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Report for the third quarter 2007

Aker Drilling continues the progress of its activities according to plan in the third quarter of 2007. The construction of Aker Drilling's two 6th generation drilling units, build-up of a premier organisation and preparations for the two long term contracts awarded progressed as expected during the period. The offshore deepwater and harsh environment drilling market continues to show strength extending beyond 2010. Aker Drilling continues to evaluate possibilities to add capacity in addition to the two units currently under construction.

Highlights

- *Transportation of the Aker Spitsbergen hull from Dubai to the Aker Kvaerner Stord yard in Norway was nearing completion as of quarter end with the hull arriving in Stord on 6th October. The process of mating the hull and deck sections by the Aker Kvaerner Stord yard is underway in the fourth quarter. Aker Kvaerner maintain scheduled delivery of Aker Spitsbergen end April 2008 and Aker Barents end October 2008.*
- *Preparations to meet contract requirements and for commencement of operations on delivery of the rigs continue. Aker Spitsbergen is contracted to Statoil for a 3 to 10 years contract on the Halten/Nordland Area in Norway. Aker Barents will commence a 3 year contract for exploration drilling on the Norwegian Continental Shelf for Aker Exploration.*
- *Aker Drilling continues to see great interest in the company from experienced and skilled personnel to man both onshore and offshore positions. Over 40% of the required offshore manning on the first rig, Aker Spitsbergen, is secured per end October, Aker Drilling will continue with the manning up of the on-and offshore organizations.*

The Aker H-6e Concept

The Aker H-6e is a sixth-generation design and builds on the well-proven Aker H-3 and H-4.2 solutions which have been used worldwide for several decades. The two rigs now under construction will be the world's largest and most advanced. Their design sets an entirely new standard and will help Aker Drilling to meet oil company requirements for drilling in harsh environments and deep waters. The rigs are being constructed to drill wells to a depth of more than 10 000 metres (more than 33 000 feet) and to operate in water depths down to 3 000 metres (about 10 000 feet). They have been designed for year-round drilling in cold climates and Arctic regions, and have also been developed to provide the best standards for health, safety and the environment.

A number of advantages are offered by the Aker H-6e, which will individually and collectively contribute to cost-effective operation for the oil companies. The double RamRig™ increases drilling efficiency and operability by permitting parallel operations. A unique hull design provides a level of stability which ensures efficient operation under severe weather conditions. Enclosed work areas also contribute to a high degree of safe and rational operation. The rigs have high load and storage capacity, which extends their flexibility and range as well as allowing them to operate for longer periods without supplies from shore.

Operation

Aker Spitsbergen and Aker Barents are being constructed by Aker Kvaerner, which has unique experience of developing and building semi-submersible drilling units after delivering more than 50 rigs since it became involved in this business in 1974. While fabrication of the hulls is taking place in Dubai, the topsides and their equipment are being produced in Europe. The rigs will be assembled and commissioned at Aker Kvaerner Stord, which has a strong history of delivering highly complex projects on time and to budget.

Transportation of the Aker Spitsbergen hull from Dubai to the Aker Kværner Stord yard in Norway is completed per 6th October 2007. The mating of the hull with the deck sections by the Aker Kværner Stord yard is underway, and equipment deliveries are reported to be on schedule. Both rigs will be assembled, tested and delivered from Aker Kværner Stord yard. Aker Spitsbergen is scheduled for delivery end April 2008 while Aker Barents is to be delivered end October 2008.

The organisational build up is on schedule. The first rig, Aker Spitsbergen, is more than 40% manned per end of October 2007 and recruitment is one of the key processes currently ongoing. The recruitment process for the second rig, Aker Barents, will start in Q1, 2008. Aker Drilling is pleased with the highly competent and qualified personnel recruited with background mainly from drilling contractors as well as other related offshore industries.

Market Outlook

The floater offshore drilling market continues its strength with dayrates for high specification, deepwater units now trending upwards from 500.000 USD/day range for longer contracts. The harsh environment market with limited supply of units is also strong and Aker Drilling's units are well positioned for future opportunities. Aker Drilling continues to evaluate possibilities to add capacity in addition to the two units currently under construction.

Financials

This quarter includes some changes to previously reported numbers as follows:

- Fair value treatment of an embedded derivative in the construction contract
- Fair value treatment of financing options
- Presentation of pre-delivery financing

All figures from prior periods are restated and reclassified to be comparable in the light of these changes.

Income Statement

Operating profit was NOK – 17 million compared to NOK – 6 million in Q3 2006. The increase in operating expense is explained by the organisational build-up over the last year which has seen a growth in the number of employees from 4 to 40 and the operating expenses will continue to increase as the organisation grows.

Net foreign exchange loss of NOK 15 million is mainly unrealised and due to the revaluation of the US Dollar bank account.

Other financial income is related to an embedded derivative identified in the construction contracts whereby the majority of the final and remaining settlement (USD 360 million and approximately NOK 100 million for each rig) is to be paid in US Dollars upon delivery of the rigs. In accordance with IFRS, this embedded derivative has now been stated at fair value in the balance sheet. Any gains or losses resulting from a change in this fair value are now

reflected in the income statement. This is a non cash issue and all prior period numbers shown are restated to reflect this derivative. The Q3 2007 amount of NOK 281 million compared to NOK -237 in Q3 2006 recognises the changes in the value of the derivative which results from fluctuations in the NOK/USD exchange rate.

The restated Year 2006 Other financial income of NOK 331 million includes (in addition to NOK 231 million for the embedded derivate explained above) NOK 100 million in recognition of the premium arising from a financing option. This financing option consists of the sale of an option for a fixed interest loan to a financial institution. This will generate a cash settlement upon delivery of each rig when certain criteria are met (approximately NOK 50 million per rig).

Balance Sheet

The construction progress of the rigs is reflected in the balance sheet for Property, Plant & Equipment with the corresponding liability for Aker Spitsbergen included in "Trade and other payables" since settlement is expected to be within one year, while Aker Barents is reflected in "Provisions and other long term liabilities". The basis for the calculated amount is a monthly progress report from Aker Kværner which is applied to the derivative adjusted turnkey price.

As mentioned above, a derivative has been identified in the construction contracts whereby the majority of the final and remaining settlement (USD 360 million and approximately NOK 100 million for each rig) is to be paid in US Dollars upon delivery of the rigs. In accordance with IFRS, this embedded derivative has now been stated at fair value in the balance sheet. As per 30.09.07 this fair value is included in "Financial instruments" as NOK 325 million for Aker Barents under Non-current assets and NOK 344 million for Aker Spitsbergen under current assets. This is a non cash issue and all prior period numbers shown are restated to reflect this derivative. Upon delivery of each rig, this fair value will be netted against the final settlement of the outstanding payable to Aker Kværner.

"Financial instruments" in the balance sheet are also impacted by another derivative consisting of an option per rig giving access to a fixed interest loan at favourable rates. This in turn has been traded back to back with a financial institution in return for a cash premium. In accordance with IFRS, such options should be stated at fair value in the balance sheet. Due to the back to back nature of these transactions, any fluctuations which impact the income statement are netted. Financial Instruments under non-current assets and non-current liabilities includes the amounts for Aker Barents (NOK 171 million per 30.09.07) while Aker Spitsbergen is reflected in current assets and liabilities (NOK 177 million per 30.09.07). The only cash income effect from these transactions will occur upon delivery of each rig when certain criteria are met (approximately NOK 50 million per rig). All prior period numbers shown are restated to reflect these transactions.

Aker Kværner's use of the pre-delivery loan facility is reflected in "Interest-bearing short-term receivables" for Aker Spitsbergen and "Interest-bearing long-term receivables" for Aker Barents construction contracts respectively with the corresponding loan from DNB NOR reflected in long term and short term interest bearing debt. In Q2 2007, when this facility was first utilised, the loan to Aker Kværner was netted against the accrued construction progress included in "Other short term liabilities". Aker Kværner Stord has further utilised Aker Drilling's credit facilities during the pre-delivery phase this quarter. As of 30.09.07, a total of USD 438 million has been utilised which is reflected in the balance sheet as mentioned above.

This pre-delivery loan will be settled upon delivery of the rigs and replaced by Aker Drilling's post-delivery USD financing.

All figures from prior periods are restated and reclassified to be comparable and take into account the impact of the derivatives and the reclassification of the pre-delivery loan to Aker Kværner explained above and changes in classification implemented in Q4 2006. In Q4 2006, advances to the supplier Aker Kværner are reclassified and shown as a non-current asset instead of as a current asset. Amortised interest cost related to the convertible bond loan is charged in accordance with the effective interest method and recognised as an individual item under long term liability compared to Q3 2006 where the interest was reported under trade and other payables.

As an attachment to the Q3 2007 report, historically reported numbers are presented along with the same periods restated to include the effect of all the above changes.

Basis for preparation

These consolidated condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting".

Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements as per end Q3 2007 are consistent with those used in the annual financial statements for the prior quarter and for the year ending 31 December 2006 subject to the newly introduced financial instruments commented on in the report.

The company may from time to time use derivative financial instruments such as the ones mentioned above. Such derivative instruments are and will be stated at fair value. The contracts are carried as assets when the fair value is positive and as liabilities when the fair value is negative. Any gains or losses arising from changes in fair value related to such contracts are taken directly to the income statement.

These consolidated condensed financial statements should be read together with the 2006 annual financial statements, which include a full description of the Group's accounting policies.

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INCOME STATEMENT

ALL NUMBERS RESTATED PER COMMENTS IN THE QUARTERLY REPORT

Amounts in NOK million	2Q 2007	3Q 2007	3Q 2006	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	Year 2006
Operating revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating expenses	-16	-16	-6	-46	-19	-34
Operating profit / (loss) before depreciation and amortization	-16	-16	-6	-46	-19	-34
Depreciation and amortization	0	-1	0	-1	0	0
Operating profit / (loss)	-16	-17	-6	-47	-19	-34
Net foreign exchange gain / (loss)	-8	-15	0	-31	0	0
Net interest income / (expense)	3	2	1	6	1	4
Other financial income / (loss)	100	281	-237	469	98	331
Profit / (loss) before tax	79	251	-242	397	80	301
Income tax expense	-22	-70	68	-111	-22	-84
Profit / (loss) for the period	57	181	-174	286	58	217
Attributable to:						
Equity holders of the parent	57	181	-174	286	58	217
Average number of shares outstanding	93 000 000	93 000 000	93 000 000	93 000 000	93 000 000	93 000 000
Basic earnings / (loss) per share (NOK)	0,61	1,94	-1,87	3,08	0,62	2,33

BALANCE SHEET

ALL NUMBERS RESTATED PER COMMENTS IN THE QUARTERLY REPORT

Amounts in NOK million	At 30.06 2007	At 30.09 2007	At 30.09 2006	At 31.12 2006
Assets				
Non-current assets				
Property, plant & equipment	5 205	5 956	1 283	1 710
Intangible assets	926	926	926	926
Financial Instruments	384	497	71	412
Deferred tax assets	0	0	20	0
Other non-current assets	66	70	1 716	1 402
Interest-bearing long-term receivables	51	733	0	100
Total non-current assets	6 632	8 182	4 016	4 550
Current assets				
Inventory, trade and other receivables	2	8	2	0
Financial Instruments	405	521	0	0
Interest-bearing short term receivables	1 193	1 782	0	0
Cash and bank deposits	234	190	174	98
Total current assets	1 834	2 501	176	98
Total assets	8 466	10 683	4 192	4 648
Equity and liabilities				
Paid in capital	3 349	3 349	3 349	3 349
Retained earnings and other reserve	299	480	35	194
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the parent	3 648	3 829	3 384	3 543
Minority interest	0	0	0	0
Total equity	3 648	3 829	3 384	3 543
Non-current liabilities				
Interest-bearing convertible bonds	776	777	772	772
Interest-bearing debt	0	680	0	0
Financial Instruments	194	171	0	209
Deferred tax liability	83	153	0	42
Provisions and other long-term liabilities	65	943	35	45
Total non-current liabilities	1 118	2 724	807	1 068
Current liabilities				
Short-term interest-bearing debt	1 142	1 731	0	0
Financial Instruments	206	178	0	0
Trade and other payables	2 094	1 963	1	37
Deferred income	258	258	0	0
Other short term liabilities	0	0	0	0
Total current liabilities	3 700	4 130	1	37
Total liabilities	4 818	6 854	808	1 105
Total equity and liabilities	8 466	10 683	4 192	4 648

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Amounts in NOK million	2Q 2007	3Q 2007	3Q 2006	Year 2006
As of beginning of period (previously reported)	3 309	3 294	3 337	3 346
Correction to reflect derivatives in prior periods	282	354	221	-20
Adjusted equity beginning of period	3 591	3 648	3 558	3 326
Profit for the period	57	181	-174	217
As of end of period	3 648	3 829	3 384	3 543

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Amounts in NOK million	2Q 2007	3Q 2007	3Q 2006	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	Year 2006
Cash flow from operating activities	44	-13	-10	195	-68	-76
Cash flow from investing activities	-1 176	-1 277	0	-2 491	0	-68
Cash flow from financing activities	1 142	1 269	0	2 411	0	0
Cash flow in the reporting period	10	-21	-10	115	-68	-144
Effects of changes in exchange rates on cash	0	-23	0	-23	0	0
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of period	224	234	184	98	242	242
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	234	190	174	190	174	98

Stavanger, November 2, 2007
 The board of directors
 Aker Drilling ASA

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Attachment to the Q3 2007 report
Historically reported numbers compared to restated numbers

INCOME STATEMENT

	Restated numbers				Reported numbers									
	Year 2005	1Q 2006	2Q 2006	3Q 2006	4Q 2006	Year 2005	1Q 2006	2Q 2006	3Q 2006	4Q 2006	1Q 2007	2Q 2007	YTD 2007	
Amounts in NOK million														
Operating revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating expenses	-4	-6	-7	-6	-15	-14	-16	-30	-4	-6	-7	-6	-15	-30
Operating profit before depreciation and amortization	-4	-6	-7	-6	-15	-14	-16	-30	-4	-6	-7	-6	-15	-30
Depreciation and amortization	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impairment changes and non recurring items	-4	-6	-7	-6	-15	-14	-16	-30	-4	-6	-7	-6	-15	-30
Operating profit / (loss)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net foreign exchange gain / (loss)	0	0	0	0	3	-8	-8	-16	0	0	0	1	3	-8
Net interest income / (expense)	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	3
Other financial income / (loss)	-27	118	217	-237	232	88	100	158	0	0	0	0	0	0
Profit / (loss) before tax	-31	112	210	-242	220	67	79	146	-4	-6	-7	-5	-12	-21
Income tax expense	9	-31	-59	68	-62	-19	-22	-41	1	2	2	1	3	6
Profit / (loss) for the period	-22	81	151	-174	158	48	57	105	-3	-4	-5	-4	-9	-15
Attributable to:														
Equity holders of the parent	-22	81	151	-174	158	48	57	105	-3	-4	-5	-4	-9	-15
Average number of shares outstanding (million)	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	93	93
Basic earnings per share (NOK)	-0,24	0,87	1,62	-1,87	1,70	0,52	0,61	1,13	-0,03	-0,04	-0,05	-0,04	-0,10	-0,16

BALANCE SHEET

	Restated numbers				Reported numbers						
	At 31.12 2005	At 31.03 2006	At 30.06 2006	At 30.09 2006	At 31.03 2006	At 30.06 2006	At 30.09 2006	At 31.03 2006	At 30.06 2007	At 30.06 2007	At 30.06 2007
Amounts in NOK million											
Assets											
Non-current assets											
Property, plant & equipment	0	0	1 283	1 710	3 622	5 205	0	0	1 683	3 564	5 122
Intangible assets	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926	926
Financial instruments	0	91	308	412	0	384	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax assets	42	11	20	0	0	0	34	36	40	42	54
Other non-current assets	2 919	2 971	2 985	1 716	303	66	2 919	2 971	2 985	1 402	303
Interest-bearing long-term receivables	0	0	0	100	101	51	0	0	0	0	0
Total non-current assets	3 887	3 989	4 219	4 016	4 950	6 632	3 879	3 933	3 949	4 053	4 841
Current assets											
Inventory, trade and other receivables	2	1	2	2	67	2	2	1	2	0	67
Financial instruments	0	0	0	0	544	405	0	0	0	0	0
Interest-bearing short term receivables	0	0	0	0	0	1 193	0	0	0	0	0
Cash and bank deposits	242	194	184	174	224	234	242	194	184	174	224
Total current assets	244	195	186	176	98	1 834	244	195	186	176	291
Total assets	4 131	4 184	4 405	4 192	4 648	8 466	4 123	4 128	4 135	4 141	5 132
Equity and liabilities											
Paid in capital	3 349	3 349	3 349	3 349	3 349	3 349	3 349	3 349	3 349	3 349	3 349
Retained earnings and other reserve	-22	59	210	35	194	242	-3	-7	-12	-25	-40
Total equity	3 327	3 408	3 559	3 384	3 591	3 648	3 346	3 342	3 337	3 333	3 309
Non-current liabilities											
Interest-bearing convertible bonds	768	770	771	772	774	776	768	770	771	772	774
Interest-bearing debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Financial instruments	27	0	0	0	254	194	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax liability	7	16	48	25	62	83	0	0	0	0	0
Provisions and other long-term liabilities	0	0	0	95	45	65	7	16	25	35	45
Total non-current liabilities	802	786	844	807	1 068	1 145	775	786	796	807	829
Current liabilities											
Short-term interest-bearing debt	0	0	0	0	0	1 142	0	0	0	0	0
Financial instruments	0	0	0	0	0	206	0	0	0	0	0
Trade and other payables	2	0	2	1	793	2 094	2	1	10	9	13
Deferred income	0	0	0	0	258	258	0	0	0	0	258
Other short term liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	856
Total current liabilities	2	0	2	1	37	3 700	2	0	2	10	994
Total liabilities	804	786	846	808	1 105	4 818	777	786	798	808	1 823
Total equity and liabilities	4 131	4 194	4 405	4 192	4 648	8 466	4 123	4 128	4 135	4 141	5 132

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