and 5-8. The Offer Document has been published in an English version only.

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## 1 SUMMARY

*NOTE: This summary should be read as an introduction to the Offer Document and any decision to invest in the Shares of the Company should be based on consideration of the Offer Document as a whole by the investor, including the risks of investing in the Shares set out in "Risk Factors". This summary is not complete and does not contain all the information that should be considered in connection with any decision to invest in the Shares.*

*Where a claim relating to the information contained in this Offer Document is brought before a court, the plaintiff might under the applicable legislation have to bear the costs of translating the Offer Document before the legal proceedings are initiated.*

*No civil liability will attach to the board of directors of BW Offshore in respect of this summary, unless it is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of this Offer Document.*

### 1.1 The Offer

BW Offshore hereby offers to acquire all issued and outstanding shares in APL not previously owned by BW Offshore, on the terms and conditions set out in this Offer Document. Any APL Shares issued to APL ASA shareholders during the Offer Period in exchange for shares in APL ASA shall be included in the Offer.

#### 1.1.1 Overview and timetable of the Offer

Publication of the Offer Document:	29 March 2007
Target company:	APL PLC
Offeror:	BW Offshore Limited
Offer Price:	<u>Either</u> (i) 3.0249 BW Offshore share for each APL Share <u>or</u> (ii) NOK 85 for each APL Share, however maximum 40% of the total consideration to be paid under the Offer shall be in cash
Conditions:	See section 1.1.6
Acceptance Forms to be delivered to:	Carnegie ASA Stranden 1, Aker Brygge P. O. Box 684 Sentrum, NO-0106 Oslo Telefax: + 47 22 00 99 60
Offer Period:	30 March to 18 April 2007 at 1630 CET, both dates inclusive
Closing Date:	On or about 19 April 2007
Settlement Date:	On or about 24 April 2007
First date of trading on Oslo Børs:	On or about 25 April 2007
Acceptances binding until:	25 May 2007

If the Offer Period is extended, see section 1.1.5 "Offer Period", then the other dates in the table above will be extended accordingly.

#### 1.1.2 Background and reasons for the Offer

BW Offshore has a communicated goal to actively consider consolidation opportunities if these are considered to be value enhancing for the Company's shareholders.

On 21 February 2007 the boards of APL ASA and BW Offshore entered into the Combination Agreement regarding a combination of the APL Group and the BW Offshore Group and announced that they had agreed to recommend to their shareholders a combination of the two companies. In the Combination Agreement, the parties agreed that all references to APL ASA should be construed as references to APL provided that the Cyprus Exchange Offer had been completed prior to the launch of the Offer.

BW Offshore has had a customer relationship with APL for more than 10 years. The companies have cooperated successfully and delivered 4 projects together involving turret mooring systems for FPSOs.

By combining forces BW Offshore and APL are merging two compatible cultures with a shared vision of the future. The Combination is supported by both management teams and boards of directors.

The Combination is believed to enable the companies to capture a larger share of a fast growing market. The combined company will have a strong market position, combining and maintaining two strong brand names and bringing together leading track records and project execution capabilities with a strong technology edge. The joint resources in engineering, operations, business development and client relationships are expected to create a highly effective combination.

The combined entity is positioning itself to take advantage of important industry trends. The strong growth in the number of national oil companies and independents developing offshore fields, combined with a market characterized by increasingly smaller fields, technically challenging developments, limited financial resources and lack of offshore development competence is expected to drive demand for standardized, proven, cost effective and integrated solutions.

The Combination will create a strong international oilfield services provider with a very capable Norwegian-based management that is well positioned to capture the growth opportunities seen in the market. With leading technological edge and engineering capacity the companies expect to win more business and increase profitability through standardization and a broader product offering, whilst also maintaining independence in the market place. Together the companies will have a highly attractive service offering to their clients, creating a preferred partner which aims to take the lead in cost efficient offshore development.

It is the intention of BW Offshore that APL shall become a subsidiary of BW Offshore through the Offer and continue with its brand, management and technical development, with all staff continuing in their current positions, and with Arendal being the enlarged BW Offshore Group's focal point for technological development and Oslo being the centre for FPSO operations. APL will continue to offer its technology and solutions to external clients.

#### *1.1.3 APL re-domiciliation to Cyprus - the Cyprus Exchange Offer*

APL became the parent company of the APL Group upon completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer. Prior to the completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer APL ASA was the parent company of the APL Group. APL ASA is now a subsidiary of APL.

The Cyprus Exchange Offer was conducted to re-domicile the APL Group from Norway to Cyprus. The offer was structured so that the newly formed APL offered to acquire the shares of APL ASA in exchange for shares in APL, as set out in an offer document dated 26 February 2007.

On 21 March 2007 APL announced that it had received acceptances for 90.2% of the APL ASA shares under the Cyprus Exchange Offer, that the APL board was of the opinion that all conditions for completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer had been fulfilled and had resolved to complete the Cyprus Exchange Offer. The first day of trading of the APL Shares on Oslo Børs was 28 March 2007 under ticker code "APLC". APL will make a mandatory offer to purchase the remaining APL ASA shares and effect a compulsory acquisition to acquire all remaining APL ASA shares.

#### *1.1.4 Offer Price*

The APL Shareholders are offered to exchange their APL Shares for either:

- (i) 3.0249 BW Offshore shares for each APL Share (the "**Share Alternative**"); or
- (ii) NOK 85 for each APL Share (the "**Cash Alternative**")

However the maximum cash amount to be paid by BW Offshore under the Offer shall not exceed 40% of the total consideration to be paid under the Offer to accepting APL Shareholders (based on a BW Offshore share price of NOK 28.10). This means that if cash settlement is chosen for more than 40% of the accepted APL Shares, a pro rata adjustment will be made so that the total settlement to be paid by BW Offshore under the Offer consists of 40% cash and 60% BW Offshore shares (based on a BW



Offshore share price of NOK 28.10). Consequently, if the Cash Alternative is chosen for more than 40% of the accepted APL Shares, then all APL Shareholders choosing the Cash Alternative will receive a combination of cash and BW Offshore shares as settlement for their APL Shares. If the Cash Alternative is chosen for less than 40% of the accepted APL Shares all APL Shareholders choosing the Cash Alternative will receive full cash settlement.

Please see section 5.3 for rationale of the Offer Price.

Shareholders holding up to and including 1,000 APL Shares will be entitled to receive the Cash Alternative in full, and such shares shall not be included when calculating if the 40% cash threshold set out above has been triggered.

The number of BW Offshore shares to be issued as a consequence of the Offer will depend on (i) the number of APL Shares acquired by BW Offshore through the Offer; and (ii) the allocation of acceptances between the Share Alternative and the Cash Alternative. Assuming that BW Offshore through the Offer receives acceptances representing 100% of the APL Shares, BW Offshore may issue Consideration Shares as follows:

**Table 1-1: Exemplification of Consideration Shares to be issued**

<b>Alternatives (exemplified) of percentage of consideration settled in BW Offshore shares</b>	<b>Number of Consideration Shares issued<sup>1</sup></b>
60%	51,949,138
100%	86,581,897

The Offer Price reflects the following premiums:

**Premium based on pre-announcement APL share price**

	<b>Share price</b>	<b>Premium cash offer price*</b>	<b>Premium mixed offer price**</b>
Close 2 February 2007	67.3	26 %	20 %
Average 30 days	60.8	40 %	33 %
Average 90 days	51.5	65 %	56 %
Average 180 days	48.8	74 %	65 %

\* Cash offer price NOK 85 per APL Share

\*\*Mixed offer price of NOK 80.6 per APL Share based on a BW Offshore share price of NOK 25.7 (closing price on 27 March 2007), assuming 60% share settlement and 40% cash settlement under the Offer

**1.1.5 Offer Period**

The APL Shareholders may accept the Offer in the period from 30 March 2007 to 18 April 2007, closing at 1630 CET (both dates inclusive).

The Company may extend the Offer Period one or more times but the Offer Period shall expire at the latest on 25 May 2007 at 1630 CET. Any extension of the Offer Period will be communicated prior to the expiration of the Offer Period through Oslo Børs under the ticker codes "BWO" and "APLC".

**1.1.6 Conditions**

The completion of the Offer is subject to the satisfaction or waiver by BW Offshore of the following conditions:

- (i) **APL Board Recommendation:** That the APL board's recommendation to the APL Shareholders of the Offer included in the Offer Document is not withdrawn or modified.

<sup>1</sup> The number of Consideration Shares to be issued is based on the total number of VPS registered shares in APL as of the date of this Offer Document (39,538,061 shares) less BW Offshore's current holding of 10,915,000 shares in APL, leaving 28,623,061 shares in APL of which between 60% and 100% is to be settled by issue of 3.0249 BW Offshore Shares for each APL share, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

- (ii) **Minimum Acceptance:** APL Shareholders accepting the Offer for the number of APL Shares required in order for BW Offshore to obtain a shareholding (including the 10,915,000 APL Shares already owned by BW Offshore) of more than 90% of the total number of issued APL Shares on a fully diluted basis.
- (iii) **Governmental Approvals:** The approval by any competition authority having jurisdiction over the transactions contemplated by this Offer to which notification of such transaction is mandatory under applicable merger control laws having issued all necessary clearances and approvals free of any conditions, or that such clearance or approval has otherwise been obtained from the competition authorities by the expiry of any applicable time limits without any suit, investigation or proceeding having been initiated or decisions issued or by the withdrawal by the competition authorities of any pending or threatened suit, investigation or proceeding.
- (iv) **Conduct of Business:** From 21 February 2007, the business of the APL Group shall have been conducted in the ordinary course in accordance with the Combination Agreement and no distributions shall have been made to the APL Shareholders, except for certain actions which have been accepted by BW Offshore in the Combination Agreement or after the Combination Agreement was entered into.

#### 1.1.7 *Accepting the Offer*

To accept the Offer, the APL Shareholders shall properly complete and duly execute the Acceptance Form, attached hereto as Appendix I, including indicating if the APL Shareholder accepts the Offer either with regard to the Share Alternative or the Cash Alternative. If no such indication is given the APL Shareholder will automatically receive BW Offshore shares as settlement for the APL Shares for which the Offer is accepted.

The Acceptance Form shall be delivered to the Manager by means of post, delivery or telefax prior to the expiry of the Offer Period, at the address below:

Carnegie ASA  
 Stranden 1, Aker Brygge  
 P.O. Box 684 Sentrum  
 NO-0106 Oslo  
<http://www.carnegie.no/>  
 Telephone: +47 22 00 93 00  
 Facsimile: +47 22 00 99 60

The acceptance of the Offer may not be withdrawn, in whole or in part. The APL Shareholders who have accepted the Offer shall be released from the acceptance if BW Offshore has not on or prior to 25 May 2007 at 1630 CET publicly announced that the conditions set out in section 1.1.6 have been met or waived (the **Closing Date**”).

By submitting a duly executed Acceptance Form, the accepting APL Shareholder gives the Manager an irrevocable authorisation to (i) block the accepting APL Shareholder’s VPS account with regard to the relevant APL Shares in favour of Carnegie and (ii) transfer the APL Shares so restricted to BW Offshore on the Closing Date. The accepting APL Shareholders will remain the legal owners of their APL Shares, and, to the extent permitted by Norwegian law, retain voting rights and other shareholder rights related thereto until settlement has taken place. Shareholders who accept the Offer will not pay any brokerage fees or similar.

#### 1.1.8 *Settlement*

Settlement under the Offer will be made in BW Offshore shares and/or Norwegian kroner (NOK) without interest as soon as practicably possible after the Closing Date. The Settlement Date is expected to be on or about 24 April 2007, however not later than 7 Business Days after the Closing Date. BW Offshore expects that the conditions of the Offer will be met or waived on or about 19 April 2007, subject to possible extensions of the Offer Period.

On the Settlement Date, settlement will take place as follows:

- (i) The Consideration Shares shall be transferred to the relevant APL Shareholders' VPS accounts; and
- (ii) any cash amount to be paid under the Offer will be transferred without interest to the relevant APL Shareholders' bank account registered in VPS as the account for payment of dividends. If there is no account registered in VPS, settlement will be made by issuing a bank giro, or, for APL Shareholders not resident in Norway, by cheque.

#### 1.1.9 Expenses

The estimated expenses related to the Offer are approximately USD 5 million (exclusive of VAT). The expenses incurred in connection with the Offer will be borne by BW Offshore.

#### 1.1.10 Dilution

The dilution effect of the Offer for existing BW Offshore shareholders will depend on (i) the number of APL Shares acquired by BW Offshore through the Offer; and (ii) the allocation of acceptances between the Share Alternative and the Cash Alternative. Assuming that BW Offshore through the Offer receives acceptances representing all APL Shares, the existing BW Offshore shareholders may be diluted as follows:

**Table 1-2: Exemplification of dilution effect**

<b>Alternatives (exemplified) of percentage of consideration settled in BW Offshore shares</b>	<b>Dilution effect*</b>
60%	10.6%
100%	16.5%

\*Dilution effect = Ownership share (%) post Offer divided by ownership share (%) pre Offer minus 100% = percentage immediate dilution in ownership share for BW Offshore shareholders resulting from the issuance of the Consideration Shares. See section 1.1.4 for a description of the calculation of Consideration Shares to be issued through the Offer

#### 1.1.11 Increase of issued BW Offshore shares

BW Offshore will issue the Consideration Shares to be delivered as settlement in the Offer.

#### 1.1.12 Statement by the APL board

A statement by the APL board recommending the APL Shareholders to accept the Offer is set out in chapter 6.

#### 1.1.13 Listing and Trading of the Consideration Shares

The Consideration Shares will be listed on Oslo Børs and may be traded as soon as practicable possible after the Closing Date. The Company assumes that listing will take place on or about 25 April 2007.

## 1.2 The Target – APL

APL (Advanced Production and Loading) is market leader in the development, production and sale of advanced oil and gas offshore production systems that focus on ship-based storage and transportation of hydrocarbons. APL ASA was established in 1993 in order to develop and commercialize the loading and production systems Submerged Turret Loading (STL) and Submerged Turret Production (STP). APL's technology has been selected as a mooring solution for production vessels, storage vessels and oil tankers in a wide range of field developments in the North Sea, Africa, Asia, Russia and the United States. Installation of the world's first offshore discharge terminal for LNG vessels based on APL's STL technology was recently completed offshore Louisiana in the US sector of the Gulf of Mexico. APL is currently headquartered in Arendal, Norway and has operations in Houston, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Shanghai, Paris and Rio de Janeiro. APL has approximately 250 employees.

After completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer, APL is the parent company of the APL Group and the APL Shares will be listed on Oslo Børs under ticker code "APLC". It is the intention of BW Offshore that APL shall become a subsidiary of BW Offshore through the Offer and continue with its brand, management and technological development, with Arendal being the enlarged BW Offshore Group's focal point for technological development and Oslo being the centre for the FPSO operations. APL will continue to offer its technology and solutions to external clients. See section 1.8 with regard to Board, management and employees after the Combination.

### **1.3 The Offeror – BW Offshore**

BW Offshore is one of the world's leading FPSO contractors. The operations date back to a division established by Bergesen d.y. ASA in 1997. The Company was incorporated on 7 June 2005 in Bermuda. BW Offshore is publicly listed and part of the BW Group, one of the world's largest maritime groups. The Company's operational head office is in Oslo, Norway. BW Offshore has assets operating in Nigeria, Mauritania and Russia, and has recently entered into Mexico as well as set up a strategic cooperation in Malaysia.

BW Offshore is a dependable contractor for long-term lease arrangements as well as a provider of shorter-term solutions. A philosophy combining modularisation, standardisation and flexibility by design with hands-on project management ensures that a variety of customer needs are met. The Company offers versatile solutions for mid to large scale projects, both for oil and gas. BW Offshore work with numerous reputable sub-contractors and suppliers as well as conversion yards. The Company is listed on the Oslo Børs with ticker code "BWO".

The Company owns/operates the following fleet:

- Sendje Berge, FPSO
- Berge Helene, FPSO
- YÙUM K'AK'NÁAB, FPSO (ex. BW Enterprise)
- BW Endeavour, FPSO (to be renamed BW Peace)
- Berge Okoloba Toru, LPG FPSO
- BW Carmen, FPSO (ex. Crystal Sea)
- Belokamenka, FSO
- BW Nisa, ULCC
- BW Pioneer, Suezmax
- BW LPG FPSO I

With the exception of BW Carmen, BW Nisa, BW Pioneer and BW LPG FPSO I, all of BW Offshore's units are engaged on long-term contracts ranging from 3 to 15 years. BW Carmen was acquired on 22 February 2007 and is expected to be employed on an undisclosed intended FPSO contract with commencement within 12 months. The conversion hull BW Nisa is currently engaged on a temporary storage contract in Malaysia that can be terminated with six months notice by the Company when the vessel is required to be converted for an FPSO project. BW Nisa, BW Pioneer and BW LPG FPSO I are currently marketed for potential lease projects.

### **1.4 The Completed Private Placement**

#### *1.4.1 The Private Placement*

BW Offshore announced on 23 March 2007 that it had exercised its option with BW Euroholdings Limited to acquire the 39,675,905 shares in Prosafe SE and that it also had acquired another 4,000,000 shares in Prosafe SE at NOK 86 per share. The total purchase price for the Prosafe SE shares was approximately NOK 3.76 billion.

To finance the acquisition, BW Offshore resolved to perform a Private Placement of 172,943,889 new shares on 26 March 2007 at a subscription price of NOK 26.02 per new share. The gross proceeds from the Private Placement were approximately NOK 4.5 billion. The Private Placement was directed at a combination of international and Norwegian institutional investors. Bergesen Worldwide Limited guaranteed for the placing of the new shares in the Private Placement and was allotted 134,511,914 of the new shares.

To facilitate early delivery and settlement, the subscribers in the Private Placement were delivered existing and unencumbered shares in BW Offshore that are already listed on Oslo Børs. Such shares were made available pursuant to a Stock Lending Agreement entered into between the Managers and the Company's largest shareholder, Bergesen Worldwide Limited. The shares delivered to the subscribers have consequently been tradable on Oslo Børs from the date they were delivered.

The total issued share capital in BW Offshore increased from USD 2,649,747.50 to USD 4,379,186.39 upon completion of the Private Placement. The total number of shares in issue increased from 264,974,750 to 437,918,639, each having a par value of USD 0.01.

The issuance of the new shares in the Private Placement resulted in a dilution of 39.5%. The dilution effect is calculated by dividing ownership share post Private Placement by ownership share pre Private Placement minus 100%, resulting in the percentage immediate dilution in ownership share for BW Offshore shareholders.

The expenses of the Private Placement were approximately USD 4.9 million.

#### 1.4.2 *The new shares to be admitted to trading*

The new shares issued in connection with the Private Placement have ISIN NO US05604V1008 until the new shares are listed on Oslo Børs upon the approval and publication of this Offer Document. BW Offshore expects the new shares to be listed on Oslo Børs on or about 2 April 2007. After the approval and publication of this Offer Document and registration of the shares in VPS all BW Offshore shares will have ISIN NO BMG 11 90 N1002.

## 1.5 **Pro Forma Financial Figures for the APL Group and the BW Offshore Group**

### 1.5.1 *Summary of pro forma financial condensed consolidated information for the APL Group and the BW Offshore Group*

In this Offer document and in respect to the pro forma financial figures, no conclusion has been reached in regards to the total number of APL Shares to be settled BW Offshore shares or in cash. The pro forma figures set out below in this section and otherwise in this Offer Document are based on the assumption of 100% settlement in BW Offshore shares with respect to the remaining 75.1% of the APL Shares not owned by BW Offshore. The effects on the pro forma figures if APL Shareholders should choose settlement in cash rather than shares in BW Offshore is summarised in section 1.5.2 and described more in detail in section 8.8. The effects on the pro forma financial figures are further described in chapter 8 – "Pro forma financial information".

**Table 1-3: Summary of pro forma financial condensed consolidated information**

<b>Income statement (USD million)</b>	<b>Year ended 31 December 2006 (unaudited)</b>
Operating revenue	656.3
Share of profit of an associate	15.0
<b>Operating profit before depreciation (EBITDA)</b>	<b>85.7</b>
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>51.0</b>
Net financial items	(1.1)
Profit before taxes	49.9
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>36.5</b>
<b>Balance sheet (USD million)</b>	
Total non-current assets	1 862.2
Total current assets	780.2
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2 642.4</b>
Total shareholders' equity	1 825.5
Total liabilities	816.9
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>2 642.4</b>

1.5.2 *Effects on pro forma financial information if APL Shareholders should choose settlement in cash rather than in shares in BW Offshore*

**Table 1-4: Effects on pro forma financial information**

Percentage of settlement in shares	Alternatives (exemplified) (unaudited)				
	100 %	90 %	80 %	70 %	60 %
Percentage of settlement in cash	0 %	10 %	20 %	30 %	40 %
<b>Equity</b>	1 825.5	1 780.0	1 734.6	1 689.1	1 643.6
<b>Interest-bearing long-term debt</b>	586.3	631.8	677.2	722.7	768.2
<b>Increase in interest expenses</b>	0.0	3.0	5.9	8.9	11.8

## 1.6 Selected Financial Information for BW Offshore

### 1.6.1 Summary of financial information

The following summary of financial information is derived from the annual financial statements for 2006 and 2005.

**Table 1-5: Summary of financial information of BW Offshore for the years ended 31 December**

Income statement (USD million)	2006 (audited)	2005 (audited)	2004 (audited)
Charter Hire	106.6	46.2	30.7
Construction contract revenue	338.9	0.0	0.0
Lease interest	5.3	4.9	4.9
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>450.8</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>35.6</b>
<b>Operating profit/loss</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>5.8</b>
Net financial items	(5.6)	(0.5)	(5.3)
Profit/loss before tax	11.4	5.8	0.5
<b>Net profit/loss</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>(0.8)</b>
Balance Sheet (USD million)			
Total non-current assets	440.6	434.5	199.9
Total current assets	438.4	52.3	40.2
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>879.0</b>	<b>486.8</b>	<b>240.1</b>
Total shareholders' equity	383.4	(85.5)	70.5
Total liabilities	495.6	572.3	169.6
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>879.0</b>	<b>486.8</b>	<b>240.1</b>
Key figures			
EBITDA (USD million) <sup>1</sup>	43.5	14.7	7.0
EBITDA margin <sup>2</sup>	38.9%	28.8%	19.7%
EBIT margin <sup>3</sup>	15.2%	12.3%	16.3%
Basic earnings/(loss) per share (USD) <sup>4</sup>	0.03	2.41	-0.63
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (USD) <sup>4</sup>	0.03	2.41	-0.63
Equity ratio <sup>5</sup>	43.6%	(17.6%)	29.3%

**Comments:**

- 1) Operating profit before depreciation and write downs
- 2) EBITDA/Revenues (adjusted for Construction contract revenues)
- 3) Operating profit/Revenues (adjusted for Construction contract revenues)
- 4) Net profit/ weighted average number of common shares in a year
- 5) Total shareholder's equity/Total liabilities and equity

EBITDA is included because management believes it is a useful indicator of the Company's cash flows. EBIT is included because management believes it is a useful indicator of the Company's earnings. Both

key figures are commonly known and accepted key figures among analysts and investors in the offshore segment. EBITDA and EBIT are not measures of operating performance or liquidity defined by generally accepted accounting principles under IFRS or US GAAP and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies.

Revenue is adjusted for Construction contract revenue in order for EBITDA and EBIT key figures to reflect the results of FPSOs and FSOs in operation.

#### 1.6.2 *Summary of trends and events subsequent to 31 December 2006*

- On 15 January 2007 the Company acquired 12,257,085 shares in Prosafe SE, equal to approximately 5.3% of the shares and votes of Prosafe SE. The purchase price for each share was NOK 86, and the total purchase price was approximately NOK 1.1 billion. To finance the acquisition, BW Offshore conducted a private placement of 43,605,016 BW Offshore shares at a subscription price of NOK 26 for each share.
- On 18 January 2007 BW Offshore entered into an option agreement with BW Euroholdings Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Bergesen Worldwide Limited), whereby BW Offshore was granted an option to acquire 39,675,905 shares in Prosafe SE at a strike price of NOK 86. The closing price of the Prosafe SE shares on Oslo Børs on 16 January 2007 was NOK 91.90. The option was granted to BW Offshore without any consideration from BW Offshore because BW Group wished to give BW Offshore access to the BW Group's Prosafe SE shares since BW Offshore is the BW Group's vehicle in the offshore industry.
- On 5 February 2007 BW Offshore acquired 4,415,000 shares in APL ASA, equal to approximately 10.1% of the shares and votes of APL ASA. As consideration BW Offshore issued 10,566,148 new shares, resulting in an exchange ratio of approximately 2.39 BW Offshore shares or NOK 66.69 for each APL share. BW Offshore announced that it had invited APL to discuss a friendly merger.
- On 21 February 2007 the boards of APL and BW Offshore entered into the Combination Agreement regarding a combination of the APL Group and the BW Offshore Group, and announced that they had agreed to recommend to their shareholders a combination of the two companies.
- On 22 February 2007 BW Offshore announced that it had acquired the vessel Crystal Sea (renamed BW Carmen) for a total purchase price of USD 80 million, whereof USD 60 million was paid in cash. As settlement for part of the purchase price corresponding to USD 20 million the Company issued 4,408,602 new shares to the seller. The issue price was NOK 27.90 per share. The purchase contract included an indemnification from the previous owner for any intervention and claims originating from the time when the FPSO was owned by the previous owner.
- On 28 February 2007 BW Offshore acquired 6,500,000 shares in APL ASA, equal to approximately 14.8% of the shares and votes of APL ASA. After this purchase, BW Offshore held 10,915,000 shares in APL ASA, corresponding to approximately 24.9% of the shares and votes in APL ASA (exchanged into 27.6% of the APL Shares upon completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer).
- On 23 March 2007 BW Offshore announced that it had exercised its option to acquire 39,675,905 shares in Prosafe SE and that BW Offshore Limited also had acquired another 4,000,000 shares in Prosafe SE at NOK 86 per share. After the share purchases BW Offshore holds 55,932,990 shares in Prosafe SE, constituting 24.3% of the shares and votes of Prosafe SE. On 26 March 2007 BW Offshore announced that it had completed the Private Placement of 172,943,889 new BW Offshore shares at NOK 26.02 per share to finance the acquisition of the Prosafe shares. BW Offshore controls a total of 24.3% of the shares in Prosafe SE and has as such significant influence in Prosafe SE. Accordingly the investment in Prosafe SE is going to be accounted for as an associated company in BW Offshore's consolidated accounts.

1.6.3 *Summary of BW Offshore pro forma financial information based on historical financial information for BW Offshore and significant transactions in the period 1 January 2007 and up to the date of this Offer Document*

In January 2007 and March 2007 BW Offshore has acquired a significant shareholding of 24.33% in Prosafe SE. In addition, and in combination with these transactions, cash totalling to USD 129.4 million has been raised. Private placements have been carried out in order to finance the cash raised and the acquisition of shares. The significance of these transactions, and the amounts involved, has resulted in BW Offshore to provide pro forma financial information based on the historical information for the year ended 31 December 2006 and adjustments reflecting significant transactions in the period 1 January 2007 and up to the date of this Offer Document. Further information is given in section 8.10.

**Table 1-6: Summary of BW Offshore pro forma financial condensed consolidated information**

Income statement (USD million)	Year ended 31 December 2006 (unaudited)
Operating revenue	450.8
Share of profit of an associate	15.0
<b>Operating profit before depreciation (EBITDA)</b>	<b>58.5</b>
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>32.0</b>
Net financial items	(5.6)
Profit before taxes	26.4
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>19.5</b>
Balance sheet (USD million)	
Total non-current assets	1 252.5
Total current assets	567.8
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1 820.3</b>
Total shareholders' equity	1 324.7
Total liabilities	495.6
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>1 820.3</b>

## 1.7 Summary of Capitalisation and Indebtedness for BW Offshore

The following table shows the Company's actual capitalisation as of 31 December 2006 and adjustments related to significant transactions in the period up to the date of the Offer Document.

**Table 1-7: Summary of capitalisation and indebtedness BW Offshore Group (unaudited)**

USD million	As at 31 December 2006	Adjustments	BW Offshore as adjusted
Total non-current debt (unguaranteed/ unsecured)	425.0	225.1	650.1
Other liabilities	74.0	-4.5	69.5
Total shareholders' equity	383.4	998.1	1 381.5
Liquidity (cash and cash equivalents)	38.0	120.8	158.8
Net financial indebtedness	325.5	104.3	429.8

For further information regarding this table and the adjustments, see section 12.3 "Capitalisation and indebtedness of BW Offshore".

## 1.8 BW Offshore Directors, Senior Management and Employees

The Board consists of Helmut Sohmen (Chairman), Andreas Sohmen-Pao (Deputy Chairman), David Gairns (director), René Huck (director), Christophe Pettenati-Auzière (director) and Kathie Child-Villiers (director).

Upon completion of the Combination BW Offshore will call for an extraordinary shareholders' meeting and propose to its shareholders that the composition of the Board is amended to include amongst others Helmut Sohmen (Chairman), William A Smith (Deputy Chairman, now Chairman of the APL board) and Andreas Sohmen-Pao.



The Company's management consists of Svein Moxnes Harfjeld (CEO), Niels Erik Feilberg (CFO), Elisabeth Barstad (director, Business Development), Tom A. Kristiansen (director, Technical Division), Torfinn Buarøy (director, Operation Division) and Nina Yttervik (director, HR and Administration).

It is the intention of BW Offshore that Carl Arnet, CEO of APL, shall continue to manage APL after the Combination. Carl Arnet shall also be the Deputy CEO in the enlarged BW Offshore Group with responsibility for all business development. The Company intends that all APL staff shall continue in their current positions after Completion. The employees of the APL Group will be invited to participate in the BW Offshore Employee Stock Owning Programme (ESOP).

As of the date of this Offer Document, BW Offshore's management company in Oslo has 134 permanent employees, of which 54 are engaged on the units offshore. In addition it has approximately 60 consultants employed in its project organisations. The Company has some 333 employees working on the units offshore employed through the BW Group.

### **1.9 Major Shareholders of BW Offshore**

The following shareholders own more than 5% of the issued BW Offshore shares (after the Private Placement):

- Bergesen Worldwide Limited holds 279,178,062 BW Offshore shares, which equals 63.8% of the shares and votes of BW Offshore. The Company is accordingly controlled by Bergesen Worldwide Limited.
- Franklin Resources, Inc., on behalf of Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC ("FMA") acting in the capacity as discretionary investment manager to underlying funds and managed accounts has pursuant to a disclosure notification as of 18 January 2007 a total holding of 23,700,703 BW Offshore shares, which equals 5.4% of the issued shares and votes in BW Offshore.
- Funds managed by ODIN Forvaltning AS has pursuant to a disclosure notification as of 16 January 2007 a total holding of 22,500,000 BW Offshore shares, which equals 5.1% of the shares and votes of BW Offshore.

### **1.10 BW Offshore Related Party Transactions**

All transactions between BW Offshore and related parties are entered into on an arms' length basis.

The Company has entered into various service contracts with members of the BW Group, including but not limited to contracts under which the Company acquires IT services and recruitment services.

On 15 January 2007, the Company entered into a stock lending agreement with the Manager and Bergesen Worldwide Limited to facilitate early delivery of BW Offshore shares to subscribers in a private placement of shares conducted on 15 January 2007. Under the stock lending agreement, Bergesen Worldwide Limited agreed to lend 43,605,016 BW Offshore shares to the Manager and the Manager agreed to subscribe for the new BW Offshore shares and transfer them to Bergesen Worldwide Limited to settle the loan. Bergesen Worldwide Limited did not receive any consideration for the lending of the BW Offshore shares.

On 18 January 2007 BW Offshore entered into an option agreement with BW Euroholdings Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Bergesen Worldwide Limited), whereby BW Offshore was granted an option to acquire 39,675,905 shares in Prosafe SE at a strike price of NOK 86. The closing price of the Prosafe SE shares on Oslo Børs on 16 January 2007 was NOK 91.90. The option was granted to BW Offshore without any consideration from BW Offshore because BW Group wished to give BW Offshore access to the BW Group's Prosafe SE shares since BW Offshore is the BW Group's vehicle in the offshore industry. The option was exercised on 23 March 2007 and financed through the issuance of BW Offshore shares as discussed at section 1.4.

On 5 February 2007 BW Offshore acquired APL Shares from BW Euroholdings Limited as described in section 1.6.2.

On 23 March 2007, the Company entered into a stock lending agreement with the Manager and Bergesen Worldwide Limited to facilitate early delivery of BW Offshore shares to subscribers in the Private Placement conducted on 26 March 2007. Under the stock lending agreement, Bergesen Worldwide Limited agreed to lend up to 60,000,000 BW Offshore shares to the Manager and the Manager agreed to subscribe for the new BW Offshore shares and transfer them to Bergesen Worldwide Limited to settle the loan. Bergesen Worldwide Limited did not receive any consideration for the lending of the BW Offshore shares.

## **1.11 BW Offshore Advisers and Auditor**

### *1.11.1 Manager*

Carnegie ASA, P.O. Box 684 Sentrum, NO-0106 Oslo, Norway has acted as Manager to BW Offshore in connection with the Offer.

Carnegie ASA and Pareto Securities ASA, P.O. Box 1396 Vika, N-0114 Oslo, Norway has acted as joint lead managers in connection with the Private Placement.

### *1.11.2 Legal counsel*

Thommessen Krefting Greve Lund AS Advokatfirma has acted as the Company's Norwegian legal counsel in connection with the Offer on matters subject to Norwegian law.

Conyers Dill & Pearman has acted as the Company's Bermudian legal counsel in connection with the Offer on matters subject to Bermudian law.

### *1.11.3 Auditor*

PricewaterhouseCoopers AS is the auditor of the Company.

## **1.12 Summary of Risk Factors for BW Offshore**

A number of risk factors may adversely affect the Company:

- **Transaction risk:** The Offer is subject to several conditions which need to be waived by the BW Offshore or completed before completion of the Offer.
- **Benefits of the Combination:** The combined company may encounter difficulties with regard to integrating its operations or realizing the expected benefits.
- **Environmental risks:** Changes in environmental laws may put new burdens on the Company.
- **Market risks:** Decreases in oil and gas prices, E&P spending, and the supply of FPSO/FSOs may affect the demand for FPSO/FSO services.
- **Competition:** The FPSO industry is highly competitive.
- **Redeployment risks:** There is uncertainty attached to whether options will be exercised and contracts extended.
- **Conversions risks:** Delays and cost overruns related to conversions of tankers may occur.
- **Project risks:** The contracts normally contain clauses which could give the customer a right of early termination.
- **Sub-contractors:** The Company could become liable for sub-contractors' failure to deliver key materials, components, services, etc.
- **Financial resources:** Cash flow from operations may not be sufficient to fund ongoing activities and implement the Company's business plan.
- **Access to personnel/resources:** The Company needs to attract and retain personnel to expand its business and execute strategy.
- **Geopolitical risks:** Changes in political regimes will constitute a material risk factor for the Company's operations in foreign countries.
- **Tax risk:** The Company is exposed to risk regarding correct application of tax regulations as well as possible changes in tax regulations in the regions in which the Company carries out its business.

- **Operational risks:** The Company's assets are concentrated in one single industry.
- **Exchange rate risks:** The Company's business has USD as its primary functional currency. The Company is exposed to some expenses incurred in currencies other than USD, such as NOK, SGD and EUR.
- **Credit risk:** The financial position of the Company's major partners may materially change during the contract period.
- **Purchase options:** Certain customers have purchase options attached to the units contracted from the Company.
- **Permits and licenses:** Termination of permits and licenses could have a negative effect of the Company's operations.
- **Adequate insurance protection:** Insurance coverage may not fully cover losses or damages suffered by the Company.
- **Risk factors relating to the Company's financing:** exchange rate risk, interest risk and liquidity risk.
- **Risk factors relating to the BW Offshore shares:** Price volatility of the BW Offshore shares, potential dilution of shareholders and control by Bergesen Worldwide Limited.

See chapter 2 "Risk factors" for a discussion of the various risks considered particularly relevant to the Company. If any of these risks or uncertainties actually occur, the business, operating results and financial condition of the Company could be materially and adversely affected. The risks presented in this Offer Document are not exhaustive, and other risks not discussed herein may also adversely affect the Company. Prospective investors should consider carefully the information contained in this Offer Document and make an independent evaluation before making an investment decision. In addition to the risks above, the risks pertaining to APL will be connected with an investment in BW Offshore when the Offer is completed.

### 1.13 BW Offshore Additional Information

#### 1.13.1 Share capital and shareholder matters

The authorised share capital of BW Offshore is 500,000,000 shares. The issued share capital of the Company after the Private Placement is USD 4,379,186.39, divided into 437,918,639 shares of USD 0.01 each. The Company's issued shares are fully paid.

The authorised share capital of the Company may be increased by a resolution of the Board. Pursuant to the Company's Bye-laws, subject to any resolution of the shareholders to the contrary, the Board may issue any unissued shares on such terms and conditions as it may determine.

All issued BW Offshore shares are vested with equal shareholder rights in all respects. There is only one class of shares issued and all BW Offshore shares are freely transferable.

The BW Offshore shares are registered with VPS under the International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) BMG 11 90 N1002. The registrar for the BW Offshore shares is DnB NOR Bank ASA, Stranden 21, NO-0250 Oslo, Norway. The BW Offshore shares are traded on Oslo Børs with ticker code "BWO".

#### 1.13.2 Documents on display

The following documents (or copies thereof) may be inspected at the offices of the Company and on the Company's website <http://www.bwoffshore.com>:

- The Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws of the Company.
- The Company's consolidated financial statements for 2006 and 2005

Historical financial statements for the Company's subsidiary undertakings will not be published in accordance with Bermudian law.

## **2 RISK FACTORS FOR BW OFFSHORE**

### **2.1 General**

Investing in BW Offshore involves inherent risks. Prospective investors should consider, among other things, the risk factors set out herein in the Offer Document before making an investment decision. The risks described below are not the only ones facing the Company. Additional risks not presently known to the Company or that the Company currently deems immaterial may also impair the Company's business operations and adversely affect the price of the BW Offshore shares. If any of the following risks actually occur, BW Offshore's business, financial position and operating results could be materially and adversely affected.

A prospective investor should consider carefully the factors set forth below, and elsewhere in the Offer Document, and should consult his or her own expert advisors as to the suitability of an investment in the BW Offshore shares of the Company. An investment in the BW Offshore shares is suitable only for investors who understand the risk factors associated with this type of investment and who can afford a loss of all or part of the investment. Such information is presented as of the date hereof and is subject to change, completion or amendment without notice.

This Offer Document includes "forward-looking" statements, including, without limitation, projections and expectations regarding the Company's future financial position, business strategy, plans and objectives. When used in this document, the words "anticipate", "believe", "estimate", "expect", "seek to" and similar expressions, as they relate to the Company, its subsidiaries or its management, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company and its subsidiaries, or, as the case may be, the industry, to materially differ from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are based on numerous assumptions regarding the Company's present and future business strategies and the environment in which the Company and its subsidiary will operate. Factors that could cause the Company's actual results, performance or achievements to materially differ from those in the forward-looking statements include but are not limited to:

- the competitive nature of the markets in which the Company operates,
- global and regional economic conditions,
- technological developments,
- government regulations,
- changes in political events,
- force majeure events

Some important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements are, in certain instances, included with such forward-looking statements and in this chapter 2 "Risk Factors".

These forward-looking statements reflect only the Company's views and assessment as of the date of this Offer Document. Except to the extent required by law or the rules of Oslo Børs, the Company expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release any updates or revisions of the forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in the Company's expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

The risk factors described below address the risks connected with an investment in BW Offshore prior to the acquisition of APL. In addition, the risks pertaining to APL will be connected with an investment in BW Offshore when the Offer is completed.

## **2.2 Risk Factors relating to the Combination**

The Offer is subject to the following conditions which need to be waived by BW Offshore or completed on or before completion of the Offer: That (i) the APL board recommends to its shareholders to accept the Offer and does not withdraw or modify its recommendation; (ii) BW Offshore acquires more than 90% of the APL Shares through the Offer; (iii) consents from competition authorities having jurisdiction over the Combination have been obtained free of any conditions; and (iv) the business of the APL Group has been conducted in the ordinary course and that no distributions has been made to the APL Shareholders.

Should any of the above conditions not be met or waived by BW Offshore, BW Offshore will not be required to complete the Offer.

If BW Offshore does not acquire more than 90% of the APL Shares through the Offer, neither BW Offshore nor the APL Shareholders may require compulsory acquisition. If BW Offshore becomes the owner of 90% or less of the APL Shares, the remaining APL Shareholders may accordingly have few exit options and an illiquid share as a result of this Offer.

## **2.3 Risk Factors relating to achieving the Benefits of the Combination**

The Combination involves the integration of two companies that have previously operated independently. There can be no assurances that the combined entity will not encounter difficulties in integrating the respective operations of BW Offshore and APL or that the benefits expected from the Combination will be realized.

## **2.4 Risk Factors relating to the Company and the Industry in which it operates**

### *2.4.1 Environmental risks*

The activities of the Company are subject to environmental regulation pursuant to a variety of international conventions and state and municipal laws and regulations. Compliance with such regulation can require significant expenditures and a breach may result in the imposition of fines and penalties, some of which may be material. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner expected to result in stricter standards and enforcement, larger fines and liability and potentially increased capital expenditures and operating costs. Environmental laws may result in a material increase in the costs of operating the Company's units or otherwise adversely affect the Company's financial condition, results of operations or prospects.

The discharge of oil, natural gas or other pollutants into the air or water may give rise to liabilities to foreign governments and third parties and may require the Company to incur costs to remedy such discharge. Environmental laws may also expose the Company to liability for the conduct of or conditions caused by others, or for acts of the Company which were in compliance with all applicable laws at the time such actions were taken. Furthermore, some environmental laws provide for joint and several strict liabilities for remediation of releases of hazardous substances, which could result in liability for environmental damage without regard to negligence or fault.

### *2.4.2 Market risks*

Demand for FPSO and FSO services in connection with production in the offshore oil and gas sector can be negatively affected by a number of factors including decreases in oil and gas prices, fluctuations in production levels and disappointing exploration results. On the supply side, there is uncertainty when it comes to the level of construction of new production units, the upgrading and maintenance of existing production units, the conversion of tankers into FPSO/FSOs, the level of future demobilisation activity and alternative uses for equipment as market conditions change.

Historically, demand for offshore exploration, development and production has been volatile and closely linked to the price of hydrocarbons. Low oil prices typically lead to a reduction in exploration as the oil companies scale down their own investment budgets. Most of the Company's units are fixed on long-term contracts, and this, to some extent, reduces the Company's exposure against intermediate

oil and gas fluctuations. The probability of options being exercised, existing contracts being extended or new contracts being obtained, as well as the terms of new contracts, may be negatively affected by reduction in actual reservoir reserves or in low oil and gas prices generally.

#### *2.4.3 Competition*

The FPSO industry is highly competitive. The Company competes with other companies with an equal or larger resource base. Also, companies not previously involved within the FPSO industry may choose to acquire units to establish themselves as players in the industry and as such provide competition for the Company.

#### *2.4.4 Redeployment risks*

The Company's units are generally equipped according to specifications from the customer. The contracts are usually structured to secure an acceptable return on the investment within the contract period. When the contracts expire, or are terminated early, the Company may encounter difficulties redeploying the units at existing rate levels, or even redeploying the units at all. The cancellation or postponement of one or more contracts or the failure to obtain new contracts on attractive terms can have a material adverse impact on the earnings and financial position of the Company.

#### *2.4.5 Conversion risks*

The Company has entered into several contracts for the conversion of tankers into FPSO/FSOs which are to service explicit projects. The contracts stipulate dates of delivery and specified prices. In the case of late delivery of work or equipment, the Company may be in a position to impose penalties on the yards and suppliers. Despite these efforts there can be no assurances that delays and cost overruns will not occur and such events, if occurring, could have an adverse impact on the financial position of the Company.

The conversion of the tankers is based on proven methods and technology that has been tested under real operating conditions. The Company is a leading player within the FPSO/FSO sector, and is continually seeking to stay on top of new technology and to implement such new technology into the FPSO/FSOs in a safe and cost competitive way. There is a risk that such new technology may not function as expected and thus resulting in modifications or delays on the units. Such modifications or delays, if occurring, could have an adverse impact on the earnings and the financial position of the Company.

#### *2.4.6 Project risks*

In line with industry practice, a contract will normally contain clauses which could give the customer a right of early termination under specified conditions.

#### *2.4.7 Sub-contractors*

The Company is dependent upon the ability of its sub-contractors to provide key materials, components, finished products and services, often custom-made, that meet specifications, quality standards and delivery schedules of the Company. The Company could become liable for delays or deficiencies by its sub-contractors and might not be in a position to reclaim full coverage from the sub-contractor e.g. due to the adverse effect or if the sub-contractor becomes insolvent. Difficulties the Company encounters with such sub-contractors could adversely affect the Company's production schedules, reputation and profitability.

#### *2.4.8 Financial resources*

The Company's cash flow from operations may not be sufficient to fund ongoing activities and implement its business plans. From time to time the Company may enter into transactions to acquire assets or shares of other companies, or to contract new-buildings. These transactions along with the Company's ongoing operations may be financed partially or wholly with debt, which may increase the Company's debt levels. Depending on future investment plans, the Company may require additional financing, which may not be available or, if available, may not be available on favourable terms. Failure to obtain such financing on a timely basis could cause the Company to forfeit or forego various

opportunities. Failure to obtain financing on attractive terms may result in increased financing costs and could adversely affect the Company's earnings and financial position.

As at 31 December 2006, the Company's balance sheet showed an equity of USD 383.4 million. For further information, see chapters 10, 11 and 12 and elsewhere in this Offer Document.

#### *2.4.9 Access to personnel/resources*

The Company's success depends, to a significant extent, upon management and key employees. The loss of key employees could have a negative effect on the Company. Attracting and retaining additional key personnel is important to the expansion of the Company's business. The Company faces significant competition for skilled personnel. There is no assurance that the Company will successfully attract and retain personnel required to continue to expand its business and to successfully execute its business strategy.

#### *2.4.10 Geopolitical risks*

The Company is active in a number of regions. Some of these are politically volatile. Changes in the legislative, political, regulatory and economic framework in the regions in which the Company carries on business could have a material impact on exploration, production and development activity or adversely affect the Company's operations directly or indirectly. Changes in political regimes or political instability may also negatively affect the Company's operations in foreign countries, as well as risk of war, other armed conflicts and terrorist attacks.

#### *2.4.11 Tax risks*

The Company's and/or its subsidiaries' own activities will to a large extent be governed by the fiscal legislation of the jurisdictions where it is operating, as its activities in most cases will be deemed to form a permanent establishment according to the tax laws of those countries. Thus, the Company is exposed to a material risk regarding the correct application of the tax regulations as well as possible future changes in the tax legislation of those relevant countries. In addition, the Company is to a certain extent being exposed to different rules of customs duty.

#### *2.4.12 Operational risks*

The Company's assets are concentrated in a single industry and the Company may be more vulnerable to particular economic, political, regulatory, environmental or other developments than would a company with a portfolio of various industry activities. However, the Company has a portfolio of FPSO/FSOs and should thus be less vulnerable to operational risks than corresponding companies holding only one or two units.

There can be no assurances that the Company's FPSO/FSOs will be successfully deployed for the duration of their useful lives. There will always be some exposure to technical risks, with unforeseen operational problems leading to unexpectedly high operating costs and/or lost earnings, additional investments, penalty payments, etc., which may have a material effect on the earnings and financial position of the Company. Further, the units are working in harsh environments. There are several factors that can contribute to an accident, including, but not limited to, human errors, weather conditions, faulty constructions etc. Also, the units could be requisitioned by a government in the case of war or other emergencies or become subject to arrest which could significantly and adversely affect the earnings of the relevant unit.

#### *2.4.13 Credit risk*

Several of the Company's contracts are long-term, and there can be no guarantees that the financial position of the Company's major partners will not materially change during the contracted period. Given the limited number of major partners of the Company and the significant portion they represent of the Company's income, the inability of one or more of them to make full payment on any of the Company's contracted units may have a significant adverse impact on the financial position of the Company. The Company attempts to reduce credit risk via parent company or bank guarantees.

#### 2.4.14 *Purchase options*

Certain customers have purchase options attached to the units contracted from the Company. If a customer exercises its right to purchase a unit, the Company will receive the agreed compensation but will not receive any further revenue from the unit. This may result in decreased revenue and cash flows from having fewer units operating in its fleet. The contracts for Berge Helene, Berge Okoloba Toru, Belokamenka and YÙUM K'AK'NÁAB, FPSO (previously BW Enterprise) all provide the customers with an option to purchase the units on certain conditions and prices set forth in the contracts. For more information on these purchase options, please see chapter 13 – “Presentation of BW Offshore”.

#### 2.4.15 *Permits and licenses*

Significant parts of the Company's activities require licenses and permits from authorities in the countries in which it operates. There can be no assurances that the Company will be able to obtain all necessary licenses and permits that may be required to carry out its operations in the future. If the present permits and licenses are terminated or withdrawn, such event could have a negative effect of the Company's operations.

#### 2.4.16 *Adequate insurance protection*

The operation of any offshore unit represents a potential risk of major losses and liabilities, death or injury of persons and property damage caused by adverse weather conditions, mechanical failures, human error, war, terrorism, and other circumstances or events. An accident involving any of the Company's units could result in loss of revenue, fines or penalties, higher insurance costs and damage to the Company's reputation. In the event of a casualty to a unit, or a catastrophic event, the Company will rely on its comprehensive insurance programmes structured with a view to offer optimal protections and compensations emanating from both legislative and contractual requirements. The Company may not have sufficient insurance coverage for the entire range of risks to which it is exposed and any particular claim may not be paid. There is also the possibility that, in the future, the Company may be unable to procure similar adequate insurance coverage at the terms and conditions equal to those it currently has. Any significant loss or liability for which the Company is not insured could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, the loss, or prolonged unavailability, of a unit could have an adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations even if insurance solutions were effective.

## **2.5 Risk Factors relating to the Company's Financing**

### 2.5.1 *Exchange rate risk*

The Company's business has USD as its primary functional currency. Operating revenue, interest bearing debt and contractual obligations for vessels under construction are mainly denominated in USD. The Company's vessels are also valued in USD if and when traded in the second-hand market. The Company is exposed to expenses incurred in currencies other than USD, such as NOK, SGD and EUR. Fluctuating foreign exchange rates can have an effect on the results of operations.

The Company has established a hedging policy, using forward contracts and options in order to minimize negative impact caused by exchange rate volatility.

### 2.5.2 *Interest risk*

The Company has in place a revolving credit facility of USD 600 million of which USD 425 million has been drawn down on at the date of this Offer Document. The interest the Company pays on the loan is based on a three or six months LIBOR interest rate renewed every third or sixth month respectively. An increase in the USD interest rate may have a significant adverse impact on the financial position of the Company. The Company is continuously evaluating to hedge some of the interest exposure by using forward contracts to fix the interest on part of the loan and for a certain period of time.

### 2.5.3 *Liquidity risk*

The Company must successfully manage its liquidity and obtain the necessary financing to fund the expected growth. A limited liquidity position may have an adverse impact on the future growth potential of the Company. To minimise this risk, the Company places its free liquidity in bank deposits



or use the free liquidity to reduce the drawn amount under its revolving credit facility. BW Offshore has secured long term financing of up to six years and will in due time secure refinancing of the existing revolving credit facility in order to mitigate any risks of limited future re-financing opportunities.

## 2.6 Risk Factors relating to the BW Offshore Shares

### 2.6.1 Price volatility of publicly traded securities

The market price of the BW Offshore shares could be subject to fluctuations in response to factors such as actual or anticipated variations in the Company's operating results, changes in estimates or recommendations by financial analysts, currency exchange rates, regulatory developments, general market conditions and other factors. In addition, international financial markets have from time to time experienced price and volume fluctuations, which have been unrelated to the operating performance or prospects of individual companies. Consequently, the trading market for, and the liquidity of, the BW Offshore shares may be materially adversely affected by general declines in the market or by declines in the market for similar securities.

### 2.6.2 Potential dilution of shareholders

The Company may require additional capital in the future in connection with financing of new capital-intensive projects. In addition, the Company may incur unanticipated liabilities or expenses. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to obtain necessary financing in a timely manner on acceptable terms. Where the Company issues shares in the future, such issuance may result in the then existing shareholders of BW Offshore sustaining dilution to their relative proportion of the equity of BW Offshore.

### 2.6.3 Control by Bergesen Worldwide Limited

Bergesen Worldwide Limited indirectly owns approximately 63.8% of the Company's outstanding shares (after the Private Placement). Furthermore, Bergesen Worldwide Limited is approximately 93% owned by companies controlled by corporate interests associated with the Sohmen family. Accordingly, the Sohmen family will indirectly control the majority of the BW Offshore shares and will effectively control the outcome of matters on which the Company's shareholders are entitled to vote. The interests of Sohmen family may differ from those of the Company's other shareholders. As a result, Bergesen Worldwide Limited or the Sohmen family may prevent the Company from making certain decisions or taking certain actions that would be in the interest of its shareholders. This may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control or distribution of dividends as well as discourage bids for the BW Offshore shares and may adversely affect the value of the BW Offshore shares.

The dilution effect of the Offer for Bergesen Worldwide Limited will depend on (i) the number of APL Shares acquired by BW Offshore through the Offer; and (ii) the allocation of acceptances between the Share Alternative and the Cash Alternative. Assuming that BW Offshore through the Offer receives acceptances representing all APL Shares, Bergesen Worldwide Limited may be diluted as follows:

**Table 2-1: Exemplification dilution effect**

<b>Alternatives (exemplified) of percentage of consideration settled in BW Offshore shares</b>	<b>Dilution effect*</b>
60%	10.6%
100%	16.5%

\*Dilution effect = Ownership share (%) post Offer divided by ownership share (%) pre Offer minus 100% = percentage immediate dilution in ownership share for BW Offshore shareholders resulting from the issuance of the Consideration Shares. See section 4.4 for a description of the calculation of number of Consideration Shares to be issued by BW Offshore under the Offer.

Bergesen Worldwide Limited will own minimum 53.2% of BW Offshore upon completion of the Offer.

### **3 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OFFER DOCUMENT**

This Offer Document has been prepared to provide information to the shareholders of APL in connection with the voluntary offer made by BW Offshore to acquire all the shares of APL not already owned by BW Offshore.

The information in the Offer Document regarding APL is exclusively based on publicly available information. Consequently, BW Offshore cannot accept any liability for the accuracy and completeness of the information in this Offer Document regarding APL.

The board of directors of BW Offshore hereby declares that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this Offer Document is, to the best of our knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

29 March 2007

#### **The Board of Directors of BW Offshore Limited**

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Director

René Huck  
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Director

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Director

## **4 THE OFFER**

### **4.1 Voluntary Offer**

BW Offshore hereby makes a voluntary offer to acquire all issued and outstanding shares of APL not previously owned by BW Offshore on the terms and conditions set out in this Offer Document. Any APL Shares issued to APL ASA shareholders during the Offer Period in exchange for shares in APL ASA shall be included in the Offer. The Offer is not extended to persons in the United States, Canada, Japan or Australia or any other jurisdiction where making the Offer is unlawful.

### **4.2 The Target Company – APL**

Advanced Production and Loading (APL) is market leader in the development, production and sale of advanced oil and gas offshore production systems that focus on ship-based storage and transportation of hydrocarbons. APL ASA was established in 1993 in order to develop and commercialize the loading and production systems Submerged Turret Loading (STL) and Submerged Turret Production (STP). APL's technology has been selected as a mooring solution for production vessels, storage vessels and oil tankers in a wide range of field developments in the North Sea, Africa, Asia, Russia and the USA. Installation of the world's first offshore discharge terminal for LNG vessels based on APL's STL technology was recently completed offshore Louisiana in the US sector of the Gulf of Mexico. APL is currently headquartered in Arendal, Norway and has operations in Houston, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Shanghai, Paris and Rio de Janeiro. APL has approximately 250 employees.

Upon completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer APL is the parent company of the APL Group (including APL ASA) and the APL Shares are listed on Oslo Børs under ticker code "APLC".

It is the intention of BW Offshore that APL shall become a subsidiary of BW Offshore through the Offer and continue with its brand, management and technical development, with all staff continuing in their current positions, and with Arendal being the enlarged BW Offshore Group's focal point for technological development and Oslo being the centre for FPSO operations. APL will continue to offer its technology and solutions to external clients.

### **4.3 The Offeror BW Offshore**

The Offer is made by BW Offshore, with registered office Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda. The Company's registration number is 36937. BW Offshore is a limited liability company incorporated and governed by the laws of Bermuda.

BW Offshore is one of the world's leading FPSO contractors. The operations date back to a division established by Bergesen d.y. ASA in 1997. The Company was incorporated on 7 June 2005 in Bermuda. BW Offshore is publicly listed and part of the BW Group, one of the world's largest maritime groups. The Company's operational head office is in Oslo, Norway. BW Offshore has assets operating in Nigeria, Mauritania and Russia, and has recently entered into Mexico as well as set up a strategic cooperation in Malaysia.

BW Offshore is a dependable contractor for long-term lease arrangements as well as a provider of shorter-term solutions. A philosophy combining modularisation, standardisation and flexibility by design with hands-on project management ensures that a variety of customer needs are met. The Company offers versatile solutions for mid to large scale projects, both for oil and gas. BW Offshore work with numerous reputable sub-contractors and suppliers as well as conversion yards. The Company is listed on the Oslo Børs with ticker code "BWO".

BW Offshore owns 10,915,000 shares in APL, equal to 27.3% of the total number of shares in the company at the date of this Offer Document. BW Offshore has no options, convertible loans or similar rights to acquire additional shares in APL.

#### 4.4 Offer Price

The APL Shareholders are offered to exchange their APL Shares for either:

- (i) 3.0249 BW Offshore shares for each APL Share (the "**Share Alternative**"); or
- (ii) NOK 85 for each APL Share (the "**Cash Alternative**").

However the maximum cash amount to be paid by BW Offshore under the Offer shall not exceed 40% of the total consideration to be paid under the Offer to accepting APL Shareholders (based on a BW Offshore share price of NOK 28.10). This means that if cash settlement is chosen for more than 40% of the accepted APL Shares, a pro rata adjustment will be made so that the total settlement to be paid by BW Offshore under the Offer consist of 40% cash and 60% BW Offshore shares (based on a BW Offshore share price of NOK 28.10). Consequently, if the Cash Alternative is chosen for more than 40% of the accepted APL shares, then all APL Shareholders choosing the Cash Alternative will receive a combination of cash and BW Offshore shares as settlement for their APL Shares. If the Cash Alternative is chosen for less than 40% of the accepted APL Shares all APL Shareholders choosing the Cash Alternative will receive full cash settlement.

Please see section 5.3 for rationale for the Offer Price.

Shareholders holding up to and including 1,000 APL Shares will be entitled to receive the Cash Alternative in full, and such shares shall not be included when calculating if the 40% cash threshold set out above has been triggered.

The number of BW Offshore shares to be issued as a consequence of the Offer will depend on (i) the number of APL Shares acquired by BW Offshore through the Offer; and (ii) the allocation of acceptances between the Share Alternative and the Cash Alternative. Assuming that BW Offshore through the Offer receives acceptances representing 100% of the APL Shares, BW Offshore may issue Consideration Shares as follows:

**Table 4-1: Exemplification of number of Consideration Shares to be issued**

<b>Alternatives (exemplified) of percentage of consideration settled in BW Offshore shares</b>	<b>Number of Consideration Shares issued<sup>2</sup></b>
60%	51,949,138
100%	86,581,897

Fractions of BW Offshore shares will not be issued, and the number of BW Offshore shares to be issued to an accepting APL Shareholder will be rounded downwards to the nearest whole number should the shareholder own a number of APL Shares multiplied with 3.0249 not resulting in a whole number. APL Shareholders will receive NOK 28.10 multiplied with the relevant fraction in cash.

The rights of the Consideration Shares will in all respects equal those of the existing BW Offshore shares from the time of issue and registration of the Consideration Shares in VPS.

#### 4.5 Offer Period

APL Shareholders may accept the Offer in the period from 30 March 2007 to 18 April 2007 closing at 1630 CET (both dates inclusive).

BW Offshore may extend the Offer Period one or more times. If the Offer Period is extended, the other dates referred to in the Offer Document may be changed accordingly and any received Acceptance Forms will remain binding and irrevocable for the length of the extension. The Offer Period shall expire at the latest on 25 May 2007 at 1630 CET. Any extension of the Offer Period shall be announced prior

<sup>2</sup> The number of Consideration Shares to be issued is based on the total number of the VPS registered shares in APL (39,538,061 shares) less BW Offshore's current holding of 10,915,000 shares in APL, leaving 28,623,061 shares in APL of which between 60% and 100% is to be settled by issue of 3.0249 BW Offshore Shares for each APL share, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

to the expiration of the Offer Period. Such announcement shall be made in the manner described under section 4.14 "Announcements".

#### 4.6 Conditions for Completion of the Offer

The completion of the Offer is subject to the satisfaction or waiver by BW Offshore of the following conditions:

- (i) **APL Board Recommendation:** That the APL board makes its recommendation to the APL Shareholders of the Offer, and that such recommendation is not withdrawn or modified.
- (ii) **Minimum Acceptance:** APL Shareholders accepting the Offer for the number of APL Shares required in order for BW Offshore to obtain a shareholding (including the 10,915,000 APL Shares already owned by BW Offshore) of more than 90% of the total number of issued APL Shares on a fully diluted basis.
- (iii) **Governmental Approvals:** The approval by any competition authority having jurisdiction over the transactions contemplated by this Agreement to which notification of such transaction is mandatory under applicable merger control laws having issued all necessary clearances and approvals free of any conditions, or that such clearance or approval has otherwise been obtained from the competition authorities by the expiry of any applicable time limits without any suit, investigation or proceeding having been initiated or decisions issued or by the withdrawal by the competition authorities of any pending or threatened suit, investigation or proceeding.
- (iv) **Conduct of Business:** From 21 February 2007, the business of the APL Group shall have been conducted in the ordinary course and no distributions shall have been made to the APL Shareholders, except for certain actions which have been accepted by BW Offshore in the Combination Agreement or after the Combination Agreement was entered into.

#### 4.7 Accepting the Offer

##### 4.7.1 Acceptance Form

To accept the Offer, the APL Shareholders shall properly complete and duly execute the Acceptance Form, attached hereto as Appendix I, including indicating if the shareholder accepts the Offer with regard to the Share Alternative or the Cash Alternative. If no such indication is given the APL Shareholder will automatically receive BW Offshore shares as settlement for the APL Shares for comprised by the acceptance.

The Acceptance Form shall be delivered to the Manager prior to the expiry of the Offer Period at the following address/fax number:

Carnegie ASA  
 Stranden 1, Aker Brygge  
 P.O. Box 684 Sentrum  
 NO-0106 Oslo  
<http://www.carnegie.no>  
 Telephone: +47 22 00 93 00  
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Information on shareholdings and certain other matters relating to the relevant APL Shareholder have already been registered on the Acceptance Form. APL Shareholders, whose APL Shares are registered on different VPS accounts, will receive one Acceptance Form for each VPS account.

The acceptance shall be deemed to comprise all APL Shares registered on an accepting shareholder's VPS account unless otherwise stated in the Acceptance Form. If an APL Shareholder wishes to accept the Offer for less than all of the APL Shares registered on the shareholder's account in the VPS, the shareholder must fill in the relevant number of shares for which it accepts the Offer on the Acceptance Form.

#### 4.7.2 *Nominee holders, third party rights*

Any shareholder whose APL Shares are registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee must contact such person if the shareholder desires to sell such APL Shares to BW Offshore.

All APL Shares sold in the Offer shall be transferred free of any encumbrances and any other third party rights whatsoever and with all shareholder rights attached to them. Any third party with registered encumbrance or other third-party rights over the relevant VPS-account(s) must sign the Acceptance Form and thereby waive its rights in the APL Shares sold in the Offer and approve the transfer of the APL Shares to BW Offshore free and clear of any such encumbrances and any other third party rights.

#### 4.7.3 *Incomplete, unlawful and delayed acceptances*

BW Offshore reserves the right to reject any or all acceptances of the Offer that, in BW Offshore's opinion, are not in the proper form, which may be unlawful or which is received after the expiration of the Offer Period. BW Offshore also reserves the right to treat an acceptance as valid, in whole or in part, even though it is not entirely in order or not accompanied by required document(s) or which is received after the expiration of the Offer Period. Neither BW Offshore, the Manager nor any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defects or irregularities in acceptance or incur any liability for failure to give any such information.

#### 4.7.4 *Irrevocable acceptance*

The acceptance of the Offer is irrevocable from the time the Acceptance Form has been received by the Manager, and may not be withdrawn, in whole or in part, neither before nor after the expiration of the Offer Period. Acceptances may not be made conditional. An APL Shareholder who has accepted the Offer shall be released from the acceptance if BW Offshore has not on or prior to 25 May 2007 publicly announced that the conditions set out in section 4.6 have been met or waived.

#### 4.7.5 *Blocking the VPS account and transferring the APL Shares*

By submitting a duly executed Acceptance Form, the accepting APL Shareholder gives the Manager an irrevocable authorisation to (i) block the accepting shareholder's VPS account with regard to the relevant APL Shares in favour of Carnegie and (ii) transfer the APL Shares so restricted to BW Offshore on the Settlement Date. When the transfer restriction has been established on the shareholder's VPS account, no transactions relating to the APL Shares subject to such restrictions will be permitted.

An APL Shareholder who has accepted the Offer may manage any other securities owned by such shareholder that are registered on the same VPS account as the APL Shares comprised by the acceptance.

The accepting shareholders will retain ownership of their APL Shares until completion of the Offer, and, to the extent permitted by Norwegian law, retain voting rights and other shareholder rights related thereto until settlement has taken place.

### **4.8 Pre-acceptances of the Offer**

BW Offshore has received pre-acceptances from the following primary insiders owning APL Shares :

Carl Arnet, CEO of APL	1,940,524
Knut Sæthre, CFO of APL	76,344
Tor Bergstrøm, APL board member	1,200
Svein Eggen, APL board member	33,600
Jan Knut Fiskaa, APL board member	6,000
Steinar Slaatelia, APL board member	4,000

### **4.9 Settlement**

Settlement under the Offer will be made in BW Offshore shares and/or Norwegian kroner (NOK) as soon as practicably possible after the announcement that the conditions set out in section 4.6 has

been met or waived (the "**Closing Date**"). BW Offshore expects the Settlement Date to be on or about 24 April 2007, however the Settlement Date will not be later than seven Business Days after the Closing Date. BW Offshore expects that the conditions of the Offer will be met or waived on or about 19 April 2007, subject to possible extensions of the Offer Period.

On the Settlement Date, settlement will take place as follows:

- (i) The Consideration Shares will be issued and shall be transferred to the relevant APL Shareholders' VPS accounts as set out in section 4.10.2 below; and
- (ii) any cash amount to be paid under the Offer will be transferred without interest to the relevant APL Shareholders' bank account registered in VPS as the account for payment of dividends. If there is no account registered in VPS, settlement will be made by issuing a bank giro, or for APL Shareholders not resident in Norway, by cheque.

#### **4.10 The BW Offshore Shares to be Delivered under the Offer**

##### *4.10.1 Share Issue by BW Offshore*

The BW Offshore Board has authority under Bermuda law to issue the Consideration Shares within its authorised share capital and will issue the Consideration Shares on or about the Closing Date.

The Consideration Shares will be ordinary shares of BW Offshore with par value USD 0.01.

##### *4.10.2 Registration in VPS*

The Consideration Shares will, when issued, be entered in the Company's register of members in the name of the Registrar, which will hold such BW Offshore shares as nominee on behalf of the relevant APL Shareholders accepting the Offer. The beneficial ownership interest in the shares will be registered in VPS, which is expected to take place on or about 24 April 2007. The BW Offshore shares will then be tradable on Oslo Børs and referred to as shares in BW Offshore. For further details, see section 17.1.4 – "Registration of the BW Offshore shares".

The BW Offshore shares have ISIN no BMG 11 90 N1002.

##### *4.10.3 Trading of the Consideration Shares*

The Consideration Shares will be tradable on Oslo Børs after registration on the accepting shareholders' VPS accounts. The first date of trading of the Consideration Shares on Oslo Børs is expected to be on or about 25 April 2007. The BW Offshore shares are traded on Oslo Børs with ticker code "BWO".

##### *4.10.4 The rights of the Consideration Shares*

The Consideration Shares will have equal rights in all respects as the existing BW Offshore shares.

The nature of the BW Offshore shares, as shares in a Bermuda company, and the manner that the rights of such shares may differ from those in a Norwegian company are set out in sections 17.10 and 17.11.

#### **4.11 Financing**

The maximum cash settlement to be paid by BW Offshore as a consequence of the Offer is NOK 973 million<sup>3</sup>.

BW Offshore has arranged for a new debt facility with DnB NOR Bank ASA and will finance the cash settlement by available cash and by utilizing such debt facility.

#### **4.12 Amendments to the Offer**

Any amendment to the Offer during the Offer Period, which, on the date such amendment is announced, represents an improvement (or no diminution) in value (an "**Amended Offer**"), is binding

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<sup>3</sup> The maximum cash settlement to be paid under the Offer is based on the total number of VPS registered shares in APL as of the date of this Offer Document (39,538,061 shares) less BW Offshore's current holding of 10,915,000 shares in APL, leaving 28,623,061 shares in APL of which up to 40% is to be settled in cash at NOK 85 for each APL share.

on BW Offshore from the time it is made public through Oslo Børs' information system. APL Shareholders who have accepted the Offer will automatically be given the benefit of such an Amended Offer without any action to be taken or notice to be given by such accepting shareholders. Such shareholders will in case of an Amended Offer continue to be bound by their prior acceptance. In case of an Amended Offer, the Offer Period will be extended, if necessary, so that at least three Business Days remain to expiry.

#### 4.13 Purchase of APL Shares outside the Offer

BW Offshore reserves the right to purchase APL Shares otherwise than in the Offer.

If BW Offshore in the Offer Period acquires APL Shares at a consideration higher the cash Offer Price ("**Higher Consideration**"), then BW Offshore will increase the Offer Price to be at least equal to such Higher Consideration.

#### 4.14 Announcements

Amendments of the Offer, if any, and the result of the Offer will be followed by public announcements thereof by a release through Oslo Børs' information system on both BW Offshore's ("BWO") and APL's tickers ("APLC") as promptly as practicable and no later than 09.00 CET on the Business Day following the day of such amendment (or such later time and/or date as permitted by Norwegian law). Without limiting the manner in which the Company may choose to make any public announcement, and subject to the Company's obligations under applicable law, the Company will have no obligation to publish, advertise or otherwise communicate any such public announcement other than by release through Oslo Børs' information system.

#### 4.15 Expenses

The estimated expenses related to the Offer are approximately USD 5 million (exclusive of VAT). The expenses incurred in connection with the Offer will be borne by BW Offshore and paid in cash.

#### 4.16 Dilution

The dilution effect of the Offer for existing BW Offshore shareholders will depend on (i) the number of APL Shares acquired by BW Offshore through the Offer; and (ii) the allocation of acceptances between the Share Alternative and the Cash Alternative. Assuming that BW Offshore through the Offer receives acceptances representing all APL Shares, the existing BW Offshore shareholders may be diluted as follows:

**Table 4-2: Exemplification dilution effect**

<b>Alternatives (exemplified) of percentage of consideration settled in BW Offshore shares</b>	<b>Dilution effect*</b>
60%	10.6%
100%	16.5%

\*Dilution effect = Ownership share (%) post Offer divided by ownership share (%) pre Offer minus 100% = percentage immediate dilution in ownership share for BW Offshore shareholders resulting from the issuance of the Consideration Shares. See section 4.4 for a description of the calculation of number of Consideration Shares to be issued by BW Offshore under the Offer.

#### 4.17 Timetable

Below is the expected timetable for the Offer. BW Offshore reserves the right to change the dates indicated in the table at any time and in its sole description, provided, however, that the Offer Period may only be amended pursuant to section 4.5. Further, potential delays may occur as a result of, inter alia, announcements being delayed or other necessary actions taking longer than anticipated.

Publication of the Offer Document:	29 March 2007
Offer Period:	30 March to 18 April 2007 at 1630 CET, both dates inclusive
Closing Date:	On or about 19 April 2007
Date of issuance of the Consideration Shares:	On or about 23 April 2007
Settlement Date:	On or about 24 April 2007
First date of listing on Oslo Børs:	On or about 25 April 2007
Acceptances binding until:	25 May 2007



If the Offer Period is extended as set out in section 4.5 "Offer Period" the dates in the table above will be extended accordingly.

#### **4.18 Agreements with the Directors or Management of APL**

The Combination Agreement provides that (i) BW Offshore shall call for an extraordinary shareholders meeting and propose to its shareholders that the composition of the BW Offshore Board shall be amended to include William A Smith as Deputy Chairman; and (ii) Carl Arnet shall in addition to his position as CEO of APL also be the Deputy CEO in the enlarged BW Offshore Group with responsibility for all business development. Save for the aforementioned, there are no agreements between BW Offshore and the APL board or management as of the date of this Offer Document. No payments have been made or other benefits provided by BW Offshore to the APL board or management in connection with the Offer, and no such persons have been offered the prospect of such payments or benefits.

#### **4.19 Advisers**

The Manager in connection with the Offer is Carnegie ASA, P.O. Box 684 Sentrum, NO-0106 Oslo, Norway.

Thommessen Krefting Greve Lund AS has acted as Norwegian legal counsel to BW Offshore on matters subject to Norwegian law.

Conyers Dill & Pearman has acted as the Company's Bermudian legal counsel in connection with the Offer on matters subject to Bermudian law.

#### **4.20 Choice of Law and Legal Venue**

The Offer and all acceptances thereof shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with Norwegian law.

Any disputes that arise in conjunction with the Offer Document and the Acceptance Form which cannot be amicably resolved are subject to the jurisdiction of Norwegian courts with legal venue in Oslo.

#### **4.21 Other Information**

This Offer Document is sent to the APL Shareholders of record as of 29 March 2007, to the address recorded on each shareholder's VPS-account.

No confirmation of receipt of acceptances or other documents will be given by, from or on behalf of BW Offshore.

Additional copies of the Offer Document will be available on request from the Manager during normal business hours at:

Carnegie ASA  
Stranden 1, Aker Brygge  
P.O. Box 684 Sentrum  
NO-0106 Oslo  
<http://www.carnegie.no>  
Telephone: +47 22 00 93 00  
Facsimile: +47 22 00 99 60

## **5 BACKGROUND FOR AND CONSEQUENCES OF THE OFFER**

### **5.1 Background and Reasons for the Offer**

BW Offshore has a communicated goal to actively consider consolidation opportunities if these are considered to be value enhancing for the Company's shareholders.

On 21 February 2007 the boards of APL ASA and BW Offshore entered into the Combination Agreement regarding a combination of the APL Group and the BW Offshore Group, and announced that they had agreed to recommend to their shareholders a combination of the two companies. In the Combination Agreement, the parties agreed that all references to APL ASA should be construed as references to APL provided that the Cyprus Exchange Offer had been completed prior to the launch of the Offer.

BW Offshore has had a customer relationship with APL for more than 10 years. The companies have cooperated successfully and delivered 4 projects together involving turret mooring systems for FPSOs. By combining forces BW Offshore and APL are merging two compatible cultures with a shared vision of the future. The Combination is supported by both management teams and Boards of Directors.

The Combination is believed to enable the companies to capture a larger share of a fast growing market. The combined company will have a strong market position, combining and maintaining two strong brand names and bringing together leading track records and project execution capabilities with a strong technology edge. The joint resources in engineering, operations, business development and client relationships are expected to create a highly effective combination.

The combined entity is positioning itself to take advantage of important industry trends. The strong growth in the number of national oil companies and independents developing offshore fields, combined with a market characterized by increasingly smaller fields, technically challenging developments, limited financial resources and lack of offshore development competence is expected to drive demand for standardized, proven, cost effective and integrated solutions.

The Combination will create a strong international oilfield services provider with a very capable Norwegian-based management that is well positioned to capture the growth opportunities seen in the market. With leading technological edge and engineering capacity, the companies expect to win more business and increase profitability through standardization and a broader product offering, whilst also maintaining independence in the market place. Together the companies will have a highly attractive service offering to their clients, creating a preferred partner which aims to take the lead in cost efficient offshore development.

It is the intention of BW Offshore that APL shall become a subsidiary of BW Offshore through the Offer and continue with its brand, management and technical development, with all staff continuing in their current positions, and with Arendal being the enlarged BW Offshore Group's focal point for technological development and Oslo being the centre for FPSO operations. APL will continue to offer its technology and solutions to external clients.

### **5.2 APL re-domiciliation to Cyprus - the Cyprus Exchange Offer**

APL became the parent company of the APL Group upon completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer. Prior to the completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer APL ASA was the parent company of the APL Group. APL ASA is now a subsidiary of APL.

The Cyprus Exchange Offer was conducted to re-domicile the APL Group from Norway to Cyprus. The offer was structured so that the newly formed APL offered to acquire the shares of APL ASA in exchange for shares in APL, as set out in an offer document dated 26 February 2007.

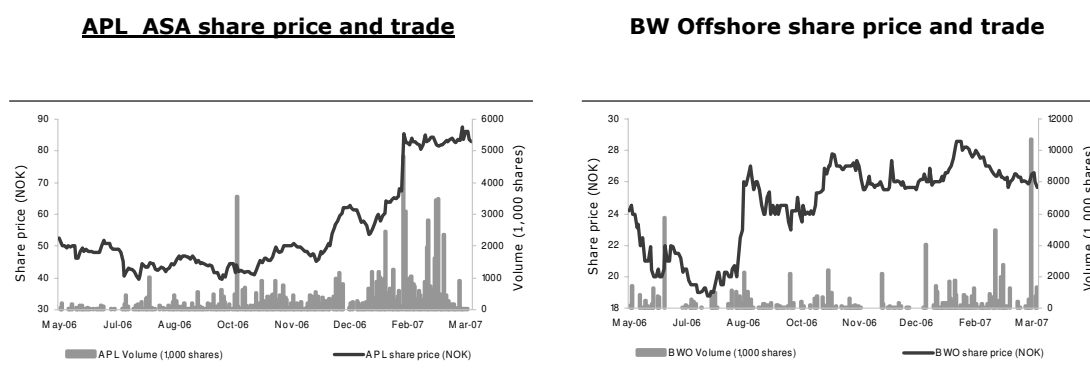
On 21 March 2007 APL announced that it had received acceptances for 90.2% of the APL ASA shares under the Cyprus Exchange Offer, that the APL board was of the opinion that all conditions for completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer had been fulfilled and that it had resolved to complete the

Cyprus Exchange Offer. The first day of trading of the APL Shares on Oslo Børs was 28 March 2007, under ticker code "APLC". APL will make a mandatory offer to purchase the remaining APL ASA shares and effect a compulsory acquisition to acquire all remaining APL ASA shares.

### 5.3 Rationale for the Offer Price

The Offer Price has been determined on the basis of an overall evaluation, including consideration of the valuation of BW Offshore and APL in the equity market, the companies' historic and expected earnings and future market prospects and a comparison of these factors with the equity market valuation of comparable companies, a careful assessment of the asset values of each company, executed customer contracts including duration thereof and options, contractual coverage and positioning in the relevant markets, tax positions, the organisations of the two companies, possible synergies, BW Offshore's business goals and strategic gain. The Offer Price set out in the Combination Agreement is based on a value of the APL Share of NOK 85 each and a value of the BW Offshore share of NOK 28.10 each.

The following graph shows the share price development and trade of BW Offshore<sup>4</sup> and APL ASA<sup>5</sup> since BW Offshore's listing on Oslo Børs on 31 May 2006 to 26 March 2007:



Source: Datastream

The Offer Price represents the following premiums:

#### Premium based on pre-announcement APL share price

	Share price	Premium cash offer price*	Premium mixed offer price**
Close 2 February 2007	67.3	26 %	20 %
Average 30 days	60.8	40 %	33 %
Average 90 days	51.5	65 %	56 %
Average 180 days	48.8	74 %	65 %

\*Cash offer price of NOK 85 per APL Share

\*\*Mixed offer price of NOK 80.6 per APL Share based on a BW Offshore share price of NOK 25.7 (closing price on 27 March 2007), assuming 60% share settlement and 40% cash settlement under the Offer.

### 5.4 Contact with APL prior to announcing the Offer

BW Offshore has had a customer relationship with APL for more than 10 years. The companies have cooperated successfully and delivered 4 projects together involving turret mooring systems for FPSOs.

<sup>4</sup> For illustration purposes the private placements performed on 15 January 2007 and 26 March 2007 have been excluded from the trading volume.

<sup>5</sup> For illustration purposes BW Offshore's acquisitions of shares in APL on 5 February and 28 February 2007 have been excluded from the trading volume.

Through discussions at management level it has become clear that management of the two companies share many views on the development and future trends of the oilfield services market and the strategic implications this may have for an oilfield services provider such as BW Offshore and APL combined.

BW Offshore initiated discussions with certain APL ASA shareholders regarding the Combination on 2 February 2007.

Following such discussions, representatives of the boards and managements of BW Offshore and APL ASA met on 4 February 2007 where BW Offshore presented its plan to combine the two companies and the parties discussed the rationale for the Combination. On 5 February 2007 BW Offshore announced that it had invited APL ASA to discuss a friendly merger.

In the following weeks there was contact between the boards of directors, management and financial advisors of BW Offshore and APL ASA on several occasions, in order for the two companies to explore the opportunity of combining the two companies and discuss the terms of such transaction.

On 21 February 2007 the boards of APL ASA and BW Offshore entered into the Combination Agreement regarding a combination of the APL Group and the BW Offshore Group, and announced that they had agreed to recommend to their shareholders a combination of the two companies. Pursuant to the Combination Agreement BW Offshore shall, subject to certain terms and conditions as discussed below, launch an offer to acquire all issued and outstanding shares of APL in exchange for shares in BW Offshore and/or cash by making the Offer. In the Combination Agreement, the parties agreed that all references to APL ASA should be construed as references to APL provided that the Cyprus Exchange Offer had been completed prior to the launch of the Offer.

The Combination Agreement contains certain undertakings by the parties:

- BW Offshore shall until the Offer is made, not, directly or indirectly without the prior written consent of APL, subscribe for, buy or exchange APL Shares or rights thereto resulting in an aggregate ownership for BW Offshore of more than 25% of the outstanding APL ASA shares<sup>6</sup>.
- If BW Offshore acquires APL Shares in the period from the date of the Agreement until the expiry of the Offer Period at a consideration higher than the cash Offer Price ("**Higher Consideration**") then BW Offshore shall increase the Offer Price to be at least equal to such Higher Consideration.
- BW Offshore shall as soon as possible make such filings with the relevant competition, antitrust or other governmental authorities and APL shall provide any assistance as may be necessary in connection with the filings.
- APL shall not (i) solicit an offer or merger proposal by any third party in respect of APL or its shares or assets (a "**Competing Transaction**"), provided that nothing in the Combination Agreement shall prohibit APL from considering and negotiating any unsolicited offer or proposal and, if such Competing Transaction is considered as a superior offer to the Offer by the APL board, or it is required by applicable law or stock exchange rules, from entering into agreements, communicating with or making recommendations to APL Shareholders in respect thereof or (ii) enter into, or announce an intention to enter into, any transaction which is material and outside the ordinary business of APL, without the prior written consent of BW Offshore (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); or (iii) make any distributions or resolve to make any distributions to its shareholders; or (iv) make any change to its business that is likely to have a material adverse effect on the results of APL, without the

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<sup>6</sup> In connection with the Cyprus Exchange Offer, BW Offshore Limited has received APL Shares in exchange for all its shares in APL ASA. The total holding is unchanged at 10,915,000 shares, corresponding to approximately 27.6% of the shares and votes of APL

prior written consent of BW Offshore (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

- BW Offshore shall (i) call for an extraordinary shareholders' meeting and propose to its shareholders that the composition of the BW Offshore Board be amended to include amongst others Helmut Sohmen (Chairman), William A Smith (Deputy Chairman) and Andreas Sohmen Pao; and (ii) Invite the employees of the APL Group to participate in the BW Offshore Employee Stock Owning Programme (ESOP).
- Each of APL and BW Offshore shall, upon reasonable notice, provide the other with such information as such other party may reasonably require in connection with the Offer and as it is reasonably able (subject to any obligation of confidentiality) to disclose.
- APL shall notify BW Offshore prior to any agreement being entered into between APL and a third party regarding a Competing Transaction and of the material terms and conditions of any such proposal or offer.

## **5.5 Statement by the Board of Directors of APL**

The board of APL is required to announce its view on the Offer in accordance with the Norwegian Securities Trading Act sections 4-18 cf. 4-16. The APL board's statement is set out in chapter 6.

## **5.6 Consequences of the Offer**

### *5.6.1 Impact on APL and its employees*

The Company does not expect the implementation of the Offer to have any legal, financial or work related effects for APL's employees.

It is the intention of BW Offshore that APL shall become a subsidiary of BW Offshore through the Offer and continue with its brand, management and technical development, with all staff continuing in their current positions, and with Arendal being the enlarged BW Offshore Group's focal point for technological development and Oslo being the centre for FPSO operations. APL will continue to offer its technology and solutions to external clients.

The APL Group employees will be invited to participate in the BW Offshore Employee Stock Owning Programme (ESOP).

### *5.6.2 Filing with competition authorities*

BW Offshore is required to file a pre-merger notification to the competition authorities in Norway, Cyprus, Germany and South Korea. BW Offshore is required to file a post-merger notification in Greece.

In Norway the notification was submitted to the Norwegian Competition Authority on 9 March 2007. The deadline for the Competition Authority to order a complete notification expires on 30 March 2007. Notifications for the other relevant jurisdictions will be filed as soon as possible.

### *5.6.3 Mandatory Offer*

The Articles of Association of APL includes takeover provisions under which a person who directly or indirectly becomes the owner of shares representing more than 40 % of the capital interest or the voting rights in APL is required to make an unconditional public offer at a fair price for the purpose of acquiring all issued and outstanding shares in APL.

The offer price shall be at least as high as the highest price paid by the offeror in the period six months prior to the date which the offeror passed the 40% threshold, unless it is clear that the fair price when the unconditional public offer obligation was triggered is higher. If the offeror, after the public offer obligation has arisen and before expiry of the period of the offer, has paid or agreed to pay a higher price than the price reflected in the offer, a new offer shall be deemed to have been made with an offer price equivalent to the higher price. The offer shall be given without undue delay

from the date when the threshold was exceeded and no later than four weeks after the date thereof. The offeror shall issue an offer document which shall document the main terms of the offer and provide correct and complete information about matters of importance in evaluating such offer. Settlement under the terms of the offer shall be made in cash unless the APL Shareholders accept any other form of settlement. The offer shall include a time limit for the APL Shareholders to accept the offer. The time limit shall not be shorter than four weeks and not longer than six weeks. Settlement shall take place as soon as possible and no later than 14 days after the expiry of the offer period. The provisions of the Articles of Association are based on the principles of mandatory offers as set out in chapter 4 of the Securities Trading Act. The provision on mandatory offer in the Articles of Association shall lapse when any regulation concerning mandatory offer on shares which is applicable to APL has entered into force.

#### *5.6.4 Squeeze-out and Sell-out*

The Articles of Association of APL includes squeeze-out and sell-out provisions which are triggered when a APL Shareholder, directly or via subsidiaries, acquires APL Shares representing more than 90% of the total number of issued APL Shares as well as more than 90% of the total voting rights attached to such APL Shares. Such majority APL Shareholder will then have the right (and each remaining minority shareholder of APL would have the right to require such majority APL Shareholder) to effect a compulsory acquisition for cash of any APL Shares not already owned by such majority shareholder. Upon effecting the compulsory acquisition the majority APL Shareholder will, at its sole discretion, have to offer the minority APL Shareholders a specific price per APL Share. Should any minority APL Shareholder not accept the price offered, such minority APL Shareholder may, within a specified deadline not to be of less than two months' duration, request that the price be set by arbitration according to specific provisions of the Articles of Association. If the minority APL Shareholder does not contest the price being offered, the minority APL Shareholder would be deemed to have accepted the price offered after the expiry of the two months deadline. The cost of any arbitration procedure will, as a general rule, be for the account of the majority APL Shareholder, unless the arbitration tribunal decides that the costs shall be borne in full or partly by the minority APL Shareholder that have requested for arbitration.

#### *5.6.5 Delisting from Oslo Børs*

The APL Shares are listed on Oslo Børs with ticker "APLC".

BW Offshore intends to propose a resolution at the shareholder's meeting of APL that an application is made to delist the APL Shares from Oslo Børs, unless Oslo Børs itself decides to delist the APL Shares before the application for de-listing has been submitted. An application for de-listing will not be made before the expiry of the Offer Period.

#### *5.6.6 Tax*

Each APL Shareholder is responsible for any taxes it incurs as a consequence of accepting the Offer. A brief description of certain tax implications of the Offer for the APL Shareholders is set out in chapter 19 "Taxation". APL Shareholders are advised to seek advice from their own tax consultants in order to determine the particular tax consequences to them from their acceptance of the Offer and the relevance or effect of any domestic or foreign tax treaties.

## 6 STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF APL

### APL BOARD RECOMMENDATION

This statement is made by the Board of Directors of APL (Advanced Loading & Production) PLC ("APL" or "APL PLC") in connection with the voluntary offer from BW Offshore Limited ("BWO") to acquire all outstanding shares in APL ("Voluntary Offer").

On 21 February 2007 APL ASA and BWO announced that the two companies entered into a combination agreement ("Combination Agreement") pursuant to which BWO, subject to certain terms and conditions, shall launch an offer to acquire all issued and outstanding shares of APL in exchange for shares in BWO and/or cash by making the Voluntary Offer. On 27 March 2007, APL's exchange offer for all the shares in APL ASA was completed and, BWO has now presented the Voluntary Offer to the shareholders in APL PLC. As of today APL PLC owns approximately 90.26% of the shares of APL ASA. In the opinion of the Board of Directors BWO is obliged pursuant to the Combination Agreement to present a similar offer to the remaining shareholders in APL ASA.

The Board of Directors of APL ASA announced in a press release on 3 February 2007 that the Board of Directors of APL ASA had been informed that BWO intended to announce a voluntary offer to purchase all outstanding shares in APL with settlement in BWO shares. Following this announcement, APL ASA and BWO negotiated the terms of an offer from BWO and such negotiations resulted in a revised offer from BWO with improved terms, including a higher offer price. Having reviewed the final offer from BWO, the Board of Directors of APL ASA concluded that a combination of BWO and APL at the premium offered by BWO, was in the best interest of APL and its shareholders. APL's Board of Directors expects that the combined company, benefiting from the resources and experience of BWO and APL jointly will create a strong platform for profitable growth.

The Voluntary Offer is inter alia conditional upon certain conditions, including that APL shareholders accepting the Voluntary Offer for the number of APL shares required in order for BWO to obtain a shareholding of more than 90% of the total number of issued shares on a fully diluted basis, and that any necessary approvals and clearances from relevant competition authorities are obtained.

In the Voluntary Offer, the APL shareholders are offered to exchange the shares in APL for either:

- (i) 3.0249 BWO shares for each APL share (the "Share Alternative"); or
- (ii) NOK 85 in cash for each APL share (the "Cash Alternative"),

However the maximum cash amount to be paid by BWO under the Voluntary Offer shall not exceed 40% of the total consideration to be paid under the Voluntary Offer to accepting APL Shareholders (based on a BW Offshore share price of NOK 28.10). This means that if cash settlement is chosen for more than 40% of the accepted APL Shares, a pro rata adjustment will be made so that the total settlement to be paid by BWO under the Voluntary Offer consists of 40% cash and 60% BWO shares (based on a BWO share price of NOK 28.10). Consequently, if the Cash Alternative is chosen for more than 40% of the accepted APL Shares, then all APL shareholders choosing the Cash Alternative will receive a combination of cash and BWO shares as settlement for their APL shares. If the Cash Alternative is chosen for less than 40% of the accepted APL shares all APL shareholders choosing the Cash Alternative will receive full cash settlement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, APL shareholders holding up to and including 1,000 shares in APL will be entitled under the Voluntary Offer to receive the Cash Alternative in full.

An offer price of NOK 85 per APL share reflects a 40 % premium over the average closing price for APL's shares during 1 month preceding 3 February 2007, a 54 % premium over the average closing price for APL's shares during 3 months preceding 3 February 2007 and a 71% premium over the average closing price for APL's shares during 6 months preceding 3 February 2007. An offer price of NOK 77.44 per APL share (based on the closing price of BWO shares as of 28 March 2007 and the exchange ratio of the Share Alternative) reflects a 28 %, 40% and 56% premium over the average closing price for APL's shares during the 1, 3 and 6 months preceding 3 February 2007 respectively.

First Securities ASA has prepared a fairness opinion regarding the Voluntary Offer and has concluded that it is the opinion of First Securities ASA that the offer from BWO is within a "fair value" range, although at the low end.

The acceptance period for the Voluntary Offer is from and including 29 March 2007 to 18 April 2007 at 16.30 CET. According to the offer document, settlement will be made no later than 7 Norwegian business days after the date of the announcement from BWO that the closing conditions have been met or waived by BWO. Detailed information about the Voluntary Offer, including the conditions of the Voluntary Offer, is included in this offer document dated 29 March 2007.

A portion of the consideration under the Voluntary Offer will be satisfied by issuance of shares of BWO. As a corporation formed in Bermuda, BWO is subject to laws and regulations of Bermuda, certain aspects of which are different from Norwegian and Cyprus laws and regulations, under which APL currently operates. A capital gain or loss generated by a Norwegian corporate shareholder through a disposal of shares in a foreign company resident in a low tax jurisdiction is taxable or tax deductible in Norway. Bermuda is considered a low tax jurisdiction for Norwegian tax purposes. Further, a capital gain or loss generated by a Norwegian personal shareholder through a disposal of shares in a foreign company is taxable or tax deductible in Norway. Capital gain or loss is included in or deducted from the basis for computation of general income in the year of disposal. The general income is taxable at a rate of 28 percent.

Provided the Voluntary Offer is completed successfully, BWO must then proceed with a mandatory offer for the remaining shares in APL. In such mandatory offer, BWO will be required to offer cash consideration at least as an alternative settlement. APL shareholders should also note that in the event BWO obtains a shareholding of more than 90% of the total number of issued shares and votes in APL, BWO will be entitled to effect a compulsory acquisition of the shares of the minority shareholders. In the event the Voluntary Offer is completed successfully BWO may propose to the general meeting of APL that an application be made to Oslo Børs to de-list the APL shares from Oslo Børs. An application to de-list the shares of APL would require the approval by 2/3 majority of votes cast and the share capital represented at such general meeting.

The employees' representatives in the Board of Directors of APL ASA voted in favour of APL ASA entering into the Combination Agreement with BWO. The employees have registered that it is BWO's intention that APL following the contemplated combination shall continue to be managed by Carl Arnet (who shall also be Deputy CEO in the enlarged BWO group with responsibility for all business development), and that APL shall continue with its brand, management and technological development, with all staff continuing in their current positions, with Arendal being the enlarged BWO group's focal point for technological development and Oslo continuing as a centre for FPSO operations. The employees of APL are positive to BWO as a new owner of APL.

It is the Board of Directors' opinion that the Voluntary Offer made by BWO represents a compelling opportunity for APL and shareholders of APL. Based on an overall evaluation of relevant factors the Board of Directors of APL recommends shareholders of APL to accept the Voluntary Offer made by BWO. Such recommendation may, however, subject to the provisions of the Combination Agreement, be withdrawn to the extent that a competing offer is launched and the Board of Directors of APL determines in its sole discretion that such offer made by a third party constitutes a superior offer to the Voluntary Offer made by BWO.

The following members of the Board of Directors of APL hold shares in APL:

Tor Bergstrøm,	1.200 shares
Svein Eggen,	33.600 shares

Furthermore, Carl Krogh Arnet, the Chief Executive Officer of APL, holds 1.940.524 shares in APL and the Chief Financial Officer of APL Knut Ruhaven Sæthre holds 76.344 shares in APL.

The members of the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer intend to accept the Voluntary Offer as far as their own shares are concerned.

29 March 2007

The Board of Directors in APL (Advanced Production & Loading) PLC



## **7 THE COMPLETED PRIVATE PLACEMENT**

### **7.1 The Private Placement**

On 18 January 2007 BW Euroholdings Limited (which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bergesen Worldwide Limited) granted to BW Offshore an option to acquire 39,675,905 shares in Prosafe SE at NOK 86. The closing price for the Prosafe SE shares on Oslo Børs on 16 January 2007 was NOK 91.90. The option was granted to BW Offshore without any consideration from BW Offshore because BW Group wished to give BW Offshore access to the BW Group's Prosafe SE shares since BW Offshore is the BW Group's vehicle in the offshore industry.

BW Offshore announced on 23 March 2007 that it had exercised its option with BW Euroholdings Limited to acquire the 39,675,905 shares in Prosafe SE and that it also had acquired another 4,000,000 shares in Prosafe SE at NOK 86 per share. The total purchase price for the Prosafe SE shares was approximately NOK 3.76 billion.

To finance the acquisition, BW Offshore resolved to perform a Private Placement of 172,943,889 new shares on 26 March 2007 at a subscription price of NOK 26.02 per new share. The gross proceeds from the Private Placement were approximately NOK 4.5 billion. The Private Placement was directed at a group of institutional and professional investors in Norway and certain other jurisdictions. Bergesen Worldwide Limited guaranteed for the placing of the new shares in the Private Placement.

The Board of BW Offshore authorised the Company to issue 172,943,889 new shares on 22 March 2007. The Company issued the 172,943,889 new shares in accordance with the authorisation from the Board on 29 March 2007.

The subscribers in the Private Placement will be entitled to any dividends declared after the new shares issued in the Private Placement have been registered on the subscribers' accounts in VPS.

To facilitate early delivery and settlement, the subscribers in the Private Placement were delivered existing and unencumbered shares in BW Offshore that was already listed on Oslo Børs against payment on 29 March 2007. The shares were made available pursuant to a Stock Lending Agreement entered into between the Managers and the Company's largest shareholder, Bergesen Worldwide Limited. The shares delivered to the subscribers have consequently been tradable on Oslo Børs from the date they were delivered.

The total issued share capital in BW Offshore increased from USD 2,649,747.50 to USD 4,379,186.39 upon completion of the Private Placement. The total number of shares in issue increased from 264,974,750 to 437,918,639, each having a par value of USD 0.01.

The net proceeds of the Private Placement have been used to finance the acquisition of the Prosafe SE shares as set out above and for general working capital purposes.

### **7.2 The New Shares**

The new shares will be admitted to trading on Oslo Børs following approval and publication of this Offer Document and the registration of the new shares in VPS. The Company expects the new shares to be registered in VPS on 30 March 2007 and admitted to trading on or about 2 April 2007.

The new shares have ISIN NO US05604V1008 until the new shares are listed on Oslo Børs upon the approval and publication of this Offer Document. After the approval and publication of this Offer Document all shares in the Company will have ISIN NO BMG 11 90 N1002. The new shares are created under the laws of Bermuda.

The new shares are vested with equal shareholder rights in all respect as the existing shares. There is only one class of shares issued and all shares are freely transferable. For a description of the shares, reference is made to section 17.1 – "The BW Offshore Shares".

### **7.3 Dilution**

The issuance of the new shares in the Private Placement resulted in a dilution of 39.5%. The dilution effect is calculated by dividing ownership share post Private Placement by ownership share pre Private Placement minus 100%, resulting in the percentage immediate dilution in ownership share for BW Offshore shareholders.

### **7.4 Expenses and Net Proceeds**

The expenses of the Private Placement were approximately USD 4.9 million. The net proceeds from the Private Placement were approximately NOK 4.470 billion.

### **7.5 Managers**

The joint lead managers for the Private Placement were Carnegie ASA, P.O. Box 684 Sentrum, N-0106 Oslo, Norway and Pareto Securities ASA, P.O. Box 1396 Vika, N-0114 Oslo, Norway.

## **8 PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)**

### **8.1 Basis for Presentation**

The consolidated pro forma financial information presented in section 8.7 shows BW Offshore and APL as if they had been operating as one unit for the financial year ended 31 December 2006.

The pro forma consolidated income statement for 2006 is prepared on the basis of audited consolidated income statements for 2006 and the balance sheets as of 31 December 2006 for BW Offshore (figures in USD million) and APL (figures in NOK million), respectively, prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. BW Offshore's accounting principles have been applied to the extent that sufficient detailed information has been presented in the financial statements of APL, ref sections 8.3 and 8.4 below. Amounts related to BW Offshore have been adjusted to reflect significant transactions in the period 1 January 2007 and up to the date of this Offer Document, ref. section 8.10. In addition amounts related to APL are translated based on applicable exchange rates published by Norges Bank as USD is the reporting currency of BW Offshore. An Offer document submitted by APL at 26 February 2007 includes pro forma financial information as at 31 December 2006 which reflects the financial effects of transactions required in regards to the relocation of APL Group to Cyprus. BW Offshore has decided not to base the pro forma financial information set out in this Offer document on pro forma financial information given in the APL Offer document as the transactions to be carried out by APL and the financial effects thereon are not expected to have significant effect on the figures presented. The effect of the transactions related to relocation of APL on the pro forma information is described in section 8.9.

The pro forma financial information is based on certain assumptions that not necessarily would have been applicable if BW Offshore and APL were one company from the beginning of the periods presented in the pro forma financial information, i.e. from 1 January 2006. The pro forma consolidated financial information does not include all of the information required for financial statements under International Financial Reporting Standards, and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of each of the companies BW Offshore and APL as of and for the year ended 31 December 2006. On a general basis, it is emphasized that there is a high uncertainty related to pro forma consolidated financial information. The pro forma consolidated financial information is not deemed to represent the actual combination of the financial statements of BW Offshore and APL in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, since certain simplifications and highly uncertain estimates and assumptions have been made as set out in the subsequent paragraphs. Because of its nature the pro forma financial information addresses a hypothetical situation and, therefore, does not represent the Company's financial position or results.

### **8.2 Purchase Accounting**

The combination of BW Offshore and APL will legally take place as an acquisition by BW Offshore of the shares in APL, whereby BW Offshore will compensate the shareholders of APL by issuing 3.0249 shares in BW Offshore for each share in APL or a cash consideration on NOK 85 per APL Share. On 5 February BW Offshore acquired 10.1% of the shares and votes of APL ASA for a consideration of 10,566,148 new BW Offshore shares, equal to 4.1% of the shares and votes of BW Offshore and an exchange ratio of approximately 2.39 BW Offshore shares for each APL ASA share. On 28 February 2007 BW Offshore acquired additional 6,500,000 APL ASA shares, equal to approximately 14.8% of the shares and votes of APL ASA. After this purchase, BW Offshore Limited held 10,915,000 shares in APL ASA, corresponding to approximately 24.9% of the shares and votes in APL ASA (exchanged into 27.3% of the APL Shares upon completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer). As such the business combination involves more than one exchange transaction.

IFRS 3.17 requires for an acquirer to be identified for all business transactions. In this business combination BW Offshore is identified as the acquirer and APL is identified as the acquiree as BW Offshore is the company that acquires APL for legal purposes, and BW Offshore is the larger entity when fair value is used as a measurement.

Both BW Offshore and APL are assumed to continue as separate legal entities and APL ASA/APL PLC will be deemed a subsidiary of BW Offshore.

The acquiree's assets and debt will be stated at fair value as of date of acquisition, i.e. with an uplift of values. The accounting of the acquirer's assets and debt will remain at book value.

According to IFRS 3 the acquisition date is the date on which the acquirer obtains control of the acquiree. BW Offshore effectively obtains control of APL on the date that the shareholders of APL exchange shares and receive BW Offshore shares. APL will be consolidated from the date of acquisition, and fair value of the consideration will be assessed on this date. The pro forma consolidated financial information presented in this Offer Document reflects the purchase price for the 10.1% shares acquired on 5 February 2007, the 14.8 % shares acquired on 28 February 2007 and fair value of the consideration for 75.1% of the shares in APL ASA as of 21 February 2007, which was the date that the Board of Directors in BW Offshore and in APL agreed to recommend to their shareholders a combination of the two companies. However the fair value will be adjusted due to fluctuation of the value of the consideration until fulfilment. This may have a material effect on the cost of the business combination for accounting purposes.

### **8.3 Uniform Accounting Principles**

When preparing the pro forma consolidated financial information, the accounting principles of APL ASA and BW Offshore have been compared, and adjustments have been made on the APL ASA financial information to be consistent with BW Offshore's accounting principles. Since both companies have presented the historical financial information for 2005 and 2006 in accordance with IFRS no material differences in accounting principles is expected to exist between the two companies. However these accounting principles leave the companies with alternatives, both in respect to use of estimates and in respect of alternative methods within the various accounting standards, in which the different alternatives and/or estimates might have significant impact on the pro forma consolidated figures.

BW Offshore's classification of assets and debt has also been adopted on APL figures when applicable. Thereby, APL's figures shown below are reclassified compared with previously reported figures.

### **8.4 Allocation of the Cost to the Assets Acquired and Liabilities and Contingent Liabilities Assumed**

According to IFRS 3, the acquirer shall allocate the cost of the business combination by recognising the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities as of the date of control. The cost of the business combination is the aggregate cost of the individual transactions as described in section 8.2 above, as well as transaction costs arising from the acquisitions. In the pro forma consolidated financial statements presented in this document, the aggregate of the purchase price for 10.1% on 5 February 2007 of USD 47.3 million, the purchase price for 14.8% on 28 February 2007 of USD 88.7 million, a share price of the BW Offshore share of NOK 28.10 for 75.1% totalling USD 454.7 million and total estimated transaction costs of USD 5.0 million have been applied.

The book value of the acquiree's equity is measured as of 31 December 2006, which is the latest available financial information. According to IFRS 3, the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities should be recognized by the acquirer at their fair values at the acquisition date, whereas goodwill is assessed for each exchange transaction. Since the date of control has not been established yet and limited information in regards to assets and liabilities in APL is available, a highly preliminary Purchase Price Allocation has been performed and used as basis for pro forma adjustments set out in the financial figures presented in section 8.7. In this highly preliminary Purchase Price Allocation, fair value has been allocated to tangible assets only. Thus goodwill includes unallocated value related to intangible assets. The final Purchase Price Allocation that has yet to be performed may lead to a different allocation of the cost of the business combination, or lead to an increase in or a decrease of total assets and liabilities, and an increase or decrease of depreciations compared to what has been presented in the pro forma financial information. In addition, further adjustments to the preliminary Purchase Price Allocation will be necessary, to the extent that the cost of the business combination changes and additional information in regards to APL becomes available to BW Offshore.

The pro forma consolidated income statements and balance sheet set out in this Offer Document have been prepared under the assumption that BW Offshore's acquisition of APL will be settled by issuing new shares in BW Offshore. An illustrative table is set out in section 8.8 showing the effects on the pro forma financial balance sheet if some of the shareholders in APL should choose settlement in cash rather than in BW Offshore shares.

The completion of the Offer is subject to, among others, a condition in which shareholders representing a minimum of 90% of the issued share capital of APL accepting the Offer. In addition, it is assumed that the remaining maximum 10% of the issues share capital of APL will be acquired by BW Offshore, resulting in APL

being a 100% owned subsidiary of BW Offshore. As such, no minority interest is incorporated in the pro forma consolidated income statements and balance sheets.

### 8.5 Other Adjustments

Estimated transaction costs have been included in the fair value of the acquisition. Cost of share issue has been charged directly to equity.

Due to the nature of the transaction, no consideration has been given to potential restructuring activities, refinancing activities and/or organisational changes in the combined Group. Accordingly, and with reference to IFRS 3, no adjustments relating to such transactions are included in the pro forma financial information.

### 8.6 Limitations

The unaudited pro forma financial information is provided for illustrative purposes only and does not represent what the statements of income or balance sheet would actually have been if the transactions had in fact occurred on those dates and is not representative of the results of operations for any future periods. In addition investors should bear in mind that the possible differences in accounting principles and/or accounting estimates commented in sections 8.3 and 8.4 might have significant impact on the pro forma financial information presented in this Offer document.

Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on this unaudited preliminary pro forma financial information.

### 8.7 Pro forma Condensed Consolidated Income Statement and Balance Sheet (unaudited)

**Table 8-1: Pro forma condensed consolidated income statement for the year ended 31 December 2006 (unaudited)**

(USD million)	Historical financial information		Pro forma adjustments			Pro forma condensed and consolidated
	APL*)	BW Offshore Adjusted**)	b) Depreciation of excess value	c) Inter-company transactions	d) Capitalisation of interest	
<b>Operating revenues</b>	<b>260.4</b>	<b>450.8</b>		<b>(54.9)</b>		<b>656.3</b>
Share of profit of an associate	0.0	15.0				15.0
Operating expenses	(233.2)	(407.3)		54.9		(585.6)
<b>Operating profit before depreciation</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>58.5</b>				<b>85.7</b>
Depreciation	(2.7)	(26.5)	(5.5)			(34.7)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>(5.5)</b>			<b>51.0</b>
Interest income	2.8	4.1				6.9
Interest expenses	(2.3)	(11.0)			4.0	(9.3)
Other financial items	(0.1)	1.3				1.4
<b>Net financial items</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>(5.6)</b>			<b>4.0</b>	<b>(1.1)</b>
<b>Profit before taxes</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>(5.5)</b>		<b>4.0</b>	<b>49.9</b>
Taxes	(6.9)	(6.9)	1.5		(1.1)	(13.4)
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>(4.0)</b>		<b>2.9</b>	<b>36.5</b>

\*) The historical financial information of APL is based on amounts translated from NOK to USD using average exchange rates of 6.418.

\*\*\*) Figures presented as "BW Offshore adjusted" is based on historical financial information from BW Offshore adjusted for the acquisition of 24.33% in Prosafe SE in March 2007 and the accounting for this investment using the equity method, ref section 8.10 for further details.

**Table 8-2: Pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2006 (unaudited)**

(USD million)	Basis for pro forma financial information		Pro forma adjustments				Pro forma condensed and consolidated
	APL historical financial information *)	BW Offshore adjusted historical financial information **)	a) Purchase shares in APL	b) Business combination	b) Depreciation of excess value	d) e) f) Other adjustments	
<b>ASSETS</b>							
Goodwill and unallocated intangibles	32.4	0.0		504.6	(5.5)		531.5
FPSOs and FSOs	0.0	400.3					400.3
Building and other fixed assets	12.6	4.3					16.9
Subsidiaries	0.0	0.0	595.7	(595.7)			0.0
Associated company	50.5	811.9		13.8			876.2
Other fixed assets	1.3	36.0					37.3
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>96.8</b>	<b>1 252.5</b>	<b>595.7</b>	<b>(77.3)</b>	<b>(5.5)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1 862.2</b>
Inventories	1.0	1.8					2.8
Trade and other receivables	17.3	55.8				(3.9)	69.2
Construction contract receivable	105.9	338.9				4.0	448.8
Other current assets	3.2	3.9					7.1
Cash and cash deposits	93.5	167.4	(8.6)				252.3
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>220.9</b>	<b>567.8</b>	<b>(8.6)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>780.2</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>317.7</b>	<b>1 820.3</b>	<b>587.1</b>	<b>(77.3)</b>	<b>(5.5)</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2 642.4</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>							
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>108.2</b>	<b>1 324.7</b>	<b>502.0</b>	<b>(108.2)</b>	<b>(4.0)</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1 825.5</b>
Interest-bearing long-term debt	84.6	421.6	80.1				586.3
Deferred tax	6.5	0.0		30.9	(1.5)	1.1	37.0
Pension liabilities/other provisions	4.3	10.6					14.9
<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>432.2</b>	<b>80.1</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>(1.5)</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>638.2</b>
Interest-bearing current debt	0.4	0.0					0.4
Other interest-free current liabilities	113.7	63.4	5.0			(3.8)	178.3
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>114.1</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(3.8)</b>	<b>178.7</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>317.7</b>	<b>1 820.3</b>	<b>587.1</b>	<b>(77.3)</b>	<b>(5.5)</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2 642.4</b>

\*) The historical financial information of APL is based on amounts translated from NOK to USD using year-end exchange rates of 6.2451.

\*\*) Figures presented as "BW Offshore adjusted" is based on historical financial information from BW Offshore adjusted for the acquisition of 24.33% in Prosafe SE in March 2007 and the accounting for this investment using the equity method, ref section 8.10 for further details.

The following explanatory notes relates to the pro forma adjustments set out above:

- a) The fair value of the consideration, inclusive transaction costs, is estimated to be USD 595.7 million. This total cost for BW Offshore is the aggregate of the cost price for 10.1% of the APL ASA shares on 5 February 2007 (USD 47.3 million), the cost price for 14.8% of the APL ASA shares acquired on 28 February (USD 88.7 million), estimated fair value of 75.1% on 21 February (USD 454.7 million) and transaction costs (USD 5.0 million). The purchases of the 10.1% shares and the 75.1% shares are financed with equity in its entirety while the purchase of 14.8% was funded through cash and debt. This adjustment is a one-time adjustment. Transaction cost estimated to USD 5.0 million is allocated in the Purchase Price Allocation as an element in fair value of the transaction.

- b) The difference between fair value of the consideration, USD 595.7 million and accounting value of APL's net assets, USD 108.2 million, is in the highly preliminary Purchase Price Allocation allocated to identifiable tangible and/or liabilities and unallocated value is presented as goodwill and intangibles. Excess value allocated to associated company (Nexus Floating Production Limited), USD 13.8 million, is based on the market share price for the company at 23 February 2007. Residual excess value, USD 504.6 million, is allocated to goodwill and intangibles as BW Offshore at present time does not have sufficient and reliable information to identify and allocate the residual value to intangible assets such as the STP turret, STL system and STL buoy. Even though excess value is not allocated to identifiable intangible assets, BW Offshore acknowledges that such assets exist and that excess value will be allocated to these assets in the final Purchase Price Allocation. As such deferred tax on estimated excess value is presented at nominal value in the balance sheet. In addition BW Offshore has estimated and recorded in the income statement, a depreciation charge based on an assumption of intangible assets to be depreciated over useful life of 5 to 20 years. Tax effect on depreciation of excess value is reflected in the income statement as an adjustment of tax expense. The tables below summarize the purchase price and funding sources and the preliminary Purchase Price Allocation as described above.

Purchase price (USD million)	Transactions			Transaction cost	100.0%
	10.1%	14.8%	75.1%		
<b>Purchase price</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>454.7</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>595.7</b>
Cash	0.0	8.6	0.0	0.0	8.6
Debt	0.0	80.1	0.0	5.0	85.1
Equity	47.3	0.0	454.7	0.0	502.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>454.7</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>595.7</b>

Purchase price allocation (USD million)	
Goodwill and unallocated intangibles	504.6
Associated company	13.8
Net equity	108.2
Deferred tax	(30.9)
<b>Total</b>	<b>595.7</b>

At the date of which BW Offshore effectively obtains control of APL, additional information regarding APL assets and liabilities will be available for BW Offshore and a final Purchase Price Allocation will be performed. At that point BW Offshore might find that adjustments in the pro forma figures presented above will be required, resulting in other charges to the income statement compared to what is presented above. Accounting for the Purchase Price Allocation will have an effect on future financial reporting.

- c) BW Offshore has a construction contract with a third party and accounts for this contract under IAS 11, ie recording revenues and expenses using the stage of completion method. APL provides services to BW Offshore on this contract. This entry eliminates the inter-company activity between BW Offshore and APL for this construction contract. This adjustment is a one-time adjustment.
- d) BW Offshore calculates and recognises interest as part of the construction contract expenses under IAS 11. APL has chosen not to recognise such interests. Adjustment is made in the pro forma presentation to conform the accounting of APL with BW Offshore. In the income statement net financial items is reduced with USD 4.0 million and tax expense is increased with USD 1.1 million (28 %) as a result of the adjustment. In the balance sheet project receivable is increased with USD 4.0 million, deferred tax is increased with USD 1.1 million and equity is increased with USD 2.9 million. This adjustment is a one-time adjustment.
- e) Internal balances between APL and BW Offshore as of 31 December 2006 amounting to USD 3.9 million is netted in the balance sheet as a one-time adjustment.

- f) Expenses related to the issue of shares are estimated to USD 0.1 million and is recorded directly against equity as a one-time adjustment.
- g) The following difference in accounting principles and/or accounting procedures are identified but not considered to have significant effect on the pro forma financial income statement and balance sheet:
- Both APL and BW Offshore have entered into derivative instruments in order to hedge the future outcome of currency transactions. APL has accounted for these derivatives using hedge accounting under IAS 39. BW Offshore has chosen not to use hedge accounting.
  - APL has an unrecognised actuarial loss amounting to USD 0.3 million as at 31 December 2006 related to net pension assets and an unrecognised actuarial loss of USD 0.5 million as at 31 December 2006 related to net pension liabilities. The acquirer is required to recognize the fair value of the pension assets and the pension obligation when applying the purchase method of accounting. As such the unrecognized actuarial loss will be adjusted, as a one-time adjustment, net of tax in the balance sheet as at 31 December 2006.
  - Net deferred tax asset in BW Offshore can be netted against deferred tax in APL as a one-time adjustment since it is likely that the entities will be able to offset these assets and liabilities for future reporting (as the underlying temporary differences exists in the same tax jurisdiction).
- h) The following transaction taking effect after the balance sheet date has not been adjusted for in the pro forma financial information set out in sections 1.4 and 8.1-8.9:
- BW Offshore's acquisition of the FPSO BW Carmen (ex. Crystal Sea) on 22 February 2007

Note that these transactions/events have been included in the calculation of financial indebtedness described in sections 1.7 and 12.3.

### 8.8 Effects on pro forma financial information if APL shareholders should choose settlement in cash rather than in BW Offshore shares

If APL Shareholders that owns/controls the 75.1% APL Shares not currently owned by BW Offshore should choose settlement in cash rather than in BW Offshore shares, this will have effect on total equity and interest-bearing debt of the combined entity (acquisition of APL Shares will be financed through external loan). The following illustrative table presents equity and interest-bearing long-term debt under the alternatives listed:

	<b>Alternatives (exemplified) (unaudited)</b>				
<b>Percentage of settlement in shares</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>90 %</b>	<b>80 %</b>	<b>70 %</b>	<b>60 %</b>
<b>Percentage of settlement in cash</b>	<b>0 %</b>	<b>10 %</b>	<b>20 %</b>	<b>30 %</b>	<b>40 %</b>
<b>Equity</b>	1 825.5	1 780.0	1 734.6	1 689.1	1 643.6
<b>Interest-bearing long-term debt</b>	586.3	631.8	677.2	722.7	768.2
<b>Increase in interest expenses *)</b>	0.0	3.0	5.9	8.9	11.8

\*) An interest rate of 6.5% is applied in the calculation of the increase in annual interest expenses if purchase of APL shares is not settled in BW Offshore shares.

### 8.9 Financial effects of Transactions related to Relocation of APL Group to Cyprus

In connection with the relocation of the APL Group to Cyprus, APL PLC made the Cyprus Exchange Offer, whereby each APL ASA share was offered to be exchanged into one share in APL PLC, in other words a share swap arrangement. According to the current regulations under IFRS, a share swap arrangement made as a voluntary offering process, where the new holding company APL PLC offers to buy all outstanding shares in the current listed company APL ASA, such as the Cyprus Exchange Offer, is considered to be a reverse acquisition. Therefore the transaction is accounted for in a manner similar to pooling-of-interests in which the APL ASA book



values in the historical financial statements are also the values used prospectively in the APL PLC pro forma financial statements.

Upon completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer APL PLC became obliged to make a mandatory offer to the remaining APL ASA shareholders and can also exercise squeeze out rights.

A possible subsequent acquisition of outstanding shares that has not been tendered under the Cyprus Exchange Offer will be accounted for as a single transaction, through equity. The surplus value from the redemption and repurchase of shares from the minority APL ASA shareholders equals the total of the differences between the stock market price of each share acquired, and the corresponding portion of the recorded equity per share, and will be recorded as a reduction in "Retained earnings" and "Share Premium Reserve".

The following pro forma adjustments set out in the offer document related to the Cyprus Exchange Offer is considered by BW Offshore not to have significant effect on the highly preliminary Purchase Price Allocation:

- Reclassification of equity to debt regarding shares not tendered under the Exchange offer and adjustment of nominal value of issued share capital
- Repayment of the existing bond loan of APL ASA
- Financing of the subsequent acquisition of redeemed shares
- Purchase / redemption of minority shares
- Payment for the redemption of the minority shares
- Transaction costs (estimated to NOK 5.4 million)

#### **8.10 Pro Forma Financial Information of BW Offshore related to the acquisition of shares in Prosafe SE**

In January 2007 and March 2007 BW Offshore has acquired a significant shareholding of 24.33% in Prosafe SE. In addition, and in combination with these transactions, cash totalling to USD 129.4 million has been raised. Private placements have been carried out in order to finance the cash raised and the acquisition of shares. The significance of these transactions, and the amounts involved, has resulted in BW Offshore to provide pro forma financial information based on the historical information for the year ended 31 December 2006 and adjustments reflecting significant transactions in the period 1 January 2007 and up to the date of this Offer Document.

The following explanatory notes relates to the adjustments made in the historical financial information of BW Offshore:

1. BW Offshore acquired 5.3 % of the shares in Prosafe SE on 15 January 2007. The fair value of the consideration, including transaction costs, amounted to USD 166.7 million. The acquisition was funded by issuing new shares in BW Offshore amounting to USD 175.7 million.
2. BW Offshore exercised its option, ref section 11.2, to acquire 39,675,905 shares in Prosafe SE from BW Euroholdings Limited on 23 March 2007 at NOK 86 per share. BW Offshore has simultaneously acquired another 4,000,000 shares in Prosafe SE at NOK 86 per share. After this transaction BW Offshore's shareholding in Prosafe SE totals to 55,932,990 shares, constituting 24.33% of the shares and votes in Prosafe SE. The purchase of the shares in Prosafe SE from BW Euroholdings Limited will under IFRS have to be recorded using fair value at the date of the transaction, which was NOK 88.10 per share. As such, the fair value of the considerations mentioned above, including transactions costs, amounted to USD 630.2 million. The acquisition, including a cash surplus of USD 120.4 million, was funded by issuing new shares in BW Offshore amounting to USD 750.6 million. A summary of the financial effects of the subsequent event transactions is set out below.

<b>Summary of subsequent event transactions</b>	<b>Acquisition on 15 Jan 2007 (note 1)</b>	<b>Acquisition on 23 March 2007 (note 2)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Purchase price including transaction costs	166.7	630.2	796.9
Cash	9.0	120.4	129.4
<b>Net equity</b>	<b>175.7</b>	<b>750.6</b>	<b>926.3</b>

BW Offshore owns a total of 24.33% of the shares in Prosafe SE and is considered to have significant influence in Prosafe SE. Accordingly the investment in Prosafe SE is going to be accounted for as an associated company in BW Offshore consolidated accounts in accordance with IAS 28. The investment will be accounted for using the equity method of accounting and is initially recognised at cost. BW Offshore's investment in Prosafe SE includes excess value on identified tangible assets and intangibles and goodwill identified on time of the acquisition. The income statement reflects BW Offshore's share of the results of the operations of Prosafe SE less depreciation of excess value on identified tangible assets and/or intangibles. The difference between fair value of the considerations (transaction cost included), USD 796.9 million and BW Offshore's share of the accounting value of Prosafe SE's net assets, USD 265.1 million, is in the highly preliminary Purchase Price Allocation allocated to identifiable tangible assets as rigs and vessels and/or liabilities, and unallocated value is presented as goodwill and intangibles such as turret technology. Even though the highly preliminary allocation of excess value is based on very limited information available to BW Offshore, BW Offshore acknowledges that identifiable assets exist and that excess value will be allocated to these assets in the final Purchase Price Allocation. Accordingly, BW Offshore has estimated and recorded in the income statement as a reduction in BW Offshore's share of net result in Prosafe SE, a depreciation charge based on an assumption of tangible and intangible assets to be depreciated over useful life of 5 to 25 years. Accounting for the Purchase Price Allocation will have an effect on future financial reporting.

The tables below presents the pro forma financial information under the assumption of BW Offshore to incorporate Prosafe SE as an associated company using the equity method in 2006 and the calculation of BW Offshore's share of net result in Prosafe SE in 2006:

Net result in Prosafe SE reported in fourth quarter 2006 report (unaudited)	128.1
Net result from Consafe in the period 1 January to 30 June 2006 *) (unaudited)	5.0
Pro forma net result in Prosafe SE in 2006 (unaudited)	<u>133.1</u>
BW Offshore's share (24.33%) of pro forma net result in Prosafe SE	32.4
Estimated depreciation of excess value	<u>(17.4)</u>
<b>Share of net result included in the income statement</b>	<b><u>15.0</u></b>

\*) Consafe Offshore AB (Consafe) was acquired by Prosafe SE effectively from 1 July 2006. Accordingly net result of Prosafe SE should be adjusted for net result in Consafe in the period prior to the acquisition in order to reflect net profit for a full year with operations for the combined entity.

The consolidated pro forma financial information presented below shows BW Offshore and figures of Prosafe SE accounted for using the equity method as if BW Offshore has owned the shares in Prosafe SE from 1 January 2006:

**Table 8-3: Summary of BW Offshore pro forma condensed consolidated information for the year ended 31 December 2006 (unaudited)**

<b>Income statement</b> (Figures in USD million)	<b>BWO – historical financial information</b>	Acquisition of shares in Prosafe	Shares of net result in Prosafe	<b>Pro forma condensed and consoli- dated</b>
Operating revenue	450.8			450.8
Share of profit of an associate	0.0		15.0	15.0
Operating expenses	(407.3)			(407.3)
<b>Operating profit before depreciation (EBITDA)</b>	<b>43.5</b>		<b>15.0</b>	<b>58.5</b>
Depreciation	(26.5)			(26.5)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>17.0</b>		<b>15.0</b>	<b>32.0</b>
Interest income	4.1			4.1
Interest expenses	(11.0)			(11.0)
Other financial items	1.3			1.3
<b>Net financial items</b>	<b>(5.6)</b>			<b>(5.6)</b>
<b>Profit before taxes</b>	<b>11.4</b>		<b>15.0</b>	<b>26.4</b>
Taxes	(6.9)			(6.9)
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>4.5</b>		<b>15.0</b>	<b>19.5</b>

**Table 8-4: Summary of pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet at 31 December 2006 (unaudited)**

<b>Balance Sheet</b> (Figures in USD million)	<b>BWO – historical financial information</b>	Acquisition of shares in Prosafe	Shares of net result in Prosafe	<b>Pro forma condensed and consoli- dated</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Goodwill and unallocated intangibles	0.0			0.0
FPSOs and FSOs	400.3			400.3
Building and other fixed assets	4.3			4.3
Subsidiaries	0.0			0.0
Associated company	0.0	796.9	15.0	811.9
Other fixed assets	36.0			36.0
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>440.6</b>	<b>796.9</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>1 252.5</b>
Inventories	1.8			1.8
Trade and other receivables	55.8			55.8
Construction contract receivable	338.9			338.9
Other current assets	3.9			3.9
Cash and cash deposits	38.0	129.4		167.4
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>438.4</b>	<b>129.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>567.8</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>879.0</b>	<b>926.3</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>1 820.3</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>383.4</b>	<b>926.3</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>1 324.7</b>
Interest-bearing long-term debt	421.6			421.6
Deferred tax	0.0			0.0
Pension liabilities/other provisions	10.6			10.6
<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	<b>432.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>432.2</b>
Interest-bearing current debt	0.0			0.0
Other interest-free current liabilities	63.4			63.4
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>63.4</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>495.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>495.6</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>879.0</b>	<b>926.3</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>1 820.3</b>

## **9 PRESENTATION OF APL**

*The following is a short summary description of APL as per the date of this Offer Document prepared in accordance with public available information. The summary is not complete and does not contain all the information that should be considered in connection with a decision of whether to accept the Offer or not. Further information on APL, including annual reports, interim reports, investor information and previously issued prospectuses, may be found on the company's web address: [www.apl.no](http://www.apl.no). The information in this chapter has been prepared in accordance with public available information, including annual reports, interim reports, investor information, stock exchange notices published by APL and previously issued prospectuses (in particular the listing prospectus dated 2 March 2005 and the Offer Document with regard to the Cyprus Exchange Offer dated 26 February 2007. Consequently, BW Offshore cannot accept any liability for the accuracy and completeness of the information in this Offer Document regarding APL.*

### **9.1 General**

APL was incorporated in Cyprus on 29 December 2006. APL is registered with the Registrar of Cyprus Companies under the registration number C189062 as a public company with limited liability, organized and existing under the laws of Cyprus. APL's registered address is Diagoras House, 7th Floor, 16 P. Catelaris Street, Nicosia 1306, Cyprus. The telephone number is +357 25 209 999 and its web address is [www.apl.no](http://www.apl.no). The APL PLC shares are listed on Oslo Børs with ticker symbol "APLC".]

APL ASA was a "shelf company" until December 2003 when it was used as a vehicle for a "management buy-out" (MBO) of the company Advanced Production and Loading AS ("APL AS") from Offtech Invest AS (a subsidiary of Statoil ASA). The APL ASA shares were listed on Oslo Børs on 18 March 2005. The registered address of APL ASA is Vikaveien 85, 4816 Kolbjørnsvik, Norway. The telephone number +47 45297000 and the web address is [www.apl.no](http://www.apl.no). The APL ASA shares are listed on Oslo Børs with ticker "APL".

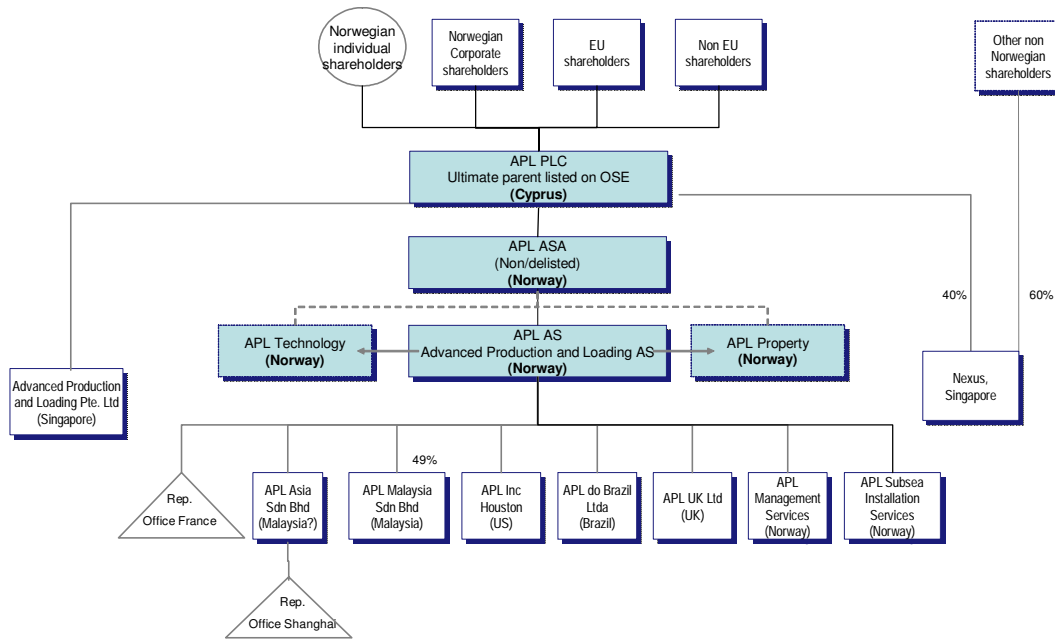
### **9.2 APL re-domiciliation to Cyprus - the Cyprus Exchange Offer**

APL became the parent company of the APL Group upon completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer. Prior to the completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer APL ASA was the parent company of the APL Group. APL ASA is now a subsidiary of APL.

The Cyprus Exchange Offer was conducted to re-domicile the APL Group from Norway to Cyprus. The offer was structured so that the newly formed APL offered to acquire the shares of APL ASA in exchange for shares in APL. The offer was set out in an offer document dated 26 February 2007.

On 21 March 2007 APL announced that it had received acceptances for 90.2% of the APL ASA shares under the Cyprus Exchange Offer, that the APL board was of the opinion that all conditions for completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer had been fulfilled and that it had resolved to complete the Cyprus Exchange Offer. The first day of trading of the APL Shares on Oslo Børs was 28 March 2007 under ticker code "APLC". APL will make a mandatory offer to purchase the remaining APL ASA shares and effect a compulsory acquisition to acquire all remaining APL ASA shares.

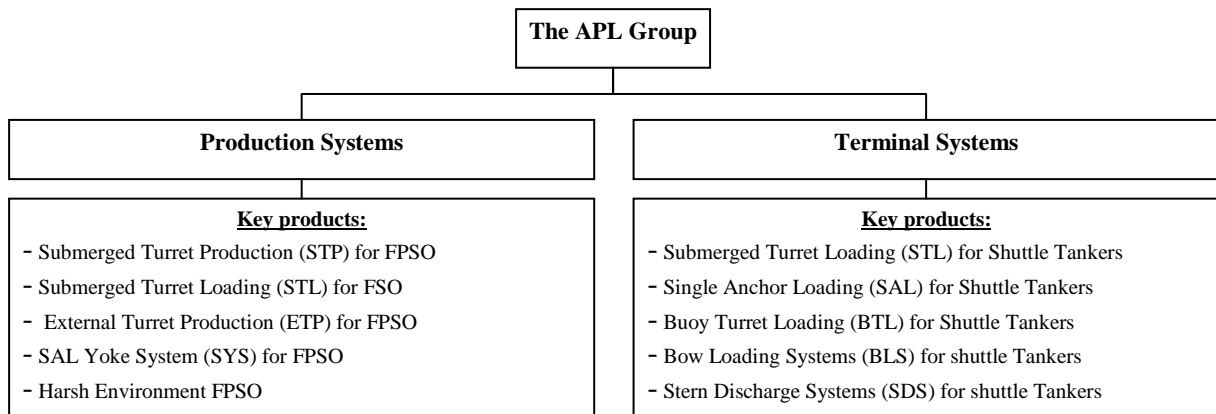
**9.3 Group structure after Completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer**



**9.4 Business and Product Overview**

The APL Group has two product lines, Production Systems and Terminal Systems. The products of both are critical for the offshore oil and gas production. Production Systems include products and services related to production of oil and gas by FPSOs and FSOs. Terminal Systems include products and services related to the loading of oil and gas from production facilities offshore or delivery of products from offshore to land based facilities. The APL Group’s products are grouped below according to product lines:

**Figure 9-1: Products by business segment**



Source: The APL Group/First Securities

In addition to the products listed in the figure above, the APL Group has several alternative and complementary products that have not yet been sold.

**9.5 Product Application Overview**

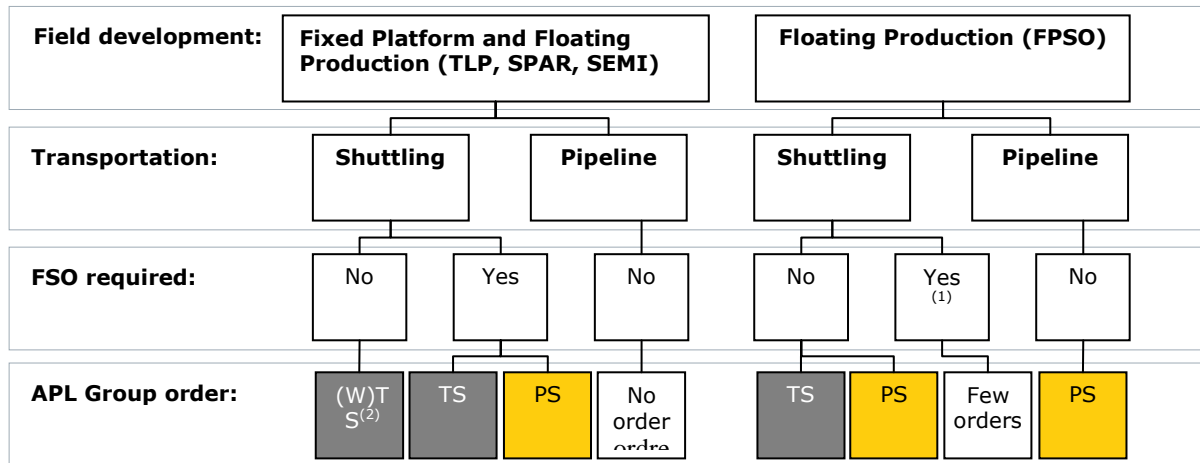
The APL Group’s products are used globally in connection with the development and production of oil and gas from offshore oil and gas fields:

- **Field development using floating units:** There is a demand for the APL Group’s products for turret, mooring and fluid transfer systems for ship based floating units or for transfer systems from the floating

unit to the shuttle tanker or for any export terminal associated with the floating unit. If the field development is carried out by using floating units like TLPs, SPARs or Semi Submersibles, the demand for the APL Group's products is mainly associated with turret, mooring and fluid transfer systems for ship based floating storage units or export terminals.

- **Offshore LNG regassification:** There is demand for the APL Group's products in the instances of offshore regassification terminals for the LNG industry.
- **Field development using fixed platforms:** There is a demand for the APL Group's products for export terminals in the instances where the unit is not connected to a pipeline system.

**Figure 9-2: Product application overview**



**PS** = "Production Systems"

**TS** = "Terminal Systems"

<sup>(1)</sup> FSOs are rarely required when oil & gas fields have FPSOs in operation. However, if a field has both a FSO and a FPSO, the APL Group will be in position to sell two Terminal Systems (one for the FSO and one for the shuttle tanker) and two Production systems (one for the FSO and one for the FPSO)

<sup>(2)</sup> The "W" means a Twin Terminal System, i.e. occasionally there are possibilities for sale of two Terminal Systems

Source: The APL Group/First Securities

## 9.6 General Overview of APL's Markets

The APL Group is providing development solutions for offshore oil and gas developments in production solutions or terminals for export or import of liquid gas. High oil and gas prices, increasing demand and limited supply are likely to be the major drivers for increased spending on development of production solutions during the next two to five years. Important factors for the APL Group's position in the global oil services market are:

- The general petroleum market
- The market for the APL Group's products and services
- Competitors to the APL Group

**9.7 Financial information for the APL Group**9.7.1 *Summary consolidated profit and loss account for the APL Group for 2006, 2005 and 2004*

<b>Table 9 -1: Consolidated income statement for the APL Group for the year ended 31 December 2006 (audited)</b>			
<b>(Figures in NOK million)</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Operating income</b>			
Revenue	1 671,7	1 035,2	595,1
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>1 671,7</b>	<b>1 035,2</b>	<b>595,1</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>			
Cost of goods of sold	1 264,3	774,1	406,1
Payroll expenses	168,1	121,8	89,3
Other operating expenses	64,5	45,1	43,1
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>174,8</b>	<b>94,2</b>	<b>56,6</b>
Depreciation	17,7	12,8	10,3
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>157,1</b>	<b>81,4</b>	<b>46,3</b>
<b>Financial income/costs</b>			
Finance costs net	2,9	(12,7)	(8,6)
Share of profit of an associate	0,5	0,0	0,0
<b>Profit from financial items</b>	<b>3,4</b>	<b>(12,7)</b>	<b>(8,6)</b>
<b>Profit before taxes</b>	<b>160,5</b>	<b>68,7</b>	<b>37,7</b>
Taxes	(44,4)	(20,3)	(7,9)
<b>Profit after taxes</b>	<b>116,1</b>	<b>48,4</b>	<b>29,8</b>
<b>Earning per share</b>			
Earning per share	2,72	1,23	0,58
Diluted earnings per share	2,72	1,23	0,58

## 9.7.2 Summary consolidated balance sheet for the APL Group as of year end 2006 and 2005

<b>Table 9-2: Consolidated balance sheet for the APL Group at 31 December 2006 and 2005 (audited)</b>		
<b>(Figures in NOK million)</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Development cost	9,9	9,9
Technology	18,6	22,8
Software	12,4	9,6
Goodwill	173,8	173,8
<b>Total intangible non-current assets</b>	<b>214,7</b>	<b>216,1</b>
Land and buildings	53,0	50,4
Machinery, equipment, fixtures etc	12,9	12,2
<b>Total tangible non-current assets</b>	<b>65,9</b>	<b>62,6</b>
Investment in associated company	315,1	0,0
Other investments	0,8	0,3
Loan to employees	5,3	4,3
Pension funds	2,3	0,2
<b>Total non-current financial assets</b>	<b>323,5</b>	<b>4,8</b>
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>604,1</b>	<b>283,5</b>
<b>Current assets</b>		
<b>Inventory</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>3,1</b>
Trade receivables	70,7	166,1
Due from customers for contract work	661,2	332,9
Derivative financial instruments	19,8	14,1
Other receivables	37,3	26,5
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b>789,0</b>	<b>539,6</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>584,2</b>	<b>43,7</b>
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>1 379,7</b>	<b>586,4</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1 983,8</b>	<b>869,9</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Share capital	10,9	9,7
Not registered capital increase	0,0	2,0
Share premium	518,9	282,7
Other paid in equity	5,1	0,1
<b>Total paid-in equity</b>	<b>534,9</b>	<b>294,5</b>
<b>Retained earnings</b>	<b>140,9</b>	<b>29,1</b>
<b>Total shareholders equity</b>	<b>675,8</b>	<b>323,6</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Interest-bearing loans and borrowing	528,3	16,5
Pension liability	27,1	26,6
Deferred tax liability	40,6	21,7
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>596,0</b>	<b>64,8</b>
Trade payables	159,7	97,4
Interest-bearing loans and borrowing	2,6	51,0
Due to customers for contract work	16,5	22,9
Income tax payable	24,1	0,1
Public duties payable	9,1	8,3
Derivative financial instruments	24,9	3,7
Other short-term liabilities	475,1	298,1
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>712,0</b>	<b>481,5</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1 308,0</b>	<b>546,3</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>1 983,8</b>	<b>869,9</b>



9.7.3 *Summary consolidated cash flow statement for APL Group for 2006 and 2005*

<b>Table 9-3: Consolidated cash flow statement for the APL Group for 2006 and 2005 (audited)</b>		
<b>(Figures in NOK million)</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>		
Ordinary profit before taxes	160,5	68,7
Ordinary depreciation	17,7	12,8
Income from associated company	(0,5)	0,0
Share based payment	5,0	0,0
Gain/loss form the sale of operational equipment	0,0	0,0
Income tax paid	0,0	0,0
Changes in debtors, creditors and inventory	(13,4)	(122,2)
Change in other balance sheet items	17,5	20,3
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>186,8</b>	<b>(20,4)</b>
<b>Cash flow form investing activities</b>		
Net investment in associated company	(317,8)	0,0
Pension funds	(2,1)	0,4
Net investment in other non-current financial assets	(1,4)	(0,7)
Sales of non-current assets	0,3	0,0
Investment in non-current assets	(9,7)	(16,7)
Investment in intangible assets	(10,2)	(10,6)
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>(340,9)</b>	<b>(27,6)</b>
<b>Cash flow from financing activities:</b>		
Change of long-term loans	463,4	(180,3)
Reduction of capital	0,0	(39,7)
Dividend to shareholders	0,0	(27,0)
Acquisition of treasury shares	(0,5)	0,0
Increase in capital *)	213,7	238,8
<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>694,6</b>	<b>(8,2)</b>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	540,5	(56,2)
Cash and cash equivalents as at 01.01	43,7	99,9
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31.12	584,2	43,7

\*) See details in consolidated statement of change in equity

9.7.4 *Auditor*

Ernst & Young AS has been the auditor for APL Group for all accounting periods. Ernst & Young AS has its registered address at Christian Frederiks Plass 6, 0154 Oslo, Norway.

Ernst & Young AS has issued an unqualified auditor's report for the Company's annual accounts for the financial year 2006.

Ernst & Young AS is member of The Norwegian Institute of Public Accountants

## 9.8 Share Capital and Shareholders

9.8.1 *Stock exchange listing*

The APL Shares are listed on Oslo Børs with ticker symbol "APLC".

9.8.2 *Share capital*

At the date of this Offer Document, APL has a share capital of USD 3,987,806.6 divided into 39,878,066 shares, each with par value of USD 0.25.

APL ASA holds 339,999 APL Shares and six local shareholders required in accordance with the laws of Cyprus hold six APL Shares, which are not registered in VPS. Consequently 39,538,061 APL Shares are registered in the VPS. The APL Shares are registered in VPS with ISIN CY0100170915.

The APL Shares are traded on Oslo Børs with ticker code "APLC".

### 9.8.3 Shareholders

The table below shows the 20 largest APL Shareholders as of 27 March 2007:

<b>#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b># shares</b>
1	BW LPG FPSO I LTD	6 500 000
2	GOLDMAN SACHS INTERNATIONAL	4 734 372
3	BW LPG FPSO I LIMITED	4 415 000
4	MORGAN STANLEY AND CO.INTL.LIMITED	2 554 302
5	LEX NORGE AS	2 168 200
6	NATEXIS BLEICHROEDER INC.	2 136 337
7	DEUTSCHE BANK AG LONDON	2 124 088
8	KOLBJØRN INVEST AS	1 918 525
9	FORTIS BANK LUXEMBOURG S.A.	1 495 254
10	CITIBANK, N.A.	1 186 280
11	TAURO COMPANY LIMITED	724 700
12	BEAR STEARNS SECURITIES CORP.	590 863
13	UBS AG, LONDON BRANCH	572 100
14	DRESDNER BANK AG LONDON BRANCH	538 250
15	STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST CO.	495 200
16	GOLDMAN SACHS INTERNATIONAL	441 230
17	J.P. MORGAN BANK LUXEMBOURG S.A.	401 640
18	811 INVEST AS	378 000
19	MORGAN STANLEY & CO. INC.	352 400
20	BEAR STEARNS SECURITIES CORP.	325 698

Source: VPS

### 9.8.4 Other information

It is the intention of BW Offshore that APL shall become a subsidiary of BW Offshore through the Offer and continue with its brand, management and technological development, with Arendal being the enlarged BW Offshore Group's focal point for technological development and Oslo continuing as a centre for the FPSO operations.

## **10 BW OFFSHORE SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The selected combined and consolidated income statement information for the fiscal years ended 31 December 2006, 2005 and 2004 and the selected combined and consolidated balance sheet information as of 31 December 2006 and 2005 have been derived from the Company's audited financial statements 2005 attached to this Offer Document as Appendix III.

The Company is incorporated and domiciled in Bermuda. The address of its registered office is Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda.

The Company consists of BW Offshore and its subsidiaries. The Company develops, owns, and operates oil and gas FPSOs and FSOs.

In January 2004, Bergesen Worldwide Limited became the ultimate parent company of the FPSOs and FSOs currently owned by the BW Offshore Group. Bergesen Worldwide Limited and its subsidiaries are referred herein as the "BW Group". The Company was established in Bermuda in June 2005 as a wholly owned subsidiary of the BW Group, to serve as the holding company for the activities within the offshore segment of the BW Group. In the second half of 2005, the Company purchased four offshore units and two tankers available for conversion to offshore units, from BW Gas ASA ("BW Gas"), an entity under common control within the BW Group, through six single purpose subsidiaries. The following units were purchased through funding from BW Group: (i) Sendje Berge, (ii) Berge Helene, (iii) Berge Okoloba Toru, (iv) Belokamenka, (v) YÛUM K'AK'NÁAB (ex. BW Enterprise and Folk Moon) and (vi) BW Nisa (ex. Folk Sea). The Company also established a management company, BW Offshore AS. Personnel related to the offshore business were transferred from BW Gas to the BW Offshore Group. The sale of the units and the transfer of the management operations ("the Transaction") were carried out at estimated fair value. All assets and operations transferred are managed collectively and constitute a business that is under the same ultimate ownership both before and after the transaction. Therefore, under IFRS, the Transaction is accounted for in a manner similar to pooling-of-interests in which the predecessor book values in the historical financial statements are also the values used prospectively. Accordingly, the difference between fair value of the business implied in the Transaction and the predecessor book values is presented as a distribution to Bergesen Worldwide Limited. The combined and consolidated income statements, balance sheets, statements of changes in equity and cash flows statements are presented as if the current group structure has been in existence from the earliest period presented. The predecessor values are brought from the consolidated financial statements of Bergesen Worldwide Limited.

In the combined and consolidated financial statements, each unit is included either from January 2004, when Bergesen Worldwide Limited became the ultimate parent company, or the date the unit was transferred from another segment within the BW Group to the offshore segment, where it was managed within this segment either as a FPSO or FSO or as a vessel available for conversion, whichever is the earliest date. Units sold during 2004 and 2005 have been included up to the date of sale and accounted for as disposition of asset upon sale. One unit, Berge Troll, was removed from the offshore segment, but is included up to the date of formation of the BW Offshore Group in June 2005 and accounted for as distribution of capital to the shareholder. For 2005 distribution to Bergesen Worldwide Limited was USD 154,455,000 paid in cash, and the non-cash transaction of USD 4,421,000 relating to Berge Troll being removed from the segment. Distribution to owner in 2004 is capital reduction and group contributions to Bergesen Worldwide Limited.

### **10.1 Selected Annual Consolidated Financial Information**

The consolidated financial statements of the BW Offshore Group have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

## 10.1.1 Consolidated income statement

**Table 10-1: Consolidated income statement**

Figures in USD million	<b>2006</b> <b>(Audited)</b>	<b>2005</b> <b>(Audited)</b>	<b>2004</b> <b>(Audited)</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME AND OPERATING COSTS</b>			
Charter hire	106.6	46.2	30.7
Construction contract revenue	338.9	0.0	0.0
Lease Interest	5.3	4.9	4.9
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>450.8</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>35.6</b>
Operating expenses	(48.1)	(28.8)	(24.6)
Administrative expenses	(20.3)	(7.5)	(4.0)
Construction contract expenses	(338.9)	(0.0)	0.0
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>(407.3)</b>	<b>(36.3)</b>	<b>(28.6)</b>
<b>Operating profit before depreciation and gain on sale</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>7.0</b>
Depreciation and amortization	(26.5)	(8.4)	(8.9)
Net gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	0.0	0.0	7.7
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<b>FINANCIAL INCOME AND FINANCIAL COSTS</b>			
Interest income	4.1	1.4	1.2
Interest expense	(11.0)	(6.8)	(2.0)
Other financial items	1.3	4.8	(4.5)
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Income tax expense	(6.9)	(2.9)	(1.3)
<b>Net profit (loss)</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>(0.8)</b>
Basic earnings/(loss) per share (Figures in USD)	0.03	2.41	(0.63)
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (Figures in USD)	0.03	2.41	(0.63)

## 10.1.2 Consolidated balance sheet

**Table 10-2: Consolidated balance sheet**

Figures in USD million	Years ended 31 December		
	2006 (Audited)	2005 (Audited)	2004 (Audited)
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Vessels and vessels under conversion	400.3	409.8	175.8
Vehicles and other fixed assets	4.3	1.2	1.0
Finance lease receivable	31.0	22.8	23.1
Other long-term receivables	4.1	0.0	0.0
Deferred tax asset	0.9	0.7	0.0
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>440.6</b>	<b>434.5</b>	<b>199.9</b>
Inventories	1.8	1.0	4.1
Trade and other receivables	55.8	14.7	3.7
Construction contract receivable	338.9	0.0	0.0
Derivatives	2.3	0.0	0.0
Prepayment on vessel	1.6	0.0	0.0
Cash and cash equivalents	38.0	36.7	32.4
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>438.4</b>	<b>52.3</b>	<b>40.2</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>879.0</b>	<b>486.8</b>	<b>240.1</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
Share capital	2.1	0.0	0.0
Share premium reserve	462.3	0.0	0.0
Other equity	(81.0)	(85.5)	70.5
<b>Total shareholder's equity</b>	<b>383.4</b>	<b>(85.5)</b>	<b>70.5</b>
Long-term loan facility	421.6	0.0	0.0
Retirement benefit obligations	4.0	4.3	0.0
Other long-term liabilities	6.6	0.0	0.0
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>432.2</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Trade and other payables	60.5	52.3	11.4
Income tax liabilities	0.4	0.7	0.2
Amount due to ultimate holding corporation (non-trade)	0.0	508.3	151.6
Amount due to related companies	2.5	6.5	6.4
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>567.9</b>	<b>169.6</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>495.6</b>	<b>572.3</b>	<b>169.6</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>879.0</b>	<b>486.8</b>	<b>240.1</b>

10.1.3 Combined and consolidated cash flow statement

**Table 10-3: Combined and consolidated cash flow statement**

Figures in USD million	Years ended 31 December		
	2006 (Audited)	2005 (Audited)	2004 (Audited)
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>			
Profit/(loss) before taxes	11.4	5.8	0.5
Income tax paid	(6.5)	(2.9)	(1.4)
Gain/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets	0.0	0.0	(7.7)
Depreciation and amortization	26.5	8.4	8.9
Difference between pension costs and pension payments	(0.7)	0.6	0.0
Changes in inventories, receivables and accounts payable	(35.5)	33.1	(21.2)
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>(4.8)</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>(20.9)</b>
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>			
Investment in operating fixed assets	(359.0)	(244.7)	(91.0)
Purchase of intangible assets	0.0	(0.2)	0.0
Investment in financial lease assets	(12.9)	0.0	(4.7)
Sales of operating fixed assets	0.0	2.4	66.8
Installment on financial lease	0.4	0.3	0.2
<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>(371.5)</b>	<b>(242.2)</b>	<b>(28.7)</b>
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from long-term debt	427.7	0.0	0.0
Proceeds from short-term debt	(364.5)	356.0	77.8
Paid-in/(distributed) equity	314.4	(154.5)	(35.9)
<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>377.6</b>	<b>201.5</b>	<b>41.9</b>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	1.3	4.3	(7.7)
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	36.7	32.4	40.1
<b>Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>32.4</b>

10.1.4 Segment information (audited)

**Business segments**

All the activities of the BW Offshore Group are within one business segment; the offshore segment.

**Geographical segments**

The BW Offshore Group has operations in Russia, West Africa and the Far East, with a large portion of the activity taking place in the offshore waters of West African countries. Segment information about the BW Offshore Group's operations is presented below:

	2006					2005				2004		
	West Africa	Russia	Far East	Other	Total	West Africa	Russia	Other	Total	West Africa	Russia	Total
Revenue	94.5	11.7	4.8	0.9	111.9	42.1	9.0	0.0	51.1	29.4	6.2	35.6
Operating expenses	(40.9)	(3.4)	(5.2)	(18.9)	(68.4)	(40.3)	(4.4)	0.0	(44.7)	(27.1)	(2.7)	(29.8)
Operating profit	53.5	8.3	(0.4)	(18.0)	43.5	1.7	4.6	0.0	6.3	2.3	3.5	5.8
Interest expenses	(20.2)	(2.3)	(2.1)	13.6	(11.0)	(5.2)	(1.6)	0.0	(6.8)	(1.2)	(0.8)	(2.0)
Total non-current assets	344.3	22.3	27.4	46.6	440.6	331.7	22.8	80.0	434.5	176.8	23.1	199.9

Construction contract revenue and expenses amounting to USD 338.9 million in 2006 are related to the construction of the vessel YUUM K'AK'NÁAB (previously named BW Enterprise) which is expected to commence operations in the Gulf of Mexico in April 2007 and is as such not included in figures set out in the table above.

The category "Other" reflects vessels under conversion not yet allocated to any segment.

#### 10.1.5 Key figures (unaudited)

	Notes	2006	2005	2004
Operating margin	1	15.2 %	12.3 %	16.3 %
Equity ratio	2	43.6 %	-17.6 %	29.4 %
Return on equity	3	1.2 %	-38.7 %	N/A
Return on capital employed	4	10.4 %	33.6 %	N/A
Net interest bearing debt (USD million)	5	383.6	471.6	151.6
Cash flow (USD million)	6	(4.80)	45.0	(20.90)
Cash flow per share	7	(0.03)	37.50	(17.42)
Earnings per share - fully diluted	8	0.03	2.41	(0.63)
Number of shares (1 000 shares)		205,066	1,200	1,200
Share price (NOK)		26.2	-	-
Market capitalisation (MNOK)		5,373	-	-
<b>Notes to key figures</b>				
1 Operating profit/Operating revenues (adjusted for Construction contract revenue)				
2 Equity/Total assets				
3 Net profit/Average book equity				
4 EBIT/(Average total assets (in operation) - interest-free debt)				
5 Interest-bearing debt - Cash and cash equivalents				
6 Net cash flow from operating activities				
7 Cash flow/ Average no of outstanding shares				
8 Net profit/Average outstanding shares				

EBITDA is included because management believes it is a useful indicator of the Company's cash flows. EBIT is included because management believes it is a useful indicator of the Company's earnings. Both key figures are commonly known and accepted key figures among analysts and investors in the offshore segment. EBITDA and EBIT are not measures of operating performance or liquidity defined by generally accepted accounting principles under IFRS or US GAAP and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies.

Operating revenue is adjusted for Construction contract revenue in order for EBITDA and EBIT key figures to reflect the results of FPSOs and FSOs in operation.

## 10.2 Summary of Accounting Policies

### Basis of preparation

The financial statements the BW Offshore Group have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative instruments) at fair value through income statement.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the BW Offshore Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements are disclosed in Note 21 in the annual report for 2006.

a) *Amendments to published standards effective in 2006*

IAS 19 (Amendment), Employee Benefits, is mandatory for the BW Offshore Group's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2006. It introduces the option of an alternative recognition approach for actuarial gains and losses. It may impose additional recognition requirements for multi-employer plans where insufficient information is available to apply defined benefit accounting. It also adds new disclosure requirements. As the BW Offshore Group does not intend to change the accounting policy adopted for recognition of actuarial gains and losses and does not participate in any multi-employer plans, adoption of this amendment only impacts the format and extent of disclosures presented in the accounts.

b) *Standards, amendments and interpretations effective in 2006 but not relevant*

The following standards, amendments and interpretations are mandatory for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2006 but are not relevant to the BW Offshore Group's operations:

- IAS 21 (Amendment) "Net Investment in a Foreign Operation"
- IAS 39 (Amendment) "Cash Flow Hedge Accounting of Forecast Intragroup Transactions"
- IAS 39 (Amendment) "The Fair Value Option"
- IAS 39 and IFRS 4 (Amendment) "Financial Guarantee Contracts"
- IFRS 6, "Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources"
- IFRS 1 (Amendment) "First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards" and
- IFRS 6 (Amendment), Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources;
- IFRIC 6 "Liabilities arising from Participating in a Specific Market – Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment"
- IFRIC 4, Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease; and
- IFRIC 5, Rights to Interests arising from Decommissioning, Restoration and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds.

c) *Existing standards that are not effective and have not been early adopted by BW Offshore*

IFRS 7 "Financial Instruments: Disclosures", and the complementary Amendment to IAS 1 "Presentation of Financial Statements – Capital Disclosures", is not yet effective and has not been early adopted by BW Offshore. IFRS 7 introduces new disclosures relating to financial instruments. This standard does not have any impact on the classification and valuation of the BW Offshore Group's financial instruments.

**Revenue recognition**

Revenue comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the chartering and rendering of operational services related to FPSOs and FSOs.

*Operational services*

Income from the rendering of services on FPSO and FSO operating contracts are recognised as revenue on a straight line basis based on contractual daily rates.

*Chartering of vessels*

Chartering of FPSO and FSO to customers is recognised as revenue based on whether the chartering contract is considered to be an operating lease or a financial lease under IAS 17.

*Operating lease*

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments received under operating leases are recognised as revenue on a straight line basis based on contractual daily rates.



*Financial lease*

Leases in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the lessee are classified as financial leases. Assets held under a financial lease are presented in the balance sheets as a receivable at an amount equal to the net investment in the lease. The recognition of financial income on the receivable is based on a pattern reflecting a constant periodic rate of return on the lessor's net investment in the financial lease.

*Fixed Price Construction contracts*

When a contract to charter a vessel is considered to be a financial lease, this implies a fixed price construction contract in which the fixed price is the net investment in the lease. Revenue from fixed-price contracts for conversion to FPSOs is recognised under the percentage-of-completion (POC) method. Under the POC method, revenue is generally recognised based on the services performed to date as a percentage of the total services to be performed. When the outcome of construction contracts can not be estimated reliably, no gain is recognised. When the project's results cannot be reliably estimated, only revenues equal to the accrued project costs are taken to revenue.

Any estimated loss on a contract will be recognised in the income statement for the period when it is identified that the project will lead to a loss.

*Interest income*

Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method.

*Dividend distribution*

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

**Segment reporting**

A business segment is a group of assets and operations engaged in providing products or services that are subject to risks and return that are different from those of other business segments. The company has one business segment, the ownership and operations of FPSOs and FSOs. A geographical segment is engaged in providing products or services within a particular economic environment that are subject to risks and return that are different from those of segments operating in other economic environments.

**Group accounting***Subsidiaries*

Subsidiaries are entities (including special purpose entities) over which the BW Offshore Group has power to govern the financial and operating policies, generally accompanying a shareholding of more than 50% of the voting rights.

Except for the acquisition of subsidiaries from companies under common control, as described in section 10, the purchase method of accounting is used to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued or liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values on the date of acquisition, irrespective of the extent of any minority interest. Any difference between the purchase price and the fair value of net assets less deferred tax is recognised as goodwill.

Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the BW Offshore Group through the date on which that control ceases. In preparing the combined and consolidated financial statements, inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to ensure consistency of accounting policies with those of the BW Offshore Group.

*Joint ventures*

Joint ventures are entities over which the BW Offshore Group has contractual arrangements to jointly share the control with one or more parties. The BW Offshore Group's interest in joint ventures is accounted for in the combined and consolidated financial statements by proportionate consolidation. Proportionate consolidation involves combining the BW Offshore Group's share of joint ventures' individual income and expenses, assets and liabilities and cash flows on a line-by-line basis with similar items in the BW Offshore Group's financial statements.

#### *Transaction costs*

Costs directly attributable to an acquisition are included as part of the cost of acquisition.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

#### *Measurement*

- (i) Vessels, vessels under construction, conversion candidates and other tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.
- (ii) The cost of vessels, vessels under construction, conversion candidates and other tangible fixed assets includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.
- (iii) Instalments on conversion projects are capitalised as vessels under construction as they are paid. Capitalised value is reclassified as vessels upon successful commissioning at the oil field. The acquisition cost reported is the sum of the instalments paid plus costs incurred during the construction period including interest expenses.

FPSOs and FSOs are reclassified from conversion candidates to vessels under construction when the company sign a conversion/ lease agreement on the vessels. Further, as noted above, the FPSOs and FSOs are reclassified to vessel upon successful commissioning at the oil field.

#### *Depreciation*

Depreciation is calculated using a straight-line method to allocate the depreciable amounts of Vessels, conversion candidates and other tangible fixed assets t, after taking into account the residual values, over their estimated useful lives, of which both the residual values and estimated useful lives are both subject to review at each balance sheet date. Depreciation is charged from the point in time when the vessel is successfully installed at the oil field and starts to earn revenue under the contract. Conversion candidates are only subject to depreciation if the vessels have entered into temporary revenue earning contracts awaiting conversion.

#### *Subsequent cost*

Subsequent costs can be included in the assets carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the BW Offshore Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

#### *Disposal activities*

Gains and losses that result from the disposal of vessels, vehicles and equipment are recorded on a separate line in the consolidated income statements.

### **Impairment of assets**

Assets including vessels, vessels under construction, conversion candidates and other tangible fixed assets, are reviewed for impairment annually and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of an asset's net selling price and its value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Each FPSO and FSO is identified as a cash-generating unit.

**Leasing**

Leases are classified as financial leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risk and rewards incidental to ownership of the leased item to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Most of the lease contracts include one or several options for the charterer to purchase the vessel and/or option(s) for the charterer to extend the lease period beyond the firm period. At the inception of the lease, these options are taken into consideration in the evaluation of whether the lease is a financial lease or an operational lease. Cash flows in the option periods are included in the minimum lease payments described in note 19 if it is reasonably certain that the option(s) will be exercised.

*The BW Offshore Group as lessor*

Assets held under a financial lease are presented in the balance sheets as a receivable at an amount equal to the net investment in the lease. Lease income is recognised over the term of the lease using the net investment method, which reflects a constant periodic rate of return.

Assets held under an operating lease are included in the balance sheet based on the nature of the asset.

Rental income from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

*The BW Offshore Group as a lessee*

Generally, the Group has no significant arrangements whereby it is the lessee.

**Borrowings**

Borrowings are recognized initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortized cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognized in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

**Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition or conversion of vessels, which take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use, are added to the cost of the vessels, until such time as the vessels are substantially ready for their intended use. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing cost eligible for capitalisation.

**Trade and other receivables**

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at originally invoiced amount and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less allowance for impairment. An allowance for impairment of trade and other receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the BW Offshore Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. The amount of the allowance is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate. The amount of the allowance is recognised in the income statement.

Trade and other receivables are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date. These are classified as non-current assets.

**Trade and other payables**

Trade and other payables are initially measured at fair value, and subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

**Inventories**

Inventories comprise mainly fuel oil remaining on board vessels. Inventories are measured at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

**Derivatives**

The BW Offshore Group's derivatives do not qualify as hedging instruments. Accordingly they are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and measured at fair value in accordance with IAS 39. Changes in the fair value of such derivatives are recognised in the income statement.

All purchases and sales of financial instruments are recognised on the transaction date.

**Provisions for other liabilities and charges**

Provisions are recognised when the BW Offshore Group has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made. Where the BW Offshore Group expects a provision to be reimbursed, for example under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset, but only when the reimbursement is reasonably certain.

**Employee benefits***Defined benefit plans*

The BW Offshore Group has four defined benefit pension plans of which two are funded. The funded schemes are funded through payments to insurance companies determined by periodic actuarial calculations. Unfunded schemes are financed through the BW Offshore Group's operations. A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that is not a defined contribution plan. Typically, defined benefit plans define an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and compensation.

The liability recognized in the balance sheet in respect of defined benefit pension plans is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the balance sheet date less the fair value of plan assets, together with adjustments for unrecognized actuarial gains or losses and past service costs. The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of high-quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related pension liability.

Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions in excess of the greater of 10% of the value of plan assets or 10% of the defined benefit obligation are charged or credited to income over the employees' expected average remaining working lives.

*Employee-leave entitlement*

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. An accrual is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the balance sheet date.

*Bonus plans*

The Group recognises a liability and an expense for bonuses to employees when the Group contractually is obliged or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation.

**Currency translation***Functional and presentation currency*

Items included in the financial statements of each entity in the BW Offshore Group are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). All subsidiaries have United States Dollars ("USD") as the functional currency. The consolidated financial statements are presented in USD which is the BW Offshore Group's functional and presentation currency.

*Transactions and balances*

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency ("foreign currency") are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of transactions. Currency translation gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of financial year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement.

**Taxes and deferred tax liabilities**

The Company is not subject to any taxation. However, some of its subsidiaries are subject to income tax in the countries in which they operate. The BW Offshore Group provides for tax on profit on the basis of the profit for financial reporting purposes, adjusted for non-taxable revenue and expenses. Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable, changes in and deferred tax and deferred tax asset and withholding tax on charter hire.

The BW Offshore Group's liability for current tax payable is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred taxation is provided for in the balance sheet and calculated on the basis of temporary differences between book and tax values that exist at the end of the financial period. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is charged or credited to profit or loss, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the BW Offshore Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

**Use of estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the BW Offshore Group's accounting policies. It also requires the use of accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the financial year. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may ultimately differ from those estimates.

**10.3 Auditor**

PricewaterhouseCoopers, Bermuda, has been the auditor for BW Group for all accounting periods, and PricewaterhouseCoopers AS has been the auditor for BW Offshore from the date of formation of the Company, 7 June 2005. PricewaterhouseCoopers AS has its registered address at Karenslyst allé 12, NO-0245 Oslo, Norway.

PricewaterhouseCoopers AS has issued an unqualified auditor's report for the Company's annual accounts for the financial year 2006. The auditor has prepared a report (attached as Appendix II) on the pro forma compilation and adjustments related to the combination of BW Offshore and APL as set out in section 8.7 and 8.10.

The Company's Norwegian auditor is member of The Norwegian Institute of Public Accountants.

## 11 BW OFFSHORE OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

You should read the following discussion of the financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with the financial statements included in this Offer Document. The following discussion contains forward-looking statements that are based on current assumptions and estimates by the Company's management regarding future events and circumstances. The Company's actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements as a result of many factors, including those described in chapter 2 "Risk factors".

### 11.1 Information on Financial Condition and Operating Results

BW Offshore is a leading independent provider of FPSO services. As of the date of this Offer Document, the Company owns a fleet of six FPSOs, one Arctic FSO, one ULCC conversion candidate, one Suezmax conversion candidate and one LPG conversion candidate, as illustrated in the table below:

**Table 11-1: BW Offshore Group's current fleet**

Name of unit	Country of operation	Employed from – to
<b>FPSOs</b>		
Berge Okoloba Toru	Nigeria	2005 – 2009 and options
Sendje Berge	Nigeria	2005 – 2009 and options
Berge Helene	Mauritania	2006 – 2013 and options
YÜUM K'AK'NÁAB	Mexico	2007 – 2022
BW Endeavour	Nigeria	2007 – 2010 and options
BW Carmen	-	Uncommitted
<b>Arctic FSO</b>		
Belokamenka	Russia	2004 – 2019
<b>Conversion candidates</b>		
BW Nisa (ULCC)	Malaysia	2006 – Temporary FSO
BW Pioneer (Suezmax)	-	Uncommitted
BW LPG FPSO I	-	Uncommitted

The Company has expanded its business by winning new contracts and as such invested in new projects. The Company currently has four units in operations generating revenues. In addition, two units (YÜUM K'AK'NÁAB and BW Endeavour) are under conversion to be delivered to the client in 2007. Furthermore, one unit (BW Nisa) is on a temporary FSO contract in Malaysia, a contract that can be terminated at the Company's convenience when an FPSO contract has been awarded. BW Pioneer was delivered to the Company in January 2007. BW Offshore currently has BW Nisa (323,000 Dwt), BW Carmen, BW Pioneer (155,000 Dwt) and BW LPG FPSO I available for future oil/gas FPSO projects.

In May 2005, BW Offshore entered into a strategic cooperation with Malaysian International Shipping Corporation (MISC), a subsidiary of Petronas, the Malaysian state-owned oil company. The main objective of this cooperation is to develop gas FPSOs to be applied on the Malaysian shelf. BW Offshore has recently set up a representative office in Kuala Lumpur in support of the cooperation.

The FPSO market is developing positively with increasing demand, driven by increased E&P spending by oil companies, in particular in deep waters and remote locations. The current levels of tendering, oil company E&P spending and activity in other oil service business segments lying in the earlier part of the industrial cycle, indicate that the level of activity experienced in 2005 and 2006 may continue over the next couple of years. The Company has expanded its in-house capacity in order to participate in the anticipated growth in the market.

#### 11.1.1 Basis for presentation of the Combined and Consolidated Financial Information

In January 2004, Bergesen Worldwide Limited became the ultimate parent company of the FPSOs and FSOs currently owned by the BW Offshore Group, Bergesen Worldwide Limited and its subsidiaries are referred to herein as the "BW Group". The Company was established in Bermuda in June 2005 as a

wholly owned subsidiary of the BW Group, to serve as the holding company for the activities within the offshore segment of the BW Group. In the second half of 2005, the Company purchased four offshore units and two tankers available for conversion to offshore units, from BW Gas ASA ("BW Gas"), an entity under common control within the BW Group, through six single purpose subsidiaries. The following units were purchased through funding from BW Group: (i) Sendje Berge, (ii) Berge Helene, (iii) Berge Okoloba Toru, (iv) Belokamenka, (v) YÙUM K'AK'NÀAB (ex. BW Enterprise and Folk Moon) and (vi) BW Nisa (ex. Folk Sea). The Company also established a management company, BW Offshore AS. Personnel related to the offshore business were transferred from BW Gas to the BW Offshore Group. The sale of the units and the transfer of the management operations ("the Transaction") were carried out at estimated fair value. All assets and operations transferred are managed collectively and constitute a business that is under the same ultimate ownership both before and after the transaction. Therefore, under IFRS, the Transaction is accounted for in a manner similar to pooling-of-interests in which the predecessor book values in the historical financial statements are also the values used prospectively. Accordingly, the difference between fair value of the business implied in the Transaction and the predecessor book values is presented as a distribution to Bergesen Worldwide Limited. The consolidated income statements, balance sheets, statements of changes in equity and cash flows statements are presented as if the current group structure has been in existence from the earliest period presented. The predecessor values are brought from the consolidated financial statements of Bergesen Worldwide Limited.

In the consolidated financial statements, each unit is included either from January 2004, when Bergesen Worldwide Limited became the ultimate parent company, or the date the unit was transferred from another segment within the BW Group to the offshore segment, where it was managed within this segment either as a FSO or FPSO or as a vessel available for conversion, whichever is the earliest date. Units sold during 2004 and 2005 have been included up to the date of sale and accounted for as disposition of asset upon sale. One unit, Berge Troll, was removed from the offshore segment, but is included up to the date of formation of the BW Offshore Group in June 2005 and accounted for as distribution of capital to the shareholder with USD 4.4 million.

#### 11.1.2 *Factors affecting results of operations*

BW Offshore's activity can be divided into three activities:

- (i) **Business development of new projects:** The most important measure in business development of new projects is the number of new contracts for FPSOs.
  - Number of new contracts for FPSOs: BW Offshore defines the number of new contracts as the number of binding contracts for the service of a new FPSO or redeployment of the existing units on new contracts with existing customers or new customers.
  - Number of owned units: BW Offshore defines the number of owned units as the number of units owned and in operation on contracts, under conversion or temporarily idle awaiting new contract.
- (ii) **Project execution:** The most important measures in project execution are the project investment budget and the project schedule.
  - **Conversion of vessels to FPSO/FSOs:** As the FPSO/FSO contracts are based on specific dates of delivery and fixed prices, the profitability of BW Offshore may be influenced by delays or cost overruns of the conversion project. Any delays or cost overruns directly caused by the sub-contractors may be passed on to the sub-contractors depending on the complexity and specification of the delivery.



- (iii) **Operation of projects:** The most important measures in operation of projects are the operational budget and uptime, i.e. available revenue generating days of the FPSO. Should the FPSO not meet its uptime target, the downtime will be deducted from the income.
- **Charter hire:** BW Offshore defines charter hire as the income from its time charters for owned and partly owned units. Charter hire is calculated as gross freight income net of broker commissions, if any.
  - **Construction contract revenue:** The lease contract with PEMEX is defined as a financial lease contract according to IAS 17. The vessel will be delivered to the customer in April 2007 and the recognition of income and expenses with regards to this contract is accounted for by using IAS 11 Construction contracts. As such project expenses are recognised in profit and loss when these occur. Revenue related to the contract is recognised only to the extent of expenses incurred.
  - **Lease interest:** BW Offshore defines lease interest as the income from its bare boat charters for owned and partly owned units.
  - **Operating expenses:** BW Offshore defines operating expenses as all operating expenses, such as operations, maintenance, manning, insurance, agency fees and allocated administration expenses for owned units on time charters, excluding bare boat units, per calendar day.
  - **Technical off-hire:** BW Offshore defines technical off-hire as the time lost due to off-hire days associated with major repairs, dry-dockings or special or intermediate surveys. Technical off-hire per unit applies only for units on Time charters.

#### Operating revenue

The Company's operating revenue is earned from revenue received from long term time charters for FPSO units and one arctic FSO and management fee received from managing one FPSO owned by one field operator.

The Company's revenue is driven primarily by the number of units in its fleet, the number of days during which the units in its fleet operate and the amount of day rates that its units earn under charters, which in turn are affected by a number of factors discussed in chapter 2 "Risk factors".

All the FPSOs and the arctic FSO operate under long term charters. Under these charters, BW Offshore hires the units to its customers at an agreed rate for an agreed period and remain responsible for the technical management and operation of the process plant of the units.

Under its FPSO time charters, the rate BW Offshore charges for its services, which is called the time charter rate, includes two components:

- **Capital expenses:** The capital component ("capex rate") is intended to compensate BW Offshore for its investment and financing obligations related to an FPSO unit. The capex rate of the Company's FPSO time charters is fixed over the period of the time charter.
- **Operational expenses:** The operating component ("opex rate") is intended to compensate BW Offshore for a unit's operating expenses. This component typically fluctuates annually based on changes in a specified consumer price index. The opex rate includes operations, maintenance, crew expenses, insurance, agency fees and local taxes in the country of operations. General pricing trends in the insurance market, size, complexity and composition of the fleet and the claims track record affect the insurance cost.

In the financial statements, the revenue items are divided into the following items:

- **Charter hire:** Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments received under operating leases are recognised as revenue on a straight line basis based on contractual daily rates.

- **Lease interest:** Leases in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the lessee are classified as financial leases. Assets held under a financial lease are presented in the balance sheets as a receivable at an amount equal to the net investment in the lease. The recognition of finance income on the receivable is based on a pattern reflecting a constant periodic rate of return on the lessor's net investment in the financial lease.

### **Salaries, social security and pensions**

Salaries, social security and pensions include salaries for offshore and onshore personnel and related costs. While salary costs per unit per day generally do not fluctuate significantly, BW Offshore is exposed to exchange rate fluctuations and inflation adjustments on these expenses.

In 2005 and 2006, approximately 65% and 80%, respectively, of the total salary and related expenses were dominated in NOK. As a result, depreciation of the USD against the NOK has a negative effect on BW Offshore's profitability.

BW Offshore is exposed to potential increases in salaries for the officers of all nationalities. Stringent customer requirements for competence and experience of FPSO officers and process personnel may make it difficult to expand the available pool of FPSO personnel in an increasing demand for FPSO services.

### **Other operating expenses**

Other operating expenses include operations, maintenance, insurance and agency fees. General pricing trends in the insurance market, size, complexity and composition of the fleet and the claims track record affect the insurance cost.

### **Depreciation**

The cost of the FPSO units is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated remaining economical useful life. Depreciation is based on the cost of the unit and the conversion cost less its estimated residual value.

### **Foreign exchange fluctuations**

The Company's business has USD as its primary functional currency. Operating revenue, interest bearing debt and contractual obligations for units under construction is mainly denominated in USD. The Company's units are also valued in USD when trading in the second-hand market. The Company is exposed to expenses incurred in currencies other than USD, such as NOK, SGD and EUR. Fluctuating foreign exchange rates can have an effect on the results of operations.

#### *11.1.3 Critical accounting policies*

For a description of the BW Offshore Group's accounting policies, see section 10.2 "Summary of accounting policies".

#### *11.1.4 Comparison of years ended 31 December 2006 and 2005*

The discussion below describes how the key business drivers have affected the Company's results of operations for the year ended 31 December 2006 compared to the year ended 31 December 2005.

### **Operating revenue**

#### *Charter hire*

BW Offshore's revenue derived from charter hire increased by USD 60.4 million to USD 106.6 million for the year ended 31 December 2006 compared to USD 46.2 million for the year ended 31 December 2005. The increase was primarily attributable to increased activity with additional units operating. Four units were in operation as of 31 December 2006 compared to two units as of 31 December 2005.

#### *Lease interest*

BW Offshore's revenue derived from lease interest is related to the lease of the FSO Belokamenka (2005 and 2006) and a splitter installed onboard Okoloba Toru (2006).

#### *Construction contract revenue*

Project costs related to the conversion of YÙUM K'AK'NÀAB are recognized in profit and loss according to IAS 11 (Construction contracts). Revenue related to the contract is recognized only to the extent of contract costs incurred. As per 31 December 2006 recognized revenue amounts to USD 338.9 million.

### **Operating expenses**

#### *Administrative expenses*

Administrative expenses include salaries etc to office employees and all other expenses that are not attributable to the operation of the Company's FPSOs and FSOs. Total administrative expenses amounted to USD 20.3 million in 2006 compared to USD 7.5 million in 2005. The increase was primarily attributable to higher total number of people deployed, which is a result of an increased number of FPSO units in the fleet, increased wage costs, expenses related to the establishment of the Employee Stock Ownership Programme, expenses with regards to the listing of the Company on Oslo Børs and increased number of consultants engaged.

#### *Operating expenses*

Operating expenses includes offshore crew and all other expenses related to the operation of the FPSOs and FSOs. Total operating expenses were USD 48.1 million in 2006 compared to USD 28.8 million in 2005. The increase was mainly attributable to the increase numbers of FPSOs in operation.

### **Depreciation and amortization**

BW Offshore's depreciation charges increased in 2006 (USD 26.5 million) compared to 2005 (USD 8.4 million). The change is due to the number and value of units in operation in the respective years. Estimated useful life of the vessels in operation was changed in the fourth quarter 2006. Net effect on the fourth quarter and annual result was a reduction in depreciation charges with USD 3.0 million.

### **Operating profit before depreciations (EBITDA)**

The BW Offshore Group's EBITDA is USD 43.5 million in 2006 compared to USD 14.7 million in 2005.

### **Operating Profit (EBIT)**

BW Offshore's operating profit increased by USD 10.7 million to USD 17.0 million in 2006 compared to USD 6.3 million for 2005. The increase in operating profit in 2006 was primarily attributable to increased activity with additional units in operation but reduced by non-recurring costs (primarily listing expenses) mentioned above.

### **Currency exchange gain (loss) – net**

Currency exchange losses were USD 1.0 million in 2006 compared to a gain of USD 4.8 million in 2005. The gain in 2005 is related to net borrowings held in NOK when the offshore operations were still included in BW Gas until autumn 2005. Effective from 1 July 2006 currency exchange gains and losses related to operation of the FPSOs and FSOs are classified as operating expenses.

Transactions in NOK reflect a temporary currency risk that will be sought mitigated in the Company's future currency strategy.

### **Fair value gains on financial instruments**

Net gain on changes in fair value of financial instruments are recorded at profit and loss and amounted to USD 2.3 million in 2006. No financial instruments were entered into by the BW Offshore Group in 2005.

### **Interest income and expenses**

Net interest expense (interest income less interest expense) in 2006 was USD 6.9 million compared to a net interest expense of USD 5.4 million in 2005. The increase is due to the increase of the number of units in operations.

#### **Income tax expense**

The tax expense increased by USD 4.0 million to USD 6.9 million 2006 compared to USD 2.9 million in 2005. The BW Offshore Group is subject to taxation in the various countries in which it operates. The increase is due to increased activity in which the BW Offshore Group is paying withholding taxes in the countries of operations regardless of whether the operations are profitable due to the fact that the taxation is based on a deemed profit.

#### **Net profit**

Based on the operating profit as discussed above, the net profit increased by USD 1.6 million to USD 4.5 million for 2006 compared to a profit of USD 2.9 million in 2005.

#### **Equity and borrowings**

As of 31 December 2006, BW Offshore has a net equity of USD 383.4 million compared to equity of negative USD 85.5 million at 31 December 2005. The reason for the positive development in equity was the issuing of new equity in April and May 2006. For further information see section 11.2 "Significant changes in the Company's financial or trading position since 31 December 2006", section 12.3 "Capitalisation and indebtedness", the Company's annual report attached as Appendix III to this Offer Document, and elsewhere in this Offer Document.

Capital expenditure related to the purchase of the FPSO BW Pioneer, which is a candidate for further upgrade for a new potential contract, and the ongoing conversions of BW Endeavour and YÙUM K'AK'NÁAB, which is committed and accordingly not recognized in the financial statements as of 31 December 2006, is USD 417.4 million.

#### **Contingent assets and liabilities**

One of BW Offshore's subcontractors delivered compressors that have not operated as expected and have caused breakdown, downtime and late start-up for the FPSO Berge Helene. BW Offshore has no contractual foundation for forwarding indirect loss, i.e. loss of hire following Delay in Facility Acceptance. It is the BW Offshore Group's understanding of the contract, that the subcontractor is liable for direct losses. As such direct losses amounting to approximately USD 1.8 million in 2006 will be forwarded to the subcontractor and is recognized as an receivable against the subcontractor at 31 December 2006.

Further, due to the compressor breakdown, there has been excessive flaring. The BW Offshore Group's customer has deducted the aggregate amount of USD 15.0 million at 31 December 2006 from the charter hire due to alleged penalties in the lease contract for breach of the gas flaring policy. Business interruption insurance may compensate for such exposure in excess of USD 4.5 million provided that the various incidents are deemed to have a common cause. Although the root cause has not been concluded yet, it is the BW Offshore Group's opinion that all incidents are due to a common root cause, i.e. faulty design. A total provision of USD 4.5 million has been recorded in the 2006 accounts to cover the franchise mentioned above.

Berge Okoloba Toru has not been producing gas since 6 June 2006 due to shut down of the plant delivering the gas stream to the FPSO. The customer formally sent a notice of Force Majeure on 15 August 2006. The BW Offshore Group disagrees with the basis for the Force Majeure notice and is of the opinion that the BW Offshore Group has contractual rights to income even after 15 August 2006. The outcome of this issue is still to be determined. Total receivable at 31 December 2006 amounts to USD 20.8 million. There is some uncertainty to this receivable thus USD 2.0 million was offset in 2006.

## **11.2 Significant Changes in the Company's Financial or Trading Position since 31 December 2006**

BW Offshore has not experienced any other changes or trends outside the ordinary course of business that are significant to the Company after 31 December 2006 and to the date of this Offer Document, other than those described below and elsewhere in this Offer Document.

- On 15 January 2007 the Company acquired 12,257,085 shares in Prosafe SE, equal to approximately 5.3% of the shares and votes of Prosafe SE. The purchase price for each share was NOK 86, and the total purchase price was approximately NOK 1.1 billion. To finance the acquisition, BW Offshore conducted a private placement of 43,605,016 BW Offshore shares at a subscription price of NOK 26 for each share.
- On 18 January 2007 BW Offshore entered into an option agreement with BW Euroholdings Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Bergesen Worldwide Limited), whereby BW Offshore was granted an option to acquire 39,675,905 shares in Prosafe SE at a strike price of NOK 86. The closing price of the Prosafe SE shares on Oslo Børs on 16 January 2007 was NOK 91.90. The option was granted to BW Offshore without any consideration from BW Offshore because BW Group wished to give BW Offshore access to the BW Group's Prosafe SE shares since BW Offshore is the BW Group's vehicle in the offshore industry.
- On 5 February 2007 BW Offshore acquired 4,415,000 shares in APL, equal to 10.1% of the shares and votes of APL, from BW Euroholdings Limited. As consideration BW Euroholdings Limited received 10,566,148 new shares in BW Offshore, resulting in an exchange ratio of approximately 2.39 BW Offshore shares for each APL Share. BW Offshore announced that it had invited APL to discuss a friendly merger. BW Euroholdings Limited sold on 6 February the BW Offshore shares to Bergesen Worldwide Limited.
- On 22 February 2007 BW Offshore announced that it had acquired the vessel Crystal Sea (now BW Carmen) for a total purchase price of USD 80 million, whereof USD 60 million was paid in cash. As settlement for part of the purchase price corresponding to USD 20 million the Company issued 4,408,602 new shares to the seller. The issue price was NOK 27.90 per share. The purchase contract included an indemnification from the previous owner for any intervention and claims originating from the time when the FPSO was owned by the previous owner.
- On 28 February 2007 BW Offshore acquired 6,500,000 shares in APL ASA, equal to approximately 14.8% of the shares and votes of APL ASA. After this purchase, BW Offshore Limited held 10,915,000 shares in APL ASA, corresponding to approximately 24.9% of the shares and votes in APL ASA (exchanged into 27.3% of the APL Shares upon completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer).
- On 23 March 2007 BW Offshore announced that it had exercised its option to acquire 39,675,905 shares in Prosafe SE and that BW Offshore Limited also had acquired another 4,000,000 shares in Prosafe SE at NOK 86 per share. After the share purchases BW Offshore holds 55,932,990 shares in Prosafe SE, constituting 24.33% of the shares and votes of Prosafe SE. On 26 March 2007 BW Offshore announced that it had completed the Private Placement of 172,943,889 new BW Offshore shares at NOK 26.02 per share to finance the acquisition of the Prosafe SE shares. BW Offshore controls a total of 24.3% of the shares in Prosafe SE and has as such significant influence in Prosafe SE. Accordingly the investment in Prosafe SE is going to be accounted for as an associated company in BW Offshore's consolidated accounts.

## **12 CAPITAL RESOURCES**

### **12.1 Cash Flows**

BW Offshore has financed its capital requirements with cash flows from operations and long-term debt pursuant to an unsecured revolving credit facility of USD 600 million from a syndicate of banks. The Company's main uses of funds have been capital expenditures for the acquisitions of FPSO units, second hand hulls suitable for conversion, conversion costs, unit operating costs and administration of the Company. BW Offshore will require capital to fund ongoing operations, the conversion of the units under construction and planned conversions, debt service and potential acquisitions. BW Offshore anticipates that by taking into account generally expected market conditions, internally generated cash flow, current cash position and borrowings under the unsecured, revolving credit facility, the funds will be sufficient to fund operations of the Company's fleet, committed capital expenditures on existing conversion contracts and one or two new projects, depending on the project size, including the Company's working capital requirements.

It is the Company's intention to fund its future capital requirements from vessel acquisitions and conversions of vessels to FPSOs initially through borrowings under the Company's credit facility and to repay those borrowings from time to time with funds from operations. The Company believes that funds from operations, funds available under its credit facility and current cash position will be sufficient to support the Company's growth strategy, which may include the acquisition of second hand vessels and existing FPSOs for conversion. Depending on market conditions in the FPSO industry and acquisition opportunities or new projects that may arise in addition to the above mentioned, the Company may be required to obtain additional debt or equity financing.

The funding of the Company is described in detail in sections 12.3 "Capitalisation and indebtedness" and 12.4 "Borrowings".

The Company's cash flow from operating activities in 2006 amounted to negative USD 4.8 million compared to USD 45.0 million in 2005. The reduction resulted mainly from the increase in number of units in operation in 2006 compared to 2005 combined with delayed payments from our customers.

The Company's cash flow from investing activities in 2006 amounted to negative USD 371.5 million compared to negative USD 242.2 million in 2005. The decrease resulted mainly from the conversion of Berge Helene which was finalized in the first quarter 2006 and the ongoing conversion of YUUM K'AK'NAAB .

For further information regarding the Company's capital expenditures, see section 12.5 "Investments".

As of 31 December 2006 and 2005, cash and cash equivalents amounted to USD 38.0 million and USD 36.7 million, respectively.

The Company's business has USD as its primary functional currency. Operating revenue, interest bearing debt and contractual obligations for vessels under construction are mainly denominated in USD. The Company is exposed to expenses incurred in currencies other than USD, such as NOK, SGD and EUR. Fluctuating foreign exchange rates can have an effect on the results of operations.

In the past, the Company's hedging policy has been formulated on the BW Group level, using forward contracts and options in order to minimize negative impact caused by exchange rate volatility. The Company has established its own hedging policy with regards to mitigating exposure to foreign exchange risk and interest risk. The Company will, at time of signing a conversion contract, purchase all future foreign currency requirements, other than USD, in the conversion project. BW Offshore will also hedge some of its NOK administration costs by buying forward NOK against USD.

### **12.2 Working Capital Statement**

In the opinion of the Company, its working capital is sufficient for its present requirements.

### 12.3 Capitalisation and Indebtedness

The following table shows the Company's actual capitalisation as of 31 December 2006, and as adjusted to reflect the activities taking place since 31 December 2006, see section 10.2, and up to the date of this Offer Document. The numbers have not been audited. For further information see section 11.2 "Significant changes in the Company's financial or trading position since 31 December 2006", the Company's annual report attached as Appendix III to this Offer Document and elsewhere in this Offer Document.

**Table 12-1: Statement of capitalisation and indebtedness BW Offshore Group (unaudited)**

	Actual at 31 December 2006	Adjustments						BWO as adj.
		Registr. of ESOP-shares and draw down of loan (3)	Acq of 5.3% in Prosafe (15 Jan 2007)	Acq of 10,1% in APL (5 Feb 2007)	Acq of Crystal Sea (22 Feb 2007)	Acq of 14,8% in APL (28 Feb 2007)	Acq of 17.3% and 1.73% in Prosafe (23 Mar 2007)	
<b>Figures in USD million</b>								
Amount due to ultimate holding corporation (unsecured)	0.0							0.0
<b>A. Current financial debt (unguaranteed/unsecured)</b>	<b>0.0</b>				<b>0.0</b>			<b>0.0</b>
Borrowings (unsecured) (3)	425.0	85.0			60.0	80.1		650.1
<b>B. Total non-current debt (unsecured)</b>	<b>425.0</b>	<b>85.0</b>			<b>60.0</b>	<b>80.1</b>		<b>650.1</b>
<b>C. Other liabilities (1)</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>-4.9</b>		<b>0.4</b>				<b>69.5</b>
<b>D. Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>383.4</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>175.7</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>750.6</b>	<b>1 381.5</b>
<b>E. Total equity and liabilities (A+B+C+D)</b>	<b>882.4</b>	<b>85.0</b>	<b>175.7</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>80.0</b>	<b>80.1</b>	<b>750.6</b>	<b>2 101.1</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	38.0		9.0			-8.6	120.4	158.8
<b>F. Liquidity</b>	<b>38.0</b>		<b>9.0</b>			<b>-8.6</b>	<b>120.4</b>	<b>158.8</b>
<b>G. Current trade and other receivables (2)</b>	<b>61.5</b>							<b>61.5</b>
<b>H. Net current indebtedness (A-F-G)</b>	<b>-99.5</b>		<b>-9.0</b>			<b>8.6</b>	<b>-120.4</b>	<b>-220.3</b>
<b>I. Non current financial indebtedness (B)</b>	<b>425.0</b>	<b>85.0</b>			<b>60.0</b>	<b>80.1</b>		<b>650.1</b>
<b>J. Net financial indebtedness (H+I)</b>	<b>325.5</b>	<b>85.0</b>	<b>-9.0</b>		<b>60.0</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>-120.4</b>	<b>429.8</b>
<b>Available undrawn amount of credit facility (3)</b>	<b>175.0</b>	<b>-85.0</b>						<b>90.0</b>

- (1) Other liabilities include trade payables, other liabilities and charges, provisions, tax payables and retirement benefit obligations.
- (2) The following items are adjusted for: Project receivable related to YÙUM K'AK'NÁAB is not included as this receivable will not have effect on financial indebtedness until medio 2007
- (3) A total of USD 85.0 million has been drawn down on BW Offshore's credit facility in January and February 2007. Total equity was increased by USD 4.9 million from the establishment

of the Employee Stock Owning Programme (short term debt is reduced accordingly) early January 2007.

- (4) On 23 March 2007 BW Offshore exercised the option referred to above to acquire 39,675,905 shares in Prosafe SE from BW Euroholdings Limited at NOK 86 per share. BW Offshore did simultaneously acquire another 4,000,000 shares in Prosafe SE at NOK 86 per share. A private placement was carried out in order to finance these acquisitions and a cash surplus of USD 120.4 million, totalling to USD 750.6 million in increased equity.

## 12.4 Borrowings

### 12.4.1 Credit facility

BW Offshore accepted in July 2006 a fully committed and underwritten offer for a USD 600 million unsecured reducing revolver facility arranged by DnB NOR Bank ASA.

The facility has a term of six years. The facility is USD 600 million for a period of five years and USD 400 million for the sixth year. The facility has to be repaid in its entirety after six years. USD 425 million was outstanding under the facility by year-end 2006. See also section 12.3 "Capitalisation and indebtedness".

The ability to borrow amounts under the facility will be subject to the execution of customary documentation relating to the facility, satisfaction of certain customary conditions precedent and compliance with terms and conditions included in the loan documents. The key financial covenants are as follows.

- (i) The book value of consolidated equity shall be minimum USD 300 million.
- (ii) The book value of BW Offshore's consolidated equity cannot fall below 35% of the book value of total consolidated assets.
- (iii) The ratio of total consolidated debt to consolidated EBITDA (operating profit before interest, depreciation and taxes) (including cash flow from lease interests) shall not exceed 6.0 (however so that this covenant shall be tested for the first time in 2007 when YÙUM K'AK'NÁAB (ex. BW Enterprise) under conversion has commenced on its contract). See section 13.7.4 for further information.
- (iv) BW Offshore's ratio of total consolidated financial indebtedness to present value of the firm period of the contracts (discounted at a rate equal to 3 months LIBOR plus the applicable margin) shall not exceed 0.8.

The facility agreement contains a "change of control" clause, whereby BW Offshore (if the Lenders so require) shall mandatory prepay the facility and all commitments thereunder be terminated within 60 days in the event that Bergesen Worldwide Limited ceases to own (directly or indirectly) more than 50% of the shares and voting rights of BW Offshore and/or corporate interests associated with the Sohmen family ceases to own more than 50% of the shares and voting rights of Bergesen Worldwide Limited or BW Offshore. The "change of control" clause is not affected by the transactions set out in this Offer document.

The Company is not allowed to borrow amounts under the credit facility if it does not comply with the financial covenants agreed in connection therewith or if it experiences a change of control without the consent of the lenders under the facility. Interest on draw amounts will be payable at a rate of 0.975 basis points over the applicable LIBOR.

The credit facility will not prohibit the Company from paying dividends as long as it is not in default, and after giving effects to the payment of the dividend, in breach of any covenant.

### 12.4.2 Other borrowings

On 22 February 2007 BW Offshore acquired the FPSO BW Carmen (previously Crystal Sea). The purchase price was USD 80 million, of which USD 20 million was settled in shares in BW Offshore at NOK 27.90 per share. The residual purchase price, USD 60 million, was financed through a secured



loan facility agreement of USD 90 million with DnB Nor Bank ASA. The key terms of the loan are an interest rate at LIBOR + 1.35% and an arrangement fee of 0.95% of facility amount. Final maturity date is 22 February 2008.

On 28 February 2007 BW Offshore acquired an additional 14.8% of the shares in APL ASA at an amount of USD 88.7 million. The acquisition was financed through cash (USD 8.6 million) and an external secured loan with Carnegie Investment Bank AB Norway Branch of USD 80.1 million. The key terms of the loan are an interest rate at present time of 6.25% to be accumulated on the outstanding loan. The maturity of the loan is agreed to be six month, but BW Offshore has options to extend this period if required.

## 12.5 Investments

The main capital expenditures are connected to the conversion program of existing and new FPSOs, vessel acquisitions and upgrading of the FPSOs.

The following table sets out information regarding the Company's capital expenditures related to the acquisition and upgrading/conversion of second hand vessels and units and acquisition of vehicles/equipment for the periods indicated:

**Table 12-2: Historical capital expenditures BW Offshore Group**

	Years ended 31 December		
	2006 Unaudited	2005 Audited	2004 Audited
<b>Capital expenditures*</b>	<b>417.4</b>	<b>244.7</b>	<b>91.0</b>

\*) Capital expenditures related to the conversion of YUUM K'AK'NAAB amounts to USD 338.9 million at 31 December 2006. These expenses are accounted for as Construction contract expenses in the income statement and is as such not included in "Vessels and vessels under construction" in the balance sheet as at 31 December 2006.

On 15 January 2007, BW Offshore acquired 12,257,085 shares in Prosafe SE at a price of NOK 86 per share. The acquisition was financed by a private placement of 43,605,016 BW Offshore shares at a subscription price of NOK 26 per share which was conducted in 15 January 2007.

On 5 February 2007 BW Offshore acquired 4,415,000 shares in APL ASA for a consideration of 10,566,148 new shares in BW Offshore, resulting in an exchange ratio of approximately 2.39 BW Offshore shares for each APL ASA share.

On 22 February 2007 BW Offshore acquired the vessel Crystal Sea (renamed BW Carmen) for a purchase price of USD 80 million. USD 60 million was paid in cash and as settlement for part of the purchase price corresponding to USD 20 million BW Offshore issued 4,408,602 BW Offshore shares to the seller. The issue price was NOK 27.90 per share.

On 28 February 2007 BW Offshore acquired 6,500,000 shares in APL ASA, equal to approximately 14.8% of the shares and votes of APL ASA. After this purchase, BW Offshore Limited held 10,915,000 shares in APL ASA, corresponding to approximately 24.9% of the shares and votes in APL ASA (exchanged into 27.3% of the APL Shares upon completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer).

On 23 February 2007 BW Offshore acquired 43,675,905 shares in Prosafe SE at a price of NOK 86 per Prosafe SE share. After the acquisition, BW Offshore holds 55,932,990 shares in Prosafe SE, corresponding to 24.33% of the shares and votes in Prosafe SE. The acquisition was financed by the Private Placement of 172,943,889 new BW Offshore shares which was conducted on 26 March 2007.

The following table sets forth information on future committed capital expenditures for upgrading and capital expenditures for the conversion of the existing FPSO contracts and acquisitions of second-hand vessels and units, for which the Company has made firm commitments.

**Table 12-3: Future committed capital expenditures BW Offshore Group**

	<b>Instalments paid as of 31 Dec 2006</b>	<b>Within one year</b>	<b>One to three years</b>	<b>Total instalments</b>
	<b>USD million (unaudited)</b>			
YÙUM K'AK'NÁAB	338.9	60.5	0.0	399.4
BW Endeavour	55.8	5.3	0.0	61.1
BW Pioneer	1.6	14.4	0.0	16.0
Other vessels	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Capital expenditures</b>	<b>396.3</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>476.5</b>

All remaining committed instalments under the existing conversion contracts and from vessel acquisitions are anticipated to be funded from cash flow from operations, the Company's current cash position and drawings from the USD 600 million unsecured reducing revolver facility.

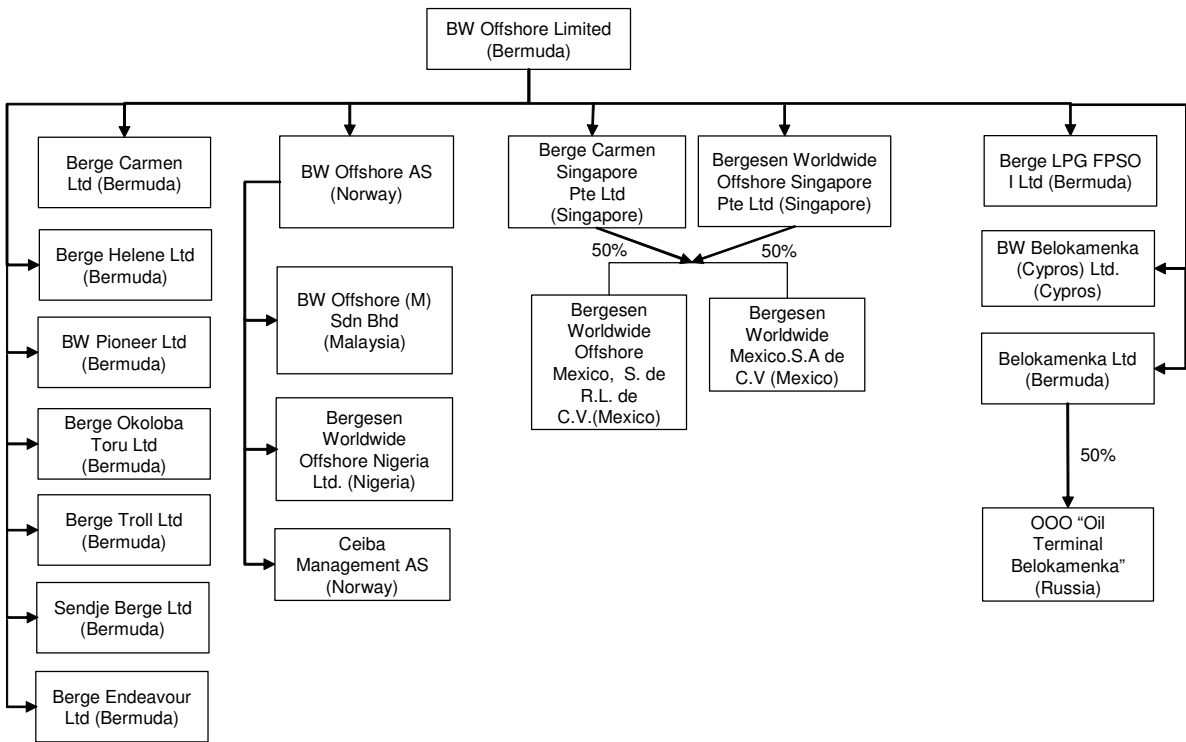
**13 PRESENTATION OF BW OFFSHORE**

BW Offshore is an international oil services company focused on the market for Floating Production Storage and Offloading. The Company’s operations date back to a division established by Bergesen d.y. ASA in 1997. The BW Offshore Group has grown to become one of the global leaders in the FPSO market. The fleet currently includes five oil FPSOs, one LPG FPSO, one Arctic FSO, one ULCC conversion candidate, one Suezmax conversion candidate and one LPG conversion candidate.

**13.1 Legal Structure of the BW Offshore Group**

The chart below sets out the legal and corporate structure of the BW Offshore Group.

**Figure 13-1: Legal structure BW Offshore Group**



Note: Ownership of the various companies is 100 % if not stated otherwise

**BW Offshore**

BW Offshore was incorporated on 7 June 2005 in Bermuda as an exempted company of unlimited duration under the provisions of the BCA. The Company is a limited liability company, operating under the laws of Bermuda. The Company’s registered office is Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda, and its registration number is 36937. The FPSO/FSOs are owned by Bermudian, wholly owned subsidiaries of BW Offshore.

**BW Offshore AS**

BW Offshore AS, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, is a management company operating out of Oslo, Norway. BW Offshore AS has entered into management agreements with the Company and its subsidiaries for the management and operations of the FPSO/FSOs as well as business development and project management. As of the date of this Offer Document, BW Offshore AS has 134 permanent employees, of which about 54 are engaged on the units offshore. In addition BW Offshore AS has approximately 60 consultants engaged in project organisations. The subsidiaries of BW Offshore AS hold no substantial assets and are involved in services in countries of operation. As a part of the BW Group, the Company has access to the BW Group’s three recruitment centres for offshore/marine personnel. Through its three manning centres, in Latvia, India and the Philippines, the Company can draw on a base of more than 3,000 people. BW Offshore AS has some 333 staff appointed from the

manning centres working on the units offshore employed through the BW Group. BW Offshore AS is headed by CEO Svein Moxnes Harfjeld, and its registered address is Drammensveien 149, NO-0212 Oslo, Norway. For an illustration of the organisational structure of the Company, please see section 15.2 "Management".

### 13.2 Global Presence

BW Offshore is active on a global basis. The Company is incorporated in Bermuda where the Board has its designation and the Company is domiciled. The Company's units are operating in arctic areas as well as the Gulf of Mexico and a number of West African countries. The BW Offshore Group's management company is located in Oslo, Norway. The Company has representative offices in Malaysia and Nigeria, and a site office is established in Singapore. It has manning centres, in Latvia, India and the Philippines, which provide service to companies in the BW group.

**Figure 13-2: BW Offshore presence**



### 13.3 History and Development of the Company

The origin of the operations of BW Offshore goes back to 1982 when Berge Sisar, an LPG FPSO later replaced by Berge Troll, was installed in Angola. In 1995, a co-operation with Statoil was entered into, involving the two turret moored FPSOs Berge Hugin and Navion Munin. The two units operated on long-term contracts at the UK Continental Shelf and offshore China respectively. These two units were divested in 2001. In 1999, the Bergesen d.y. ASA acquired Scan Offshore AS, at that time a newly established company seeking to convert generic FPSOs on speculation to secure employment at a later stage. Bergesen d.y. ASA converted three generic FPSOs of which two are still retained by the Company, although in significantly upgraded and field specific versions.

In 2003, the Sohmen family acquired BW Gas (previously named Bergesen d.y. ASA), thereby also acquiring BW Gas's offshore activities.

In January 2004, Bergesen Worldwide Limited became the parent company of the BW Group. In June 2005, Bergesen Worldwide Limited announced its intention to restructure the business into separate stand-alone entities for gas, offshore, tanker and dry bulk within the BW Group. As part of this restructuring, BW Offshore was established in Bermuda in June 2005 as a wholly owned subsidiary of the BW Group to serve as the holding company for the activities within the offshore segment of the

BW Group (previously held by BW Gas). The offshore business was separated through a purchase of the offshore units by the newly established group of single purpose companies wholly-owned by the Company. Also as part of the restructuring, the new management company, BW Offshore AS, was established by the Company to manage the offshore units. Personnel related to the offshore business in BW Gas were transferred to BW Offshore AS.

In April 2006, BW Offshore carried out a private placement of 78,947,368 shares totalling USD 300 million directed towards domestic and international institutional and professional investors. In a subsequent transaction in May 2006, BW Offshore conducted a private placement towards Spencer Energy of 6,118,421 shares totalling USD 23.25 million. At the same time BW Offshore entered into an agreement with Spencer Energy to purchase the rights it has with Shell Todd to purchase the FPSO BW Endeavour (ex. Whakaaropai, to be renamed BW Peace).

The BW Offshore were listed on Oslo Børs in May 2006.

In January 2007 the Company acquired 12,257,086 shares in Prosafe SE, equal to approximately 5.3% of the shares and votes of Prosafe SE at a purchase price of NOK 86 per share. To finance the acquisition, BW Offshore conducted a private placement of 43,605,016 shares totalling approximately USD 1.1 billion.

In February 2007 BW Offshore acquired 4,415,000 in APL in exchange for 10,566,148 shares in BW Offshore.

### 13.4 Track record

The Company has completed 11 unit conversions since the origin of its operations. All of these projects have been completed on time and on budget. An overview of the Company's projects is set out in the figure below.

**Figure 13-3: Historic and current projects and units**

Name	Type FPSO	Customer	Location	Start-up	Decommissioned	Comment
<b>HISTORICAL ACTIVITY</b>						
Berge Sisar	LPG FSO	Chevron	Cabinda, Angola	1982	1989	Replaced by Berge Troll.
Berge Troll	LPG FPSO	Chevron Texaco	Cabinda, Angola	1989	2005	Transferred to ultimate owner and sold in 2005 with delivery in 2006.
Navion Munin	Oil FPSO	Statoil	Lufeng, South China Sea	1997		Sold 2001.
Berge Hugin	Oil FPSO	Enterprise Oil	Pierce, North Sea	1999		Sold 2001.
Sendje Berge	Oil FPSO	Triton Energy	Ceiba, Equatorial Guinea	2000	2002	Replaced by Sendje Ceiba, modified and upgraded before relocated to Okwori, Nigeria.
Sendje Ceiba	Oil FPSO	Amerada Hess	Ceiba Field, Equatorial Guinea	2002		Sold 2004. Operations contract.
Berge Helene	Oil FPSO	Maersk Oil	Qatar	2004	2004	Temporary contract as FSO before converted and relocated to Chinguetti, Mauritania.
<b>CURRENT ACTIVITY</b>						
Belokamenka	Arctic FSO	Rosneft	Kola Bay, Russia	2004		In operation.
Sendje Berge	Oil FPSO	Addax	Okwori, Nigeria	2005		In operation.
Berge Okoloba Toru	LPG FPSO	Global	Bonny River, Nigeria	2005		In operation.
Berge Helene	Oil FPSO	Woodside	Chinguetti, Mauritania	2006		In operation.
YÙUM K'AK'NÀAB	Oil FPSO	Pemex	Ku-Maloob-Zaap, Mexico	2007		Project in progress.
BW Nisa	ULCC	Vitol	Malaysia	2006		Conversion candidate. Today on temporary contract as FSO.
BW Endeavour	Oil FPSO	Peak/Equator	Bilabri, Nigeria	2007		Project in progress.
BW Pioneer	Suezmax	-	-	-		Delivered to the Company in January 2007. Conversion candidate.
BE Carmen	Oil FPSO	-	-	-		Acquired and delivered to the Company on 22 February 2007.

BW Offshore was the first company to operate an LPG FPSO with its operations in Angola from 1982. Later BW Offshore converted and installed the first and only Arctic Oil FSO (FSO Belokamenka). In 2005 Bergesen Worldwide Limited won a tender to build the first FPSO to operate in the Gulf of Mexico that will be subcontracted to BW Offshore, cf. section 13.7.4 "YÙUM K'AK'NÀAB (previously BW Enterprise)". The FPSO YÙUM K'AK'NÀAB will commence operations in Mexico in April 2007.

### 13.5 HSSEQ

Health, safety, security, environment and quality ("HSSEQ") are given a high priority in all parts of the Group's management, conversions and operations of FPSOs and FSOs and support service processes. The Group's management systems address HSSEQ in detail and ensure a high HSSEQ standard throughout the whole organisation. BW Offshore's management has established policies for safety, security, occupational health and working environment, and environmental management. Measurable targets are defined for each onshore and offshore unit to ensure compliance with the laid down policies and to maintain a continuous improvement cycle. Personnel training and familiarisation with

the said policies is recognised as one of the key activities in order to achieve a HSSEQ culture of the highest standard and minimise risks.

BW Offshore's management systems address HSSEQ in detail and are compliant with and certified in accordance with the International Safety Management code for the safe operation of ships and for pollution prevention. BW Offshore's FPSOs are certified in accordance with the requirements in the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code. In addition BW Offshore is certified by the following international HSSEQ standards:

- ISO 9001 – Quality Management
- ISO 14001 – Environmental Management
- OHSAS 18001 – Occupational Health and Safety Management

### **13.6 Business Goal and Strategy**

BW Offshore's strategic goal as a stand-alone entity has been to grow organically with two new FPSO contracts per year, subject to market conditions and to achieve a balanced portfolio of oil and LPG FPSOs, with a mix of lean and large scale projects and geographical versatility.

The Company will continue to enhance its core strengths;

- Have competent personnel in project execution and FPSO operations
- Focus on oil and gas FPSOs
- Mid to large scale projects
- Broad geographical presence (excl. the North Sea)

BW Offshore will focus on maximising shareholder values and will strive to obtain a favourable return on invested capital. BW Offshore will actively consider consolidation opportunities if these are considered to be value enhancing for the Company's Shareholders.

### **13.7 Vessels and contracts**

#### *13.7.1 General*

BW Offshore currently has the BW Nisa (323,000 Dwt), the BW Pioneer (155,000 Dwt), BW LPG FPSO I and the newly acquired BW Carmen available for future oil FPSO projects.

BW Offshore is through its link to the BW Group, able to use the BW Group as a source of conversion candidates, participate in leveraged purchasing, work with its recruitment centres, etc., on arms length terms.

The BW Offshore units have been moored in water depths up to 800 meters, and have operated with internal and external turrets as well as spread mooring systems. Topside oil processing capacities have ranged from 50,000 bbl/d to 200,000 bbl/d and water injection has been delivered both with and without sulphate removal. BW Offshore has delivered gas compression for gas lift and re-injection on three units to date.

BW Offshore entered into a strategic cooperation with Malaysian International Shipping Corporation (MISC), a subsidiary of Petronas, the Malaysian state owned oil company, in May 2005. The main objective of this cooperation is to develop gas FPSOs to be applied on the Malaysian shelf. BW Offshore has consequently set up a representative office in Kuala Lumpur in support of the cooperation.

With the exception of the conversion candidates and the newly acquired BW Carmen, all of BW Offshore's units are engaged on long-term contracts ranging from 4 to 15 years. The conversion hull BW Nisa is currently engaged on a temporary storage contract in Malaysia that can be terminated by the Company when the vessel is required to be converted for an FPSO project.

13.7.2 *Berge Helene*

**Figure 13-4: Berge Helene at the Chinguetti field offshore Mauritania**



**Technical specifications**

**Table 13-1: Technical specifications Berge Helene**

First oil:	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2006
Liquid production capacity:	100,000 bbl/d
Oil production capacity:	75,000 bbl/d (peak 90,000 bbl/d)
Water injection capacity:	100,000 bw/d
Gas compression:	70 mmscf/d
Storage capacity:	2,000,000 bbl
Length overall:	349 meters
Breadth moulded:	52 meters
Depth moulded:	27 meters
Built year:	1976
Converted to FPSO year:	2002 and 2005
Mooring	Turret
Water depth	850 meters
Main process supplier:	Vetco Aibel AS
Design life:	Minimum 20 years from conversion
Class:	DNV
Flag:	Bahamas

**Contract with Woodside Petroleum**

The generic FPSO Berge Helene arrived at the Chinguetti field offshore Mauritania in November 2005, operating for Woodside Petroleum for the client Woodside Mauritania Pty Ltd. The duration of the contract is seven years fixed and four two-year options from February 2006. In addition, Woodside Petroleum may prolong the fixed period for three years against a reduced annual cash flow. The client may at any time during the initial term cancel the contract at its discretion against paying to BW Offshore an early termination fee. Woodside Petroleum has a purchase option which can be exercised at any time during the contract period. The purchase price under the purchase option starts at USD 238.8 million (if it had been exercised at the start of the contract term) and ends at USD 30 million (14 years after the contract term).

13.7.3 *Sendje Berge*

**Figure 13-5: Sendje Berge at the Okwori field**





**Technical specifications**

**Table 13-2: Technical specifications Sendje Berge**

First oil:	February 2005
Liquid production capacity:	60,000 bbl/d
Oil production capacity:	50,000 bbl/d
Gas compression capacity:	55 mmscfd
Storage capacity:	2,000,000 bbl
Length overall:	349 meters
Breadth moulded:	52 meters
Depth moulded:	27 meters
Built year:	1974
Converted to FPSO year:	2000
Mooring	Spread mooring
Water depth	140 meter water depth
Main process supplier:	Vetco Aibel AS
Design life:	Minimum 15 years from conversion
Class:	DNV
Flag:	Bermuda

**Contract with Addax Petroleum**

Generic FPSO Sendje Berge operates at the Okwori field offshore Nigeria for Addax Petroleum Exploration (Nigeria) Ltd. The contract duration is four years fixed and four years optional from March 2005. The client may at any time during the initial term cancel the contract at its discretion against paying to BW Offshore an early termination fee. Addax Petroleum has no option to purchase the vessel.

*13.7.4 YÙUM K'AK'NÁAB (previously BW Enterprise)*

**Figure 13-6: YÙUM K'AK'NÀAB**



**Technical specifications**

**Table 13-3: Technical specifications YÙUM K'AK'NÁAB**

Oil production capacity:	200,000 bbl/d/processing capacity
Oil receiving capacity:	400,000 bbl/d
Gas compression capacity:	120 mmscfd
Storage capacity:	2,500,000 bbl
Length overall:	341 meters
Breadth moulded:	65 meters
Depth moulded:	32 meters
Built year:	1981
Converted to FPSO year:	2006
Mooring	Turret
Water depth	90
Main process supplier:	Kanfa
Design life:	Minimum 20 years from conversion
Class:	DNV
Flag:	Bermuda

**Contract with Pemex**

YÙUM K'AK'NÁAB will be situated at the Ku-Maalob-Zaap field offshore Mexico. The contract is entered into with Pemex Exploración Y Producción and the contract term starts in June 2007. The duration of the contract is 15 years fixed and option to extend for additional 3 years. The client may terminate the contract and claim damages if BW Offshore fails to demonstrate an acceptance test that the FPSO complies with all the operational guarantees within 180 days after the scheduled acceptance date or is otherwise in substantial breach as defined in the contract. After acceptance the client may at any time terminate the contract at its discretion, by (i) paying for the services rendered until the termination and (ii) exercising its purchase option. PEMEX has a right to purchase the unit after acceptance throughout the contract term at the discounted price on the exercise date.

The contract with Pemex was entered into by Bergesen Worldwide Limited and cannot be assigned to BW Offshore. Bergesen Worldwide Limited has entered into agreements with BW Offshore, subcontracting to the effect that BW Offshore delivering assets and services and receiving the financial benefit of the contract with Pemex. The agreements between BW Offshore and Bergesen Worldwide Limited are not regarded as an assignment of the contract with Pemex.

13.7.5 *Berge Okoloba Toru*

**Figure 13-7: Berge Okoloba Toru at field**



**Technical specifications**

**Table 13-4: Technical specifications Berge Okoloba Toru**

Storage capacity:	75,807 meters <sup>3</sup>
Length overall:	225 meters
Breadth moulded:	34 meters
Depth moulded:	22 meters
Built year:	1979
Converted to FPSO year:	2004
Mooring:	Spread
Water depth:	20 meters
Design life:	Minimum 15 years from conversion
Refrigerated storage:	71,000 meters <sup>3</sup>
Sub-cooling up to:	1,500 tons LPG/d
Stripper capacity of	800 tons C3/d, 700 tons C4+/d
Class:	DNV
Flag:	Bermuda

**Contract with Global Gas and Refining**

Berge Okoloba Toru is moored in the Bonny River in the Cawthorne Channel and Awoba fields in Nigeria. The contract is entered into with Global Gas and Refining Limited ("Global") and started in May 2005. The duration of the contract is four years fixed and six years optional. The client may at any time during the initial term cancel the contract at its discretion against paying to BW Offshore an early termination fee. Global has an option to purchase the unit after three years of operation and at any time thereafter throughout the contract period, at prices starting at USD 76.6 million and ending at USD 5 million. Berge Okoloba Toru receives a gas stream from the onshore Shell terminal for further processing. The Shell terminal has temporarily been shut down due to terrorist acts by local

militant groups. Global, the charterer of the Berge Okoloba Toru has served a notice of force majeure, which came into effect on 15 September 2006.

### 13.7.6 Belokamenka

**Figure 13-8: Belokamenka on site**



### Technical specifications

**Table 13-5: Technical specifications Belokamenka**

Operation start:	April 2004
Storage capacity:	2,400,000 bbl with cargo heating system
Throughput capacity:	20 million tons per year
Length overall:	341 meters
Breadth moulded:	65 meters
Depth moulded:	32 meters
Built year:	1980
Converted to FPO year:	2003
Mooring:	Spread mooring
Design life:	Minimum 15 years from conversion
Class:	DNV/Russian Maritime Register of Shipping
Flag:	Bermuda/Russia

### Ownership

The BW Offshore subsidiary Belokamenka Limited is the 100% owner of the unit and has bareboat chartered Belokamenka to BW Belokamenka (Cyprus) Ltd, a subsidiary of BW Offshore, which again has bareboat chartered the unit to the Russian company Oil Terminal Belokamenka. Oil Terminal Belokamenka is a joint venture owned 50% by Belokamenka Limited and 50% of Rosneftflot, a subsidiary of Rosneft. The joint venture has again entered a transshipment agreement with the Rosneft subsidiary, Arkangelsknefteprodukt.

### Contract

Arctic FSO Belokamenka has operated as an oil terminal in Kola Bay, Russia for Rosneft since April 2004. The contract was entered into in January 2004 with JSC Oil Company "Rosneft-Archangelsknefteprodukt" ("Arkangelsknefteprodukt"). The duration of the contract is 15 years (fixed).

The contract for Belokamenka provides Rosneftflot with an option to purchase the unit from Oil Terminal Belokamenka Limited (of which BW Offshore owns 50%) after five years of operation and each month thereafter until 15 years of operation. The purchase price starts at USD 51.3 million and ends at USD 0.3 million in year 15 ("Option 1"). Correspondingly, Oil Terminal Belokamenka Limited has a purchase option directed against Belokamenka Limited (of which BW Offshore owns 100%) to purchase the unit after five years in operation and each month thereafter until 15 years of operation. The purchase price starts at USD 28.4 million and ends at USD 0.0 in year 15 ("Option 2"). In case of exercise, BW Offshore will receive 100% of the price of Option 2 and 50% of the difference between the price of Option 1 and the price of Option 2.

13.7.7 *BW Endeavour (to be renamed BW Peace)*

**Figure 13-9: BW Endeavour**



**Technical specifications**

**Table 13-6: Technical specifications BW Endeavour**

Oil production capacity:	40,000 bbl/d
Gas compression:	25.6 mmscfd gas lift
Storage capacity:	1,000,000 bbl
Length overall:	291 meters
Breadth moulded:	44 meters
Depth moulded:	23 meters
Built year:	1976
Converted to FPO year:	1996
Mooring:	Turret
Prepared for facilities upgrades	

**Contract with Peak Petroleum Industries Nigeria Ltd and Equator Exploration Ltd**

BW Offshore has signed a contract with Peak Petroleum Industries Nigeria Ltd and Equator Exploration Ltd (the "Companies") for the services of an FPSO at the Bilabri Field, located in Block OML 122, offshore Nigeria. BW Offshore will use the FPSO BW Endeavour, to be renamed BW Peace, for the services and operations.

The terms and provisions of the contract are the lease and operation of a FPSO for a fixed period of 3 years with the Companies' option to extend the contract for up to a total of 10 years. The operation on the Bilabri field is planned to commence during second half of 2007. The hire rate will consist of a fixed day rate plus a production incentive rate.

13.7.8 *BW Carmen*

**Figure 13-10: BW Carmen**



**Technical specifications**

**Table 13-7: Technical specifications Crystal Sea**

Storage capacity:	50,000 bbl
Oil production capacity:	40,000 bbl/day
Length overall:	101 meters
Breadth moulded:	21 meters
Depth moulded to shelterdeck:	11.5 meters
Built year:	1994
Mooring:	DP2
Class:	DNV
Flag:	Marshall Islands

BW Offshore acquired BW Carmen (ex. Crystal Sea) on 22 February 2007 for USD 80 million. The purchase contract included an indemnification from the previous owner for any intervention and claims originating from the time when the FPSO was owned by the previous owner. The vessel is expected to be employed on an undisclosed intended FPSO contract with commencement within 12 months.

#### 13.7.9 *BW Nisa*

**Figure 13-11: BW Nisa**



BW Nisa is a 1983 built ULCC of 323,000 Dwt. The vessel is earmarked as a conversion candidate for future FPSO projects.

BW Nisa is operating as FSO on temporary 18 months contract with Vitol in Malaysia. The contract term started in April 2006. The temporary contract can be cancelled by BW Offshore by providing a 180 days notice if the vessel is required to be converted for a FPSO project.

#### 13.7.10 *BW Pioneer*

**Figure 13-12: BW Pioneer**



BW Pioneer is a 1976 built Suezmax of 155,000 Dwt. The vessel was delivered to the Company in Singapore in January 2007. The vessel is earmarked as a conversion candidate for future FPSO projects.

#### 13.7.11 *BW LPG FPSO I*

In response to the industry's need to apply alternatives to flaring associated gas, BW Offshore has acquired the LPG carrier Andean Gas as a conversion candidate and renamed her BW LPG FPSO I.

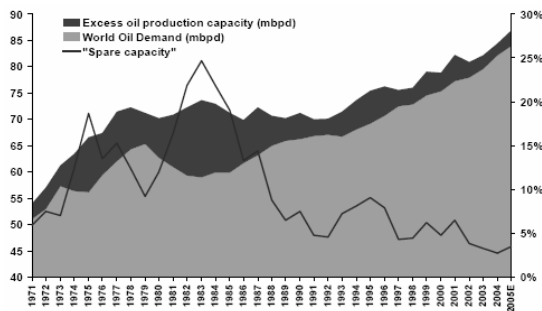
**14 BUSINESS AREAS AND MARKETS OF BW OFFSHORE**

**14.1 Exploration and Production Spending**

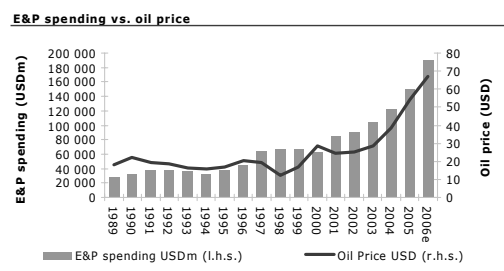
Oil companies spend resources in order to find, prove and develop hydrocarbon fields both onshore and offshore. The exploitation of offshore oil and gas fields require investment in production, storage, transportation and support infrastructure.

The key drivers in E&P spending are the oil companies’ need to replace reserves and develop proven fields in order to realise value. The oil price has an impact on the oil companies’ ability and desire to invest in E&P spending. There has historically been a correlation between the change in oil prices and the change in E&P spending, as illustrated below.

**Figure 14-1: Little spare production capacity is expected to increase E&P spending going forward**



**Figure 14-2: Global E&P spending vs. oil price (1989-2007e)**



Source: Carnegie Research

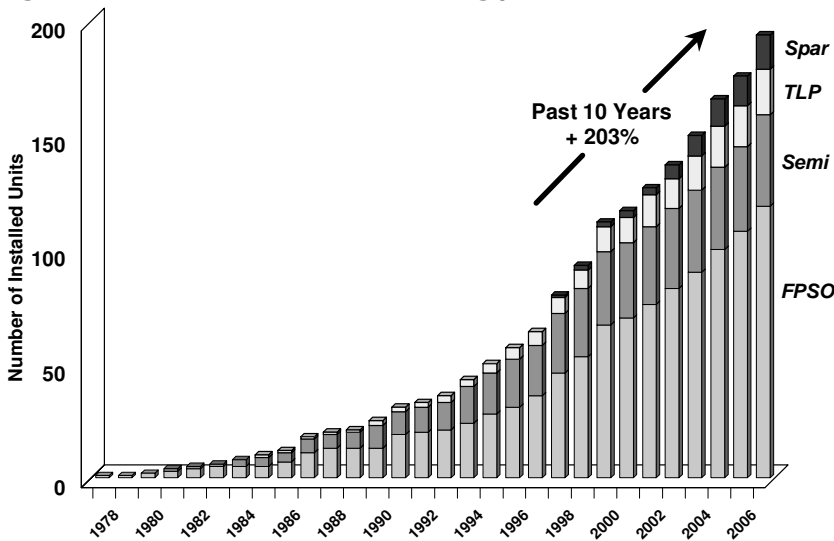
Source: BP, Carnegie Research, Evaluate Energy, company reports

**14.2 Offshore Production Market**

There are two main offshore production solutions currently in use – fixed installations and floating solutions. Fixed installations have traditionally been the preferred solution, and continue to dominate offshore field developments. However, floating production solutions are increasingly being used, driven by the need for cost effective development of deepwater fields and development of areas without sufficient infrastructure (e.g. West Africa, Brazil etc.).

The market for floating production solutions has developed very positively over the last years, growing from 12 to 184 units over the last 20 years (excluding production barges).

**Figure 14-3: Number of installed floating production units word wide**



Source: International Maritime Associates, 2006

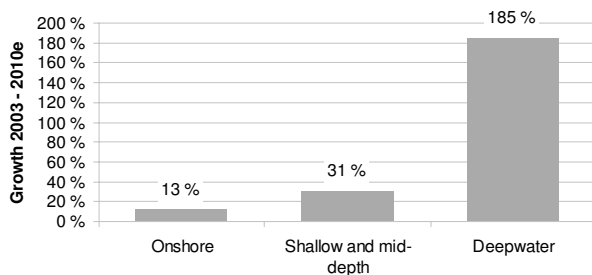
The floating production market can be roughly divided into four main segments:

1. Floating production, storage and offloading ("FPSO")
2. Floating production semi submersibles ("Semi")
3. Tension leg platforms ("TLP")
4. Spars

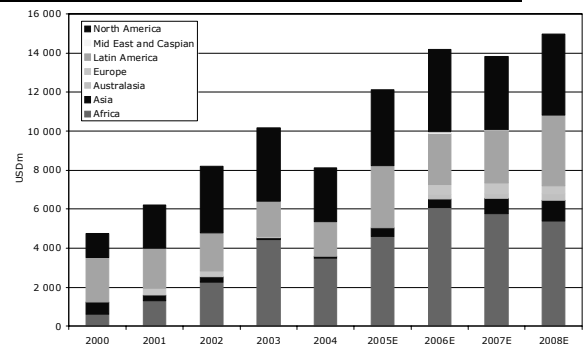
FPSO is the dominating solution, consisting of approximately 60% of the current fleet of 184 floating production units (excluding production barges), and approximately 74% of the current 58 units on order.

One of the main drivers of growth in the floating production market is the move to deepwater fields. One of the most prosperous areas for deepwater expenditure is expected to be in the West African region.

**Figure 14-4: Oil production is moving towards deepwater. Production growth from 2003-10**



**Figure 14-5: Average deepwater capital expenditure**

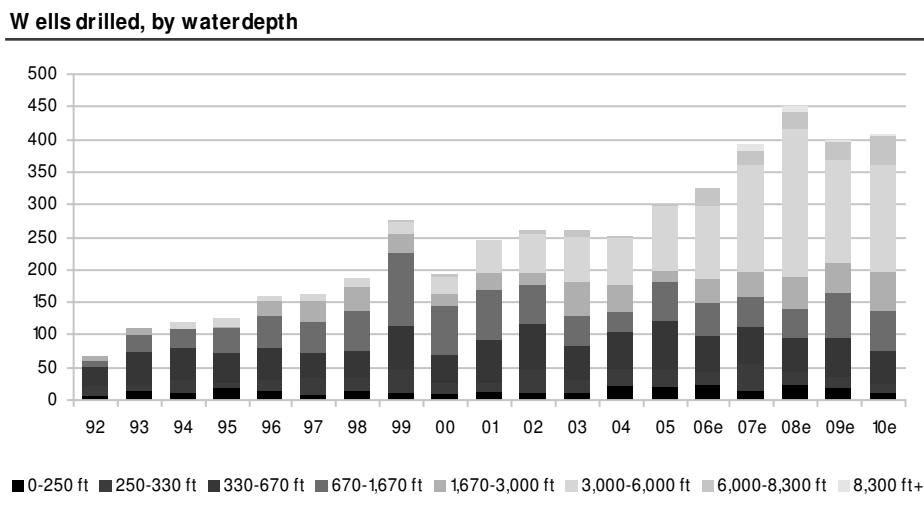


Source: Infield and Danske Equities

In the period 2003-2010 onshore production is expected to grow by 13% and shallow/mid water is expected to grow by 31%. In the same period offshore deepwater production (+500 meters water depth) is expected to grow by 183%. This trend is expected to continue further as future capital expenditure will be biased towards deepwater developments.

The expected growth in deepwater production can be further substantiated by an increasing number of deepwater wells drilled per year.

**Figure 14-6: Wells drilled, by water depth**

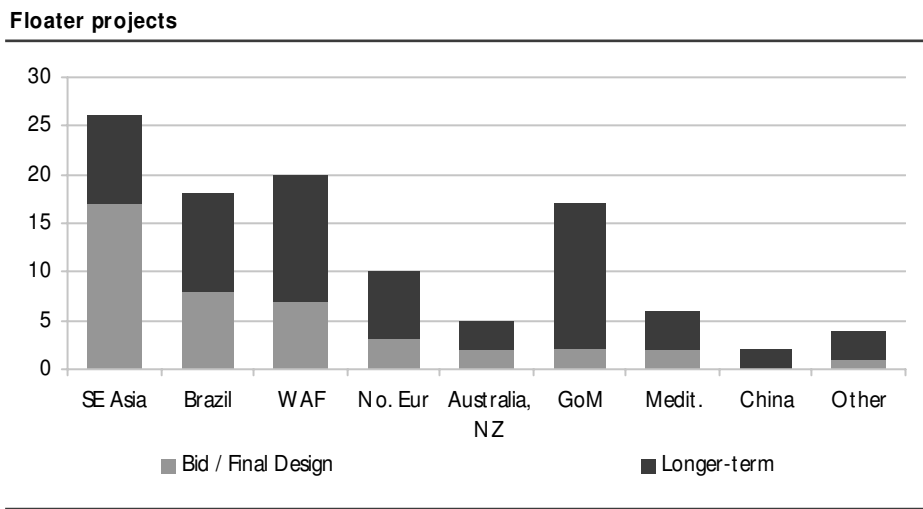


Source: Carnegie Research, Offshore Research

The floating production market is diversified, with different markets having different characteristics. The market is split between different geographic regions, environments, capital expenditure levels and customers.

International Maritime Associates Inc has identified 108 projects currently in the bidding, design or planning stage that would potentially require a floating production or storage system. If all of these projects were to materialise they would generate a requirement of 91 production floaters, 15 floating storage units and 7 floating regasification facilities. Of the 108 projects currently in the planning pipeline, 42 are in the bidding or final design stage and 66 projects are in a less mature stage of development. The main growth is expected to come from Southeast Asia, West Africa, Brazil and the Gulf of Mexico.

**Figure 14-7: Floater projects in the planning pipeline**



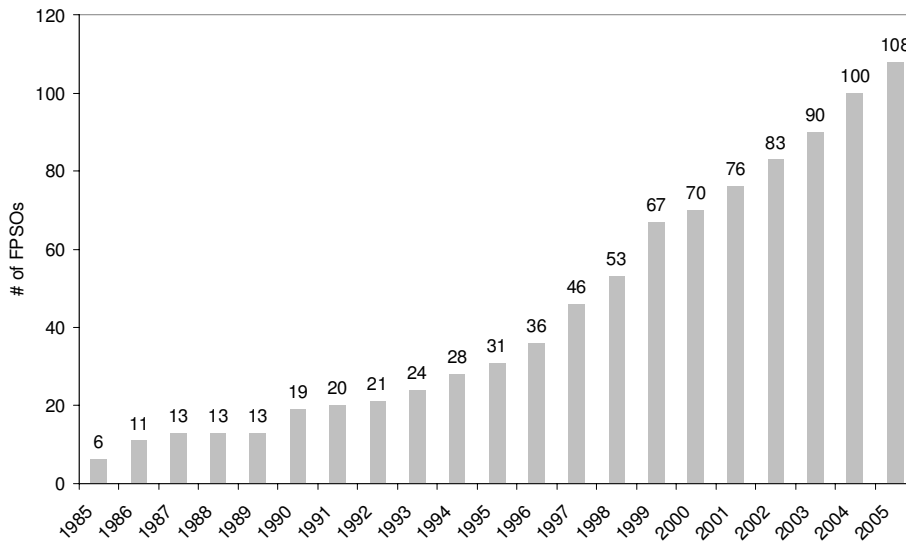
Source: Carnegie Research and International Maritime Associates

### 14.3 The FPSO Market

The first FPSO unit was installed in 1977 at the Castellon field in the Mediterranean. The market for FPSO solutions developed as a response to the oil companies' need for more flexible production solutions that could be quickly mobilised, required lower capital expenditures than fixed installations, had good storage capacity, could be deployed on deepwater fields, could be moved from one field to another and had low abandonment costs. The units are converted oil tankers with fitted topside production facilities and purpose built units with highly specialised functionality. By year end 2005 the total fleet in the market consisted of 108 FPSOs, and 32 FPSOs on order (14 new builds and 18 conversions).



**Figure 14-8: 20 year development of the worldwide FPSO fleet (no. of units by year end)**

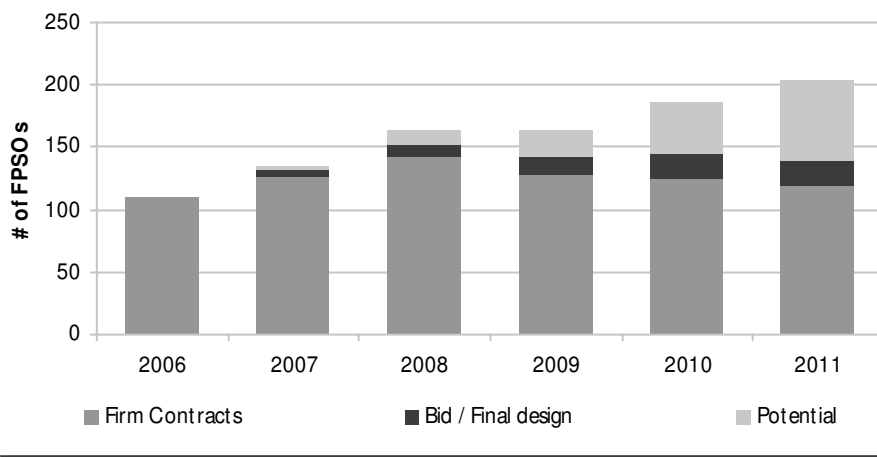


Source: International Maritime Associates 2006

The total number of FPSOs is expected to increase substantially over the next five year period, with a potential of around 200 FPSOs in the world by year end 2011.

**Figure 14-9: Forecasted development of the FPSO fleet going forward**

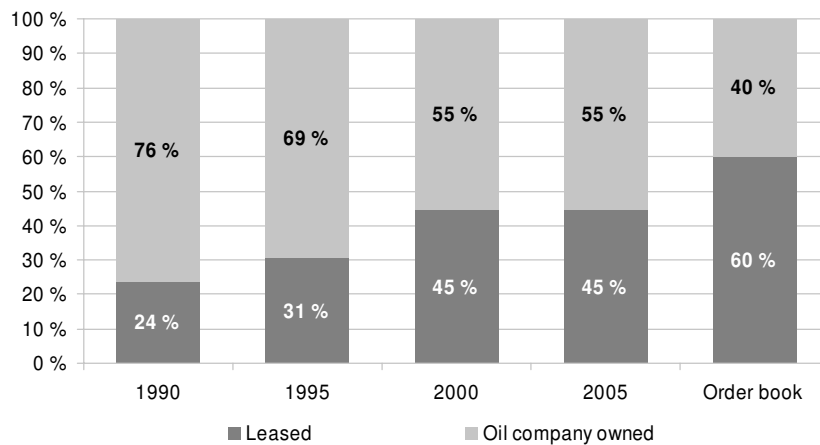
**FPSO fleet to reach 200 by 2011?**



Source: Carnegie Research

The FPSO market can be divided in two broad segments based on ownership model – the “sale market” and the “lease market”. The “sale market” is where the oil companies acquire and operate the FPSO. This is typically done for very high capital expenditure projects and/or for fields where the unit is expected to be deployed for more than 10 to 15 years. The “lease market” is where independent lease contractors own and operate the FPSO, and lease it to the field operators. This market is typically focused on the small to midsize FPSO projects or where the field life is expected to be shorter. Recent developments shows a trend from operator owned units towards contractor owned units, as the market for leased units has matured, focus on core business among oil companies has increased and smaller independent oil companies are more present in field developments. While 35% of the fleet in 1995 was operator owned, 60% of the units on order will be owned by the contractors.

**Figure 14-10: Contracts increase market share – FPSOs split by ownership**

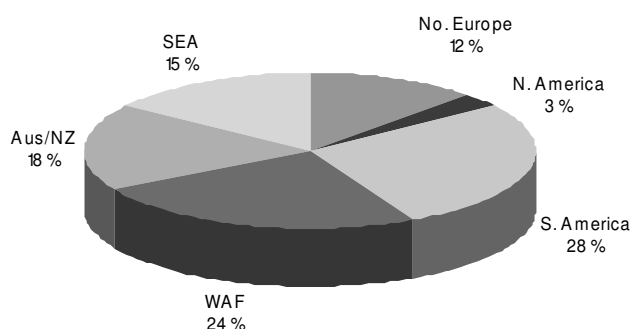


Source: Danske Equities

Based on installations to date, Northern Europe, Asia Pacific and West Africa have been the dominant geographical regions. Going forward, the main growth is expected in the West African, Asia Pacific and South American regions.

**Figure 14-11: Current order book of FPSOs by geographic region**

FPSOs on order



Source: Carnegie Research, IMA

#### 14.4 LPG FPSO Market

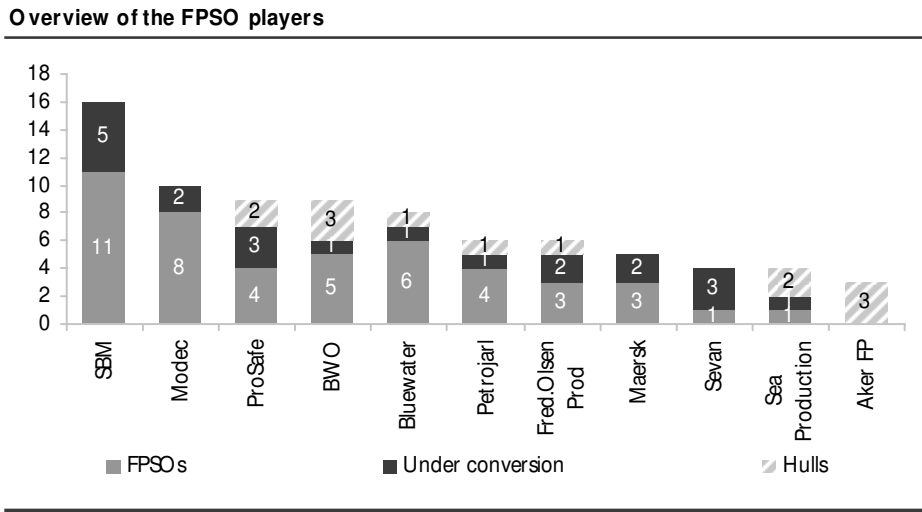
Currently the market for LPG FPSO is relatively modest. Only two units are currently in operation. However, the advantages by LPG FPSOs are many. The main growth is expected to be seen in West Africa and South East Asia. As focus increases on the environmental effects of e.g. flaring, LPG FPSO stands out as a very attractive alternative as it also is an efficient mean of monetization of LPG extraction.

#### 14.5 Market Players in the FPSO Lease Market

The FPSO market consists of a limited set of relatively large players, and a larger group of smaller players. As each region differs in operating conditions and vessel requirements, the market can be divided into several geographical regions that effectively form separate market segments. There is a distinct difference between operations in the North Sea and rest of the world, with specific regulations applicable in the North Sea. Due to this difference, one does not typically find players present in both of these segments. Also, there are differences with regards to strategy and services scope. The FPSO companies are to a different extent involved in design and engineering, construction and fabrication. The table below shows a selection of the players in terms of number of current FPSOs, including ongoing conversions<sup>7</sup> and conversion candidates but excluding FSOs:

<sup>7</sup> Excluding Letters of Intent

**Figure 14-12: Overview of the FPSO players**



Source: Carnegie Research

Some of these players, like BW Offshore, SBM Offshore, Modec and Prosafe are focusing on the global market excluding the North Sea. Some of the other players are focused on more specific geographical regions, like the North Sea and/or other areas.

#### 14.6 Redeployment

As the market for FPSO solutions is relatively young, there has been little need for redeployment of units. However, as the FPSO market matures, redeployment of existing units becomes increasingly important. In the last five years, redeployment has counted for 25% of FPSO contracts and the two last years 33%. Of the current fleet of 108 units (by year end 2005), more than 50% have been on contract for five years or longer. Numerous technical issues influence the economics of FPSO redeployment. Redeployment offers significant advantages in reduced delivery time and lower construction risk relative to new conversions.

## 15 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES OF BW OFFSHORE

### 15.1 Board of Directors

As of the date of this Offer Document the Board of the Company consists of the following members:

**Table 15-1: Board of the Company**

Name	Position	Director since
Helmut Sohmen	Chairman	2006
Andreas Sohmen-Pao	Deputy Chairman	2005
David Gairns	Director	2006
René Huck	Director	2006
Christophe Pettenati-Auzière	Director	2006
Kathie Child-Villiers	Director	2006

The directors shall hold office for such term as the shareholders may determine, see section 17.11.3.

**Helmut Sohmen, Chairman**, born 1939, has served as Chairman of the Board since 2006. Dr. Sohmen was educated in law in his native Austria and in the United States, and has been involved in the shipping industry since 1970. Since 1986, he has been Chairman of the World-Wide Shipping group companies, and currently also serves as Chairman of Bergesen Worldwide Limited, BW Gas, Bergesen LNG Limited, and BW Corporation Limited. He is a non-executive Director of HSBC Holdings plc. Previously, he was President of the Baltic and International Maritime Council, Chairman of the Hong Kong Shipowners Association, member of the London Steamship and Britannia Protection and Indemnity Clubs, and member of the General Committee of Lloyd's Register of Shipping. Dr. Sohmen lives in Hong Kong and his business address is World Wide Shipping Agency Limited, 23/F, 9 Des Voeux Road West, Hong Kong SAR, China.

**Andreas Sohmen-Pao, Deputy Chairman**, born 1971. Mr. Sohmen-Pao is Managing Director and member of the board of BW Shipping Managers Pte Ltd and Vice-chairman of the board of BW Gas. He also serves on the board of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, as member of the Advisory Board of Deutsche Bank SHL (Schiffshypothekenbank zu Lübeck Ag) and as board member of Bergesen LNG Limited. Mr. Sohmen-Pao holds a double first class honours degree (B.A. Hons) from Oxford University and an MBA with distinction from Harvard Business School. Mr. Sohmen-Pao is the son of Dr. Helmut Sohmen (Chairman) and lives in Singapore. His business address is BW Shipping Managers Pte Ltd, 30 Hill Street, # 03 00, Singapore 179360.

**David Gairns, Director**, born 1936 is a UK Chartered Accountant who spent his entire professional life with KPMG, retiring in 1991 as the senior partner of the Hong Kong firm. He is a past president of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. He spent 40 years of his working life in Hong Kong and from 1991 to 2002 he acted as non executive director and chairman of the audit committee of a number of public companies in Hong Kong including The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited and the Mass Transit Railway Corporation. He is currently an independent non executive director and chairman of the audit committee of Edinburgh Dragon trust Limited, an investment company listed on the London Stock Exchange. He lives in Scotland and his business address is 33/1 Blackford Road, Edinburgh EH9 2DT, Scotland. Mr. Gairns is independent from the Company's management, major shareholders and principal business associates.

**René Huck, Director**, born 1947, is a member of the Board of Directors of PetroAlliance, a Russian Oil & Gas Services company partly owned by Schlumberger. He has previously been member of the Boards of Directors of Hanover Compressors, Western Geco and M.I.-Swaco. Mr. Huck is recently retired from Schlumberger where he has held a variety of senior positions over the last 15 years, most recently as Vice-President QHSE and Industry Affairs. Before joining Schlumberger, Mr. Huck was CEO of the drilling contractor Techfor – Cosifor. Prior to that, he worked 16 years as an engineer and operations manager at TOTAL. Mr. Huck is a Mechanical Engineer from Ecole Centrale in Nantes, France and a Petroleum Engineer from the French Petroleum Institute in Paris, France. Mr. Huck lives in London and his business address is Apartment 5H, Gloucester Park Apartments, Ashburn Place,

Kensington London SW7 4LL, United Kingdom. Mr. Huck is independent from the Company’s management, major shareholders and principal business associates.

**Christophe Pettenati-Auzière, Director**, born 1952, is President of Geophysical Services with Compagnie Générale de Géophysique (CGG) in Paris. He has served with CGG since 1996, holding several senior management positions in the group. Before joining CGG, Mr. Pettenati-Auziere has worked with Coflexip for 14 years, where his latest position was as Corporate Vice President, International and Industrial Operations. Before Coflexip, Mr. Pettenati-Auziere has also worked for Exxon and Schlumberger. Mr. Pettenati-Auziere holds a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from Institut National Polytechnique de Grenoble, France. He also holds an MBA from INSEAD, Fontainebleau, France. Mr. Pettenati-Auziere lives in Paris, France and his business address is CGGVeritas, 1 rue Léon Migaux, 91341 Massy Cedex, France. Mr Pettenati-Auziere is independent from the Company’s management, major shareholders and principal business associates.

**Kathie Child-Villiers, Director**, born 1965, is a Managing Director of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation’s (HSBC) Resources & Energy Group. Prior to joining HSBC she was a Managing Director at Merrill Lynch in the Energy & Power Group. Ms. Child-Villiers has also worked with Bear, Stearns & Co and Drexel Burnham Lambert. Ms. Child-Villiers has during her 16 year career advised on a number of significant mergers, acquisitions, privatisations and related financing transactions in the European Utilities landscape. Ms. Child-Villiers holds an International M.B.A. from the Rotterdam School of Management (Erasmus University) and holds a B.S. in Economics from Dartmouth College, Hanover, USA. Ms. Child-Villiers lives in London and her business address is HSBC Bank plc, Managing Director, Resources and Energy Group, Global Investment Banking, Level 18, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, United Kingdom. Ms. Child-Villiers is independent from the Company’s management, major shareholders and principal business associates.

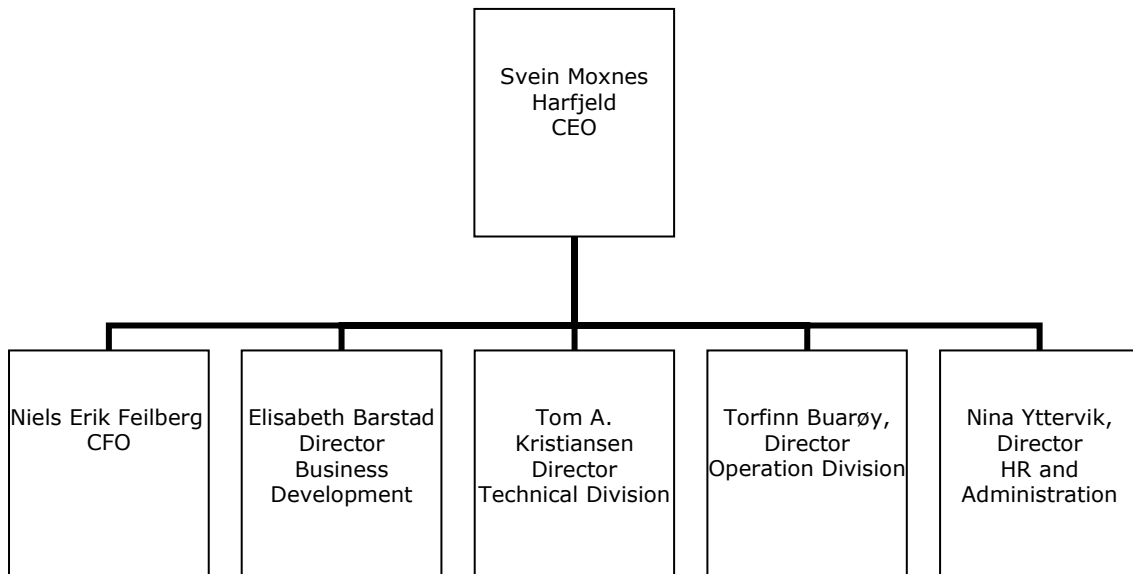
Dr. Sohmen’s and Mr. Sohmen-Pao’s direct and indirect shareholding in the Company is set out in section 15.3 –“Conflicts of interest etc”. The remaining Board members do not hold BW Offshore shares. The Board members have no options or rights to shares in the Company.

There are no employee representatives at the Board.

**15.2 Management**

As at the date of this Offer Document, the management of BW Offshore consists of the following persons:

**Figure 15-1: Management of BW Offshore**



**Svein Moxnes Harfjeld, CEO.** Svein Moxnes Harfjeld, born 1964, has been CEO since August 2005 as well as CFO from August 2005 to April 2006. Mr. Harfjeld came to Bergesen d.y. ASA in 2004 as a member of the board of management holding the position as Director, Business Development and Administration, a role that also included the responsibility for Bergesen's offshore division. He came to Bergesen from his position as Director with World-Wide Shipping in Singapore. Harfjeld has held numerous senior management positions with companies such as Andhika Group, Gruppo Coe & Clerici and Mitsui O.S.K. He started his shipping career with the Torvald Klaveness Group in Norway. He has also held non-executive directorships within the V. Ships group and GAC. Harfjeld has participated in executive management programs at INSEAD.

Mr Harfjeld holds directly or indirectly 266,733 shares in BW Offshore.

**Niels Erik Feilberg, CFO.** Niels Erik Feilberg, born 1961, joined the Company in April 2006 as CFO. He came from the position as Vice President in Teekay Norway. He has a background within finance from a career in shipping companies like Ugland Nordic Shipping ASA (CFO), Nordic American Tanker Shipping Ltd (CFO/Treasurer), I.M.Skaugen as/Eikland as (Finance Manager) and Kosmos Shipping (Finance Manager). Mr. Feilberg has previously been board member of Network Electronics ASA. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce with Honors with a major in finance from Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.

Mr Feilberg holds directly or indirectly 192,534 shares in BW Offshore.

**Elisabeth Barstad, Director, Business Development.** Elisabeth Barstad, born 1967, is Director, Business Development. She joined Bergesen in 2002. Her past experience includes various technical and managerial positions within reservoir engineering, drilling, field development and corporate planning with ExxonMobil Production Company and management consulting with PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting. Mrs. Barstad is currently member of the board of BW Offshore Nigeria Ltd. She graduated with a Master of Engineering from Imperial College in London in 1992, and completed a Master of Business Administration from the Norwegian School of Management (BI) in Oslo in 1999.

Mrs. Barstad holds directly or indirectly 42,534 shares in BW Offshore.

**Tom A. Kristiansen, Director, Technical Division.** Tom Arne Kristiansen, born 1963, is Director, Technical Division. His areas of responsibility are design and engineering, project budgeting and procurement, and project management. He joined Bergesen in 2002 where he has served positions as Topsides Manager and Engineering Manager. Before joining Bergesen, he worked for ABB Offshore System as Lead Process Engineer and Engineering Manager. He has a Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Mechanical Engineering from the Norwegian Institute of Technology in Trondheim (NTH now NTNU).

Mr. Kristiansen holds directly or indirectly 25,867 shares in BW Offshore.

**Torfinn Buarøy, Director, Operation Division.** Torfinn Buarøy, born 1956, is Director, Operation Division. Mr Buarøy is currently member of the board of BW Offshore Malaysia Sdn Bhd And BW Offshore Nigeria Ltd. He has previously been board member of Pierce Production Company Ltd. and Bergesen d.y. Offshore. In Bergesen, he started as Project Engineer in the Newbuilding Department, moved to the position of Executive Officer of Partrederiet Berge Hugin DA and then Manager of Offshore Operations Department before entering his current position. Before he joined Bergesen in 1991, he worked as a Senior Surveyor in Det Norske Veritas and as a General Manager in Engineering Partner AS. He has a M.Sc. in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering from the Norwegian Institute of Technology in Trondheim (NTH now NTNU).

Mr. Buarøy holds directly or indirectly 25,867 shares in BW Offshore.

**Nina Christin Yttervik, Director HR and Administration,** born 1968. Her area of responsibility is Human Recourses, IT, Information and PR and Administration. Before she joined the Company in November 2005, she was a HR Advisor in TINE. She has various backgrounds in management

positions in Enitel and the Norwegian Forces. She graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Oslo in 1996, and has two years of Master of Management studies from the Norwegian School of Management (BI) in Oslo. Yttervik has participated in executive management program at IMD.

Ms. Yttervik holds directly or indirectly 14,071 shares in BW Offshore.

All the Directors listed in this section 15.2 "Management" have employment contracts with BW Offshore AS and are resident in or around Oslo. The business address of all the Directors listed in this section 15.2 is that of BW Offshore AS, as set forth in section 13.1 "Legal structure of the BW Offshore Group".

The members of the management have no options or rights to shares in the Company.

### 15.3 Conflicts of Interests etc.

The World-Wide Shipping group of companies was founded by Sir Yue-Kong Pao in 1955 in Hong Kong. His eldest daughter Anna is married to Helmut Sohmen who joined World-Wide Shipping in 1970 and became Chairman in 1986. The Sohmen family made a successful general offer for Bergesen d.y. ASA in 2003 and has since been the controlling shareholder of that entity (now restyled BW Gas ASA), as well as of the Company and of Bergesen Worldwide Limited and Bergesen LNG Limited. Through various corporate vehicles, the Sohmen family also controls a number of service companies involved in ship operations and vessel ownership for crude oil carriers, product tankers, and dry cargo ships.

As of the date of this Offer Document, Bergesen Worldwide Limited is approximately 93% owned by companies controlled by corporate interests associated with the Sohmen family. Bergesen Worldwide Limited owns approximately 63.8% of the outstanding shares in the Company. Accordingly, the Sohmen family indirectly controls the majority of the Company's shares and will effectively control the outcome of matters on which the Company's shareholders are entitled to vote.

The dilution effect of the Offer for Bergesen Worldwide Limited will depend on (i) the number of APL Shares acquired by BW Offshore through the Offer; and (ii) the allocation of acceptances between the Share Alternative and the Cash Alternative. Assuming that BW Offshore through the Offer receives acceptances representing all APL Shares, Bergesen Worldwide Limited may be diluted as follows:

<b>Alternatives (exemplified) of percentage of consideration settled in BW Offshore shares</b>	<b>Dilution effect*</b>
60%	10.6%
100%	16.5%

\*Dilution effect = Ownership share (%) post Offer divided by ownership share (%) pre Offer minus 100% = percentage immediate dilution in ownership share for BW Offshore shareholders resulting from the issuance of the Consideration Shares. See section 4.4 for a description of the calculation of number of Consideration Shares to be issued by BW Offshore under the Offer.

Bergesen Worldwide Limited will own minimum 53.2% of BW Offshore upon completion of the Offer.

Dr. Helmut Sohmen is Chairman and his son Andreas Sohmen-Pao is Deputy Chairman of the Board of the Company.

All other Board members are considered independent from Management, major shareholders or principal business associates.

Other than the above mentioned, BW Offshore is not aware of any further potential conflicts of interests between the management's and the directors' duties to the company, and their private interests and/or other duties.

The Board members and managers have not been associated with any bankruptcies, receiverships, or liquidations for the last five years. None of the Board members or the managers have been the



subject of any official public incrimination and/or sanctions by statutory or regulatory authorities (including designated professional bodies), or been disqualified by a court from acting as a member of the administrative, management or supervisory body of an issuer or from acting in the management or conduct of the affairs of any issuer, or convicted of any fraudulent offences, within the last five years.

#### **15.4 Remuneration and Benefits**

As the Company was established third quarter 2005 there are no comparable figures for the remuneration to the management or Board in the year 2005.

The remuneration of the members of the Board is determined annually by the general meeting of the Company. No contracts have been entered into with any of the directors entitling them to any benefits upon termination of their function as member of the board of directors.

The current yearly compensation to each director of the Board from May 2006, except for the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman, will be approximately USD 40,000. The Chairman and the Deputy Chairman have waived their director's fees.

The current remunerations and benefits are entitling the group of senior management, excluding the CEO, to an aggregate yearly basic compensation of approximately USD 1,300,000. Other benefits such as group life insurance, health insurance and company cars amount to approximately USD 150,000. The current yearly expense for pensions is approximately USD 400,000.

The Board is responsible for deciding the CEO's compensation. The current remuneration scheme entitles the CEO to a basic yearly salary of approximately USD 470,000 and other yearly benefits such as group life insurance, health insurance and company car of approximately USD 30,000. The current yearly expense for pensions to the CEO is approximately USD 220,000.

The pension expenses for the present year do not represent an average year as funds are being allocated to cover new pensionable income.

There is no severance programme for the senior management apart from a reciprocal six months term of notice.

The incentive compensation program consists of a yearly bonus arrangement. The yearly bonus scheme is offered to permanent employees in the management office in Oslo and a limited number of key offshore employees.

The yearly bonus arrangement will be based on the Company's return on total capital employed ("ROCE") for the financial year. A ROCE above 8% will entitle the employees to a cash bonus equal to one month salary. A ROCE above 10% and above 12% will give a cash bonus equal to two and three month's salary respectively.

The Company has established an Employee Stock Owning Programme (ESOP). In connection with the listing of BW Offshore on Oslo Børs in May 2006, BW Offshore resolved to offer all the employees either employed or in the process of being employed in BW Offshore AS shares in BW Offshore. The employees were offered shares in BW Offshore for an amount corresponding to 1/3 of their annual salary at the time of the listing.

The employees have undertaken not to sell the shares during the period of three years as from the date of the purchase and the shares will be attached with a lock-up correspondingly. BW Offshore is offering a loan for the purposes of financing the share acquisition. No repayment of the loan will be required during the lock-up period of three years. There will be calculated interest on the loan corresponding to the interest rate applicable to favourable loans to employees at any given time, cf. section 5-12, sub-section 4, of the Tax Act. If the employee remains in employment with BW Offshore AS after the end of the three-year period, BW Offshore will pay a bonus to the employee corresponding to the loan. If the employee resigns prior to the three-year period, the employee will have to repay the loan in its entirety upon the discontinuation of employment

BW Offshore has set aside or accrued what the Company deems as adequate amounts to provide pension, retirement or similar benefits for its officers and employees. As at 31 December 2006 this amounted to USD 4.0 million.

### 15.5 Employees

The table below sets out the number of permanent employees of the Company at 28 February 2007 by geographical location:

**Table 15-2: Permanent employees of BW Offshore**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Number of employees at 28 February 2007</b>
Norway	65
Nigeria	25
Mauritania	11
Russia	1
Malaysia	8
Oslo/Singapore	5
Mexico	1
Singapore	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>134</b>

The average number of temporary employees during 2006 has been 6.

## **16 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE OF BW OFFSHORE**

Bermuda does not have a corporate governance code that applies to the Company.

The Board of Directors of the Company has adopted a Corporate Governance Policy to reflect BW Offshore's commitment to good corporate governance. This Policy is based on the "Norwegian Guidelines on Corporate Governance" ("Norsk anbefaling for eierstyring og selskapsledelse") dated 28 November 2006, prepared by the Norwegian Committee for Corporate Governance ("Norsk Utvalg for Eierstyring og Selskapsledelse").

The Norwegian Guidelines on Corporate Governance are "comply or explain" guidelines. BW Offshore's Corporate Governance Policy complies with the Norwegian Guidelines with certain deviations as outlined and explained below.

In accordance with common practice for Bermuda companies, BW Offshore's objects as stated in its Memorandum of Association are wider and more extensive than recommended in the Norwegian Guidelines.

In accordance with Bermuda law and common practice for Bermuda companies, the Board is authorised to approve the purchase by the Company of its own shares and to increase the authorised and issued share capital by the issuance of new shares. The latter authority is neither limited to specific purposes nor to a specified period as recommended in the Norwegian Guidelines.

To avoid that the Company becomes a "controlled foreign entity" pursuant to Norwegian tax legislation, the Board may refuse to register the transfer of any share, where such transfer would in the opinion of the Board be likely to result in 50% or more of the issued and outstanding share capital being owned by individuals or legal persons resident for tax purposes in Norway.

Considering the shareholder structure, the Company does not have a nomination committee.

## **17 SHARE CAPITAL AND SHAREHOLDER MATTERS OF BW OFFSHORE**

### **17.1 The BW Offshore Shares**

#### *17.1.1 General*

The following description of the Company's share capital and shareholders matters is based on, and qualified in its entirety, by reference to the full text of the Bye-Laws, attached to this Offer Document as Appendix VII.

#### *17.1.2 Share capital*

The authorized share capital of the Company as at the date of this Offer Document is USD 5,000,000 divided into 500,000,000 shares. The issued share capital as of the same date is USD 4,379,186.39 divided into 437,918,639 shares. The issued shares are fully paid and with a par value of USD 0.01 per share.

#### *17.1.3 Share rights*

All issued BW Offshore shares are vested with equal shareholder rights in all respects. The Company has obtained all required Bermuda government permissions so that there are currently no limitations on the right of non-Bermudians or non-residents of Bermuda to hold or vote the BW Offshore shares.

All issued BW offshore shares are vested with equal shareholder rights in all respects. There is only one class of shares.

Holders of the BW Offshore shares have no pre-emptive, redemption or conversion rights. In the event of the Company's liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of the BW Offshore shares are entitled to share equally and rateably in its assets, if any, remaining after the payment of all of its debts and liabilities, subject to any liquidation preference on any issued and outstanding preference shares.

#### **Dividend rights**

Under Bermuda law, a company's board of directors may declare and pay dividends from time to time unless there are reasonable grounds for believing that the company is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due or that the realisable value of its assets would thereby be less than the aggregate of its liabilities and issued share capital and share premium accounts. Under the Bye-Laws, each BW Offshore share is entitled to dividends if, as and when dividends are declared by its Board, subject to any preferred dividend right of the holders of any preference shares. There are no restrictions on the Company's ability to transfer funds (other than funds denominated in Bermuda dollars) in and out of Bermuda or to pay dividends to Norwegian residents who are holders of the BW Offshore shares.

#### **Variation of class rights**

If at any time the Company has more than one class of shares, the rights attaching to any class, unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class, may be varied either: (i) with the consent in writing of the holders of 75% of the issued shares of that class; or (ii) with the sanction of a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast at a separate general meeting of the relevant class of shareholders at which a quorum consisting of at least two persons holding or representing by proxy one-third of the issued shares of the relevant class is present. The Bye-Laws specify that the creation or issue of shares ranking equally with existing shares will not, unless expressly provided by the terms of issue of existing shares, vary the rights attached to existing shares.

#### **Voting rights**

At any general meeting, every holder of shares present in person and every person holding a valid proxy shall have one vote on a show of hands. On a poll, every such holder of shares present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share held. The beneficial owners of BW Offshore shares registered in the VPS system must exercise any rights of ownership relating to the BW Offshore shares, including all voting rights attached to the BW Offshore shares, by instructing the Registrar as

the registered holder of the BW Offshore shares accordingly. Unless a different majority is required by law or by the Bye-Laws, any question proposed for the consideration of the shareholders at a general meeting shall be decided by the affirmative votes of a majority of the votes cast in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-Laws and in case of an equality of votes the resolution shall fail. No Bye-Laws shall be rescinded, altered or amended unless the same shall have been proposed and approved by resolution of the directors and by a resolution of the shareholders.

#### *17.1.4 Registration of the BW Offshore shares*

The Company's register of members is maintained in Bermuda at the Company's registered office at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street Hamilton, Bermuda.

All shares admitted to trading on Oslo Børs must be registered in the VPS, which is Norway's paperless centralised securities registry. To achieve compatibility of the requirements of Bermuda company law as to the registration and transfer of shares with Norwegian requirements, the BW Offshore shares will for the purpose of Bermuda company law, be entered in the Company's register of members in the name of the Registrar, which will hold such shares as nominee on behalf of the beneficial owners. For the purpose of enabling trading in the BW Offshore shares on Oslo Børs, the Company will maintain a register in VPS operated by the Registrar as the Company's account operator, where the beneficial ownership interests in and transfer of the beneficial ownership interests in the BW Offshore shares will be recorded. These arrangements are set out in a Registrar Agreement dated 24 April 2006 (the "Registrar Agreement"), attached as Appendix IV to this Offer Document.

In accordance with market practice in Norway and system requirements of VPS and Oslo Børs, the investors will be registered in VPS as beneficial owners of the BW Offshore shares and the instruments listed and traded on Oslo Børs will be referred to as shares in the Company. For the purpose of Bermuda law, the Registrar will, however, be regarded as the owner of the BW Offshore shares and investors registered as owners of the BW Offshore shares in VPS will have to exercise, indirectly through the Registrar as their nominee, all rights of ownership relating to the BW Offshore shares. The investors registered as owners in VPS must look solely to the Registrar for the payment of dividends, for the exercise of voting rights attached to the BW Offshore shares, and for all other rights arising in respect of the BW Offshore shares. The Registrar Agreement provides that whenever the Registrar receives any notice, report, accounts, financial statements, circular or other similar document relating to the Company's affairs, including notice of a shareholders meeting, the Registrar shall ensure that a copy of such document is promptly sent to the investors registered as owners in VPS, along with any proxy card form or other relevant materials.

All transactions related to securities registered with the VPS must be recorded in the VPS and the transactions are recorded through computerised book-entries. No physical share certificates are or can be issued for securities registered with VPS. VPS confirms each entry by sending a notification of the transaction to the relevant investor, regardless of beneficial ownership. The evidence of ownership through the VPS is the only formality required in order to acquire and sell beneficial ownership of the BW Offshore shares on Oslo Børs. To effect these entries, the investor must establish a securities account with a Norwegian account operator unless the investor's securities are registered in the name of a nominee. Norwegian banks, authorised investment firms in Norway and Norwegian branches of credit institutions established within the EEA are allowed to act as account operators. The entry of a transaction in VPS is under Norwegian law prima facie evidence in determining the legal rights of parties as towards the issuing company and against a third party claiming an interest in the security.

Either the Company or the Registrar may terminate the Registrar Agreement with three months prior written notice or immediately upon written notice of any material breach of the Registrar Agreement. The Registrar may terminate the Registrar Agreement on the Company's failure to fulfil payment obligations or any other material breach of the Registrar Agreement. In the event the Registrar Agreement is terminated, the Company will use its reasonable best efforts to enter into a replacement agreement for the purposes of permitting the uninterrupted listing of the BW Offshore shares on Oslo Børs. There can be no assurance however, that it would be possible to enter into such an agreement on substantially the same terms or at all. A termination of the Registrar Agreement could, therefore, adversely affect the listing of the BW Offshore shares on Oslo Børs. If the Registrar Agreement is

terminated and not replaced, the Registrar will cooperate with investors to have their shares directly registered in the Company's register of members.

The Registrar has disclaimed any liability for any loss attributable to circumstances beyond the Registrar's control. The Registrar has also disclaimed liability for any losses suffered as a result of VPS' errors or negligence except to the extent the Registrar may hold VPS liable for such losses. VPS is liable for any economic loss resulting from an error in connection with its registration activities unless the error is caused by matters outside the control of VPS and which VPS could not reasonably be expected to avoid or of which VPS could not reasonably be expected to overcome the consequences. The courts may reduce or set aside VPS' liability if the person who has suffered the loss has contributed to the loss wilfully or negligently.

The BW Offshore shares are registered with VPS under the International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) BMG 11 90 N1002.

The Registrar for the shares is DnB NOR Bank ASA, Stranden 21, N-0250 Oslo, Norway.

## 17.2 Outstanding Authorizations

### 17.2.1 Authorization to issue BW Offshore shares

Pursuant to the Bye-Laws, subject to any resolution of the shareholders to the contrary, the Company's Board is authorized to increase the authorized share capital of the Company and to issue any of its authorized but un-issued BW Offshore shares.

The shareholders of the Company have no pre-emptive rights upon the Company's issue of new shares.

### 17.2.2 Repurchase of BW Offshore shares

Pursuant to the Bye-Laws, the Company may purchase its own shares in accordance with the provisions of the BCA on such terms as the Board shall think fit, provided that shares so purchased must be cancelled and are returned to the Company's authorised and un-issued share capital.

## 17.3 Historical development in share capital and number of BW Offshore Shares

The table below shows the historical development of share capital and the number of issued and outstanding shares in the Company:

**Table 17-1: Historical development in share capital and number of BW Offshore shares**

Year	Type of change in share capital	Change in issued share capital	Par value per share (USD)	Total authorised capital (USD '000)	Total issued share capital (USD)	Total number of issued shares following share issue
2005	Incorporation	12,000	0.01	1,200	12,000.00	1,200,000
2006	Increase of authorised share capital	-	0.01	2,500,000	-	-
2006	Debt conversion	1,188,000.00	0.01	2,500,000	1,200,000.00	120,000,000
2006	Private placement	789,474.00	0.01	2,500,000	1,989,473.68	198,947,368
2006	Private placement	61,184.00	0.01	2,500,000	2,050,657.89	205,065,789
2007	ESOP *)	13,292.00	0.01	2,500,000	2,063,949.84	206,394,984
2007	Private placement	436,050.16	0.01	2,500,000	2,500,000.00	250,000,000
2007	Increase of authorised share capital	-	0.01	5,000,000	-	-
2007	Share Issue (APL)	105,661.48	0.01	5,000,000	2,605,661.48	260,566,148
2007	Share issue (Crystal Sea)	440,860.20	0.01	5,000,000	2,649,747.50	264,974,750
2007	Private Placement	1,729,438.89	0.01	5,000,000	4,379,186.39	437,918,639

\*) ESOP = Employee Stock Owning Programme, ref section 15.4. The ESOP-shares were issued 4 January 2007, but the programme was established in 2006 effectively as from 15 September 2006.

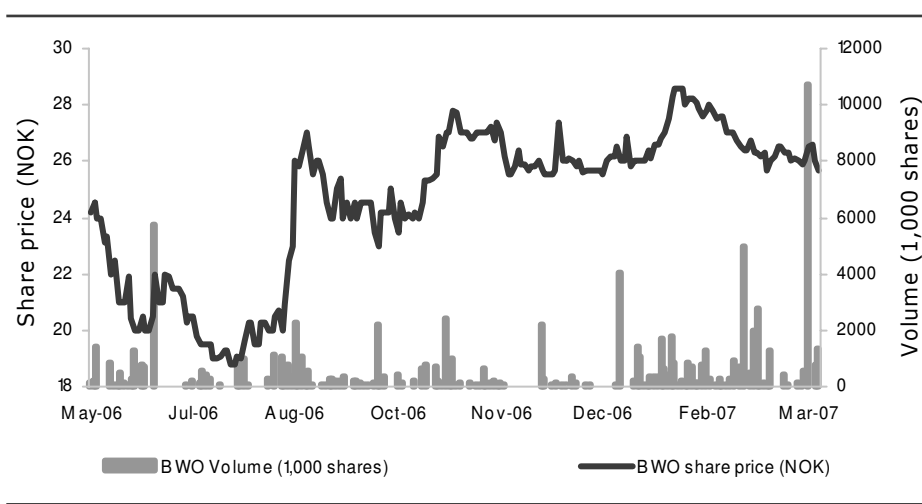
The company was incorporated in 2005, in which the issued share capital was paid for in cash. In 2006, more than 10% of the issued share capital was paid for with assets other than cash (debt conversion).

#### 17.4 Share Price Development

The BW Offshore shares have been listed on Oslo Børs since 31 May 2006 under the ticker symbol "BWO" since.

The figure below sets forth the price and trading volume of the Shares on Oslo Børs during the period indicated.

**Figure 16-1: Price and trading volume\* of the Shares from 31 May 2006 to 26 March 2007**



Source: Datastream

\*For illustration purposes the private placements performed on 15 January 2007 and 26 March 2007 have been excluded from the trading volume.

#### 17.5 Ownership Structure

The following shareholders beneficially own more than 5% of the issued shares in the Company (after the Private Placement):

- Bergesen Worldwide Limited holds 279,178,062 BW Offshore shares, which equals 63.8% of the shares and votes of BW Offshore. The Company is accordingly controlled by Bergesen Worldwide Limited.
- Franklin Resources, Inc., on behalf of Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC ("FMA") acting in the capacity as discretionary investment manager to underlying funds and managed accounts has pursuant to a stock exchange notification on 18 January 2007 a total holding of 23,700,703 BW Offshore shares, which equals 5.4% of the issued shares and votes in BW Offshore.
- Funds managed by ODIN Forvaltning AS has pursuant to a stock exchange notification on 16 January 2007 a total shareholding of 22,500,000 BW Offshore shares which equals 5.1% of the shares and votes of BW Offshore.

All the BW Offshore shares are registered with the VPS; however the register of members is maintained in Bermuda, see section 17.1.4 "Registration of the BW Offshore shares".

As of 22 March February 2007 and prior to the Private Placement, the Company had in total 409 shareholders, each owning more than one Trading Lot.

The management team and members of the Board, excluding the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman, currently own approximately 0.1% of the BW Offshore shares, see sections 15.1 and 15.2. In addition, the Sohmen family, represented by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, has indirect interests in the Company as set out in section 15.3 "Conflicts of interest etc."

The Company is not aware of any other person or company having an interest in the BW Offshore shares which is notifiable. There are no notification requirements under Bermuda law.

### **17.6 Shareholder and Dividend Policy**

The Company shall aim at making the BW Offshore shares an attractive investment object. The Company shall provide its shareholders with a competitive return on investment over time, in terms of dividend and development in the share price. The amount of any dividends to be distributed will be dependent on, inter alia, the Company's investment requirements, amount of debt and rate of growth. The Company's target is that the underlying values shall be reflected in the share price.

There have been no further dividend payments for the period covered by the financial accounts, other than those described in chapter 10 "BW Offshore selected consolidated financial information."

The Company shall be managed based on principles that seek to ensure openness, integrity and equal treatment of shareholders.

The Company will continuously provide shareholders, Oslo Børs and the market as a whole with information on the Company. Such information will take the form of annual reports, quarterly reports and, when appropriate, press releases and investor presentations. Furthermore, the Company will seek to treat all shareholders equally in line with applicable regulations.

The Company currently has only one class of issued shares. The BW Offshore shares are freely transferable, subject to the ownership limitations described in section 17.7.

### **17.7 Ownership Limitations**

The Bye-Laws do not contain any provisions imposing any limitations on the ownership of or the tradability of interests in the BW Offshore shares traded in the VPS system, save that the Board may refuse to register the transfer of any share, and may direct the Registrar to decline (and the Registrar shall decline if so requested) to register the transfer of any interest in a share held through the VPS, where such transfer would, in the opinion of the Board, be likely to result in 50% or more of the aggregate issued and outstanding share capital of the Company, or shares of the Company to which are attached 50% or more of the votes attached to all issued and outstanding shares of the Company, being held or owned directly or indirectly by individuals or legal persons resident for tax purposes in Norway or, alternatively, such shares being effectively connected to a Norwegian business activity, or the Company otherwise being deemed a Controlled Foreign Company as such term is defined pursuant to Norwegian tax legislation. Furthermore, the Board shall refuse to register a transfer of any BW Offshore share unless all applicable consents, authorisations and permissions of any governmental body or agency in Bermuda have been obtained and may in its absolute discretion refuse to register the transfer of a BW Offshore share that is not fully paid. The Company currently has all required Bermuda governmental consents for the transfer of beneficial interests in the BW Offshore shares in the VPS system.

### **17.8 Shareholder Agreements**

The Company is not aware of any shareholder agreements among the Company's shareholders.

### **17.9 Lock-up Agreements**

Bergesen Worldwide Limited, which currently holds 279,178,062 BW Offshore shares (approximately 63.8% of the Company), has entered into a lock-up agreement with Carnegie and Danske Markets, who were managers when the Company was listed in May 2006. Under the lock-up agreement, Bergesen Worldwide Limited has agreed not to offer, sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of 120,000,000 shares in BW Offshore, which was Bergesen Worldwide Limited's holding of shares as of



the first day of trading of the Company's shares on Oslo Børs (31 May 2006), for a period of twelve months following the first day of trading of the BW Offshore shares on Oslo Børs, without the prior written consent by Carnegie and Danske Markets.

The 106 BW Offshore employees who participate in the Employee Stock Owning Programme described in section 15.4 – "Remuneration and Benefits" have undertaken not to sell the 1,329,195 BW Offshore shares purchased in the programme for a period of three years from the date of accepting the offer to participate in the Programme.

### **17.10 Key Differences between Norwegian and Bermuda Corporate Law**

A summary highlighting certain similarities and differences between the corporate laws to which the Company is subject and the rules that would apply to a Norwegian public limited company is set forth in Appendix V.

### **17.11 Certain Provisions of the Company's Bye-laws, Memorandum of Association and Bermuda Law**

#### *17.11.1 General*

The objects for which the Company is formed and incorporated are:

To act and to perform all the functions of a holding company in all its branches and to co-ordinate the policy and administration of any subsidiary company or companies wherever incorporated or carrying on business or of any group of companies of which the Company or any subsidiary company is a member or which are in any manner controlled directly or indirectly by the Company;

To act as an investment company and for that purpose to acquire and hold upon any terms and, either in the name of the Company or that of any nominee, shares, stock, debentures, debenture stock, ownership interests, annuities, notes, mortgages, bonds, obligations and securities, foreign exchange, foreign currency deposits and commodities, issued or guaranteed by any company or partnership wherever incorporated, established or carrying on business, or by any government, sovereign, ruler, commissioners, public body or authority, supreme, municipal, local or otherwise, by original subscription, tender, purchase, exchange, underwriting, participation in syndicates or in any other manner and whether or not fully paid up, and to make payments thereon as called up or in advance of calls or otherwise and to subscribe for the same, whether conditionally or absolutely, and to hold the same with a view to investment, but with the power to vary any investments, and to exercise and enforce all rights and powers conferred by or incident to the ownership thereof, and to invest and deal with the moneys of the Company not immediately required upon such securities and in such manner as may be from time to time determined;

To carry on the business of owners of floating production storage and offloading vessels and/or floating storage and offloading vessels and generally of a shipping company in all its branches;

To purchase, sell, exchange, charter, sub-charter, own, lease, pledge, operate, build, repair and otherwise deal in and with floating production storage and offloading vessels, floating storage and offloading vessels, ships and vessels of any kind;

To carry on business as shipping, chartering, and bunkering agents, shippers and commission agents;

To acquire by purchase or otherwise, buy, own, hold, create, market, design, assemble, manufacture, repair, lease, hire, let, sell, dispose of (with or without consideration or benefit), maintain, improve, develop, manage, invent, build, construct, operate, package and otherwise trade, invest or deal in and with products, financial instruments, goods, and real and personal property of all kinds whatsoever and wheresoever situated, and enter into arrangements for or with respect to any of the foregoing;

To perform, provide, procure, market and deal in services and undertakings of all kinds;

To advise and act as consultants and managers of all kinds and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to provide investment and financial advice, consultation and management services;

To research, create, develop, invent, improve, discover, design, collate and draft original works, software, inventions, designs, concepts, formulas, processes, strategies, methodologies and the like, and acquire, build, own, hold, sell, lease, license, dispose of (with or without consideration or benefit), market, franchise, and otherwise exploit and deal in or with all intellectual and intangible property rights pertaining thereto whether registered or not, including but not limited to trade and service marks, trade names, copyrights, computer software, inventions, designs, patents, provisional patents, utility models, trade secrets, confidential information, know how, get-up and any other rights and privileges vesting in or attaching thereto;

To explore for, drill for, mine for, quarry for, move, transport, and refine metals, minerals, fossil fuel, petroleum, hydrocarbon products including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, oil and oil products, and precious stones of all kinds and to prepare the same for sale or use;

To enter into any guarantee, contract of indemnity or suretyship and to assure, support or secure with or without consideration or benefit the performance of any obligations of any person or persons and to guarantee the fidelity of individuals filling or about to fill situations of trust or confidence;

To own, manage, operate, act as agents with respect to, build, repair, acquire, own, sell, charter, or deal in ships and aircraft;

To lend to or deposit with any person funds, property or assets and to provide collateral or credit enhancement for loans, leasing or other forms of financing, with or without consideration or benefit;

To create, enter into, undertake, procure, arrange for, acquire by purchase or otherwise, buy, own, hold, sell or otherwise dispose of (with or without consideration or benefit), trade, invest and or otherwise deal in, whether on a speculative basis or otherwise, all and or any kind of (including without limitation all and or any combinations of and all and or any rights or interests under) instrument, agreement, contract, covenant and undertaking, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, derivative instrument, agreement or contract, option, swap option contract, bond, warrant, debenture, equity, forward exchange contract, forward rate contract, future, hedge, security, note, certificate of deposit, unit, guarantee and or financial instruments; and

To carry on any trade or business which can, in the opinion of the board of directors, be advantageously carried on by the Company.

The Company's objects are listed in paragraph 6(1) – (15) in the Company's Memorandum of Association, attached to the Offer Document as Appendix VI.

#### *17.11.2 General meeting*

The annual general meeting of the Company shall be held each year at such time and place as the president or the chairman or the Board shall appoint. The president, the chairman or the Board may convene a special general meeting of the Company whenever in their judgment such a meeting is necessary. The Board shall, on the requisition of shareholders holding at the date of the deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid-up voting share capital of the Company, forthwith proceed to convene a special general meeting of the Company.

At least 14 days' written notice of an annual general meeting shall be given to each shareholder entitled to attend and vote thereat, stating the date, place and time at which the meeting is to be held, that the election of directors will take place thereat, and, as far as practicable, the other business to be conducted at the meeting. At least 14 days' written notice of a special general meeting shall be given to each shareholder entitled to attend and vote thereat, stating the date, place and time and the general nature of the business to be considered at the meeting. The Board may fix any date as the record date for determining the shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at any general meeting of the Company.

A general meeting of the Company shall, notwithstanding that it is called on shorter notice than that specified in the Bye-Laws, be deemed to have been properly called if it is so agreed by (i) all the shareholders of the Company entitled to attend and vote thereat in the case of an annual general meeting; and (ii) by a majority in number of the shareholders having the right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holding not less than 95% in nominal value of the BW Offshore shares giving a right to attend and vote thereat in case of a special general meeting. The accidental omission to give notice of a general meeting to, or the non-receipt of a notice of a general meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

Shareholders may participate in any general meeting by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permits all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and participation in such meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

At any general meeting of the Company, two or more persons present in person throughout the meeting and representing in person or by proxy in excess of 25% of the total issued voting shares in the Company shall form a quorum for the transaction of business provided that if the Company shall at any time have only one shareholder, that shareholder present in person or by proxy shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

Subject to the provisions of the BCA and the Bye-Laws, any question proposed for the consideration of the shareholders at any general meeting shall be decided by the affirmative votes of a majority of the votes cast in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-Laws and in the case of an equality of votes, the resolution shall fail.

Anything which may be done by resolution of the Company in a general meeting, or by resolution of a meeting of any class of the Shareholders may, without a meeting and without any previous notice being required, be done by resolution in writing signed by all the shareholders who at the date of the resolution would be entitled to attend the meeting and vote on the resolution. However, this does not apply to a resolution to remove an auditor from office before the expiration of his/her term of office, or a resolution for the purpose of removing a director before the expiration of his/her term of office.

No Bye-Law shall be rescinded, altered or amended and no new Bye-Law shall be made until the same has been approved by a resolution of the Board and by a resolution of the shareholders. In addition, Bye-Laws 37, 39, 41 and 75 shall not be rescinded, altered or amended and no new Bye-Law shall be made which would have the effect of rescinding, altering or amending the provisions of such Bye-Laws, until the same has been approved by a resolution of the Board including the affirmative vote of not less than 66% of the directors then in office and by a resolution of the shareholders including the affirmative vote of not less than 50% of the votes attaching to all shares in issue.

Under the BCA the holders of an aggregate of not less than 20% in par value of the company's issued share capital or any class thereof have the right to apply to the Supreme Court of Bermuda for an annulment of any amendment of the memorandum of association adopted by shareholders at any general meeting, other than an amendment which alters or reduces a company's share capital as provided in the BCA. Where such an application is made, the amendment becomes effective only to the extent that it is confirmed by the Bermuda court. An application for an annulment of an amendment of the memorandum of association must be made within twenty-one days after the date on which the resolution altering the company's memorandum of association is passed and may be made on behalf of persons entitled to make the application by one or more of their number as they may appoint in writing for the purpose. No application may be made by shareholders voting in favour of the amendment.

#### *17.11.3 Board and management*

##### **Election and removal of Directors**

The Board shall consist of such number of Directors being not less than two Directors and not more than such maximum number of Directors, as the Members may from time to time determine. The

Board shall be elected or appointed at the annual general meeting of the Members or at any special general meeting of the Members called for that purpose.

The Directors shall hold office for such term as the Members may determine

Subject to any provision to the contrary in the Company's Bye-laws, the Members entitled to vote for the election of Directors may, at any special general meeting convened and held in accordance with the Bye-laws, remove a Director.

#### **Remuneration of Directors**

The remuneration (if any) of the Directors shall be determined by the Company in general meeting

#### **Directors to Manage Business**

The business of the Company shall be managed and conducted by the Board.

Subject to the Company's Bye-laws, the Board may delegate to any company, firm, person, or body of persons any power of the Board (including the power to sub-delegate).

#### **Power to appoint manager day-to day business**

The Board may i.e. appoint any company, firm, person or body to act as manager of the Company's day-to-day business and may entrust to and confer upon such manager such powers and duties as it deems appropriate for the transaction or conduct of such business.

#### **Appointment of officers**

The Board shall appoint a President and Vice President or a Chairman and Deputy Chairman who shall be Directors. The Secretary (and additional Officers, if any) shall be appointed by the Board from time to time.

#### **Remuneration of officers**

The Officers shall receive such remuneration as the Board may determine.

#### **Indemnification and exculpation of directors and officers**

The Directors, Secretary and other Officers shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets of the Company from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them, their heirs, executors or administrators, shall or may incur or sustain by or by reason of any act done, concurred in or omitted in or about the execution of their duty, or supposed duty, PROVIDED THAT this indemnity shall not extend to any matter in respect of any fraud or dishonesty which may attach to any of the said persons.

#### *17.11.4 Compulsory acquisition of Shares by minority shareholders*

An acquiring party is generally able to acquire compulsorily the common Shares of minority holders in the following ways:

By a procedure under the BCA known as a "scheme of arrangement". A scheme of arrangement could be effected by obtaining the agreement of the Company and of holders of Shares, comprising in the aggregate a majority in number representing at least 75% in value of the shareholders present and voting at a meeting ordered by the Bermuda Supreme Court to be held to consider the scheme of arrangement. Following such approval by the shareholders, the Bermuda Supreme Court must then sanction the scheme of arrangement. If a scheme of arrangement receives all necessary agreements and sanctions, upon the filing of the court order with the Registrar of Companies in Bermuda, all holders of Shares could be compelled to sell their Shares under the terms of the scheme of arrangement.

If the acquiring party is a company, it may compulsorily acquire all the shares of a target company, by acquiring pursuant to a tender offer 90% of the shares not already owned by, or by a nominee for, the acquiring party (the offeror), or any of its subsidiaries. If an offeror has, within four months after the

making of an offer for all the shares not owned by, or by a nominee for, the offeror, or any of its subsidiaries, obtained the approval of the holders of 90% or more of all the shares to which the offer relates, the offeror may, at any time within two months beginning with the date on which the approval was obtained, require by notice any non tendering shareholder to transfer its shares on the same terms as the original offer. In those circumstances, nontendering shareholders will be compelled to sell their shares unless the Bermuda Supreme Court (on application made within a one-month period from the date of the offeror's notice of its intention to acquire such shares) orders otherwise.

Where the acquiring party or parties hold not less than 95% of the shares of the Company, such party or parties may, pursuant to a notice given to the remaining shareholders, acquire the shares of such remaining shareholders. When this notice is given, the acquiring party is entitled and bound to acquire the shares of the remaining shareholders on the terms set out in the notice, unless a remaining shareholder, within one month of receiving such notice, applies to the Bermuda Supreme Court for an appraisal of the value of their shares. This provision only applies where the acquiring party offers the same terms to all holders of shares whose shares are being acquired.

#### *17.11.5 Amalgamations*

The amalgamation of a Bermuda company with another company or corporation (other than certain affiliated companies) requires the amalgamation agreement to be approved by the company's board of directors and by its shareholders. Unless the company's bye-laws provide otherwise (and the Company's Bye-laws do not) the approval of 75% of the shareholders voting at such meeting is required to approve the amalgamation agreement, and the quorum for such meeting must be two persons holding or representing more than one-third of the issued shares of the company.

#### *17.11.6 Appraisal rights and shareholder suits*

Under the BCA, in the event of an amalgamation of a Bermuda company with another company or corporation, a shareholder of the Bermuda company who is not satisfied that fair value has been offered for such shareholder's shares may, within one month of notice of the general meeting called to approve the amalgamation, apply to the Supreme Court of Bermuda to appraise the fair value of those shares.

Class actions and derivative actions are generally not available to shareholders under Bermuda law. The Bermuda courts, however, would ordinarily be expected to permit a shareholder to commence an action in the name of a company to remedy a wrong to the company where the act complained of is alleged to be beyond the corporate power of the company or is illegal or would result in the violation of the company's memorandum of association or bye-laws. Furthermore, consideration would be given by a Bermuda court to acts that are alleged to constitute a fraud against the minority shareholders or, for instance, where an act requires the approval of a greater percentage of the company's shareholders than that which actually approved it.

When the affairs of a company are being conducted in a manner which is oppressive or prejudicial to the interests of some part of the shareholders, one or more shareholders may apply to the Supreme Court of Bermuda, which may make such order as it sees fit, including an order regulating the conduct of the company's affairs in the future or ordering the purchase of the shares of any shareholders by other shareholders or by the company.

#### *17.11.7 Capitalisation of Profits and Reserves*

Pursuant to the Bye-Laws, the Board may (i) capitalise any part of the amount of its share premium or other reserve accounts or any amount credited to the Company's profit and loss account or otherwise available for distribution by applying such sum in paying up un-issued shares to be allotted as fully paid bonus shares pro-rata (except in connection with the conversion of shares) to the shareholders; or (ii) capitalise any sum standing to the credit of a reserve account or sums otherwise available for dividend or distribution by paying up in full partly paid shares of those shareholders who would have been entitled to such sums if they were distributed by way of dividend or distribution.

**17.11.8 Untraced shareholders**

The Bye-Laws provide that the Board may forfeit any dividend or other monies payable in respect of any Shares which remain unclaimed for six years from the date when such monies became due for payment. In addition, the Company is entitled to cease sending dividend warrants and checks by post or otherwise to a shareholder if such instruments have been returned undelivered to, or left uncashed by, such shareholder on at least two consecutive occasions or, following one such occasion, reasonable enquires have failed to establish the shareholder's new address. This entitlement ceases if the shareholder claims a dividend or cashes a dividend check or a warrant.

**17.11.9 Access to books and records and dissemination of information**

Members of the general public have the right to inspect the public documents of a Bermuda company available at the office of the Registrar of Companies in Bermuda. These documents include the Company's memorandum of association, including its objects and powers, and certain alterations to its memorandum of association. The shareholders have the additional right to inspect the bye-laws of the Company, minutes of general meetings and the company's audited financial statements, which must be presented at the annual general meeting. The register of members of a Bermuda company is also open to inspection by shareholders without charge and by members of the general public. The register of members is required to be open for inspection for not less than two hours in any business day (subject to the ability of a company to close the register of shareholders for not more than thirty days in a year). A company is required to maintain its share register in Bermuda but may, subject to the provisions of the BCA, establish a branch register outside Bermuda. A company is required to keep at its registered office a register of directors and officers that is open for inspection for not less than two hours in any business day by members of the public without charge. Bermuda law does not, however, provide a general right for shareholders to inspect or obtain copies of any other corporate records.

**17.12 Related Party Transactions**

All transactions between BW Offshore and related parties are entered into on an arm lengths basis. The tables below provide information as to the related party transactions for the financial years 2004, 2005 and 2006.

**Table 17-2: Related party transactions for the financial years 2004, 2005 and 2006**

<b>Related Parties</b>	<b>2006</b> <b>USD million</b>	<b>2005</b> <b>USD million</b>	<b>2004</b>
Interest expenses to group companies *)	12.5	8.5	3.7
Management, administration and rental services from BW Gas	6.1	6.6	4.3
Year-end balances			
Receivables from group companies	1.5	0.8	0.2
Payables to group companies	2.5	2.5	6.4
Debt to Bergesen Worldwide Limited	0.0	508.3	151.7

\*) Interest expenses are related to loans from BW Gas ASA in 2004 and the period from January to September 2005, and loans from Bergesen Worldwide Limited for the period from September 2005 to July 2006. The terms of the agreement are LIBOR + 1.5-2.0% for the loan from BW Gas ASA and LIBOR + 0.8% for the loan from Bergesen Worldwide Limited.

The Company has entered into various service contracts with members of the BW Group, including but not limited to contracts under which the Company acquires IT services and crewing services.

The following significant transactions are carried out between BW Offshore and related parties in the period from 1 January 2007 and up to the date of this Offer Document:

On 15 January 2007, the Company entered into a stock lending agreement with the Manager and Bergesen Worldwide Limited to facilitate early delivery of BW Offshore shares to subscribers in a private placement of shares conducted on 15 January 2007. Under the stock lending agreement,

Bergesen Worldwide Limited agreed to lend 43,605,016 BW Offshore shares to the Manager and the Manager agreed to subscribe for the new BW Offshore shares and transfer them to Bergesen Worldwide Limited to settle the loan. Bergesen Worldwide Limited did not receive any consideration for the lending of the BW Offshore shares.

On 18 January 2007 BW Offshore entered into an option agreement with BW Euroholdings Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Bergesen Worldwide Limited), whereby BW Offshore was granted an option to acquire 39,675,905 shares in Prosafe SE at a strike price of NOK 86. The closing price of the Prosafe SE shares on Oslo Børs on 16 January 2007 was NOK 91.90. The option was granted to BW Offshore without any consideration from BW Offshore because BW Group wished to give BW Offshore access to the BW Group's Prosafe SE shares since BW Offshore is the BW Group's vehicle in the offshore industry. The option was exercised on 23 March 2007 and financed through the issuance of BW Offshore shares as described in chapter 7.

On 5 February 2007 BW Offshore acquired 4,415,000 shares in APL from BW Euroholdings Limited, equal to approximately 10.1% of the shares and votes of APL. As consideration BW Offshore issued 10,566,148 new Shares, resulting in an exchange ratio of approximately 2.39 BW Offshore shares or NOK 66.69 for each APL Share. BW Offshore announced that it had invited APL to discuss a friendly merger. BW Euroholdings Limited has later sold the Shares to BW Offshore.

The Company has also entered into an agreement with Bergesen Worldwide Limited as described in section 13.7.4 "YÙUM K'AK'NÁAB".

On 23 March 2007, the Company entered into a stock lending agreement with the Manager and Bergesen Worldwide Limited to facilitate early delivery of BW Offshore shares to subscribers in the Private Placement conducted on 26 March 2007. Under the stock lending agreement, Bergesen Worldwide Limited agreed to lend up to 60,000,000 BW Offshore shares to the Manager and the Manager agreed to subscribe for the new BW Offshore shares and transfer them to Bergesen Worldwide Limited to settle the loan. Bergesen Worldwide Limited did not receive any consideration for the lending of the BW Offshore shares.

## **18 SECURITIES TRADING IN NORWAY**

### **18.1 Introduction**

The BW Offshore shares are listed and traded on Oslo Børs and the Company is therefore subject to Norwegian securities regulations and supervision by the relevant Norwegian authorities.

### **18.2 Oslo Børs**

Oslo Børs was established in 1819 and is the principal market in which shares, bonds and other financial instruments are traded in Norway. Oslo Børs is a public limited liability company and operates under a license from the Norwegian Ministry of Finance. As at 31 December 2006, the total capitalisation of companies listed on Oslo Børs amounted to approximately NOK 1,915,777 billion. As at 31 December 2006, a total of 196 domestic and 33 foreign companies were listed on Oslo Børs.

The Norwegian stock market was characterised by limited volumes until the mid-1980s. Since then, Oslo Børs has experienced significant growth. The OSEBX benchmark index, based on all domestic shares meeting certain liquidity requirements, rose from 100 calculated as at 31 December 1995 to 440.36 at the close of trading on 31 December 2006. On 31 December 2006, foreign shareholdings amounted to approximately 39.70% of the total market capitalisation.

Oslo Børs is a member of the NOREX Alliance. NOREX is the name of the strategic alliance among the Nordic and Baltic Stock Exchanges. The NOREX Alliance has a joint system for equity trading and harmonised rules and requirements among the exchanges with respect to trading and membership.

### **18.3 Regulation**

#### *18.3.1 Introduction*

The regulation of the securities market in Norway is based primarily on the Stock Exchange Act, the Stock Exchange Regulations, the Securities Register Act and the Securities Trading Act. In addition, based on its authority under the Stock Exchange Act, Oslo Børs has established rules and terms of business governing the admission to stock exchange listing and obligations applicable to companies with listed shares.

#### *18.3.2 Company listing*

There are three equity markets lists on Oslo Børs: the Main List, the SMB List and the primary capital certificate list. The companies listed on the Main List and the SMB List are divided into four categories based on the liquidity of the market for their securities. These four categories are comprised as follows:

- OBX comprises the 25 most traded shares in accordance with the rules in force from time to time for the OBX index;
- OB Match comprises all shares with a minimum of 10 trades per day on average over the previous six-month period, except shares included in the OBX index;
- OB Standard comprises all shares with fewer than 10 trades per day on average over the previous six-month period; and
- OB New comprises all shares that have been traded for less than two months at the rebalancing date.

As at 31 December 2006, the OBX category comprised approximately 75.3% of the market value (based on VPS registered capital) on Oslo Børs, while OB Match represented approximately 17.3% and OB Standard approximately 3.0%.

The companies listed on Oslo Børs are categorised according to industry sectors. Together with the other exchanges in the NOREX Alliance, Oslo Børs has implemented the Global Industry Classification Standard, a global standard developed by Morgan Stanley Capital International Inc. and Standard &



Poor's. Companies are categorised on four levels; there are 10 sectors, 24 industry groups, 62 industries and 132 sub-industries.

### *18.3.3 Securities registration*

The VPS is Norway's paperless central securities registry. VPS is owned by a public limited company and operates under a license from the Ministry of Finance. The ownership of, and all transactions related to, securities which are publicly traded in Norway are recorded in VPS.

All transactions related to securities registered with VPS are executed through computerised book-entries. No physical share certificates representing securities registered with VPS are or can be issued. VPS confirms each entry by sending a transcript to the registered holder, regardless of beneficial ownership. Registered holders also receive an annual statement of their holdings as of 31 December of each year.

In order to effect entries in VPS, the shareholder or its nominee must establish a securities account with a Norwegian account operator. Norwegian banks, Norwegian branches of credit institutions established within the EEA, bond issuing mortgage companies, authorised investment firms in Norway, the Central Bank of Norway and management companies for securities funds (insofar as units in the securities funds they manage are concerned) are permitted to act as account operators.

The entry of a transaction in VPS is prima facie evidence in determining the rights of parties as against the issuing company or a third party claiming an interest in the subject security. See Section 17.1.4 "Registration of the Shares" for a more detailed description. VPS must provide ongoing information to the Norwegian Financial Supervisory Authority (Kredittilsynet, or the "NFSA"), as well as any information that the NFSA requests. Additionally, Norwegian tax authorities may demand certain information regarding any individual's holdings of securities, including dividends and interest payment information. VPS is liable for any economic loss resulting from an error in connection with its registration activities unless the error is caused by matters outside the control of VPS and which VPS could not reasonably be expected to avoid or of which VPS could not reasonably be expected to overcome the consequences. The courts may reduce or set aside VPS' liability if the person who has suffered the loss has contributed to the loss wilfully or negligently.

### *18.3.4 Trading and settlement*

Trading on the NOREX exchanges is carried out in the electronic trading system, SAXESS. This trading system is used by all members of the NOREX Alliance and allows brokers to operate through a single trading system on all exchanges of which they are members. For the time being, clearing of all trades, however, takes place through different systems for trades effected on the different exchanges.

Since the start of the trading and clearing co-operation among OM Stockholm AB ("OM"), the OMLX Exchange in London, the Norwegian Futures & Options Clearing House and Oslo Børs on 14 February 1997, trading in Norwegian equity derivatives has occurred electronically through OM's Click Exchange System. Market makers and brokers register their buying and selling interests and deals are directly carried out using the system. Brokers who are not electronically linked to the Click Exchange System may still trade by using Oslo Børs' Market Place Securities System, managed by Oslo Børs' staff who, acting on behalf of the brokers, register their interests and trades in the system.

Official trading takes place between 9.00 am CET and 4.30 pm CET each trading day. Orders may be placed in the system beginning at 8.15 am CET.

The settlement period for trading on Oslo Børs is three days (T+3).

The ability of brokerage houses to trade for their own account is restricted to trading that occurs as an integral part of either their investment services or their general capital management. Trading by individual employees is restricted.

Investment services may only be provided by Norwegian brokerage houses holding a license under the Securities Trading Act, branches of brokerage houses from an EEA state holding a license in their

home jurisdiction or brokerage houses from outside the EEA which have been licensed to operate in Norway. EEA state brokerage houses holding a license in their home jurisdiction may also conduct cross-border investment services in Norway. It is possible for brokerage houses and credit institutions to undertake market-making activities in listed Norwegian shares if they have a license to do so under the Securities Trading Act or, in the case of brokerage houses and credit institutions from an EEA state, a license to carry out market making activities in their home jurisdiction. Such market-making activities will be governed by the regulations of the Securities Trading Act covering a broker's trading on his or her own account. Such market-making activities, however, do not require notification to the NFSA or Oslo Børs except for the general obligation by brokerage houses that are members of Oslo Børs to report all trades in listed securities.

#### *18.3.5 Membership of Oslo Børs*

Brokerage houses permitted to operate under the provisions of the Securities Trading Act are entitled to apply for membership at Oslo Børs. The board of directors of Oslo Børs considers all applications. A member of one of the NOREX exchanges may easily become a member of Oslo Børs by using the existing technical connection and the simplified and harmonised application procedures of NOREX. The board of directors of Oslo Børs may withdraw membership or impose monetary penalties on any member for a violation of the Stock Exchange Act or other regulations. Alternatively, Oslo Børs may issue an official warning or suspend a member for less serious violations.

#### *18.3.6 Foreign investment in Norwegian shares*

Foreign Shareholders may trade shares listed on Oslo Børs through any broker which is a member of Oslo Børs, whether Norwegian or foreign.

#### *18.3.7 Information, control and surveillance*

Under Norwegian law, Oslo Børs is required to perform a number of surveillance and control functions. The Surveillance and Corporate Control unit monitors all market activity on a continuous basis and is responsible for the dissemination of information from listed companies to the market. Market surveillance systems are largely automated and promptly warn department personnel of abnormal market developments.

The Offer Document Directive has been implemented in Norway with effect from 1 January 2006, and Oslo Børs is the competent authority for the required approval of prospectuses in both the equity and bond markets in Norway (except for prospectuses approved in other EEA states that are used in Norway in accordance with applicable passporting rules).

## **19 TAXATION**

### **19.1 Introduction**

*The statements herein regarding Norwegian taxation are based on the laws in force in Norway as of the date of this Offer Document and are subject to any changes in law occurring after such date, which changes could be made on a retrospective basis. The following summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to purchase, own or dispose of the shares. Shareholders are advised to consult their own tax advisors concerning their overall tax situation.*

*Please note that for the purpose of the summary below, a reference to a Norwegian or foreign shareholder refers to the tax residency rather than the nationality of the shareholder.*

### **19.2 Norwegian Taxation Related to the Offer**

#### *19.2.1 Taxation on realization of shares – Norwegian personal shareholders*

The exchange of APL Shares for BW Offshore shares or cash is considered a realization for Norwegian tax purposes. A capital gain or loss generated by Norwegian shareholders who are individuals resident in Norway for tax purposes ("Norwegian personal shareholders") through a disposal of shares is taxable or tax deductible in Norway. Such capital gain or loss is included in or deducted from the basis for computation of ordinary income in the year of disposal at a rate of 28%. The gain is subject to tax and the loss is tax deductible irrespective of the duration of the ownership and the number of shares disposed of.

The capital gain or loss will be set to the value of the BW Offshore shares received (or alternatively to the consideration received in cash) less the cost price of the APL Share, including any RISK-adjustments up to 1 January 2006 and costs incurred in relation to the acquisition or realization of the APL Share. From this capital gain, Norwegian personal shareholders may be entitled to deduct a calculated allowance when calculating their taxable dividend income, provided that the allowance has not already been used to reduce taxable income. The allowance is calculated pr each calendar year, and is allocated solely to Norwegian personal shareholders holding shares at the expiration of the relevant calendar year. Norwegian Personal Shareholders who transfer shares will thus not be entitled to deduct any calculated allowance related to the year of transfer. The allowance for each APL Share will be equal to the cost price of the share multiplied by a determined risk free interest rate. The allowance may only be deducted in order to reduce a taxable gain, and may not be deducted in order to increase or produce a deductible loss.

The tax base of the BW Offshore shares received as consideration in the Offer will be equal to the value of BW Offshore shares at the time the APL Shareholder no longer is registered as shareholder of APL but as new shareholder in BW Offshore.

If the personal shareholder owns shares acquired at different points in time, the shares that were acquired first will be regarded as the first to be disposed of, on a first-in first-out basis.

#### *19.2.2 Taxation on realization of shares – Norwegian corporate shareholders*

Shareholders who are limited liability companies (and certain similar entities) resident in Norway for tax purposes ("Norwegian corporate shareholders") are not taxable in Norway on capital gains related to realization of shares, and losses related to such realization are not tax deductible.

#### *19.2.3 Taxation on realization of shares – foreign shareholders*

Capital gains derived by the sale of APL Shares by personal shareholders who are not resident in Norway for tax purposes ("Foreign personal shareholders") will not be subject to taxation in Norway unless the Foreign personal shareholder (i) holds the shares in connection with the conduct of a trade or business in Norway or (ii) has been a tax resident of Norway within the five calendar years preceding the year of the sale or other realization (and whose gains are not exempt pursuant to the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty).

Capital gains derived by the sale or other realization of shares by Foreign corporate shareholders are not subject to taxation in Norway.

### **19.3 Norwegian Taxation of Shareholding in BW Offshore**

#### *19.3.1 Taxation of dividends*

##### **Norwegian personal shareholders**

Dividends received by Norwegian personal shareholders from BW Offshore are subject to tax in Norway as general income at a flat rate of 28%. Such shareholders may be entitled to deduct a calculated allowance when calculating their taxable dividend income. The allowance is calculated on a share-by-share basis, and the allowance for each share is equal to the cost price of the share, multiplied by a risk free interest rate. The allowance is calculated per each calendar year, and is allocated solely to Norwegian personal shareholders holding shares at the expiration of the relevant calendar year. Norwegian Personal Shareholders who transfer shares will thus not be entitled to deduct any calculated allowance related to the year of transfer. Any part of the calculated allowance one year exceeding the dividend distributed on the share can be added to the cost price of the share and included in the basis for calculating the allowance the following years.

If certain requirements are met, Norwegian Personal Shareholders are entitled to a tax credit in the Norwegian tax for any withholding tax imposed on the received dividends in the jurisdiction where BW Offshore is resident for tax purposes.

##### **Norwegian corporate shareholders**

Dividends received by Norwegian corporate shareholders from BW Offshore are subject to tax in Norway as general income at a flat rate of 28%.

If certain requirements are met, Norwegian Corporate Shareholders are entitled to a tax credit in the Norwegian tax on dividends received for any withholding tax imposed on such dividends in the jurisdiction where BW Offshore is resident for tax purposes. Furthermore, if a Norwegian Corporate Shareholder holds at least 10% of the capital and the voting rights in BW Offshore for a continuous period of at least two years, the Norwegian Corporate Shareholder may be entitled to a tax credit in the Norwegian tax for a proportionate part of any corporate tax paid by BW Offshore in the jurisdiction where it is resident for tax purposes.

##### **Foreign shareholders**

As a general rule, dividends received by Foreign shareholders are not taxable in Norway. However, if a Foreign shareholder is carrying on business activities in Norway and the shares are effectively connected with such business activities, the Foreign shareholder will be subject to the same dividend taxation as Norwegian shareholders, as described above.

#### *19.3.2 Capital gains tax*

##### **Norwegian personal shareholders**

Sale, redemption or other disposal of shares is considered a realization for Norwegian tax purposes. A capital gain or loss generated by a Norwegian personal shareholder through a disposal of shares in BW Offshore is taxable or tax deductible in Norway. Such capital gain or loss is included in or deducted from the basis for computation of general income in the year of disposal. The general income is taxable at a rate of 28%. The gain is subject to tax and the loss is tax deductible irrespective of the duration of the ownership and the number of shares disposed of.

The capital gain is calculated as the consideration received less the cost price of the share (i.e. the tax base of the BW Offshore shares, ref. above), including costs incurred in relation to the acquisition or realization of the share. From this capital gain, Norwegian personal shareholders may be entitled to deduct a calculated allowance when calculating their taxable income, provided that the allowance has not already been used to reduce taxable dividend income, cf. above. The allowance for each share will be equal to the cost price of the share multiplied by a determined risk free interest rate. The allowance is calculated per each calendar year, and is allocated solely to personal shareholders holding

shares at the expiration of the relevant calendar year. Norwegian Personal Shareholders who transfer shares will thus not be entitled to deduct any calculated allowance related to the year of transfer. The allowance may only be deducted in order to reduce a taxable gain, and may not be deducted in order to increase or produce a deductible loss.

If the shareholder owns shares acquired at different points in time, the shares that were acquired first will be regarded as the first to be disposed of, on a first-in first-out basis.

Norwegian personal shareholder who moves abroad, and therefore ceases to be tax resident in Norway, will be taxable in Norway for any potential gain related to the shares held at the time the tax residency ceased, as if the shares were realised at this time. Gains of NOK 500,000 or less are not taxable. Potential losses will as a main rule not be deductible. However, if the person moves to a jurisdiction within the EEA, losses related to shares held at the time tax residency ceases may become tax deductible. Taxation (loss deduction) will occur at the time the shares are actually sold or otherwise disposed of. If the shares are not realized within five years after the shareholder ceased to be resident in Norway for tax purposes, the tax liability or tax deduction calculated under these provisions will not apply.

#### **Norwegian corporate shareholders**

A capital gain or loss derived by a Norwegian corporate shareholder from a disposal of shares in BW Offshore is taxable or tax deductible in Norway. Such capital gain or loss is included in or deducted from the basis for computation of general income in the year of disposal at a rate of 28%. The gain is subject to tax and the loss is tax deductible irrespective of the duration of the ownership and the number of shares disposed of.

If the shareholder owns shares acquired at different points in time, the shares that were acquired first will be regarded as the first to be disposed of, on a first-in first-out basis.

#### **Foreign shareholders**

As a general rule, capital gains generated by Foreign shareholders are not taxable in Norway. However, such gains may be subject to taxation for Foreign shareholders who (i) holds the shares in connection with the conduct of a trade or business in Norway or (ii) are individuals who have been tax resident in Norway within the five calendar years preceding the year of the sale or other realization (and whose gains are not exempt pursuant to the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty).

##### *19.3.3 Net wealth tax*

The value of shares is included in the basis for the computation of wealth tax imposed on Norwegian personal shareholders. Currently, the marginal wealth tax rate is 1.1% of the value assessed. The value for assessment purposes for shares listed on the Main List and the SMB List of Oslo Børs is 85% of the listed value as of 1 January in the year of assessment (i.e. the year following the fiscal year).

##### *19.3.4 Duties on transfer of shares*

No stamp or similar duties are currently imposed in Norway on the transfer of shares whether on acquisition or disposal.

##### *19.3.5 Inheritance tax*

Upon transfer of shares by way of inheritance or gift, the transfer may be subject to Norwegian inheritance or gift tax. The basis for the computation of listed shares is the market value at the time the transfer takes place. The rate is progressive from 0 to 30%. For inheritance and gifts from parents to children, the maximum rate is 20%. However, such transfer is not subject to Norwegian tax if the donor/deceased was neither a national nor resident of Norway.

#### **19.4 Bermuda Taxation**

At the date of this Offer Document, there is no Bermuda income or profits tax, withholding tax, capital gains tax, capital transfer tax, estate duty or inheritance tax payable by the Company or by its shareholders in respect of its Shares.

The Company will not be subject to any Bermuda stamp duty on the issue, transfer or repurchase of the Shares, or on the payment of any dividend or the making of any distribution of contributed surplus.

The Company has obtained, from the Ministry of Finance of Bermuda under the Exempted Undertakings Tax Protection Act 1966, an assurance that, in the event of there being enacted in Bermuda any legislation imposing tax computed on profits or income, or computed on any capital asset, gain or appreciation or any tax in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax, such tax shall not, until 28 March 2016, be applicable to the Company or to any of its operations, or to its Shares, debentures or other obligations, except in so far as such tax applies to persons ordinarily resident in Bermuda or is payable by the Company in respect of real property owned or leased by it in Bermuda. As an exempted company, the Company is liable to pay in Bermuda a registration fee at a rate presently ranging from USD 1,780 to USD 27,825 per annum.

## 20 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### 20.1 Legal and Arbitration Proceedings

There are no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which BW Offshore is aware) during the period from the incorporation of the Company until the date of this Prospectus which may have, or have had in the recent past significant effects on BW Offshore and/or the BW Offshore Group's financial position or profitability.

### 20.2 Currencies

The Company publishes its financial statements in USD (presentation currency). USD is also the BW Offshore Group's functional currency. Unless otherwise specified or unless the context otherwise requires, all references in this Offer Document to (i) NOK refer to the lawful currency of the Kingdom of Norway, (ii) USD refer to the lawful currency of the United States of America, (iii) EUR refer to the single currency of the European Union member states participating in the European Monetary Union and (iv) SGD refer to the lawful currency of Singapore.

For indicative purposes only, the following were the spot rates to NOK as at 7 December 2006:

Country / Area	Currency	Spot Rate
United States	USD	6.0875
EMU Area	EURO	8.0945
Singapore	SGD	3.9584

*Source: Norges bank*

### 20.3 Documents on Display

For the life of the Offer Document the following documents (or copies thereof) may be inspected at the offices of the Company:

- The Memorandum of Association and Bye-law of the Company
- The Company's consolidated financial statements for 2006 and 2005

### 20.4 Confirmation Regarding Sources

The Company confirms that information in this Offer Document which has been sourced from third parties has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the Company is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by such third parties, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

**21 DEFINITIONS AND GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

The following definitions and glossary apply in this Offer Document unless otherwise dictated by the context, including the foregoing pages of this Offer Document.

**Definitions**

<b>Acceptance Form</b>	The form attached to the Offer Document as Appendix I for use when accepting the Offer
<b>APL</b>	APL (Advanced Production & Loading ) PLC, a public limited liability company incorporated under the laws of Cyprus and the parent company of the APL Group (including APL ASA) after completion of the Cyprus Exchange Offer
<b>APL ASA</b>	APL ASA, a public limited liability company incorporated under the laws of Norway
<b>APL Group</b>	APL and subsidiaries
<b>APL Shareholder</b>	The registered and beneficial owners of APL Shares
<b>APL Shares</b>	The shares of APL PLC, each with a nominal value of USD 0.25
<b>BCA</b>	Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda, as amended from time to time
<b>Board or Board of Directors</b>	The board of directors of the Company
<b>Business Day</b>	Any day except a Saturday, Sunday or any other day on which commercial banking institutions in Norway are not open for general business
<b>BW Gas</b>	BW Gas ASA (previously named Bergesen d.y. ASA)
<b>BW Group</b>	Bergesen Worldwide Limited and its subsidiaries
<b>Bergesen Worldwide Limited</b>	Bergesen Worldwide Limited
<b>BW Offshore Group</b>	The Company and its subsidiaries
<b>BW Offshore shares</b>	The common shares in the share capital of the Company, each with a par value of USD 0.01.
<b>Bye-Laws</b>	The Bye-Laws of the Company, as last amended on 20 April 2006
<b>Carnegie</b>	Carnegie ASA
<b>CEO</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>CET</b>	Central European Time
<b>CFO</b>	Chief Financial Officer
<b>Cash Alternative</b>	The offer price alternative consisting of NOK 85 for each APL Share
<b>Closing Date</b>	The date on which all conditions to the Offer have been fulfilled or waived by BW Offshore and BW Offshore announces that the Offer is unconditional
<b>Combination</b>	The combination of the APL Group and the BW Offshore Group
<b>Combination Agreement</b>	The agreement regarding a combination of the APL Group and the BW Offshore Group entered into between the boards of APL ASA and BW Offshore on 21 February 2007
<b>Company or BW Offshore</b>	BW Offshore Limited, or BW Offshore Limited and its subsidiaries, as required by the context
<b>Consideration Shares</b>	The new shares of BW Offshore to be issued as settlement to the accepting APL Shareholders under the Offer
<b>Cyprus Exchange Offer</b>	The re-domiciliation of the APL Group from Norway to Cyprus by way of an offer by APL PLC to acquire the shares of APL ASA in exchange for shares in APL PLC, set out in an offer document dated 26 February 2007
<b>DNV</b>	Det Norske Veritas
<b>EBIT</b>	Earnings Before Interests and Taxes
<b>EBITDA</b>	Earnings Before Interests, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortisation
<b>EUR</b>	Euro, the single currency of the European Union member states participating in the European Monetary Union
<b>HSEQ</b>	Health, safety, environment and quality
<b>IFRS</b>	International Financial Reporting Standards
<b>Manager</b>	Carnegie ASA
<b>NFSA</b>	The Norwegian Financial Supervisory Authority ( <i>Kredittilsynet</i> )
<b>NOK</b>	Norwegian Kroner
<b>Norwegian Code</b>	The Norwegian Code of Practice for Corporate Governance
<b>Offer or Voluntary Offer</b>	The voluntary offer to acquire all the outstanding APL Shares not currently owned by BW Offshore
<b>Offer Document</b>	This Offer Document dated 29 March 2007
<b>Offer Period</b>	30 March to 18 April at 1630 CET (both dated inclusive)
<b>Offer Price</b>	The Share Alternative or the Cash Alternative



<b>Oslo Børs</b>	Oslo Børs ASA (the Oslo Stock Exchange)
<b>Private Placement</b>	The private placement of 172,943,889 new BW Offshore shares performed by BW Offshore on 26 March 2007
<b>Public Limited Companies Act</b>	The Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act of 13 June 1997 no. 45, as amended from time to time ( <i>Allmennaksjeloven</i> )
<b>Registrar</b>	DnB NOR Bank ASA (Verdipapirservice)
<b>Registrar Agreement</b>	The agreement entered into between the Company and DnB NOR Bank ASA (Verdipapirservice) whereby DnB NOR Bank ASA (Verdipapirservice) accepts to act as the Company's registrar
<b>Securities Trading Act</b>	The Norwegian Securities Trading Act of 19 June 1997 No. 79
<b>Settlement Date</b>	The date when settlement in BW Offshore shares and/or cash is made to the APL Shareholders who have accepted the Offer, and the APL Shares which the Offer have been accepted for is transferred to BW Offshore, such date to be no later than seven Business Days after the Closing Date
<b>SGD</b>	Singapore Dollars
<b>Share Alternative</b>	The offer price alternative consisting of 3.0249 BW Offshore shares for each APL Share
<b>SMB-list</b>	The list for small and medium-sized enterprises listed on Oslo Børs
<b>Takeover Directive</b>	Directive 2004/25/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004 on takeover bids
<b>Trading Lot</b>	Trading on the Oslo Børs trading systems takes place in whole Trading Lots. One Trading Lot in BW Offshore is 500 Shares
<b>USD</b>	United States Dollars, the lawful currency of the United States of America
<b>VPS</b>	The Norwegian Central Securities Depository, who organises the Norwegian paperless securities registration system ( <i>Verdipapirsentralen</i> )

### Glossary of Terms

Terms and expressions used in the oil and gas industry and technical terms used in the description of the Company are set out below.

Bbl	Barrels of oil (One barrel of oil (=159 liter)
bbl/d	Barrels of oil per day
Dwt	Dead-weight ton. A vessel's cargo-carrying capacity measured in tons
E&P	Exploration and Production
FPSO	Floating Production, Storage and Offloading
FSO	Floating Storage and Offloading
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
km	Kilometres
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
Meters <sup>3</sup>	Cubic metres
mmscf/d	Million standard cubic feet gas per day
OHSAS	Occupational Health & Safety Assessment Series
Semi	Semi submersible rig
Spar	Name of cylindrical floating production platform concept
Suezmax	Oil tanker of about 150,000 Dwt
TLP	Tension leg platform
Turret	Single point mooring system with fluid transfer system (swivel)
ULCC	Ultra Large Crude Carrier
VLCC	Very Large Crude Carrier
VLGC	Very Large Gas Carrier

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Appendix I:  
Acceptance Form

## Acceptance Form

This acceptance form (the "Acceptance Form") shall be used when accepting the voluntary offer (the "Offer") made by BW Offshore Limited ("BW Offshore") to acquire all outstanding shares in APL Plc ("APL") on the terms and conditions set forth in the offer document dated 29 March 2007 (the "Offer Document") to which this Acceptance Form is attached.

**Shareholder:**

**Return to:**

Carnegie ASA  
Stranden 1, Aker Brygge  
P.O.Box 684 Sentrum  
0106 Oslo, Norway  
Tel: +47 22009300  
Fax: +47 22009960

The shareholders' register of APL as of 29 March 2007 shows:

VPS-account:	Bank account number for cash payment:	No. of shares:	Rights holders registered:

### ACCEPTANCE DEADLINE:

This Acceptance Form must be received by Carnegie ASA ("Carnegie") by 16.30 CET on 18 April 2007. Shareholders with APL shares registered on several VPS-accounts will receive one Acceptance Form for each VPS account. Accepting shareholders ("Acceptant") must complete and return all Acceptance Forms received within the acceptance deadline. BW Offshore reserves the right to reject any or all incorrect, delayed or illegally undertaken acceptances and to treat any incorrect or delayed acceptances for valid.

### To BW Offshore and Carnegie:

- I/We confirm that I/we have received and reviewed the Offer Document and hereby accept the Offer for all my/our APL shares in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Offer Document unless otherwise stated by me/us below in 2. My/our acceptance also comprises any APL shares which I/we, have acquired or will acquire prior to the deadline of the acceptance of the Offer and which will be registered in the VPS.
- I/We only accept the Offer for \_\_\_\_\_ number of my/our APL shares in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Offer Document. (Only to be filled out if you wish to undertake a partial acceptance)
- I/We accept the Offer for consideration as follows (check one box either indicating the Share Alternative or the Cash Alternative):

- The Share Alternative:** I/We accept the Offer and choose to receive 3.0249 BW Offshore shares as settlement for each of my/our APL share
- The Cash Alternative:** I/We accept the Offer and choose to receive NOK 85 as settlement for each of my/our APL shares, subject to the limitation below

However, the maximum cash amount to be paid under the Offer shall not exceed 40% of the total consideration to be paid under the Offer (based on a BW Offshore share price of NOK 28.10). If the cash alternative is chosen for more than 40% of the accepted APL shares, then a pro rata adjustment will be made so that the total settlement to be paid under the Offer consists of 40% cash and 60% BW Offshore shares. Consequently, if the Cash Alternative is chosen for more than 40% of the accepted API shares, then all APL shareholders choosing the Cash Alternative will receive a combination of cash and BW Offshore shares. Acceptants owning up to and including 1,000 APL shares will be entitled receive the total consideration in the cash (such shares not be included when calculating if the 40% threshold has been triggered). If neither of the boxes in this item 3 are checked, I/We acknowledge that I/We automatically subscribe for shares in BW Offshore as settlement for my/our APL shares.

- I/We accept that I/we may not sell, otherwise dispose of, encumber or transfer to another VPS account, the APL shares tendered hereunder. Furthermore, Carnegie is given irrevocable authorization to block the shares tendered hereunder in favour of Carnegie on behalf of BW Offshore.
- Carnegie is given irrevocable authorization to transfer the shares tendered hereunder from my/our VPS account to a VPS account in the name of BW Offshore upon settlement of the Offer.
- I/We accept that settlement will be made by way of transfer of BW Offshore shares to my/our VPS account and/or Norwegian Kroner (NOK) to the bank account set out above. If the bank account no. is not filled in, settlement for in cash will be made by issuing a bank giro or, for APL shareholders not resident in Norway, by cheque.
- My/Our APL shares are transferred free of any encumbrances and any other third party right whatsoever and with all shareholder rights attached to them. Any third party with registered encumbrances or other third-party rights over my/our APL shares and/or VPS account(s) must sign the Acceptance Form and thereby waive their rights therein and approve the transfer of my/our APL shares to BW Offshore free of any encumbrances and any other third party right whatsoever for the acceptance to be valid.
- BW Offshore will pay my/our costs directly related to VPS transactions in connection with my/our acceptance of the Offer.
- I/We acknowledge that the Offer will only be completed if the conditions set forth in the Offer Document are satisfied or waived.
- I/We acknowledge that my/our acceptance is irrevocable but that I/we shall be released from my/our acceptance if BW Offshore has not prior to 25 May 2007 announced that the conditions to the Offer set forth in the Offer Document have been met or waived.
- This Acceptance Form and the Offer is subject to Norwegian law with the Oslo District Court as legal venue.
- I/We represent that I/we am/are permitted by all applicable law to accept the Offer and has complied with all applicable legal requirements so that the Offer may be made to, and accepted by, me/us under the laws of all relevant jurisdictions, and I/we specifically represent that I/we am/are not located in the United States, Australia, Japan or Canada.

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Place    Date    Telephone no.    Signature \*)

\*) If signed pursuant to proxy, a proxy form or company certificate confirming the authorized signature must be enclosed

**Rights holder(s):** In the event that there is registered holder(s) of rights on the VPS-account this is marked with a YES above in the right-hand box of this Acceptance Form. As rights holder the undersigned consents that the transaction is undertaken on the above-mentioned terms.

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Place    Date    Telephone no.    Rights holder's signature \*)

\*) If signed pursuant to proxy, a proxy form or company certificate confirming the authorized signature must be enclosed. If more than one charge holder is registered, each of the charge holders must sign.

## Appendix II:

Assurance report on pro forma financial information

To the Directors of BW Offshore Limited

## **Independent assurance report on Pro Forma Financial Information**

We have examined the unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information in section 8, comprising the balance sheet of the combined business as of December 31, 2006 and the related income statement for the period then ended.

This Pro Forma Financial Information has been prepared solely to show what the significant effects on the BW Offshore Limited might have been had the transactions described in section 8.1 and 8.10 in the prospectus occurred at an earlier date. This Pro Forma Financial Information is the responsibility of the Board of Directors. It is our responsibility to provide the opinion required by the Norwegian Securities Trading Act and accompanying regulation. We are not responsible for expressing any other opinion on the Pro Forma Financial Information or on any of its constituent elements.

We conducted our examination in accordance with International Standards on Assurance Engagements 3000. Our work consisted primarily of comparing the unadjusted financial information with the source documents, obtaining evidence supporting the adjustments and discussing the Pro Forma Financial Information with the management of the Company.

Based on our examination, in our opinion;

- a) the Pro Forma Financial Information has been properly compiled on the basis stated
- a) such basis is consistent with the accounting policies of the issuer.

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to the fact that, as outlined in section 8 in the prospectus, this Pro Forma Financial Information is prepared by using management's assumptions. It is not necessarily indicative of the effects on the financial position that would have been attained had the above-mentioned transactions actually occurred earlier. Moreover, this Pro Forma Financial Information is not intended to, and does not provide all the information and disclosures necessary to present a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Oslo, March 29, 2007

**PricewaterhouseCoopers AS**



Rita Granlund

State Authorized Public Accountant (Norway)

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# **Annual report**

## **2006**



**BW Offshore Limited**

**(formerly Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited)**



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## DIRECTORS REPORT 2006

### Business activities and location, goals and strategies

BW Offshore Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (“BW Offshore” or the “Group”) is one of the world’s leading FPSO contractors. The Company was incorporated in Bermuda on 7 June 2005, however the origins of BW Offshore pre-date this. In 1997 Bergesen d.y. ASA decided to invest in the FPSO market and established an Offshore division. This Offshore division grew significantly and has now become a separate listed company in its own right.

The Company is domiciled in Bermuda and is listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange (Ticker “BWO”). The Company’s operational head office is located in Oslo, Norway. BW Offshore has assets operating in offshore waters in Nigeria, Mauritania and Russia. In 2007 the Group entered into Mexico as well as setting up a strategic cooperation in Malaysia.

The Group is a dependable contractor for FPSO long-term lease arrangements as well as a provider of short-term solutions. A philosophy combining modularisation, standardisation and flexibility through design and hands-on project management ensures that a variety of customer needs are met. The Group offers versatile solutions for mid to large scale projects in both the oil and gas FPSO sectors.

The Group works with reputable sub-contractors, suppliers and conversion yards. BW Offshore Limited changed its name from Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited effective 5 January 2007.

BW Offshore owns and operates the following fleet:

Name of unit	Country of operation	Employed from - to
<b>FPSOs</b>		
Berge Okolokba Toru	Nigeria	2005 - 2009 and options
Sendje Berge	Nigeria	2005 - 2009 and options
Berge Helene	Mauritania	2006 - 2013 and options
YÛUM K’AK’NÄAB	Mexico	2007 - 2010
BW Endeavour	Nigeria	2007 - 2010 and options
BW Carmen	-	Uncommitted
<b>Artic FSO</b>		
Belokamenko	Russia	2004 - 2019
<b>Conversion candidates</b>		
BW Nisa (ULCC)	Malaysia	2006 - Temporary FSO
BW Pioneer (Suezmax)	-	Uncommitted
BW LPG FPSO I (VLGC)	-	Uncommitted

The Group’s strategic goal is to grow organically through a target of two new FPSO contracts per year, subject to market conditions and to achieve a balanced portfolio of oil and gas FPSOs, with a mix of mid and large scale projects and geographical diversity.

BW Offshore’s core strengths are:

- Competent personnel in project execution and FPSO operations
- Focus on oil and gas FPSOs
- Mid to large scale projects
- Broad geographical presence (excl. the North Sea)

The Group will focus on maximising shareholder value and will strive to obtain a favourable return on invested capital. The Group will actively consider consolidation opportunities if these are considered to be value enhancing for the Company's shareholders.

## Financial result

The Group's 2006 operating profit before depreciation, interest and taxes (EBITDA) was USD 43.5 million compared to USD 14.7 million in 2005. Operating profit increased by USD 10.7 million to USD 17.0 million in 2006, compared to USD 6.3 million in 2005. Net profit increased by USD 1.6 million to USD 4.5 million in 2006, compared to a profit of USD 2.9 million in 2005. The increases in EBITDA and operating profit in 2006 were primarily attributable to increased activity (additional units in operation), however the results were reduced by non-recurring costs (primarily listing expenses) mentioned below.

The Group's revenue derived from charter hire increased by USD 60.4 million to USD 106.6 million in 2006 compared to USD 46.2 million in 2005. The increase was primarily attributable to increased activity with additional units operating. Four units were in operation at 31 December 2006 compared to two units at 31 December 2005. Revenue derived from lease interest is related to the lease of the FSO Belokamenka (2005 and 2006) and a splitter installed onboard Berge Okoloba Toru (2006).

Project costs related to the conversion of YÛUM K'AK'NÀAB are recognized in profit and loss according to IAS 11 (Construction contracts). Revenue related to the contract is recognized only to the extent of contract costs incurred. As per 31 December 2006 recognized revenue amounts to USD 338.9 million.

Operating expenses includes all expenses related to the operation of the FPSOs and FSOs (including offshore crew). Total operating expenses were USD 48.1 million in 2006 compared to USD 28.8 million in 2005. The increase in operating expenses was mainly attributable to the increased number of FPSOs in operation and a provision for doubtful debt amounting to USD 2.0 million.

Administrative expenses include expenses that are not attributable to the operation of the Company's FPSOs and FSOs, primarily employment expenses incurred by the operating office in Oslo and all other administrative expenses. Total administrative expenses amounted to USD 20.3 million in 2006 compared to USD 7.6 million in 2005. The increase was attributable to an increased headcount of staff, which is a result of an increased number of FPSO units in the fleet, increased wage costs, expenses related to the establishment of the Employee Stock Ownership Programme, expenses with regards to the listing of the Company on Oslo Stock Exchange and increased number of consultants engaged.

Due to the increased number of vessels in operation, a related increase in depreciation was incurred in 2006 of USD 26.5 million (2005 USD 8.4 million). The estimated useful life of the vessels in operation was changed in the fourth quarter 2006. The net effect on the fourth quarter and annual result was a reduction in the depreciation charge of USD 3.0 million.

Currency exchange losses were USD 1.0 million in 2006 compared to a gain of USD 4.8 million in 2005. The gain in 2005 is related to net borrowings held in NOK, which were fully repaid in Autumn 2005. Effective from 1 July 2006, currency exchange gains and losses related to operation of the FPSOs and FSOs are classified as operating expenses.

Net gain on changes in fair value of financial instruments are recorded in the Income Statement and amounted to USD 2.3 million in 2006. No financial instruments were entered into by BW Offshore in 2005.

Net interest expense (interest income less interest expense) in 2006 was USD 6.9 million compared to USD 5.3 million in 2005. The increase is due to the increase of the number of units in operation resulting in increased borrowing.

Tax expense increased by USD 4.0 million to USD 6.9 million 2006 compared to USD 2.9 million in 2005. The Group is not subject of taxation in Bermuda, however the Group is subject to taxation in the various countries in which it operates. The increase is due to increased activity in which the Group is paying withholding taxes in the countries of operation regardless of whether the operations are profitable due to the fact that the taxation is based on a deemed profit.

Capital expenditure in 2006 amounted to USD 359.0 million compared to USD 244.7 million in 2005. Capital expenditure in 2006 relates primarily to the ongoing conversions of BW Endeavour and YUUM K'AK'NÁAB, and the completion of the conversion of Berge Helene and the splitter onboard Berge Okoloba Toru. Capital expenditure in 2005 related to the conversion of Sendje Berge and Berge Okoloba Toru.

At 31 December 2006, BW Offshore had a net equity of USD 383.4 million compared to negative USD 85.5 million at 31 December 2005. The positive development in equity is due to a combination of the issue of new equity in April and May 2006 and the net income earned in 2006.

In May 2006 the Group accepted a fully underwritten offer for a USD 600 million unsecured reducing revolving loan facility. USD 400 million was drawn from this facility in July 2006 to refinance the outstanding debt to the parent company. An additional USD 25 million was drawn in December 2006. The facility has a grace period until 2011 when the facility will be reduced by USD 200 million.

## **Environmental issues**

The activities of the Group are subject to environmental regulations pursuant to a variety of international conventions and state and municipal laws and regulations, which the Group is committed to uphold and where possible exceed. Compliance with such regulations can require significant expenditures and in the unlikely event breaches occur, this may result in the imposition of fines and penalties, some of which may be material. Environmental legislation is evolving in a manner expected to result in stricter standards and enforcements, larger fines and liability and potentially increased capital expenditures and operating costs. Environmental laws may result in a material increase in the costs of operating the Group's units or otherwise adversely affect the Group's financial condition, results of operations or prospects. These Environmental concerns apply to all entities operating in the FPSO and FSO market.

The discharge of oil, natural gas or other pollutants into the air or water may give rise to liabilities to foreign governments and third parties and may require the Group to incur costs to remedy such discharge. Environmental laws may also expose the Group to liability for the conduct of or conditions caused by others, or for acts of the Group which were in compliance with all applicable laws at the time such actions were taken. Furthermore, some environmental laws provide for joint and several strict liabilities for remediation of releases of hazardous substances, which could result in liability for environmental damage without regard to negligence or fault.

The Group had no reportable oil spills into the sea or environment in 2006.

## **Health, safety, security, quality, working environment and gender equality**

Health, safety, security, environment and quality ("HSSEQ") are given a high priority in all parts of the Group's management, conversions and operations of FPSOs and FSOs and support service processes. The Group's management systems address HSSEQ in detail and ensure a high HSSEQ standard throughout the whole organization. BW Offshore's management has established policies for safety, security, occupational health and working environment, and environmental management. Measurable targets are defined for each onshore and offshore unit to ensure compliance with the laid down policies and to maintain a continuous improvement cycle. Personnel training and familiarisation with the said policies is recognised as one of the key activities in order to achieve a HSSEQ culture of the highest standard and minimise risks.

BW Offshore's management systems address HSSEQ in detail and are compliant with and certified in accordance with the International Safety Management code ("ISM") for the safe operation of ships and for pollution prevention. BW Offshore's FPSOs are certified in accordance with the requirements in the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code. In addition, BW Offshore is certified by the following international HSEQ standards:

- ISO 9001 - Quality Management
- ISO 14001 - Environmental Management
- OHSAS 18001 - Occupational Health and Safety Management

There were no serious injuries or accidents of any kind among the Group's employees in 2006. Total LTI-rate (lost time injuries) and total TRC-rate (total recordable casualties) for the Group's employees, consultants and other people involved in conversion projects in 2006 was 1.08 and 3.3, respectively. Total high-risk rate was 0.2 in 2006.

The working environment within the Group is good. Absence due to sickness amounted to 0.9% of total hours worked by employees in 2006. During the year, several initiatives were taken to further improve the working environment and thereby prevent absence due to sickness. Training and safety inspections are examples of these initiatives. In addition, in December 2006, the management company in Norway moved to new and up-to-date offices.

At 31 December 2006, 31% of employees were female. Key management consists of 2 females and 5 males. The Board of Directors of BW Offshore Limited consists of six members, of which one member is female. The Board of Directors and the administration of BW Offshore pursue a policy of gender equality in the Group.

## **Corporate governance**

Bermuda does not have a corporate governance code that applicable to the Company, but the Board of Directors of the Company has adopted a Corporate Governance Policy to reflect BW Offshore's commitment to good corporate governance. This Policy is based on the "Norwegian Guidelines on Corporate Governance" dated 28 November 2006, prepared by the Norwegian Committee for Corporate Governance.

The Norwegian Guidelines on Corporate Governance are "comply or explain" guidelines. BW Offshore's Corporate Governance Policy complies with the Norwegian Guidelines with certain deviations as outlined and explained below.

In accordance with common practice for Bermuda companies, BW Offshore's objects as stated in its Memorandum of Association are wider and more extensive than recommended in the Norwegian Guidelines.

In accordance with Bermuda law and common practice for Bermuda companies, the Board is authorised to purchase the Company's own shares and to increase the authorised and issued share capital by the issuance of new shares. The latter authority is neither limited to specific purposes nor to a specified period as recommended in the Norwegian Guidelines.

With regards to Norwegian taxation, the Company is not considered to be a "controlled foreign entity". To ensure that the Company will not be considered as such in the future, the Board may refuse to register the transfer of any share, where such transfer would in the opinion of the Board be likely to result in 50% or more of the issued and outstanding share capital being owned by individuals or legal persons resident for tax purposes in Norway.

Considering the shareholder structure, the Company does not have a nomination committee.

## **Going concern**

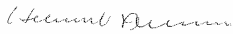
Against the background of the Group's current fleet, contracts and overall position at the end of the year and its future opportunities, the Directors are of the opinion that a good basis exists for the continued operations of the Group. The accounts have therefore been prepared on a "going concern" basis.

## Subsequent events

The Group has been involved in several transactions subsequent to 31 December 2006. These transactions are described in detail in note 22 in the consolidated financial statements. The transactions are as follows:

- Acquisition of 24.9% of the shares in APL ASA
- Acquisition of 24.33% of the shares in Prosafe SE
- Establishment of a combination agreement with APL ASA
- Acquisition of the FPSO BW Carmen

Bermuda, 22 March 2007



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Chairman



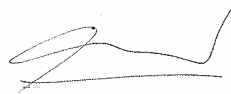
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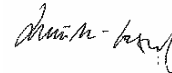
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Chief Executive Officer

**CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT**

1 January – 31 December

<b>NOTES</b>	Figures in USD million	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005 *)</b>	<b>2004 *)</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME AND OPERATING COSTS</b>				
3,19	Charter hire	106.6	46.2	30.7
23	Construction contract revenue	338.9	0.0	0.0
3,19	Lease interest	5.3	4.9	4.9
	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>450.8</b>	<b>51.1</b>	<b>35.6</b>
3,4	Operating expenses	(48.1)	(28.8)	(24.6)
23	Construction contract expenses	(338.9)	0.0	0.0
3,4,5,14	Administrative expenses	(20.3)	(7.6)	(4.0)
	<b>Operating profit before depreciation, amortization &amp; net gain</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>7.0</b>
8,9	Depreciation and amortization	(26.5)	(8.4)	(8.9)
8	Net gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	0.0	0.0	7.7
	<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<b>FINANCIAL INCOME AND FINANCIAL COSTS</b>				
16	Currency exchange gain (loss) – net	(1.0)	4.8	(4.5)
16	Interest income	4.1	1.4	1.2
16	Fair value gain on financial instruments	2.3	0.0	0.0
16,24	Interest expense	(11.0)	(6.7)	(2.0)
	<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>
6	Income tax expense	(6.9)	(2.9)	(1.3)
	<b>Net profit (loss)</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>(0.8)</b>
17	Basic earnings/(loss) per share (figures in USD)	0.03	2.41	(0.63)
17	Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (figures in USD)	0.03	2.41	(0.63)

\*) Ref note 1

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

At 31 December

<b>NOTES</b>	<b>ASSETS (figures in USD million)</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005 *</b>
8	Vessels and vessels under construction	400.3	409.8
9	Vehicles, furniture, software etc.	4.3	1.2
19	Finance lease receivable	31.0	22.8
	Other long-term receivables	4.1	-
6	Deferred tax asset	0.9	0.7
	<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>440.6</b>	<b>434.5</b>
	Inventories	1.8	1.0
20	Trade and other receivables	57.4	14.7
23	Project receivables	338.9	-
16	Derivatives at fair value	2.3	-
11	Cash and cash equivalents	38.0	36.7
	<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>438.4</b>	<b>52.3</b>
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>879.0</b>	<b>486.8</b>
<b>NOTES</b>	<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES (figures in USD million)</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005 *</b>
12	Share capital	2.1	0.0
	Share premium	462.3	2.1
	Other equity	(81.0)	(87.6)
	<b>Total shareholder's equity</b>	<b>383.4</b>	<b>(85.5)</b>
24	Long-term loan facility	421.6	-
14	Retirement benefit obligations	4.0	4.3
	Other non-current liabilities	6.6	-
	<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>432.2</b>	<b>4.3</b>
	Trade and other payables	60.5	52.4
6	Income tax liabilities	0.4	0.7
13	Amount due to ultimate parent company (non-trade)	-	508.3
	Amount due to related companies	2.5	6.5
	<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>568.0</b>
	<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>495.6</b>	<b>572.3</b>
	<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>879.0</b>	<b>486.8</b>

\*) Ref note 1



## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

1 January – 31 December

NOTES	(Figures in USD million)	SHARE CAPITAL	SHARE PREMIUM	OTHER EQUITY	TOTAL
	<b>Equity at 1 January 2005</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70.5</b>	<b>70.5</b>
	Distribution to owner (cash/assets)	-	-	(158.9)	(158.9)
	Profit (loss) for the period	-	-	2.9	2.9
	<b>Equity at 31 December 2005</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(85.5)</b>	<b>(85.5)</b>
	Debt conversion 24 April 2006 *)	1.2	148.8	-	150.0
12	Issue of new shares 25 April 2006 **)	0.8	299.2	-	300.0
12	Expenses related to share issue **)	-	(8.9)	-	(8.9)
12	Issue of new shares 5 May 2006 ***)	0.1	23.2	-	23.3
	Profit (loss) for the period	-	-	4.5	4.5
	<b>Equity at 31 December 2006</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>462.3</b>	<b>(81.0)</b>	<b>383.4</b>

\*) On 24 April 2006 USD 150.0 million of debt owed to Bergesen Worldwide Limited was converted to equity

\*\*\*) On 25 April 2006 the Company carried out a private placement providing new equity of USD 300.0 million. Net expenses related to this transaction amounted to USD 8.9 million.

\*\*\*) On 5 May 2006 the Company took delivery of the FPSO BW Whakaaropai (renamed BW Endeavour). As part of this transaction the seller subscribed for shares in the Group at a total value of USD 23.3 million.

**CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

1 January - 31 December

NOTES	Figures in USD million	2006	2005
	<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>		
	Profit/(loss) before tax	11.4	5.8
6	Income tax paid	(6.5)	(2.9)
8	Gain/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets	-	-
16	Fair value change on financial instruments	(2.3)	-
8,9	Depreciation and amortisation	26.5	8.4
14	Difference between pension costs and pension payments	(0.7)	0.6
	Changes in inventories, receivables and accounts payable	(33.2)	33.1
	<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>(4.8)</b>	<b>45.0</b>
	<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>		
8,9	Investments in operating fixed assets	(359.0)	(244.7)
9	Purchase of intangible assets	-	(0.2)
19	Investments in financial lease assets	(12.9)	-
8	Sales of operating fixed assets	-	2.4
19	Installment on financial lease	0.4	0.3
	<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>(371.5)</b>	<b>(242.2)</b>
	<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>		
24	Proceeds from long-term debt	427.7	-
	Proceeds from short-term debt	(364.5)	356.0
	Paid-in/(distributed) equity	314.4	(154.5)
	<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>377.6</b>	<b>201.5</b>
	Net change in cash and cash equivalents	1.3	4.3
	Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	36.7	32.4
	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>36.7</b>

## NOTES

### Note 1 – General

BW Offshore Limited (“BW Offshore” or “the Company”, formerly Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited) was incorporated and is domiciled in Bermuda. The address of its registered office is Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda. The Company is listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange (OSE).

BW Offshore and its subsidiaries are referred to as “the Group”. The Group develops, owns, and operates Oil and Gas FPSOs (Floating Production, Storage and Offloading Units) and FSOs (Floating Storage and Offloading Units). The Group is managed by its subsidiary BW Offshore AS and other management companies. All the employees and top management are employed in these companies. There are no employees of BW Offshore Limited.

In January 2004, Bergesen Worldwide Limited (“BWW”) became the ultimate parent company of the FPSOs and FSOs currently owned by the Group, BWW and its subsidiaries are referred herein as the “BW Group”. The Company was established in Bermuda in June 2005 as a wholly owned subsidiary of BW Group, to serve as the holding company for the activities within the offshore segment of the BW Group. In the second half of 2005, the Company purchased four offshore vessels and two tankers available for conversion to offshore vessels, from BW Gas ASA (“BW Gas”), an entity under common control within the BW Group, through six single purpose subsidiaries. The following vessels were purchased through funding from BW Group: (i) Sendje Berge, (ii) Berge Helene, (iii) Berge Okoloba Toru, (iv) Belokamenka, (v) YUUM K’AK’NÅAB (ex. BW Enterprise and Folk Moon) and (vi) BW Nisa (ex. Folk Sea). The Group also established a management company, Bergesen Worldwide Offshore AS (incorporated in Norway). Personnel related to the offshore business were transferred from BW Gas to the Group. The sale of the vessels and the transfer of the management operations (“the Transaction”) were carried out at estimated fair value. All assets and operations transferred are managed collectively and constitute a business that is under the same ultimate ownership both before and after the transaction. Therefore, under IFRS, the Transaction is accounted for in a manner similar to pooling-of-interests in which the predecessor book values in the historical financial statements are also the values used prospectively. Accordingly, the difference between fair value of the business implied in the Transaction and the predecessor book values is presented as a distribution to BWW. The consolidated income statements, balance sheets, statements of changes in equity and cash flows statements are presented as if the current group structure has been in existence from the earliest period presented. The predecessor values are brought from the consolidated financial statements of BWW.

In the consolidated financial statements, each vessel is included either from January 2004, when BWW became the ultimate parent company, or the date the vessel was transferred from another segment within the BW Group to the Offshore segment, where it was managed within this segment either as a FPSO or FSO or as a vessel available for conversion, whichever is the earliest date. Vessels sold during 2004 and 2005 have been included up to the date of sale and accounted for as disposition of an asset upon sale. One vessel removed from the Offshore segment is included up to the date of formation of the Company and accounted for as distribution of capital to the shareholder. For 2005 the distribution to BWW was USD 154.5 million paid in cash, and the non-cash transaction of USD 4.4 million relates to the vessel removed from the segment.

All figures are in USD million if not otherwise stated.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 22 March 2007.

### Note 2 – Significant accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements the Group have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the

reevaluation of certain financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative instruments) at fair value through income statement.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements are disclosed in Note 21.

***a) Amendments to published standards effective in 2006***

IAS 19 (Amendment) "Employee Benefits" is mandatory for the Group's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2006. It introduces the option of an alternative recognition approach for actuarial gains and losses. It may impose additional recognition requirements for multi-employer plans where insufficient information is available to apply defined benefit accounting. It also adds new disclosure requirements. As the Group does not intend to change the accounting policy adopted for recognition of actuarial gains and losses and does not participate in any multi-employer plans, adoption of this amendment only impacts the format and extent of disclosures presented in the accounts.

***b) Standards, amendments and interpretations effective in 2006 but not relevant***

The following standards, amendments and interpretations are mandatory for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2006 but are not relevant to the Group's operations:

- IAS 21 (Amendment) "Net Investment in a Foreign Operation"
- IAS 39 (Amendment) "Cash Flow Hedge Accounting of Forecast Intragroup Transactions"
- IAS 39 (Amendment) "The Fair Value Option"
- IAS 39 and IFRS 4 (Amendment) "Financial Guarantee Contracts"
- IFRS 6 "Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources"
- IFRS 1 (Amendment) "First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards" and IFRS 6 (Amendment) "Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources"
- IFRIC 6 "Liabilities arising from Participating in a Specific Market – Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment"
- IFRIC 4 "Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease"
- IFRIC 5 "Rights to Interests arising from Decommissioning, Restoration and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds".

***c) Existing standards that are not effective and have not been early adopted by the Group***

IFRS 7 "Financial Instruments: Disclosures" and the complementary Amendment to IAS 1 "Presentation of Financial Statements – Capital Disclosures", is not yet effective and has not been early adopted by the Group. IFRS 7 introduces new disclosures relating to financial instruments. This standard does not have any impact on the classification and valuation of the Group's financial instruments.

**Revenue recognition**

Revenue comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the chartering and rendering of operational services related to FPSOs and FSOs.

**Operational services**

Income from the rendering of services on FPSO and FSO operating contracts is recognised as revenue on a straight line basis based on contractual daily rates.

**Chartering of vessels**

Chartering of FPSO and FSO to customers is recognised as revenue based on whether the chartering contract is considered to be an operating lease or a finance lease under IAS 17.

*Operating lease*

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor, are classified as operating leases. Payments received under operating leases are recognised as revenue on a straight line basis based on contractual daily rates.

*Finance lease*

Leases in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the lessee, are classified as finance leases. Assets held under a finance lease are presented in the balance sheet as a receivable at an amount equal to the net investment in the lease. The recognition of finance income on the receivable is based on a pattern reflecting a constant periodic rate of return on the lessor's net investment in the finance lease

**Fixed price construction contracts**

When a contract to charter a vessel is considered to be a finance lease, this implies a fixed price construction contract in which the fixed price is the net investment in the lease. Revenue from fixed-price contracts for conversion to FPSOs is recognised under the percentage-of-completion ("POC") method. Under the POC method, revenue is generally recognised based on the services performed to date, as a percentage of the total services to be performed. When the outcome of construction contracts cannot be estimated reliably, no gain is recognised. When the project's results cannot be reliably estimated, only revenues equal to the accrued project costs are taken to revenue.

Any estimated loss on a contract will be recognised in the income statement for the period when it is identified that the project will lead to a loss.

**Interest income**

Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method.

**Dividend income**

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

**Segment reporting**

A business segment is a group of assets and operations engaged in providing products or services that are subject to risks and return that are different from those of other business segments. The company has one business segment, the ownership and operations of FPSOs and FSOs. A geographical segment is engaged in providing products or services within a particular economic environment that are subject to risks and return that are different from those of segments operating in other economic environments.

**Group accounting*****Subsidiaries***

Subsidiaries are entities (including special purpose entities) over which the Group has power to govern the financial and operating policies, generally accompanying a shareholding of more than 50% of the voting rights.

Except for the acquisition of subsidiaries from companies under common control, as described in note 1, the purchase method of accounting is used to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued or liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values on the date of acquisition, irrespective of the extent of any minority interest. Any difference between the purchase price and the fair value of net assets less deferred tax is recognised as goodwill.

Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group to the date on which that control ceases. In preparing the combined and consolidated financial statements, inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated, unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to ensure consistency of accounting policies with those of the Group.

***Joint ventures***

Joint ventures are entities over which the Group has contractual arrangements to jointly share the control with one or more parties. The Group's interest in joint ventures is accounted for in the combined and consolidated financial statements by proportionate consolidation. Proportionate consolidation involves combining the Group's share of joint ventures' individual income and expenses, assets and liabilities and cash flows on a line-by-line basis with similar items in the Group's financial statements.

***Transaction costs***

Costs directly attributable to an acquisition are included as part of the cost of acquisition.

**Tangible fixed assets*****Measurement***

- (i) Vessels, vessels under construction, conversion candidates and other tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.
- (ii) The cost of vessels, vessels under construction, conversion candidates and other tangible fixed assets includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.
- (iii) Instalments on conversion projects are capitalised as vessels under construction as they are paid. Capitalised value is reclassified as vessels, upon successful commissioning at the oil field. The acquisition cost reported is the sum of the instalments paid plus costs incurred during the construction period including interest expenses.

FPSOs and FSOs are reclassified from conversion candidates to vessels under construction when the company signs a conversion/ lease agreement on the vessels. Further, as noted above, the FPSOs and FSOs are reclassified to vessels, upon successful commissioning at the oil field.

**Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated using a straight-line method to allocate the depreciable amounts of Vessels, conversion candidates and other tangible fixed assets, after taking into account the residual values, over their estimated useful lives, of which both the residual values and estimated useful lives are both subject to review at each balance sheet date. Depreciation is charged from the point in time when the vessel is successfully installed at the oil field and starts to earn revenue under the contract. Conversion candidates are only subject to depreciation if the vessels have entered into temporary revenue earning contracts awaiting conversion.

**Subsequent cost and cost regarding repairs and maintenance**

Subsequent costs can be included in the assets carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

**Disposal activities**

Gains and losses that result from the disposal of vessels, vehicles and equipment are recorded on a separate line in the consolidated income statements.

**Impairment of assets**

Assets including vessels, vessels under construction, conversion candidates and other tangible assets, are reviewed for impairment annually and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of an asset's net selling price and its value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Each FPSO and FSO is identified as a cash-generating unit.

**Leasing**

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risk and rewards incidental to ownership of the leased item to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Most of the lease contracts include one or several options for the charterer to purchase the vessel and/or option(s) for the charterer to extend the lease period beyond the firm period. At the inception of the lease, these options are taken into consideration in the evaluation of whether the lease is a finance lease or an operational lease. Cash flows in the option periods are included in the minimum lease payments described in note 19 if it is reasonably certain that the option(s) will be exercised.

***The Group as lessor***

Assets held under a finance lease are presented in the balance sheet as a receivable at an amount equal to the net investment in the lease. Lease income is recognised over the term of the lease using the net investment method, which reflects a constant periodic rate of return.

Assets held under an operating lease are included in the balance sheet based on the nature of the asset. Rental income from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

***The Group as lessee***

Generally, the Group has no significant arrangements whereby it is the lessee.

**Borrowings**

Borrowings are recognized initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortized cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognized in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

**Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition or conversion of vessels, which take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use, are added to the cost of the vessels, until such time as the vessels are substantially ready for their intended use. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing cost eligible for capitalisation.

**Trade and other receivables**

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at originally invoiced amount and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less allowance for impairment. An allowance for impairment of trade and other receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. The amount of the allowance is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate. The amount of the allowance is recognised in the income statement.

Trade and other receivables are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date. These are classified as non-current assets.

**Trade and other payables**

Trade and other payables are initially measured at fair value, and subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

**Inventories**

Inventories comprise mainly fuel oil remaining on board vessels. Inventories are measured at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

**Derivatives**

The Group's derivatives do not qualify as hedging instruments. Accordingly they are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and measured at fair value in accordance with IAS 39. Changes in the fair value of such derivatives are recognised in the income statement.

All purchases and sales of financial instruments are recognised on the transaction date.

**Provisions for other liabilities and charges**

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made. Where the Group expects a provision to be



reimbursed, for example under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset, but only when the reimbursement is reasonably certain.

## **Employee benefits**

### ***Defined benefit plans***

The Group has four defined benefit pension plans, of which two are funded. The funded schemes are funded through payments to insurance companies determined by periodic actuarial calculations.

Unfunded schemes are financed through the Group's operations. A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that is not a defined contribution plan. Typically, defined benefit plans define an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and compensation.

The liability recognized in the balance sheet in respect of defined benefit pension plans is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the balance sheet date less the fair value of plan assets, together with adjustments for unrecognized actuarial gains or losses and past service costs. The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of high-quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related pension liability.

Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments, and changes in actuarial assumptions in excess of the greater of 10% of the value of plan assets or 10% of the defined benefit obligation are charged or credited to income over the employees' expected average remaining working lives.

### ***Employee-leave entitlement***

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. An accrual is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the balance sheet date.

### ***Bonus plans***

The Group recognises a liability and an expense for bonuses to employees when the Group contractually is obliged or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation.

## **Currency translation**

### ***Functional and presentation currency***

Items included in the financial statements of each entity in the Group are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). All subsidiaries have United States Dollars ("USD") as the functional currency. The consolidated financial statements are presented in USD which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

### ***Transactions and balances***

Transactions in a currency other than the functional currency ("foreign currency") are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of transactions. Currency translation gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of financial year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement.

**Taxes and deferred tax liabilities**

The Company is not subject to any taxation. However, some of its subsidiaries are subject to income tax in the countries in which they operate. The Group provides for tax on profit on the basis of the profit for financial reporting purposes, adjusted for non-taxable revenue and expenses. Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable, changes in deferred tax and deferred tax asset and withholding tax on charter hire.

The Group's liability for current tax payable is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred taxation is provided for in the balance sheet and calculated on the basis of temporary differences between book and tax values that exist at the end of the financial period. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is charged or credited to profit or loss, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

**Dividend distribution**

Dividend distribution to the Company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's shareholders.

**Use of estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. It also requires the use of accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the financial year. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may ultimately differ from those estimates.

**Note 3 – Segment information****Primary reporting format – business segments**

All the activities of the Group are within one business segment; the offshore segment; in which recognised revenue and expenses derives from ownership and operations of FPSOs and FSOs. The vessels are solely operated through firm contracts with duration up to 15 years (note 19).

**Secondary reporting format – geographical segments**

The Group has operations in Russia, West Africa and the Far East, with a large portion of the activity taking place in the offshore waters of West African countries. Segment information about the Group's operations is presented below:

	2006					2005				2004		
	West Africa	Russia	Far East	Other	Total	West Africa	Russia	Other	Total	West Africa	Russia	Total
Revenue	94.5	11.7	4.8	0.9	111.9	42.1	9.0	0.0	51.1	29.4	6.2	35.6
Operating expenses	(40.9)	(3.4)	(5.2)	(18.9)	(68.4)	(40.3)	(4.4)	0.0	(44.7)	(27.1)	(2.7)	(29.8)
Operating profit	53.5	8.3	(0.4)	(18.0)	43.5	1.7	4.6	0.0	6.3	2.3	3.5	5.8
Interest expenses	(20.2)	(2.3)	(2.1)	13.6	(11.0)	(5.2)	(1.6)	0.0	(6.8)	(1.2)	(0.8)	(2.0)
Total non-current assets	344.3	22.3	27.4	46.6	440.6	331.7	22.8	80.0	434.5	176.8	23.1	199.9

Construction contract revenue and expenses amounting to USD 338.9 million in 2006 are related to the construction of the vessel YÜUM K'AK'NÁAB which is expected to commence operations in the Gulf of Mexico in April 2007 and is as such not included in figures set out in the table above.

The category "Other" reflects vessels under conversion not yet allocated to any segment.

#### Note 4 – Specification of operating expenses and administrative expenses

Operating expenses	2006	2005	2004
Employee benefit expenses crew (note 5)	19.2	3.6	4.5
Insurance	3.5	2.9	1.4
Operation, maintenance, spare parts and repairs	22.8	22.3	18.7
Bad debt and provision for bad debt	2.6	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>24.6</b>

Administrative expenses	2006	2005	2004
Employee benefit expenses (note 5)	8.1	4.8	2.3
Auditors	0.2	0.1	0.0
IT & communication	4.1	1.9	1.7
Offices (rent etc)	1.6	0.5	0.0
Travel expenses	0.7	0.1	0.0
Other management expenses	4.9	0.0	0.0
Forward exchange contracts	0.1	0.0	0.0
Other expenses	0.7	0.1	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>

#### Note 5 – Employee benefit expenses, remuneration to Directors and auditors etc.

Employee benefit expenses	2006	2005	2004
Wages, crew	19.2	3.6	4.5
Wages, administrative personnel	4.2	3.4	1.5
Social security tax	1.6	0.8	0.3
Pension costs defined benefit plans (Note 14)	2.3	0.6	0.5
<b>Total employee benefit expenses</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>6.8</b>

Total employee benefit expenses are included in the following accounts:

Operating expenses	19.2	3.6	4.5
Administrative expenses	8.1	4.8	2.3
Total employee benefit expenses	27.3	8.4	6.8
Number of man years employed (2005 and 2004: average number of employees) (including seafaring personnel)	441	213	166

<b>Remuneration paid to Chief Executive Officer, Key management and Board of Directors (USD '000)</b>		<b>2006</b>
<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>		
Remuneration		400
Pension		95
Bonuses		263
<b>Key Management</b>		
Wages		1,248
Pension		259
<b>Total compensation paid to CEO and key management personnel</b>		<b>2,265</b>
The Board of Directors *)		0
<b>Total remuneration</b>		<b>2,265</b>
Loans to Key Management		610
Loans to other employees		3,636
<b>Total loans</b>		<b>4,246</b>

\*) The compensation for board services for the period May 2006 to May 2007 will be decided on the annual general meeting in May 2007.

### **Employee Stock Owning Programme (ESOP)**

In connection with the listing of the Company on the Oslo Stock Exchange, the Company resolved to offer the employees of a subsidiary, BW Offshore AS (BWO AS) shares in the Company. In September 2006 the BWO AS employees were offered shares in the Company for an amount corresponding to one-third of their annual salary at the time of the listing.

The employees have undertaken not to sell the shares during the period of three years as from the date of the purchase and the shares will be attached with a lock-up correspondingly. The Company is offering a loan for the purposes of financing the share acquisition. No repayment of the loan will be required during the lock-up period of three years. There will be calculated interest on the loan corresponding to the interest rate applicable to favourable loans to employees at any given time, cf. Section 5-12, Sub-section 4, of the Tax Act. If the employee remains in employment with BWO AS after the end of the three-year period, the Company will pay a bonus to the employee corresponding to the loan. If the employee resigns prior to the three-year period, the employee will have to repay the loan in its entirety upon the discontinuation of employment.

### **Fees to auditors (USD '000)**

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Statutory audit	113.0	78.3	30.7
Other attestation services *)	80.0	0.0	0.0
Tax related services **)	1,413.0	94.6	1.2
<b>Total fees</b>	<b>1,606.0</b>	<b>172.8</b>	<b>31.9</b>

\*) Other attestation services include a fee for services rendered in regards to the issue of new shares in April 2006. The total fee of USD 0.3 million is charged directly against equity.

\*\*) Tax related services include fees for services rendered regarding importation etc of the vessel YUUM K'AK'NÁAB into Mexican waters. Total fee of USD 1,062 million is included in Construction contract expenses.

**Note 6 – Income tax expense**

The Company is incorporated and domiciled in Bermuda. There are no income, withholding, capital gains or capital transfer taxes payable in Bermuda.

However, the Group's subsidiaries are subject to taxation in the countries in which they operate. The Group's operational activities are subject to profit taxation rates which range from 0% to 30%. Taxes in Equatorial Guinea, Nigeria, Mauritania and Russia are based on a deemed profit of gross revenue derived from the operation. The withholdings are made by the client who pays the taxes directly to the local tax authorities in the name of the Group.

<b>Tax expense for the year</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Origin and reversal of temporary differences	(0.2)	(0.7)	0.0
Tax payable ex withholding tax	1.0	0.8	0.0
Adjustments in tax payable related to previous year	0.0	0.0	0.0
Withholding tax Nigeria, Mauritania, Equatorial Guinea, Russia	6.1	2.8	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>

<b>Effective income tax rate</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Accounting profit before income tax	11.4	5.8	0.5
<b>Income tax at BWOs statutory income tax rate of 0%</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Adjustments in respect to current income tax of previous years	0.0	0.0	0.0
Withholding taxes	6.1	2.8	1.3
Non-deductible expenses	0.1	0.0	0.0
Effect of higher tax rates in Norway, Singapore, Mexico and Malaysia	0.7	0.1	0.0
<b>Income tax at the effective income tax rate</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>

<b>Tax liabilities at 31 December</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Tax payable	0.4	0.7
Withholding taxes payable	0.0	0.0
<b>Tax payable</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>

Deferred tax assets can be specified as follows:

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Deferred tax assets</b>		
Pensions	0.0	(1.2)
<b>Deferred tax assets - gross</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(1.2)</b>
<b>Deferred tax liabilities</b>		
Fixed assets	0.6	0.0
Pensions	(1.5)	0.5
<b>Deferred tax liabilities - gross</b>	<b>(0.9)</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>Net recognised deferred tax asset</b>	<b>(0.9)</b>	<b>(0.7)</b>

Net recognised deferred tax asset is expected to be utilized against future net taxable profits.

No tax effects are recorded directly against equity since income in Bermuda is not subject to income tax.

### Note 7 – List of subsidiaries

Name of companies	Country of incorporation	Ownership 2006	Ownership 2005
<b>Subsidiaries held by the Group</b>			
Belokamenka Limited	Bermuda	100 %	100 %
Berge Carmen Limited	Bermuda	100 %	100 %
Berge Carmen Singapore Private Limited	Singapore	100 %	100 %
Bergesen d.y. Offshore Nigeria Limited	Nigeria	100 %	100 %
Berge Helene Limited	Bermuda	100 %	100 %
Berge Okoloba Toru Limited	Bermuda	100 %	100 %
Berge Troll Limited	Bermuda	100 %	100 %
Belokamenka (Cyprus) Limited	Cyprus	100 %	0 %
BW Offshore (M) Sdn Bhd	Malaysia	100 %	100 %
Bergesen Worldwide Mexico, S.A. de C.V.	Mexico	100 %	100 %
Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Mexico S. de RL de CV	Mexico	100 %	0 %
BW Offshore AS	Norway	100 %	100 %
BW LPG FPSO I Limited	Bermuda	100 %	0 %
BW Endeavour Limited	Bermuda	100 %	0 %
BW Pioneer Limited	Bermuda	100 %	0 %
Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Singapore Private Limited	Singapore	100 %	100 %
Ceiba Management AS	Norway	100 %	100 %
Sendje Berge Limited	Bermuda	100 %	100 %

### Note 8 – FPSOs, FSOs and vessels under construction

The fleet at 31 December 2006 included the following vessels: Sendje Berge, Berge Helene, Berge Okoloba Toru, Belokamenka, BW Nisa, BW Endeavour and BW LPG FPSO I. Berge Helene commenced operations in February 2006. BW Endeavour and BW LPG FPSO I were acquired in 2006.

Belokamenka is accounted for as finance lease and is not included in the table below (note 19). The same applies for YUUM K'AK'NÁAB, of which the conversion is accounted for as a fixed price construction contract in accordance with IAS 11 (notes 19 and 23).

Capitalization rate used to determine the amount of borrowing costs eligible for capitalization is LIBOR + 0.8% margin (LIBOR + 1.0% margin from 1 October 2006).

2006 in USD million	Conversion candidates	Vessels under construction *)	FPSOs and FSOs	Total
Cost at 1 January 2006	0.0	304.4	117.7	422.1
Additions	11.3	85.7	0.0	97.0
Disposals	0.0	(80.6)	0.0	(80.6)
Reclassification	0.0	(242.2)	242.2	0.0
<b>Cost at 31 December 2006</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>359.9</b>	<b>438.5</b>
Accumulated depreciation at 1 January 2006	0.0	(5.4)	(6.9)	(12.3)
Current year depreciation	0.0	0.0	(25.9)	(25.9)
Disposals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reclassification	0.0	5.3	(5.3)	0.0
Accumulated depreciation at 31 December 2006	0.0	(0.1)	(38.1)	(38.2)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2006</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>67.2</b>	<b>321.8</b>	<b>400.3</b>
Useful life	N/A	N/A	15-25 years	
Capitalized interest cost vessels under construction		3.9		3.9

\*) Vessels under construction are not subject to depreciation. The figures in the respective lines relate to depreciation of vessels incurred prior to the transfer to vessels under construction.

Estimated useful life of the Group's FPSOs and FSOs was changed from 10 years to 15 years effective from 1 October 2006, resulting in reduced depreciation charges in 2006 of USD 3.0 million.

2005 In USD million	Vessels under construction *)	FPSOs and FSOs	Total
Cost at 1 January 2005	178.2	3.7	181.9
Additions	218.6	25.3	243.9
Disposals	0.0	(3.7)	(3.7)
Reclassification	(92.4)	92.4	0.0
<b>Cost at 31 December 2005</b>	<b>304.4</b>	<b>117.7</b>	<b>422.1</b>
Accumulated depreciation at 1 January 2005	(4.1)	(1.2)	(5.3)
Current year depreciation	(1.3)	(7.0)	(8.3)
Disposals	0.0	1.3	1.3
Accumulated depreciation at 31 December 2005	(5.4)	(6.9)	(12.3)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2005</b>	<b>299.0</b>	<b>110.8</b>	<b>409.8</b>
Useful life	N/A	10-25 years	
Capitalized interest cost vessels under construction		3.8	3.8

\*) Vessels under construction are not subject to depreciation. The figures in the respective lines relate to depreciation of vessels incurred prior to the transfer to vessels under construction.

2004 In USD million	Vessels under construction *)	FPSOs and FSOs	Total
Cost at 1 January 2004	0.0	153.7	153.7
Additions	9.2	81.8	91.0
Disposals	0.0	(62.8)	(62.8)
Reclassification	169.0	(169.0)	0.0
<b>Cost at 31 December 2004</b>	<b>178.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>181.9</b>
Accumulated depreciation at 1 January 2004	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current year depreciation	(4.1)	(4.8)	(8.9)
Disposals	0.0	3.6	3.6
Accumulated depreciation at 31 December 2004	(4.1)	(1.2)	(5.3)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2004</b>	<b>174.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>176.6</b>

Useful life N/A 10 years

Capitalized interest cost vessels under construction 1.1 1.1

\*) Vessels under construction are not subject to depreciation. The figures in the respective lines relate to depreciation of vessels incurred prior to the transfer to vessels under construction.

As the ultimate parent was established in January 2004, cost price was established at that point and there is no accumulated depreciation in the opening balance in 2004.

Sendje Ceiba was sold in 2004. Gain on the sale amounts to USD 7,668,000 and is recorded on a separate line in the income statement.

## Note 9 – Vehicles, equipment and software

2006 In USD million	Vehicles and equipment	Computer software	Total
Cost at 1 January 2006	1.1	0.2	1.3
Additions	2.5	1.3	3.8
Disposals	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)
<b>Cost at 31 December 2006</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Accumulated depreciation at 1 January 2006	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)
Current year depreciation	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.6)
Disposals	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accumulated depreciation at 31 December 2006	(0.4)	(0.3)	(0.7)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2006</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>4.3</b>

Useful life 5-11 years 3 years



<b>2005</b> <b>In USD million</b>	<b>Vehicles and equipment</b>	<b>Computer software</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cost at 1 January 2005	0.2	0.0	0.2
Additions	0.9	0.2	1.1
Disposals	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Cost at 31 December 2005</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Accumulated depreciation at 1 January 2005		0.0	0.0
Current year depreciation	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)
Disposals	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accumulated depreciation at 31 December 2005	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2005</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Useful life	5 years	3 years	

<b>2004</b> <b>In USD million</b>	<b>Vehicles and equipment</b>	<b>Computer software</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cost at 1 January 2004	0.2	0.0	0.2
Additions	0.0	0.0	0.0
Disposals	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Cost at 31 December 2004</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Accumulated depreciation at 1 January 2004	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current year depreciation	0.0	0.0	0.0
Disposals	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accumulated depreciation at 31 December 2004	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Balance at 31 December 2004</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Useful life	5 years	3 years	

## Note 10 – Investment in joint venture

The Group has the following investment in a joint venture:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Registered office</b>	<b>Holding in % 2006</b>	<b>Holding in % 2005</b>
LLC Oil Terminal Belokamenka	Russia	50 %	50 %

The following amounts represent the Group's share of assets, liabilities, income and expenses of the joint venture and are proportionately consolidated in the Group's balance sheet and income statement on a line-by-line basis:

	2006	2005	2004
	LLC Oil Terminal Belokamenka	LLC Oil Terminal Belokamenka	LLC Oil Terminal Belokamenka
Revenue	7.0	6.2	4.1
Expenses	(5.3)	(5.5)	(3.9)
Net financial Items	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.0)
Profit before tax	1.6	0.7	0.1
Income tax expense	(0.4)	(0.1)	(0.0)
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Non-current assets	0.7	0.4	0.2
Current assets	1.1	1.4	0.1
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Equity	1.5	1.7	0.1
Non-current liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current liabilities	0.3	0.2	0.2
<b>Total Equity and liabilities</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>

The following transactions were carried out between the Group and OOO Oil Terminal Belokamenka:

- Lease of the FSO Belokamenka (note 19), USD 14,144 per day
- Management services, USD 84,000 per month

### Note 11 – Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are denominated primarily in USD. Restricted bank deposits at 31 December 2006 and 31 December 2005 amounted to USD 0.9 million and USD 0.5 million, respectively, and relate to taxes withheld from employees.

### Note 12 – Share capital of the Company, largest shareholders etc.

Share capital	USD '000
<b>Authorised</b>	
250,000,000 ordinary shares at par value 0.01 USD each	2,500
<b>Issued and full paid</b>	
1 January 2006	12
Share issue at 24 April 2006 - debt conversion	1,188
Share issue at 25 April 2006 for cash	790
Share issue in May 2006 for assets	61
<b>31 December</b>	<b>2,051</b>

The establishment of ESOP in September 2006 (note 5) resulted in the issuing of 1,329,195 new shares in the Company. The shares were registered 4 January 2007 and are accordingly presented at debt at 31 December 2006. The Company has one class of ordinary shares.

The 20 largest shareholders at 31 December 2006 were:

Shareholder	No of shares	Holding %
Bergesen Worldwide Limited	120 600 000	58.8
Morgan Stanley & Co. Client Equity Account	8 290 839	4.0
JPMorgan Chase Bank Clients Treaty Account	6 789 209	3.3
Goldman Sachs Intern Equity Nontreaty Customers	6 450 500	3.2
Spencer Energy AS	5 996 421	2.9
Bank of New York, BR S/A MSF-Mutual D.	5 771 664	2.8
Morgan Stanley & Co.	3 686 296	1.8
Bank of New York, BR S/A Equity Tri-Party	2 880 059	1.4
Bank of New York, Br S/A MSF-Mutual Quality	2 813 120	1.4
JPMorgan Chase Bank S/A Frankling Temple	2 797 890	1.4
JPMorgan Cchase Bank S/A MTDL/Threadneedl.	2 693 500	1.3
Orkla ASA	2 660 500	1.3
Bank of New York, BR S/A FVF-Mutual	2 387 599	1.2
JPMorgan Chase Bank S/A F & C ICVC Lend.	2 253 113	1.1
KAS Depository Trust Clients Account	2 117 839	1.0
Skandinaviska Enskil A/C Clients Account	1 931 200	0.9
Folketrygdfondet	1 585 000	0.8
Bank of New York, BR BNY GCM Client Account	1 584 000	0.8
JPMorgan Chase Bank S/A Escrow Account	1 564 000	0.8
Verdipapirfond ODIN	1 469 000	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>186,321,749</b>	<b>90.8</b>

\*) Bergesen Worldwide Limited is approximately 93% owned by companies controlled by corporate interests associated with the Sohmen family.

Chief Executive Officer and Key Management own a total of 195,000 and 282,472 shares, respectively, in the Company at 31 December 2006.

On 4 January 2007 in connection with the establishment of the Employee Stock Owning Program in the Company (note 5), the CEO purchased an additional 51,733 shares and the Key management purchased an additional 143,406 shares in the Company.

### Note 13 – Amount owed to ultimate Holding Corporation (non-trade)

The Company's immediate and ultimate holding corporation is BWW, incorporated in Bermuda.

The non-trade amount due to the ultimate holding corporation at 31 December 2006 (USD 0.0 million) and at 31 December 2005 (USD 508.3 million), denominated in USD, was charged with interest based on LIBOR + 0.8% margin, payable on demand.

Interest paid in 2006 and 2005 amounted to USD 12.5 million and USD 6.0 million, respectively.

### Note 14 – Retirement benefit obligations

All office employees and Norwegian seafaring personnel are covered by four defined benefit pension plans, of which two are funded. The funding obligations connected to the pension plans are coordinated with anticipated future payments from the state pension regulations in Norway. The individual future retirement benefit includes the total of payments from the company pension plan, of which a provision is recorded in the consolidated accounts, and pension payments from the Norwegian state. The plans also include survivor/dependants and disability pensions. The pension entitlements are accrued on a linear basis over an average service life of 30 years. The main terms for office staff pensions are 66% of final salary on attainment of retirement age of 65-67. The main condition for seafaring personnel is a pension of 50% of final salary on attainment of retirement age of 60. The Group's pension schemes follow the requirements as set in the Act on Mandatory company pensions in Norway.

The above mentioned plans had 120 members at 31 December 2006 and 73 members at 31 December 2005. No other post-retirement benefits are provided.

The most recent actuarial valuations of plan assets and the defined benefit obligation were carried out at 31 December 2006 by Storebrand Actuarial Services, a member of the Norwegian Institute of Actuaries.

The principal actuarial assumptions used for calculating the pension obligations and expenses were as follows:

	2006	2005
Discount rate	4.40 %	4.25 %
Expected return on plan assets	5.40 %	5.25 %
Future salary increases	4.50 %	3.50 %
Future pension increases	1.60 %	2.50 %
Increase in social security base amount related to Norwegian state pension	4.25 %	2.50 %
Social security tax	14.10 %	14.10 %

Actuarial assumptions for demographic factors such as rates for mortality and disability are based on the standard assumptions used by the Norwegian Institutes of Actuaries.

The amounts recognised in the **balance sheet** are determined as follows:

Figures in USD million	2006	2005
Present value of funded obligations	15.8	9.0
Fair value of plan assets	(9.8)	(4.8)
Present value of unfunded obligations	0.8	0.0
Unrecognised actuarial losses	(2.8)	0.1
<b>Liability in the balance sheet</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>

The amounts recognised in the **income statement** are as follows:

Figures in USD million	2006	2005 *)	2004 *)
Current service cost	2.0	0.5	0.5
Interest cost	0.9	0.1	0.0
Expected return on plan assets	(0.6)	(0.1)	0.0
Net actuarial gain recognised during the financial period	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Net periodic pension cost (Note 6)</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>

\*) At 15 August 2005 the Group acquired employees from related companies. The net periodic pension cost in 2005 covers the period 15 August to 31 December. Prior to establishment of the Group, pension costs were charged to the Offshore segment as part of operational expenses, and the pension obligation is accordingly included in amount due to related parties. Total pension cost for the period 1 January to 31 December 2005 was USD 0.9 million. Total pension cost for the period 1 January to 31 December 2004 invoiced as management fee, amounted to USD 0.5 million.

Best estimate of net pension cost for 2007 amounts to USD 4.0 million. Best estimate of premium payments in 2007 amounts to USD 2.0 million.

The movement in the liability recognised in the balance sheet is as follows:

Figures in USD million	2006	2005
At 1 January/at establishment of the Group in 2005	(4.3)	(3.8)
Contributions paid	2.8	0.0
Exchange differences	(0.2)	0.0
Charged to income statement	(2.3)	(0.6)
<b>At 31 December</b>	<b>(4.0)</b>	<b>(4.3)</b>

Composition of pension plan assets as at year end:

	2006	2005
Shares and equity instruments	23.0 %	27.0 %
Bonds - fixed yield	35.0 %	29.0 %
Bonds held to maturity	29.0 %	28.0 %
Properties and real estate	12.0 %	10.0 %
Loans	0.0 %	1.0 %
Certificates	0.0 %	4.0 %
Other	1.0 %	1.0 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>

The actual return on plan assets amounted to 6.5% at 30 September 2006.

### Note 15 – Related parties transactions

The Group is a subsidiary of BWW. BWW is approximately 93% owned by companies controlled by corporate interests associated with the Sohmen family

All transactions with related parties, including transactions described in note 22, have been carried out as a part of the ordinary operations and at arm's length prices.

Remuneration to the Board of Directors, Auditors and Key management is detailed in note 5.

Investments in subsidiaries are described in note 7. Transactions with joint ventures are disclosed in note 10.

The Group was financed by BWW until the beginning of July 2006.

The following transactions were carried out with related parties:

	2006	2005	2004
Interest expenses to group companies *)	12.5	8.5	3.7
Management, administration and rental services from BW Gas	6.1	6.6	4.3
Year-end balances			
Receivables from group companies	1.5	0.8	0.2
Payables to group companies	2.5	6.5	6.4

\*) Interest expenses are related to loans from BW Gas ASA in 2004 and the period from January to September 2005, and loans from Bergesen Worldwide Limited for the period from September 2005 to July 2006. The terms of the agreement are LIBOR + 1.5-2.0% for the loan from BW Gas ASA and LIBOR + 0.8% for the loan from BWW.

### Allocations (in 2005 and 2004)

The Group was established in June 2005 and commenced its activities on 15 August 2005. The combined and consolidated income statement for 2005 consisted of consolidated income statement for

the Group for the legal period 15 August to 31 December 2005 together with the income statement for the Offshore segment within BWW for the period 1 January through 14 August 2005. The latter values are brought from the consolidated financial statements of BWW.

The combined and consolidated income statement is based on allocations between the Offshore segment and other segments within the BW Group for the period 1 January through 14 August 2005. Similar procedures are used for the year 2004. The most significant allocations are management expenses. Other operating costs are directly attributable to the individual vessel and are therefore not subject to allocations.

A management fee was charged by the BW Group for management of the offshore activities until 14 August 2005. The fee comprised costs for personnel allocated to the segment to ensure functions for administrative, commercial, technical, and operational management. The fee was calculated based on the direct salary with a 46% gross-up for social security and pension cost. In addition distributed costs related to office premises, IT support, canteen and other company services were allocated to the segment on a proportional basis per allocated personnel. Management fees for 2004 amounting to USD 4.4 million of which wages amounting to USD 2.3 million are recorded in administrative expenses, and other management expenses amounting to USD 2.2 million are included in other operating expenses. Management fees for the period 1 January to 14 August 2005 amount to USD 4.2 million of which wages amounting to USD 2.2 million are recorded in wage cost, and other management expenses amounting to USD 2.0 million are included in other operating expenses. For the period 15 August to 31 December 2005 the management expenses total to USD 5.2 million of which wages including social cost and pension cost, constitute USD 2.7 million.

Predecessor management expenses may not be representative of the expenses that will be incurred in future periods in which the Group operates independently of BW Group.

## **Note 16 – Financial risk management**

### **Financial risk factors**

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: price risk (including currency risk and market risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. Historically, demand for offshore exploration, development and production has been volatile and closely linked to the oil price. Low oil prices typically lead to a reduction in exploration as the oil companies scale down their own investment budgets. Most of the Company's units are fixed on long-term contracts, and this, to some extent, reduces the Company's exposure against intermediate oil and gas price fluctuations. Nevertheless, a decrease in the oil prices may have an adverse impact on the financial position of the Company.

The Group's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance. A risk management team identifies and evaluates financial risks in close co-operation with the Group's operating units. The risk management team is governed by written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, such as foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, and investing excess liquidity.

### **Foreign exchange risk**

The Group's current businesses have USD as their primary functional currency. Substantially all operating revenue, interest bearing debt and contractual obligations for vessels under construction are denominated in USD. The Group's vessels are also valued in USD when trading in the second-hand market. The Group is exposed to expenses incurred in currencies other than USD, the major currencies being Norwegian Kroner ("NOK") and Singapore Dollars ("SGD"). In the Group's current activities, expenses denominated in NOK and SGD constitute a minor part of total operating expenses. Therefore, fluctuations in the exchange rate of NOK and SGD have no significant effects for the financial statements of the Group.

At 31 December 2006 the Group held 15 forward exchange contracts as hedges of expected future expenses in NOK. Three contracts are used as to hedge the foreign currency risk of the expected future expenses related to conversion of vessels with maturity date no longer than July 2007 at a total

amount of USD 21.9 million. The average exchange rate is 6.4025. Fair value of these contracts is USD 0.6 million at 31 December 2006 (2005: nil).

An additional 12 contracts are used to hedge the foreign currency risk of the expected future expenses related to administrative expenses. These contracts amount to the NOK equivalent of USD 1.0 million each and mature on a monthly basis in 2007 (USD 1.0 million in January, USD 1.0 million in February etc). Average exchange rate is 6.158. Fair value of these contracts is USD -0.1 million at 31 December 2006 (2005: nil).

Net change in fair value related to the forward exchange contracts mentioned above is recorded in the income statement (as administrative expenses and/or construction contract expenses) as these derivatives do not qualify for hedge accounting.

In the period 1 January 2004 to 15 August 2005 before the formation of the Group, the Group had cash deposits and loans denominated in NOK which gave rise to the currency exchange gains/losses presented in the income statement. Predecessor gains and losses are anticipated not to be representative of the exchange gains/losses that will be incurred in future periods as the Group now operates independently of BW Group.

### **Credit risk**

Several of the Company's contracts are long-term, and there can be no guarantees that the financial position of the Company's major partners will not materially change during the contracted period. Given the limited number of major partners of the Company and the significant portion they represent of the Company's income, the inability of one or more of them to make full payment on any of the Company's contracted units may have a significant adverse impact on the financial position of the Company.

Another risk factor to be addressed is whether negative reservoir development can affect the oil company's ability to fulfill its obligations also within the fixed contract. The probability for options to be exercised and extension of contracts to be entered into will be negatively affected by reduction in actual reservoir reserves. It is common for customers, i.e. the oil companies, to contract the firm period for the FPSO lease equivalent to a very high probability of the producing life of the reserves.

The existing contracts are essentially covered against these risks through termination fees, cash-flow arrangements, and financial and corporate guarantees. The company will continue its active risk management to mitigate these risk factors.

Furthermore, the Group has implemented policies to ensure that cash funds are deposited with internationally recognised financial institutions with a good credit rating.

### **Liquidity risk**

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities, the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to close out market positions. Due to the dynamic nature of the underlying businesses, the Group maintains sufficient cash for its daily operations via short-term cash deposit at banks and a commitment from the ultimate parent undertaking to make available funds from the unutilised portion of revolving facilities offered by financial institutions to its ultimate holding corporation.

### **Interest rate risk**

The table below sets out the Group's exposure to interest rate risks. Included in the tables are the assets and liabilities at carrying amounts, categorised by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturing dates.

At 31 December 2006	Repricing/maturity date		Total
	Less than 6 months USD'000	Non-interest bearing USD'000	
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	38.0	0.0	38.0
Trade and other receivables current	18.8	38.6	57.4
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Due to Ultimate Holding company and related companies	2.5	0.0	2.5
Trade and other payables	0.0	60.5	60.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>59.3</b>	<b>99.1</b>	<b>158.4</b>

Average interest rate on cash deposits is 5.3%.

Financial assets and liabilities are short term with floating rate, and therefore there is no material difference between carrying value and fair value.

The Group has been granted two options to borrow USD 259.7 million with the Norwegian Export Credit Agency (Eksportfinans) at an interest rate of 4.77 % over a period of 8.5 years. Fair value of these options is recorded in the balance sheet at 31 December 2006 at an amount corresponding to USD 2.3 million. Net change in fair value recorded at the income statement in 2006 amounts to USD 2.3 million. Fair value is assessed by DnB Market.

## Note 17 – Earnings per share

### Basic

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the profit of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.

### Diluted

The company has had no instruments outstanding during the reporting period with a potentially dilutive effect.

	2006	2005 *)	2004 *)
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Group (USD million)	4.5	2.9	(0.8)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (thousands)	137,111	1,200	1,200
Basic and diluted earnings per share	0.03	2.41	(0.63)

\*) The company was established in Bermuda in 2005. Note that the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year has been calculated as if the shares have been outstanding since 1 January 2004.

Basic and diluted earnings per share are shown in separate lines in the income statement.



**Note 18 – Commitments**

Capital expenditure related to conversion projects contracted for at the balance sheet date but not recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

	2006	2005
Nominal amount	80.2	344.6
Net present value	75.3	327.0
Interest rate	6.5%	4.7%

The Group has entered into lease agreements (classified as operating leases) for offices in Oslo, Nigeria, Malaysia and Mexico with duration varying from 3 to 15 years. Total annual rent amounts to USD 2 million.

**Note 19 – Leases**

The group has entered into lease contracts as lessor. The contracts are described below.

**Operating leases**

The FPSO **Sendje Berge** has been committed for a four year firm lease at the Okwori field in Nigeria. The operation commenced in April 2005 and the client has an option to extend the charter for 4 years.

The FPSO **Berge Okoloba Toru** is on a four year firm lease contract in Nigeria. The operation started in February 2005, and the client has an option to extend the contract period for 4 years. The client has a purchase option to buy the vessel after three years after the start of the contract term at a value based on declining purchase prices.

The FPSO **Berge Helene** commenced operations in Mauritania in February 2006 on a firm seven year lease contract with up to an additional eight one year options. The client has a purchase option that can be exercised throughout the contract until 6 months prior to expiration of the prevailing terms. The purchase option value is based on declining purchase prices.

BW Nisa is operating as FSO on temporary 18 months contract in Malaysia. The contract term started in April 2006. The temporary contract can be cancelled by the Group by providing a 180 days notice if the vessel is required to be converted for a FPSO project.

The future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable operating leases (ref above) contracted for at the reporting date but not recognised as receivables, are set out in the table below.

	2006	2005
Not later than one year	69.3	67.8
Later than one year and not later than five years	169.5	205.2
Later than five years	39.1	72.7
<b>Total nominal amount</b>	<b>277.9</b>	<b>345.7</b>

The FPSO **BW Endeavour** (to be renamed BW Peace) is expected to commence operations in Nigeria in August 2007 on a firm 3 years lease contract with an additional 7 year option period. The client has no purchase options.

**Finance leases**

**YÜUM K'AK'NÁAB** (ex BW Enterprise and Folk Moon) is currently under conversion, and will be ready for delivery to the customer for operation in Mexico in 2007. BWW has signed a 15 year firm lease contract with the customer. The vessel will be automatically transferred to the customer at the end of the lease term without compensation. The net present value of the minimum lease payments, amount to substantially all of the fair value of the vessel at the inception of the lease. In addition, the firm

contract period is for the major part of the economic life of the asset. Accordingly, this contract is classified as a finance lease, and will be accounted for as such from the inception of the lease term. In February 2007 BWW entered into an agreement with the Group for the future subcontracting to the effect that the Group will deliver assets and services and receive the financial benefit of the contract with the customer.

With effect from February 2004, the arctic FSO **Belokamenka** commenced a 15 year transshipment agreement with the customer. The vessel is leased from the Group on a bare boat agreement to the joint venture company OOO Oil Terminal Belokamenka, which in turn has sub-leased the FSO to a customer at same terms as in the lease agreement with The Group. The Group's partner in the joint venture is a related company of the customer. The net present value of the minimum lease payments under the transshipment agreement amounts to substantially all of the fair value of the vessel at the inception of the lease. The customer has continuous purchase options each quarter after the initial 5 years of the contract. In addition the firm contract period is for the major part of the economic life of the asset. Accordingly, this contract is classified as a finance lease by the Group and by OOO Oil Terminal Belokamenka.

With effect from 15 August 2006 a **Splitter** installed onboard Berge Okoloba Toru was leased from the Group to Vitol S.A. The lease period is 4 years. Vitol will take ownership of the Splitter after paying the last monthly amount under this agreement. The contract is classified as a finance lease.

The future minimum lease payments receivable under finance lease of the FSO Belokamenka and the Splitter are presented in the table below.

	2006	2005
Not later than one year	9.4	5.2
Later than one year and not later than five years	26.4	15.5
Later than five years	41.2	46.5
<b>Gross receivables from finance leases</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>67.1</b>
Unearned future finance income on finance leases * )	(42.8)	(44.3)
<b>Net investment in finance leases</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>22.8</b>

The FPSO YÙUM KAK NAAB does not commence operations until April/May 2007. The future minimum lease payments under the lease contract are USD 395.8 million no later than one year, USD 101.1 million later than one year and not later than five years, and USD 281.1 million later than five years.

## Note 20 – Contingent assets and liabilities

One of BW Offshore's subcontractors delivered compressors that have not operated as expected and have caused breakdown, downtime and late start-up for the FPSO **Berge Helene**. BW Offshore has no contractual foundation for forwarding indirect loss, i.e. loss of hire following Delay in Facility Acceptance. It is the Group's understanding of the contract, that the subcontractor is liable for direct losses. As such direct losses amounting to approximately USD 1.8 million in 2006 will be forwarded to the subcontractor and is recognized as an receivable against the subcontractor at 31 December 2006.

Further, due to the compressor breakdown, there has been excessive flaring. The Group's customer has deducted the aggregate amount of USD 15.0 million at 31 December 2006 from the charter hire due to alleged penalties in the lease contract for breach of the Gas flaring policy. Business Interruption insurance may compensate for such exposure in excess of USD 4.5 million provided that the various incidents are deemed to have a common cause. Although the root cause has not been concluded yet, it is the Group's opinion to prove that all incidents are due to a common root cause, i.e. faulty design. A total provision of USD 4.5 million has been recorded in the 2006 accounts to cover the franchise mentioned above.

**Berge Okoloba Toru** has not been producing gas since 6 June 2006 due to shut down of the plant delivering the gas stream to the FPSO. The customer formally sent a notice of Force Majeure on 15 August 2006. The Group disagrees with the basis for the Force Majeure notice and is of the opinion that the Group has contractual rights to income even after 15 August 2006. The outcome of this issue

is still to be determined. Total receivable recorded in the balance sheet at 31 December 2006 amounts to USD 20.8 million. There is some uncertainty to this receivable thus USD 2.0 million was offset in 2006

## **Note 21 – Accounting estimates and assessments**

The following is a summary of which assessments, estimates, and assumptions could have a material effect on the accounts.

### **Vessels**

#### ***Useful life***

The level of depreciation depends on the estimated useful life of the vessels. The estimated useful life is based on previous experience and knowledge of the vessels owned by the Company.

#### ***Residual value at the end of useful life***

Depreciation depends on the estimated residual value at the balance date. Assumptions about residual value are based on knowledge of scrap values for FPSOs and FSOs. Scrap values depend on steel prices and demobilization costs. Demobilization costs are covered by the lease contracts.

#### ***Impairment***

The Group tests annually whether vessels, vessels under construction and conversion candidates have suffered any impairment in accordance with the accounting policy stated in note 2. The recoverable amounts of each vessel, which is defined as a cash-generating unit, have been determined based on value-in-use calculations. The calculations are based on contracted cash flows and estimates of uncontracted cash flows for the useful lives of each vessel including scrap values discounted by an estimated discount rate.

### **Construction contracts**

The Group uses the percentage-of-completion method in accounting for its fixed-price contracts to design and convert vessels according to customer specification. Use of the percentage-of-completion method requires the Group to estimate the degree of completion and the total cost and revenue related to the construction contract. When the total outcome of the construction contract can not be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent of contract costs incurred provided that it is probable that the contract cost will be recovered.

When the charter contract is classified as a finance lease the fixed price is effectively the net investment in the lease, which again requires estimation of the rate implicit in the lease.

### **Lease contracts**

Classification of lease contracts as operating leases or finance leases depends on the following assumptions:

As at the date of inception of the lease, a lease contract is classified as either an operating or a finance lease.

The lease term is the “non-cancellable period” for which the lessee has contracted to lease the asset together with any further terms for which the lessee has the option to continue to lease the asset, when at the inception of the lease it is reasonably certain that the lessee will exercise the option.

The lessee's purchase option is taken into consideration in the classification of the lease contracts. If it is not reasonably certain that the option will be exercised, the option will not be a part of the basis for classification. If the lessee has an option to purchase the asset at a price that is expected to be sufficiently lower than fair value at the date the option becomes exercisable, the exercise of the option is regarded reasonably certain.

The evaluation of the term reasonably certain involves estimation and judgement. The estimated useful life of the vessels described above is also relevant in relation to evaluating lease contracts.

### **Retirement benefit obligations**

Accounting for defined benefit plans is complex because it requires both actuarial and economic assumptions to be estimated. Moreover, the obligations are measured on a discounted basis because they may be settled many years after the employees render the related service.

The calculation of pension obligations is mainly affected by assumptions about the discount rate. The discount rate is based on 10-year government bond rate in Norway and estimated duration of the pension obligations. A 1% decrease in the discount rate could imply an increase in present value of funded obligations of approximately 20-25%. This will not imply an immediate increase in the pension cost recognised in profit and loss due to the fact that actuarial gains/losses are recognised over the expected average remaining working lives of the employees.

### **Note 22 – Events after the balance sheet date**

On 15 January 2007 the Company acquired 12,257,085 shares in Prosafe SE, equal to 5.3% of the shares and voting capital of Prosafe SE. To finance the acquisition, the Company conducted a Private Placement resulting in an issue of 43,605,016 new shares with a par value of USD 0.01 each at a subscription price of NOK 26 per New Share. Total cost of the acquisition amounted to USD 176.0 million.

On 18 January 2007 The Group entered into an option agreement with BW Euroholdings Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of BW) whereby the Group was granted an option to acquire 39,675,905 shares in Prosafe SE at a strike price of NOK 86. The closing price of the Prosafe SE shares on Oslo Børs on 16 January 2007 was NOK 91.90. The option was granted to the Group without any consideration from the Group because BW Group wishes to give The Group access to the BW Group's Prosafe SE shares, since the Group is the BW Group's vehicle in the offshore industry. The option expires on 30 June 2007 or upon a change of control in the Group. If exercised, the Group will finance the transaction by issuing shares to BW Euroholdings Limited at a price of between NOK 26 and NOK 28 per share. Since the Group has the right to exercise the option in its sole discretion, the Group controls a total of 22.6% of the shares in Prosafe SE and has as such significant influence in Prosafe SE. Accordingly the investment in Prosafe SE is going to be accounted for as an associated company in The Group's consolidated accounts.

On 5 February 2007 the Group acquired 4,415,000 shares in APL ASA, equal to 10.1% of the shares and votes of APL ASA, for a total amount of USD 47.3 million. As consideration the Group issued 10,566,148 new shares, resulting in an exchange ratio of approximately 2.39 the Group shares for each APL ASA share.

On 21 February 2007 the boards of APL and the Group entered into a Combination Agreement regarding a combination of the APL Group and the Group, and announced that they had agreed to recommend to their shareholders a combination of the two companies. The "change of control" clause (note 24) is not affected by this transaction.

On 22 February 2007 the Group announced that it had acquired the vessel Crystal Sea (renamed BW Carmen) for a total purchase price of USD 80.0 million, whereof USD 60.0 million was paid in cash. As settlement for the balance of the purchase price (USD 20.0 million) the Company issued 4,408,602 new shares to the seller. The issue price was NOK 27.90 per share. The purchase contract included an indemnification from the previous owner for any intervention and claims originating from the time when the FPSO was owned by the previous owner.

On 28 February 2007 the Group acquired 6,500,000 shares in APL, equal to approximately 14.8% of the shares and votes of APL, for at total amount of USD 88.7 million. After this purchase, The Group holds 10,915,000 shares in APL, corresponding to approximately 24.9% of the shares and votes in APL. The acquisition of the shares is financed through external loan of USD 80.1 million and cash amounting to USD 8.6 million.

On 22 March 2007 the Group exercised its option to acquire 39,675,905 shares in Prosafe SE. In addition the Group also acquired another 4,000,000 shares in Prosafe SE at NOK 86 per share. After the share purchases BW Offshore holds 55,932,990 shares in Prosafe SE, constituting 24.33% of the shares and votes of Prosafe SE.

### Note 23 – Construction contracts

YÜUM K'AK'NÁAB is expected to commence operations in the second quarter of 2007 in the Gulf of Mexico. The FPSO is chartered for a firm period of 15 years. After the end of the lease period title of the FPSO is transferred to the charterer without compensation. The Group will receive 50% of total charter hire for the entire contract period as an up-front payment when final acceptance is given by the charterer. The remaining 50% of the total charter hire will be paid in monthly instalments over the charter period. The contract is considered to be a finance lease.

When a contract to charter the vessel is considered to be a finance lease, this implies a fixed price construction contract in which the fixed price is the net investment in the lease. Revenue from fixed-price contracts for conversion to FPSOs is recognised under the percentage-of-completion (POC) method. Under the POC method, revenue is generally recognized based on the services performed to date as a percentage of the total services to be performed. The Management is of the opinion that the outcome of construction contract related to the conversion and delivery of YÜUM K'AK'NÁAB can not be estimated reliably at the date of these finance statements. As such no gain is recognized in the income statement and only revenues equal to the accrued project costs is taken as revenue, ref table set out below:

	2006	2005
Contract revenue	338.9	0.0
Contract costs	(338.9)	0.0
<b>Net profit recorded in profit and loss</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Contract revenue	338.9	0.0
Progress billings	0.0	0.0
<b>Net receivable at 31 December (unbilled Contract Revenue)</b>	<b>338.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>

The Group will operate and maintain the FPSO for the entire charter period at a fixed daily rate to be paid in both US Dollars (USD) and Mexican Pesos (MXN).

### Note 24 – Long term loan facility

In May 2006 the Company accepted a fully committed underwritten offer for a USD 600.0 million unsecured reducing revolving loan facility. USD 400.0 million was drawn from this facility in July to refinance the outstanding debt to BWB. At year end a total amount of USD 425.0 million is drawn down of the loan facility. Unrecognized transaction cost at 31 December 2006 related to establishment of the loan facility amounts to USD 3.4 million and is recorded using amortised cost. As such carrying amount of the loan facility amounts to USD 421.6 million at 31 December 2006.

The facility has a grace period until 2011 in when the facility will be reduced by USD 200.0 million. The remaining outstanding amount will have to be repaid in full in 2012. The loan is charged with interest based on LIBOR + 0.975% margin, payable on demand. In addition, a commitment fee of 0.4% of available, but undrawn, facility is charged. The commitment fee is recorded at the income statement.

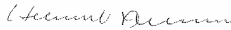
The key financial covenants are as follows:

- The book value of consolidated equity shall be minimum USD 300 million.

- The book value of the Group's consolidated equity cannot fall below 35% of the book value of total consolidated assets.
- The ratio of total consolidated debt to consolidated EBITDA (Operating profit before interest, depreciation and taxes) (including cash flow from lease interests) shall not exceed 6.0 (however so that this covenant shall be tested for the first time in 2007 when YUUM K'AK'NAAB (ex. BW Enterprise) under conversion has commenced on its contract.
- The Group's ratio of total consolidated financial indebtedness to present value of the firm period of the contracts (discounted at a rate equal to 3 months LIBOR plus the applicable margin) shall not exceed 0.8.

The facility agreement contains a "change of control" clause, whereby the Group (if the Lenders so require) shall mandatorily prepay the facility and all commitments thereunder be terminated within 60 days in the event that BWW ceases to own (directly or indirectly) more than 50% of the shares and voting rights of the Group and/or the Sohmen family interest ceases to own more than 50% of the shares and voting rights of BWW or the Group.

Bermuda, 22 March 2007



Helmut Sohmen  
Chairman



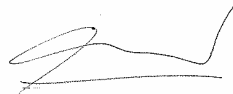
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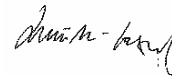
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Christophe Pettenati-Auzière



Kathie Child-Villiers



Svein Moxnes Harfjeld  
Chief Executive Officer

# ATTACHMENT: INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



## Independent auditor's report

To the Annual Shareholders' Meeting of BW Offshore Limited

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of BW Offshore Limited and its subsidiaries (the 'Group') which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as of 31 December 2006 and the consolidated income statement, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group as of 31 December 2006, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Oslo, March 22, 2007

**PriceWaterhouseCoopers AS**

  
Rita Granlund

State Authorized Public Accountant (Norway)

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**Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited  
Combined and Consolidated Financial Statements**

**For the financial year ended 31 December 2005**



To the Annual Shareholders' Meeting of Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited

## Report of the auditors

We have audited the accompanying combined and consolidated balance sheet of Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited and its subsidiaries (the 'Group') as of 31 December 2005 and the related combined and consolidated statements of income, cash flows, changes in shareholders' equity for the year then ended and the accompanying notes. These combined and consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's directors. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined and consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the accompanying combined and consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group as of 31 December 2005, and of the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Oslo, 26 April, 2006

**PricewaterhouseCoopers AS**



Rita Granlund

State Authorized Public Accountant (Norway)

# Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited

## Combined and Consolidated Income Statement

NOTES	2005 USD'000	2004 USD'000	
<b>OPERATING INCOME AND OPERATING COSTS</b>			
4,20	Charter hire	46,203	30,670
4,20	Lease interest	4,851	4,909
	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>51,054</b>	<b>35,579</b>
3,6,15	Wage cost	(8,424)	(6,785)
3,5	Other operating expenses	(27,910)	(21,756)
1,9,10	Depreciation and amortization	(8,402)	(8,895)
9	Net gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	0	7,668
	<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>(44,736)</b>	<b>(29,768)</b>
	<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>6,317</b>	<b>5,812</b>
<b>FINANCIAL INCOME AND FINANCIAL COSTS</b>			
17	Currency exchange gain (loss) – net	4,807	(4,492)
	Interest income	1,419	1,182
16	Interest expense	(6,762)	(1,988)
	<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>5,782</b>	<b>514</b>
7	Income tax expense	(2,890)	(1,270)
	<b>Net profit (loss)</b>	<b>2,892</b>	<b>(757)</b>
18	Basic earnings/(loss) per share (figures in USD)	2.41	(0.63)
18	Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (figures in USD)	2.41	(0.63)

# Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited

## Combined and Consolidated Balance Sheet

NOTES	ASSETS	2005 USD'000	2004 USD'000
9	Vessels, vessels under construction and vehicles	410,766	176,845
20	Finance lease receivable	22,765	23,076
10	Computer software	195	0
7	Deferred tax	741	0
	<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>434,467</b>	<b>199,921</b>
2	Inventories	975	4,088
5	Trade and other receivables	14,685	3,727
12	Cash and cash equivalents	36,654	32,391
	<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>52,314</b>	<b>40,206</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>486,781</b>	<b>240,127</b>

NOTES	EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	2005 USD'000	2004 USD'000
13	Share capital	12	0
	Retained earnings	2,135	(757)
	Other equity	(87,630)	71,246
	<b>Total shareholder's equity</b>	<b>(85,483)</b>	<b>70,490</b>
15	Retirement benefit obligations	4,337	0
	<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>4,337</b>	<b>0</b>
5	Trade and other payables	52,335	11,363
7	Income tax liabilities	731	166
14	Amount due to ultimate holding corporation (non-trade)	508,327	151,690
16	Amount due to related companies	6,536	6,418
	<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>567,928</b>	<b>169,637</b>
	<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>572,264</b>	<b>169,637</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<b>486,781</b>	<b>240,127</b>



Authorized Signatory  
Executed under Power of Attorney

# Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited

## Combined and Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity

(Figures in USD'000)

NOTES	SHARE CAPITAL	RETAINED EARNINGS	OTHER EQUITY	TOTAL
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>107,144</b>	<b>107,144</b>
	0	0	(35,898)	(35,898)
	0	(757)	0	(757)
	<b>0</b>	<b>(757)</b>	<b>71,246</b>	<b>70,490</b>
1	0	0	(154,455)	(154,455)
1	0	0	(4,421)	(4,421)
13	12	0	0	12
	0	2,892	0	2,892
	<b>12</b>	<b>2,135</b>	<b>(87,630)</b>	<b>(85,483)</b>

# Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited

## Combined and Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

NOTES	2005 USD'000	2004 USD'000
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>		
	5,782	514
	Profit/(loss) before tax	
7	(2,928)	(1,444)
	Income tax paid	
9	0	(7,668)
	Gain/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets	
9,10	8,402	8,895
	Depreciation and amortisation	
15	572	0
	Difference between pension costs and pension payments	
	33,137	(21,147)
	Changes in inventories, receivables and accounts payable	
	<b>44,965</b>	<b>(20,850)</b>
	<b>Net Cash generated from operating activities</b>	
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>		
9	(244,730)	(90,958)
	Investments in operating fixed assets	
10	(206)	0
	Purchase of intangible assets	
20	0	(4,744)
	Investments in financial lease assets	
9	2,418	66,778
	Sales of operating fixed assets	
20	311	253
	Installment on financial lease	
	<b>(242,207)</b>	<b>(28,671)</b>
	<b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>	
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>		
1	355,960	77,765
	Proceeds from short-term debt	
1	(154,455)	(35,898)
	Paid-in/(distributed) equity	
	<b>201,505</b>	<b>41,867</b>
	<b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>	
	4,263	(7,654)
	Net change in cash and cash equivalents	
	32,391	40,045
	Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	
	<b>36,654</b>	<b>32,391</b>
	<b>Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December</b>	

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**NOTES TO THE COMBINED AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**Note 1 – General**

Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited (“the Company”) is incorporated and domiciled in Bermuda. The address of its registered office is Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM11, Bermuda.

Bergesen Worldwide Offshore (“the Group”) consists of Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited and its subsidiaries. The Group develops, owns, and operates oil and gas FPSOs (Floating Production, Storage and Offloading Units) and FSOs (Floating Storage and Offloading Units).

Bergesen Worldwide Limited (“BWW”) became the ultimate parent company of the FPSOs and FSOs currently owned by the Group in January 2004, BWW and its subsidiaries are referred herein as the “BW Group”. The Company was established in Bermuda in June 2005 as a wholly owned subsidiary of BW Group, to serve as the holding company for the activities within the offshore segment of the BW Group. In the second half of 2005, the Company purchased four offshore vessels and two tankers available for conversion to offshore vessels, from Bergesen Worldwide Gas ASA (“BW Gas”), an entity under common control within the BW Group, through six single purpose subsidiaries. The following vessels were purchased through funding from BW Group: (i) Sendje Berge, (ii) Berge Helene, (iii) Berge Okoloba Toru, (iv) Belokamenka, (v) BW Enterprise (ex. Folk Moon) and (vi) BW Nisa (ex. Folk Sea). The Group also established a management company, Bergesen Worldwide Offshore AS. Personnel related to the offshore business were transferred from BW Gas to the Group. The sale of the vessels and the transfer of the management operations (“the Transaction”) were carried out at estimated fair value. All assets and operations transferred are managed collectively and constitute a business that is under the same ultimate ownership both before and after the transaction. Therefore, under IFRS, the Transaction is accounted for in a manner similar to pooling-of-interests in which the predecessor book values in the historical financial statements are also the values used prospectively. Accordingly, the difference between fair value of the business implied in the Transaction and the predecessor book values is presented as a distribution to BWW. The combined and consolidated income statements, balance sheets, statements of changes in equity and cash flows statements are presented as if the current group structure has been in existence from the earliest period presented. The predecessor values are brought from the consolidated financial statements of BWW.

In the combined and consolidated financial statements, each vessel is included either from January 2004, when BWW became the ultimate parent company, or the date the vessel was transferred from another segment within the BW Group to the Offshore segment, where it was managed within this segment either as a FSO or FPSO or as a vessel available for conversion, whichever is the earliest date. Vessels sold during 2004 and 2005 have been included up to the date of sale and accounted for as disposition of asset upon sale. One vessel removed from the Offshore segment is included up to the date of formation of the Company and accounted for as distribution of capital to the shareholder. For 2005 distribution to BWW was USD 154,455,000 paid in cash, and the non-cash transaction on USD 4,421,000 relates to the vessel removed from the segment. Distribution to owner in 2004 is capital reduction and group contributions to BWW.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 26 April 2006.

**Note 2 – Significant accounting policies**

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The financial statements have been prepared under

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**Note 2 – Significant accounting policies (continued)**

the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and financial liabilities.

All accounting standards and interpretations effective for financial year ended 31 December 2005 have been applied.

Standards, interpretations, and amendments to published standards which are not yet effective:

*IAS 19 (amendments), Employee benefit (effective from 1 January 2006).*

This amendment introduces an alternative method for treatment of actuarial gains and losses. The amendment also requires extra disclosures. The Group will consider use of the alternative accounting method for actuarial gains and losses which implies recognising the gains/losses directly to equity.

*IFRIC 4, Determining whether an arrangement contains a Lease (effective from 1 January 2006).*

IFRIC 4 deals with arrangements comprising a transaction or a series of related transactions, that does not take the legal form of a lease but conveys a right to use an in return for a payment or series of payments, often together with related services. This Interpretation provides guidance for determining whether such arrangements are, or contain, leases that should be accounted for in accordance with IAS 17. These principles are adopted by the group as from 1 January 2006.

The following new standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards have no material effect for the Group's financial statements:

- (i) IAS 39 (Amendment), Cash Flow Hedge Accounting of Forecast Intragroup Transactions (effective from 1 January 2006)
- (ii) IAS 39 (Amendment), The Fair Value Option (effective from 1 January 2006)
- (iii) IAS 39 and IFRS 4 (Amendment), Financial Guarantee Contracts (effective from 1 January 2006)
- (iv) IFRS 1 (Amendment), First Time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards and IFRS 6 (Amendment), Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources (effective from 1 January 2006)
- (v) IFRS 6 Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources (effective from 1 January 2006)
- (vi) IFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures, and a complementary amendment in IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements – Capital Disclosures (effective from 1 January 2007)
- (vii) IFRIC 5, Rights to Interests arising from Decommissioning, Restoration and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds (effective from 1 January 2006)

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**Note 2 – Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**Revenue recognition**

Revenue comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the chartering and rendering of operational services related to FPSOs and FSOs.

*Operational services*

Rendering of services on FPSO and FSO operating contracts are recognised as revenue on a straight line basis based on contractual daily rates.

*Chartering of vessels*

Chartering of FPSO and FSO to customers is recognised as revenue based on whether the chartering contract is considered to be a operating or finance leases under IAS 17.

*Operating lease*

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments received under operating leases are recognised as revenue on a straight line basis based on contractual daily rates.

*Finance lease*

Leases in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the lessee are classified as finance leases. Assets held under a finance lease are presented in the balance sheets as a receivable at an amount equal to the net investment in the lease. The recognition of finance income on the receivable is based on a pattern reflecting a constant periodic rate of return on the lessor's net investment in the finance lease.

*Interest income*

Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis using the effective interest method.

*Dividend distribution*

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

**Group accounting**

*Subsidiaries*

Subsidiaries are entities (including special purpose entities) over which the Group has power to govern the financial and operating policies, generally accompanying a shareholding of more than 50% of the voting rights.

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued or liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values on the date of acquisition, irrespective of the extent of any



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**Note 2 – Significant accounting policies (continued)**

minority interest. Any difference between the purchase price and the fair value of net assets is recognised as goodwill.

Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group through the date on which that control ceases. In preparing the combined and consolidated financial statements, inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to ensure consistency of accounting policies with those of the Group.

*Joint ventures*

Joint ventures are entities over which the Group has contractual arrangements to jointly share the control with one or more parties. The Group's interest in joint ventures is accounted for in the combined and consolidated financial statements by proportionate consolidation. Proportionate consolidation involves combining the Group's share of joint ventures' individual income and expenses, assets and liabilities and cash flows on a line-by-line basis with similar items in the Group's financial statements.

*Transaction costs*

Costs directly attributable to an acquisition are included as part of the cost of acquisition.

**Tangible fixed assets**

*Measurement*

- (i) Vessels, vehicles and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.
- (ii) The cost of vessels, vehicles and equipment includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Removal costs are included as part of the cost of vessels if the obligation for removal is incurred as a consequence of acquiring or using the asset.
- (iii) Instalments on conversion projects are capitalised as vessels under construction as they are paid. Capitalised value is reclassified as vessels upon successful commissioning at oil field. The acquisition cost reported is the sum of the instalments paid plus costs incurred during the construction period including imputed interest.

*Depreciation*

Depreciation is calculated using a straight-line method to allocate the depreciable amounts of vessels, vehicles and equipment, after taking into account the residual values, over their estimated useful lives, of which both the residual values and estimated useful lives are both subject to review at each balance sheet date. The useful lives of FPSOs and FSOs are 10 years, the useful lives of tankers ready for conversion are 25 years, and the useful lives of vehicles and equipment are 3 to 5 years.

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**Note 2 – Significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Subsequent cost*

Subsequent costs are included in the assets carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

*Disposal activities*

Gains and losses that result from the disposal of vessels, vehicles and equipment are recorded on a separate line in the consolidated income statements.

**Intangible assets**

*Computer software*

Acquired computer software licences are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. Subsequent costs are included in the assets carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other costs associated with maintaining computer software are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Acquired computer software licenses are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. These costs are amortised using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives not exceeding 5 years.

**Impairment of assets**

Assets including vessels, vehicles and equipment and other intangible assets, are reviewed for impairment annually and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of an asset's net selling price and its value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Each FPSO and FSO is identified as a cash-generating unit.

**Leasing**

Leases are classified as finance whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risk and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases. Generally, the Group has no arrangements whereby it is the lessee.

*The Group as lessor*

Assets held under a finance lease is presented in the balance sheets as a receivable at an amount equal to the net investment in the lease. The recognition of finance income on the receivable is based on a pattern reflecting a constant periodic rate of return on the lessor's net investment in the finance lease.

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**Note 2 – Significant accounting policies (continued)**

Rental income from operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

**Borrowing costs**

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition or conversion of vessels, which take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use, are added to the cost of the vessels, until such time as the vessels are substantially ready for their intended use. If the Group is not successful in the acquisition or conversion of a vessel, these costs are expensed immediately. Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowings pending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing cost eligible for capitalisation.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

**Trade and other receivables**

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at originally invoiced amount and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less allowance for impairment. An allowance for impairment of trade and other receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. The amount of the allowance is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate. The amount of the allowance is recognised in the income statement.

**Trade and other payables**

Trade and other payables are initially measured at fair value, and subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest method.

**Fair value estimation**

The carrying amount of current receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values. The fair value of financial liabilities for disclosure purposes is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rate that is available to the Group for similar financial instruments.

**Inventories**

Inventories comprise mainly fuel oil remaining on board vessels. Inventories are measured at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Bank overdrafts are included in borrowings on the balance sheet.

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**Note 2 – Significant accounting policies (continued)**

**Provisions for other liabilities and charges**

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made. Where the Group expects a provision to be reimbursed, for example under an insurance contract, the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset, but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain.

**Employee benefits**

*Defined benefit plans*

The Group has three defined pension schemes which are funded. The cost of providing benefits under the plans is determined separately for each plan using the projected unit credit actuarial valuation method. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised as income or expense when the net cumulative unrecognised actuarial gains and losses for each individual plan at the end of the previous reporting year exceeded 10% of the higher of the defined benefit obligation and the fair value of plan assets at that date. These gains or losses are recognised over the expected average remaining working lives of the employees participating in the plans.

*Employee-leave entitlement*

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. An accrual is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the balance sheet date.

**Currency translation**

*Functional and presentation currency*

Items included in the financial statements of each entity in the Group are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the “functional currency”). Every subsidiary has United States Dollars (“USD”) as functional currency, but some minor costs in local currency. Translation differences are thus immaterial and not disclosed in the equity statement. The consolidated financial statements are presented in USD.

*Transactions and balances*

Transactions in a currency other than the functional currency (“foreign currency”) are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of transactions. Currency translation gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at financial year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement.

**Taxes and deferred tax liabilities**

The Company is not subject to any taxation. However, some of its subsidiaries are subject to income tax in the countries in which they operate. The Group provides for tax on profit on the basis

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**Note 2 – Significant accounting policies (continued)**

of the profit for financial reporting purposes, adjusted for non-taxable revenue and expenses. Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The Group's liability for current tax payable is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred taxation is provided for in the balance sheet and calculated on the basis of temporary differences between book and tax values that exist at the end of the financial period. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is charged or credited to profit or loss, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

**Share capital**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

**Use of estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. It also requires the use of accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the financial year. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may ultimately differ from those estimates.

**Note 3 – Allocations**

The Group was established in June 2005 and started its activities 15 August 2005. The combined and consolidated income statement for 2005 consist of consolidated income statement for the Group for the legal period 15 August through 31 December together with the income statement for the Offshore segment within BWW for the period 1 January through 14 August. The latter values are brought from the consolidated financial statements of BWW.

The combined and consolidated income statement is based on allocations between the Offshore segment and other segments within BW Group for the period 1 January through 14 August 2005. Similar procedures are used for the year 2004. The most significant allocations are management

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expenses. Other operating costs are directly attributable to the individual vessel and are therefore not subject to allocations.

A management fee was charged from BW Group for management of the offshore activities until 14 August 2005. The fee comprised costs for personnel allocated to the segment to ensure functions for administrative, commercial, technical, and operational management. The fee was calculated based on the direct salary with a 46% gross-up for social security and pension cost. In addition distributed costs related to office premises, IT support, canteen and other company services were allocated to the segment on a proportional basis per allocated personnel. Management fees for 2004 amount to USD 4,451,000 of which wages amounting to USD 2,295,000 are recorded in wage cost, and other management expenses amounting to USD 2,156,000 are included in other operating expenses. Management fees for the period 1 January to 14 August 2005 amount to USD 4,169,000 of which wages amounting to USD 2,193,000 are recorded in wage cost, and other management expenses amounting to USD 1,976,000 are included in other operating expenses. For the period 15 August to 31 December 2005 the management expenses total to USD 5,246,000 of which wages including social cost and pension cost, constitute USD 2,708,000.

Predecessor management expenses may not be representative of the expenses that will be incurred in future periods in which the Group operates independently of BW Group.

**Note 4 – Segment information**

**Primary reporting format – business segments**

All the activities of the Group are within one business segment; the offshore segment.

The recognised revenue is derived from ownership and operations of FPSOs and FSOs. The vessels are solely operated through firm contracts with duration up to 15 years. See Note 19 and 20 for further details.

**Secondary reporting format – geographical segments**

The Group has operations in two geographical areas, Russia and West Africa, with most of the activity taking place in West African countries. Segment information about the Group's operations is presented below:

USD '000	2005				2004		
	West Africa	Russia	Other	Total	West Africa	Russia	Total
Revenue	42,054	9,000		51,054	29,367	6,212	35,579
Operating expenses	(40,327)	(4,409)		(44,736)	(27,061)	(2,707)	(29,768)
Operating profit	1,727	4,591		6,317	2,306	3,506	5,812
Interest expenses	(5,206)	(1,556)		(6,762)	(1,234)	(754)	(1,988)
Total non-current assets	331,718	22,765	79,984	434,467	176,845	23,076	199,921

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**Note 4 – Segment information (continued)**

The category “Other” reflects vessels under conversion not yet allocated to any segment.

**Note 5 – Other operating expenses, receivables, and payables**

<b>Other operating expenses</b>	<b>2005</b> <b>USD'000</b>	<b>2004</b> <b>USD'000</b>
Insurance, administration, and other manning expenses	12,561	7,510
Maintenance, spare parts, and repairs	15,349	14,246
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,910</b>	<b>21,756</b>

<b>Trade and other receivables</b>	<b>2005</b> <b>USD'000</b>	<b>2004</b> <b>USD'000</b>
Trade receivables	10,767	1,936
Related Company	840	177
Prepaid expenses	3,078	1,614
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,685</b>	<b>3,727</b>

<b>Trade and other payables</b>	<b>2005</b> <b>USD'000</b>	<b>2004</b> <b>USD'000</b>
Trade payables	25,695	9,935
Accrued operating expenses*)	24,934	420
Public duties payable	1,706	1,008
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,335</b>	<b>11,363</b>

\*) Increase in accrued operating expenses is due to establishment of the Company. When ship-owning companies were included in BW Gas, operating expenses were charged to the Offshore segment as management fee, not represented in the accrued expenses of the offshore segment. Accrued operating expenses were included in amount due to related companies in 2004. Accrued operating expenses as well as trade payables include accrued conversion cost as at 31 December 2005 related to conversion of Berge Helene, which commenced operation in January 2006 and BW Enterprise currently under conversion.

**Note 6 – Wage Cost**

<b>Wage cost</b>	<b>2005</b> <b>USD'000</b>	<b>2004</b> <b>USD'000</b>
Wages, crew	3,562	4,491
Wages, administrative personnel	3,162	1,474
Social security tax	765	339
Pension costs defined benefit plans (Note 16)	935	481
<b>Total wage cost</b>	<b>8,424</b>	<b>6,785</b>

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**Note 6 – Wage Cost (continued)**

	2005	2004
Average number of employees including seafaring personnel	213	166

Remuneration	2005 USD'000
<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>	
Remuneration	120
Pension	23
Bonuses	90
<b>Key Management</b>	
Wages	206
Pension	38
<b>Total compensation paid to CEO and key management personnel</b>	<b>477</b>
The board of directors	0
<b>Total remuneration</b>	<b>477</b>
Loans to Key Mangement	12
Loans to employees	255
<b>Total loans</b>	<b>267</b>

The figures for management remunerations are for the period from 15 August to 31 December. For the period 1 January to 15 August, the administration of the group has been carried out in BW Gas. Fees for key management services are expensed as wages and amounts to USD 267,000 for 2005 and USD 416,700 for 2004.

Fees to auditors are specified below:

Fees to Auditors	2005 USD'000	2004 USD'000
Statutory audit	78	31
Tax related services	95	1
<b>Total fees</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>32</b>

**Note 7 – Income tax expense**

The Company is incorporated and domiciled in Bermuda. There is no income/profit tax, withholding tax, capital gains tax, capital transfer tax payable by the Company in Bermuda.

However, The Group's subsidiaries are subject to taxation in the countries in which they operate. The Group's operational activities are subject to profit taxation rates which range from 0% up to 35%. In Equatorial Guinea, Nigeria and Mauritania, the taxes are collected through withholdings from the gross revenue derived from the operation. The withholdings are made by the client who is paying the taxes directly to the local tax authorities in the name of the Company.



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**Note 7 – Income tax expense (continued)**

The Group's subsidiaries domiciled in Norway are subject to a tax rate of 28% within the ordinary tax system in Norway.

Tax expense for the year:

	2005 USD'000	2004 USD'000
Deferred tax income Norway	-741	0
Tax payable in Norway *)	869	0
Withholding tax Nigeria, Mauritania, Equatorial Guinea **)	2,762	1,270
<b>Income tax expense</b>	<b>2,890</b>	<b>1,270</b>

\*) Tax payable relates to the following tax base in Norway:

	2005 USD'000	2004 USD'000
Net profit in Norway	3,442	0
Permanent differences	18	0
Temporary differences	-358	0
<b>Taxable net income</b>	<b>3,102</b>	<b>0</b>
28% hereof payable tax	869	0

\*\*) Withholding tax payable to other countries is based on a deemed profit of 16-20% of gross revenue.

Tax liabilities in the balance sheet as at 31 December 2005:

	2005 USD'000	2004 USD'000
Tax payable in Norway	731	0
Withholding taxes payable	0	166
<b>Tax payable</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>166</b>

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**Note 7 – Income tax expense (continued)**

Deferred tax asset related to Norwegian activities can be specified as follows:

	2005 USD'000	2004 USD'000
<b>Deferred tax assets</b>		
Pensions	(1,214)	0
<b>Deferred tax assets - gross</b>	<b>(1,214)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deferred tax liabilities</b>		
Fixed assets	43	0
Pensions	430	0
<b>Deferred tax liabilities - gross</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net recognised deferred tax asset (28% of basis)</b>	<b>(741)</b>	<b>0</b>

There is no deferred tax recognised directly in equity.

**Note 8 – Listing of subsidiaries in the Group**

Name of companies	Principal activities	Country of incorporation	Equity 2005 %
<b>Subsidiaries held by the Group</b>			
Belokamenka Limited	Ship-owning	Bermuda	100
Berge Carmen Limited	Ship-owning	Bermuda	100
Berge Carmen Singapore Private Limited	Investment & Holding	Singapore	100
Bergesen d.y. Offshore Nigeria Limited	Dormant	Nigeria	100
Berge Helene Limited	Ship-owning	Bermuda	100
Berge Okoloba Toru Limited	Ship-owning	Bermuda	100
Berge Troll Limited	Ship-owning	Bermuda	100
Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Malaysia Sdn Bhd	Dormant	Malaysia	100
Bergesen Worldwide Mexico, S.A. de C.V.	Dormant	Mexico	100
Bergesen Worldwide Offshore AS	Management	Norway	100
Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Singapore Private Limited	Investment & Holding	Singapore	100
Ceiba Management AS	Management	Norway	100
Sendje Berge Limited	Ship-owning	Bermuda	100

The listing of subsidiaries is not applicable for 2004 as the Company and the current group structure did not exist.

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**Note 9 – Tangible fixed assets**

As the ultimate parent was established in January 2004, cost price was established at that point in time, and there are no accumulated depreciation in the opening balance in 2004. The fleet as at 1 January 2004 included the following vessels: (i) Sendje Berge, (ii) Berge Helene, (iii) Berge Okoloba Toru, (iv) Belokamenka, (v) Sendje Ceiba and (vi) Berge Troll. Sendje Ceiba was sold in 2004, and Berge Troll was distributed to owner in June 2005 when the Group was established. In 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2005 (vii) BW Enterprise (ex. Folk Moon) and (viii) BW Nisa (ex. Folk Sea) were transferred to the Offshore segment and thus treated as additions recorded to BW Group values.

Belokamenka is accounted for as financial leases and is not included in the table below. See Note 20 for further details regarding this vessel.

2005 USD'000	Tankers	Vessels under construction	FPSOs and FSOs	Vehicles and equipment	Total
Cost 1 January 2005	0	178,154	3,738	211	182,102
Additions, (purchased)	11,491	218,599	13,780	861	244,730
Disposals	0	0	(3,738)	0	(3,738)
Reclassification	0	(92,429)	92,429	0	0
<b>Cost as at 31 December 2005</b>	<b>11,491</b>	<b>304,323</b>	<b>106,209</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>423,095</b>
Accumulated depreciation at 1 Jan. 2005	0	(4,084)	(1,173)	0	(5,257)
Depreciation charge	(149)	(1,262)	(6,927)	(54)	(8,392)
Disposals	0	0	1,319	0	1,319
Depreciation as at 31 December 2005	(149)	(5,346)	(6,780)	(54)	(12,330)
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2005</b>	<b>11,342</b>	<b>298,977</b>	<b>99,429</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>410,766</b>
Current year depreciation	(149)	(1,262)	(6,927)	(54)	(8,392)
Useful life	25 years ***)	*)	10 years	3-5 years	
Depreciation Schedule	Linear	Linear	Linear	Linear	
Capitalized interest cost vessels under construction **)		3,804			3,804

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**Note 9 – Tangible fixed assets (continued)**

2004 USD'000	Tankers	Vessels under construction	FPSOs and FSOs	Vehicles and equipment	Total
Cost 1 January 2004	0	0	153,680	211	153,891
Additions, (purchased)	0	9,162	81,797	0	90,958
Disposals	0	0	(62,747)	0	(62,747)
Reclassification	0	168,992	(168,992)	0	0
<b>Cost as at 31 December 2004</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>178,154</b>	<b>3,738</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>182,102</b>
Accumulated depreciation at 1 Jan. 2004	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation charge	0	(4,084)	(4,810)	0	(8,895)
Disposals	0	0	3,637	0	3,637
Depreciation as at 31 December 2004	0	(4,084)	(1,173)	0	(5,257)
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2004</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>174,070</b>	<b>2,565</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>176,845</b>

Current year depreciation

	0	(4,084)	(4,810)	0	(8,895)
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Useful life	25 years	*)	10 years	3-5 years
Depreciation Schedule	None		Linear	Linear

Capitalized interest cost vessels under construction\*\*) 1,098 1,098

\*) Vessels under construction are not subject to depreciation. The figures in this column relate to depreciation of vessels incurred prior to the transfer to vessels under construction.

\*\*) Capitalization rate used to determine the amount of borrowing costs eligible for capitalization is LIBOR + 0,8% margin, which is the interest rate for the loan agreement with BWV (see Note 14).

\*\*\*) Remaining life at the time of purchase is 3 years. The residual value included in the depreciation assessment reflects that the vessel is a conversion candidate.

Sendje Ceiba was sold in 2004. Gain on the sale amounts to USD 7,668,000 and is recorded on a separate line in the income statement.

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**Note 10 – Intangible assets**

USD'000	Computer software
Cost 1 January 2004 and 1 January 2005	0
Additions (purchased)	206
Disposals	0
<b>Cost as at 31 December 2005</b>	<b>206</b>
Accumulated amortization at at 1 January 2005	0
Amortization charge	(11)
Disposals	0
Depreciation as at 31 December 2005	(11)
<b>Balance as at 31 December 2005</b>	<b>195</b>
Current year depreciation	(11)
Useful life	5 years
Amortization Schedule	Linear

**Note 11 – Investment in Joint Venture Company**

The Group has following investments in joint ventures:

Company	Registered Office	Holding in % 2005	Holding in % 2004
LLC Oil Terminal Belokamenka	Russia	50%	50%

The following amounts represent the Group's share of assets, liabilities, income and expenses of the joint venture and are proportionately consolidated in the Group's balance sheet and income statement on a line-by-line basis:

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**Note 11 – Investment in Joint Venture Company (continued)**

	2005	2004
	Oil Terminal Belokamenka	Oil Terminal Belokamenka
Revenue	6,237	4,074
Expenses	(5,522)	(3,942)
Net financial Items	(52)	(14)
Profit before tax	662	118
Income tax expense	(116)	(9)
<b>Profit after tax</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>110</b>
Non-current assets	445	211
Current assets	1,408	97
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>308</b>
Equity	1,692	112
Non-current liabilities	0	0
Current liabilities	161	196
<b>Total Equity and liabilities</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>308</b>

**Note 12 – Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are denominated mainly in USD. Restricted bank deposits as at 31 December 2005 amount to USD 544,000 and relate to taxes withheld from employees.

**Note 13 – Share capital of the Company**

Share capital	2005 USD	2004 USD
<i>Authorised</i>		
1,200,000 ordinary shares at par value 0.01 USD each	12,000	0
<i>Issued and full paid</i>		
1 January	0	0
Share issue at 7 June 2005 for cash	12,000	0
<b>31 December</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>0</b>

The Company has one class of ordinary shares.

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**Note 14 – Amount owed to ultimate Holding Corporation (non-trade)**

The Company's immediate and ultimate holding corporation is BWW, incorporated in Bermuda.

The non-trade amount due to ultimate holding corporation, denominated in USD, is charged with interest based on LIBOR + 0,8% margin, payable on demand.

Interest paid for the period September to December 2005 amounts to USD 5,975,000, of which USD 3,804,000 is capitalised to vessels under construction and USD 2,171,000 is charged to expense.

**Note 15 – Retirement benefit obligations**

All office employees and Norwegian seafaring personnel are covered by funded defined benefit pension plans. The funding obligations connected to the pension plans are coordinated with anticipated future payments from the state pension regulations in Norway. The individual future retirement benefit includes the total of payments from the company pension plan and pension payments from the state. The plans also include survivor/dependants and disability pensions. The pension entitlements are accrued on a linear basis over an average service life of 30 years. The main terms for office staff pensions are 66% of final salary on attainment of retirement age of 65-67. The main condition for seafaring personnel is a pension of 50% of final salary on attainment of retirement age of 60.

The above mentioned plans have 73 members as at 31 December 2005. No other post-retirement benefits are provided.

The most recent actuarial valuations of plan assets and the defined benefit obligation were carried out at 31 December 2005 by Storebrand Actuarial Services, member of the Norwegian Institute of Actuaries.

The principal actuarial assumptions used for the balances as at 31 December 2005 were as follows:

	<b>2005</b>
Discount rate	4.25%
Expected return on plan assets	5.25%
Future salary increases	3.50%
Future pension increases	2.50%
Increase in social security base amount related to Norwegian state pension	2.50%

Actuarial assumptions for demographic factors such as rates for mortality and disability are based on the standard assumptions used by the Norwegian Institutes of Actuaries.

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**Note 15 – Retirement benefit obligations (continued)**

	<b>2005</b>
	<b>USD'000</b>
<b><i>Balance sheet obligations</i></b>	
Pension benefits	4,337
<b><i>Income statement charge (Note 6)</i></b>	
Pension benefits	572

The amounts recognised in the balance sheet are determined as follows:

	<b>2005</b>
	<b>USD'000</b>
Present value of funded obligations	(9,002)
Fair value of plan assets	4,786
Present value of unfunded obligations	(4,216)
Unrecognised actuarial losses	(121)
<b>Liability in the balance sheet</b>	<b>(4,337)</b>

The amounts recognised in the income statement are as follows:

	<b>2005</b>
	<b>USD'000</b>
Current service cost	537
Interest cost	129
Expected return on plan assets	(93)
Net actuarial gain recognised during the financial period	0
<b>Net periodic pension cost (Note 6)</b>	<b>572</b>

Bergesen Worldwide Offshore AS took over employees from related companies as at 15 August 2005. The net periodic pension cost covers the period 15 August to 31 December. Before establishment of the Group, pension costs were charged to the Offshore segment as part of operational expenses, and the pension obligation is accordingly included in amount due to related parties. Pension cost from 1 January to 15 August amounting to USD 363,000 is charged to the income statement based on invoicing of management fee from related companies and is not included in the figures above. Total pension cost for the period 1 January to 31 December 2005 is USD 935,000. Total pension cost for the period 1 January to 31 December 2004 invoiced as management fee amounts to USD 482,000.

Best estimate of net pension cost for 2006 amounts USD 1,425,000.

Best estimate of premium payments in 2006 amounts to USD 1,060,000.



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**Note 15 – Retirement benefit obligations (continued)**

The movement in the liability recognised in the balance sheet is as follows:

	<b>2005 USD'000</b>
At 15 August 2005	(3,798)
Contributions paid	0
Exchange differences	34
Charged to income statement	(572)
<b>At 31 December 2005</b>	<b>(4,336)</b>

Composition of pension plan assets as at 31 December 2005:

	<b>2005 USD'000</b>
Shares and equity instruments	27%
Bonds - fixed yield	29%
Bonds held to maturity	28%
Properties and real estate	10%
Loans	1%
Certificates	4%
Other	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Actual return on the pension plan assets for 2005 as at 31 December is USD 44,000.

**Note 16 – Related parties transactions**

The Group is a wholly owned subsidiary of BWW. BWW is approximately 93% owned by companies controlled by Sohmen family interests.

All transactions with related parties have been carried out as a part of the ordinary operations and at arm's length prices.

Remuneration to the Board of Directors, Auditors and key Management is detailed in Note 6.

Investments in subsidiaries are described in Note 8. Balances with joint ventures are disclosed in Note 11.

The Group was financed by the ultimate holding company which will continue to provide the resources to allow the Group to meet its obligations as they fall due. The details are described in Note 14.

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**Note 16 – Related parties transactions (continued)**

The following transactions were carried out with related parties:

<b>Related Parties</b>	<b>2005 USD'000</b>	<b>2004 USD'000</b>
Interest expenses to group companies *)	8,483	3,727
Management, administration and rental services from BW Gas	6,599	4,309
Year-end balances		
Receivables from group companies	840	177
Payables to group companies (BW Gas)	6,536	6,418

- \*) Interest expenses are related to long-term loans from Bergesen Worldwide GAS ASA in 2004 and the period from January to September 2005. The terms of the agreement are LIBOR + 1.5-2%. For the period from September to December 2005 interest is charged to expense for fund from ultimate holding company amounting to USD 2,171,000.

**Note 17 – Financial risk management**

**Financial risk factors**

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: price risk (including currency risk and market risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. Historically, demand for offshore exploration, development and production has been volatile and closely linked to the price of hydrocarbons. Low oil prices typically lead to a reduction in exploration as the oil companies scale down their own investment budgets. Most of the Company's units are fixed on long-term contracts, and this, to some extent, reduces the Company's exposure against intermediate oil and gas fluctuations. Nevertheless, a decrease in the oil prices may have an adverse impact on the financial position of the Company.

The Group's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance. Risk management team identifies and evaluates financial risks in close co-operation with the Group's operating units. The risk management team is governed by written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, such as foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, and investing excess liquidity.

**Foreign exchange risk**

The Group's current businesses have USD as their primary functional currency. Practically all operating revenue, interest bearing debt and contractual obligations for vessels under construction are denominated in USD. The Group's vessels are also valued in USD when trading in the second-hand market. The Group is exposed to expenses incurred in currencies other than USD, the major currencies being Norwegian Kroner ("NOK") and Singapore Dollars ("SGD"). In the Group's current activities, expenses denominated in NOK and SGD constitute a minor part of total operating expenses. Therefore, fluctuations in the exchange rate of NOK and SGD have no significant effects for the financial statements of the Group.

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**Note 17 – Financial risk management (continued)**

In the period 1 January 2004 to 15 August 2005 before formation of the Group, the Group had cash deposits and loans denominated in NOK which gave rise to the currency exchange gains/losses presented in the income statement. Predecessor gains and losses are anticipated not to be representative of the exchange gains/losses that will be incurred in future periods in which the Group operates independently of BW Group.

**Credit risk**

Several of the Company's contracts are long-term, and there can be no guarantees that the financial position of the Company's major partners will not materially change during the contracted period. Given the limited number of major partners of the Company and the significant portion they represent of the Company's income, the inability of one or more of them to make full payment on any of the Company's contracted units may have a significant adverse impact on the financial position of the Company.

Another risk factor to be addressed is whether negative reservoir development can affect the oil company's ability to fulfill its obligations also within the fixed contract. The probability for options to be exercised and extension of contracts to be entered into will be negatively affected by reduction in actual reservoir reserves. It is common for customers, i.e. the oil companies, to contract the firm period for the FPSO lease equivalent to a very high probability of the producing life of the reserves.

The existing contracts are essentially covered against these risks through termination fees, cash-flow arrangements, and financial and corporate guarantees. The company will continue its active risk management to mitigate these risk factors.

Furthermore, the Group has implemented policies to ensure that cash funds are deposited with internationally recognised financial institutions with a good credit rating.

**Liquidity risk**

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities, the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to close out market positions. Due to the dynamic nature of the underlying businesses, the Group maintains sufficient cash for its daily operations via short-term cash deposit at banks and a commitment from the ultimate parent undertaking to make available funds from the unutilised portion of revolving facilities offered by financial institutions to its ultimate holding corporation.

**Interest rate risk**

The table below sets out the Group's exposure to interest rate risks. Included in the tables are the assets and liabilities at carrying amounts, categorised by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturing dates.

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**Note 17 – Financial risk management (continued)**

	Repricing/maturity date		Total
	Less than 6 months USD'000	Non-interest bearing USD'000	
<b>The Group - At 31 December 2005</b>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	36,654	0	36,654
Trade and other receivables current	0	14,685	14,685
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Due to Ultimate Holding company	508,327	0	508,327
Trade and other payables	0	52,335	52,335
<b>Total</b>	<b>544,981</b>	<b>67,020</b>	<b>612,001</b>

Average interest rate on cash deposits is 4.2%.

Financial assets and liabilities are short term with floating rate, and therefore there is no material difference between carrying value and fair value.

**Note 18 – Earnings per share**

Basic and diluted earnings per share are calculated by dividing net profit of the year by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year as if the shares have been outstanding since 1 January 2004.

Basic and diluted earnings per share are shown in a separate line in the income statement.

**Note 19 – Commitments**

Capital expenditure related to conversion projects contracted for at the balance sheet date but not recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

	2005 USD'000	2004 USD'000
Nominal amount	344,611	172,050
Net present value	326,998	163,999
Interest rate	4.7%	4.7%

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**Note 20 – Leases**

The group has entered into lease contracts as lessor. The contracts are described below.

**Operating leases**

The FPSO Sendje Berge has been committed for a 4 years firm lease at the Okwori field in Nigeria. The operation commenced in April 2005 and the client has an option to extend the charter for 4 years.

The FPSO Berge Okoloba Toru is on a firm 4 years lease contract in Nigeria. The operation started in February 2005, and the client has an option to extend the contract period for 4 years. The client has a purchase option to buy the vessel at a value based on declining purchase prices.

The FPSO Berge Helene commenced operations in Mauritania January 2006 on a firm 7 years lease contract with up to additional 8 one year options. The client has a purchase option that can be exercised throughout the contract until 6 months before the expiration of the prevailing terms. The purchase option value is based on declining purchase prices.

The future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable operating leases contracted for at the reporting date but not recognised as receivables, are set out in the table below. The future minimum lease payments for Berge Helene are included in the figures.

	2005 USD'000	2004 USD'000
Not later than one year	89,969	36,511
Later than one year and not later than five years	310,549	347,082
Later than five years	114,778	168,214
<b>Total nominal amount</b>	<b>515,296</b>	<b>551,807</b>
Net present value	438,813	448,758
Rate	4.7%	4.7%

**Financial leases**

BW Enterprise is currently under conversion, and will be ready for delivery to customer and operation in Mexico 2007. BWW has signed a 15 years firm lease contract with the customer. The vessel will be automatically transferred to the customer at the end of the lease term without compensation. The net present value of the minimum lease payments, amount to substantially all of the fair value of the vessel at the inception of the lease. In addition, the firm contract period is for the major part of the economic life of the asset. Accordingly, this contract is classified as a finance lease, and will be accounted for as such from the inception of the lease term. BWW will enter into an agreement with the Group for the future subcontracting to the effect that the Group will deliver assets and services and receive the financial benefit of the contract with Pemex. As of 31 December 2005 such agreements are not in place. The vessel is therefore presented under the caption vessel under construction in the 2005 balance sheet. When the subcontracts are into place, the finance lease contract will be treated as a construction contract in accordance with the requirements in IAS 11. It will be recognised as a finance lease receivable when the vessel is commissioned at the commencement of the lease term.

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**Note 20 – Leases (continued)**

With effect from February 2004, the arctic FSO Belokamenka commenced on a 15 year transshipment agreement with the customer. The vessel is leased from the group on a bare boat agreement to the joint venture company OOO Oil Terminal Belokamenka, which has the agreement with the customer. The group's partner in the joint venture is a related company of the customer. The net present value of the minimum lease payments under the transshipment agreement amounts to substantially all of the fair value of the vessel at the inception of the lease. In addition the firm contract period is for the major part of the economic life of the asset. Accordingly, this contract is classified as a finance lease. The customer has continuous purchase options each quarter after the initial 5 years of the contract.

The future minimum lease payments receivable under finance leases are shown in the table below. The future minimum payments related to BW Enterprise are not included in the figures.

	2005 USD'000	2004 USD'000
Not later than one year	5,163	5,163
Later than one year and not later than five years	15,488	15,488
Later than five years	46,463	51,626
<b>Gross receivables from finance leases</b>	<b>67,114</b>	<b>72,277</b>
Unearned future finance income on finance leases	(44,349)	(49,201)
<b>Net investment in finance leases</b>	<b>22,765</b>	<b>23,076</b>

**Note 21 – Disputes**

There is an ongoing dispute in London between Sendje Berge Ltd, and Addax Petroleum Exploration (Nigeria) Ltd under Contract ETB-0001 for the provision of Okwori FPSO. Sendje Berge Ltd claim Interim Day Rate in the sum of USD 2,883,100 together with interest and costs. The disputed amount is recognised in revenue and included in trade receivables as at 31 December 2005.

The parties have mutually agreed a simplified dispute resolution procedure with a sole arbitrator deciding the case based on documents only. Thus, the costs involved are rather limited.

The Group is optimistic as to the outcome of the case. The Group's management does not consider that the claim has merit, and no allowances are recognised as management does not consider that there is any probable loss.

## **Note 22 – Accounting estimates and assessments**

The following is a summary of which assessments, estimates, and assumptions could have a material effect on the accounts.

### **Vessels**

#### *Useful life*

The level of depreciation depends on the estimated useful economic life of the vessels. The estimated useful life is based on previous experience and knowledge of the vessels owned by the Company.

#### *Residual value at the end of useful life*

Depreciation depends on the estimated residual value at the balance date. Assumptions about residual value are based on knowledge of scrap values for FPSOs and FSOs. Scrap values depends on steel prices and demobilization costs. Demobilization costs are covered by the lease contracts.

#### *Impairment*

The Company has assessed at the balance sheet date whether there is any indication that a vessel may be impaired. The assessment is based on contracted cash flows discounted by an estimated discount rate. If any such indication exists, the Company will estimate the recoverable amount of the asset. However, no such indications are identified.

### **Lease contracts**

Classification of lease contracts as operating leases or finance leases depends on the following assumptions:

As at the date of inception of the lease, a lease contract is classified as either an operating or a finance lease.

The lease term is the “non-cancellable period” for which the lessee has contracted to lease the asset together with any further terms for which the lessee has the option to continue to lease the asset, when at the inception of the lease it is reasonably certain that the lessee will exercise the option.

The lessee’s purchase option should also be taken into consideration in the classification of the lease contracts. If it is not reasonably certain that the option will be exercised, the option will not be a part of the basis for classification. If the lessee has an option to purchase the asset at a price that is expected to be sufficiently lower than fair value at the date the option becomes exercisable, the exercise of the option is regarded reasonably certain.

The evaluation of the term reasonably certain involves estimation and judgement. The estimated useful life of the vessels described above is also relevant in relation to evaluating lease contracts.

**Note 22 – Accounting estimates and assessments (continued)**

**Retirement benefit obligations**

Accounting for defined benefit plans is complex because it requires both actuarial and economic assumptions to be estimated. Moreover, the obligations are measured on a discounted basis because they may be settled many years after the employees render the related service.

The calculation of pension obligations is mainly affected by assumptions about the discount rate. The discount rate is based on 10-year government bond rate in Norway and estimated duration of the pension obligations. A 1% decrease in the discount rate could imply an increase in present value of funded obligations of approximately 20-25%. This will not imply an immediate increase in the pension cost recognised in profit and loss due to the fact that actuarial gains/losses are recognised over the expected average remaining working lives of the employees.

**Note 23 – Subsequent events**

BW Enterprise is currently under conversion, and will be ready for delivery to customer and operation in Mexico 2007. The parent company, BWW, has signed a 15 years firm lease contract with the customer. As of 31 December 2005 the agreements subcontracting the customer contract to the Group from the parent company is not in place. The vessel is therefore presented under the caption vessel under construction in the 2005 balance sheet. However, BWW has entered into an agreement with the Group on 24 April 2006 for the future subcontracting to the effect that the Group will deliver assets and services and receive the financial benefit of the contract with Pemex. For further details see note 20.

As at 31 December 2005 the Group has net liabilities and significant capital commitments. In April 2006, USD 150,000,000 of the debt owing by the Company to BWW was converted into the Company's common shares and into contributed surplus shareholder equity. See note 14 for further details regarding this loan.



Appendix IV:  
Registrar Agreement

# **REGISTRAR AGREEMENT**

RELATED TO REGISTRATION IN  
THE NORWEGIAN CENTRAL SECURITIES DEPOSITORY

**BETWEEN**

*Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited*

**AND**

*DnB NOR Bank ASA  
Registrars Department*

This Agreement is entered into this 24th day of April 2006 by and between:

**Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited**, a company under the laws of Bermuda with registered office at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda (hereinafter the "Company")

and

**DnB NOR Bank ASA**, as represented by the Registrar's Department ("Verdipapirservice"), a company under the laws of the Kingdom of Norway with address 0021 Oslo, Norway (hereinafter the "Registrar").

WHEREAS the Company is existing and operating under the laws of Bermuda;

WHEREAS all the issued shares of the Company are registered in the Norwegian Central Securities Depository ("Verdipapirsentralen" - hereinafter referred to as "VPS");

WHEREAS the Company's Register of Members will be kept at the Company's registered office in Bermuda;

WHEREAS the Registrar is willing to (i) act as registrar on behalf of the Company in all matters relating to the VPS and thereby as the connecting link between the VPS and the Company and (ii) act as record keeper on behalf of the Shareholders whose shares are registered in the VPS Register; and

WHEREAS all the shares of the Company registered in the VPS Register shall be registered in the Company's Register of Members under the name of: DnB NOR Bank ASA, Registrar Dept., 0021 Oslo, Norway.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties have entered into the following:

## 1. DEFINITIONS

VPS	The Norwegian Central Securities Depository ("Verdipapirsentralen"), a Norwegian computerised, book-entry based system, in which ownership and transactions related to securities are recorded.
The VPS Register	The register of Shareholders maintained in the VPS.
Shareholder	Person or legal entity registered in the VPS Register as owner of a share or shares of the Company.
Register of Members	The Company's main shareholder register maintained by the Company in Bermuda as required by the Bermuda Companies Act 1981.
Member	A shareholder or nominee registered in the Registry of Members.

## 2. APPOINTMENT

The Company hereby appoints the Registrar to act as its registrar in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Registrar agrees to provide such services and to do all such things and to take all such steps as may be reasonably required, or requested by the Company, in order to enable Shareholders to benefit from and enjoy all the rights and privileges of a member of the Company and to enable the Company to enforce the provisions of its Bye-laws.

## 3. UNDERTAKINGS BY THE REGISTRAR

3.1 Subject to the Registrar having received the necessary information from the Company, the **Registrar** shall keep records of entries taken from the VPS Register with regard to the following:

- (a) the name and address of each Shareholder;
- (b) the number of shares held by each Shareholder;
- (c) the date each Shareholder was registered in the VPS Register as a Shareholder;
- (d) the date any person ceased to be a Shareholder; and
- (e) provide service to the Oslo Stock Exchange/Oslo Børs, investment firms and the Shareholders of the Company in matters related to this Agreement and the VPS system.

Information concerning (c) and (d) above will be retained for 10 years following the date referred to in (d). Additional information might be retained in order to comply with any applicable Norwegian legislation in force from time to time.

3.2 Further, subject to the Registrar having received the necessary information from the Company, the **Registrar** shall distribute all dividends or other cash amounts declared and paid by the Company to the Registrar as nominee in accordance with the VPS system for payment of dividends. Any dividends to be paid through the VPS must be available in a bank account held with the Registrar a minimum of two banking days prior to date of payment to the Shareholders. Details of the Registrar's account shall be informed in writing by the Registrar to the Company with at least 5 days of anticipation to the date on which the Company shall transfer any dividends. To Shareholders who maintain a Norwegian address and/or have supplied the VPS with details of their Norwegian kroner account such dividend will be paid in Norwegian kroner. Shareholders registered in the VPS Register whose address is outside Norway and who have not supplied the VPS with details of any Norwegian kroner account, will receive dividends by cheque in their local currency. If it is not practical in the Registrar's sole opinion to issue a cheque in a local currency, a cheque will be issued in U.S dollars. The issuing and mailing of cheques will be executed in accordance with the standard procedures of DnB NOR Bank ASA, Foreign Payments Department. The exchange rate(s) that is applied will be DnB NOR Bank ASA's exchange rate on the date of issuance.

- 3.3 Whenever the Company calls for a general meeting of Shareholders, the Registrar agrees not to attend or vote at such meeting other than in accordance with proxies from Shareholders registered in the VPS.
- 3.4 The Registrar undertakes that if any share, debenture, security or other right, asset or benefit (other than a cash dividend) (a "Security") shall accrue to the Registrar as nominee, it shall ensure that the registered title to such Security is held for the benefit of the Shareholders until such time as transfers of such Security are executed in favour of such Shareholders pro rata to their entitlement of such Security.
- 3.5 In the event of any change or alteration of the share capital of the Company all necessary amendments must be made in the VPS system. For the purpose of this clause, any instructions from the Company shall be accompanied by relevant documentation specifying the new share capital of the Company or any other alterations hereto.

In addition to the undertakings stated above, the Registrar shall, subject to a separate agreement between the Company and the Registrar, provide advice and technical assistance in connection with:

- Sending the Shareholders of the Company at their registered addresses any notice, report, accounts, financial statements, circular or other similar document (each a "Document") relating to the affairs of the Company.
  - Preparing, organising and assisting the Company when a Shareholder meeting and/or an annual or extraordinary general meeting of the Company is called for.
  - Issues with and without pre-emptive rights for former/existing Shareholders.
  - Issues directed towards employees, and/or special groups, both in Norway and abroad.
  - Bonus issues, with and without payment for excess holdings of shares.
  - Write-downs of the nominal value of the Company's share capital.
  - Share splits.
  - Merger(s) and/or demerger(s).
  - Sales of shares to employees or purchases of shares in the market.
  - Subscriptions of convertible bonds, with or without pre-emptive rights for the Company's existing/former Shareholders, which may be converted to shares at a future date.
  - Acquisitions.
  - Special assignments.
- 3.6 However, notwithstanding the above, the Registrar does not undertake any obligation to render any tax reporting services to any tax authorities or to collect any tax on behalf of any tax authorities.
- 3.7 The Registrar undertakes to place a notice/legend in the VPS Register ensuring that a buyer of share of the Company that is registered in the VPS receives information on the applicable restrictions on transfer of shares set forth in the Bye-Laws of the Company. The notice/legend to be used is enclosed as Annex A hereto. The Company may by notice in writing instruct the Registrar to amend the notice/legend subject always to general restrictions imposed by the VPS Register.
- 3.8 The Registrar further undertakes to notify the Company if the VPS record shows that the Shareholders resident in Norway own/control more or equal to 50 % of the Shares in the Company. If certain shares of the Company are registered directly in the Register of

Members of the Company, the Company shall inform the Registrar of the threshold that Shareholders resident in Norway own/control shall be monitored against.

- 3.9 The Registrar undertakes to hold any shares registered in its name solely on behalf of and for the benefit of the Shareholders.

#### **4. UNDERTAKINGS BY THE COMPANY**

The **Company** undertakes to:

- a) Inform the Registrar of any decision made by the Company that is relevant for the continued registration of the Company and its Shareholders in the VPS Register and other relevant information reasonably requested by the Registrar, in order to enable the Registrar to comply with this Agreement.
- b) Inform the Registrar of all details of any proposed dividend by the Board of Directors of the Company and all other details connected thereto before the Company announces the proposed dividend in order to enable the Registrar to comply with this Agreement. VPS needs this information in order to process dividend payments.
- c) Pay to the Registrar as nominee for the Shareholders of the Company any dividend declared by the Company to a bank account held with the Registrar in accordance with the VPS system for payment of dividends, see clause 3.2.
- d) Provide the Registrar with a copy of its Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws, and immediately inform the Registrar of any amendment to its Memorandum of Association or Bye-laws.
- e) When a general meeting of members is called for, to give the Registrar ample time to distribute notices of such meeting to the Shareholders, to collect and to report the proxy voting to the Company within the given time limit for such reporting.

#### **5. INFORMATION FROM THE VPS REGISTER**

- 5.1 Within 15 days after the end of each year the Registrar shall produce and send to the Company an updated list of the Shareholders registered in the VPS Register as at year's end.
- 5.2 At the request of the Company, the Registrar shall order from VPS and send to the Company a printout or printouts of the Company's Shareholders' register, address labels or statistics from the VPS.
- 5.3 Once a week, or as otherwise requested by the Company, the Registrar shall send the Company a list of all transfers of the Company's shares recorded in the VPS Register.
- 5.4 If anyone other than the Company requests address labels for the Shareholders from the VPS, the Registrar shall request permission from the Company prior to releasing such address labels.
- 5.5 If investment firms, financial newspapers or other persons request a transcript of the Company's 20 largest Shareholders, the Registrar is authorised by the Company to release such transcripts to the requesting party.

- 5.6 Any statistics of the Shareholders of the Company may be released to any requesting party subject to a separate agreement between the Company and the Registrar, or the Company's general consent to release such statistics.

## **6. THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

- 6.1. The Company will maintain the Register of Members in Bermuda. All the shares of the Company registered in VPS shall be registered in Bermuda in the nominee name of:

DnB NOR Bank ASA  
VPS Register  
P.O.Box 1171 – Sentrum  
N-0107 Oslo

## **7. PAYMENTS**

- 7.1 The Company agrees to pay the Registrar for the latter's services at the Registrar's standard rates as they apply from time to time, which may include reasonable internal and external fees, costs and expenses including internal and external legal fees. The Registrar shall send monthly invoices to the Company detailing the fees, costs and expenses payable including out-of-pocket expenses and costs incurred by the Registrar. In addition, the Company shall pay all expenses (including internal and external legal fees) incurred by Registrar in its capacity as Registrar.
- 7.2 The Company agrees to pay the account operator fee in advance in 3 instalments per year to the Registrar. The total amount of the account operator fee for the previous year will be calculated by the VPS and charged to the Company by the Registrar during the first quarter the following year.
- 7.3 The Registrar shall charge any fees, costs and expenses as described in clauses 7.1 and 7.2 to the Company's account to be opened with DnB NOR Bank ASA. Such settlement of charges shall take place monthly in arrears. Prior to the opening of such account, the Registrar agrees that fees are to be paid to the Registrar's designated account by the Company executing telegraphic transfer to such designated account.

## **8. CONFIDENTIALITY**

Any information regarding the Company or otherwise relating to its affairs, which may be obtained by the Registrar in connection with the performance of its duties as Registrar in accordance with this Agreement, will be treated as private and confidential and will not be disclosed to any third person unless required by applicable law.

## **9. LIABILITY**

### **9.1 VPS' liability**

In accordance with article 9-1 of the Norwegian Act Concerning the Registration of Financial Instruments ("The Securities Registry Act") (Office translation):

"The Central Securities Depository is liable for financial loss inflicted on anyone as a result of errors that occur in connection with securities registration operations. This does not apply in the event that the Depository proves that the error is due to circumstances outside the Depository's control, the consequences of which the Depository could not reasonably be expected to avoid or surmount.

The Securities Depository is liable for other financial losses in the event that such loss is due to negligence on the part of the Depository or another entity for which the Depository is answerable.

The liability for damages as specified in the first sub-article above only applies to direct losses and such liability is in any event limited to a maximum of NOK 500 million for any individual error".

As regards liability for other losses, in its business terms and conditions VPS has confined this to only apply to direct losses ensuing from events within VPS' control and limited to a maximum of NOK 2.5 million per wrongful act or omission. In addition, VPS operates with a deductible of NOK 10,000 per damage event.

The Company may have the Registrar, as Registrar for the Company, present any claims the Company has against VPS, but the Registrar cannot under any circumstances be held liable for errors committed by VPS or losses incurred as a result of VPS' conduct.

In the event that the Registrar does not receive full settlement from VPS due to the deductible, the Registrar may demand payment of the corresponding amount from the Company.

## 9.2 Liability of the parties

Each party is liable for any direct losses suffered by the other party as a result of breach of contract by the first party. The parties are not liable for indirect damage or indirect loss of any nature.

The Registrar cannot under any circumstances be held liable for any loss attributable to circumstances beyond the Registrar's control, including:

- a) errors committed by others, including errors attributable to sub-suppliers, incorrect or incomplete information from VPS, the Company, Shareholders, Shareholders' registrars or investment firms, or
- b) power failures, errors in or outages of electronic data processing systems, telecommunication networks etc., fire, water damage, strike, changes in legislation, orders or injunctions issued by the authorities or the suspension or cessation of monetary or securities settlements.

## 10. TAX LIABILITY

- 10.1 The Registrar does not undertake any liability for taxes or duties to any authorities, whether Norwegian or foreign, in its capacity acting as Registrar in accordance with this Agreement. Further, the Registrar does not undertake any obligation to render any tax reporting to any tax authorities, or to collect any tax on behalf of any tax authorities.
- 10.2. The Company will indemnify the Registrar of any claim for taxes or duties or other liability that may occur as a result of the Registrar either receiving, delivering or holding Company



shares in connection with the Company being registered in the VPS or the Company's shares being so registered, or the Registrar issuing or cancelling Company shares in or out of the VPS system in accordance with Company instructions, or by the Registrar performing its duties in accordance with this Agreement.

## 11. TERMINATION OR CHANGE OF PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT

- 11.1 This Agreement may be terminated by either party with a minimum of three months prior written notice.
- 11.2 Either of the parties may terminate this Agreement immediately on giving written notice to the other party in the event of the non-performance of payment obligations or any other material breach of the Agreement. The Registrar may terminate this Agreement immediately in the event that the Company becomes unable to pay its debts.
- 11.3 The provisions of this Agreement may be subject to change provided applicable law so require, or with the prior written consent of both parties.

## 12. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

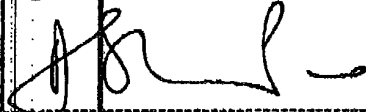
This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Kingdom of Norway. The Company and the Registrar submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Norwegian court with respect to any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, venue to be Oslo Municipal Court.

This Agreement is issued in two originals, one for each of the parties.

24th day of April 2006

Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited

DnB NOR Bank ASA



## Annex A

The Registrar undertakes to ensure that the following notice/legend is registered in the VPS Register and as such will appear on any notice or confirmation that a buyer of a VPS registered share of the Company receives as confirmation of its acquisition of said share(s):

“The acquisition of shares in Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited is subject to approval by its Board. Approval may be refused if the acquisition results in 50% or more of the shares or votes being owned/controlled directly or indirectly by residents of Norway or effectively connected to a Norwegian business activity, or the Company otherwise being deemed a Controlled Foreign Corporation as such term is defined pursuant to Norwegian tax legislation. If notice of refusal is not received within 30 days of transfer, the acquisition may be deemed approved.”

Appendix V:  
Outline of key differences between Bermudian and  
Norwegian law

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# Appendix V: Outline of key differences between Norwegian and Bermuda law

## INTRODUCTION

### Purpose

The purpose of this summary is to highlight certain similarities and differences between the laws and rules to which the Company is subject and the rules that would apply to a Norwegian company. This summary is not intended to be exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by the Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws of the Company and the BCA.

### General

The Company is incorporated in Bermuda as an exempted company limited by shares. The Company's status as an exempted company means that the Company is exempted from local ownership requirements, but is prohibited from carrying on business in Bermuda, except in limited circumstances.

The Company and its activities are primarily governed by the BCA, its Memorandum of Association and its Bye-laws.

Since the Company will be listed on Oslo Børs, certain aspects of the Company's activities will be governed by Norwegian law pursuant to the Listing Agreement between Oslo Børs and the Company. In particular, it should be noted that the provisions of the Norwegian Securities Act and the Norwegian Stock Exchange Regulations for a public offering of shares will apply to any such share offering of the Company in Norway. The Norwegian Securities Act, the Norwegian Stock Exchange Act of 17 June 1988, No. 57, and the Norwegian Stock Exchange Regulations will as a starting point apply. However, the provisions regarding mandatory offer obligations in Chapter 4 of the Norwegian Securities Trading Act will not apply to the Company, as they only apply to Norwegian listed companies.

The constitutional documents of the Company consist of a Memorandum of Association with a set of Bye-laws. These documents are significantly more extensive than the Articles of Association (*vedtekter*) of a Norwegian company.

The Memorandum of Association and the Bye-laws together form the constitution of the Company. Only the Memorandum of Association is on file with the Bermuda Registrar of Companies. It is a matter of public record and available for inspection by the public at the offices of the Bermuda Registrar of Companies.

The Bye-laws of a Bermuda company are not filed with the Registrar of Companies in Bermuda and are not generally available for inspection by the public. The Bye-laws will set out the rights and duties between the company, its shareholders and its directors. The Bye-laws deal primarily with the Company's administration and the distribution of power between the Company's shareholders and its Board of Directors. Among other things, the Bye-laws generally contain provisions regarding procedures for the transfer of registered shares in the Company, changes to the Company's capital, general meetings and appointment and removal of directors and officers. The Bye-laws also often contain provisions on payment and distribution of dividends, allocation of sums to the reserves, capitalisation of profits, auditing, accounting, amendment of the Bye-laws and winding up. The Bye-laws of the Company are attached as Appendix 2 to this Prospectus.

The Bye-laws of a Bermuda company may be amended by resolutions approved by both the Board of Directors and the shareholders in general meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-laws. No approvals from the Ministry of Finance in Bermuda or other governmental authorities are required. The Bye-laws of the Company provide that no Bye-law shall be rescinded, altered or amended and no new Bye-law shall be made until the same has been approved by a resolution of the Board and by a resolution of the shareholders. Bye-laws 75 and 77 shall not be rescinded, altered or amended and no new Bye-law shall be made which would have the effect of rescinding, altering or amending the provisions of such Bye-laws, until the same has been approved by a resolution of the Board including the affirmative vote of not less than 66% of the directors then in office and by a resolution of the shareholders including the affirmative vote of not less than 66% of the votes attaching to all shares in issue. The majority requirements in the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act for the amendment of the Articles of Association (*vedtekter*) is the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the votes cast and the share capital present at the general meeting.

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## **Shares and share capital**

### **Shares, changes to the share capital, share issues and shareholders' rights**

The BCA and the Company's Bye-laws draw a distinction between "issued" and "unissued" shares. Unissued shares form part of the Company's "authorised share capital", but have not yet been issued to any person. Consequently, the Company's "authorised share capital" consists of shares that are "issued" and "unissued". According to Bermuda law, the Company cannot issue shares over and above the authorised share capital. The authorised share capital of the Company may be increased by a resolution of the Board. Pursuant to the Company's Bye-laws, subject to any resolution of the shareholders to the contrary, the Board may issue any unissued shares on such terms and conditions as it may determine.

The Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act does not make a distinction between "issued" and "unissued" shares. The issue of shares requires the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the votes cast and the share capital present at a general meeting.

According to Bermuda law, shares may not be issued at a price per share less than the par value per share. Premium arising on the issue of shares must generally be credited to a statutory account known as the share premium account. The same provisions apply pursuant to the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act. However, according to the BCA and the Company's Bye-laws, shares may be issued without the subscription price being paid before the Board makes such calls as it thinks fit. Under the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act such payments must be made before the share capital increase is registered in the Norwegian Companies Register and the shares are issued.

Share certificates will not be issued by the Company. Ownership of shares will be evidenced by entry in the register of members. The same would apply under the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act.

All the issued shares of the Company in the register of members are registered in the name of DnB NOR Bank ASA as nominee holder of the shares. The Registrar has then registered all issued shares in the Norwegian VPS and acts as the Company's account manager for the issued shares. In a Norwegian public limited company, Norwegian shareholders will be registered directly as the shareholders in the share register of the Company (i.e. not as beneficial owners with the Registrar as nominee).

The share capital of the Company is divided into shares of a single class and a holder of shares is entitled to one vote per share; is entitled to such dividends as the Board may from time to time declare; in the event of a winding-up or dissolution of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary or for the purpose of a reorganisation or otherwise or upon any distribution of capital, is entitled to the surplus assets of the Company; and generally is entitled to enjoy all of the rights attaching to shares.

### **Own shares**

The Company may according to its Bye-laws purchase its own shares in accordance with the provisions of the BCA on such terms as the Board shall think fit. The Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to purchase all or any part of its own shares in accordance with the BCA. These powers are wider than those which would apply under the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act.

### **General meeting**

The Company shall convene an annual general meeting of the Company each year (other than the year of incorporation) at such time and place as the president or the chairman or the Board shall appoint. The president or the chairman or the Board may convene a special general meeting of the Company whenever, in their judgment, such a meeting is necessary.

The Board shall, on the requisition of shareholders holding at the date of the deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of such of the paid-up share capital of the Company as at the date of the deposit carries the right to vote at general meetings of the Company, forthwith proceed to convene a special general meeting of the Company and the provisions of the BCA shall apply.

At least fourteen days' notice of an annual general meeting shall be given to each shareholder entitled to attend and vote thereat, stating the date, place and time at which the meeting is to be held and that the election of directors will take place thereat, and as far as practicable, the other business to be conducted at the meeting. At least fourteen days' notice of a special general meeting shall be given to each shareholder entitled to attend and vote thereat, stating the date, time, place and the general nature of the business to be considered at the meeting. The Board may fix any date as the record date for determining the shareholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at any general meeting of the Company.

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Under the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act, the annual general meeting shall be convened during the first six months of the company's accounting year and the annual general meeting shall consider certain mandatory issues. The minimum notice period under the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act is two weeks and the meeting shall be convened in the same municipality as the registered office unless the Articles of Association provides otherwise. In specific circumstances, the general meeting may be convened at another venue.

Pursuant to the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act, if a general meeting is duly called, there are no specific quorum requirements but the business to be conducted at the meeting must be specified in the notice of the meeting. The Company's Bye-laws provide that at any general meeting of the Company two or more persons present in person and representing in person or by proxy in excess of 30% of the total issued voting shares in the Company throughout the meeting shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

If within half an hour from the time appointed for a general meeting of the Company, a quorum is not present, then, in the case of a meeting convened on a requisition, the meeting shall be deemed cancelled and, in any other case, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day one week later, at the same time and place or to such other day, time or place as the secretary may determine. If the meeting shall be adjourned to the same day one week later or the secretary shall determine that the meeting is adjourned to a specific date, time and place, it is not necessary to give notice of the adjourned meeting other than by announcement at the meeting being adjourned. If the secretary shall determine that the meeting be adjourned to an unspecified date, time or place, fresh notice of the resumption of the meeting shall be given to each shareholder entitled to attend and vote thereat in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-laws.

Shareholders may be represented at the general meeting in person or by proxy. Shareholders may also participate in any general meeting by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting. In certain instances a resolution may be passed without a meeting and without any previous notice being required, by resolution in writing signed by all the shareholders who at the date of the resolution would be entitled to attend the meeting and vote on the resolution. In contrast, the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act prescribes that a shareholder may only be represented in person or by proxy at a general meeting.

Subject to the provisions of the BCA and the Company's Bye-laws, any question proposed for the consideration of the shareholders at any general meeting shall be decided by the affirmative votes of a majority of the votes cast. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the resolution shall fail.

## **The Board**

### **Election, quorum and voting requirements**

The Board of the Company shall consist of such number of directors being not less than four directors and not more than such maximum number of directors, not exceeding six directors, as the shareholders may from time to time determine. The Company's Board is divided into two classes of directors that are, as nearly as possible, of equal size. Each class of directors is elected for a two-year term, but the terms are staggered so that the term of only one class of directors expires at each annual general meeting. The shareholders may elect a person or persons to act as a director in the alternative to any one or more directors of the Company or may authorise the Board to appoint such alternate directors.

The Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act provides that the Articles of Association shall define the number of directors or a minimum and maximum number of directors of the Board. The Board must consist of a minimum of three directors.

Neither the BCA nor the Company's Bye-laws contain any provisions entitling the Company's employees to be represented on the Company's Board or any provisions with respect to a Corporate Assembly (Bedriftsforsamling). Exempted Bermuda companies, the shares of which are listed on an appointed stock exchange, must have two directors or a director and a secretary that are ordinarily resident in Bermuda, or must have a resident representative in Bermuda, whether an individual or a company, and must maintain certain records (including minutes of meetings of directors and shareholders) at its registered office in Bermuda. The resident representative has the right to attend all meetings of the Company.

The Board is elected by the shareholders in general meeting by way of proportional voting (forholdstallsvalg), i.e. by a plurality of votes. Any shareholder or the Board may propose any person for election as a director. Where any person, other than a director retiring at the meeting or a person proposed for re-election or election as a director by the Board, is to be proposed for election as a director, notice must be given not less than seven days prior to the general meeting to the Company of the intention to propose him and of his willingness to serve as a

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director. The Bye-laws of the Company provide that, at any general meeting, the shareholders may authorise the Board to fill any vacancy in their number left unfilled at the general meeting.

Under the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act, such prior notice of a candidate for the Board is not required.

### **Powers of the Board**

The Company's Board is empowered to manage and conduct the business of the Company, but its powers and rights are limited by statute, its Bye-laws and directions given by the shareholders in a general meeting. In principle, this is in accordance with Norwegian company law, but it should be noted that the Company's Bye-laws and Bermuda statutory law delegate certain powers to the Board which would either have been within the powers of the general meeting of a Norwegian company, or do not exist under Norwegian law, such as the directors' discretionary powers to distribute dividends or to make allocations to the Company's reserves, see below.

A Norwegian company shall have a managing director (who may or may not be a member of the Board) whose responsibility is the day-to-day management of the company. A Bermuda exempted company is not required to have a managing director, but must have a president and a vice president (or a chairman and a deputy chairman), who are also directors.

According to the Company's Bye-laws, the Board has power to charge any of the Company's assets and to borrow money without sanction by a general meeting.

The Company's Board may by power of attorney appoint a person or a company as the Company's attorney with such power, authority and discretion as the Board thinks fit, provided however that this does not exceed the powers vested in or exercisable by the Board. The Board may also authorise the attorney to sub-delegate any or all power, authorities and discretions vested in him by the Board. Furthermore, the Board may delegate any of its powers to committees consisting of such person or persons as the Board may decide. Under Norwegian law, the board of a company can delegate authority and appoint attorneys, but the authority or power that may be delegated or vest in an attorney is considerably more restricted.

### **Dividends**

The Board may, subject to the Bye-laws and in accordance with the BCA, declare a dividend to be paid to the shareholders, in proportion to the number of shares held by them, and such dividend may be paid in cash or wholly or partly in specie in which case the Board may fix the value for distribution in specie of any assets. The Company may pay dividends in proportion to the amount paid up on each share where a larger amount is paid up on some shares than on others. The Board may, before declaring a dividend, set aside out of surplus or profits of the Company, such sum as it thinks proper as a reserve to be used to meet contingencies or for equalising dividends or for any other purpose. The BCA provides that a company may not declare or pay a dividend, or make a distribution out of contributed surplus, if there are reasonable grounds for believing that either (i) the company is, or would after the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due or (ii) the realisable value of the company's assets would thereby be less than the aggregate of its liabilities, issued share capital and share premium accounts.

Under Norwegian company law, the declaration of dividends always requires a sanction of a general meeting.

### **Accounts**

The Company's Bye-laws require the Board to cause to be kept proper records of account with respect to all transactions of the Company and in particular with respect to:

- all sums of money received and expended by the Company and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure relates;
- all sales and purchases of goods by the Company; and
- all assets and liabilities of the Company.

Such records of account shall be kept at the registered office of the Company, or subject to the provisions of the BCA, at such other place as the Board thinks fit and shall be available for inspection by the Company's directors during normal business hours.

The financial year end of the Company may be determined by resolution of the Board and failing such resolution shall be 31 December in each year.

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Subject to any rights to waive laying of accounts or appointment of an auditor pursuant to the BCA, the accounts of the Company shall be audited at least once in every year. The report of the Auditor shall be submitted to the shareholders in general meeting and financial statements as required by the BCA shall be laid before the shareholders in a general meeting.

**Further information**

For further information concerning legal aspects of the Company, we refer to the BCA, the Company's Memorandum of Association and the Company's Bye-laws. Copies of these documents are available at the registered office of the Company.



Appendix VI:  
Memorandum of Association of BW Offshore

# **REGISTRAR AGREEMENT**

RELATED TO REGISTRATION IN  
THE NORWEGIAN CENTRAL SECURITIES DEPOSITORY

**BETWEEN**

*Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited*

**AND**

*DnB NOR Bank ASA  
Registrars Department*

This Agreement is entered into this 24th day of April 2006 by and between:

**Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited**, a company under the laws of Bermuda with registered office at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda (hereinafter the "Company")

and

**DnB NOR Bank ASA**, as represented by the Registrar's Department ("Verdipapirservice"), a company under the laws of the Kingdom of Norway with address 0021 Oslo, Norway (hereinafter the "Registrar").

WHEREAS the Company is existing and operating under the laws of Bermuda;

WHEREAS all the issued shares of the Company are registered in the Norwegian Central Securities Depository ("Verdipapirsentralen" - hereinafter referred to as "VPS");

WHEREAS the Company's Register of Members will be kept at the Company's registered office in Bermuda;

WHEREAS the Registrar is willing to (i) act as registrar on behalf of the Company in all matters relating to the VPS and thereby as the connecting link between the VPS and the Company and (ii) act as record keeper on behalf of the Shareholders whose shares are registered in the VPS Register; and

WHEREAS all the shares of the Company registered in the VPS Register shall be registered in the Company's Register of Members under the name of: DnB NOR Bank ASA, Registrar Dept., 0021 Oslo, Norway.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties have entered into the following:

## 1. DEFINITIONS

VPS	The Norwegian Central Securities Depository ("Verdipapirsentralen"), a Norwegian computerised, book-entry based system, in which ownership and transactions related to securities are recorded.
The VPS Register	The register of Shareholders maintained in the VPS.
Shareholder	Person or legal entity registered in the VPS Register as owner of a share or shares of the Company.
Register of Members	The Company's main shareholder register maintained by the Company in Bermuda as required by the Bermuda Companies Act 1981.
Member	A shareholder or nominee registered in the Registry of Members.

## 2. APPOINTMENT

The Company hereby appoints the Registrar to act as its registrar in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Registrar agrees to provide such services and to do all such things and to take all such steps as may be reasonably required, or requested by the Company, in order to enable Shareholders to benefit from and enjoy all the rights and privileges of a member of the Company and to enable the Company to enforce the provisions of its Bye-laws.

## 3. UNDERTAKINGS BY THE REGISTRAR

3.1 Subject to the Registrar having received the necessary information from the Company, the **Registrar** shall keep records of entries taken from the VPS Register with regard to the following:

- (a) the name and address of each Shareholder;
- (b) the number of shares held by each Shareholder;
- (c) the date each Shareholder was registered in the VPS Register as a Shareholder;
- (d) the date any person ceased to be a Shareholder; and
- (e) provide service to the Oslo Stock Exchange/Oslo Børs, investment firms and the Shareholders of the Company in matters related to this Agreement and the VPS system.

Information concerning (c) and (d) above will be retained for 10 years following the date referred to in (d). Additional information might be retained in order to comply with any applicable Norwegian legislation in force from time to time.

3.2 Further, subject to the Registrar having received the necessary information from the Company, the **Registrar** shall distribute all dividends or other cash amounts declared and paid by the Company to the Registrar as nominee in accordance with the VPS system for payment of dividends. Any dividends to be paid through the VPS must be available in a bank account held with the Registrar a minimum of two banking days prior to date of payment to the Shareholders. Details of the Registrar's account shall be informed in writing by the Registrar to the Company with at least 5 days of anticipation to the date on which the Company shall transfer any dividends. To Shareholders who maintain a Norwegian address and/or have supplied the VPS with details of their Norwegian kroner account such dividend will be paid in Norwegian kroner. Shareholders registered in the VPS Register whose address is outside Norway and who have not supplied the VPS with details of any Norwegian kroner account, will receive dividends by cheque in their local currency. If it is not practical in the Registrar's sole opinion to issue a cheque in a local currency, a cheque will be issued in U.S dollars. The issuing and mailing of cheques will be executed in accordance with the standard procedures of DnB NOR Bank ASA, Foreign Payments Department. The exchange rate(s) that is applied will be DnB NOR Bank ASA's exchange rate on the date of issuance.

- 3.3 Whenever the Company calls for a general meeting of Shareholders, the Registrar agrees not to attend or vote at such meeting other than in accordance with proxies from Shareholders registered in the VPS.
- 3.4 The Registrar undertakes that if any share, debenture, security or other right, asset or benefit (other than a cash dividend) (a "Security") shall accrue to the Registrar as nominee, it shall ensure that the registered title to such Security is held for the benefit of the Shareholders until such time as transfers of such Security are executed in favour of such Shareholders pro rata to their entitlement of such Security.
- 3.5 In the event of any change or alteration of the share capital of the Company all necessary amendments must be made in the VPS system. For the purpose of this clause, any instructions from the Company shall be accompanied by relevant documentation specifying the new share capital of the Company or any other alterations hereto.

In addition to the undertakings stated above, the Registrar shall, subject to a separate agreement between the Company and the Registrar, provide advice and technical assistance in connection with:

- Sending the Shareholders of the Company at their registered addresses any notice, report, accounts, financial statements, circular or other similar document (each a "Document") relating to the affairs of the Company.
  - Preparing, organising and assisting the Company when a Shareholder meeting and/or an annual or extraordinary general meeting of the Company is called for.
  - Issues with and without pre-emptive rights for former/existing Shareholders.
  - Issues directed towards employees, and/or special groups, both in Norway and abroad.
  - Bonus issues, with and without payment for excess holdings of shares.
  - Write-downs of the nominal value of the Company's share capital.
  - Share splits.
  - Merger(s) and/or demerger(s).
  - Sales of shares to employees or purchases of shares in the market.
  - Subscriptions of convertible bonds, with or without pre-emptive rights for the Company's existing/former Shareholders, which may be converted to shares at a future date.
  - Acquisitions.
  - Special assignments.
- 3.6 However, notwithstanding the above, the Registrar does not undertake any obligation to render any tax reporting services to any tax authorities or to collect any tax on behalf of any tax authorities.
- 3.7 The Registrar undertakes to place a notice/legend in the VPS Register ensuring that a buyer of share of the Company that is registered in the VPS receives information on the applicable restrictions on transfer of shares set forth in the Bye-Laws of the Company. The notice/legend to be used is enclosed as Annex A hereto. The Company may by notice in writing instruct the Registrar to amend the notice/legend subject always to general restrictions imposed by the VPS Register.
- 3.8 The Registrar further undertakes to notify the Company if the VPS record shows that the Shareholders resident in Norway own/control more or equal to 50 % of the Shares in the Company. If certain shares of the Company are registered directly in the Register of

Members of the Company, the Company shall inform the Registrar of the threshold that Shareholders resident in Norway own/control shall be monitored against.

- 3.9 The Registrar undertakes to hold any shares registered in its name solely on behalf of and for the benefit of the Shareholders.

#### **4. UNDERTAKINGS BY THE COMPANY**

The **Company** undertakes to:

- a) Inform the Registrar of any decision made by the Company that is relevant for the continued registration of the Company and its Shareholders in the VPS Register and other relevant information reasonably requested by the Registrar, in order to enable the Registrar to comply with this Agreement.
- b) Inform the Registrar of all details of any proposed dividend by the Board of Directors of the Company and all other details connected thereto before the Company announces the proposed dividend in order to enable the Registrar to comply with this Agreement. VPS needs this information in order to process dividend payments.
- c) Pay to the Registrar as nominee for the Shareholders of the Company any dividend declared by the Company to a bank account held with the Registrar in accordance with the VPS system for payment of dividends, see clause 3.2.
- d) Provide the Registrar with a copy of its Memorandum of Association and Bye-laws, and immediately inform the Registrar of any amendment to its Memorandum of Association or Bye-laws.
- e) When a general meeting of members is called for, to give the Registrar ample time to distribute notices of such meeting to the Shareholders, to collect and to report the proxy voting to the Company within the given time limit for such reporting.

#### **5. INFORMATION FROM THE VPS REGISTER**

- 5.1 Within 15 days after the end of each year the Registrar shall produce and send to the Company an updated list of the Shareholders registered in the VPS Register as at year's end.
- 5.2 At the request of the Company, the Registrar shall order from VPS and send to the Company a printout or printouts of the Company's Shareholders' register, address labels or statistics from the VPS.
- 5.3 Once a week, or as otherwise requested by the Company, the Registrar shall send the Company a list of all transfers of the Company's shares recorded in the VPS Register.
- 5.4 If anyone other than the Company requests address labels for the Shareholders from the VPS, the Registrar shall request permission from the Company prior to releasing such address labels.
- 5.5 If investment firms, financial newspapers or other persons request a transcript of the Company's 20 largest Shareholders, the Registrar is authorised by the Company to release such transcripts to the requesting party.

- 5.6 Any statistics of the Shareholders of the Company may be released to any requesting party subject to a separate agreement between the Company and the Registrar, or the Company's general consent to release such statistics.

## **6. THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

- 6.1. The Company will maintain the Register of Members in Bermuda. All the shares of the Company registered in VPS shall be registered in Bermuda in the nominee name of:

DnB NOR Bank ASA  
VPS Register  
P.O.Box 1171 – Sentrum  
N-0107 Oslo

## **7. PAYMENTS**

- 7.1 The Company agrees to pay the Registrar for the latter's services at the Registrar's standard rates as they apply from time to time, which may include reasonable internal and external fees, costs and expenses including internal and external legal fees. The Registrar shall send monthly invoices to the Company detailing the fees, costs and expenses payable including out-of-pocket expenses and costs incurred by the Registrar. In addition, the Company shall pay all expenses (including internal and external legal fees) incurred by Registrar in its capacity as Registrar.
- 7.2 The Company agrees to pay the account operator fee in advance in 3 instalments per year to the Registrar. The total amount of the account operator fee for the previous year will be calculated by the VPS and charged to the Company by the Registrar during the first quarter the following year.
- 7.3 The Registrar shall charge any fees, costs and expenses as described in clauses 7.1 and 7.2 to the Company's account to be opened with DnB NOR Bank ASA. Such settlement of charges shall take place monthly in arrears. Prior to the opening of such account, the Registrar agrees that fees are to be paid to the Registrar's designated account by the Company executing telegraphic transfer to such designated account.

## **8. CONFIDENTIALITY**

Any information regarding the Company or otherwise relating to its affairs, which may be obtained by the Registrar in connection with the performance of its duties as Registrar in accordance with this Agreement, will be treated as private and confidential and will not be disclosed to any third person unless required by applicable law.

## **9. LIABILITY**

### **9.1 VPS' liability**

In accordance with article 9-1 of the Norwegian Act Concerning the Registration of Financial Instruments ("The Securities Registry Act") (Office translation):

"The Central Securities Depository is liable for financial loss inflicted on anyone as a result of errors that occur in connection with securities registration operations. This does not apply in the event that the Depository proves that the error is due to circumstances outside the Depository's control, the consequences of which the Depository could not reasonably be expected to avoid or surmount.

The Securities Depository is liable for other financial losses in the event that such loss is due to negligence on the part of the Depository or another entity for which the Depository is answerable.

The liability for damages as specified in the first sub-article above only applies to direct losses and such liability is in any event limited to a maximum of NOK 500 million for any individual error".

As regards liability for other losses, in its business terms and conditions VPS has confined this to only apply to direct losses ensuing from events within VPS' control and limited to a maximum of NOK 2.5 million per wrongful act or omission. In addition, VPS operates with a deductible of NOK 10,000 per damage event.

The Company may have the Registrar, as Registrar for the Company, present any claims the Company has against VPS, but the Registrar cannot under any circumstances be held liable for errors committed by VPS or losses incurred as a result of VPS' conduct.

In the event that the Registrar does not receive full settlement from VPS due to the deductible, the Registrar may demand payment of the corresponding amount from the Company.

## 9.2 Liability of the parties

Each party is liable for any direct losses suffered by the other party as a result of breach of contract by the first party. The parties are not liable for indirect damage or indirect loss of any nature.

The Registrar cannot under any circumstances be held liable for any loss attributable to circumstances beyond the Registrar's control, including:

- a) errors committed by others, including errors attributable to sub-suppliers, incorrect or incomplete information from VPS, the Company, Shareholders, Shareholders' registrars or investment firms, or
- b) power failures, errors in or outages of electronic data processing systems, telecommunication networks etc., fire, water damage, strike, changes in legislation, orders or injunctions issued by the authorities or the suspension or cessation of monetary or securities settlements.

## 10. TAX LIABILITY

- 10.1 The Registrar does not undertake any liability for taxes or duties to any authorities, whether Norwegian or foreign, in its capacity acting as Registrar in accordance with this Agreement. Further, the Registrar does not undertake any obligation to render any tax reporting to any tax authorities, or to collect any tax on behalf of any tax authorities.
- 10.2. The Company will indemnify the Registrar of any claim for taxes or duties or other liability that may occur as a result of the Registrar either receiving, delivering or holding Company



shares in connection with the Company being registered in the VPS or the Company's shares being so registered, or the Registrar issuing or cancelling Company shares in or out of the VPS system in accordance with Company instructions, or by the Registrar performing its duties in accordance with this Agreement.

**11. TERMINATION OR CHANGE OF PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT**

- 11.1 This Agreement may be terminated by either party with a minimum of three months prior written notice.
- 11.2 Either of the parties may terminate this Agreement immediately on giving written notice to the other party in the event of the non-performance of payment obligations or any other material breach of the Agreement. The Registrar may terminate this Agreement immediately in the event that the Company becomes unable to pay its debts.
- 11.3 The provisions of this Agreement may be subject to change provided applicable law so require, or with the prior written consent of both parties.

**12. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

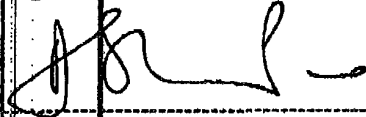
This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Kingdom of Norway. The Company and the Registrar submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Norwegian court with respect to any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, venue to be Oslo Municipal Court.

This Agreement is issued in two originals, one for each of the parties.

24th day of April 2006

Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited

DnB NOR Bank ASA



## Annex A

The Registrar undertakes to ensure that the following notice/legend is registered in the VPS Register and as such will appear on any notice or confirmation that a buyer of a VPS registered share of the Company receives as confirmation of its acquisition of said share(s):

“The acquisition of shares in Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited is subject to approval by its Board. Approval may be refused if the acquisition results in 50% or more of the shares or votes being owned/controlled directly or indirectly by residents of Norway or effectively connected to a Norwegian business activity, or the Company otherwise being deemed a Controlled Foreign Corporation as such term is defined pursuant to Norwegian tax legislation. If notice of refusal is not received within 30 days of transfer, the acquisition may be deemed approved.”

Appendix VII:  
Bye-Laws of BW Offshore

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BYE-LAWS

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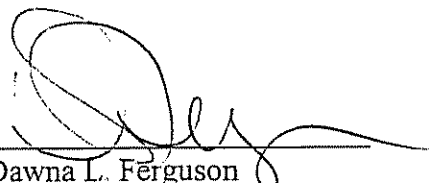
**BW Offshore Limited**  
(the "Company")

I, Dawna L. Ferguson, Secretary of the Company, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is a true and correct copy of the Bye-laws of the Company adopted in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Bye-Laws of the Company which were adopted by the Directors and Members by way of unanimous written consent in lieu of meetings effective 20 April 2006.

Dated: This 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007.



By:

  
Dawna L. Ferguson  
Secretary

**BYE-LAWS**

**of**

**BW Offshore Limited**

(Adopted pursuant to Written Resolution passed by  
the Sole Member on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2006)

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## INTERPRETATION

### 1. Definitions

1.1 In these Bye-laws, the following words and expressions shall, where not inconsistent with the context, have the following meanings, respectively:

Act	the Companies Act 1981 as amended from time to time;
Alternate Director	an alternate director appointed in accordance with these Bye-laws;
Auditor	includes an individual or partnership;
Board	the board of directors appointed or elected pursuant to these Bye-laws and acting by resolution in accordance with the Act and these Bye-laws or the directors present at a meeting of directors at which there is a quorum;
Company	the company for which these Bye-laws are approved and confirmed;
Director	a director of the Company and shall include an Alternate Director;
Member	the person registered in the Register of Members as the holder of shares in the Company and, when two or more persons are so registered as joint holders of shares, means the person whose name stands first in the

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	Register of Members as one of such joint holders or all of such persons, as the context so requires;
notice	written notice as further provided in these Bye-laws unless otherwise specifically stated;
Officer	any person appointed by the Board to hold an office in the Company;
Register of Directors and Officers	the register of directors and officers referred to in these Bye-laws;
Register of Members	the register of members referred to in these Bye-laws;
Registrar	DnB NOR Bank ASA, acting through its Registrar's Department (known as "Verdipapirservice");
Resident Representative	any person appointed to act as resident representative and includes any deputy or assistant resident representative;
Secretary	the person appointed to perform any or all of the duties of secretary of the Company and includes any deputy or assistant secretary and any person appointed by the Board to perform any of the duties of the Secretary; and
VPS	the Norwegian Central Securities Depository (known as "Verdipapirsentralen").



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- 1.2 In these Bye-laws, where not inconsistent with the context:
- (a) words denoting the plural number include the singular number and vice versa;
  - (b) words denoting the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter genders;
  - (c) words importing persons include companies, associations or bodies of persons whether corporate or not;
  - (d) the words:
    - (i) "may" shall be construed as permissive; and
    - (ii) "shall" shall be construed as imperative; and
  - (e) unless otherwise provided herein, words or expressions defined in the Act shall bear the same meaning in these Bye-laws.
- 1.3 In these Bye-laws expressions referring to writing or its cognates shall, unless the contrary intention appears, include facsimile, printing, lithography, photography, electronic mail and other modes of representing words in visible form.
- 1.4 Headings used in these Bye-laws are for convenience only and are not to be used or relied upon in the construction hereof.

## **SHARES**

### **2. Power to Issue Shares**

- 2.1 Subject to these Bye-laws and to any resolution of the Members to the contrary, and without prejudice to any special rights previously conferred on the holders of any existing shares or class of shares, the Board shall have the power to issue any unissued shares of the Company on such terms and conditions as it may determine.

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2.2 Without limitation to the provisions of Bye-law 4, subject to the provisions of the Act, any preference shares may be issued or converted into shares that (at a determinable date or at the option of the Company or the holder) are liable to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner as may be determined by the Board before the issue or conversion.

### 3. Power of the Company to Purchase its Shares

The Company may purchase its own shares in accordance with the provisions of the Act on such terms as the Board shall think fit. The Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to purchase all or any part of its own shares in accordance with the Act.

### 4. Rights Attaching to Shares

4.1 At the date these Bye-laws are adopted, the share capital of the Company shall consist of common shares of par value US\$0.01 each (the "Common Shares").

4.2 The holders of Common Shares shall, subject to the provisions of these Bye-laws (including, without limitation, the rights attaching to any Preference Shares that may be authorised for issue in the future by the Board pursuant to Bye-law ):

- (a) be entitled to one vote per share;
- (b) be entitled to such dividends as the Board may from time to time declare;
- (c) in the event of a winding-up or dissolution of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary or for the purpose of a reorganisation or otherwise or upon any distribution of capital, be entitled to the surplus assets of the Company; and
- (d) generally be entitled to enjoy all of the rights attaching to shares.

4.3 The Board is authorised to provide for the issuance of one or more classes of preference shares in one or more series (the "Preference Shares"), and to establish

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from time to time the number of shares to be included in each such series, and to fix the designation, powers, preferences and rights of the shares of each such series and the qualifications, limitations, or restrictions thereof (and, for the avoidance of doubt, such matters and the issuance of such Preference Shares shall not be deemed to vary the rights attached to the Common Shares or, subject to the terms of any other series of Preference Shares, to vary the rights attached to any other series of Preference Shares). The authority of the Board with respect to each series shall include, but not be limited to, determination of the following:

- (a) the number of shares constituting that series and the distinctive designation of that series;
- (b) the dividend rate on the shares of that series, whether dividends shall be cumulative and, if so, from which date or dates, and the relative rights of priority, if any, of the payment of dividends on shares of that series;
- (c) whether that series shall have voting rights, in addition to the voting rights provided by law, and if so, the terms of such voting rights;
- (d) whether that series shall have conversion or exchange privileges (including, without limitation, conversion into Common Shares), and, if so, the terms and conditions of such conversion or exchange, including provision for adjustment of the conversion or exchange rate in such events as the Board shall determine;

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- (e) whether or not the shares of that series shall be redeemable or repurchaseable, and, if so, the terms and conditions of such redemption or repurchase, including the manner of selecting shares for redemption or repurchase if less than all shares are to be redeemed or repurchased, the date or dates upon or after which they shall be redeemable or repurchaseable, and the amount per share payable in case of redemption or repurchase, which amount may vary under different conditions and at different redemption or repurchase dates;
  - (f) whether that series shall have a sinking fund for the redemption or repurchase of shares of that series, and, if so, the terms and amount of such sinking fund;
  - (g) the right of the shares of that series to the benefit of conditions and restrictions upon the creation of indebtedness of the Company or any subsidiary, upon the issue of any additional shares (including additional shares of such series or any other series) and upon the payment of dividends or the making of other distributions on, and the purchase, redemption or other acquisition by the Company or any subsidiary of any issued shares of the Company;
  - (h) the rights of the shares of that series in the event of voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, and the relative rights of priority, if any, of payment of shares of that series; and
  - (i) any other relative participating, optional or other special rights, qualifications, limitations or restrictions of that series.

4.4 Any Preference Shares of any series which have been redeemed (whether through the operation of a sinking fund or otherwise) or which, if convertible or exchangeable, have been converted into or exchanged for shares of any other class or classes shall have the status of authorised and unissued Preference Shares of the same series and may be reissued as a part of the series of which they were originally a part or may be

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reclassified and reissued as part of a new series of Preference Shares to be created by resolution or resolutions of the Board or as part of any other series of Preference Shares, all subject to the conditions and the restrictions on issuance set forth in the resolution or resolutions adopted by the Board providing for the issue of any series of Preference Shares.

- 4.5 At the discretion of the Board, whether or not in connection with the issuance and sale of any shares or other securities of the Company, the Company may issue securities, contracts, warrants or other instruments evidencing any shares, option rights, securities having conversion or option rights, or obligations on such terms, conditions and other provisions as are fixed by the Board, including, without limiting the generality of this authority, conditions that preclude or limit any person or persons owning or offering to acquire a specified number or percentage of the issued Common Shares, other shares, option rights, securities having conversion or option rights, or obligations of the Company or transferee of the person or persons from exercising, converting, transferring or receiving the shares, option rights, securities having conversion or option rights, or obligations.

## 5. Calls on Shares

- 5.1 The Board may make such calls as it thinks fit upon the Members in respect of any monies (whether in respect of nominal value or premium) unpaid on the shares allotted to or held by such Members (and not made payable at fixed times by the terms and conditions of issue) and, if a call is not paid on or before the day appointed for payment thereof, the Member may at the discretion of the Board be liable to pay the Company interest on the amount of such call at such rate as the Board may determine, from the date when such call was payable up to the actual date of payment. The Board may differentiate between the holders as to the amount of calls to be paid and the times of payment of such calls.

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- 5.2 Any sum which by the terms of allotment of a share becomes payable upon issue or at any fixed date, whether on account of the nominal value of the share or by way of premium, shall for all the purposes of these Bye-laws be deemed to be a call duly made and payable, on the date on which, by the terms of issue, the same becomes payable, and in case of non-payment all the relevant provisions of these Bye-laws as to payment of interest, costs, charges and expenses, forfeiture or otherwise shall apply as if such sum had become payable by virtue of a call duly made and notified.
- 5.3 The joint holders of a share shall be jointly and severally liable to pay all calls in respect thereof.
- 5.4 The Company may accept from any Member the whole or a part of the amount remaining unpaid on any shares held by him, although no part of that amount has been called up.

## **6. Prohibition on Financial Assistance**

The Company shall not give, whether directly or indirectly, whether by means of loan, guarantee, provision of security or otherwise, any financial assistance for the purpose of the acquisition or proposed acquisition by any person of any shares in the Company, but nothing in this Bye-law shall prohibit transactions permitted under the Act.

## **7. Forfeiture of Shares**

- 7.1 If any Member fails to pay, on the day appointed for payment thereof, any call in respect of any share allotted to or held by such Member, the Board may, at any time thereafter during such time as the call remains unpaid, direct the Secretary to forward such Member a notice in writing in the form, or as near thereto as circumstances admit, of the following:

Notice of Liability to Forfeiture for Non-Payment of Call  
Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited (the "Company")

You have failed to pay the call of [amount of call] made on the [ ] day of [ ], 200[ ], in respect of the [number] share(s) [number in figures] standing in your name in the Register of Members of the Company, on the [ ] day of [ ], 200[ ], the day appointed for payment of such call. You are hereby notified that unless you pay such call together with interest thereon at the rate of [ ] per annum computed from the said [ ] day of [ ], 200[ ] at the registered office of the Company the share(s) will be liable to be forfeited.

Dated this [ ] day of [ ], 200[ ]

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[Signature of Secretary] By Order of the Board

- 7.2** If the requirements of such notice are not complied with, any such share may at any time thereafter before the payment of such call and the interest due in respect thereof be forfeited by a resolution of the Board to that effect, and such share shall thereupon become the property of the Company and may be disposed of as the Board shall determine.
- 7.3** A Member whose share or shares have been forfeited as aforesaid shall, notwithstanding such forfeiture, be liable to pay to the Company all calls owing on such share or shares at the time of the forfeiture and all interest due thereon.
- 7.4** The Board may accept the surrender of any shares which it is in a position to forfeit on such terms and conditions as may be agreed. Subject to those terms and conditions, a surrendered share shall be treated as if it had been forfeited.

## **8. Share Certificates**

- 8.1** Every Member shall be entitled to a certificate under the seal of the Company (or a facsimile thereof) specifying the number and, where appropriate, the class of shares held by such Member and whether the same are fully paid up and, if not, specifying

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the amount paid on such shares. The Board may by resolution determine, either generally or in a particular case, that any or all signatures on certificates may be printed thereon or affixed by mechanical means.

**8.2** The Company shall be under no obligation to complete and deliver a share certificate unless specifically called upon to do so by the person to whom the shares have been allotted.

**8.3** If any share certificate shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Board to have been worn out, lost, mislaid, or destroyed the Board may cause a new certificate to be issued and request an indemnity for the lost certificate if it sees fit.

## **9. Fractional Shares**

The Company may issue its shares in fractional denominations and deal with such fractions to the same extent as its whole shares and shares in fractional denominations shall have in proportion to the respective fractions represented thereby all of the rights of whole shares including (but without limiting the generality of the foregoing) the right to vote, to receive dividends and distributions and to participate in a winding-up.

## **REGISTRATION OF SHARES**

### **10. Register of Members**

**10.1** The Board shall cause to be kept in one or more books a Register of Members and shall enter therein the particulars required by the Act.

**10.2** The Register of Members shall be open to inspection at the registered office of the Company on every business day, subject to such reasonable restrictions as the Board may impose, so that not less than two hours in each business day be allowed for inspection. The Register of Members may, after notice has been given in accordance with the Act, be closed for any time or times not exceeding in the whole thirty days in each year.



**11. Registered Holder Absolute Owner**

The Company shall be entitled to treat the registered holder of any share as the absolute owner thereof and accordingly shall not be bound to recognise any equitable claim or other claim to, or interest in, such share on the part of any other person.

**12. Transfer of Registered Shares**

12.1 An instrument of transfer shall be in writing in the form of the following, or as near thereto as circumstances admit, or in such other form as the Board may accept:

Transfer of a Share or Shares  
• (the "Company")

FOR VALUE RECEIVED.....[amount], I, [name of transferor] hereby sell, assign and transfer unto [transferee] of [address], [number] of shares of the Company.

DATED this [ ] day of [ ], 200[ ]

Signed by:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Transferor

In the presence of:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Transferee

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Witness

12.2 Such instrument of transfer shall be signed by or on behalf of the transferor and transferee, provided that, in the case of a fully paid share, the Board may accept the instrument signed by or on behalf of the transferor alone. The transferor shall be deemed to remain the holder of such share until the same has been transferred to the transferee in the Register of Members.

12.3 The Board may refuse to recognise any instrument of transfer unless it is accompanied by the certificate in respect of the shares to which it relates and by such other evidence as the Board may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer.

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- 12.4** The joint holders of any share may transfer such share to one or more of such joint holders, and the surviving holder or holders of any share previously held by them jointly with a deceased Member may transfer any such share to the executors or administrators of such deceased Member.
- 12.5** The Board may in its absolute discretion and without assigning any reason therefor refuse to register the transfer of a share which is not fully paid. The Board shall refuse to register a transfer unless all applicable consents, authorisations and permissions of any governmental body or agency in Bermuda have been obtained. If the Board refuses to register a transfer of any share the Secretary shall, within three months after the date on which the transfer was lodged with the Company, send to the transferor and transferee notice of the refusal.
- 12.6** Shares may be transferred without a written instrument if transferred by an appointed agent or otherwise in accordance with the Act.
- 12.7** The Board may refuse to register the transfer of any share, and may direct the Registrar to decline (and the Registrar shall decline if so requested) to register the transfer of any interest in a share held through the VPS, where such transfer would, in the opinion of the Board, be likely to result in 50% or more of the aggregate issued and outstanding share capital of the Company, or shares of the Company to which are attached 50% or more of the votes attached to all issued and outstanding shares of the Company, being held or owned directly or indirectly by individuals or legal persons resident for tax purposes in Norway or, alternatively, such shares being effectively connected to a Norwegian business activity, or the Company otherwise being deemed a Controlled Foreign Company as such term is defined pursuant to Norwegian tax legislation.

### **13. Transmission of Registered Shares**

- 13.1** In the case of the death of a Member, the survivor or survivors where the deceased Member was a joint holder, and the legal personal representatives of the deceased

Member where the deceased Member was a sole holder, shall be the only persons recognised by the Company as having any title to the deceased Member's interest in the shares. Nothing herein contained shall release the estate of a deceased joint holder from any liability in respect of any share which had been jointly held by such deceased Member with other persons. Subject to the provisions of the Act, for the purpose of this Bye-law, legal personal representative means the executor or administrator of a deceased Member or such other person as the Board may, in its absolute discretion, decide as being properly authorised to deal with the shares of a deceased Member.

- 13.2** Any person becoming entitled to a share in consequence of the death or bankruptcy of any Member may be registered as a Member upon such evidence as the Board may deem sufficient or may elect to nominate some person to be registered as a transferee of such share, and in such case the person becoming entitled shall execute in favour of such nominee an instrument of transfer in writing in the form, or as near thereto as circumstances admit, of the following:

Transfer by a Person Becoming Entitled on Death/Bankruptcy of a Member  
Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited (the "Company")

I/We, having become entitled in consequence of the [death/bankruptcy] of [name and address of deceased/bankrupt Member] to [number] share(s) standing in the Register of Members of the Company in the name of the said [name of deceased/bankrupt Member] instead of being registered myself/ourselves, elect to have [name of transferee] (the "Transferee") registered as a transferee of such share(s) and I/we do hereby accordingly transfer the said share(s) to the Transferee to hold the same unto the Transferee, his or her executors, administrators and assigns, subject to the conditions on which the same were held at the time of the execution hereof; and the Transferee does hereby agree to take the said share(s) subject to the same conditions.

DATED this [ ] day of [ ], 200[ ]

Signed by:

In the presence of:

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Transferor

Witness

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Transferee

Witness

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- 13.3 On the presentation of the foregoing materials to the Board, accompanied by such evidence as the Board may require to prove the title of the transferor, the transferee shall be registered as a Member. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board shall, in any case, have the same right to decline or suspend registration as it would have had in the case of a transfer of the share by that Member before such Member's death or bankruptcy, as the case may be.
- 13.4 Where two or more persons are registered as joint holders of a share or shares, then in the event of the death of any joint holder or holders the remaining joint holder or holders shall be absolutely entitled to the said share or shares and the Company shall recognise no claim in respect of the estate of any joint holder except in the case of the last survivor of such joint holders.

#### **ALTERATION OF SHARE CAPITAL**

#### **14. Power to Alter Capital**

- 14.1 The Company may if authorised by resolution of the Board increase, divide, consolidate, subdivide, change the currency denomination of, diminish or otherwise alter or reduce its share capital in any manner permitted by the Act.
- 14.2 Where, on any alteration or reduction of share capital, fractions of shares or some other difficulty would arise, the Board may deal with or resolve the same in such manner as it thinks fit.

#### **15. Variation of Rights Attaching to Shares**

If, at any time, the share capital is divided into different classes of shares, the rights attached to any class (unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class) may, whether or not the Company is being wound-up, be varied with the consent in writing of the holders of three-fourths of the issued shares of that class or with the sanction of a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast at a separate general meeting of the holders of the shares of the class at which meeting the necessary quorum shall be two persons at least

holding or representing by proxy one-third of the issued shares of the class. The rights conferred upon the holders of the shares of any class issued with preferred or other rights shall not, unless otherwise expressly provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class, be deemed to be varied by the creation or issue of further shares ranking *pari passu* therewith.

## **DIVIDENDS AND CAPITALISATION**

### **16. Dividends**

**16.1** The Board may, subject to these Bye-laws and in accordance with the Act, declare a dividend to be paid to the Members, in proportion to the number of shares held by them, and such dividend may be paid in cash or wholly or partly in specie in which case the Board may fix the value for distribution in specie of any assets. No unpaid dividend shall bear interest as against the Company.

**16.2** The Board may fix any date as the record date for determining the Members entitled to receive any dividend.

**16.3** The Company may pay dividends in proportion to the amount paid up on each share where a larger amount is paid up on some shares than on others.

**16.4** The Board may declare and make such other distributions (in cash or in specie) to the Members as may be lawfully made out of the assets of the Company. No unpaid distribution shall bear interest as against the Company.

### **17. Power to Set Aside Profits**

The Board may, before declaring a dividend, set aside out of the surplus or profits of the Company, such sum as it thinks proper as a reserve to be used to meet contingencies or for equalising dividends or for any other purpose.

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**18. Method of Payment**

- 18.1** Any dividend or other monies payable in respect of a share may be paid by cheque or warrant sent through the post directed to the address of the Member in the Register of Members (in the case of joint Members, the senior joint holder, seniority being determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members), or by direct transfer to such bank account as such Member may direct. Every such cheque shall be made payable to the order of the person to whom it is sent or to such persons as the Member may direct, and payment of the cheque or warrant shall be a good discharge to the Company. Every such cheque or warrant shall be sent at the risk of the person entitled to the money represented thereby. If two or more persons are registered as joint holders of any shares any one can give an effectual receipt for any dividend paid in respect of such shares.
- 18.2** The Board may deduct from the dividends or distributions payable to any Member all monies due from such Member to the Company on account of calls or otherwise.
- 18.3** Any dividend and or other monies payable in respect of a share which has remained unclaimed for 6 years from the date when it became due for payment shall, if the Board so resolves, be forfeited and cease to remain owing by the Company. The payment of any unclaimed dividend or other moneys payable in respect of a share may (but need not) be paid by the Company into an account separate from the Company's own account. Such payment shall not constitute the Company a trustee in respect thereof.
- 18.4** The Company shall be entitled to cease sending dividend cheques and warrants by post or otherwise to a Member if those instruments have been returned undelivered to, or left uncashed by, that Member on at least two consecutive occasions, or, following one such occasion, reasonable enquiries have failed to establish the Member's new address. The entitlement conferred on the Company by this Bye-law

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18.4 in respect of any Member shall cease if the Member claims a dividend or cashes a dividend cheque or warrant.

## **19. Capitalisation**

**19.1** The Board may resolve to capitalise any sum for the time being standing to the credit of any of the Company's share premium or other reserve accounts or to the credit of the profit and loss account or otherwise available for distribution by applying such sum in paying up unissued shares to be allotted as fully paid bonus shares pro-rata (except in connection with the conversion of shares of one class to shares of another class) to the Members.

**19.2** The Board may resolve to capitalise any sum for the time being standing to the credit of a reserve account or sums otherwise available for dividend or distribution by applying such amounts in paying up in full partly paid or nil paid shares of those Members who would have been entitled to such sums if they were distributed by way of dividend or distribution.

## **MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

### **20. Annual General Meetings**

The annual general meeting of the Company shall be held in each year at such time and place as the President or the Chairman or the Board shall appoint.

### **21. Special General Meetings**

The President or the Chairman or the Board may convene a special general meeting of the Company whenever in their judgment such a meeting is necessary.

### **22. Requisitioned General Meetings**

The Board shall, on the requisition of Members holding at the date of the deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of such of the paid-up share capital of the Company as at

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the date of the deposit carries the right to vote at general meetings of the Company, forthwith proceed to convene a special general meeting of the Company and the provisions of the Act shall apply.

## **23. Notice**

**23.1** At least 14 days' written notice of an annual general meeting shall be given to each Member entitled to attend and vote thereat, stating the date, place and time at which the meeting is to be held, that the election of Directors will take place thereat, and as far as practicable, the other business to be conducted at the meeting.

**23.2** At least 14 days' written notice of a special general meeting shall be given to each Member entitled to attend and vote thereat, stating the date, time, place and the general nature of the business to be considered at the meeting.

**23.3** The Board may fix any date as the record date for determining the Members entitled to receive notice of and to vote at any general meeting of the Company.

**23.4** A general meeting of the Company shall, notwithstanding that it is called on shorter notice than that specified in these Bye-laws, be deemed to have been properly called if it is so agreed by (i) all the Members entitled to attend and vote thereat in the case of an annual general meeting; and (ii) by a majority in number of the Members having the right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together holding not less than 95% in nominal value of the shares giving a right to attend and vote thereat in the case of a special general meeting.

**23.5** The accidental omission to give notice of a general meeting to, or the non-receipt of a notice of a general meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.



**24. Giving Notice**

- 24.1** A notice may be given by the Company to any Member either by delivering it to such Member in person or by sending it to such Member's address in the Register of Members or to such other address given for the purpose. For the purposes of this Bye-law, a notice may be sent by letter mail, courier service, cable, telex, telecopier, facsimile, electronic mail or other mode of representing words in a legible form.
- 24.2** Any notice required to be given to a Member shall, with respect to any shares held jointly by two or more persons, be given to whichever of such persons is named first in the Register of Members and notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all the holders of such shares.
- 24.3** Save as provided by Bye-law 24.4, any notice shall be deemed to have been served at the time when the same would be delivered in the ordinary course of transmission and, in proving such service, it shall be sufficient to prove that the notice was properly addressed and prepaid, if posted, at the time when it was posted, delivered to the courier or to the cable company or transmitted by telex, facsimile, electronic mail, or such other method as the case may be.
- 24.4** Mail notice shall be deemed to have been served seven days after the date on which it is deposited, with postage prepaid, in the mail of any member state of the European Union, the United States, or Bermuda.
- 24.5** The Company shall be under no obligation to send a notice or other document to the address shown for any particular Member in the Register of Members if the Board considers that the legal or practical problems under the laws of, or the requirements of any regulatory body or stock exchange in, the territory in which that address is situated are such that it is necessary or expedient not to send the notice or document concerned to such Member at such address and may require a Member with such an

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address to provide the Company with an alternative acceptable address for delivery of notices by the Company.

## **25. Postponement or Cancellation of General Meeting**

The Chairman or the President may, and the Secretary on instruction from the Chairman or the President shall, postpone or cancel any general meeting called in accordance with the provisions of these Bye-laws (other than a meeting requisitioned under these Bye-laws) provided that notice of postponement or cancellation is given to each Member before the time for such meeting. Fresh notice of the date, time and place for the postponed or cancelled meeting shall be given to the Members in accordance with the provisions of these Bye-laws.

## **26. Attendance and Security at General Meetings**

**26.1** Members may participate in any general meeting by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

**26.2** The Board may, and at any general meeting, the chairman of such meeting may make any arrangement and impose any requirement or restriction it or he considers appropriate to ensure the security of a general meeting including, without limitation, requirements for evidence of identity to be produced by those attending the meeting, the searching of their personal property and the restriction of items that may be taken into the meeting place. The Board and, at any general meeting, the chairman of such meeting are entitled to refuse entry to a person who refuses to comply with any such arrangements, requirements or restrictions.

## **27. Quorum at General Meetings**

**27.1** At any general meeting of the Company two or more persons present in person throughout the meeting and representing in person or by proxy in excess of 25% of

the total issued voting shares in the Company shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

- 27.2** If within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, then, in the case of a meeting convened on a requisition, the meeting shall be deemed cancelled and, in any other case, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day one week later, at the same time and place or to such other day, time or place as the Secretary may determine. If the meeting shall be adjourned to the same day one week later or the Secretary shall determine that the meeting is adjourned to a specific date, time and place, it is not necessary to give notice of the adjourned meeting other than by announcement at the meeting being adjourned. If the Secretary shall determine that the meeting be adjourned to an unspecified date, time or place, fresh notice of the resumption of the meeting shall be given to each Member entitled to attend and vote thereat in accordance with the provisions of these Bye-laws.

**28. Chairman to Preside**

Unless otherwise agreed by a majority of those attending and entitled to vote thereat, the Chairman, if there be one, and if not the President, shall act as chairman at all meetings of the Members at which such person is present. In their absence, the Deputy Chairman or Vice President, if present, shall act as chairman and in the absence of all of them a chairman shall be appointed or elected by those present at the meeting and entitled to vote.

**29. Voting on Resolutions**

- 29.1** Subject to the provisions of the Act and these Bye-laws, any question proposed for the consideration of the Members at any general meeting shall be decided by the affirmative votes of a majority of the votes cast in accordance with the provisions of these Bye-laws and in the case of an equality of votes the resolution shall fail.
- 29.2** No Member shall be entitled to vote at a general meeting unless such Member has paid all the calls on all shares held by such Member.

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- 29.3 At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall, in the first instance, be voted upon by a show of hands and, subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being lawfully attached to any class of shares and subject to the provisions of these Bye-laws, every Member present in person and every person holding a valid proxy at such meeting shall be entitled to one vote and shall cast such vote by raising his or her hand.
- 29.4 At any general meeting if an amendment shall be proposed to any resolution under consideration and the chairman of the meeting shall rule on whether the proposed amendment is out of order, the proceedings on the substantive resolution shall not be invalidated by any error in such ruling.
- 29.5 At any general meeting a declaration by the chairman of the meeting that a question proposed for consideration has, on a show of hands, been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in a book containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Company shall, subject to the provisions of these Bye-laws, be conclusive evidence of that fact.

### **30. Power to Demand a Vote on a Poll**

- 30.1 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a poll may be demanded by any of the following persons:
- (a) the chairman of such meeting; or
  - (b) at least three Members present in person or represented by proxy; or
  - (c) any Member or Members present in person or represented by proxy and holding between them not less than one-tenth of the total voting rights of all the Members having the right to vote at such meeting; or
  - (d) any Member or Members present in person or represented by proxy holding shares in the Company conferring the right to vote at such meeting, being

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shares on which an aggregate sum has been paid up equal to not less than one-tenth of the total sum paid up on all such shares conferring such right.

- 30.2** Where a poll is demanded, subject to any rights or restrictions for the time being lawfully attached to any class of shares, every person present at such meeting shall have one vote for each share of which such person is the holder or for which such person holds a proxy and such vote shall be counted by ballot as described herein, or in the case of a general meeting at which one or more Members are present by telephone, in such manner as the chairman of the meeting may direct and the result of such poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded and shall replace any previous resolution upon the same matter which has been the subject of a show of hands. A person entitled to more than one vote need not use all his votes or cast all the votes he uses in the same way.
- 30.3** A poll demanded for the purpose of electing a chairman of the meeting or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith and a poll demanded on any other question shall be taken in such manner and at such time and place at such meeting as the chairman (or acting chairman) of the meeting may direct and any business other than that upon which a poll has been demanded may be proceeded with pending the taking of the poll.
- 30.4** Where a vote is taken by poll, each person present and entitled to vote shall be furnished with a ballot paper on which such person shall record his vote in such manner as shall be determined at the meeting having regard to the nature of the question on which the vote is taken, and each ballot paper shall be signed or initialed or otherwise marked so as to identify the voter and the registered holder in the case of a proxy. At the conclusion of the poll, the ballot papers shall be examined and counted by a committee of not less than two Members or proxy holders appointed by the chairman for the purpose and the result of the poll shall be declared by the chairman.

### 31. Voting by Joint Holders of Shares

In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote (whether in person or by proxy) shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and for this purpose seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members.

### 32. Instrument of Proxy

32.1 A Member may appoint a proxy by (a) an instrument appointing a proxy in writing in substantially the following form or such other form as the Board may determine from time to time:

Proxy

Bergesen Worldwide Offshore Limited (the "Company")

I/We, [insert names here], being a Member of the Company with [number] shares, HEREBY APPOINT [name] of [address] or failing him, [name] of [address] to be my/our proxy to vote for me/us at the meeting of the Members to be held on the [ ] day of [ ], 200[ ] and at any adjournment thereof. (Any restrictions on voting to be inserted here.)

Signed this [ ] day of [ ], 200[ ]

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Member(s)

or (b) such telephonic, electronic or other means as may be approved by the Board from time to time.

32.2 The appointment of a proxy must be received by the Company at the registered office or at such other place or in such manner as is specified in the notice convening the meeting or in any instrument of proxy sent out by the Company in relation to the meeting at which the person named in the appointment proposes to vote, and an appointment of proxy which is not received in the manner so permitted shall be invalid.

32.3 A Member who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him and vote on his behalf.

32.4 The decision of the chairman of any general meeting as to the validity of any appointment of a proxy shall be final.

### **33. Representation of Corporate Member**

33.1 A corporation which is a Member may, by written instrument, authorise such person or persons as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Members and any person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporation which such person represents as that corporation could exercise if it were an individual Member, and that Member shall be deemed to be present in person at any such meeting attended by its authorised representative or representatives.

33.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the chairman of the meeting may accept such assurances as he thinks fit as to the right of any person to attend and vote at general meetings on behalf of a corporation which is a Member.

### **34. Adjournment of General Meeting**

34.1 The chairman of any general meeting at which a quorum is present may with the consent of Members holding a majority of the voting rights of those Members present in person or by proxy (and shall if so directed by Members holding a majority of the voting rights of those Members present in person or by proxy), adjourn the meeting.

34.2 In addition, the chairman may adjourn the meeting to another time and place without such consent or direction if it appears to him that:

- (a) it is likely to be impracticable to hold or continue that meeting because of the number of Members wishing to attend who are not present; or

- (b) the unruly conduct of persons attending the meeting prevents, or is likely to prevent, the orderly continuation of the business of the meeting; or
- (c) an adjournment is otherwise necessary so that the business of the meeting may be properly conducted.

**34.3** Unless the meeting is adjourned to a specific date, place and time announced at the meeting being adjourned, fresh notice of the date, place and time for the resumption of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each Member entitled to attend and vote thereat in accordance with the provisions of these Bye-laws.

## **35. Written Resolutions**

**35.1** Subject to the following, anything which may be done by resolution of the Company in general meeting or by resolution of a meeting of any class of the Members may, without a meeting and without any previous notice being required, be done by resolution in writing signed by, or in the case of a Member that is a corporation whether or not a company within the meaning of the Act, on behalf of, all the Members who at the date of the resolution would be entitled to attend the meeting and vote on the resolution.

**35.2** A resolution in writing may be signed by, or in the case of a Member that is a corporation whether or not a company within the meaning of the Act, on behalf of, all the Members, or all the Members of the relevant class thereof, in as many counterparts as may be necessary.

**35.3** A resolution in writing made in accordance with this Bye-law is as valid as if it had been passed by the Company in general meeting or by a meeting of the relevant class of Members, as the case may be, and any reference in any Bye-law to a meeting at which a resolution is passed or to Members voting in favour of a resolution shall be construed accordingly.



35.4 A resolution in writing made in accordance with this Bye-law shall constitute minutes for the purposes of the Act.

35.5 This Bye-law shall not apply to:

- (a) a resolution passed to remove an auditor from office before the expiration of his term of office; or
- (b) a resolution passed for the purpose of removing a Director before the expiration of his term of office.

35.6 For the purposes of this Bye-law, the date of the resolution is the date when the resolution is signed by, or in the case of a Member that is a corporation whether or not a company within the meaning of the Act, on behalf of, the last Member to sign and any reference in any Bye-law to the date of passing of a resolution is, in relation to a resolution made in accordance with this Bye-law, a reference to such date.

### **36. Directors Attendance at General Meetings**

The Directors of the Company shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend and be heard at any general meeting.

## **DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

### **37. Election of Directors**

37.1 The Board shall consist of such number of Directors being not less than 2 Directors and not more than such maximum number of Directors, as the Members may from time to time determine. The Board shall be elected or appointed at the annual general meeting of the Members or at any special general meeting of the Members called for that purpose.

37.2 Where the number of persons validly proposed for re-election or election as a Director is greater than the number of Directors to be elected, the persons receiving

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the most votes (up to the number of Directors to be elected) shall be elected as Directors, and an absolute majority of the votes cast shall not be a prerequisite to the election of such Directors.

**37.3** Only persons who are proposed or nominated in accordance with this Bye-law shall be eligible for election as Directors. Any Member or the Board may propose any person for election as a Director. Where any person, other than a Director retiring at the meeting or a person proposed for re-election or election as a Director by the Board, is to be proposed for election as a Director, notice must be given to the Company of the intention to propose him and of his willingness to serve as a Director. Whether a Director is to be elected at an annual general meeting or a special general meeting, that notice must be given not less than 10 days before the date of such general meeting.

**37.4** At any general meeting the Members may authorise the Board to fill any vacancy in their number left unfilled at a general meeting.

### **38. Term of Office of Directors**

The Directors shall hold office for such term as the Members may determine or, in the absence of such determination, until the next general meeting of the Members held for the purpose of electing Directors or until their successors are otherwise elected or appointed or their office is otherwise vacated.

### **39. Alternate Directors**

**39.1** At any general meeting of the Company, the Members may elect a person or persons to act as a Director in the alternative to any one or more Directors of the Company or may authorise the Board to appoint such Alternate Directors.

**39.2** Unless the Members otherwise resolve, any Director may appoint a person or persons to act as a Director in the alternative to himself by notice in writing deposited with the Secretary. Any person so elected or appointed shall have all the rights and

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powers of the Director or Directors for whom such person is appointed in the alternative provided that such person shall not be counted more than once in determining whether or not a quorum is present.

**39.3** An Alternate Director shall be entitled to receive notice of all meetings of the Board and to attend and vote at any such meeting at which a Director for whom such Alternate Director was appointed in the alternative is not personally present and generally to perform at such meeting all the functions of such Director for whom such Alternate Director was appointed.

**39.4** An Alternate Director shall cease to be such if the Director for whom such Alternate Director was appointed ceases for any reason to be a Director but may be re-appointed by the Board as an alternate to the person appointed to fill the vacancy in accordance with these Bye-laws.

#### **40. Removal of Directors**

**40.1** Subject to any provision to the contrary in these Bye-laws, the Members entitled to vote for the election of Directors may, at any special general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Bye-laws, remove a Director, only with cause, provided that the notice of any such meeting convened for the purpose of removing a Director shall contain a statement of the intention so to do and be served on such Director not less than 14 days before the meeting and at such meeting the Director shall be entitled to be heard on the motion for such Director's removal.

**40.2** If a Director is removed from the Board under the provisions of this Bye-law the Members may fill the vacancy at the meeting at which such Director is removed.

**40.3** For the purpose of Bye-law 40.1, "cause" shall mean a conviction for a criminal offence involving dishonesty or engaging in conduct which brings the Director or the Company into disrepute and which results in material financial detriment to the Company.

**41. Vacancy in the Office of Director**

**41.1** The office of Director shall be vacated if the Director:

- (a) is removed from office pursuant to these Bye-laws or is prohibited from being a Director by law;
- (b) is or becomes bankrupt, or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally;
- (c) is or becomes of unsound mind or dies; or
- (d) resigns his office by notice in writing to the Company.

**41.2** The Board shall have the power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director to fill a vacancy on the Board occurring as a result of the death, disability, disqualification or resignation of any Director or as a result of an increase in the size of the Board and to appoint an Alternate Director to any Director so appointed.

**42. Remuneration of Directors**

The remuneration (if any) of the Directors shall be determined by the Company in general meeting and shall be deemed to accrue from day to day. The Directors may also be paid all travel, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in attending and returning from the meetings of the Board, any committee appointed by the Board, general meetings of the Company, or in connection with the business of the Company or their duties as Directors generally.

**43. Defect in Appointment of Director**

All acts done in good faith by the Board or by a committee of the Board or by any person acting as a Director shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any Director or person acting as aforesaid, or that they or

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any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified to be a Director.

#### **44. Directors to Manage Business**

**44.1** The business of the Company shall be managed and conducted by the Board. In managing the business of the Company, the Board may exercise all such powers of the Company as are not, by statute or by these Bye-laws, required to be exercised by the Company in general meeting subject, nevertheless, to these Bye-laws and the provisions of any statute.

**44.2** Subject to these Bye-laws, the Board may delegate to any company, firm, person, or body of persons any power of the Board (including the power to sub-delegate).

#### **45. Powers of the Board of Directors**

The Board may:

- (a) appoint, suspend, or remove any manager, secretary, clerk, agent or employee of the Company and may fix their remuneration and determine their duties;
- (b) exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital, or any part thereof, and may issue debentures, debenture stock and other securities whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or any third party;
- (c) appoint one or more Directors to the office of managing director or appoint one or more Directors or other persons to the office of chief executive officer of the Company, who shall, in either event, subject to the control of the Board, supervise and administer all of the general business and affairs of the Company;

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- (d) appoint any company, firm, person or body to act as manager of the Company's day-to-day business and may entrust to and confer upon such manager such powers and duties as it deems appropriate for the transaction or conduct of such business;
  - (e) by power of attorney, appoint any company, firm, person or body of persons, whether nominated directly or indirectly by the Board, to be an attorney of the Company for such purposes and with such powers, authorities and discretions (not exceeding those vested in or exercisable by the Board) and for such period and subject to such conditions as it may think fit and any such power of attorney may contain such provisions for the protection and convenience of persons dealing with any such attorney as the Board may think fit and may also authorise any such attorney to sub-delegate all or any of the powers, authorities and discretions so vested in the attorney. Such attorney may, if so authorised under the seal of the Company, execute any deed or instrument under such attorney's personal seal with the same effect as the affixation of the seal of the Company;
  - (f) procure that the Company pays all expenses incurred in promoting and incorporating the Company;
  - (g) delegate any of its powers (including the power to sub-delegate) to a committee appointed by the Board which may consist partly or entirely of non-Directors, provided that every such committee shall conform to such directions as the Board shall impose on them and provided further that the meetings and proceedings of any such committee shall be governed by the provisions of these Bye-laws regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board, so far as the same are applicable and are not superseded by directions imposed by the Board;
  - (h) delegate any of its powers (including the power to sub-delegate) to any person on such terms and in such manner as the Board may see fit;

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- (i) present any petition and make any application in connection with the liquidation or reorganisation of the Company;
  - (j) in connection with the issue of any share, pay such commission and brokerage as may be permitted by law;
  - (k) authorise any company, firm, person or body of persons to act on behalf of the Company for any specific purpose and in connection therewith to execute any agreement, document or instrument on behalf of the Company; and
  - (l) take all necessary or desirable actions within its control to ensure that the Company is not deemed resident in Norway or deemed to be a Controlled Foreign Company as such term is defined pursuant to Norwegian tax legislation..

#### **46. Register of Directors and Officers**

The Board shall cause to be kept in one or more books at the registered office of the Company a Register of Directors and Officers and shall enter therein the particulars required by the Act.

#### **47. Officers**

The Officers shall consist of a President and a Vice President or a Chairman and a Deputy Chairman, a Secretary and such additional Officers as the Board may determine all of whom shall be deemed to be Officers for the purposes of these Bye-laws.

#### **48. Appointment of Officers**

The Board shall appoint a President and Vice President or a Chairman and Deputy Chairman who shall be Directors. The Secretary (and additional Officers, if any) shall be appointed by the Board from time to time.

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**49. Duties of Officers**

The Officers shall have such powers and perform such duties in the management, business and affairs of the Company as may be delegated to them by the Board from time to time.

**50. Remuneration of Officers**

The Officers shall receive such remuneration as the Board may determine.

**51. Conflicts of Interest**

**51.1** Any Director, or any Director's firm, partner or any company with whom any Director is associated, may act in any capacity for, be employed by or render services to the Company and such Director or such Director's firm, partner or company shall be entitled to remuneration as if such Director were not a Director. Nothing herein contained shall authorise a Director or Director's firm, partner or company to act as Auditor to the Company.

**51.2** A Director who is directly or indirectly interested in a contract or proposed contract or arrangement with the Company shall declare the nature of such interest as required by the Act.

**51.3** Following a declaration being made pursuant to this Bye-law, and unless disqualified by the chairman of the relevant Board meeting, a Director may vote in respect of any contract or proposed contract or arrangement in which such Director is interested and may be counted in the quorum for such meeting.

**51.4** Notwithstanding Bye-law 51.3 and save as provided herein, a Director shall not vote, be counted in the quorum or act as chairman at a meeting in respect of (A) his appointment to hold any office or place of profit with the Company or any body corporate or other entity in which the Company owns an equity interest or (B) the approval of the terms of any such appointment or of any contract or arrangement in which he is materially interested (otherwise than by virtue of his interest in shares,



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debentures or other securities of the Company), provided that, a Director shall be entitled to vote (and be counted in the quorum and act as chairman) in respect of any resolution concerning any of the following matters, namely:

- (a) the giving of any security, guarantee or indemnity to him in respect of money lent or obligations incurred by him for the benefit of the Company; or
- (b) any proposal concerning any other body corporate in which he is interested directly or indirectly, whether as an officer, Shareholder, creditor or otherwise, provided that he is not the holder of or beneficially interested (other than as a bare custodian or trustee in respect of shares in which he has no beneficial interest) in more than 1% of any class of the issued share capital of such body corporate (or of any third body corporate through which his interest is derived) or of the voting rights attached to all of the issued shares of the relevant body corporate (any such interest being deemed for the purpose of this Bye-law to be a material interest in all circumstances); and

in the case of an Alternate Director, an interest of a Director for whom he is acting as alternate shall be treated as an interest of such Alternate Director in addition to any interest which the Alternate Director may otherwise have.

- 51.5** If any question shall arise at any meeting as to the materiality of a Director's interest or as to the entitlement of any Director to vote, and such question is not resolved by such Director voluntarily agreeing to abstain from voting and not be counted in the quorum of such meeting, such question shall be referred to the chairman of the meeting (except in the event the Director is also the chairman of the meeting, in which case the question shall be referred to the other Directors present at the meeting) and his (or their, as the case may be) ruling in relation to such Director shall be final and conclusive, except in a case where the nature or extent of the interest of the Director concerned has not been fully disclosed.

## **52. Indemnification and Exculpation of Directors and Officers**

**52.1** The Directors, Secretary and other Officers (such term to include any person appointed to any committee by the Board) for the time being acting in relation to any of the affairs of the Company, any subsidiary thereof and the liquidator or trustees (if any) for the time being acting in relation to any of the affairs of the Company or any subsidiary thereof and every one of them, and their heirs, executors and administrators, shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets of the Company from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them, their heirs, executors or administrators, shall or may incur or sustain by or by reason of any act done, concurred in or omitted in or about the execution of their duty, or supposed duty, or in their respective offices or trusts, and none of them shall be answerable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of the others of them or for joining in any receipts for the sake of conformity, or for any bankers or other persons with whom any moneys or effects belonging to the Company shall or may be lodged or deposited for safe custody, or for insufficiency or deficiency of any security upon which any moneys of or belonging to the Company shall be placed out on or invested, or for any other loss, misfortune or damage which may happen in the execution of their respective offices or trusts, or in relation thereto, PROVIDED THAT this indemnity shall not extend to any matter in respect of any fraud or dishonesty which may attach to any of the said persons. Each Member agrees to waive any claim or right of action such Member might have, whether individually or by or in the right of the Company, against any Director or Officer on account of any action taken by such Director or Officer, or the failure of such Director or Officer to take any action in the performance of his duties with or for the Company or any subsidiary thereof, PROVIDED THAT such waiver shall not extend to any matter in respect of any fraud or dishonesty which may attach to such Director or Officer.

**52.2** The Company may purchase and maintain insurance for the benefit of any Director or Officer of the Company against any liability incurred by him under the Act in his capacity as a Director or Officer of the Company or indemnifying such Director or

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Officer in respect of any loss arising or liability attaching to him by virtue of any rule of law in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust of which the Director or Officer may be guilty in relation to the Company or any subsidiary thereof.

## **MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **53. Board Meetings**

The Board may meet for the transaction of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its meetings as it sees fit. Subject to the provisions of these Bye-laws, a resolution put to the vote at a meeting of the Board shall be carried by the affirmative votes of a majority of the votes cast and in the case of an equality of votes the resolution shall fail.

### **54. Notice of Board Meetings**

A Director may, and the Secretary on the requisition of a Director shall, at any time summon a meeting of the Board. Notice of a meeting of the Board shall be deemed to be duly given to a Director if it is given to such Director verbally (in person or by telephone) or otherwise communicated or sent to such Director by post, cable, telex, telecopier, facsimile, electronic mail or other mode of representing words in a legible form at such Director's last known address or any other address given by such Director to the Company for this purpose.

### **55. Participation in Meetings by Telephone**

Directors may participate in any meeting of the Board by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

### **56. Quorum at Board Meetings**

The quorum necessary for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Board shall be in excess of 50% of the Directors then in office.

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**57. Board to Continue in the Event of Vacancy**

The Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its number but, if and so long as its number is reduced below the number fixed by these Bye-laws as the quorum necessary for the transaction of business at meetings of the Board, the continuing Directors or Director may act for the purpose of (i) summoning a general meeting of the Company; or (ii) preserving the assets of the Company.

**58. Chairman to Preside**

Unless otherwise agreed by a majority of the Directors attending and entitled to vote thereat, the Chairman, if there be one, and if not, the President shall act as chairman at all meetings of the Board at which such person is present. In their absence the Deputy Chairman or Vice President, if present, shall act as chairman and in the absence of all of them a chairman shall be appointed or elected by the Directors present at the meeting.

**59. Written Resolutions**

A resolution in writing signed by all the Directors or, for the avoidance of doubt, their respective Alternate Directors, which may be in counterparts, shall be as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board duly called and constituted, such resolution shall be deemed to be effective on such date as the Directors agree.

**60. Validity of Prior Acts of the Board**

No regulation or alteration to these Bye-laws made by the Company in general meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if that regulation or alteration had not been made.

**CORPORATE RECORDS****61. Minutes**

The Board shall cause minutes to be duly entered in books provided for the purpose:

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- (a) of all elections and appointments of Officers;
  - (b) of the names of the Directors present at each meeting of the Board and of any committee appointed by the Board; and
  - (c) of all resolutions and proceedings of general meetings of the Members, meetings of the Board, and meetings of committees appointed by the Board.

## **62. Place Where Corporate Records Kept**

Minutes prepared in accordance with the Act and these Bye-laws shall be kept by the Secretary at the registered office of the Company.

## **63. Form and Use of Seal**

**63.1** The seal of the Company shall be in such form as the Board may determine. The Board may adopt one or more duplicate seals for use in or outside Bermuda.

**63.2** The seal of the Company shall not be affixed to any instrument except attested by the signature of a Director and the Secretary or any two Directors, or any person appointed by the Board for that purpose, provided that any Director, Officer or Resident Representative, may affix the seal of the Company attested by such Director, Officer or Resident Representative's signature to any authenticated copies of these Bye-laws, the incorporating documents of the Company, the minutes of any meetings or any other documents required to be authenticated by such Director, Officer or Resident Representative.

## **ACCOUNTS**

### **64. Books of Account**

**64.1** The Board shall cause to be kept proper records of account with respect to all transactions of the Company and in particular with respect to:

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- (a) all sums of money received and expended by the Company and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure relates;
  - (b) all sales and purchases of goods by the Company; and
  - (c) all assets and liabilities of the Company.

**64.2** Such records of account shall be kept at the registered office of the Company, or subject to the provisions of the Act, at such other place as the Board thinks fit and shall be available for inspection by the Directors during normal business hours.

**65. Financial Year End**

The financial year end of the Company may be determined by resolution of the Board and failing such resolution shall be 31<sup>st</sup> December in each year.

## AUDITS

**66. Annual Audit**

Subject to any rights to waive laying of accounts or appointment of an Auditor pursuant to the Act, the accounts of the Company shall be audited at least once in every year.

**67. Appointment of Auditors**

**67.1** Subject to the provisions of the Act, at the annual general meeting or at a subsequent special general meeting in each year, an independent representative of the Members shall be appointed by them as Auditor of the accounts of the Company.

**67.2** The Auditor may be a Member but no Director, Officer or employee of the Company shall, during his continuance in office, be eligible to act as an Auditor of the Company.

**68. Remuneration of Auditors**

The remuneration of the Auditor shall be fixed by the Company in general meeting or in such manner as the Members may determine.

**69. Duties of Auditors**

**69.1** The financial statements provided for by these Bye-laws shall be audited by the Auditor in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. The Auditor shall make a written report thereon in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

**69.2** The generally accepted auditing standards referred to in this Bye-law may be those of a country or jurisdiction other than Bermuda or such other generally accepted auditing standards as may be provided for in the Act. If so, the financial statements and the report of the Auditor shall identify the generally accepted auditing standards used.

**70. Access to Records**

The Auditor shall at all reasonable times have access to all books kept by the Company and to all accounts and vouchers relating thereto, and the Auditor may call on the Directors or Officers of the Company for any information in their possession relating to the books or affairs of the Company.

**71. Financial Statements**

Subject to any rights to waive laying of accounts pursuant to the provisions of the Act, financial statements as required by the Act shall be laid before the Members in general meeting.

**72. Distribution of Auditors report**

The report of the Auditor shall be submitted to the Members in general meeting.

**73. Vacancy in the Office of Auditor**

If the office of Auditor becomes vacant by the resignation or death of the Auditor, or by the Auditor becoming incapable of acting by reason of illness or other disability at a time when the Auditor's services are required, the vacancy thereby created shall be filled in accordance with the Act.

**VOLUNTARY WINDING-UP AND DISSOLUTION****74. Winding-Up**

If the Company shall be wound up the liquidator may, with the sanction of a resolution of the Members, divide amongst the Members in specie or in kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company (whether they shall consist of property of the same kind or not) and may, for such purpose, set such value as he deems fair upon any property to be divided as aforesaid and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the Members or different classes of Members. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest the whole or any part of such assets in the trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of the Members as the liquidator shall think fit, but so that no Member shall be compelled to accept any shares or other securities or assets whereon there is any liability.

**CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION****75. Changes to Bye-laws**

**75.1** Subject to Bye-law 75.2, no Bye-law shall be rescinded, altered or amended and no new Bye-law shall be made until the same has been approved by a resolution of the Board and by a resolution of the Members.

**75.2** Bye-laws 37, 38, 39, 41, and 75 shall not be rescinded, altered or amended and no new Bye-law shall be made which would have the effect of rescinding, altering or amending the provisions of such Bye-laws, until the same has been approved by a



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resolution of the Board including the affirmative vote of not less than 66% per cent of the Directors then in office and by a resolution of the Members including the affirmative vote of not less than 50% per cent of the votes attaching to all shares in issue.

**76. Discontinuance**

The Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to discontinue the Company to a jurisdiction outside Bermuda pursuant to the Act.

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