

Presentation of 2nd quarter 2005 Oslo, 5 August 2005





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- Strong financial performance
- Drilling Services sold
 - Expected sales proceeds of NOK 960 million, with a gain of about USD 80 million
- New contracts enhancing contract utilisation of the rig fleet to 90 per cent in 2005
- Acquired VLCC M/T Apollo
 - I year bareboat contract with option to terminate on short notice

Strong financial performance and continuous high future rig utilisation



Q2 2005 in brief - operational

Floating Production:

- Strong underlying performance high uptime
- Upgrade projects on time and better than budget

Offshore Support Services:

 Strong underlying performance and high utilisation

Overall good operating performance and solid contract coverage







Profit and loss account

(Unaudited figures in USD million)	Q2 05	Q1 05	Q2 04	1H 05	1H 04	2004
Operating revenues	81.2	64.9	68.1	146.1	123.1	257.6
Operating expenses	(40.3)	(33.7)	(38.6)	(74.0)	(61.3)	(122.0)
Operating profit before depreciation	40.9	31.2	29.5	72.1	61.8	135.6
Depreciation	(11.7)	(12.3)	(12.9)	(24.0)	(25.7)	(51.1)
Operating profit	29.2	. 18.9	16.6	48.1	`36.1 ´	84.5
Interest income	0.8	0.7	0.3	1.5	0.5	1.4
Interest expenses	(4.8)	(3.8)	(4.3)	(8.6)	(8.8)	(18.1)
Other financial items	(2.6)	2.2	(0.1)	(0.4)	(1.4)	1.6
Net financial items	(6.6)	(0.9)	(4.1)	(7.5)	(9.7)	(15.1)
Profit before taxes	22.6	18.0	12.5	40.6	26.4	69.4
Taxes	(1.9)	(3.7)	(0.6)	(5.6)	(2.0)	(4.3)
Net profit from continuing operations	20.7	14.3 [´]	11.9	35.0	24.4	6 5.1 [′]
Net profit from discontinuing operations	0.6	0.4	0.9	1.0	2.4	5.1
Net profit	21.3	14.7	12.8	36.0	26.8	70.2
EPS (USD)	0.63	0.43	0.38	1.06	0.79	2.06
EPS fully diluted (USD)	0.63	0.43	0.38	1.06	0.79	2.06





(Unaudited figures in USD million)	Q2 05	Q1 05	Q2 04	1H 05	1H 04	2004
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Operating revenues	31.8	26.7	22.1	58.5	44.1	89.3
Operating expenses	(18.2)	(13.1)	(9.5)	(31.3)	(18.9)	(37.5)
EBITDA	13.6	13.6	12.6	27.2	25.2	51.8
Depreciation	(4.3)	(4.4)	(5.3)	(8.7)	(10.5)	(19.9)
EBIT	9.3	9.2	7.3	18.5	14.7	`31.9 ´
Total assets	364.7	381.9	375.1	364.7	375.1	372.7
Employees	482	469	477	482	477	459





(Unaudited figures in USD million)	Q2 05	Q1 05	Q2 04	1H 05	1H 04	2004
Operating revenues	49.6	38.5	46.4	88.1	79.5	168.8
Operating expenses	(21.3)	(20.1)	(28.6)	(41.4)	(41.3)	(81.7)
EBITDA	28.3	18.4	17.8	46.7	38.2	87.1
Depreciation	(7.2)	(7.8)	(7.4)	(15.0)	(14.8)	(30.6)
EBIT	21.1	10.6	10.4	31.7	23.4	56.5
Total assets	443.2	431.9	445.8	443.2	445.8	427.5
Employees	122	121	115	122	115	119





Balance sheet

(Unaudited figures in USD million)	30.06.05	31.03.05	01.01.05	30.06.04
	400.0	400.0	400.0	400.0
Goodwill	128.3	128.3	128.3	128.3
Rigs	369.7	373.0	375.0	384.7
Ships	179.3	183.3	187.6	196.8
Other fixed assets	9.4	10.2	11.0	10.3
Total fixed assets	686.7	694.8	701.9	720.1
Other current assets	56.4	44.9	38.3	41.6
Cash and deposits	139.4	146.1	121.6	106.9
Total current assets	195.8	191.0	159.9	148.5
Assets discontinuing operations	96.5	100.4	121.5	103.8
Total assets	979.0	986.2	983.3	972.4
Share capital	44.7	44.7	44.7	44.7
Other equity	412.4	419.7	405.8	388.3
Total equity	457.1	464.4	450.5	433.0
Interest-free long-term liabilities	4.1	4.8	5.3	5.1
Interest-bearing long-term liabilities	383.3	385.9	392.8	397.5
Total long-term liabilities	387.4	390.7	398.1	402.6
Dividends payable	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.6
Other interest-free current liabilities	55.8	54.6	40.8	40.9
Interest-bearing current liabilities	19.6	19.6	17.4	17.4
Total current liabilities	75.4	74.2	58.2	77.9
Liabilities discontinuing operations	59.1	56.9	76.5	58.9
Total equity and liabilities	979.0	986.2	983.3	972.4





Cash flow

(Unaudited figures in USD million)	Q2 05	Q1 05	Q2 04	1H 05	1H 04	2004
Net cash flow from operating activities	18.5	31.8	9.8	50.3	27.1	116.6
Net cash flow from investing activities	(3.6)	(5.2)	(8.5)	(8.8)	(0.9)	(8.1)
Net cash flow from financing activities	(26.4)	(0.3)	(10.8)	(26.7)	(29.4)	(84.7)
Net cash flow from continuing operations	(11.5)	26.3	(9.5)	14.8	(3.2)	23.8
Net cash flow from discontinuing operations	4.8	(1.8)	8.9	3.0	8.9	(3.4)
Cash and deposits at beginning of period	146.1	121.6	107.5	121.6	101.2	101.2
Cash and deposits at end of period	139.4	146.1	106.9	139.4	106.9	121.6





Key figures

	Q2 05	Q1 05	Q2 04	1H 05	1H 04	2004
Operating margin	36.0 %	29.1 %	24.4 %	32.9 %	29.3 %	32.8 %
Equity ratio	46.7 %	47.1 %	44.5 %	46.7 %	44.5 %	45.8 %
Return on equity	18.8 %	12.9 %	11.8 %	15.9 %	12.5 %	16.1 %
Return on capital employed	15.0 %	9.8 %	8.2 %	12.1 %	8.9 %	10.5 %
Net interest bearing debt (USD million)	263.5	259.4	308.0	263.5	308.0	288.6



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Shareholders at 26 July 2005

Shareholder		No. of shares	Ownership
GMO		3 076 493	9.0 %
Brown Brothers Harr	iman	2 805 520	8.2 %
State Street Bank &	Trust (nom.)	1 806 092	5.3 %
JP Morgan Chase B	ank	1 787 003	5.2 %
Svenska Handelsba	nken (nom.)	1 682 995	4.9 %
Folketrygdfondet		1 281 877	3.8 %
JP Morgan Chase B	ank (nom.)	1 114 234	3.3 %
Morgan Stanley & C	o (nom.)	973 846	2.9 %
Odin		939 168	2.8 %
Royal Trust Corporation of Canada (nom.)		902 066	2.6 %
Total 10 largest sha	areholders	16 369 294	48.04 %
No. of shares:	34 077 441	Foreign ownership:	69.2 %





Gain on sale of Drilling Services

Net proceeds from sale of shares	USD 111 million
- Book value	USD 29 million
<u>= Gain</u>	USD 82 million
+ Cash at closing and I/C loan	USD 33 million
= Net proceeds from sale	USD 144 million



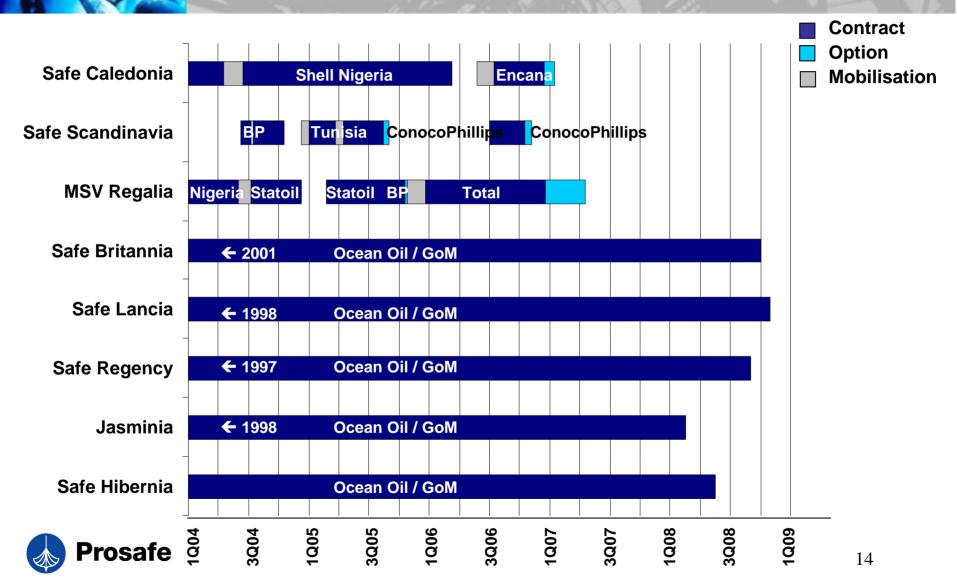
Rationale for sale of Drilling Services to KCA Deutag

- Enhanced managerial and financial focus on the Floating Production and Offshore Support Services divisions
 - Drilling Services contributed only to 14.5% of the EBITDA while utilising 60% of the human resources
- A fair price
 - Estimated sales proceeds of approx. NOK 960 million
- Need for consolidation within the platform drilling business due to increased competition and reduced margins





Offshore Support Services – contract status



Offshore Support Services

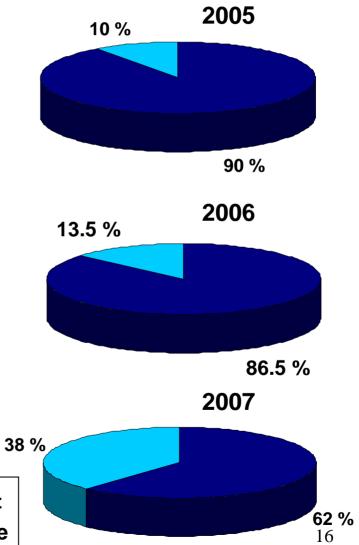
- Accommodation/service rigs are required in all phases of an oilfield's lifecycle:
 - Installation and commissioning of new installations
 - Upgrade of installations
 - Tie-in of satellite fields
 - Maintenance
 - Decommissioning
- New demand drivers arisen:
 - FPSO
 - New geographic regions



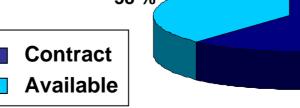


Offshore Support Services - rig utilisation











Offshore Support Services – strategy and outlook

Strategic focus:

- Maintain the world's largest and most versatile fleet of high-end accommodation and service rigs
 - Maximise fleet utilisation and free cash flow at all times

Short-term focus - swing factors:

 Ensure work for Safe Scandinavia in Q4 2005 and Q1 2006

Long-term prospects are attractive based on internationalisation, more demand drivers and Prosafe's strong position

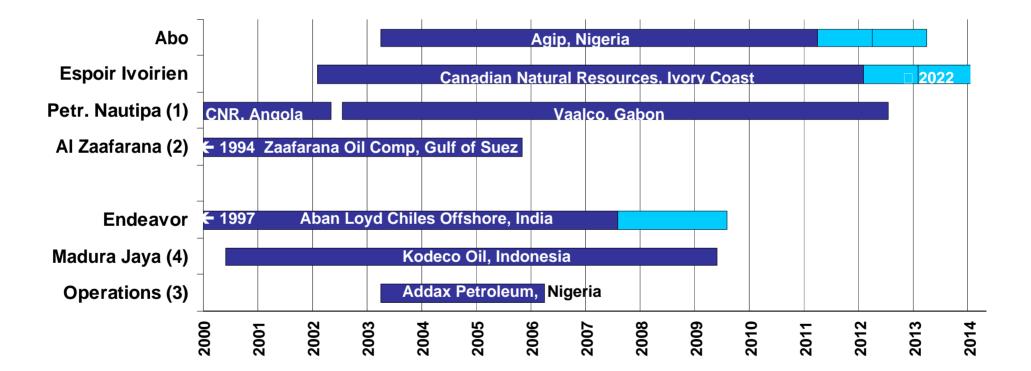




Floating Production - contract status



Options





(1) 50% ownership: 5- year term, cancellable from September 2011; (2) Management contract;
(3) Production and maintenance of the fixed installations at the OML123 field; (4) 50% ownership

Floating Production – status

- Good operational performance and high uptime
- Upgrade of Espoir Ivoirien ongoing – on time and better than budget
- All time high bidding activity
- Low cost base secures good profitability between conversion projects



Solid performance



Floating Production – strategy and outlook

- Position the company as one of the leading suppliers and operators of high quality FPSOs in the world
- Strengthen competitive edge based on low cost base and application engineering
- Focus on West Africa, Southeast Asia and Brazil
- Ownership of 1 VLCC and option on 1 Suezmax

Committed to winning a new project in 2005







Outlook – summary

- Oil price and increased spending and rates will provide increased demand and high activity going forward
- Financial performance is set to be strong based on current order backlog
 - Short-term swing factors are mainly Safe Scandinavia and timing of new FPSO contract
- Strong cash-flow generation
- Solid market positions
- Clear strategy



A focused oil service company, well positioned in a growing market

