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## **Statoil's first quarter 2007**

### **Highlights**

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The following financial measures may be considered non-GAAP financial measures:

- Return on average capital employed (ROACE)
- Normalised production cost per barrel
- Net debt to capital employed ratio

## Growing our business

- Merger preparations ongoing
- Offer to acquire North American Oil Sands Corporation
- High level of exploration and project activity

## Solid results despite lower prices

EPS	1Q 06	1Q 07	Change
NOK	4.92	3.58	-27%
USD	0.75	0.59	-21%

All numbers according to IFRS

Net operating income down 28% from 1Q 2006

- Lower oil and gas prices
- Negative effect of NOK 2.7 bn from IAS 39 (derivatives)
- Deferred gains on inventories of NOK 0.8 bn
- Higher operating expenses

## High quarterly production

Production affected by

- Reduced volumes from Kvitebjørn
- Slower ramp-up of new fields
- Lower NCS gas off-take

## **Competitive ROACE of 24.3%**

12-month rolling ROACE based on reported results for 1Q 2007

Source: Morgan Stanley

\* Morgan Stanley estimates

## **Net operating income - E&P Norway**

Net operating income down 17% from 1Q 2006

- Oil price down 11% in NOK
- Gas lifting down 6%
- Unrealised and realised income from derivatives NOK 0.6 billion  
(vs NOK 1.6 billion in 1Q 2006)

## **Net operating income - International E&P**

Net operating income down 5% from 1Q 2006

- NOK 0.9 bn effect from lower realised oil and gas prices
- Oil and gas lifting up 32%

## **Net operating income – Natural Gas**

\* Internal margins down from NOK 0.76/scm in 1Q 2006 to NOK 0.36/scm in 1Q 2007

Net operating income down NOK 3.8 bn from 1Q 2006

- Realised gas price down 14% to NOK 1.74/scm, transfer price up 9%\*
- Unrealised negative effect from derivatives of NOK 1.2 bn (versus NOK 0.5 bn positive effect in 1Q 2006)

## **Net operating income**

### **Manufacturing & Marketing**

Net operating income down 27% from 1Q 2006

- Deferred gains on inventories of NOK 0.8 bn
- Continued high regularity and improvements in retail
- Improved margins and high methanol prices

## **Development in net debt to capital employed**

Net debt

**Net debt to capital employed\***

\*Debt to capital employed ratio = Net interest-bearing debt/capital employed

\*\* Adjusted for 50% of upcoming tax payment (due on April 1, 2007)

**Exploration drilling in first quarter**

## **Growing our business**

- Ermitrude - a promising oil discovery north east of Sleipner in the North Sea
- 100% Statoil licence awarded in 2003
- Sidetrack to evaluate further potential

## **Expanding our resource base**

- Offer to acquire North American Oil Sands Corporation
  - ◆ Access cost < USD 1 per barrel
  - ◆ Production post 2010
  - ◆ Estimated 2.2 bn barrels in recoverable reserves
- Further technology development and exploration
  - ◆ Upside resource potential
  - ◆ Seeking sustainable solutions

## **Shaping the new company**

- Integration on track
- Approval received from EU competition authorities
- Prospectus submitted to SEC
- EGM to be held in July

## Expected development 2Q 2007

- Completion of NAOSC acquisition
- Continued high exploration activity
- Production:
  - ◆ Planned maintenance schedule to affect production by 15 - 20 000 boe/d
  - ◆ Start-up: Enoch (Talisman), Huldra Tail End
  - ◆ In Salah – lower entitlement volumes due to PSA
  - ◆ Seasonal gas off-take
- Continued negotiations on Sincor

## 2007 forecasts

Production (1 000 boepd)	1 150 – 1 200 <sup>1</sup>
Production cost (NOK/boe)	> NOK 30 <sup>2</sup>
Exploration expenditure (NOK bn)	approx 9 bn <sup>3</sup>
Capex 2005-2007 (NOK bn)	approx 120 <sup>4</sup>

1 Based on an average oil price of USD 60 per bbl

2 Normalised at NOK 6.00/USD and adjusted for PSA effects

3 Approx 40 wells

4 Excluding acquisitions

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