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Q2 2008 results



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Agenda

- Highlights Q2 2008
- Financial results
- Status and outlook
- Summary





The quarter in brief

- Best-ever financial quarterly result
- Split process completed
- Positive market outlook
- Day rates continue to increase
- Strong operational performance
- High utilisation rate (99%)



Safe Esbjerg

Set for continued strong development



Income statement

| (Unaudited figures in USD million) | Q2 08 | Q1 08 | Q2 07 | H1 08 | H1 07 | 2007 |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | | | | | | |
| Operating revenues | 125.9 | 105.0 | 95.9 | 230.9 | 162.4 | 376.7 |
| Operating expenses | (50.6) | (51.0) | (45.9) | (101.6) | (77.3) | (167.3) |
| EBITDA | 75.3 | 54.0 | 50.0 | 129.3 | 85.1 | 209.4 |
| Depreciation | (11.9) | (12.0) | (11.5) | (23.9) | (22.9) | (46.4) |
| EBIT | 63.4 | 42.0 | 38.5 | 105.4 | 62.2 | 163.0 |
| Interest income | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 2.4 | 2.8 | 5.6 |
| Interest expenses | (13.4) | (18.3) | (13.7) | (31.7) | (26.0) | (58.8) |
| Other financial items | (2.6) | 2.4 | 7.6 | (0.2) | 5.4 | (13.9) |
| Net financial items | (14.7) | (14.8) | (4.8) | (29.5) | (17.8) | (67.1) |
| Profit before taxes | 48.7 | 27.2 | 33.7 | 75.9 | 44.4 | 95.9 |
| Taxes | (0.2) | (3.1) | 3.4 | (3.3) | (0.1) | (5.1) |
| Net profit continuing operations | 48.5 | 24.1 | 37.1 | 72.6 | 44.3 | 90.8 |
| Net profit discontinued operations | 9.9 | 28.1 | 9.1 | 38.0 | 18.0 | 52.9 |
| Net profit | 58.4 | 52.2 | 46.2 | 110.6 | 62.3 | 143.7 |
| | | | | | | |
| Earnings per share | 0.25 | 0.23 | 0.20 | 0.48 | 0.27 | 0.63 |
| EPS continuing operations | 0.21 | 0.10 | 0.16 | 0.32 | 0.19 | 0.40 |



Offshore Support Services

| (Unaudited figures in USD million) | Q2 08 | Q108 | Q207 | H1 08 | H1 07 | 2007 |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| | | | | | | |
| Operating revenues | 126.5 | 97.9 | 95.8 | 224.4 | 162.2 | 376.1 |
| Operating expenses | (49.4) | (48.6) | (43.0) | (98.0) | (71.7) | (154.3) |
| EBITDA | 77.1 | 49.3 | 52.8 | 126.4 | 90.5 | 221.8 |
| Depreciation | (11.9) | (11.9) | (11.4) | (23.8) | (22.7) | (46.0) |
| EBIT | 65.2 | 37.4 | 41.4 | 102.6 | 67.8 | 175.8 |

Corporate and eliminations

| (Unaudited figures in USD million) | Q2 08 | Q108 | Q207 | H1 08 | H1 07 | 2007 |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| | | | | | | |
| Operating revenues | (0.6) | 7.1 | 0.1 | 6.5 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| Operating expenses | (1.2) | (2.4) | (2.9) | (3.6) | (5.6) | (13.0) |
| EBITDA | (1.8) | 4.7 | (2.8) | 2.9 | (5.4) | (12.4) |
| Depreciation | 0.0 | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.2) | (0.4) |
| EBIT | (1.8) | 4.6 | (2.9) | 2.8 | (5.6) | (12.8) |

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Balance sheet

| (Unaudited figures in USD million) | 30.06.08 | 31.03.08 | 31.12.07 | 30.06.07 |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | | |
| Goodwill | 226.7 | 226.7 | 355.0 | 355.0 |
| Rigs | 760.7 | 753.6 | 749.6 | 760.3 |
| Ships | 0.0 | 0.0 | 926.5 | 701.2 |
| Other non-current assets | 3.2 | 1.5 | 304.6 | 281.3 |
| Total non-current assets | 990.6 | 981.8 | 2 335.7 | 2 097.8 |
| Cash and deposits | 118.6 | 74.9 | 162.0 | 117.6 |
| Other current assets | 253.5 | 106.6 | 126.3 | 121.0 |
| Total current assets | 372.1 | 181.5 | 288.3 | 238.6 |
| Assets discontinued operations | 0.0 | 1 689.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total assets | 1 362.7 | 2 852.3 | 2 624.0 | 2 336.4 |
| | | | | |
| Share capital | 63.9 | 63.9 | 63.9 | 63.9 |
| Other equity | 136.4 | 1 005.7 | 974.7 | 1 045.9 |
| Total equity | 200.3 | 1 069.6 | 1 038.6 | 1 109.8 |
| Interest-free long-term liabilities | 110.2 | 138.0 | 97.0 | 91.6 |
| Interest-bearing long-term debt | 820.9 | 1 153.7 | 1 184.1 | 862.8 |
| Total long-term liabilities | 931.1 | 1 291.7 | 1 281.1 | 954.4 |
| Other interest-free current liabilities | 91.3 | 106.2 | 137.3 | 166.4 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 140.0 | 182.9 | 167.0 | 105.8 |
| Total current liabilities | 231.3 | 289.1 | 304.3 | 272.2 |
| Liabilities discontinued operations | 0.0 | 201.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total equity and liabilities | 1 362.7 | 2 852.3 | 2 624.0 | 2 336.4 |



Key figures

| | Q208 | Q1 08 | Q2 07 | H1 08 | H1 07 | 2007 |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| | | | | | | _ |
| Operating margin | 50.4 % | 40.0 % | 41.2 % | 45.6 % | 39.6 % | 43.3 % |
| Equity ratio | 14.7 % | 37.5 % | 47.5 % | 14.7 % | 47.5 % | 39.6 % |
| Return on equity | 36.8 % | 19.2 % | 16.7 % | 35.7 % | 11.3 % | 13.5 % |
| Net interest bearing debt | 842.3 | 1 327.3 | 851.0 | 842.3 | 851.0 | 1 189.1 |



Shareholders

| AS AT 20.08.2008 | No. of shares Ownership | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--|--|
| | | | | |
| Folketrygdfondet | 16 961 735 | 7.4 % | | |
| UBS (nom.) | 14 130 209 | 6.1 % | | |
| Brown Brothers Harriman | 9 549 314 | 4.2 % | | |
| GMO | 8 590 985 | 3.7 % | | |
| State Street Bank & Trust (nom.) | 6 171 464 | 2.7 % | | |
| Pareto | 6 137 800 | 2.7 % | | |
| Storebrand | 4 878 985 | 2.1 % | | |
| Fidelity Funds | 4 800 000 | 2.1 % | | |
| Vital | 4 481 375 | 1.9 % | | |
| RBC Dexia (nom.) | 3 923 751 | 1.7 % | | |
| Total 10 largest | 79 625 618 | 34.6 % | | |



Operating revenues Offshore Support Services

| (USD million) | YTD | Q208 | Q1 08 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Charter in come | 170 1 | 00.6 | 72.0 |
| Charter income Mob/demob income | 172.4 13.4 | 98.6 0.7 | 73.8 12.7 |
| Other income | 38.6 | 27.2 | 11.4 |
| Total | 224.4 | 1 26.5 | 97.9 |



Demand is increasing

- High exploration drilling activity
- High oil company E&P spending
- Growth in the number of new installations, especially in deep water
- Increasing repair and maintenance work
- Future growth in decommissioning activities

Positioned to benefit from positive market outlook





Repair and maintenance market

UK and Norwegian North Sea

 Visible strong demand for accommodation rigs into 2011 in connection with maintenance and modification activities



Gulf of Mexico

 Steady demand for accommodation rigs in relation to construction and maintenance



Emerging markets

West Africa

 Visible demand for flotels in connection with the support of installation and construction of new production facilities into 2012

Brazil

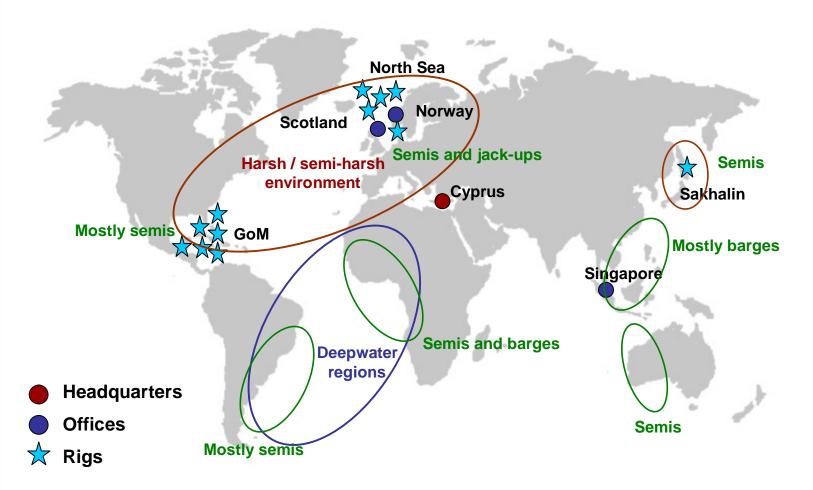
 Emerging market, possibilities for DP units for work in 2009



MSV Regalia alongside Bonga FPSO



Dominant position in harsh environments

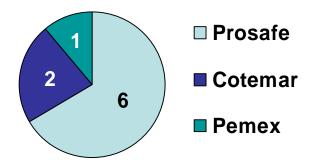




Competitor situation

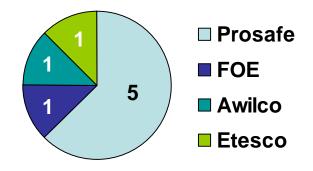
Dynamically positioned semi rigs

- Advanced units with high operational versatility:
 - All water depths
 - Any seabed infrastructure
 - Against fixed installations and most floaters like FPSOs, Semis and Spars



Anchored semi rigs

- Primary strengths:
 - Shallow to medium waterdepths
 - Fixed installations
 - Some floaters, e.g. TLPs



High quality fleet with versatile applications



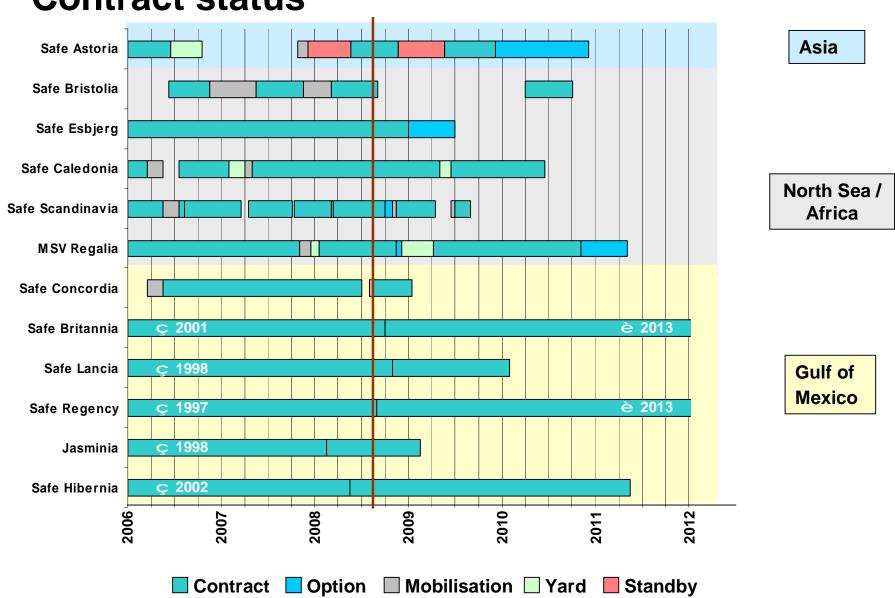
Newcomers

- Expected new entrants in the form of both mono-hulls and semi-submersibles
- Deliveries 2009 2011
- Uncertain funding situation and construction cost





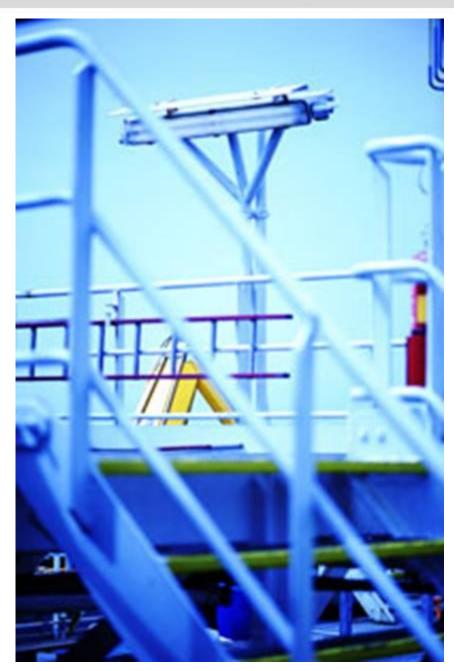
Contract status





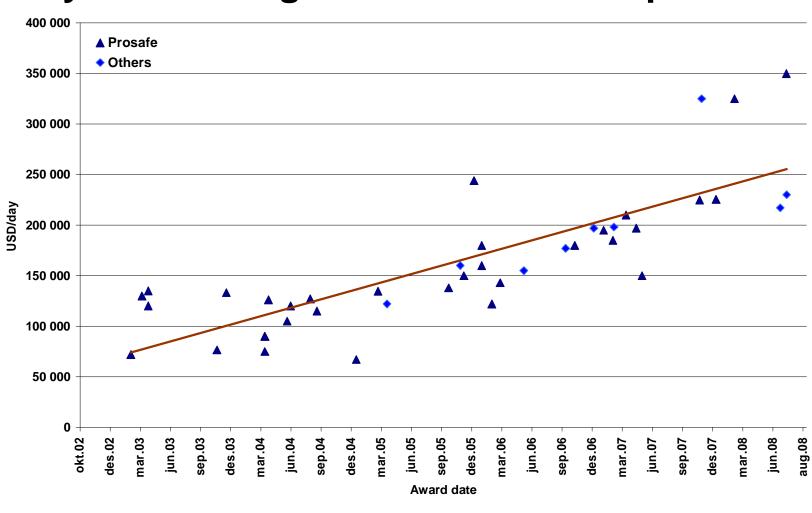
Status operations

- Q2 was characterised by a high utilisation rate (99%) and solid operations
- Operational downtime on MSV Regalia in July
- 65-day contract for Safe Scandinavia in the UK sector of the North Sea at day rate of USD 350 000
- 6-month option for Safe
 Esbjerg exercised





Day rates for rigs with North Sea capabilities



Steadily increasing day rates



Upgrade and life extension of MSV Regalia

- Contract with yard in place
- Rig will enter the yard after the completion of current contract for Aker Kværner at MCP-01
- Upgrade ensures 20 year further life in Norway
- Project to be completed in May 2009



MSV Regalia



Main objectives for Q3/Q4

- Secure contracts for:
 - Safe Bristolia
 - Safe Concordia
 - Jasminia
- Investigate new growth opportunities





Strategy going forward

- Seize interesting growth opportunities
- Share buy-back if and when appropriate
- Continue dividend payment

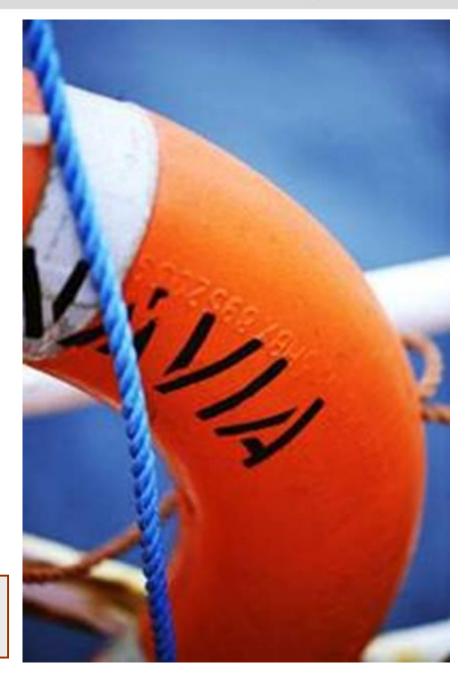
Improved performance and continued growth



Summary

- Positive market outlook
- Leading market position
- Unique, versatile rig fleet
- Solid track record
- Strong financial platform
- Solid earnings visibility

Set for continued strong development





Attachments









Name

Geographical area Mooring system Station keeping No of beds Deck area

Payload

MSV Regalia

Harsh environment, NCS

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NMD3 160/380 3,250 m²

1,000 - 2,000 t

Safe Scandinavia

Harsh environment, NCS 12 point chain winches

Moored

583

 $400 \, m^2$

1,000 t

Safe Caledonia

Harsh environment 10 point wire winches DP2 / TAMS

516

900 m²

700 t

Current contract

Client Field

Water depth

Type of installation

Aker Kværner

MCP-01, North Sea

94m

Concrete platform

StatoilHydro

Sleipner B, North Sea

110m

Unmanned wellhead platform

Total

Dunbar Elgin/Franklin, NS

93m

Jack-up









Name

Geographical area Modera
Mooring system 8 point
Station keeping Moored
No of beds 245
Deck area 620 m²
Payload 1,800 t

Safe Astoria

Moderately harsh env. 8 point wire winches Moored 245

Safe Bristolia

Moderately harsh env. 8 point wire winches Moored 612 400 m² 1,800 t

Safe Esbjerg

Harsh environment
4 point wire winches
Jack-up
139
750 m²
variable, max 725 t

Current contract

Client Samsung
Field Sakhalin, Russia
Water depth 40-50m
Type of installation Jacket structure platform

ConocoPhillips
Britannia, North Sea
40-50m
Jacket structure platform

Maersk Gorm, Denmark 40-50m Jacket structure platform









Name

Geographical area

Mooring system

Station keeping

No of beds

Deck area

Payload

Safe Britannia

Harsh env.

9 point wire winches

DP2 / TAMS

812

1,300 m²

1,245 t (620 DP mode)

Safe Lancia

Moderately harsh env.

8 point chain winches

DP2

600

1,100 m²

626 t

Safe Hibernia

Harsh environment 12 point wire winches

Moored

500

750 m²

1,000 t

Current contract

Client

Field

Water depth

Type of installation

Ocean Oil

Cantarell, GoM

40-50m

Jacket structure platform

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Ocean Oil

Cantarell, GoM

40-50m

Jacket structure platform









Name

Geographical area Mooring system Station keeping No of beds

Deck area Payload

Safe Regency

Harsh environment 8 point wire winches

DP1 771

800 m² 550 t

Safe Concordia

Benign environment 4 point wire winches

DP2 390

1,300 m² 1,400 t

Jasminia

Benign environment 8 point wire winches

Moored

535

690 m²

640 t

Current contract

Client
Field
Water depth
Type of installation

Ocean Oil
Cantarell, GoM
40-50m
Jacket structure platform

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Financial calendar and IR contacts

Financial calendar

6 Nov 2008

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12 Feb 2009

Publication, presentation and web cast of Q4 2008 result

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