

## **THIRD QUARTER 2010**

## **Financials**

(Figures in brackets refer to the corresponding period of 2009)

Operating profit for the third quarter amounted to USD 83.0 million (USD 77.1 million), which is the best quarterly result ever for Prosafe. Utilisation of the rig fleet was 80 per cent (96 per cent). The main contributing factor to the improved result is higher day rates.

Safe Lancia was in operation in Mexico until 6 August, and commenced a new contract in Mexico on 19 August.

Safe Caledonia was in operation until mid-September, whereas Safe Concordia and Safe Astoria were idle in the third quarter.

All other eight rigs have been fully utilised in the third quarter.

Net financial costs amounted to USD 6.4 million (USD 8.4 million). This improvement reflects a higher increase in market value of currency forwards.

Taxes amounted to USD 4.6 million (USD 2.4 million), and net profit equalled USD 72.0 million (USD 66.3 million), corresponding to diluted earnings per share of USD 0.32 (USD 0.30).

Total assets at 30 September amounted to USD 1 389.7 million (USD 1 420.3 million), while the book equity ratio increased to 28.8 per cent (17.3 per cent).

## Dividend

The Board of Directors resolved on 3 November 2010 to declare an interim dividend equivalent to USD 0.095 per share to shareholders of record as of 15 November 2010. The shares will trade ex-dividend on 11 November 2010. The dividend will be paid in the form of NOK 0.55 per share on 25 November 2010.

## Outlook

Five of Prosafe's rigs are bareboat chartered to Interpetroleum Services, operating for Pemex offshore Mexico. These five rigs have firm contracts as follows: Safe Lancia until December 2012, Jasminia until June 2011, Safe Hibernia until May 2011, Safe Britannia until January 2013 and Safe Regency until August 2013.

Safe Esbjerg is operating for Maersk in the Danish North Sea until June 2011.

Safe Caledonia will commence on a contract with BG in the UK North Sea in the beginning of March 2011.

MSV Regalia is operating for BP in the Norwegian North Sea. The contract with BP has a firm duration until July 2011. On request from BP, MSV Regalia is going to be temporarily changed out with Safe Scandinavia from mid-November through to mid-March.

Safe Scandinavia has a 6 month firm contract with Statoil commencing early April 2011.

Safe Concordia has been awarded a Letter of Intent by Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. (Petrobras) for a three year period, planned to commence early in the second guarter of 2011.

Safe Bristolia and Safe Astoria are currently idle.

In the North Sea, the majority of fixed installations are mature and require both maintenance and modifications to keep up production and ensure safe operations. Improved oil recovery (IOR) projects and tieins of satellite fields to existing installations have extended the lifetime for many fields in the North Sea. Therefore, we foresee a good outlook for modification, IOR and maintenance projects over the coming years.

During the last two quarters we have seen several contract awards for accommodation work in the North Sea for 2011 and 2012.

Going forward, we see potential projects requiring additional accommodation in the North Sea in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

The market for semi-submersible accommodation rigs is still strong in Mexico, where Pemex has high offshore activity in order to keep up production at the Cantarell field. Prosafe has five rigs operating in Mexico and we expect a stable development going forward.

During the third quarter, we have seen two awards for semi-submersible rigs offshore

Brazil. These awards confirm that Brazil is a growing market for safety and maintenance support services.

Within the harsh and semi-harsh offshore environments where most of Prosafe's accommodation rigs operate, there is a good supply-demand balance.

In summary, we expect a good long-term demand for semi-submersible accommodation rigs, with stable activity in the North Sea and Mexico and growth in deepwater regions.

Larnaca, 3 November 2010

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## **INCOME STATEMENT**

| (Unaudited figures in USD million)   | Note | Q3 10  | Q2 10  | Q3 09  | YTD 10  | YTD 09 | 2009    |
|--------------------------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
|                                      |      |        |        |        |         |        |         |
| Operating revenues                   |      | 140.4  | 139.3  | 123.7  | 367.1   | 291.2  | 397.9   |
| Operating expenses                   |      | (41.7) | (44.2) | (31.5) | (117.9) | (89.0) | (123.6) |
| Operating profit before depreciation |      | 98.7   | 95.1   | 92.2   | 249.2   | 202.2  | 274.3   |
| Depreciation                         |      | (15.7) | (15.4) | (15.1) | (46.5)  | (40.8) | (55.7)  |
| Operating profit                     |      | 83.0   | 79.7   | 77.1   | 202.7   | 161.4  | 218.6   |
| Interest income                      |      | 0.1    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.2     | 0.3    | 0.4     |
| Interest expenses                    |      | (10.8) | (10.7) | (10.7) | (32.4)  | (33.2) | (44.8)  |
| Other financial items                |      | 4.3    | (1.2)  | 2.3    | 1.5     | 20.2   | (33.3)  |
| Net financial items                  |      | (6.4)  | (11.9) | (8.4)  | (30.7)  | (12.7) | (77.7)  |
| Profit before taxes                  |      | 76.6   | 67.8   | 68.7   | 172.0   | 148.7  | 140.9   |
| Taxes                                |      | (4.6)  | 1.9    | (2.4)  | (3.5)   | (13.0) | (13.7)  |
| Net profit                           |      | 72.0   | 69.7   | 66.3   | 168.5   | 135.7  | 127.2   |
|                                      |      |        |        |        |         |        |         |
| Earnings per share                   |      | 0.32   | 0.31   | 0.30   | 0.76    | 0.61   | 0.57    |
| Diluted earnings per share           |      | 0.32   | 0.31   | 0.30   | 0.76    | 0.61   | 0.57    |

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| (Unaudited figures in USD million)                 |   | Q3 10       | Q2 10           | Q3 09         | YTD 10        | YTD 09      | 2009        |
|--|---|-------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Net profit for the period                          |   | 72.0        | 69.7            | 66.3          | 168.5         | 135.7       | 127.2       |
| Foreign currency translation                       |   | (5.4)       | 4.3             | (6.2)         | 0.9           | (13.3)      | (13.6)      |
| Revaluation hedging instruments Revaluation shares | 3 | 0.0<br>13.0 | (0.3)<br>(11.4) | (3.1)<br>12.1 | (1.5)<br>10.1 | 2.9<br>20.3 | 8.5<br>68.5 |
| Other comprehensive income                         |   | 7.6         | `(7.4)          | 2.8           | 9.5           | 9.9         | 63.4        |
| Comprehensive income                               |   | 79.6        | 62.3            | 69.1          | 178.0         | 145.6       | 190.6       |

# BALANCE SHEET

| (Unaudited figures in USD million)      |   | 30.09.10 | 30.06.10 | 31.12.09 | 30.09.09 |
|---|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|   |   |          |          |          |          |
| Goodwill                                |   | 226.7    | 226.7    | 226.7    | 226.7    |
| Rigs                                    |   | 891.4    | 902.9    | 913.5    | 929.2    |
| Other non-current assets                |   | 4.4      | 4.5      | 4.9      | 5.2      |
| Total non-current assets                |   | 1 122.5  | 1 134.1  | 1 145.1  | 1 161.1  |
| Cash and deposits                       |   | 108.8    | 89.6     | 88.5     | 107.8    |
| Assets held for sale                    |   | 64.8     | 51.8     | 54.7     | 60.2     |
| Other current assets                    | 3 | 93.6     | 88.6     | 67.2     | 91.2     |
| Total current assets                    |   | 267.2    | 230.0    | 210.4    | 259.2    |
| Total assets                            |   | 1 389.7  | 1 364.1  | 1 355.5  | 1 420.3  |
|   |   |          |          |          |          |
| Share capital                           |   | 63.9     | 63.9     | 63.9     | 63.9     |
| Other equity                            |   | 336.4    | 278.4    | 200.0    | 182.5    |
| Total equity                            |   | 400.3    | 342.3    | 263.9    | 246.4    |
| Interest-free long-term liabilities     |   | 114.3    | 108.3    | 100.4    | 117.5    |
| Interest-bearing long-term debt         |   | 815.6    | 807.0    | 876.6    | 870.0    |
| Total long-term liabilities             |   | 929.9    | 915.3    | 977.0    | 987.5    |
| Other interest-free current liabilities |   | 59.5     | 56.5     | 76.1     | 75.3     |
| Current portion of long-term debt       |   | 0.0      | 50.0     | 38.5     | 111.1    |
| Total current liabilities               |   | 59.5     | 106.5    | 114.6    | 186.4    |
| Total equity and liabilities            |   | 1 389.7  | 1 364.1  | 1 355.5  | 1 420.3  |

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT

| (Unaudited figures in USD million)       | Q3 10  | Q2 10  | Q3 09  | YTD 10  | YTD 09  | 2009    |
|--|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
|  |        |        |        |         |         |         |
| Profit before taxes                      | 76.6   | 67.8   | 68.7   | 172.0   | 148.7   | 140.9   |
| Unrealised currency (gain)/loss on debt  | 8.6    | (7.2)  | 6.1    | (1.5)   | 11.8    | 6.7     |
| Depreciation                             | 15.7   | 15.4   | 15.1   | 46.5    | 40.8    | 55.7    |
| Financial income                         | (0.1)  | 0.0    | 0.0    | (0.2)   | (0.3)   | (0.4)   |
| Financial costs                          | 10.8   | 10.7   | 10.7   | 32.4    | 33.2    | 44.8    |
| Change in working capital                | (15.0) | (48.6) | (48.7) | (53.1)  | (59.4)  | 39.4    |
| Other items from operating activities    | 9.0    | 2.5    | 10.1   | 19.9    | 6.5     | (26.3)  |
| Net cash flow from operating activities  | 105.6  | 40.6   | 62.0   | 216.0   | 181.3   | 260.8   |
| Acquisition of tangible assets           | (4.1)  | (9.8)  | (28.2) | (23.9)  | (143.0) | (141.9) |
| Interests received                       | 0.1    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.2     | 0.3     | 0.4     |
| Net cash flow from investing activities  | (4.0)  | (9.8)  | (28.2) | (23.7)  | (142.7) | (141.5) |
| Proceeds from new interest-bearing debt  | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.6    | 30.0    | 40.6    | 133.5   |
| Repayment of interest-bearing debt       | (50.0) | (10.0) | (30.0) | (128.0) | (30.0)  | (183.8) |
| Dividends paid                           | (21.6) | (20.0) | (13.2) | (41.6)  | (23.8)  | (51.3)  |
| Interests paid                           | (10.8) | (10.7) | (10.7) | (32.4)  | (33.2)  | (44.8)  |
| Net cash flow from financing activities  | (82.4) | (40.7) | (53.3) | (172.0) | (46.4)  | (146.4) |
| Net cash flow                            | 19.2   | (9.9)  | (19.5) | 20.3    | (7.8)   | (27.1)  |
| Cash and deposits at beginning of period | 89.6   | 99.5   | 127.3  | 88.5    | 115.6   | 115.6   |
| Cash and deposits at end of period       | 108.8  | 89.6   | 107.8  | 108.8   | 107.8   | 88.5    |

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

| (Unaudited figures in USD million)  | Q3 10  | Q2 10  | Q3 09  | YTD 10 | YTD 09 | 2009   |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                     |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Equity at beginning of period       | 342.3  | 300.0  | 190.5  | 263.9  | 124.6  | 124.6  |
| Comprehensive income for the period | 79.6   | 62.3   | 69.1   | 178.0  | 145.6  | 190.6  |
| Dividends                           | (21.6) | (20.0) | (13.2) | (41.6) | (23.8) | (51.3) |
| Equity at end of period             | 400.3  | 342.3  | 492.8  | 400.3  | 246.4  | 263.9  |

### NOTES TO THE INTERIM ACCOUNTS

#### **NOTE 1: GENERAL INFORMATION**

Prosafe SE is a public limited company domiciled in Larnaca, Cyprus. Prosafe SE is listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange with ticker code PRS. The consolidated financial statements for the third quarter of 2010 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the board of directors on 3 November 2010. The accounting figures are unaudited.

### **NOTE 2: ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES**

This interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), including IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting. The accounting principles adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year.

### NOTE 3: SHARES IN PROSAFE PRODUCTION PUBLIC LIMITED

As at 30 September 2010 the company owned 25 375 142 shares in Prosafe Production Public Limited (PROD) corresponding to 9.94 per cent of the shares. The shares are valued at the share price prevailing on this date, NOK 14.90, and the increase in market value since year-end has been taken directly to equity. The shares are included under 'other current assets' in the balance sheet. In October, the company has exchanged the shares in PROD for 1.2 shares in BW Offshore Ltd (BWO) plus a cash consideration of NOK 3 per share in PROD, and subsequently sold the shares in BWO. These transactions will have a profit contribution of USD 23.7 million in the fourth quarter.

| KEY FIGURES                               | Q3 10   | Q2 10   | Q3 09   | YTD 10  | YTD 09  | 2009    |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|   |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Operating margin                          | 59.1 %  | 57.2 %  | 62.3 %  | 55.2 %  | 55.4 %  | 54.9 %  |
| Equity ratio                              | 28.8 %  | 25.1 %  | 17.3 %  | 28.8 %  | 17.3 %  | 19.5 %  |
| Return on equity                          | 86.7 %  | 92.0 %  | 121.4 % | 67.7 %  | 97.5 %  | 87.3 %  |
| Net interest bearing debt (USD million)   | 706.8   | 767.4   | 873.3   | 706.8   | 873.3   | 826.6   |
| Number of shares (1 000)                  | 229 937 | 229 937 | 229 937 | 229 937 | 229 937 | 229 937 |
| Average no. of outstanding shares (1 000) | 222 942 | 222 942 | 222 935 | 222 942 | 222 935 | 222 935 |
| USD/NOK exchange rate at end of period    | 5.84    | 6.50    | 5.78    | 5.84    | 5.78    | 5.78    |
| Share price (NOK)                         | 36.22   | 26.20   | 29.76   | 36.22   | 29.76   | 36.85   |
| Share price (USD)                         | 6.20    | 4.03    | 5.15    | 6.20    | 5.15    | 6.38    |
| Market capitalisation (NOK million)       | 8 328   | 6 024   | 6 843   | 8 328   | 6 843   | 8 473   |
| Market capitalisation (USD million)       | 1 427   | 927     | 1 184   | 1 427   | 1 184   | 1 466   |

## NOTES TO KEY FIGURES

Operating margin = (Operating profit / Operating revenues) \* 100 Equity ratio = (Equity / Total assets) \* 100

Return on equity = Annualised [Net profit / Average book equity]

Net interest-bearing debt = Interest-bearing debt - Cash and deposits

| SHAREHOLDERS AS AT 25.10.2010    | No. of shares |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
|                                  |               |
| Folketrygdfondet                 | 16 995 735    |
| Pareto                           | 14 232 530    |
| KAS Depositary Trust (nom.)      | 10 621 390    |
| State Street Bank & Trust (nom.) | 10 463 706    |
| Brown Brothers Harriman          | 8 149 653     |
| Prosafe SE                       | 6 994 355     |
| Clearstream Banking (nom.)       | 6 768 622     |
| JP Morgan Chase Bank (nom.)      | 6 356 000     |
| Goldman Sachs                    | 5 857 473     |
| Odin                             | 5 379 800     |
| Total 10 largest                 | 91 819 264    |

Total no. of shares: 229 936 790