

Consolidated financial statements

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Key Figures

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

	2018	2017
LSG stock price last annual trading day	65,94	43,98
Dividend paid per share (distribution year)	1.50	1.30
Dividend per share for payment following year	2.00	1.50
Cash flow from operating activities per share	4.67	6.19
Operating revenue	19,837,637	18,623,515
Net interest-bearing debt	2,546,412	2,262,167
Equity ratio	60.4 %	56.4 %
Harvest volume (GWT)	162,039	157,767
Key figures before fair value adjustments related to biological assets		
EBITDA before fair value adjustments	4,228,205	4,300,013
Operating profit (EBIT) before fair value adjustments	3,568,536	3,716,749
Pre-tax profit before fair value adjustments	3,696,982	3,805,426
Operating margin before fair value adjustments	18.0 %	20.0 %
Profit margin before fair value adjustments (pre-tax)	18.6 %	20.4 %
ROCE before fair value adjustments (annualised)	22.3 %	25.8 %
Earnings per share before fair value adjustments	4.90	4.90
EBIT/kg before fair value adjustments	22.0	23.6
EBIT/kg exclusive Wildcatch, before fair value adjustments	19.6	21.1
Fair value adjustments related to biological assets		
Fair value adjustments related to consolidated companies' inventory (before tax)	754,938	-1,716,309
Fair value adjustments related to associates' inventory (after tax)	-2,959	4,351
Key figures after fair value adjustments related to biological assets		
EBITDA	4,983,143	2,583,705
Operating profit (EBIT)	4,323,474	2,000,440
Pre-tax profit	4,448,961	2,093,467
Operating margin	21.8 %	10.7 %
Profit margin (pre-tax)	22.4 %	11.2 %
ROCE	25.3 %	13.7 %
Earnings per share	5.77	2.94

Income statement

All figures in NOK 1,000 (period 1.1 - 31.12)

Lerøy Seafood Group Consolidated	Notes	2018	2017
Operating revenue and expenses			
Operating revenue	4/24	19,837,637	18,623,515
Other gains and losses	4	42,341	-3,927
Cost of materials	22/24	11,008,753	9,916,876
Change in inventories	22	-630,477	-262,665
Salaries and other personnel costs	15/21	2,668,829	2,438,259
Other operating expenses	21	2,604,668	2,227,105
EBITDA before fair value adjustments related to biological assets		4,228,205	4,300,013
Depreciation	6/7	659,669	583,265
Operating profit before fair value adjustments related to biological assets		3,568,536	3,716,749
Fair value adjustments related to biological assets	9	754,938	-1,716,309
Operating profit (EBIT)		4,323,474	2,000,440
Associates and net financial items			
Income from associates	4/8	286,573	302,651
Net financial items	12/22/23	-161,087	-209,623
Profit before tax		4,448,961	2,093,468
Taxation	16	-851,002	-343,984
Annual profit		3,597,959	1,749,484
Of which controlling interests		3,437,042	1,749,494
Of which non-controlling interests		160,917	-11
Earnings per share	18	5.77	2.94
Diluted earnings per share	18	5.77	2.94

Notes 1-26 are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements

Statement of comprehensive income

All figures in NOK 1,000 (period 1.1 - 31.12)

Lerøy Seafood Group Consolidated	Notes	2018	2017
Profit for the year		3,597,959	1,749,484
Estimate differences pension plans (including associates)	8/15	-884	1,176
Conversion differences that are reclassified to profit and loss in the period	23	0	-487
Items that will not be reclassified to the income statement		-884	689
Translation differences related to subsidiaries	23	-11,993	42,239
Translation differences from associates	8/23	-1,640	32,334
Change in value of financial instruments (cash flow hedges)	12	21,553	20,338
Change in value from associates	8	-5,570	-2,772
Items that may subsequently be reclassified to the income statement		2,350	92,139
Other comprehensive income for the year		1,466	92,828
Comprehensive income for the year		3,599,425	1,842,312
Of which controlling interests		3,438,508	1,842,322
Of which non-controlling interests		160,917	-11

The items included in comprehensive income are after tax

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Statement of financial position

All figures in NOK 1,000 (period 1.1 - 31.12)

Lerøy Seafood Group Consolidated	Notes	2018	2017
Non-current assets			
Deferred tax asset	16	14,311	28,852
Licences, rights and goodwill	6/13	8,166,075	8,019,627
Buildings, real estate, operating accessories	7/13/14	6,606,948	5,148,271
Shares in associates	4/8/13	1,015,556	960,587
Other investments	8/12	7,247	5,534
Long-term receivables	11	67,777	122,836
Total non-current assets		15,877,914	14,285,707
Current assets			
Biological assets	9/13	5,564,447	4,458,095
Other inventories	10/13/22	1,315,292	991,186
Trade receivables	11/12/13	2,152,414	1,972,438
Other receivables	11/12/13	426,511	436,590
Cash and cash equivalents	12/13	3,036,154	3,514,096
Total current assets		12,494,819	11,372,405
Total assets		28,372,733	25,658,112

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All figures in NOK 1,000 (period 1.1 - 31.12)

Lerøy Seafood Group Consolidated	Notes	2018	2017
Equity			
Share capital	20	59,577	59,577
Treasury shares	20	-30	-30
Share premium reserve		4,778,346	4,778,346
Total paid-in capital		4,837,893	4,837,893
Retained earnings		11,314,996	8,769,401
Non-controlling interests		981,401	874,828
Total equity		17,134,291	14,482,122
Long-term liabilities			
Long-term interest-bearing debt	12/13/14	4,550,698	4,946,254
Deferred tax	16	2,443,957	2,313,950
Pension liabilities	15	3,566	3,113
Other long-term liabilities	12	62,843	96,202
Total long-term liabilities		7,061,064	7,359,519
Short-term liabilities			
Trade payables	12	1,486,119	1,310,098
Short-term loans	12/13	1,031,868	830,009
Public duties payable		226,513	233,982
Tax payable	16	678,075	819,884
Other short-term liabilities	12/13/17	754,803	622,498
Total short-term liabilities		4,177,378	3,816,471
Total liabilities		11,238,442	11,175,990
Sum equity and liabilities		28,372,733	25,658,112

Notes 1-26 are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements

Bergen, 12. April 2019

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Statement of changes in equity

All figures in NOK 1,000 (period 1.1 - 31.12)

Lerøy Seafood Group Consolidated	Share capital	Treasury shares	Share premium reserve	Currency translation differences	Cash flow hedges	Other retained earnings	Non-controlling interests *	Total equity
Equity 01.01.2017	59,577	-30	4,778,346	23,318	-65,574	7,744,311	935,478	13,475,426
Annual profit 2017					-1,636	1,751,130	-11	1,749,483
Comprehensive income for the year				74,086	1,488	17,255	0	92,829
Total profit/loss 2017	0	0	0	74,086	-148	1,768,385	-11	1,842,312
Transactions with shareholders								
Dividend payments						-774,506	-60,032	-834,538
Dividend paid on treasury shares						387		387
Redemption of non-controlling interests						-858	-606	-1,464
Total transactions with shareholders	0	0	0	0	0	-774,976	-60,638	-835,615
Equity 31.12.17	59,577	-30	4,778,346	97,404	-65,722	8,737,719	874,828	14,482,122
Annual profit 2018					-574	3,437,616	160,917	3,597,959
Comprehensive income for the year				-13,633	21,554	-6,455	0	1,466
Total profit/loss 2018	0	0	0	-13,633	20,980	3,431,161	160,917	3,599,425
Transactions with shareholders								
Dividend payments						-893,661	-56,302	-949,963
Dividend paid on treasury shares						447		447
New equity from capital increase							2,207	2,207
Redemption of non-controlling interests						301	-249	53
Total transactions with shareholders	0	0	0	0	0	-892,913	-54,344	-947,257
Equity 31.12.18	59,577	-30	4,778,346	83,771	-44,742	11,275,967	981,401	17,134,291

* Non-controlling interests. Other components of equity are allocated to Lerøy Seafood Group's shareholders.

Treasury shares

Seafood Group ASA owns 297,760 treasury shares of a total number of 595,773,680 shares. The ratio of treasury shares is 0.05%. The purchase price paid for treasury shares is split into two different categories, where the nominal value of treasury shares is included in paid-in capital (NOK -30 thousand),

and the purchase price exceeding nominal value of treasury shares (NOK -2,389 thousand) is included in retained earnings. The average purchase price for treasury shares is NOK 8.12 per share.

Statement of cash flows

All figures in NOK 1,000 (period 1.1 - 31.12)

Lerøy Seafood Group Consolidated	Notes	2018	2017
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before tax		4,448,961	2,093,467
Taxes paid during the period		-851,020	-493,896
Other gains and losses		-42,341	-4,100
Depreciation	6/7	659,670	583,265
Profit impact associates	8	-286,573	-302,651
Change in fair value adjustments related to biological assets	9	-754,937	1,716,309
Change in inventories/biological assets	9/10	-606,948	-262,661
Change in trade receivables	11	-142,135	237,117
Change in trade payables		142,958	-56,569
Change in net pension liabilities	15	-452	2,105
Net financial items classified as financing activities	22	161,087	209,623
Change in other accruals		54,298	-33,741
Net cash flow from operating activities		2,782,566	3,688,269
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	7	136,126	98,971
Payments for acquisitions of fixed assets	7	-1,793,193	-1,562,888
Payments for acquisitions of intangible assets	6	-91,632	-20,323
Proceeds from sale of shares in associates and other businesses	8	0	18,143
Payments for acquisitions of shares in associates and other businesses	8	-8,814	-77,172
Dividend payments received from associates	4/24	245,200	164,015
Payments for acquisition of Group companies and redemption of minorities	4	52	0
Cash and cash equivalents from business combinations	5	-135,708	-5,009
Proceeds/payments on other loans (short and long-term)	3/5	19,875	1,194
Net cash flow from investing activities		-13,481	-46,158
Netto kontantstrøm fra investeringsaktiviteter		-1,641,575	-1,429,227
Cash flows from financing activities			
Movement in short-term interest-bearing debt	13	238,925	-393,173
Proceeds from establishing new long-term debt	13	764,227	1,031,927
Downpayments of long-term debt	13	-1,515,036	-594,885
Interest payments received		26,229	21,391
Interest paid and other financial expenses		-185,969	-209,755
Equity contributions		2,207	0
Dividends paid	19	-949,516	-834,151
Net cash flow from financing activities		-1,618,933	-978,646
Net cash flow in the accounting period		-477,942	1,280,396
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period		3,514,096	2,233,700
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		3,036,154	3,514,096
This consists of:			
Bank deposits, etc.		3,036,154	3,514,096
Of which restricted funds		116,543	84,302
Unutilised overdraft/drawdown facilities		3,391,390	2,554,070

Note 1

Accounting policies

This section presents consolidated accounting policies and notes for Lerøy Seafood Group ASA. Accounting policies and notes for Lerøy Seafood Group ASA (parent company) are presented separately after the notes to the consolidated financial statements. This separation is necessary in that the Group submits financial statements in accordance with IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards), while the parent company's financial statements are drawn up in accordance with NGAAP (Norwegian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles).

Lerøy Seafood Group ASA is registered in Norway and is listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange. The company's consolidated financial statements for the financial year 2018 include the company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as "the Group") and the Group's share in associates. Lerøy Seafood Group ASA is a subsidiary of Austevoll Seafood ASA (52.69%), which in turn is owned (55.55%) by Laco AS.

The financial statements were submitted by the Board of Directors on 12 April 2019.

(A) Declaration confirming that the financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with ifrs

The consolidated financial statements are submitted in accordance with international standards for financial reporting (IFRS) and interpretations established by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and adopted by the EU. The financial statements are based on all compulsory accounting standards (IFRS).

(B) Basis for preparing the financial statements

The financial statements are presented in NOK and figures are rounded off to the nearest thousand. They are prepared on the basis of the historical cost principle, with the exception of the following assets and liabilities which are carried in the balance sheet at fair value: Biological assets, onerous contracts, Fish Pool contracts, other shares, forward contracts and interest rate swaps.

Preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS demands that the administration makes assessments, estimates and assumptions that influence the application of accounting policies and the book values of assets and liabilities, revenue and costs. Estimates and their associated assumptions

are based on historical experience and other factors seen as reasonable under the circumstances. These calculations form the basis for assessment of carrying amounts for assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The actual result may deviate from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are under constant review. Changes in the accounting-related estimates are recognised in the periods in which they occur, provided they apply only to that period. If changes also apply to future periods, the effect is distributed over current and future periods.

Assessments that are made by the administration when applying the IFRS standards and that have a significant effect on the financial statements, and estimates with a considerable risk of significant adjustments in the next financial year, are described in note about significant accounting estimates and assessments.

The accounting policies discussed below have been consistently applied for all periods presented in the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements are drawn up in accordance with IFRS, while the financial statements for the Norwegian subsidiaries are prepared according to Norwegian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (NGAAP). Accounts for the foreign subsidiaries are prepared according to accepted accounting policies in the respective countries. Accounting policies for subsidiaries are changed whenever necessary to ensure consistency with policies applied in the Group (IFRS).

The consolidated financial statements are submitted on assumption of going concern.

(C) principles of consolidation

Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all units where the Group has control of the unit's financial and operational strategy, normally through ownership of more than half of all equity with voting rights. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the moment control is transferred to the Group and are excluded from consolidation when such control ceases. Transactions, intercompany accounts and unrealised gains or losses between the Group companies are eliminated. The acquisition method is applied to acquisition of businesses.

The consideration paid is measured at fair value of transferred assets, liabilities assumed, and equity instruments issued. The consideration also includes the fair value of all assets or liabilities pursuant to the agreement regarding contingent consideration. Identifiable assets, debt and contingent liabilities are recognised at fair value on the date of acquisition. The part of the cost price that cannot be ascribed to specific assets represents goodwill. Acquisitions effectuated before 1 January 2004 have not been corrected as a consequence of the transition to IFRS (use option exercised). In the case of a business combination achieved in stages, the Group's shareholding from former acquisitions will be remeasured at fair value on the control date. Any change in value is recognised on the accounting line for other gains and losses.

IFRS 10 and IFRS 3 are mainly based on an entity definition when measuring assets and liabilities in connection with acquisitions which provide control. The one exception is goodwill where there is a use option per acquisition such that companies can choose to recognise only the controlling interest's share or 100%.

For each business combination after 2009, the group has measured components of non-controlling interests in the acquiree at fair value at the acquisition date. This implies that goodwill are recognised also on non-controlling interests proportionate share of the entity's net assets.

The companies that are part of the Group are specified in the note on consolidated companies.

Non-controlling interests

Non-controlling interests' share of the profit or loss for the year after taxes is shown as a separate item after the annual profit/loss for the Group. The non-controlling interests' share of equity is shown as a separate item under consolidated equity. Transactions with non-controlling interests in subsidiaries are booked as equity transactions. In the event of the purchase of shares from non-controlling interests, the difference between the consideration and the shares' proportional share of the carrying amount for the net assets in the subsidiary against the parent company owners' equity is booked. Gain or loss on the sale to non-controlling interests is correspondingly charged to equity.

Associates and joint ventures

Associates are units where the Group has significant influence but not control, normally between 20% and 50% of voting equity. Joint ventures are investments in companies where the Group has control together with other parties. Cooperation is based on a contractual agreement governing central cooperative factors. Investments in associates and joint ventures are recognised according to the equity method. The investment is capitalised at acquisition cost at the time of purchase. The Group's share of the profit/loss after tax, as well as depreciation/amortisation and write-downs of any added value, are recognised on the income statement and added to the carrying amount of the investment together with the respective share of changes in equity not booked in the income statement, such as dividend. In the income statement, the Group's respective share of profit is shown under Financial items, while the assets are shown in the balance Sheet under Financial assets. The Group's share of unrealised intercompany profit on transactions between the Group and the respective company is eliminated. Accounting policies for associates and joint ventures are changed whenever necessary to ensure consistency with the accounting policies applied for the Group (IFRS).

(D) Operating revenue

Operating revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at a point in time when control is passed to the customer. Control is generally passed when delivered to the customer according to the agreed upon Incoterms (contractual terms).

Expected volume discounts are deducted from operating revenue and presented as current provisions. Taxes and duties are also deducted from operating revenue.

The Group records provisions (sales reduction) for quality deviations and returns based on historical numbers and specific information regarding the respective deliveries. The Group delivers, to a large degree, fresh food and returns will therefore usually be registered shortly after the customer has received the goods.

(E) Reporting by segment

Operating segments are reported at a more aggregated level than for internal reporting to the corporate management due to similar economic characteristics such as organisational

Note 1

Accounting policies cont.

structure and commercial risk. The Group's operating segments comprise the following: (1) Wildcatch, (2) Farming and (3) Value-added Processing (VAP), sales and distribution.

Please refer to the note on the consolidated companies and division into operating segments for a complete description of the companies in the different segments, both directly and via indirect ownership.

Wildcatch is reported as one operating segment. The unit comprises the two sub-groups Havfisk AS and Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS. The Havfisk Group, owner of the licences, is subject to a so-called "industrial obligation" in Stamsund, Melbu, Hammerfest, Båtsfjord, Honningsvåg and Kjøllefjord. This implies that the licence is linked to operation of the facilities in the respective locations. Havfisk has leased out the facilities in these locations to Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS. The lessor is responsible for sustaining operations. However, if the lessor terminates operations, the licence terms oblige Havfisk to sustain operations in the specified locations.

Farming is reported as a main segment but with three separate operating segments. These are (1) the North Norway region, comprising the Lerøy Aurora AS group, (2) the Central Norway region, comprising the Lerøy Midt AS, and (3) the West Norway region (also known as Lerøy Sjøtroll), comprising Lerøy Vest AS, Sjøtroll Havbruk AS, Lerøy Kjærelva AS, Norsk Oppdrettservice AS and Lerøy Ocean Harvest AS. These units all operate in the same branch, have the same customers, similar commercial risk and similar processes. Their only distinguishing factor is geography. It has therefore been deemed appropriate to merge these into one operating segment..

Value-added Processing (VAP), sales and distribution distribution is the third operating segment. This segment comprises several individual entities. These are merged into one operating segment due to similarities such as same branch, commercial risk and uniform processes. The norwegian units are: Lerøy Seafood AS, Lerøy Fossen AS, Bulandet Fiskeindustri AS, Lerøy Sjømatgruppen AS, Lerøy Alfheim AS, Lerøy Trondheim AS, Lerøy Delico AS group, Lerøy Nord AS, Laks- & Vildcentralen AS, Sjømathuset AS, Lerøy Quality Group AS og Lerøy & Strudshavn AS. The foreign units are: Rode Beheer BV group, Lerøy Sverige AB group, SAS Lerøy Seafood France group, Lerøy Seafood USA Inc, Lerøy Processing Spain S.L, Lerøy Portugal Lda, Lerøy Finland OY, Lerøy Turkey

and Lerøy Germany GmbH.

Lerøy Seafood Group ASA and Preline Fishfarming System AS are not assigned to any of the segments.

(F) Currency

The consolidated financial statements are presented in NOK, the functional currency for the parent company and the Norwegian subsidiaries. Cash items in foreign currency are valued at the respective rates of exchange at the end of the financial year. Gains and losses on foreign currency related to the purchase and sale of goods are presented as part of the accounting line for "Purchases". See also item (V) on derivatives, including currency forward contracts utilised to control currency risk.

(G) Intangible assets

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the residual value that cannot be assigned to other assets or liabilities on acquisition of a company or other assets. Goodwill in respect of the acquisition of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets, while goodwill in connection with the acquisition of associates is included in the item "Shares in associates". Goodwill is not amortised (after 1 January 2004), but is reviewed annually for any impairment and carried on the balance sheet at cost price less accumulated write-downs. Deferred tax in connection with licenses is charged against goodwill.

When assessing the need to write down the value of goodwill, this is allocated to applicable cash-generating units. The allocation goes to the cash-generating units or groups that are expected to benefit from the acquisition.

Licenses/rights

The Group's licenses can be split into two main groups: (1) Licenses related to farming and (2) licenses related to wild catches (fishing rights). In addition, the Group has some intellectual property rights.

Licenses related to farming are not amortised. Licenses are carried at cost price less any accumulated write-downs. Licenses are tested annually for impairment. An overview of the different licenses involved in this operating segment, in terms of type, number and volume, is provided in the note on intangible

assets. A more detailed explanation supporting the assessment that the assets have an indefinite useful life is provided in item (X) at the end of the description of accounting policies.

Fishing rights (the licenses) are valued at acquisition cost minus any accumulated amortisation and impairment loss. The licenses comprise basic quotas with no time limit and structural quotas with a time limit of 20 and 25 years respectively. The structural quotas have a definite useful life and are amortised over the length of the structural period. The basic quotas have an indefinite useful life and are not amortised, but they are tested annually for impairment. The structural quotas, which are amortised, meet the definition of intangible assets in accordance with IAS 38, as a structural quota is a legal right, is identifiable and generates economic yield that the company can control. As these are time-limited rights, the structural quotas shall be amortised over the remaining life of the quota until the value is zero, as there is no active market for the rights or any commitment from a third party to acquire the right once its useful life is over. Pursuant to White Paper no. 21 (2006-2007) (Structural policy for the fishing fleet), the structural quotas with pre-specified time limits after expiry of the allocation period will be redistributed among the "cod trawler" group of vessels, thereby becoming part of the vessels' basic quota. This implies that if a vessel has structures that are in accordance with the average for the group of vessels, a vessel will be able to maintain practically the same catch volume once the period for the structural quotas has expired. More detailed information on licenses/ fishing rights is provided in note on intangible assets.

The major share of other intangible assets comprises water rights within farming (smolt production). The Group distinguishes between time-limited water rights, which are amortised over their lifetime, and water rights with no time limit, which are not amortised but are tested annually for impairment. Other intangible assets comprise rights that are amortised over their lifetime (contractual period).

(H) Fixed assets

Fixed assets are recorded in the financial statements at acquisition costs less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment loss. The depreciation is allocated linearly over estimated useful life (depreciation period). Significant parts of fixed assets that have different depreciation

periods are decomposed and depreciated separately.

The estimated average useful life of fixed assets, when decomposed, is estimated as:

• Land	Lasting value
• Buildings and real estate	20-25 years
• Machinery and production equipment	5-15 years
• Vessels	25 years
• Fixtures and other equipment etc.	2.5-5 years

(I) Biological assets, loss-making contracts and mortality expenses

The Group's biological assets comprise live fish, mainly salmon and trout, at all stages of the life cycle. The fish are divided into two main groups, depending on the stage of the life cycle. At the earliest stage of the life cycle, the fish are classified in group (1) roe, fry and juvenile fish. During this stage, the fish are kept on shore. When the fish are large enough for release to sea, they are classified in group (2) fish in sea. The group for fish in sea also comprises the subgroup for parent fish, utilised to produce roe. As this subgroup is immaterial, it is dealt with in the same way as other fish in sea.

The stock of fish, in addition to salmon and trout, also comprises cleaner fish. This species of fish is utilised during production of salmon and trout as a means of eliminating salmon lice. Despite the significant number of cleaner fish produced by the Group, both the volume and value of this species are relatively low, and are immaterial for the consolidated financial statements. In order to simplify accounting, this species is therefore grouped with roe, fry and juvenile fish.

Biological assets are regulated by IAS 41 Agriculture. The main rule is that biological assets shall be measured at fair value minus sales costs, unless fair value cannot be reliably measured. Measurement of fair value is regulated by IFRS 13. 'Fair value' refers to the price that would have been achieved on sale of the asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date under the prevailing market conditions.

For roe, fry and juvenile fish, in addition to cleaner fish, historical cost is deemed a reasonable approach to fair value, as there is little biological transformation (IAS 41.24). This assessment must be seen in light of the fact that smolt are currently released to sea at a stage when their weight is still relatively low. At the same time, this group comprises a limited share

Note 1

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of the Group's biological assets measured in terms of both volume and value. If changes emerge in the future implying that the smolt produced are significantly larger when released to sea, a new assessment will be required.

For fish in sea, the fair value is calculated by applying a cash flow based present value model at level three in the fair value hierarchy in IFRS 13. For more detailed information on the fair value hierarchy, please refer to the note on financial instruments. In line with IFRS 13, the highest and best use of the biological assets is applied for the valuation. In accordance with the principle for highest and best use, the Group considers that the fish have optimal weight for harvest when they have a live weight corresponding to 4 kg gutted weight. This corresponds to a live weight of 4.8 kg. Fish with a live weight of 4.8 kg or more are classified as ready for slaughter (mature fish), while fish that have still not achieved this weight are classified as not ready for harvest (immature fish). For fish ready for harvest, the highest and best use is defined as harvesting and selling the fish as quickly as possible in the month following the balance sheet date. For fish not yet ready for harvest, the highest and best use is in principle defined as growing the fish to optimal weight for harvest, then harvesting and selling the fish. The harvest date applied in the valuation may however be brought forward if required by situations at a specific locality. Such situations may involve biological challenges (disease, salmon lice infestation etc.).

The cash flow-based present value model does not rely on historical and company-specific factors. On a hypothetical market with perfect competition, a hypothetical buyer of live fish would be willing to pay as a maximum the present value of the estimated future profit from the sale of the fish when it is ready for harvest. The estimated future profit, taking into account all price adjustments and payable fees for completion, constitutes the cash flow. No deductions are made for sales expenses, as these are not observable on the market. Such expenses are also deemed immaterial.

Incoming cash flow is calculated as a function of estimated volume multiplied by estimated price. For fish not ready for harvest, a deduction is made to cover estimated residual costs to grow the fish to the optimal weight for harvest. The cash flow is discounted monthly by a discount rate. The discount rate comprises three main components: (1) the risk of incidents

that have an effect on cash flow, (2) hypothetical licence lease and (3) the time value of money. Please refer to the note on significant accounting estimates and assessments for more detailed information on discounts, and sensitivity analysis. Estimated biomass (volume) is based on the actual number of individuals in the sea on the balance sheet date, adjusted to cover projected mortality up to harvest date and multiplied by the estimated weight per individual at the time of harvest. The measurement unit is the individual fish. However, for practical reasons, these estimates are carried out per locality. The live weight of fish in the sea is translated to gutted weight in order to arrive at the same measurement unit as for pricing. Pricing is based on the Fish Pool forward prices. The reason for this is that there are no effective markets for the sale of live fish. Fish Pool is a market place for financial purchase and sale agreements for superior Norwegian salmon, size 3-6 kg gutted weight. Updated forward prices are published daily for slaughtered salmon on Fish Pool. The volume on Fish Pool is however limited. This market is therefore assessed to be insufficiently active and effective. Despite this, the Group is of the opinion that the observable forward prices must be seen as the best approach to a hypothetical price for the sale of salmon. The volume of trout sales in Norway is significantly lower, and there are no corresponding observable market prices. Historically, however, trout prices have been closely correlated to salmon prices. The forward prices for salmon are therefore applied as a starting point for estimates of the fair value of trout. The forward price for the month in which the fish is expected to be harvested is applied in order to estimate cash flow. The price stipulated by Fish Pool is adjusted to take into account export costs and clearing costs and represents the reference price. This price is then adjusted to account for estimated harvest cost (well boat, slaughter and boxing) and transport to Oslo. Adjustments are also made for any estimated differences in size and quality. The adjustments to the reference price are made per locality. Joint regional parameters are applied, unless factors specific to an individual locality require otherwise.

Changes to estimated fair value for biological assets, according to IAS 41, are recorded through profit or loss and presented on the line for fair value adjustments related to biological assets. The accounting line for fair value adjustments related to biological assets in the income statement comprises three elements; (1) change in fair value adjustment of stock of fish in sea, (2) change in fair value of onerous contracts and (3)

change in fair value of unrealised gain/loss related to financial purchase and sale contracts for fish in Fish Pool.

Onerous contracts are contracts where the expenses of fulfilling the contracts are higher than the economic yield the company expects to gain by fulfilling the contracts. The Group enters into contracts related to future deliveries of salmon and trout. As biological assets are recognised at fair value, the fair value adjustment of the biological assets will be included in the estimated expenses required to fulfil the contract. As a result, physical delivery contracts where the contractual price is lower than the price on which fair value estimation of the biological assets was based will be defined as onerous contracts according to IAS 37, even if the contractual price is higher than the production costs for the products. At the end of the period, the management will evaluate whether contracts are onerous contracts by estimating the value of the commitment per contract. This evaluation is based on a number of premises and estimates. The estimate includes all contracts involving the sale of salmon and trout, where the fish have been produced by the Group. For contracts where the product to be delivered has a higher degree of processing than gutted fish, the contractual price is converted to a price per kilo gutted weight based on estimated yield for the different product types and normal processing costs in accordance with the Group's calculations. All contractual prices are translated to Norwegian kroner. For contracts that contain different product types, a weighted price is estimated. The weighted price per contract is then compared with an estimated benchmark price per month. This price corresponds to the price applied as a starting point for valuation of the biological assets, and is based on forward prices from Fish Pool, adjusted for export margin and transport from fish farm to Oslo. A provision is recognised on the balance sheet. The provision is classified as other short-term debt.

Fish Pool contracts are not utilised to any significant extent by the Group as a price-hedging instrument, as the sale of such contracts with Fish Pool remains limited and volumes are low. When utilised, the Fish Pool contracts are recorded as financial instruments on the balance sheet (derivatives), where unrealised gain is classified as other short-term receivables and unrealised loss as other short-term debt. As the financial statements also present production costs for the stock of live fish, the reporting of mortality is of significance.

Costs related to abnormal mortality are immediately recognised through profit or loss and presented on the line for changes in inventory, while normal waste is classified as part of production costs. Fair value of biological assets is not affected by the principle for reporting mortality costs. The extent to which mortality is normal or abnormal requires assessment. The Group makes use of a common indicator and threshold for all farming units. If in one month mortality at a locality exceeds 1.5% of the incoming number of fish at the locality, this is classified as an indication of abnormal mortality. A more detailed assessment is then carried out to establish whether mortality is abnormal. These assessments take into account the cause of mortality and the size of the fish. Please refer to the note on biological assets for a more detailed description of mortality costs and incidents that have caused abnormal mortality.

(J) Inventory

Inventories of purchased goods are valued at the lower of acquisition cost and estimated sales value less sales costs. In-house-produced finished goods and semi-finished goods are valued at full production cost. Write-downs are made for quantifiable obsolescence.

(K) Trade receivables and trade payables

Trade receivables and other receivables are carried on the balance sheet at nominal amount after deduction of provision for estimated losses. The Group measures expected credit losses by estimating a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables. Loans and receivables are classified as short-term debt or current assets unless they mature more than 12 months after the balance sheet date. In that case, they are classified as fixed assets or long-term debt. Receivables and payables in foreign currency are translated at the respective rates of exchange on the balance sheet date.

(L) Shares

Shares are booked at fair value on the balance sheet date. Shares held for trading are classified as current assets, and any change in value of these shares is recognised in the income statement. Shares in associates and joint ventures are recognised according to the equity method. See item (C) for more detailed information. Shares classified as held for sale are shares the Group has decided to classify as such, or that cannot be categorised elsewhere. Any change in value of shares held for sale is recognised through other comprehensive income.

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(M) Liquid assets

Liquid assets consist of cash in hand and bank deposits and are valued at the exchange rates on the balance sheet date. In the Cash Flow Statement, it is specified how much that is restricted funds.

(N) Pensions

The Group mainly has defined contribution plans, but also a few remaining defined benefit plans that are now closed. In general, the pension plans are financed via payments to insurance companies or pension funds based on periodical actuarial calculations.

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan where the Group pays a fixed amount to a separate legal entity. The Group has no statutory or other obligation to pay additional contributions if the entity does not have sufficient means to pay all employees their pension benefits associated with earned pensions in the current or earlier periods.

A defined benefit pension plan is one that is not contributory. A typical defined benefit pension plan defines a pension payment that the employee will receive upon retirement. The payment is typically dependent on factors such as age, number of years in the company and wage level.

The capitalised commitment associated with defined benefit plans is the present value of the defined benefits on the balance sheet date less fair value of the pension assets as adjusted for non-recognised estimate differences and non-recognised costs associated with pension benefits earned in earlier periods. Pension liability is calculated annually by an independent actuary according to the straight-line accrual method. The present value of defined benefits is found by discounting estimated future payments by the interest rate on a bond issued by a company with a high credit rating in the same currency as the benefits will be paid, and with a maturity approximately equal to the duration of the associated pension liability. In countries that do not have a liquid market for long-term bonds issued by companies with a high credit rating, the market interest rate for governmental bonds is applied.

(O) Tax

Tax cost in the income statement includes both the tax payable for the period and changes in deferred tax. Deferred tax is

calculated at a rate of 22% (or local rates in other countries) on the basis of the temporary differences that exist between accounting and taxable values, as well as the tax loss carry forward at the end of the financial year. Temporary tax-increasing and tax-decreasing differences which reverse or may reverse the figures in the same period and within the same tax regime are offset and booked at net value.

Deferred tax has been calculated on the difference between taxable and accounting values of licences. For licences acquired prior to 1 January 2004, the effect of deferred tax is charged against equity. For licences acquired by means of business acquisitions after 1 January 2004, deferred tax is included in goodwill. Deferred tax is calculated at the nominal tax rate.

(P) Interest-bearing loans and credits

Loans are booked at fair value when the loan is paid out, less transaction costs. In subsequent periods loans are booked at amortised cost calculated by applying the effective interest rate, and any differences between acquisition cost and redemption value are incorporated over the loan period by using the effective interest rate method.

Next year's instalments are classified as short-term debt (short-term credits).

(Q) Dividends

Dividends are booked when adopted by the shareholders' meeting. See also note on dividend per share.

(R) Provisions and other commitments

Provisions are carried on the balance sheet when the Group has an existing legal obligation or implied duty in consequence of an earlier event and it is probable that a flow of economic resources from the enterprise will be required in order to fulfil such obligation. If the effect is significant, the provision is determined by discounting estimated future cash flows by a discounting rate before tax, which reflects market pricing of the time value of money and, if relevant, the risks specifically associated with the obligation.

(S) Share capital and share premium

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Expenses directly associated with issuing new shares or options, less tax, are booked under equity as reductions in proceeds received.

When buying back treasury shares, the purchase amount, inclusive of directly ascribable costs, is entered as a change in equity. Treasury shares are presented as a reduction in equity.

(T) Statement of cash flows

The consolidated statement of cash flows shows the total consolidated cash flows broken down by operating, investing and financing activities. Acquisitions of subsidiaries are considered an investing activity for the Group and are shown separately with the deduction of cash and cash equivalents in the company acquired. The statement shows how the various activities affect cash reserves. For cash flows in foreign currency, the average rate of exchange is used in the statement. To the extent that changes in the balance sheet figures between financial years do not match the corresponding figures in the statement of cash flow, this is a result of translation differences linked to changes in rates of exchange.

(U) Financial risk management

Through its activities, the Group is exposed to different types of financial risk: market risk (including currency risk, interest risk, price risk and liquidity risk) as well as credit risk. A further description follows below, describing the Group's financial risk, as well as how it is managed, including use of hedges.

Currency risk

The Group has international operations requiring a number of currencies and is thus exposed to currency risk. Forward contracts are used to hedge against the currency risk on trade receivables and agreed upon sales contracts. The forwards contracts are designated as fair value hedges in the financial statements. The hedged items are primarily binding sales contracts in foreign currency, net foreign currency bank deposits, and net trade receivables in foreign currency. The hedged items are measured at fair value on the balance sheet date. The hedging instruments are the forward contracts, which are also measured at fair value on the balance sheet date. Gains and losses due to change in fair value are presented through profit or loss. An overview of the effect of forward contracts can be found in the note on financial instruments.

Interest risk

The Group's long-term debt is mainly based upon agreements for floating rates of interest, representing exposure to increases in the market interest rate. However, the Group has made use

of long-term interest rate swaps to reduce the floating interest rate risk for a share of the Group's long-term debt. The Group receives a floating interest rate and pays a fixed rate through the swap agreements. The interest rate swaps are reported as cash flow hedges. Gains and losses from the effective part of the hedge (the part of the hedge that qualifies for cash flow hedge accounting) are recognised in other comprehensive income. An overview of the effect of such agreements is provided in the note on financial instruments.

Price risk

The developments in global salmon and trout prices have a considerable impact on the results achieved by the Group. In order to reduce the price risk, a varying share of the revenue / purchase cost is hedged through purchase and sale forward contracts for salmon (Fishpool contracts). The changes in fair value of the contracts are recognized in the income statement line item "fair value adjustments related to biological assets". An overview of the effect of the Fishpool contracts is provided in the note on financial instruments.

The Group is also exposed to fluctuations in the bunker price. This risk is reduced through entering into forward agreements to purchase bunker (bunker derivatives). Gains and losses from the effective part of the hedge (the part of the hedge that qualifies for cash flow hedge accounting) are recognised in other comprehensive income. An overview of the effect of bunker derivatives is provided in the note on financial instruments

Liquidity risk

Cash flow prognoses are established for the different operating segments in the Group and are aggregated by the Group's Financial Department. The Financial Department monitors prognoses of the Group's liquidity requirements in order to ensure that the Group has sufficient cash equivalents to fulfil operating commitments while sustaining a sufficient level of flexibility in the form of unutilised, binding loan facilities at all times so that the Group is not in breach of the limits or specified terms and conditions for the Group's loans. Such prognoses take into account the Group's scheduled new loans, compliance with terms and conditions of loans, compliance with in-house objectives for balance sheet figures and, if relevant, external regulatory or legal requirements.

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Any excess cash in the Group companies, in addition to what constitutes necessary working capital, is transferred annually to the parent company via Group contributions and dividends. The Group's Financial Department deposits excess cash mainly as bank deposits at special terms with appropriate maturities in order to provide sufficient security and flexibility in relation to the company's growth strategy and dividend policy. For information on cash and cash equivalents available to the Group as liquidity buffers to manage liquidity risk, please refer to the statement of cash flow.

The table in note on debt, mortgages and guarantee liability specifies the Group's financial covenants that are not derivatives, and derivative covenants with net settlement, classified in relation to the down payment schedule. This classification is made in accordance with the contractual maturity date. Derivative covenants are included in the analysis when the contractual maturity date is significant for an understanding of the accrual of cash flows. The figures in the table are non-discounted contractual cash flows.

Credit risk

Credit risk occurs in transactions involving derivatives, deposits with banks and financial institutions in addition to transactions with wholesalers and customers, including outstanding receivables and fixed agreements. As virtually all the Group's sales to end customers are credit sales, procedures have been established to ensure that the Group companies only sell products to customers with satisfactory credit rating. A credit assessment is performed based on the customer's financial position, history and any other factors of relevance. Individual limits are set for risk exposure, based on internal and external assessments of creditworthiness and guidelines from the Board of Directors. The Group's compliance on these procedures is regularly monitored. Furthermore, almost all of the Group's trade receivables are covered by credit insurance securing about 90 % of nominal amounts. The counterparties to derivative contracts and financial placements may only be financial institutions with a high credit rating and other parties who can provide reliable security. See note on receivables for further information on credit risk.

(V) Derivatives

The company seeks to hedge against currency fluctuations and changes in interest rate by means of derivatives, respectively currency forward contracts, interest rate swaps and bunker

derivatives.

Derivatives are carried at fair value at the time of contract and are subsequently adjusted to fair value. The recognition of the associated losses and gains depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument and, if so, the type of hedging. Derivatives which are not designated as hedging instruments are recognised at fair value through profit or loss.

Fair value of derivatives is shown in the note on financial instruments. Fair values of derivatives are classified as fixed assets or long-term debt if the hedging object matures in more than 12 months, and as current assets or short-term debt if the hedging object matures in less than 12 months.

The Group documents the relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged items, including expected hedging efficiency, when entering into hedging derivatives. The Group further documents its risk management strategies related to transactions that are risk hedges.

Changes in fair value of derivatives qualifying for fair value hedging are recognised in the income statement together with the change in fair value of the associated hedged asset or liability. The Group uses fair value hedging to hedge net receivables in foreign currency, net deposits on currency accounts and signed sales contracts in foreign currency. Gains and losses on foreign currency are included in the income statement line "Cost of materials".

The effective share of the change in fair value of derivatives that qualify as hedging instruments for cash flow hedging is recognised through other comprehensive income. Hedging gains or losses recognised through other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity are re-classified to the income statement during the period in which the hedging object impacts the income statement. The Group makes use of cash flow hedging related to interest rate swaps and bunker derivatives. Gains or losses are recognised as financial income or loss if the hedging relationship is discontinued.

(W) Capital management

The Group's objectives for capital management are to enable the Group to continue as a going concern in order to guarantee returns for the owners and other stakeholders and to sustain an optimal capital structure to allow the Group to reduce

capital expenses. Ongoing structural changes in the global industry in which the company operates, seen in conjunction with the cyclical nature of the industry, demand that the company at all times must maintain a satisfactory financial contingency. This in turn requires a close relationship with the company's shareholders and equity markets. The Group has always stressed the importance of maintaining the confidence of its financial partners and thus also access to necessary loan capital on favourable terms.

The Group's financial goals are reflected in quantified parameters for financial adequacy and returns. The requirement for financial adequacy stipulates that the Group's equity ratio, defined as equity/total assets, should be at least 30% over time. Information on the Group's equity is presented in the balance sheet. The Group's long-term goal for earnings is to generate an annual return on the Group's average capital employed of 18% before tax.

The company's dividend policy implies that, over time, dividends should lie in the region of 30% to 40% of profit after tax. However, care must be taken at all times to ensure that the Group operates in line with satisfactory financial contingency for new and profitable investments. In the long run, value generation will increasingly be in the form of higher share prices rather than in declared dividends. See note on dividend per share for more information.

(X) Indefinite useful life (no amortisation) of licences

Below is a detailed description of the Group's assessments in situations where the Group has established that an asset has an indefinite useful life, cf. IAS 38.122. Intangible assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortised but tested for impairment once a year as a minimum. Please refer to the note on intangible assets for information on the impairment test.

Licence scheme in Norway

The licence scheme for production of salmon and trout in Norway was introduced by the Storting (the Norwegian Parliament) and adopted in the Norwegian Act relating to aquaculture (Aquaculture Act). The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries is responsible for allocation of aquaculture permits (licences). All activities involving aquaculture require a licence. It is prohibited to farm salmon/trout without a licence from the authorities, cf. section 4 of the Aquaculture Act. All

licences are governed by the same regulations (the current Aquaculture Act with provisions) irrespective of when the licence was allocated.

LSC's aquaculture permit entitles the Group to produce salmon and trout in delimited geographic areas (localities), according to the prevailing limitations established at any given time regarding the scope of the permit. The Ministry may prescribe detailed provisions relating to the content of the aquaculture licences by administrative decision or regulations.

The Aquaculture Act is administered centrally by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, and the Directorate of Fisheries is the supervisory authority. Regionally, there are a number of sector authorities that together represent a complete administrative and supervisory authority within the area governed by the Aquaculture Act. The individual county is the regional administrative body, and the Directorate of Fisheries is the appellate body for issues involving localities and licences.

Main terms and conditions for licence type

Since January 2005, the limitations on production established for aquaculture licences for salmon and trout have been governed according to a scheme known as Maximum Allowable Biomass (MAB). This specifies the maximum biomass in the sea that a licence holder can have at any given time.

The following regulations regarding production limitations apply to the different types of licences held by the Group:

Grow-out licences are limited in number, i.e. the enterprises are only granted new licences or more production volume subsequent to politically adopted allocation rounds. The maximum allowable biomass (MAB) has previously been 780 tonnes of salmon or trout per licence. The maximum allowable biomass (MAB) for the counties of Troms and Finnmark (North Norway) has previously been 945 tonnes of salmon or trout per licence. Following the political decision taken in 2017 that it should be possible to allocate percentage growth per licence based on various conditions, a fixed maximum allowable biomass per licence is no longer specified. North Norway has been allocated with permission to percentage growth conditional on a low level of lice. Enterprises in this region that satisfy the specified conditions can purchase increased volume capacity. The Group has utilised this option, buying

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a 5% increase in volume for a total of eight licences in 2017, and a further increase in volume of 2% for all licences in this region in 2018. There are also some licences that, for historical reasons, have a MAB limit different from 780 tonnes. LSG with its subsidiaries has a sufficient number of localities (locality MAB) in the different regions to achieve a satisfactory exploitation of the Group's total MAB. All commercial licences are currently operational.

Green farming licences are licences that were awarded in 2015 via a dedicated licensing round. Special conditions were attached to these licences, mainly concerning environmental improvement measures. The licences were awarded via open auctions or competitively, based on environmentally focused technology and operating concepts.

Demonstration licences are licences defined for special purposes. Demonstration licences are granted to enterprises in order to share knowledge of the aquaculture industry. Such licences are often operated in cooperation with a non-commercial entity.

Teaching licences are another kind of special-purpose licence and are allocated to disseminate knowledge of the fish farming industry. The licences are linked to specific educational institutions and are thus regulated by the county.

Research and development licences are licences awarded in connection with research and development projects in the industry, where dedicated licences are required to carry out the R&D activity.

Slaughter cage licences are allocated for the use of sea cages for live fish for slaughter. These licences are linked to a specific location, which is the Group's slaughtering plant for salmon and trout.

Parent fish licences are also licences defined for special purposes. Parent fish licences are granted for the production of salmon roe utilised to produce juvenile fish.

Juvenile fish licences are licences to produce juvenile salmon and trout in fresh water that in total authorise the licence holder to produce a specific number of juvenile salmon and trout. There are certain limitations on the size of juvenile fish that

may be produced according to the individual licence. If the licence holder does not have an exemption from the regulations in force, the largest permitted average weight is 250 grams per individual. Licences are granted on the basis of a discharge permit for a certain number of fish/biomass with a maximum allowable feed consumption per year. In situations where the water source is owned by a third party, an agreement is also required governing the right to utilise the water source.

Duration and renewal

Section 5, second paragraph of the Aquaculture Act reads: "The Ministry may prescribe detailed provisions relating to the content of the aquaculture licences, including the scope, time limitations, etc., by administrative decision or regulations."

In the legislative background to the Aquaculture Act, White Paper no. 612004-2005, the following statement can be found on page 59: "It will remain the case that licences are normally allocated without any specific time limitation. Implementation of such limitations should be reserved for those issues where a time limitation, based on the specific situation, provides for a more complete fulfilment of the Act than if the licence were to be allocated without a time limitation."

The duration of licences is also specified by the Aquaculture Act, which in its most recent revision underlined ownership of licences by allowing the licences to be mortgaged to the benefit of the lender.

There are no time limitations specified in LSG's terms for grow-out and juvenile licences, and they are therefore deemed to be time-indefinite production rights according to the prevailing regulations. This also applies to green licences.

As the licences are not bound by a time-limited period, there is no need to apply for their renewal. The licences are deemed to be valid pursuant to the Aquaculture Act, unless they are revoked in accordance with the Act. Section 9 of the Aquaculture Act describes the grounds for revocation of a licence. Section 9 states that licences may be revoked due to gross contravention of the provisions of the Act. We can confirm that no operative licences for salmon and trout have been revoked in Norway.

Research and development licences are time-limited and apply in general for the duration of the project. They are often

linked to the life cycle of the salmon, i.e. three years. R&D licences are managed in close cooperation with research groups, and an application to extend them for a new three-year period can be made after the project has ended.

The parent fish licences are granted for 15 years at a time, and applications have to be submitted for their renewal, provided that the licence holder is still involved in production of parent fish for salmon or trout. Parent fish production is an integral part of LSG's value chain (parent fish production takes place before production of roe and juvenile fish in the value chain) and is therefore closely linked to the breeding system for salmon and trout. The Group's applications for renewal of parent fish licences have always been approved, in line with the prevailing practice in the industry.

The licences for slaughter cages are allocated for 10 years at a time. Applications can be submitted for renewal of such licences provided that they are linked to an approved slaughtering plant and only utilised to keep fish ready for slaughter in immediate proximity to the slaughtering plant. The Group's demonstration licences are allocated for a period of 10 years. Applications can be submitted for renewal of demonstration licences provided that the terms for the licence are met pursuant to the Aquaculture Act.

The Group's teaching licences have been allocated for 10 years. Applications can be submitted for renewal of teaching licences provided that the terms for the licence are met pursuant to the Aquaculture Act.

Regulations relating to right of use: transfer, lease, moving etc.

All licences can be transferred pursuant to section 19 of the Aquaculture Act, and can be mortgaged pursuant to section 20 of the Act. An aquaculture register is kept of all aquaculture licences where transfers and mortgaging are registered. The leasing of aquaculture licences or licence capacity is not permitted. Grow-out licences and parent fish licences can be linked to different locations, but there are certain limitations on moving of licences between the regions defined by the Directorate of Fisheries. In practice, this means that licences cannot be moved between defined regions, which typically follow county borders. Juvenile fish licences are attached to one locality – the locality for which the licence applies.

Costs related to licences

Payment has been required for new licences granted during more recent allocation rounds. The amount of the payment depends on the allocation criteria, including for example a fixed price versus the auction principle. Given that there is no requirement to apply for renewal of licences, then there are no costs involved in licence renewal.

The costs of maintaining aquaculture licences in Norway are insignificant. There are no annual fees or other types of duties linked to the actual licence. However, there are certain fees to be paid for inspection and control of the licences. Fees also have to be paid to establish new localities and/or to extend/amend localities. As a main rule, an amount of twelve thousand Norwegian kroner is paid per licence covered by an application for amendment at locality level, cf. section 2 of the Regulation relating to fees and duties for aquaculture activities. All fees and costs are immediately recognised as an operating expense.

Assessment of economic life

According to past and present legislation and the general interpretation and practice in the industry, Norwegian fish farming licences are not a time-limited right, and licences should therefore not be subject to amortisation. Where time-limited R&D licences, demonstration licences and educational licences are concerned, these are awarded free of charge, so amortisation is normally not relevant. However, in cases where related acquiring or renewing costs are capitalised, they will be subjected to depreciation over the economic life.

Grow-out licences and juvenile fish licences

The following factors played a key role in the assessment of whether licences have an indefinite useful life, with reference to the description of the licence types above:

- (1) No time limitation on the licences
- (2) Insignificant expenditure involved in maintaining the licences
- (3) High threshold for revocation of licences; this has never happened in Norway

It has also been noted that the licences are registered in the public aquaculture register as being without time limitation. On this basis, the economic life is assessed to be indefinite for the grow-out licences and juvenile fish licences, in accordance with IAS 38.90.

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Parent fish licences

As mentioned above, these licences are granted for 15 years at a time, and applications can be submitted for renewal. In 2007, the duration of parent fish licences was amended from 10 years to 15 years (amendment to regulation dated 14 August 2007 no. 986). In the consultation document dated 7 June 2007, the Ministry stated the following regarding time limitation for parent fish licences in item 3.3: *"The recommendation implies that the licences shall be time-limited for a period (...) with clearly defined predictability for extension of new periods. Time-limited licences may however result in less predictability for the entities than licences without time limitations. Predictability is key as breeding and parent fish production is a time-consuming and resource-intensive activity, but this is provided for by (...) a fixed-term period with clearly defined predictability for extension."*

IAS 38.94 states that if the contractual or legal rights are assigned for a limited period of time that can be renewed, the useful life of the intangible asset should include the renewal period(s) only if there is documented evidence to support that the cost of the renewal for the entity is not significant. IAS 38.96 provides guidelines describing factors that can be included in this assessment. The following factors have been central to LSG's assessment of indefinite useful life for the parent fish licences:

a) the entity's licences have always been renewed. Renewal does not require third-party consent but is based on factors that are under the control of the entity, i.e. the terms of the licence are met and an application for renewal has been submitted before the expiry of the 15-year period. The main condition for renewal is that parent fish production is carried out in connection with a breeding system. Parent fish production will continue to be an integral part of LSG's value chain, and as such this requirement will be met.

b) the entity can document fulfilment of the licence conditions,

c) the cost to the entity for renewal is not significant, when compared with the future economic benefits expected to flow to the entity from renewal.

Demonstration licences

The Group's demonstration licences are allocated for a period of 10 years. Applications can be submitted for renewal of demonstration licences provided that the terms for the licence are met pursuant to the Aquaculture Act. As with parent fish licences, this type of licence is defined as being for special purposes. Both parent fish and demonstration licences are a type of activity without any clear time limitation. In principle, the same factors as for parent fish licences will apply to demonstration licences.

Teaching licences

With one exception, the Group's teaching licences have been allocated for 10 years. Applications can be submitted for renewal of teaching licences provided that the terms for the licence are met pursuant to the Aquaculture Act. The Group has also taken over one teaching licence pursuant to an open-ended agreement with an educational institution. Since the agreement has a limited undefined useful life, its duration has been estimated at one year.

Y) New and amended standards implemented by the group

a) New standards implemented in 2018

The Group has implemented the following new IFRS standards with effect from 1 January 2018:

- IFRS 9 Financial Instruments
- IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

A description of the new standards as well as the Group's evaluation of their effect on the financial statements can be found in the note on new IFRS standards (note 26).

(b) New standards which have not come into effect and where the Group has not opted for early application

One IFRS standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning or after 1 January 2019:

- IFRS 16 Leases

A description of the new standard as well as the Group's evaluation of its effect on the Groups financial statements for 2019 can be found in the note on new IFRS standards (note 26). There are no other standards which have not come into effect that are expected to have a material impact on this or future reporting periods.

Note 2

Significant accounting estimates and assessments

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Estimates and assessments are reviewed continuously and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that seem probable in view of present circumstances.

The Group draws up estimates and makes assumptions regarding future events. The accounting estimates from this process will, by definition, rarely be in exact agreement with the final results. Estimates and assumptions with a high risk of significant changes in capitalised values of assets and liabilities during the next financial year are discussed below.

(A) Value adjustment of biological assets

Biological assets comprise the stock of roe, fry, juvenile fish, cleaner fish and fish in sea. Biological assets are measured at fair value less costs to sell. For a more detailed description of the accounting policies applied, please refer to the description provided under accounting policies and in the note on biological assets.

Valuation is based on a number of different premises, many of which are non-observable. The premises can be categorised in four different groups: (1) Price, (2) Cost, (3) Volume and (4) Discount rate.

For fish ready for harvest on the balance sheet date, uncertainty mainly involves realised prices and volume. For fish not ready for harvest, the level of uncertainty is higher. In addition to uncertainty related to price and volume, there will also be uncertainty related to remaining production costs, remaining biological transformation and remaining mortality up to harvest date for this fish.

(1) Price

One important premise in the valuation of fish both ready for harvest and not yet ready for harvest is the projected market price. This is also the premise that historically shows the highest fluctuations. In order to estimate the projected price, the forward prices for superior Norwegian salmon weighing 3-6 kg gutted weight from Fish Pool are applied. In the Group's opinion, the use of observable prices makes price estimates more reliable and comparable. For fish ready for harvest, the forward price for the following month is applied. For fish not ready for harvest, the forward price for the month when the fish is expected to achieve optimal weight for harvest, is applied. If it is probable on the balance sheet date that the fish will be harvested before it reaches its optimal harvest weight, for example due to biological challenges (that have emerged

prior to the balance sheet date), an extra price adjustment is required. Such a price adjustment takes into account the fact that the market price per kilo for small fish is lower than for normal-size fish. The price is subsequently adjusted for exporter margins and clearing costs. This applies to fish both ready for harvest and not ready for harvest. Further adjustments are necessary for harvest costs (well boat, slaughtering and packaging services), transport costs to Oslo and quality differences. Adjustments are also made for price differences between salmon and trout, and any other price premium such as for ASC-certified fish. The adjustments for exporter margin and clearing costs are observable items estimated by Fish Pool. The adjustment for harvest costs, transport costs and quality differences are based on the Group's historical costs per region and historical quality distribution, while the other adjustments are based on an assessment using historical data and the Group's view of future market developments.

(2) Cost

For fish not ready for harvest, an adjustment is also required for the costs necessary to grow the fish to optimal harvest weight. Estimates related to future costs are based on the Group's prognoses per locality. There is some uncertainty regarding both future feed prices, other costs and biological development (growth, feed factor and mortality). If the estimated costs are higher than expected by a normal enterprise on the market, for example due to long-term agreements previously signed with subcontractors resulting in costs that deviate substantially from the market price, the cost estimates shall be adjusted to reflect the costs expected by a rational enterprise on the market.

(3) Volume

Projected harvest volume is calculated on the basis of the estimated number of fish (individuals) on the balance sheet date minus estimated future mortality, multiplied by the estimated harvest weight (4.8 kg live weight). There is some uncertainty involving both the number of fish in the sea on the balance sheet date, remaining mortality and estimated harvest weight. The actual harvest volume may therefore differ from the estimated harvest volume either as a result of changes in biological developments or due to special events, such as abnormal mortality. The estimate for number of fish on the balance sheet date is based on the number of smolt released to sea. The number of smolt is adjusted to take into account uncertainties during counting and actual

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Significant accounting estimates and assessments cont.

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registered mortality related to release. The normal estimated harvest weight (optimal harvest weight) is assessed to be the live weight of fish that results in a gutted weight of 4 kg, unless specific conditions exist on the balance sheet date to indicate that the fish have to be harvested before they reach this weight. If this is the case, the estimated harvest weight is adjusted. Projected mortality during the period from the balance sheet date to the date when the fish reach harvest weight is estimated to be 1% of the number of incoming fish per month. In North Norway however, historical mortality figures are significantly lower than in other parts of the country. As a result, the percentage applied to estimated mortality in this region is 0.5%.

(4) Discounting

Every time a fish is harvested and sold, this generates a positive cash flow. In order to simplify matters, all the remaining expenses are allocated to the same period as the income, so there is only one cash flow per locality. The cash flow is allocated to the month when harvest is estimated to take place. The sum of the cash flows from all the localities where the Group has fish in the sea will then be distributed over the entire period of time it takes to farm the fish in the sea on the balance sheet date. With the current size of the smolt released and the frequency of the smolt releases, this period of time may be up to 18 months. The estimated future cash flow is discounted monthly. The level of discount rate applied has a major impact on the estimate of fair value. The monthly discount rate at 31 December is estimated to be 6% per month. The discount rate shall take into account a number of factors. The discount factor comprises three main elements: (1) Risk adjustment, (2) Licence lease and (3) Time value.

4.1. Risk adjustment

The risk adjustment shall reflect the price discount a hypothetical buyer would demand as compensation for the risk assumed by investing in live fish rather than a different investment. The longer it takes to reach harvest date, the higher the risk that something may occur to affect cash flow. Three significant factors could have an impact on cash flow. Volume could change, costs could change and prices could change. The one thing all three factors have in common is that the sample space is unsymmetrical.

4.2. Hypothetical licence lease

Salmon and trout farming is not a market with free competition and no barriers to entry. Due to limited access to licences for

farming fish for consumers, such licences currently have a very high value. For a hypothetical buyer of live fish to take over and continue to farm the fish, he/she would need a licence, locality and other permits required for such production. At the time of writing, leasing of licences is not permitted. However, on a hypothetical market for the purchase and sale of live fish, it has to be assumed that this would be possible. In such a scenario, a hypothetical buyer would claim a significant discount in order to allocate a sufficient share of the returns to the buyer's own licences or to cover the lease costs for leased licences. It is difficult to create a model that would allow a hypothetical annual lease cost to be derived from prices for sold licences, as the curve in the model would be based on projections of future profit performance in the industry. Moreover, it is a complex process to derive a lease price per shorter unit of time and, in the last instance, per volume, when the licence limitations are measured at different levels (location, region and company).

4.3 Time value

Finally, a discount must be made for the time value of the tied-up capital linked to the share of the present value of the cash flow allocated to the biomass. It has to be assumed that a hypothetical buyer would claim compensation for the alternative cost of investing funds in live fish rather than some other type of investment. The production cycle for salmon in the sea currently takes up to 18 months. The cash flow will therefore extend over a similar period. Assuming a constant sales price throughout the period, the cash flow would decrease for each month, as costs are incurred to farm the fish to slaughter weight. The costs increase for every month the fish are in the sea. As such, the effect of deferred cash flow is lower than would be the case if the cash flow had been constant. This component is however deemed important due to the major values the stock of fish represents.

Sensitivity analysis on fair value of fish in sea

The Group considers that four components are key for valuation. These are:

- (1) weighted average price,
- (2) projected optimal harvest weight,
- (3) monthly discount rate and
- (4) estimated number of fish.

The tables below show a simulated sensitivity to changes in fair value of the biological assets in the event of changes in these parameters:

Sensitivity analysis for weighted average price and expected optimal harvest weight

Average price per kg (NOK)		Change in price per kg (NOK)		Projected optimal harvest weight per fish in kg gwe				
				3.50	3.75	4.00	4.25	4.50
				Change in projected weight per kg gwe				
			-0.50	-0.25	-	0.25	0.50	
51.1	-5.00	3,938,178	4,289,233	4,640,289	4,991,344	5,342,400		
54.1	-2.00	4,289,414	4,661,029	5,032,643	5,404,258	5,775,873		
55.1	-1.00	4,406,493	4,784,960	5,163,428	5,541,896	5,920,364		
56.1	-	4,523,572	4,908,892	5,294,213	5,679,534	6,064,855		
57.1	1.00	4,640,650	5,032,824	5,424,998	5,817,172	6,209,346		
58.1	2.00	4,757,729	5,156,756	5,555,783	5,954,810	6,353,837		
61.1	5.00	5,108,965	5,528,552	5,948,138	6,367,724	6,787,310		

The table shows changes in estimated fair value (present value) before provision for loss-making contracts for the parameters price per kg and projected harvest weight per kg gutted weight. For projected harvest weight, the table shows changes in fair value when there is an increase in projected harvest weight of 250 and 500 grams respectively, and for a corresponding reduction. The projected total cost is held constant, such that an increase in projected harvest weight will bring about a reduction in cost per kg, while a reduction in projected harvest weight will bring about an increase in cost per kg. For price, the change is per NOK gutted weight after adjustment for harvest costs, transport to Oslo, quality, size and exporter margin.

Sensitivity analysis for weighted average price and monthly discount rate applied

Average price per kg (NOK)		Change in price per kg (NOK)		Monthly discount rate (%)				
				4.0%	5.0%	6.0%	7.0%	8.0%
				Change in monthly discount rate (%)				
			-2.0%	-1.0%	0.0%	1.0%	2.0%	
51.1	-5.00	5,304,543	4,956,573	4,640,289	4,352,218	4,089,322		
54.1	-2.00	5,760,976	5,379,328	5,032,643	4,717,074	4,429,256		
55.1	-1.00	5,913,120	5,520,246	5,163,428	4,838,693	4,542,567		
56.1	-	6,065,264	5,661,165	5,294,213	4,960,312	4,655,878		
57.1	1.00	6,217,409	5,802,083	5,424,998	5,081,931	4,769,190		
58.1	2.00	6,369,553	5,943,001	5,555,783	5,203,550	4,882,501		
61.1	5.00	6,825,986	6,365,756	5,948,138	5,568,406	5,222,434		

The table shows changes in estimated fair value (present value) before provision for loss-making contracts for the parameters price per kg and monthly discount rate. For the monthly discount rate, the table simulates an absolute change of +/- 1% and +/- 2% (100 and 200 points) respectively.

Note 2

Significant accounting estimates and assessments cont.

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Sensitivity analysis for weighted average price and number of fish in stock

		Number of fish in stock (million fish)					
		54.1	55.8	56.9	58.1	59.8	
		Change in number of fish in stock					
		-5 %	-2 %	0 %	2 %	5 %	
Average price per kg (NOK)	51.1	-5.00	4,305,294	4,506,291	4,640,289	4,774,286	4,975,283
	54.1	-2.00	4,678,031	4,890,798	5,032,643	5,174,488	5,387,256
	55.1	-1.00	4,802,277	5,018,968	5,163,428	5,307,889	5,524,580
	56.1	-	4,926,522	5,147,137	5,294,213	5,441,289	5,661,904
	57.1	1.00	5,050,768	5,275,306	5,424,998	5,574,690	5,799,228
	58.1	2.00	5,175,014	5,403,475	5,555,783	5,708,091	5,936,552
	61.1	5.00	5,547,751	5,787,983	5,948,138	6,108,292	6,348,525
	Change in price per kg (NOK)						

The table shows changes in estimated fair value (present value) before provision for loss-making contracts for the parameters price per kg and estimated number of fish in stock on the balance sheet date. For the number of fish in stock, the table simulates a change of +/- 2% and +/- 5% in the number of fish per locality for all localities with fish in stock.

Sensitivity analysis for number of fish in stock and monthly discount rate applied

		Monthly discount rate (%)					
		4.0 %	5.0 %	6.0 %	7.0 %	8.0 %	
		Change in monthly discount rate (%)					
		-2.0 %	-1.0 %	0.0 %	1.0 %	2.0 %	
Number of fish in stock (in millions)	54.1	-5 %	5,637,959	5,265,191	4,926,522	4,618,206	4,336,963
	55.8	-2 %	5,894,342	5,502,775	5,147,137	4,823,470	4,528,312
	56.4	-1 %	5,979,803	5,581,970	5,220,675	4,891,891	4,592,095
	56.9	-	6,065,264	5,661,165	5,294,213	4,960,312	4,655,878
	57.5	1 %	6,150,726	5,740,359	5,367,751	5,028,733	4,719,661
	58.1	2 %	6,236,187	5,819,554	5,441,289	5,097,154	4,783,445
	59.8	5 %	6,492,570	6,057,139	5,661,904	5,302,418	4,974,794
	Change in number of fish						

The table shows changes in estimated fair value (present value) before provision for loss-making contracts for the parameters monthly discount rate and estimated number of fish in stock on the date of the statement of financial position. For the monthly discount rate, the table simulates an absolute change of +/- 1% and 2% (100 and 200 points) respectively. For the number of fish in stock, the table simulates a change of +/- 1%, 2% and 5% in the number of fish per locality for all localities with fish in stock.

(b) Estimated impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets

The Group performs tests to assess impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets, see note on intangible assets. The tests are based on the Group's expected future earnings

as a cash-generating unit, as well as on the synergies that may be realised in the Group. Negative changes in market conditions may lead to reduced estimates of future earnings and may therefore generate a need for write-downs.

Note 3

Consolidated companies and allocation to operating segment

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

The list below shows which companies are included in the consolidated financial statements, and how these are allocated to business area and operating segment. It also shows changes in ownership through the year. Reference is made to the note on subsidiaries in Lerøy Seafood Group ASA's financial statements for more detailed information, including book values.

Company	Ownership	Country	Registered business premises	Year of acquisition	Share 01.01	Share 31.12
Wildcatch						
Aker Seafoods AS	Havfisk AS	Norway	Ålesund	2016	100 %	100 %
Havfisk Stamsund AS	Havfisk AS	Norway	Vestvågøy	2016	100 %	100 %
Havfisk Melbu AS	Havfisk AS	Norway	Hadsel	2016	100 %	100 %
Nordland Havfiske AS	Havfisk Stamsund AS	Norway	Vestvågøy	2016	53 %	53 %
Nordland Havfiske AS	Havfisk Melbu AS	Norway	Vestvågøy	2016	47 %	47 %
Havfisk Finnmark AS	Havfisk AS	Norway	Hammerfest	2016	100 %	100 %
Havfisk Båtsfjord AS	Havfisk Finnmark AS	Norway	Båtsfjord	2016	100 %	100 %
Havfisk Nordkyn AS	Havfisk Finnmark AS	Norway	Lebesby	2016	100 %	100 %
Finnmark Havfiske AS	Havfisk Finnmark AS	Norway	Hammerfest	2016	78 %	78 %
Finnmark Havfiske AS	Havfisk Båtsfjord AS	Norway	Hammerfest	2016	13 %	13 %
Finnmark Havfiske AS	Havfisk Nordkyn AS	Norway	Hammerfest	2016	6 %	6 %
Hammerfest Industrifiske AS	Havfisk Finnmark AS	Norway	Hammerfest	2016	60 %	60 %
Havfisk Management AS	Havfisk Finnmark AS	Norway	Hammerfest	2016	100 %	100 %
Havfisk AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Ålesund	2016	100 %	100 %
Melbu Fryselager AS	Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS	Norway	Hadsel	2016	67 %	67 %
Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Båtsfjord	2016	100 %	100 %
Sørvær Kystfiskeinvest AS	Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS	Norway	Hasvik	2016	51 %	51 %
Lerøy Sommarøy AS	Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS	Norway	Tromsø	2018	50 %	100 % ^{1), 4)}
SAS Norway Seafoods	Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS	France		2016	100 %	100 %
Farming						
Lerøy Aurora AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Tromsø	2005	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Laksefjord AS	Lerøy Aurora AS	Norway	Lebesby	2005	100 %	100 %
Senja Akvakultursenter AS	Lerøy Aurora AS	Norway	Tromsø	2015	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Midt AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Hitra	2003	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Vest AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Austevoll	2007	100 %	100 %
Sjøtroll Havbruk AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Austevoll	2010	51 %	51 %
Lerøy Sjøtroll Kjærelva AS	Lerøy Vest AS	Norway	Austevoll	2017	50 %	50 %
Lerøy Sjøtroll Kjærelva AS	Sjøtroll Havbruk AS	Norway	Austevoll	2017	50 %	50 %
Norsk Oppdrettservice AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Flekkefjord	2015	51 %	51 %
Lerøy Ocean Harvest AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Bergen	2018	0 %	100 % ³⁾
Hardanger Skjell AS	Lerøy Ocean Harvest AS	Norway	Bergen	2018	0 %	0 % ^{1), 5)}

Comments on changes:

- 1) Business combination
- 2) Transactions with non-controlling interests
- 3) Foundation of new company
- 4) Change from associated company (not consolidated) to subsidiary (consolidated)
- 5) Parent–subsidiary business combination

Table cont. >

* Foundation date. The companies were part of "the old Lerøy group" before Lerøy Seafood Group ASA was founded in 1995

** The company has changed its name from Hallvard Lerøy USA Inc to Lerøy Seafood USA Inc.

Note 3

Consolidated companies and allocation to operating segment cont.

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Table cont.

Company	Ownership	Country	Registered business premises	Year of acquisition	Share 01.01	Share 31.12
Value-added processing (VAP), sales and distribution						
Bulandet Fiskeindustri AS	Lerøy Seafood AS	Norway	Askvoll	2005	79 %	79 %
Laks- & Vildtcentralen AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Oslo	2018	0 %	100 % ¹⁾
Lerøy Seafood USA Inc **	Lerøy Seafood AS	USA	North Carolina	2016	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Culinair B.V.	Rode Retail B.V.	Netherlands	Urk	2012	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Germany GmbH	Rode Beheer B.V.	Germany	Witten	2015	50 %	50 %
Lerøy Germany GmbH	Lerøy Seafood AS	Germany	Witten	2016	50 %	50 %
Lerøy & Strudshavn AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Bergen	1927 *	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Alfheim AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Bergen	2005	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Alt i Fisk AB	Lerøy Sverige AB	Sweden	Gothenburg	2001	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Delico AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Stavanger	2006	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Finland OY	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Finland	Turku	2011	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Fossen AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Bergen	2006	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Nord AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Tromsø	2015	51 %	51 %
Lerøy Nordhav AB	Lerøy Sverige AB	Sweden	Lomma	2001	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Portugal Lda	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Portugal	Lisboa	2005	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Processing Spain SL	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Spain	Madrid	2012	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Quality Group AS	Lerøy Seafood AS	Norway	Bergen	2006	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Seafood AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Bergen	1939 *	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Sjømatgruppen AS	Laks- & Vildtcentralen AS	Norway	Bergen	2006	0 %	25 % ¹⁾
Lerøy Sjømatgruppen AS	Lerøy Delico AS	Norway	Bergen	2006	18 %	18 %
Lerøy Sjømatgruppen AS	Lerøy Alfheim AS	Norway	Bergen	2006	24 %	24 %
Lerøy Sjømatgruppen AS	Lerøy Trondheim AS	Norway	Bergen	2006	8 %	8 %
Lerøy Sjømatgruppen AS	Lerøy Nord AS	Norway	Bergen	2015	3 %	3 %
Lerøy Smøgen Seafood AB	Lerøy Sverige AB	Sweden	Smøgen	2002	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Stockholm AB	Lerøy Sverige AB	Sweden	Stockholm	2001	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Sverige AB	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Sweden	Gothenburg	2001	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Trondheim AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Trondheim	2006	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Turkey	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Turkey	Istanbul	2015	100 %	100 %
Rode Beheer B.V.	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Netherlands	Urk	2012	100 %	100 %
Rode Retail B.V.	Rode Beheer B.V.	Netherlands	Urk	2012	100 %	100 %
Rode Vaestgoed B.V.	Rode Beheer B.V.	Netherlands	Urk	2012	100 %	100 %
Rode Vis B.V.	Rode Beheer B.V.	Norway	Urk	2012	100 %	100 %
Rode Vis International AS	Rode Beheer B.V.	Norway	Bergen	2012	100 %	100 %
Royal Frozen Seafood B.V.	Rode Beheer B.V.	Netherlands	Urk	2012	100 %	100 %
SAS Eurosalmon	SAS Lerøy Seafood France	France	Saint Jean d'Ardières	2008	100 %	100 %
SAS Fishcut	SAS Lerøy Seafood France	France	Saint Laurent Blangy	2008	100 %	100 %
SAS Lerøy Seafood France ***	Lerøy Seafood AS	France	Boulogne	2008	100 %	100 %
Sirevaag AS	Lerøy Delico AS	Norway	Hå	2006	100 %	100 %
Sjømathuset AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Oslo	2006	100 %	100 %
Not allocated						
Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	See note on shareholder information		Bergen	1995		
Preline Fishfarming Sys. AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Norway	Skien	2015	96 %	96 % ²⁾

Note 4

Operating revenues/segment information

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Operating revenue	2018	2017
Sale of goods and services	19,813,372	18,593,026
Damages received	1,096	93
Other operating revenue	23,259	30,396
Total operating revenue	19,837,637	18,623,515

Other gains and losses	2018	2017
Gain from disposal of fixed assets	42,341	4,829
Gain from re-measurement related to business combination *	0	-8,756
Total other gains	42,341	-3,927

The sale of the trawler Kongsfjord resulted in a gain of NOK 36,629, which is included in total gain from disposal of fixed assets. The sale price was NOK 90,665 net.

Operating segments

The Group has the following segments:

- (1) Wildcatch
- (2) Farming
- (3) Value-added processing (VAP), sales and distribution.

Lerøy Seafood Group ASA and Preline Fishfarming System AS are not allocated to any of these segments, and are included in the elimination segment. With the exception of Farming, each business segment is also an operating segment. Farming

is divided into three individual operating segments (regions):

- (A) North (Lerøy Aurora)
- (B) Central (Lerøy Midt)
- (C) West (Lerøy Sjøtroll)

Further details regarding the different companies in the groups, allocation to segment and level of aggregation are presented in note on consolidated companies. The aggregation level for reporting by segment is described in the note on accounting principles.

Note 4

Operating revenues/segment information cont.

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

2017	Wildcatch	Farming	VAP, sales and distribution	Elimination/unallocated	Group
External operating revenue	857,094	335,296	17,431,100	25	18,623,515
Internal operating revenue	1,902,972	9,050,094	194,638	-11,147,704	0
Total operating revenue	2,760,066	9,385,390	17,625,738	-11,147,679	18,623,515
Other gains and losses	7,503	-2,817	-8,612	0	-3,927
Operating expenses	2,381,604	6,440,318	17,182,382	-11,101,465	14,902,839
Operating profit (EBIT) before fair value adjustments	385,965	2,942,255	434,744	-46,214	3,716,749
Change in fair value adjustment of fish in sea		-1,953,500			-1,953,500
Change in fair value of loss-making contracts		278,926			278,926
Change in fair value of Fish Pool contracts			-41,735		-41,735
Total fair value adjustments related to biological assets	0	-1,674,574	-41,735	0	-1,716,309
Operating profit	385,965	1,267,681	393,009	-46,214	2,000,440
Profit from associates	-3,552	284,944	13,125	8,134	302,651
Net financial items	-47,899	-68,966	-19,711	-73,047	-209,623
Profit before tax	334,514	1,483,659	386,423	-111,127	2,093,468
Tax cost					-343,984
The year's result					1,749,484
Operating margin before fair value adjustments	14.0 %	31.3 %	2.5 %	0.4 %	20.0 %
Assets (excluding associates)	5,992,248	15,506,717	4,369,933	-1,171,373	24,697,525
Associates	16,782	850,228	93,576	0	960,587
Total assets	6,009,030	16,356,945	4,463,509	-1,171,373	25,658,112
Total liabilities	2,498,931	7,856,329	3,059,457	-2,238,727	11,175,990
NIBD	543,634	1,411,080	-22,538	329,990	2,262,166
Net investments in intangibles and fixed assets	73,521	1,158,601	245,820	6,298	1,484,240
Depreciation	115,164	393,948	74,153	0	583,265

2018	Wildcatch	Farming	VAP, sales and distribution	Elimination/ unallocated	Group
External operating revenue	592,384	323,343	18,921,895	15	19,837,638
Internal operating revenue	2,078,089	9,137,855	111,227	-11,327,170	0
Total operating revenue	2,670,473	9,461,198	19,033,122	-11,327,155	19,837,638
Other gains and losses	35,826	5,529	986	0	42,340
Operating expenses	2,317,854	6,538,613	18,701,236	-11,246,261	16,311,442
Operating profit (EBIT) before fair value adjustments	388,444	2,928,114	332,872	-80,894	3,568,536
Change in fair value adjustment of fish in sea		799,983			799,983
Change in fair value of loss-making contracts		-46,519			-46,519
Change in fair value of Fish Pool contracts			1,474		1,474
Total fair value adjustments related to biological assets	0	753,464	1,474	0	754,937
Operating profit	388,444	3,681,578	334,346	-80,894	4,323,474
Profit from associates	-11,972	280,534	18,011	0	286,573
Net financial items	-44,933	-73,547	-18,964	-23,643	-161,087
Profit before tax	331,539	3,888,565	333,393	-104,537	4,448,960
Tax cost					-851,002
The year's result					3,597,958
Operating margin before fair value adjustments	14.5 %	30.9 %	1.7 %	0.7 %	18.0 %
Assets (excluding associates)	6,117,726	16,109,063	5,098,868	31,521	27,357,178
Associates	18,596	877,174	119,786	0	1,015,556
Total assets	6,136,322	16,986,237	5,218,654	31,521	28,372,734
Total liabilities	2,742,082	8,306,328	3,530,267	-3,340,234	11,238,443
NIBD	951,757	2,777,531	63,655	-1,246,531	2,546,412
Net investments in intangibles and fixed assets	568,711	1,343,619	203,971	22,480	2,138,781
Depreciation	133,648	433,626	92,356	38	659,669

Specification per operating segment within Farming

2017	North region (Lerøy Aurora)	Central region (Lerøy Midt)	West region (Lerøy Sjøtroll)	Elimination (group purchases /sales)	Total Farming
External operating revenue	258,364	31,054	45,879		335,296
Internal operating revenue	2,209,864	3,758,652	3,143,094	-61,516	9,050,094
Total operating revenue	2,468,228	3,789,706	3,188,973	-61,516	9,385,390
Other gains and losses	724	0	-3,542	0	-2,818
Operating expenses	1,443,772	2,647,204	2,406,562	-57,220	6,440,317
Operating profit (EBIT) before fair value adjustments	1,025,180	1,142,502	778,869	-4,296	2,942,255
Volume salmon (GWT)*	39,209	64,515	30,949		134,674
Volume trout (GWT)			23,094		23,094
Total volume	39,209	64,515	54,043		157,768
EBIT/kg **	26.1	17.7	14.4	-0.0	18.6

Note 4

Operating revenues/segment information cont.

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

2018	North region (Lerøy Aurora)	Central region (Lerøy Midt)	West region (Lerøy Sjøtroll)	Elimination (group purchases /sales)	Total Farming
External operating revenue	259,078	23,847	40,418		323,343
Internal operating revenue	2,120,501	3,899,765	3,181,996	-64,406	9,137,855
Total operating revenue	2,379,578	3,923,612	3,222,415	-64,406	9,461,198
Other gains and losses	637	5,764	-872	0	5,529
Operating expenses	1,391,437	2,573,903	2,635,897	-62,623	6,538,613
Operating profit (EBIT) before fair value adjustments	988,779	1,355,472	585,646	-1,783	2,928,114
Volume salmon (GWT)*	36,783	66,501	34,449		137,733
Volume trout (GWT)			24,306		24,306
Total volume	36,783	66,501	58,755		162,039
EBIT/kg **	26.9	20.4	10.0	-0.0	18.1

* GWT = Gutted weight in tonnes

** Before fair value adjustments related to biological assets

Information on product area

Operating revenue in NOK by product area

Operating revenue	2018	%	2017	%
Whole salmon	8,585,877	43.3	8,061,730	43.3
Processed salmon	4,256,942	21.5	4,446,498	23.9
Whitefish	3,484,079	17.6	3,344,873	18.0
Trout	1,607,217	8.1	1,574,988	8.5
Shellfish	730,650	3.7	482,400	2.6
Pelagic	81,615	0.4	76,350	0.4
Other	1,091,258	5.5	636,676	3.4
Total operating revenue	19,837,637	100.0	18,623,515	100.0

Information on currency

Operating revenue in NOK by currency

Operating revenue	2018	%	2017	%
NOK	8,585,877	43.3	8,061,730	43.3
SEK	4,256,942	21.5	4,446,498	23.9
GBP	3,484,079	17.6	3,344,873	18.0
EUR	1,607,217	8.1	1,574,988	8.5
USD	730,650	3.7	482,400	2.6
JPY	81,615	0.4	76,350	0.4
Other currency	1,091,258	5.5	636,676	3.4
Total operating revenue	19,837,637	100.0	18,623,515	100.0

Sales in foreign currency from Group companies in Norway normally take place at an approximate transaction rate (week rates). However, contractual sales hedged with currency forward contracts are booked with the same rate as the derivative. Sales from foreign Group companies in foreign currency are in principle translated to NOK on the basis of the accumulated monthly average exchange rate in the accounting period. Significant individual transactions are translated at transaction date rate.

Information on geographic areas

Sales are allocated to the customers' home country. Assets and investments are distributed according to geographical location.

Operating revenue	2018	%	2017	%
EU	11,625,544	58.6	10,737,890	57.7
Norway	3,717,574	18.7	3,438,502	18.5
Asia	2,778,101	14.0	2,616,321	14.0
USA & Canada	880,814	4.4	990,920	5.3
Rest of Europe	645,707	3.3	610,761	3.3
Other	189,897	1.0	229,120	1.2
Total operating revenue	19,837,637	100.0	18,623,515	100.0

Assets	2018	%	2017	%
Norway *	26,527,227	93.5	23,953,778	93.4
EU	1,698,079	6.0	1,564,434	6.1
Other countries	147,428	0.5	139,900	0.5
Total assets	28,372,734	100.0	25,658,112	100.0

* Most of the trade receivables in the subsidiary Lerøy Seafood AS are from customers abroad. At year-end, this amounted to NOK 1,110,125 out of NOK 1,318,771 (NOK 983,713 out of NOK 1,193,760 previous year). Most of the trade receivables are covered by credit insurance.

Net investments	2018	%	2017	%
Norway	1,970,154	92.1	1,263,781	85.1
EU	167,380	7.8	214,417	14.4
Other countries	1,247	0.1	6,042	0.4
Total net investments	2,138,781	100.0	1,484,240	100.0

Net investment expenses are defined as the cost price for new operating fixed assets (including intangible assets) minus the proceeds received from the sale of operating accessories.

Note 5

Business combinations and redemption of non-controlling interests

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Business combinations in 2018

There has been three business combinations in 2018. In March 2018 all the shares in Laks- & Vildcentralen AS was acquired. In October 2018 all shares in Hardanger Skjell AS was acquired. In November 2018 the Group increased its ownership in Lerøy Sommarøy AS from 50% to 100%. Consolidation starts from

end of acquisition month. Calculated gain from change of status from associate to subsidiary has been eliminated against calculated goodwill. Hardanger Skjell AS was merged in December 2018 with the mother company Lerøy Ocean Harvest (parent-subsidiary merger).

Aggregated consideration	Controlling interests	Non-controlling interests	100 %
Total consideration paid	144,404	0	144,404
Accrued dividend (proposed), not yet approved, in acquired entity	-12,000	0	-12,000
Total consideration, net	132,404	0	132,404

Aggregated preliminary acquisition analysis	Controlling interests	Non-controlling interests	100 %
Recognised equity	19,829	0	19,829
Elimination of shares in consolidated group company, owned by acquired entity	-604	0	-604
Net identified added value	825	0	825
Net identified value	20,050	0	20,050

Aggregated calculation of goodwill	Controlling interests	Non-controlling interests	100 %
Total consideration, net	132,404	0	132,404
Fair value of non-controlling interests	0	0	0
Total	132,404	0	132,404
Net identified value	20,050	0	20,050
Goodwill calculated	112,354	0	112,354
Elimination of goodwill against other gains from remeasurement *	-22,354	0	-22,354
Goodwill in consolidated accounts	90,000	0	90,000

* Remeasurement related to change from associated company to subsidiary

Aggregated VAT analysis	Acquisition balance	Eliminations between acquired companies	Final purchase price allocation	Goodwill calculated	Elimination related to change from associated to subsidiary	Fair value on the date of acquisition
Goodwill	0	0	0	112,354	-22,354	90,000
Deferred tax asset	9,097	0	0	0	0	9,097
Fixed assets	1,698	0	0	0	0	1,698
Financial assets	4,676	-604	0	0	0	4,071
Inventory	22,455	0	1,072	0	0	23,527
Short-term receivables	41,936	0	0	0	0	41,936
Cash in bank	19,874	0	0	0	0	19,874
Total assets	99,736	-604	1,072	112,354	-22,354	190,204
Equity	19,828	-604	825	112,354	-22,354	110,050
Deferred tax	0	0	247	0	0	247
Short-term debt	79,908	0	0	0	0	79,908
Total equity and debt	99,736	-604	1,072	112,354	-22,354	190,204

Transactions with non-controlling interests in 2018

Due to a purchase option held by non-controlling interests in the subsidiary Preline Fishfarming System AS, the Group had to sell 545 shares (0.1%) of the total stock holding to the non-controlling

interests for an amount of NOK 52. The sale transaction generated NOK 25 in profit, which is booked against equity. The total shareholding after the transaction is 95.9%.

Note 6

Intangible assets

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Reconciliation carrying value, gross value and life

2017	Goodwill	Licences	Other rights	Total
As of 1 January 2017				
Acquisition cost	2,119,318	5,873,567	71,997	8,064,882
Accumulated amortisation		-9,466	-36,968	-46,434
Carrying value as of 01.01.17	2,119,318	5,864,101	35,029	8,018,448
Financial year 2017				
Carrying value as of 01.01.2017	2,119,318	5,864,101	35,029	8,018,448
Translation differences	9,855	0	165	10,020
Additions from business combinations	2,646	0	0	2,646
Acquisition of intangible assets		20,150	173	20,323
Amortisation for the year		-28,400	-3,410	-31,810
Carrying value as of 31.12.2017	2,131,819	5,855,851	31,957	8,019,627
As of 31 December 2017				
Acquisition cost	2,131,819	5,893,717	72,383	8,097,919
Accumulated amortisation		-37,866	-40,426	-78,292
Carrying value as of 31.12.2017	2,131,819	5,855,851	31,957	8,019,627
Assets with unlimited useful life	2,131,819	5,473,502	2,100	7,607,421
Assets with limited useful life		382,349	29,857	412,206
Carrying value as of 31.12.2017	2,131,819	5,855,851	31,957	8,019,627
2018				
Financial year 2018				
Carrying value as of 01.01.2018	2,131,819	5,855,851	31,957	8,019,627
Translation differences	-3,389	0	11	-3,378
Additions from business combinations	90,000	0	0	90,000
Acquisition of intangible assets		90,921	711	91,632
Amortisation for the year		-28,400	-3,405	-31,805
Carrying value as of 31.12.2018	2,218,430	5,918,372	29,273	8,166,075
As of 31 December 2018				
Acquisition cost	2,218,430	5,984,638	73,113	8,276,181
Accumulated amortisation		-66,266	-43,840	-110,106
Carrying value as of 31.12.2018	2,218,430	5,918,372	29,273	8,166,075
Assets with unlimited useful life	2,218,430	5,570,573	2,200	7,791,203
Assets with limited useful life		347,799	27,073	374,872
Carrying value as of 31.12.2018	2,218,430	5,918,372	29,273	8,166,075

Specification of intangible assets per acquisition, per segment

31.12.17	Region	Acquisition year	Goodwill	Licences	Other rights	Total
Wildcatch						
Havfisk AS		2016		3,657,600 ⁵⁾		3,657,600
Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS		2017	2,646		100	2,746
Total			2,646	3,657,600	100	3,660,345
Farming						
Lerøy Midt AS group	Central	2003, 2006 ¹⁾	956,509	644,100		1,600,609
Lerøy Vest AS	West	2007	535,001	507,718	16,621 ³⁾	1,059,340
Sjøtroll Havbruk AS	West	2010	205,954	673,513		879,467
Lerøy Aurora AS group	North	2005, 2014 ²⁾	134,567	312,771	2,000	449,338
Norsk Oppdrettsservice AS	West	2015	13,295	40,000		53,295
Total			1,845,326	2,178,102	18,621	4,042,048
VAP, sales and distribution		⁴⁾	283,848	0	13,236 ³⁾	297,084
Lerøy Seafood Group ASA		2017		6,150 ⁶⁾		6,150
Total			2,131,819	5,841,851	31,957	8,005,627
31.12.18	Region	Acquisition year	Goodwill	Licences	Other rights	Total
Wildcatch						
Havfisk AS		2016		3,629,200 ⁵⁾		3,629,200
Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS		2017	2,646		100	2,746
Total			2,646	3,629,200	100	3,631,945
Farming						
Lerøy Midt AS	Central	2003, 2006 ¹⁾	956,509	644,100		1,600,609
Lerøy Vest AS	West	2007	535,001	507,718	15,582 ³⁾	1,058,301
Sjøtroll Havbruk AS	West	2010	205,954	673,513		879,467
Lerøy Aurora AS group	North	2005, 2014 ²⁾	134,567	398,891	2,000	535,458
Norsk Oppdrettsservice AS	West	2015	13,295	40,000		53,295
Total			1,845,326	2,264,222	17,582	4,127,129
VAP, sales and distribution		⁴⁾	370,459	0	11,591 ³⁾	382,051
Lerøy Seafood Group ASA		2017, 2018		24,951 ⁶⁾		24,951
Total			2,218,430	5,918,372	29,273	8,166,076

1) Consists of the Midnor acquisition from 2003 and the Hydrotech acquisition from 2006. The companies are now merged.

2) Consists of the Aurora acquisition from 2005, the Villa acquisition from 2014, in addition to paid amount for increased volume in 2017 and 2018

3) Rights with a definite useful life and are subject to amortisation.

4) The change in goodwill in 2016 comes from the currency translation differences related to foreign subsidiaries to NOK (IAS 21)

5) A certain part of the total value of licences acquired from business combination (Havfisk AS) has a definite useful life, and is subject to amortisation.

6) Consists of initial costs related to R&D licence, which is owned by Lerøy Vest AS and presumed renewed in 2018. Defenite life time of 3 years from 2018.

Note 6

Intangible assets cont.

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Licences

Licences in the Farming segment

The net book value of licences in the Farming segment is NOK 2 289 173 including the capitalized costs related to the renewal of the R&D licence in Lerøy Seafood Group ASA. Below is a list of the licences owned by LSG at the end of the financial year according to type, number and volume. The list is based on data registered in the Aquaculture Register.

Salmon and trout licences	Norsk Oppdrettsservice		Lerøy Vest and Sjøtroll Havbruk		Lerøy Midt		Lerøy Aurora		Total Group		
	Number	Volume (GWT)	Number	Volume (GWT)	Number	Volume (GWT)	Number	Volume (GWT)	Number	Volume (GWT)	
Grow-out licences	1)		57	44,980	53	41,340	25	24,898	135	111,218	
Slaughter cage licences			1	780	2	1,560	2	1,800	5	4,140	
R&D licences	2)				3	2,340	1	780	4	3,120	
Green farming licences			1	780					1	780	
Demonstration licences			1	780	1	780	1	780	3	2,340	
Teaching licences	3)		1	780	1	780	1	390	3	1,950	
Parent fish licences	4)		2	1,560	2	1,560	1	780	5	3,900	
Total number and volume		0	0	63	49,660	62	48,360	31	29,428	156	127,448

1) The volume increase for grow-out licences relates to purchase of extra volume (2%) for all localities in North Norway. The purchase price was NOK 721 million.

2) The R&D licences are time-limited with a duration of three years. The licences have zero purchase price, and therefore no depreciation.

3) The teaching licences are considered time-limited with a duration of 10 years. The licences have zero purchase price, and therefore no depreciation.

4) The parent fish licence shown for Lerøy Aurora is owned by Lerøy Midt AS but operated by Lerøy Aurora AS.

Other farming licences	Norsk Oppdrettsservice		Lerøy Vest and Sjøtroll Havbruk		Lerøy Midt		Lerøy Aurora		Total Group	
	Number	Volume (million individuals)	Number	Volume (million individuals)	Number	Volume (million individuals)	Number	Volume (million individuals)	Number	Volume (million individuals)
Settefisk			14	41.9	7	27.5	1	11.5	22	80.9
Rensefisk	2	4.0	1	2.5	2	5.0	1	2.5	6	14.0
Total	2	4.0	15	44.4	9	32.5	2	14.0	28	94.9

The Group has also licences to cultivate seaweed in connection with two localities for the production of salmon. The licences permit cultivation of 420 and 480 decares (approx. 105 and 120 acres) respectively. The licences have initially been awarded for a period of 10 years and will be subject to evaluation by the authorities at the end of period.

For a more detailed explanation of why farming licences are deemed to have an indefinite useful life and are therefore not subject to amortisation, please see item (X) in the note on accounting policies.

Licences in the Wildcatch segment

Licences (quotas) for wildcatch	NBV in acquired company on date of acquisition	Excess value identified in PPA, and allocated	Accumulated amortisation (01.09.16 - 31.12.18)	NBV as of 31.12.2017
Basic quotas for cod, shrimp and greater silver	339,807	2,941,594		3,281,401
Structural quotas, cod trawling	414,064		-66,265	347,799
Total	753,871	2,941,594	-66,265	3,629,200

The Wildcatch segment comprises the two sub-groups, Havfisk AS and Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS. Havfisk AS is a shipowning company, with trawlers involved in wild catches. Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS is involved in the receipt and processing of wild caught whitefish.

The licences in this segment are owned by the sub-group, Havfisk AS (vessel owning subsidiaries). The licences are governed by an obligation to supply products to the regions where the licences are located, i.e. Finnmark and Nordland. This implies that buyers in those regions have priority over other buyers of fish. The details of the supply obligation are stipulated in the licence terms for the individual licence unit. This may be a region but could also be a specific buyer. The principle for pricing is the average price realised for the species of fish in question over the past two weeks, taking into account condition, size and quality. Havfisk is also subject to a so-called "industrial obligation" (obligation to keep the business going) in Stamsund, Melbu, Hammerfest, Båtsfjord, Honningsvåg and Kjøllefjord. This implies that the licence is linked to operation of the facilities in the respective locations. Havfisk has however leased out the facilities in these locations. The lessee is Norway Seafoods Group AS. The lessee is responsible for sustaining operations. If the lessee terminates operations, the licence terms oblige Havfisk to sustain operations in the specified locations.

At the end of the financial year, the Havfisk group owned 29.6 cod and haddock trawling licences, 31.9 saithe trawling licences, 8 shrimp trawling licences and 3 greater silver licences in Norway. These licences are owned via the subsidiaries Nordland Havfiske AS, Finnmark Havfiske AS and Hammerfest Industrifiske AS.

A licence for cod, haddock and saithe is a licence that entitles the holder to trawl for whitefish in the zone north of 62 degrees latitude and in the North Sea at certain times of the year. Correspondingly, a licence for shrimp and greater silver entitles the holder to fish for shrimp and greater silver. In 2018 (2017), each vessel was permitted up to four (four) quota units, including the quota connected to the vessel. The volume of fish allowed per licence unit is stipulated annually by the Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries. Moreover, transfers may be made between the different groups of vessels throughout the year, in the event that one group of vessels is not able to fish its share of the quota. This is known as "re-allocation". In

2018 (2017), one cod licence entitled the holder to fish for 1,260 (1,480) tonnes of cod, 412 (564) tonnes of haddock and 465 (388) tonnes of saithe in the zone north of 62 degrees latitude. When compared with 2017 (2016), this is a change of -18% (-1%) for cod, -27% (-2%) for haddock and +20% (+6%) for saithe. During the year, the quota for both haddock and saithe was increased and some quotas were re-allocated for these species. The shrimp and greater silver licences have no limit in terms of volume.

In order to boost profitability for fisheries and reduce the number of vessels in operation, the fisheries authorities have implemented schemes allowing for companies to merge several quota units per vessel in return for the permanent removal of vessels that have handed over their quotas from the registry of fisheries. Each vessel has one cod trawling permit, a so-called basic quota. Vessels can also have so-called structural quotas for cod trawling. In total, one vessel cannot have more than four quotas per fish species. The structural quotas have a limited duration according to the scheme in place when the quota was structured. In principle, there are two schemes for structural quotas, comprising 20 and 25 years' duration. The new scheme for structural quotas was introduced in 2007. Structural quotas allocated before 2007 have a duration of 25 years starting in 2008, while quotas allocated after 2008 have a duration of 20 years.

The main purpose of the structure schemes is to reduce the number of vessels participating in individual fisheries, thereby facilitating improved profitability for the remaining vessels – i.e. improving efficiency within a regulated framework. Moreover, the schemes are intended to adapt fleet capacity to the basic resources. At the end of the duration of 20 and 25 years respectively, the structural quotas are no longer valid and the total quotas will be distributed among all parties in the regulation group in question, as basic quotas. Basic quotas do not have any time limits.

Havfisk AS – and Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS to a limited extent – is involved in fishing in Norway pursuant to the provisions in inter alia the Act relating to the right to participate in fishing and catches (Participant Act). Havfisk AS has been given an exemption from the requirement stating that the controlling interest must be an active fisherman. The Participant Act and supporting legislation stipulate inter alia that any changes to ownership of a company that directly or indirectly owns fishing vessels requires approval by the relevant authorities.

Note 6

Intangible assets cont.

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries' approval of Lerøy Seafood Group ASA's acquisition of the majority shareholding in Havfisk AS was granted on the basis of Lerøy Seafood Group ASA's ownership on the date of the approval. The approval also states that no new applications are required for future changes in ownership of Havfisk AS, Lerøy Seafood Group ASA and Austevoll Seafood ASA provided that Lerøy Seafood Group ASA continues to own minimum 60% of the shares in Havfisk AS and that Austevoll Seafood ASA continues to own minimum 50% of the shares in Lerøy Seafood Group ASA. However, the approval does not allow for changes in ownership that result in Laco AS directly owning less than 55.55% of the shares in Austevoll Seafood ASA. Any significant changes in ownership in Laco AS also require approval. The approval also requires continuation of the prevailing terms related to permits for the vessels and structural quotas, in addition to compliance with the nationality requirement in section 5 of the Participant Act. Pursuant to the nationality requirement in section 5 of the Participant Act, operating permits can only be granted to parties that are Norwegian citizens or have status that equals Norwegian citizenship.

According to the second paragraph letra a) of the provision, limited companies, public limited companies and other companies with limited liability have equal status to Norwegian citizens when the company's head office and Board of Directors are located in Norway, when the majority of the Board members, including the Chairman of the Board, are Norwegian citizens resident in Norway and who have lived in Norway for the last two years, and when Norwegian citizens own shares or stocks corresponding to minimum 6/10 of the company's capital and have voting rights in the company with minimum 6/10 of the votes. Havfisk AS, Lerøy Seafood Group ASA and Austevoll Seafood ASA are obliged to submit an overview twice a year detailing the company's shareholders, including specification of the shares held by foreign shareholders. Ultimately, a breach of the above-mentioned licence provisions could result in Havfisk AS losing its licence rights.

Other rights

In addition to goodwill and licences, intangible assets also comprise other rights.

These rights comprise the following subcategories in each segment:

	Amortisation method	Wildcatch	Farming	VAP, sale and distribution	Total
Time indefinite	None				
Water rights		0	2,000		2,000
Other rights		100			100
Total		100	2,000	0	2,100
Accumulated purchase price		100	2,000	0	2,100
Limited	Straight line depr.				
Water rights	25 years		15,582		15,582
Contracts with customers	10 years			8,750	8,750
Other rights	3 - 5 years			2,841	2,841
Total		0	15,582	11,591	27,173
Accumulated purchase price		0	44,973	28,140	73,113
Accumulated amortisation		0	-29,391	-14,449	-43,840
Total other rights		100	17,582	11,591	29,273

Cash-generating units (CGU)

With each acquisition or purchase of assets, goodwill, licences and rights are allocated to the different cash-generating units. Each legal unit in the Group in principle comprises one cash-generating unit. Goodwill and intangible assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortised, but shall be tested for impairment at least once a year and written down if their value can no longer be justified. The management assesses the carrying value of goodwill and intangible assets with an indefinite useful life per CGU at least once a year, and more frequently if there are indications of impairment. Useful life is utilised when establishing recoverable amount.

The table below displays the distribution of goodwill and intangible assets with an indefinite useful life per CGU.

Farming

Impairment tests of goodwill and intangible assets with an indefinite useful life have been summarised below for each CGU in the segment.

In the region for North Norway, Lerøy Aurora AS Group is defined as one CGU. The Group operates as one unit. This cash-generating unit is referred to as "Lerøy Aurora".

The region of Central Norway comprises only one company, Lerøy Midt AS, defined as one CGU. This cash-generating unit is referred to as "Lerøy Midt".

The region for West Norway has three units – Lerøy Vest AS, Sjøtroll Havbruk AS and Lerøy Sjøtroll Kjærelva AS – which have been combined to one CGU subsequent to their joint operation agreement entered into in 2014. The two companies have joint management and operate in practice as one unit. This cash-generating unit is referred to as "Lerøy Sjøtroll". In addition, the cleaner fish company Norsk Oppdrettservice AS, acquired in 2015, is defined as a separate CGU. The company has its own management.

Wildcatch

In the sub-group Havfisk AS, each vessel with its quotas is defined as one cash-generating unit. Despite this, Lerøy Seafood Group classifies the two sub-groups, Havfisk AS and Norway Seafoods Group AS, as one joint cash-generating unit. This is justified in that, primarily, quotas are transferred between vessels via the so-called "re-allocations". Secondly, the two sub-groups are mutually dependent with a view to the industrial obligation mentioned above. In addition, the supply obligation has an impact on the two units' co-dependence. On this basis, the two sub-groups are assessed as one joint cash-generating unit.

VAP, sales and distribution

In order to simplify matters and by requirement, the impairment test of goodwill is summarised for the segment in total, with the exception of the foreign subsidiary Rode Beheer BV (group), which is presented separately due to its size.

Book value of intangible assets per CGU	Goodwill	Licences	Other rights	Total
Havfisk AS and Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS	2,646	3,629,200 ²⁾	100	3,631,945
Farming - region Northern Norway	134,567	398,891	2,000	535,458
Farming - region Central Norway	956,509	644,100	-	1,600,609
Farming - region Western Norway	754,250	1,221,231	15,582 ¹⁾	1,991,063
Rode Beheer BV Group	140,627	-	-	140,627
Other VAP, sales and distribution companies	229,832	-	11,591 ¹⁾	241,424
Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	-	24,951 ³⁾	-	24,951
Total	2,218,430	5,918,372	29,273	8,166,075
Book value of intangible assets that are amortised				374,872
Book value of intangible assets that are not amortised but tested for impairment				7,791,203
Total				8,166,075

1) Rights with definite useful life and subject to amortisation.

2) Structural quotas included in this amount, has a definite economic life time, and are subjected to amortisation.

3) Capitalised costs related to development licences - in the process of being granted

Note 6

Intangible assets cont.

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Tests of possible impairment loss

The impairment test for cash-generating units is based on estimated present values of future cash flows. The present value is compared with the book value per cash-generating unit. The present value is calculated on the basis of discounted cash flows over the next five years. The analysis is based on the prognosis for the next year and the estimated profit/loss over the next four years. A terminal value is estimated for the period following the next five years. The Gordon growth model is applied to estimate terminal value.

The impairment test did not produce grounds for write-down of goodwill or intangible assets with an indefinite useful life in 2017. The management's calculations show that this conclusion is robust in the face of reasonable changes in conditions in the future.

The critical value for the required rate of return on total assets before tax is between 10.7% and 46%.

The cash-generating unit (CGU) Wildcatch, which was acquired in 2016, is naturally pulling down the critical value due to the fact that the assumptions that the acquisition were based upon, have not changed much in the period from the purchase date and the date for testing. The most significant premises in the test are estimated future volume of catches per species, estimated future prices per species and required rate of return.

In farming the Group has historically experienced a significant production growth per licence in Norway. But from 2012 and until today, there has been practically no growth in production at all. The model is based on an assumption of zero growth in volume, which is a very conservative projection in a long-term perspective. It is probable that such a low growth rate would result in a margin expansion, a condition which is barely covered by the model. The remaining CGUs in the Farming segment have a critical value between 16% and 46%. The Farming segment requires an EBIT in the terminal element of an amount from NOK - 2.1 to NOK 2.7 per kg. This amount corresponds by a good margin with the historical figures reported. The management has also carried out tests of sensitivity related to price, cost and volume. With the implemented WACC and best estimate for the terminal element, the tests show that this value is also robust in the face of changes in these parameters.

For the VAP and Sales & Distribution segments, the book values are almost totally justified by the estimated profit/loss for the next five years – in other words, the book values for this segment are not critically reliant on the conditions related to the terminal element.

Key premises and sensitivity estimates

Key premises	2018	2017
Discount rate (WACC) before tax	7.6 %	7.5 %
Discount rate (WACC) after tax	6.0 %	5.8 %
Nominal rate of growth	3.0 %	3.0 %
Projected inflation	2.0 %	2.0 %
Projected real growth	1.0 %	1.0 %

The book value tested below is the share of the carrying value that is not subject to amortisation.

Sensitivity analysis per CGU	Book value tested	Critical value in the terminal element (with WACC implemented)	Critical WACC	Implemented WACC
Havfisk AS and Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS	3,284,147	7.0 % ⁶⁾	10.7 %	7.6 %
Farming - region Northern Norway	535,458	-2.10 % ⁴⁾	46.0 %	7.6 %
Farming - region Central Norway	1,600,609	-0.20 % ⁴⁾	29.0 %	7.6 %
Farming - region Western Norway	1,975,481	2.70 % ⁴⁾	16.0 %	7.6 %
Total	4,111,547	0.50 % ⁴⁾	26.0 %	7.6 %
Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	24,951	2.70 % ^{4),5)}	16.0 %	7.6 %
Rode Beheer BV Group	140,627	1.7 % ⁶⁾	16.0 %	7.6 %
Other VAP, sales and distribution companies	229,832	-0.2 % ⁶⁾	42.0 %	7.6 %
Total	370,459	-0.2 % ⁶⁾	36.0 %	7.6 %
Total	7,791,104			7.6 %

4) The terminal value for farming is estimated on the basis of EBIT/kg.

5) Development licences in process of being granted will be operated by Lerøy Vest. Thus the same parameters as for region Western Norway have been applied.

6) The terminal values for Wildcatch and VAP, sales and distribution have been estimated on the basis of profit margin.

Note 7

Fixed assets

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

2017	Projects in progress	Real estate	Buildings	Vessels (fishing boats)	Machines, fixtures, equip., etc.	Total
1 January 2017						
Acquisition cost		141,491	1,407,305	1,029,343	4,659,543	7,237,682
Accumulated depreciation		0	-377,562	-25,731	-2,586,027	-2,989,320
Accumulated impairment loss		0	-15,754	0	-23,500	-39,254
Carrying value 01.01.17		141,491	1,013,989	1,003,612	2,050,016	4,209,108
Financial year 2017						
Carrying value 01.01.17		141,491	1,013,989	1,003,612	2,050,016	4,209,108
Foreign currency translation differences		1,930	12,618	0	6,478	21,026
Operating assets acquired		50,878	832,080	58,979	620,950	1,562,887
Operating assets acquired via business combinations		0	0	0	1,576	1,576
Disposal		-491	-29,048	0	-65,331	-94,870
Depreciation for the year		0	-69,212	-75,000	-407,244	-551,456
Carrying value 31.12.17		193,808	1,760,427	987,591	2,206,445	5,148,271
31 December 2017						
Acquisition cost		193,808	2,219,809	1,088,322	5,167,542	8,669,482
Accumulated depreciation		0	-443,565	-100,731	-2,937,597	-3,481,893
Accumulated impairment loss		0	-15,818	0	-23,500	-39,318
Carrying value 31.12.17		193,808	1,760,426	987,591	2,206,445	5,148,271
Interests capitalised		0	0	0	0	0
2018						
Accounting year 2018						
Carrying value 01.01.18		193,808	1,760,426	987,591	2,206,445	5,148,271
Foreign currency translation differences		30	-2,525	0	-2,152	-4,647
Operating assets acquired	653,564	24,803	108,772	422,388	973,748	2,183,275
Operating assets acquired via business combinations		0	630	0	1,068	1,698
Disposal		0	-29,078	-55,036	-9,669	-93,784
Depreciation for the year		0	-79,660	-84,553	-463,651	-627,864
Carrying value 31.12.18	653,564	218,641	1,758,565	1,270,389	2,705,789	6,606,948
31 December 2018						
Acquisition cost	653,564	218,641	2,207,916	1,398,027	5,889,939	10,368,087
Accumulated depreciation		0	-433,560	-127,638	-3,163,489	-3,724,687
Accumulated impairment loss		0	-15,791	0	-20,661	-36,452
Carrying value 31.12.18	653,564	218,641	1,758,565	1,270,389	2,705,789	6,606,948
Interests capitalised	8,900	0	0	0	4,818	13,718

Information on estimated useful life for fixed assets is provided in paragraph (H) in the note on accounting policies.
 Information on leasing is provided in note on leasing.
 Information on mortgages for fixed assets is provided in note on loans, mortgages and guarantees.

Projects in progress

Work in progress, where property is transferred to the Group based on progress

Smolt facilities	467,040
White fish facilities	62,121
Other smaller projects	12,660
Total	541,821

Work in progress, where property is transferred to the Group on time of completion

Prepayment for new trawler under construction	83,620
Prepayment for new feed fleet under construction	28,123
Total	111,743

Carrying value 31.12.18

653,564

Note 8

Shares in associates and other investments

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Shares in associates

Classification of associates

The associated companies in the group are listed in the table below, and each company is allocated to operating segment. Changes during the year are also included. Net book value is recognised according to the equity method.

Associates	Owner (in LSG group)	Operating segment	Country	Place of business	Ownership/ voting share 01.01	Ownership/ voting share 31.12	Net book value 31.12
Associates considered as material							
Norskott Havbruk AS - group	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Farming	Norway	Bergen	50 %	50 %	761,339
Seistar Holding AS - group	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Farming	Norway	Austevoll	50 %	50 %	108,309
Seafood Danmark A/S - group	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	VAPSD *	Denmark	Hirtshals	33 %	33 %	112,395
Total material associates							982,042
Other associates							
Lerøy Sommarøy AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Wildcatch	Norway	Tromsø	50 %	0 %	0
Neset Kystfiske AS	Sørvær Kystfiskeinvest AS	Wildcatch	Norway	Hasvik	34 %	34 %	859
Holmen Fiske AS	Sørvær Kystfiskeinvest AS	Wildcatch	Norway	Hasvik	34 %	34 %	8,595
Sørøya Isanlegg AS	Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS	Wildcatch	Norway	Hasvik	39 %	39 %	221
Båtsfjord Bedriftshelsetjeneste AS	Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS	Wildcatch	Norway	Båtsfjord	28 %	28 %	70
Båtsfjord Laboratorium AS	Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS	Wildcatch	Norway	Båtsfjord	34 %	34 %	230
Fryserienes Fôromsetning SA	Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS	Wildcatch	Norway	Tromsø	23 %	23 %	237
Itub AS	Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS	Wildcatch	Norway	Ålesund	22 %	22 %	4,011
Finnmark Kystfiske AS	Havfisk AS	Wildcatch	Norway	Hammerfest	48 %	48 %	1,695
Vestvågøy Kystrederi AS	Havfisk AS	Wildcatch	Norway	Vestvågøy	50 %	50 %	2,679
Ocean Forest	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	Farming	Norway	Bergen	50 %	50 %	123
Kirkenes Processing AS	Lerøy Aurora AS	Farming	Norway	Kirkenes	50 %	50 %	3,459
Romsdal Processing AS	Lerøy Aurora AS	Farming	Norway	Midsund	50 %	50 %	3,719
Norway Salmon AS	Lerøy Midt AS	Farming	Norway	Rørvik	50 %	50 %	226
Dragøy Grossist AS	Lerøy Nord AS	VAPSD *	Norway	Tromsø	0 %	34 %	3,500
Silverbåg AS	Sirevaag AS	VAPSD *	Norway	Karmøy	0 %	49 %	980
Vågen Fiskeriselskap AS	Sirevaag AS	VAPSD *	Norway	Hå	0 %	50 %	2,495
The Seafood Innovation Cl. AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA	VAPSD *	Norway	Bergen	20 %	20 %	416
Total other associates							33,514
Grand total							1,015,556

* VAPSD is short for VAP, sales & distribution (VAP = Value Added Processing)

Carrying value on associates and income from associates

2018	Seafood Danmark A/S Group	Seistar Holding AS Group	Norskott Havbruk AS Group	Other associates	Total associates
Acquisition year	2017	2015	2001		
Reconciliation of changes in book value in 2018					
Opening balance 01.01	93,230	95,324	746,934	25,100	960,587
Companies acquired				7,105	7,105
Companies sold *				13,658	13,658
Share of this year's profit	17,941	15,985	264,993	-12,345	286,573
Dividend distributed		-3,000	-242,200		-245,200
Currency translation differences **	1,224		-2,864		-1,639
Other changes over equity			-5,525	-3	-5,528
Closing balance as of 31.12	112,395	108,309	761,339	33,514	1,015,556
Acquisition cost	77,170	61,500	163,273		
Income from associates including and before fair value adjustments related to biological assets					
Share of this year's profit	17,941	15,985	264,993	-12,345	286,573
Gain from disposal of associate	0	0	0	0	0
Income from associates, including fair value adjustments	17,941	15,985	264,993	-12,345	286,573
Fair value adjustments (after tax) from associates			2,958		2,958
Income from associates, before fair value adjustments	17,941	15,985	267,952	-12,345	289,532

* Due to the Group's acquisition of the remaining 50% of the shares in Lerøy Sommarøy AS, this company has changed its status from an associate to a subsidiary. As a result from the facts that the equity in this company was negative and Lerøy Seafood Group ASA had granted for the company's bank loan, the net book value was negative on the time of disposal (change from associate to subsidiary), in line with the equity method (thus a positive amount on the disposal in the table above). See note on business combinations for further details.

** Currency translation differences relate to translation for the sub-group Scottish Seafarms, owned by Norskott Havbruk AS, where functional and reporting currency is GBP

Note 8

Associates and other investments cont.

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Other information on associates considered material to the Group

Information on subsidiaries of associates

Company	Owner (associate)	Operating segment	Country	Ownership / voting share 01.01	Ownership / voting share 31.12
Scottish Seafarms Ltd	Norskott Havbruk AS	Farming	Scotland	100 %	100 %
Ettrick Trout Ltd	Scottish Seafarms Ltd	Farming	Scotland	100 %	100 %
Orkney Sea Farms Ltd	Terregles Salmon Company Ltd	Farming	Scotland	100 %	100 %
Brødrene Schlie's Fiskeeksport A/S	Seafood Danmark A/S	VAPSD	Denmark	100 %	100 %
Scanfish A/S	Seafood Danmark A/S	VAPSD	Denmark	100 %	100 %
Thorfisk A/S	Seafood Danmark A/S	VAPSD	Denmark	100 %	100 %
Lerøy Schlie A/S	Seafood Danmark A/S	VAPSD	Denmark	100 %	100 %
Tip Top Fiskeindustri A/S	Seafood Danmark A/S	VAPSD	Denmark	100 %	100 %
Nigra Fiskeoppdrett A/S	Seafood Danmark A/S	VAPSD	Denmark	100 %	100 %
Wannebo International A/S	Seafood Danmark A/S	VAPSD	Denmark	50 %	50 %
Mowi Star AS	Seistar Holding AS	Farming	Norway	100 %	100 %
Seivåg Shipping AS	Seistar Holding AS	Farming	Norway	100 %	100 %
Seigrunn AS	Seistar Holding AS	Farming	Norway	100 %	100 %

Financial information (100%)

The accounting figures for associates, as shown below, are prepared in accordance with IFRS

Companies	Seafood Danmark A/S		Seistar Holding AS		Norskott Havbruk AS	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Consolidated figures						
Revenue	1,738,814	1,920,189	146,774	142,692	2,057,006	2,088,007
Pre-tax profit	63,902	65,434	31,505	23,284	639,938	670,275
Annual profit	48,664	38,726	30,500	22,586	522,614	541,320
Comprehensive income	0	0	0	0	-11,050	-5,544
Fixed assets	379,392	329,956	427,805	425,874	1,330,163	983,398
Current assets	379,687	360,623	92,433	82,156	1,303,476	1,360,089
Total assets	759,079	690,579	520,239	508,030	2,633,639	2,343,487
Long-term debt	85,367	117,110	271,763	294,549	774,567	557,360
Short-term debt	336,493	293,750	31,858	22,834	336,395	292,255
Total debt	421,860	410,860	303,621	317,382	1,110,962	849,615
Net interest-bearing debt	203,943	173,214	195,549	222,631	508,378	180,906
Equity	337,219	279,719	216,618	190,648	1,522,677	1,493,872

Information on biological assets in associates

Norskott Havbruk AS (group) has farming operations in Scotland, and therefore has biological assets on the balance sheet. The key figures for inventory of fish in the sea for Norskott Havbruk AS group are as follows:

Information on fish in sea and harvested volume in the period, in tonnes	2018		2017	
Ownership	100 %	50 %	100 %	50 %
Total fish in sea (LWT)	15,373	7,687	16,303	8,152
Total harvest volume in the period (GWT)	27,464	13,732	30,996	15,498

Fair value adjustment related to biological assets in the statement of financial position	2018		2017	
Ownership	100 %	50 %	100 %	50 %
Fair value adjustment as of 01.01	187,226	93,613	178,237	89,119
Fair value adjustment through the income statement	-9,985	-4,993	8,989	4,495
Fair value adjustment as of 31.12	177,241	88,621	187,226	93,613
Cost price of biological assets 31.12	700,200	350,100	625,308	312,654
Carrying value of biological assets 31.12	877,441	438,720	812,534	406,267

Fair value adjustment related to biological assets in the income statement	2018		2017	
Ownership	100 %	50 %	100 %	50 %
Profit and loss impact before tax	-9,985	-4,993	8,989	4,495
Tax cost before effect of change in tax rate	2,297	1,148	-2,157	-1,079
Effect of change in tax rate (change in deferred tax in the balance sheet)	1,772	886	1,872	936
Net fair value adjustment, after tax *	-5,916	-2,958	8,704	4,352

* In alternative performance measures (APM), such as pre-tax profit before fair value adjustments related to biological assets, the APM will be adjusted by this amount.

Tax rate applied during the accounting period (for calculation of tax cost)	23 %	23 %	24 %	24 %
Tax rate applied for future periods (for calculation of deferred tax)	22 %	22 %	23 %	23 %

Other investments

Other shares as of 31.12.2018	Ownership / voting share	Cost price	Fair value 31.12	Carrying value
Various minor shareholdings	Insignificant	7,247	7,247	7,247
Total		7,247	7,247	7,247

Considering the immaterial value of the assets, historic cost has been applied as the best estimate for fair value.

Note 9

Biological assets

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

The group recognises and measures biological assets (fish in sea) at fair value. For salmon and trout, including parent fish, a present value model is applied to estimate fair value. For roe, fry, smolt and cleaner fish, which has a limited value compared with the total stock, historical cost provides the best estimate of fair value.

The fair value of fish in the sea is estimated as a function of the estimated biomass at the time of harvest, multiplied by the estimated sales price at the same time. For fish not ready for harvest, a deduction is made to cover estimated residual costs to grow the fish to optimal harvest weight. The cash flow is discounted monthly by a discount rate. Please refer to note (I) on accounting policies for more detailed information.

Fair value adjustment recognised in the period related to biological assets comprises: (1) Change in fair value adjustment of biological assets, (2) change in fair value (provision) of loss-making contracts and (3) change in unrealised gain/loss of

financial sale and purchase contracts (derivatives) for fish in Fishpool.

The Group enters into contracts related to future deliveries of salmon and trout. As biological assets are recognised at fair value, the fair value adjustment of the biological assets will be included in the estimated expenses required to fulfil the contract. This implies that the Group may experience loss-making (onerous) contracts according to IAS 37 even if the contract price for physical delivery contracts is higher than the actual production cost for the products. In such a scenario, a provision is made for the estimated negative value. The provision is classified in the financial statements as other short-term debt. The Group also enters into Fish Pool contracts to hedge prices. The number of such contracts is limited. When utilised, the Fish Pool contracts are recorded as financial instruments on the balance sheet (derivatives), where unrealised gain is classified as other short-term receivables and unrealised loss as other short-term debt.

Carrying amount of biological assets	2018	2017
Fish in sea at historical cost *	3,746,634	3,466,270
Roe, fry, smolt and cleaner fish at cost *	270,233	244,227
Total biological assets before fair value adjustment	4,016,867	3,710,497
Fair value adjustment of biological assets	1,547,580	747,598
Total biological assets 31.12	5,564,447	4,458,095
Fish in sea at fair value	5,294,214	4,213,868
Roe, fry, smolt and cleaner fish at fair value	270,233	244,227
Total biological assets 31.12	5,564,447	4,458,095
* Historical cost minus expensed mortality		
Total loss-making contracts 31.12	-51,974	-5,455
Total Fish Pool contracts 31.12	-15,633	-16,988
Recognised fair value adjustment related to biological assets	2018	2017
Change in fair value adjustment of biological assets (fish in sea)	799,983	-1,953,500
Change in fair value of onerous contracts	-46,519	278,926
Change in fair value of Fish Pool contracts	1,474	-41,735
Fair value adjustments related to biological assets	754,938	-1,716,309

Reconciliation of carrying amount of biological assets	Roe, fry, smolt and cleaner fish * (salmon and trout) *	Fish in sea (salmon and trout) *	Fair value adjustment	Total biological assets
Biological assets 01.01.2017	283,234	3,433,980	2,701,098	6,418,313
Changes in 2017				
Increase from biological transformation (released and net growth)	684,329	5,667,328		6,351,657
Reduction due to sale and internal use (smolt and cleaner fish)	-723,335	0		-723,335
Reduction due to harvest (salmon and trout)	0	-5,348,683		-5,348,683
Reduction due to incident-based mortality	0	-286,353		-286,353
Reduction due to accidental release	-2	-1		-3
Net change in fair value (fish in sea)	0	0	-1,953,500	-1,953,500
Biological assets 31.12.2017	244,226	3,466,270	747,598	4,458,095
Changes in 2018				
Increase from biological transformation (released and net growth)	516,265	5,851,263		6,367,528
Reduction due to sale and internal use (smolt and cleaner fish)	-490,257			-490,257
Reduction due to harvest (salmon and trout)		-5,433,680		-5,433,680
Reduction due to incident-based mortality	0	-137,211		-137,211
Reduction due to accidental release	0	-10		-10
Net change in fair value (fish in sea)	0	0	799,983	799,983
Biological assets 31.12.2018	270,234	3,746,633	1,547,580	5,564,447

* Carrying amount before fair value adjustment (historical cost minus charged mortality)

Reconciliation of volume (LWT) for stock of fish in sea	2018	2017
	LWT	LWT
Live weight of fish in sea at 01.01 (tonnes)	112.489	108.413
Changes through the year		
Increase from biological transformation (released and net growth)	195.163	199.795
Reduction due to harvesting	-193.188	-187.581
Reduction due to incident-based mortality	-4.359	-8.137
Reduction due to accidental release	0	0
Live weight of fish in sea at 31.12 (tonnes)	110.105	112.489

The table below shows how the total volume for fish in the sea, live weight measured in tonnes, is distributed by weight:

Groups of biological assets (LWT)	2018	2017
	LWT	LWT
Distribution by live weight		
Fish in sea, 0-1 kg	14,164	11,526
Fish in sea, 1-2 kg	13,538	13,581
Fish in sea, 2-3 kg	36,970	12,934
Fish in sea, 3-4 kg	23,133	45,596
Fish in sea, 4-4.8 kg	15,728	14,456
Fish in sea, more than 4.8 kg	6,572	14,396
Fish in sea, total salmon and trout	110,105	112,489

Note 9

Biological assets cont.

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Table cont.

Groups of biological assets (LWT)	2018	2017
Distribution according to type of fish	LWT	LWT
Fish ready for harvest (fish with live weight > 4.8 kg)	6,572	14,396
- Salmon	5,147	13,129
- Trout	1,425	1,267
Fish not ready for harvest (fish with live weight < 4.8 kg)	103,533	98,093
- Salmon	87,646	83,321
- Trout	15,887	14,772
Total volume:	110,105	112,489
- Salmon	92,793	96,450
- Trout	17,312	16,039
Number of individuals		
Number of individuals, all groups (in 1,000)	56,941	53,531

Parameters applied for calculation of fair value

Price parameters

2017 - Estimated future price during expected harvesting period	Forward price *	Exporter fee	Clearing cost	Net forward price
Q1 2018	52.92	-0.75	-0.185	51.99
Q2 2018	52.12	-0.75	-0.185	51.19
Q3 2018	52.12	-0.75	-0.185	51.19
Q4 2018	54.07	-0.75	-0.185	53.14
Q1 2019	56.87	-0.75	-0.185	55.94
Q2 2019	54.87	-0.75	-0.185	53.94

* Quarterly forward price based on monthly forward prices sourced from Fish Pool 29 December 2017.

2018 - Estimated future price during expected harvesting period	Forward price *	Exporter fee	Clearing cost	Net forward price
Q1 2019	64.02	-0.75	-0.185	63.08
Q2 2019	65.00	-0.75	-0.185	64.07
Q3 2019	59.52	-0.75	-0.185	58.58
Q4 2019	61.48	-0.75	-0.185	60.55
Q1 2020	62.90	-0.75	-0.185	61.97
Q2 2020	62.90	-0.75	-0.185	61.97

* Quarterly forward price based on monthly forward prices sourced from Fish Pool 31 December 2018.

Adjustments are also made for	2018	2017
Price premium (+/-) for trout	0.00	0.00
Reduction for quality differences, salmon	-0.25	-0.25
Reduction for quality differences, trout	-0.70	-0.25
Reduction for size differences, salmon	-0.40	-0.40
Reduction for size differences, trout	-0.80	-0.40

Deductions are also made for well boat services, slaughtering and packaging (primary processing), and transport to Oslo from the locality being measured.

Based on the above parameters, an estimated net price is calculated for each locality, and is then included in the cash flow calculation in relation to the assessment of fair value. In connection with the sensitivity analysis conducted in the note on significant accounting estimates and assessments, an estimated average net price is applied to all sizes. This is calculated by dividing the total estimated net sales revenue per locality by the total estimated volume (measured as slaughter weight), based on projected weight on the the date of harvest.

	2018	2017
Estimated average net price, all sizes (kr/kg), after primary processing and freight costs	56.07	48.51
Other parameters		
Projected mortality in relation to number of individuals per month in North Norway	0.50 %	0.50 %
Projected mortality in relation to number of individuals per month in other regions	1.00 %	1.00 %
Projected slaughter weight (live weight)	4.8 kg	4.8 kg
Discount rate (monthly)	6 %	6 %

Description of significant cost items originating from an incident, disease or other factor related to biological assets

Accidental release in 2018

For the Group, all accidental release is taken seriously, and the Group's target is zero accidental release. Accidental release may however occur randomly due to unforeseen incidents. All accidental releases are reported to the Directorate of Fisheries, irrespective of the scope of the accident. The Group has not experienced any accidental release of economic significance in 2018. In total only 115 individuals have escaped, from a total stock of approximately 57 million individuals. The accidental release consists of four different small incidents. These incidents are further described in the sustainability report, available at www.leroyseafood.com.

Incident-based mortality

The Group defines mortality as abnormal when more than 1.5% of the total number of fish die in the space of one month. For more detailed information, see the note on biological assets (I).

Abnormal mortality is defined as incident-based mortality, and is charged to the income statement in the period in which it occurs. In 2018 most of the incident-based mortality has been caused by sea lice treatment.

Fish health, including minimising mortality, is the cornerstone of the Group's strategy. There positive trend in the number of sea lice treatments and related mortality, have continued in 2018.

Note 10

Other inventories

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Other inventories consist of	2018	2017
Feed, packaging materials, auxiliary and other raw materials	372,530	337,048
Finished goods / goods for sale	948,090	661,644
Write-down of inventories re obsolescence	-5,328	-7,506
Total other inventories	1,315,292	991,186

Note 11

Receivables

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Non-current receivables	2018	2017
Loan to associates	38,479	22,597
Prepayments	4,067	72,607
Deposits (mainly Norges Råfisklag)	6,096	12,827
Loans to fishermen	5,163	7,163
Loans to employees	3,375	2,641
Positive value on interest swap	5,849	0
Other receivables and periodisations	4,747	5,001
Total	67,776	122,836

Trade receivables	2018	2017
Nominal value	2,181,376	2,013,695
Provision for bad debts	-28,962	-41,258
Total trade receivables	2,152,414	1,972,438

The Group normally invoices the agreed transaction price upon delivery of the goods. Payment is typically due within 30 - 60 days. The Group arranges for third parties to distribute the goods to the customers and carries the incurred distribution costs itself. The customers cover these costs through the agreed transaction price.

All but an insignificant part of the Group's trade receivables are covered by credit insurance or other forms of surety. The loss deductible on credit insured trade receivables is 10%.

By the end of February 2018, 96.6% of trade receivables (nominal value) had been collected, compared with 95.5% in the previous year. This represents 97.9% of book value, compared with 97.5% in the previous year.

Trade receivables 31.12 - aging	2018	2017
Not due	1,719,667	1,567,352
Due, 0 to 3 months	386,644	408,496
Due, 3 to 6 months	49,791	13,348
Due, more than 6 months	25,274	24,499
Total	2,181,376	2,013,695

Trade receivables 31.12 - provision	2018	2017
Not due	16,354	18,162
Due, 0 to 3 months	7,591	4,052
Due, 3 to 6 months	2,490	2,217
Due, more than 6 months	2,527	16,826
Total	28,962	41,258

Note 11

Receivables cont.

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Trade receivables 31.12 - no provision	2018	2017
Not due	1,703,313	1,549,190
Due, 0 to 3 months	379,053	404,444
Due, 3 to 6 months	47,302	11,131
Due, more than 6 months	22,746	7,673
Total	2,152,414	1,972,438

Bad debt, including change in provision, amounted to NOK -5,295 in 2018 (cost reduction), compared with NOK 15,732 in 2017.

Trade receivables by currency	2018	2017
NOK	768,267	746,165
SEK	178,798	175,831
GBP	85,325	63,124
EUR	878,069	742,861
USD	207,947	154,988
JPY	27,565	29,974
Other currencies	6,443	59,495
Total trade receivables	2,152,414	1,972,438

The Group has international operations and is exposed to currency risk in several currencies. Receivables are recognised at market rate on balance sheet date. Forward contracts are utilised to the greatest extent possible to eliminate currency risk related to outstanding trade receivables. See the note on financial instruments.

Other current receivables	2018	2017
VAT to be refunded	240,855	228,920
Pre-payments	44,566	96,975
Derivatives used for hedging (ref note 12)	73,100	15,400
Other	67,990	95,295
Total other receivables	426,511	436,590

Note 12

Financial instruments

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

The fair value of interest rate swaps (gross liability) is carried under the accounting item for "other liabilities" under long-term debt, unless the agreement acquired has a duration of less than one year. In such an event, the value is entered under "other short-term debt". The effective share of the change in value of the interest rate swap is recorded through other comprehensive income (cash flow hedging).

The gross liability carried is a taxable temporary difference. The change in deferred tax caused by the change in gross carrying amount is also recorded through other comprehensive income, and is therefore not included in the tax cost for the year in the income statement.

At year-end, the Group had the following interest rate swaps

Agreement from 2011: NOK 500,000, Start date when agreement was signed, Duration 10 years, Terminates 16.11.2021, Interest rate 3.55%, LSG ASA

Agreement from 2012: NOK 500,000, Start date when agreement

was signed, Duration 10 years, Terminates 16.01.2022, Interest rate 3.29%, LSG ASA

Agreement from 2016: NOK 323,500, Start 05.10.2018. Duration 2.5 years, Terminates 06.04.2021, Interest rate 1.01%, Havfisk AS
Agreement from 2016: NOK 323,500, Start 05.10.2018. Duration 2.5 years, Terminates 06.04.2021, Interest rate 1.02%, Havfisk AS

The periodic interest payments related to the hedging instrument (interest rate swaps) are calculated as the difference between fixed and floating interest rate multiplied with the nominal value of the agreement. The fixed rate, expectations about the future floating rate, and the remaining life time to expiry, are the most important parameters in the calculation of the fair value.

The periodic interest payments related to the hedged item (the long term loans) are calculated as the floating rate plus margin multiplied with the nominal value of the loan.

	2018	2017
Nominal value on interest rate swap agreements		
Nominal amount 01.01	2,218,835	2,298,835
Agreements expired during the period	-571,835	-50,000
New agreements during the period	0	0
Change in nominal value on existing agreements	0	-30,000
Nominal amount 31.12	1,647,000	2,218,835
Book value 01.01.		
Fair value of interest rate swaps at 01.01	-90,411	-117,635
Deferred tax asset related to interest rate swaps	20,795	28,232
Net value after tax 01.01	-69,617	-89,403
Tax rate applied	23 %	24 %
Change through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)		
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps	40,800	27,750
Change in related deferred tax	-9,384	-6,660
Net change in fair value through other comprehensive income (cash flow hedging)	31,416	21,090
Tax rate applied	23 %	24 %
Changes through profit or loss (FVPL)		
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps from estimation deviation on expired agreement	0	-526
Change in related deferred tax	0	126
Change in deferred tax related to 1% reduction in tax rate (change in estimate)	-496	-904
Net change in fair value through profit or loss	-496	-1,304

Note 12

Financial instruments cont.

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Table cont.

	2018	2017
Book value 31.12		
Fair value of interest rate swaps at 31.12	-49,611	-90,411
Deferred tax asset related to interest rate swaps	10,915	20,795
Net value after tax 31.12	-38,697	-69,617
Tax rate applied	22 %	23 %
Interest charged related to interest rate swaps	34,558	39,728

Currency forward contracts

The value of the Norwegian krone is one of many parameters that have an effect on the Group's competitiveness. The Group has at all times a substantial biomass in the sea that represents future sales. A significant share of the Group's revenue is generated in currencies other than NOK. Revenue by currency is presented in the note on operating segments, and trade receivables by currency is presented in the note on receivables.

In order to minimize the currency risk the Group uses currency forward contracts to hedge both net receivables and signed sales contracts in foreign currency. Thus the Group recognises the currency forward contracts as fair value hedging, also for the signed sales contracts, which are off-balance items.

At 31.12.2018 Lerøy Seafood Group has currency forward contracts with a net negative fair value of NOK 79.5 million. The currency forward contracts is classified as other short-term debt at 31.12.18. NOK 73.1 million of the net negative value is offset against the off-balance item signed sales contracts, and is classified as a short-term receivable.

The net currency gain in 2018 is NOK 65.3 million, which is recognized in cost of materials in the income statement, as it relates to the inventory cycle.

Financial purchase and sales contracts for salmon (fish pool contracts)

At 31.12.2018 Lerøy Seafood Group has open financial purchase contracts for salmon (Fish Pool contracts) with a total negative fair value of NOK 15.6 million. At the end of 2017 the Group had open contracts with a negative fair value of NOK 17.0 million.

The contracts expire within one year. Unrealised gains and losses on the Fish Pool contracts, which also represent market value, are settled daily by means of crediting/debiting the

settlement account. The Group's bank accounts with locked-in deposits and daily clearing ensure the contractual parties receive full settlement of the contract. Since the settlements are provisional, the fair value of Fish Pool contracts is classified as other current receivables if positive and as other current liabilities if negative. At the same time, provisional settlements credited to the settlement account are classified as other current liabilities with respect to the settlement centre. If the fair value is negative, the provisional settlement debited from the bank account is classified as other current receivables with respect to the settlement centre.

The change in value of the purchase contracts is recognised on the accounting line for fair value adjustment related to biological assets. The change in value (increase) recognised in 2018 is NOK 1.5 million. The corresponding figure in 2017 was a decrease of NOK 41.7 million. The effect is charged to cost of goods when realised.

Bunker derivatives

At the end of 2018 Lerøy Seafood Group has open financial purchase contracts for bunkers (bunker derivatives) with a negative fair value of 7.75 million. At the end of 2017 the group had contracts with a total positive fair value of NOK 5.0 million.

The majority of the contracts expire within one year. The fair value of the bunker derivatives (gross asset) is carried under the item for "other short-term receivables" when positive and other short-term debt when negative. The effective share of the change in value of the derivatives is recorded through other comprehensive income (cash flow hedging). The gross liability carried is a taxable temporary difference. The change in deferred tax caused by the change in gross carrying amount is also recorded through other comprehensive income, and is therefore not included in the tax cost for the year in the income statement.

Financial instruments by category

The following principles have been used for the subsequent measurement of financial instruments in the balance sheet.

As of 31.12.2017	Amortised cost	Fair value through profit or loss	Fair value through other comprehensive income	Total
Assets				
Other investments		5,534		5,534
Trade receivables and other receivables *	2,083,133			2,083,133
Cash and cash equivalents	3,514,096			3,514,096
Total	5,597,229	5,534	0	5,602,763
Liabilities				
Long-term liabilities (interest rate swaps)			90,411	90,411
Loans (excl. finance leases)	4,769,692			4,769,692
Finance leases	804,021			804,021
Overdraft facility	202,550			202,550
Trade payables and other debt **	1,889,468	10,342		1,899,810
Total	7,665,731	10,342	90,411	7,766,484

As of 31.12.2018	Amortised cost	Fair value through profit or loss	Fair value through other comprehensive income	Total
Assets:				
Other investments		7,247		7,247
Trade receivables and other receivables *	2,282,543		5,849	2,288,392
Cash and cash equivalents	3,036,154			3,036,154
Total	5,318,697	7,247	5,849	5,331,793
Liabilities				
Long-term liabilities (interest rate swaps)			55,460	55,460
Loans (excl. finance leases)	4,200,680			4,200,680
Finance leases	940,718			940,718
Overdraft facility	441,168			441,168
Trade payables and other debt **	2,153,672	79,500	7,750	2,240,922
Total	7,736,238	79,500	63,210	7,878,948

* Trade receivables and other receivables excl. advance payments and public duties receivable

** Trade payables and other debt, excl. statutory liabilities

Financial instruments included in other term liabilities

Other long-term liabilities in the statement of financial positions consists of	2018	2017
Interest rate swaps	55,460	90,411
Other long term liabilities	7,383	5,791
Total	62,843	96,202

Note 12

Financial instruments cont.

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Change in value of financial instruments through other comprehensive income

Specification of change in value of financial instruments that is booked through other comprehensive income (OCI)

Change in fair value through other comprehensive income	2018	2017
Interest swap agreements	31,416	21,090
Bunker derivatives	-9,863	-752
Currency forward contracts	0	0
Total	21,553	20,338

Financial instruments at fair value by level

The table below shows financial instruments at 31.12 at fair value (before tax) according to valuation method. The different levels are defined as follows:

Level 1: Listed price on an active market for an identical asset or liability

Level 2: Valuation based on observable factors other than listed price (used in level 1), either direct (price) or indirect (derived from prices) for the asset or liability

Level 3: Valuation based on factors that are not sourced from observable markets (non-observable premises)

As of 31.12.2018 – Assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Financial instruments used for hedging			
– Currency forward contracts (fair value hedging) - fair value through profit or loss		0	
– Bunker derivatives (cash flow hedging) - fair value through other comprehensive income		0	
– Interest rate swaps (cash flow hedging) - fair value through other comprehensive income		5,849	
Other financial instruments			
– Other shares - fair value through profit or loss			7,247
Total	0	5,849	7,247

As of 31.12.2018 – Liabilities	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Financial instruments used for hedging			
– Currency forward contracts (fair value hedging) - fair value through profit or loss		79,500	
– Bunker derivatives (cash flow hedging) - fair value through other comprehensive income		7,750	
– Interest rate swaps (cash flow hedging) - fair value through other comprehensive income		55,460	
Total	0	142,710	0

Note 13

Loans, mortgages and guarantees

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Interest-bearing debt	2018	2017
Long-term interest-bearing debt		
Debt to credit institutions, etc.	4,197,457	4,767,453
Leasing liabilities	940,718	804,021
Other long-term debt	3,223	2,239
Total long-term interest-bearing debt including next year's instalments	5,141,398	5,573,713
Next year's instalments on long-term debt	-590,700	-627,459
Total long-term interest-bearing debt 31.12	4,550,698	4,946,254
Short-term interest-bearing debt		
Next year's instalments on debt to credit institutions	403,472	477,629
Next year's instalments on leasing liabilities	185,748	149,574
Next year's instalments on other long-term debt	1,479	257
Next year's instalments on long-term liabilities	590,700	627,459
Debt to credit institutions (overdraft and multi-currency credit)	441,168	202,550
Factoring debt	0	0
Total short-term interest-bearing debt 31.12	1,031,868	830,009
Total interest-bearing debt 31.12	5,582,566	5,776,263
Interest-bearing debt specified by currency		
NOK	5,103,783	5,212,638
SEK	156,754	99,468
EUR	296,175	453,328
Other currencies	25,855	10,829
Total	5,582,566	5,776,263
Net interest-bearing debt (NIBD)	2018	2017
Long-term interest-bearing debt	4,550,698	4,946,254
Short-term interest-bearing debt	1,031,868	830,009
Bank deposits	-3,036,154	-3,514,096
Net interest-bearing debt 31.12	2,546,412	2,262,167

Reconciliation of changes in NIBD	Assets		Short term debt		Long term debt			Total
	Bank deposits	Loans to fishermen	Overdraft	Factoring	Loans from credit institutions	Leasing liabilities	Other debt	
NIBD as of 01.01.2017	2,233,700	33,534	-530,368	-65,355	-4,486,760	-609,679	-8,559	-3,433,487
Change in bank deposits	1,280,396							1,280,396
Cash flows - in					-700,859		6,788	-694,071
Cash flows - out			327,818	65,355	449,897	144,737	251	988,058
New leasing liabilities						-337,856		-337,856
Currency translation differences					-7,329	-1,223	-719	-9,271
Business combinations					-1,142			-1,142
Other non-cash movements		-33,534			-21,259			-54,793
NIBD as of 31.12.2017	3,514,096	0	-202,550	0	-4,767,452	-804,021	-2,239	-2,262,166

Note 13

Loans, mortgages and guarantees

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Table cont.

Reconciliation of changes in NIBD	Assets		Short term debt		Long term debt			Total
	Bank deposits	Loans to fishermen	Overdraft	Factoring	Loans from credit institutions	Leasing liabilities	Other debt	
Change in bank deposits	-477,942		0					-477,942
Cash flows - in			-238,925		-764,227			-1,003,152
Cash flows - out			0		1,334,414	180,364	258	1,515,036
New leasing liabilities			0			-317,475	0	-317,475
Currency translation differences			0		1,155	415	-21	1,549
Business combinations			307				-1,220	-913
Other non-cash movements			0		-1,347	-1	-1	-1,349
NIBD as of 31.12.2018	3,036,154	0	-441,168	0	-4,197,457	-940,718	-3,223	-2,546,412

Loans secured by mortgages	2018	2017
Long-term debt to credit institutions, etc.	4,197,457	4,767,453
Short-term debt to credit institutions (multi-currency credit)	441,168	202,550
Other long-term interest-bearing debt	3,223	2,239
Leasing liabilities	940,718	804,021
Total liabilities secured by mortgages 31.12	5,582,566	5,776,263

Mortgaged assets	2018	2017
Trade and other receivables	624,318	674,295
Shares in associates (Norskott Havbruk AS)	761,339	746,935
Biological assets and other goods	6,610,445	5,203,755
Buildings and other fixed assets	5,810,399	4,610,553
Licences *	644,100	644,100
Total	14,450,601	11,879,638

* Mortgaged licences concern licences owned by Lerøy Midt AS

Payment profile financial liabilities	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Later	Total
Instalment profile long-term debt							
Instalments on debt to credit institutions	403,472	408,901	1,539,214	437,082	369,024	1,039,764	4,197,457
Instalments on leasing debt	185,749	164,870	129,757	110,629	194,759	154,954	940,718
Instalments on other long-term interest-bearing debt	1,479	267	275	283	292	627	3,223
Total	590,700	574,038	1,669,246	547,994	564,075	1,195,345	5,141,398
Interest payment profile long-term debt							
Interest on debt to credit institutions	138,369	126,336	97,534	63,651	41,638	49,306	516,835
Interest on leasing debt	20,343	16,136	12,602	9,718	6,054	10,444	75,297
Total	158,712	142,472	110,136	73,369	47,693	59,750	592,132

Table cont.

Payment profile financial liabilities	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Later	Total
Other short-term financial liabilities							
Overdraft	441,168						441,168
Accrued interests	14,117						14,117
Total	455,285	0	0	0	0	0	455,285
Grand total	1,204,697	716,510	1,779,382	621,363	611,768	1,255,095	6,188,815

Instalments for next year are classified as short-term debt in the balance sheet (short-term credits).

The Group's financial liabilities are classified according to payment profile. Classification is based on contractually agreed date of maturity. The financial liability from the interest rate swap defined as cash flow hedge is included in the estimated interest costs on the hedged item. All amounts in the table are undiscounted cash flows.

Interest risk related to existing interest-bearing debt	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Later
Interest-bearing debt 01.01	5,582,566	4,550,698	3,976,660	2,307,414	1,759,420	1,195,345	507,040
Instalments	-1,031,868	-574,038	-1,669,246	-547,994	-564,075	-688,305	-507,040
Interest-bearing debt 31.12	4,550,698	3,976,660	2,307,414	1,759,420	1,195,345	507,040	0
Interest-bearing debt secured with fixed interest							
NOK 500 mill, until 16.01.2022	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	0	0	0
NOK 500 mill, until 16.11.2021	500,000	500,000	0	0	0	0	0
NOK 323.5 mill, 05.10.2018 - 06.04.2021	323,500	323,500	0	0	0	0	0
NOK 323.5 mill, 05.10.2018 - 06.04.2021	323,500	323,500	0	0	0	0	0
Secured interest-bearing debt	1,647,000	1,647,000	500,000	0	0	0	0
Unsecured interest-bearing debt	2,903,698	2,329,660	1,807,414	1,759,420	1,195,345	507,040	0
Total interest-bearing debt (NIBD)	4,550,698	3,976,660	2,307,414	1,759,420	1,195,345	507,040	0
Portion of NIBD exposed to interest rate changes	64 %	59 %	78 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %

Fair value, borrowing costs etc.

The book value of long-term debt approximates fair value. The book value of long-term debt includes interest rate swaps (reported on the line for "other long-term liabilities), see note on financial instruments. There are no significant new loan charges that are not amortised over the life of the loan.

An increase (reduction) in the interest level of 1% would have caused an increase (reduction) in interest costs of NOK 31 990 for 2019. Average interest-bearing debt according to the payment profile above has been used as the base for this calculation. NOK 1.65 billion of total interest-bearing debt will not be impacted by a potential change in the interest level due to the interest rate swaps.

Covenants

The Group's main borrowing conditions ("covenants") are to maintain an equity ratio of at least 30% and to ensure that net interest-bearing debt over EBITDA does not exceed 5.0. When calculating the equity ratio, the balance sheet value is adjusted for bank deposits and deferred tax associated with licences. There are also some capital adequacy requirements in some of the subsidiaries that are all 30% or lower. Finally, there are requirements regarding a so-called "borrowing base" in Lerøy Midt AS, Lerøy Vest AS and Sjøtroll Havbruk AS for the short-term overdraft facilities. More specifically, this means that the utilisation of the facility must not exceed a certain level of one or more accounting lines. In this case the relevant accounting lines are inventory, trade receivables and other receivables.

None of the Group companies has entered into a position where they have become in breach of their covenants in 2018.

Note 14

Lease liabilities

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Financial leases	2018	2017
Book value of leasing debt (present value)	940,718	804,021
Book value of leased assets:	908,160	819,366
- Buildings	15,376	15,882
- Production equipment and other operating assets	892,784	803,484
Minimum rent, financial leases		
0-1 year	206,091	162,128
1-5 years	644,525	467,097
5 years -	165,396	236,050
Total	1,016,012	865,275
Interest costs, financial leases		
0-1 year	20,343	12,022
1-5 years	44,510	31,359
5 years -	10,444	17,872
Total	75,297	61,254
Instalments, financial leases		
0-1 year	185,748	150,105
1-5 years	600,015	435,738
5 years -	154,952	218,179
Total	940,715	804,020
Operating leases	2018	2017
Minimum rent, operating leases		
0-1 year	279,698	50,569
1-5 years	911,048	117,322
5 years -	570,772	48,004
Total	1,761,518	215,896
Net present value of future minimum rent		
0-1 year	224,226	46,692
1-5 years	769,155	108,585
5 years -	469,108	45,718
Total	1,462,489	200,996

The Group has reviewed all its contracts in order to identify lease components, due to the coming implementation of IFRS 16 (see note 26). Based on the contract review several contracts, which have not earlier been considered as operational leases, have now been included. These contracts concern rental of well boats on time charter, where the net present value of the future minimum rent summarises to approximately NOK 500,000. In addition the group has moved its head office to another new rented building, with a new lease agreement, running from December 2018.

Note 15

Pensions

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

All the norwegian companies in the Group satisfy the requirements in the Act relating to mandatory occupational pensions (Norwegian: OTP). The schemes are in the main established as defined contribution pension schemes.

Some of the subsidiaries have Contractual Early Retirement schemes (Norwegian: AFP) for their employees. The current AFP scheme which came into effect on 1 January 2011, is to be considered as a defined benefit multi-enterprise scheme but is recognised as a defined contribution scheme until reliable and sufficient information has been provided so that the Group can book its proportionate share of the pension cost, pension liability and pension funds in the scheme.

Moreover, certain Group companies have defined benefit schemes, and other companies have unsecured schemes which are financed by operations. In line with IAS 19 Employee Benefits, all estimate differences are reported through comprehensive income as they occur (no corridor). When it comes to the demographic assumptions and attrition, the actuarial assumptions are based on common standard components from insurance.

The defined benefit schemes are considered to be immaterial regarding further disclosure in the notes. Information on the pension cost for the year is also provided in the note on payroll costs.

Defined benefit scheme	2018	2017
Present value of future pension liabilities	28,478	26,428
Fair value of pension funds	-24,922	-23,315
Net pension liabilities	3,556	3,113

Change in capitalised liabilities	2018	2017
Carrying value as of 01.01	3,113	5,219
Costs booked during the year	410	403
Estimate differences recognised through comprehensive income (before tax)	1,148	-1,694
Pension payments and payments of pension premiums	-1,115	-815
Change in liability from business combination	0	0
Carrying value at 31.12. defined benefit scheme	3,556	3,113

Total pension cost through profit or loss	2018	2017
Net pension cost, defined contribution scheme	88,560	76,702
Net pension cost, defined benefit scheme	410	403
Total	88,970	77,105

Total pension cost through comprehensive income	2018	2017
Net pension cost (before tax) from benefit plans - comprehensive income	1,148	-1,694
Total pension cost through comprehensive income	1,148	-1,694

Note 16

Taxation

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Tax cost	2018	2017
Tax payable	703,796	836,520
Change in deferred tax	147,206	-492,536
Total tax cost	851,002	343,984

Expensed tax payable is higher than the Group's carried tax payable at 31 December. This is principally due to the fact that parts of the year's tax payable in foreign companies has been paid in advance at 31 December.

Tax on the Group's pre-tax profit deviates from what it would have been if the Group's weighted average tax rate had been applied. The difference is determined as follows:

	2018	2017
Pre-tax profit/loss	4,448,961	2,093,467
Tax based on tax rates in the various countries	1,018,367	508,522
Effect on deferred tax of changed tax rate	-105,637	-99,562
Tax effect of change in US positions not booked on accounts	0	-5,364
23% / 24% of net permanent differences etc.	2,576	6,678
23% / 24% of recycled translation differences	0	117
23% / 24% of gain related to withdrawal from associate etc.	0	-1,952
23% / 24% of share of profit/loss from associate	-65,912	-70,684
23% / 24% of other differences	1,608	6,230
Tax cost	851,002	343,984
Effective tax rate	19.1 %	16.4 %

Change in book value of deferred tax	2018	2017
Capitalised value 01.01	2,285,098	2,771,212
Business combination	-9,097	0
Tax effect through total profit/loss (equity)	6,438	6,422
Recognised change	147,206	-492,536
Net capitalised value 31.12	2,429,645	2,285,098
Capitalised deferred tax asset *	-14,312	-28,852
Capitalised deferred tax	2,443,957	2,313,950

* Negative temporary differences that cannot be eliminated against positive temporary differences. Deferred tax asset is presented as a negative amount.

Deferred tax liabilities (+)	Licences, rights and goodwill	Operating assets and leases	Goods/ biological assets	Receivables	Other differences	Total
01.01.2017	1,263,235	497	1,538,539	0	0	2,802,271
Recognised in the period	-85,148	82,035	-520,297	0	35,089	-488,321
31.12.17	1,178,087	82,532	1,018,242	0	35,089	2,313,950
Recognised in the period	-66,727	27,487	197,725	0	-14,575	143,910
Deferred tax on records through other comprehensive income	0	0	0	0	6,438	6,438
31.12.18	1,111,360	110,019	1,215,967	0	26,952	2,464,298

Utsatt skatt på eiendeler (-)	Loss carryfor- ward	Operating assets and leases	Goods/ biological assets	Receivables	Other differences	Total
01.01.2017	-1,073	-15,216	0	-4,936	-9,834	-31,059
Recognised in the period	-17,454	14092	0	-2,873	2,020	-4,215
Deferred tax on records through other comprehensive income	0	0	0	0	6,422	6,422
31.12.17	-18,527	-1,124	0	-7,809	-1,392	-28,852
Business combination	-8,077	-1,020	0	0	0	-9,097
Recognised in the period	9,346	-5,240	0	2,235	-3,045	3,296
31.12.18	-17,258	-7,384	0	-5,574	-4,437	-34,653

Deferred tax	31.12.18	31.12.17
Deferred tax on positive temporary differences 31.12.	2,464,298	2,313,950
Deferred tax on negative temporary differences 31.12.	-34,653	-28,852
Net	2,429,645	2,285,098
Short-term tax positions	1,210,393	1,010,433
Long-term tax positions	1,219,252	1,274,665
Total	2,429,645	2,285,098

Note 17

Other short-term debt

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Other short-term debt	2018	2017
Accrued wages and holiday pay	296,118	258,926
Other accruals	201,037	192,733
Accrued customer discounts	51,315	63,237
Prepayments from customers	32,249	30,878
Accrued interest costs	14,117	19,338
Loss-making contracts (related to fair value adjustment of biological assets)	51,974	5,455
Impacts of cash flow hedging from bunker derivatives	7,750	0
Impacts of fair value hedging from currency forward contracts	79,500	10,342
Unrealised loss from fishpool contracts	15,633	16,988
Other short-term debt	5,110	24,601
Total other short-term debt	754,803	622,498

Note 18

Earnings per share

(All figures in NOK 1 000, with exception of earnings per share)

Earnings per share	2018	2017
This year's earnings to LSG shareholders (NOK 1,000)	3,437,042	1,749,494
Number of issued shares as of 31.12 (in 1,000)	595,774	595,774
Number of treasury shares as of 31.12 (in 1,000)	-298	-298
Number of outstanding shares as of 31.12 (in 1,000)	595,476	595,476
Average number of outstanding shares (in 1,000)	595,476	595,476
Average number of outstanding shares with dilution (in 1,000)	595,476	595,476
Earnings per share	5.77	2.94
Diluted earnings per share	5.77	2.94

Earnings per share since the date of listing

Year	After fair value adjustment			Before fair value adjustment *		
	Share of profit for the year to LSG shareholders	Earnings per share	Recommended dividend relative to profit	Share of profit for the year to LSG shareholders *	Earnings per share *	Recommended dividend relative to profit *
2018	3,437,042	5.77	35 %	2,918,324	4.90	41 %
2017	1,749,494	2.94	51 %	2,919,657	4.90	31 %
2016	3,224,143	5.65	24 %	2,192,909	3.84	35 %
2015	1,179,718	2.16	56 %	1,057,767	1.94	62 %
2014	1,055,916	1.93	62 %	1,312,258	2.40	50 %
2013	1,733,352	3.18	31 %	1,152,700	2.11	47 %
2012	480,797	0.88	79 %	278,958	0.51	137 %
2011	382,705	0.70	100 %	825,625	1.51	46 %
2010	1,419,507	2.62	38 %	1,193,765	2.21	46 %
2009	729,488	1.36	51 %	685,940	1.28	55 %
2008	124,730	0.23	120 %	151,416	0.28	99 %
2007	277,014	0.57	35 %	279,611	0.58	34 %
2006	651,516	1.59	33 %	575,141	1.40	37 %
2005	319,312	0.87	22 %	248,443	0.67	29 %
2004	83,402	0.24	36 %	82,216	0.24	37 %
2003	30,518	0.12	68 %	30,518	0.12	68 %
2002	25,650	0.11	69 %	25,650	0.11	69 %
Total	16,904,303	30.92	41 %	15,930,898	29.01	44 %

* The amounts are adjusted with the fair value adjustment related to biological assets. The adjustment is after tax. Included in the adjustment is also the Groups' share of such adjustments from associates (after tax). Earnings per share before fair value adjustment is an Alternative Performance Measure.

Note 19

Dividend per share

(All figures in NOK 1 000, with exception of dividend per share)

Distributed dividend in current financial year

Distributed dividend in 2018, based on 2017 profit, was NOK 1.50 per share. This amounts to NOK 893,661.

Recommended dividend

Based on the 2018 profit, a corresponding dividend of NOK 2.00 per share is recommended for distribution in 2019. This amounts to NOK 1,191,547. A final decision will be made by the general meeting on 23 May 2019.

Dividend per aksje since the date of listing

Year	Dividend recommended			Dividend distributed		
	Number of issued shares 31.12 (in 1,000)	Recommended dividend per share	Recommended dividend	Number of shares as basis for distribution (in 1,000)	Dividend distributed per share	Dividend distributed
2018	595,774	2.00	1,191,547	595,774	1.50	893,661
2017	595,774	1.50	893,661	595,774	1.30	774,506
2016	595,774	1.30	774,506	545,774	1.20	654,928
2015	545,774	1.20	654,928	545,774	1.20	654,928
2014	545,774	1.20	654,928	545,774	1.00	545,774
2013	545,774	1.00	545,774	545,774	0.70	382,042
2012	545,774	0.70	382,042	545,774	0.70	382,042
2011	545,774	0.70	382,042	545,774	1.00	545,774
2010	545,774	1.00	545,774	535,774	0.70	375,042
2009	535,774	0.70	375,042	535,774	0.28	150,017
2008	535,774	0.28	150,017	535,774	0.18	96,439
2007	535,774	0.18	96,439	535,774	0.40	214,309
2006	427,774	0.50	214,309	427,770	0.18	76,999
2005	393,774	0.18	70,879	378,848	0.08	30,308
2004	344,408	0.09	30,308	344,408	0.06	20,665
2003	344,408	0.06	20,664	294,408	0.06	17,664
2002	294,408	0.06	17,664	194,408	0.06	11,664
Total		12.65	7,000,524		10.60	5,826,760
Accumulated dividend distributed, plus dividend recommended for distribution in 2019					12.60	7,018,308

Note 20

Share capital and shareholder information

The share capital consists of	Total number of shares	Nominal value per share	Book value
Share capital 01.01.2018	595,773,680	0.10	59,577,368
Share capital 31.12.2018	595,773,680	0.10	59,577,368

Lerøy Seafood Group ASA had 7,027 shareholders at 31.12.18. The corresponding number at year end 2017 was 5,297. All shares confer the same rights in the company. End of 2018 it was 719 foreign shareholders. The corresponding number at year end 2017 was 611. End of 2018 foreign shareholders owned 169,047,767 shares in total, representing 28.37% of the total capital. Corresponding numbers at year end 2017 was 167,798,385 shares, representing 28.16% of the total capital.

Overview of the 20 largest shareholders at 31.12	2018		2017	
	No. of shares	Ownership	No. of shares	Ownership
AUSTEVOLL SEAFOOD ASA	313,942,810	52.69 %	313,942,810	52.69 %
FOLKETRYGDFONDET	31,628,586	5.31 %	29,411,286	4.94 %
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMP (OM80)	9,544,858	1.60 %	13,582,499	2.28 %
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., LONDON	7,000,000	1.17 %	8,877,585	1.49 %
CLEARSTREAM BANKING S.A.	5,830,940	0.98 %	7,388,608	1.24 %
PARETO AKSJE NORGE VERDIPAPIRFOND	5,698,909	0.96 %	5,886,998	0.99 %
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMP (OMNIBUS F, REF:OM06)	5,251,545	0.88 %	4,748,656	0.80 %
HANDELSBANK NORDISKA SMABOLAGSFOND	5,214,000	0.88 %		
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMP (OM01)	4,652,154	0.78 %		
INVESCO FUNDS	4,388,395	0.74 %		
DANSKE INVEST NORSKE INSTIT. II.	4,136,795	0.69 %	5,949,077	1.00 %
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., LONDON	3,913,727	0.66 %	3,339,030	0.56 %
STOREBRAND NORGE I VERDIPAPIRFOND	3,906,986	0.66 %		
EUROCLEAR BANK S.A./N.V.	3,891,964	0.65 %		
State Street Bank and Trust Comp (OMNI E, FUND OM06)	3,806,513	0.64 %		
J.P. MORGAN BANK LUXENBURG S.A.	3,556,288	0.60 %	3,150,940	0.53 %
KLP AKSJENORGE	3,441,349	0.58 %		
CACEIS Bank	3,299,045	0.55 %	3,132,951	0.53 %
VERDIPAPIRFONDET ALFRED BERG GAMBA	3,148,276	0.53 %	3,434,840	0.58 %
POCTET & CIE (EUROPE) S.A.	3,023,008	0.51 %	4,314,846	0.72 %
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMP (West non-treaty account)			4,289,176	0.72 %
BNP PARIBAS SECURITIES SERVICES			4,142,901	0.70 %
SKANDINAVISKA ENSKILDA BANKEN AB			3,949,193	0.66 %
FERD AS			3,915,000	0.66 %
SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE			3,207,546	0.54 %
DANSKE INVEST NORSKE AKSJER INST			3,206,690	0.54 %
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMP (clients FDOY59)			5,146,038	0.86 %
Total 20 largest shareholders	429,276,148	72.05 %	435,016,670	73.02 %
Others	166,497,532	27.95 %	160,757,010	26.98 %
Total share capital	595,773,680	100.00 %	595,773,680	100.00 %

Chairman of the Board Helge Singelstad and Board members Britt Kathrine Drivenes, Arne Møgster and Karoline Møgster have indirect ownership in Lerøy Seafood Group ASA through the parent company Austevoll Seafood ASA. Arne Møgster and Karoline Møgster own their shares through the ultimate parent company Laco AS.

Board member (employees' representative) Hans Petter Vestre owns 1 200 shares in Lerøy Seafood Group ASA at year end, which is the same number as the previous year.

Note 21

Payroll costs, number of employees, remuneration, loans to staff, etc.

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Payroll costs	2018	2017
Salary	2,163,834	1,972,415
Employer's national insurance contribution	195,885	177,802
Hired personnel	128,318	116,771
Pension costs	91,701	77,105
Other remuneration	17,768	36,597
Other personnel expenses	71,324	57,570
Total	2,668,829	2,438,259

Number of full-time equivalents	2018	2017
Men	2,964	2,880
Women	1,625	1,418
Total	4,589	4,298
Percentage of women	35.4 %	3,0 %

Remuneration of senior executives	CEO		CFO		EVP Farming		EVP Wildcatch *	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Salary	3,017	3,000	2,464	2,343	2,410	2,375	2,264	367
Bonus including extraordinary bonus	3,000	2,100	1,786	1,339	1,700	1,600	800	0
Premium recognised for defined contribution scheme	160	158	162	158	158	156	97	7
Other remuneration	16	33	12	10	110	100	20	152

* The position Executive Vice President Wildcatch (EVP Wildcatch) was established 01.11.2017, and is a part of corporate management. The amounts in the table above includes remuneration for November and December only, in the new position, including a sign-on bonus of NOK 150 in other remuneration.

No remuneration with mandatory reporting is paid to the Chairman of the Board. Lerøy Seafood Group ASA is invoiced for the services of the Chairman, and for consultancy fees from the Group's ultimate parent company, Laco AS, where the Chairman of the Board is an employee. See also note 24. Remuneration of other board members totalled NOK 1200 in 2018 (equally distributed), the same as in 2017. The number of Board members is also the same as it was in 2017.

Remuneration of the nomination committee is unchanged compared to the previous year, and amounts to NOK 105 in 2018. As for the members of the Board, the remuneration is equally distributed.

Remuneration of the audit committee is unchanged compared to the previous year, and amounts to NOK 80 in 2018. The

remuneration is equally distributed.

A description of the main principles for the company's salary policy is included in the Board of Directors' statement regarding salary and other remuneration of executive personnel.

Mandates granted to the Board of Directors

Mandates are granted to the Board of Directors in accordance with the Public Limited Companies Act (Norway), cf. in particular chapters 9 and 10 of the Act.

The first time the Board was authorised to acquire the company's own shares was at the ordinary general meeting on 12 May 2000. This mandate has been replaced with a new mandate at the ordinary general meeting on 23 May 2018. The mandate remains valid for 18 months from the date on

which the resolution was adopted. The Board has authority to acquire up to 50 million shares, each with a face value of NOK 0.1. The lowest price to be paid is NOK 1 per share, and the highest price per share is NOK 100. The mandate has not been exercised in 2018. Renewal of the mandate will be recommended to the general meeting on 23 May 2019.

The Board has authority to increase the share capital by up to NOK 5,000,000 by issuing up to 50,000,000 shares in Lerøy Seafood Group ASA, each with a nominal value of NOK 0.1, through one or more private placings with the company's shareholders and/or external investors. This type of mandate was first established by the ordinary general meeting of 4 May 1999 and subsequently renewed by the ordinary general meeting on 23 May 2018, and is to remain valid for 24 months from the date on which the resolution was adopted. The mandate was not exercised in 2018. It will be recommended that an equivalent mandate be approved by the ordinary general meeting on 23 May 2019.

The Board's powers to distribute shares has a maximum validity exceeding a year, and are not limited to only certain

expressed purposes as recommended in the NUES. This is mainly for operational reasons, but also in order to clearly show that the company is growth oriented and that shares are regarded as an important means of payment. This practice is established to ensure an optimum strategic business development for the company. However the Board has established the practice of having the mandates renewed at each ordinary general meeting.

Loans to employees

No loans have been granted to the CEO, Chairman of the Board or other related parties. No single loan or guarantee has been granted for more than 5% of the company's equity.

Auditor

The Group auditor is PricewaterhouseCoopers AS. Fees invoiced from the Group auditor also include the law firm PricewaterhouseCoopers AS and other PricewaterhouseCoopers companies abroad. The auditing fee for the Group's auditor specified below is the agreed fee for the audit of the present year. Other fees concern services received during 2018, and have been as follows:

Fees to auditor	2018	2017
Auditing fees Group auditor	7,076	6,221
Auditing fees other auditors	1,437	2,670
Other certification services Group auditor	177	104
Other certification services other auditors	0	81
Tax advice Group auditor	1,926	767
Tax advice other auditors	47	607
Other services Group auditor	2,902	2,290
Other services other auditors	383	1,062
Total	13,948	13,802

Fees for tax advice in 2018 are mainly related to support in the process of updating the transfer pricing documentation for the group, and to some extent also technical support related to annual tax filing. Other services is mainly related to assistance in the process of moving the headquarter to another physical building, in December 2018.

Note 22

Items that are combined in the financial statements

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Change in inventories	Biological assets (NBV)	Fair value adjustment on biological assets	Biological assets before fair value adjustment	Other inventory (NBV)	Total (before fair value adjustment)
2017					
Biological assets and other inventory 01.01	6,418,313	-2,701,099	3,717,214	721,803	4,439,017
Biological assets and other inventory 31.12	4,458,095	-747,598	3,710,497	991,186	4,701,683
Change	-1,960,218	1,953,500	-6,718	269,383	262,665
Change in inventories	-6,718		-6,718	269,383	262,665
Change in fair value adjustment of biological assets	-1,953,500	1,953,500	0	0	0
Total change, net	-1,960,218	1,953,500	-6,718	269,383	262,665
2018					
Biological assets and other inventory 01.01	4,458,095	-747,598	3,710,497	991,186	4,701,683
Biological assets and other inventory 31.12	5,564,447	-1,547,580	4,016,867	1,315,292	5,332,159
Change	1,106,352	-799,982	306,371	324,106	630,477
Change in inventories	306,371		306,371	324,106	630,477
Change in fair value adjustment of biological assets	799,982	-799,982	0	0	0
Total change, net	1,106,352	-799,982	306,371	324,106	630,477
Financial revenue					
				2018	2017
Other interest revenue				26,229	24,105
Currency gain *				4,836	0
Other financial revenue				6,148	4,173
Total financial revenue				37,213	28,278
Financial costs					
				2018	2017
Other interest costs				203,557	191,605
Capitalised interests				-13,718	0
Currency loss *				0	23,790
Other financial costs				8,461	22,506
Total financial costs				198,300	237,901
Net financial items				-161,087	-209,623

* Currency gains and losses related to purchases and sales are presented as a part of the accounting line for cost of materials. Net currency gain in 2018 is NOK 65.3 million. In 2017, net gain was NOK 41.7 million.

Note 23

Currency translation differences

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

Assets and liabilities in foreign enterprises are converted to Norwegian krone according to the exchange rate on balance sheet date. Revenues and expenses from foreign enterprises are converted to Norwegian krone according to the average exchange rate. Translation differences are charged to comprehensive income.

In the event of a disposal of a foreign enterprise, the relevant accumulated translation differences allocated to the parent company's owners are reversed over the income statement.

The disposal of a foreign enterprise may take the form either of a whole or partial sale of a subsidiary, joint venture or associate. When selling shares in a subsidiary without losing control, the relative share of the translation difference is transferred to non-controlling interests in the equity statement. For other sale of shares without the loss of joint control or significant influence, the relative share of the accumulated translation difference is reversed over profit or loss.

	LSG shareholders	Non-controlling interests	Total
Accumulated currency translation differences as of 01.01.17	23,318	0	23,318
Currency translation differences 2017	74,086	0	74,086
Redemption of foreign non-controlling interests	0	0	0
Accumulated currency translation differences as of 31.12.17	97,404	0	97,404
Accumulated currency translation differences as of 01.01.18	97,404	0	97,404
Currency translation differences 2018	-13,633	0	-13,633
Redemption of foreign non-controlling interests	0	0	0
Accumulated currency translation differences as of 31.12.18	83,771	0	83,771

Note 24

Related parties

(All figures in NOK 1,000)

2017	Ownership	Sales	Purchases	Receivables	Debt
Transactions with parent company and its related parties:					
Laco AS	"Ultimate parent"	0	5,527	0	0
Fitjar Mekaniske Verksted AS	Laco AS (100%)	0	19,450	0	1,270
Pelagia AS	Laco AS (50%)	0	821	0	0
Austevoll Seafood ASA	Laco AS (55.55%)	0	0	0	0
Hordafor AS	Pelagia AS (50%)	55,154	26,684	5,290	666
Austevoll Laksepakkeri AS	Austevoll Seafood ASA (100%)	1,676	117,252	195	10,121
Brødrene Birkeland Farming AS	Austevoll Seafood ASA (51.69 %)	0	0	0	0
Kobbevik og Furuholmen Oppdrett AS	Brødrene Birkeland Farming AS (100%)	864	276,269	2	9,374
Hardingsmolt AS	Kobbevik og Furuholmen Oppdrett AS (50 %)	0	0	0	0
Transactions with the Group's own associates and non-controlling interests (NCI) in subsidiaries:					
Norskott Havbruk AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA (50%)	51	0	0	0
Scottish Seafarms	Norskott Havbruk AS (100%)	0	294,474	0	27,999
Seistar Holding AS corporation	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA (50%)	0	87,895	0	5,874
Seafood Danmark A/S broup	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA (33.33%)	88,483	0	14,690	0
Lerøy Sommarøy AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA (50%)	0	24,134	4,014	-137
Ocean Forest AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA (50%)	66	4,500	37	0
The Seafood Innovation Cluster	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA (20%)	0	724	0	0
Norway Salmon AS	Lerøy Midt AS (20%)	0	0	2,000	0
Romsdal Processing AS	Lerøy Aurora AS (50%)	15	46,532	1,530	10,051
Kirkenes Processing AS	Lerøy Aurora AS (50%)	300	20,969	7,474	929
Neset Kystfiske AS	Sørvær Kystfiskeinvest AS (34%)	0	0	0	0
Holmen Fiske AS	Sørvær Kystfiskeinvest AS (34%)	0	0	1,700	0
Itub AS	Norway Seafoods Group AS (22.3%)	0	4,821	0	246
Finnmark Kystfiske AS	Havfisk AS (48%)	0	0	11,483	0
NCIs in subsidiaries		0	0	2,330	0
Total transactions and intercompany accounts with all identified related parties		146,609	930,052	50,745	66,393

NCI means "non controlling interests"

Dividend received from Norskott Havbruk AS in 2017 was NOK 161,015.

Dividend received from Seistar Holding AS in 2017 was NOK 3,000.

2018	Ownership	Sales	Purchases	Receivables	Liabilities
Transactions with parent company and its related parties:					
Laco AS	"Ultimate parent"	0	5,531	0	0
Fitjar Mekaniske Verksted AS	Laco AS (100%)	8	20,189	0	552
Pelagia AS	Laco AS (50%)	0	344	0	0
Austevoll Seafood ASA	Laco AS (55.55%)	0	0	0	0
Hordafor AS	Pelagia AS (50%)	61,137	25,315	13,246	2,425
Austevoll Laksepakkeri AS	Austevoll Seafood ASA (100%)	1,768	129,317	138	13,276
Brødrene Birkeland Farming AS	Austevoll Seafood ASA (51.9%)	0	0	0	0
Kobbevik og Furuholmen Oppdrett AS	Brødrene Birkeland Farming AS (100%)	6,011	61,691	0	2,005
Transactions with the Group's own associates and non-controlling interests (NCI) in subsidiaries:					
Norskott Havbruk AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA (50%)	171	0	166	0
Scottish Seafarms	Norskott Havbruk AS (100%)	0	273,534	0	25,003
Seistar Holding AS corporation	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA (50%)	0	91,263	0	2,562
Seafood Denmark A/S broup	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA (33.33%)	68,543	1,160	3,120	0
Lerøy Sommarøy AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA (50%)	0	24,134	0	0
Ocean Forest AS	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA (50%)	541	4,500	73	0
The Seafood Innovation Cluster	Lerøy Seafood Group ASA (20%)	0	785	0	0
Norway Salmon AS	Lerøy Midt AS (20%)	0	0	2,000	0
Romsdal Processing AS	Lerøy Aurora AS (50%)	0	42,998	1,733	7,580
Kirkenes Processing AS	Lerøy Aurora AS (50%)	245	20,426	10,266	864
Sørøya Isanlegg AS	Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS (44.7%)	0	0	1,317	0
Holmen Fiske AS	Sørvær Kystfiskeinvest AS (34%)	0	0	1,300	0
Vågen Fiskeriselskap AS	Sirevaag AS (49.9 %)	0	0	2,000	0
Itub AS	Norway Seafoods Group AS (22.3%)	0	10,300	0	183
Fryserienes Føromsetning SA	Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS (23.5%)	0	0	133	0
Båtsfjord Laboratorium AS	Lerøy Norway Seafoods AS (33.5%)	0	0	20	0
Dragøy Grossist AS	Lerøy Nord AS (34%)	0	0	141	8
Finnmark Kystfiske AS	Havfisk AS (48%)	0	0	8,500	0
NCIs in subsidiaries		0	0	20,485	0
Total transactions and intercompany accounts with all identified related parties		138,424	711,487	64,638	54,458

NCI means "non controlling interests"

Dividend received from Norskott Havbruk AS in 2018 was NOK 242,200.

Dividend received from Seistar Holding AS in 2018 was NOK 3,000.

Note 25

Events after balance sheet date

Fire at Lerøy Seafood Group's smolt facility in Laksefjord in Finnmark

On the 27th of January, a fire broke out at Lerøy Seafood Group's smolt facility in Laksefjord in Finnmark, resulting in a tragic event. An employee of a firm which was performing maintenance work died. Lerøy Seafood Group assists the police and other public bodies in conducting an enquiry into what has happened. The facility was insured, and the process with rebuilding the facility is assumed to be completed in second quarter. As a consequence of the fire, 2.6 million salmon smolt between 50 and 60 grams, which were planned for release in April 2019,

was lost. The group has initiated a plan for replacement of the smolt and expects the total number to be replaced. However, the time for release to the sea is likely to be a little bit delayed. This incident had no effect on status as of 31.12.2018, and the values in the statement of financial positions for 2018.

The Board is not aware of any other material events in the period from the balance sheet date and until publishing of the financial statements in April 2016, or other events that should be addressed according to IAS 10.

Note 26

New IFRS standards

The Group has implemented the following new IFRS standards with effect from 1 January 2018:

- IFRS 9 Financial Instruments
- IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments

IFRS 9 replaces the provisions of IAS 39 that relate to the recognition, classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities, derecognition of financial instruments, impairment of financial assets and hedge accounting. The standard provides three categories of classification for financial instruments: amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI), and fair value through profit and loss (FVPL).

The adoption of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments from 1 January 2018 resulted in changes in accounting policies. IFRS 9 was adopted retrospectively without restating comparative information. Any reclassifications and adjustments arising from the new standard are therefore not reflected in the balance sheet as at 31 December 2017, but are recognised in the opening balance sheet on 1 January 2018. The new accounting policies, however, did not result in any reclassification or change in measurement for existing financial assets. The new accounting policies are set out in note 1 (Accounting Policies). Furthermore, additional disclosures have been added to note 12 (Financial Instruments) due to the requirements of IFRS 9.

IFRS 9's expected credit loss model impacts the Group's trade receivables for sales of inventory. The Group was required to revise its impairment methodology under IFRS 9 for the trade receivables. The Group applies IFRS 9 simplified approach to measure expected credit losses, which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables. This resulted in no adjustments to the loss allowance.

The company seeks to hedge against currency fluctuations and changes in interest rate by means of derivatives, respectively currency forward contracts, interest rate swaps, and bunker derivatives.

Cash flow hedge accounting was in 2017 applied to the derivatives that qualified for such according according to IAS 39. The group's risk management strategies and hedge documentation are aligned with the requirements of IFRS 9

and these relationships are therefore treated as continuing hedges. No additional derivatives that qualify for cash flow hedge accounting have been identified in 2018. The accounting for financial instruments that qualify as cash flow hedges is further described in note 1 (Accounting Policies).

IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

The group has adopted IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers from 1 January 2018. IFRS 15 replaces IAS 11 which covers Construction Contracts and IAS 18 which covers contracts for goods and services.

The new standard is based on the principle that revenue is recognised when control of a good or service is transferred to a customer. Thus, the notion of control replaces the existing notion of risks and rewards. Control is generally passed when delivered to the customer according to agreed upon Incoterms / contractual terms, and this is the point in time in which the revenue is recognised. Volume discounts are deducted from operating revenue for each sale based on the agreed contractual terms and are presented as current provisions.

The adoption of IFRS 15 Financial Instruments from 1 January 2018 resulted in changes in the Group's accounting policies. IFRS 15 was adopted retrospectively without restating comparative information. Any reclassifications and adjustments arising from the new standard are therefore not reflected in the balance sheet as at 31 December 2017, but are recognised in the opening balance sheet on 1 January 2018. The new accounting policies, however, did not result in any adjustments to the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The new standard requires some additional information in the disclosures about the Groups revenue streams for 2018, which is given in the notes accordingly.

The Group has the following three main segments: (1) Wild catch, (2) Farming, (3) Value-added processing (VAP), sales and distribution. The Group's revenue streams mainly flow from the following activities:

- production of atlantic salmon and trout for consumption
- wild catching of whitefish (cod, haddock, pollock etc.) for consumption
- value-added processing (VAP) and sale of the above mentioned fish species

Note 26

New IFRS standards cont.

The Group has evaluated the impact of IFRS 15 on the financial statements. The basis for evaluation is a five-step process which must be applied before revenue can be recognised:

1. Identify contracts with customers

All the Group's sales and deliveries are executed in accordance with contracts with customers.

2. Identify the separate performance obligations

IFRS 15 requires identification of the separate performance obligations in the contract. A good or service can be considered as a separate performance obligation if the customer can benefit from the good or service on its own or together with other readily available resources and is separately identifiable from the other elements of the contract. For the vast majority (and most material) of the Group's contracts with customers there are no separable performance obligations. In some cases, the performance obligation of a contract might be fulfilled at various points in time due to for example partial deliveries. In the Group's opinion, this does not change the recognition of revenue compared to previous accounting practices.

3. Determine the transaction price of the contract

The transaction price is described in the contracts, and is in most cases a function of delivered quantity and agreed price (for example price per kilo). The transaction price does also reflect direct costs related to the sale, as distribution and fees. In some cases there are other variable elements outlined in the contracts, for example discounts or returns. When control is transferred to the customer, discounts will in most cases already be known and they entail a limited degree of estimation as such. Product returns can happen in the case of quality deviation. The Group makes provisions for returns based on historical numbers and specific information regarding the respective deliveries. The Group delivers, to a large degree, fresh food and returns will therefore usually be processed shortly after the customer has received the goods. It is therefore the assessment of the Group that the new standard does not provide any material changes concerning the accounting of variable contract elements.

4. Allocate the transaction price to each of the separate performance obligations, and

The allocation of the transaction price to the various performance obligations is not considered relevant in the Group's case as described under (2).

5. Recognise the revenue as each performance obligation is satisfied.

It is the Group's assessment that revenue should be recognised at delivery (point-in-time).

IFRS 16 Leases

IFRS 16 Leases is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019, with earlier application permitted. The Group has decided not to implement the standard before 1 January 2019.

IFRS 16 entails that virtually all lease agreements is to be recognised in the balance sheet as the differentiation between financial leases and operational leases will cease to apply. According to the new standard, the asset (right to use) and liability is to be recognised in the financial statements. There has been given exceptions to short-term and insignificant lease agreements.

The accounting by lessors remains mostly unchanged. The Group's activities as a lessor are in any way insignificant and does not have any material impact on the financial statements.

The new standard will have an impact on lease agreements that are currently accounted for as operational leases. The lease agreements that are currently being accounted for as financial leases will be impacted to a lesser extent.

The Group has revised all lease agreements from recent years according to the new standard. The Group expects to recognise right to use assets for a total value of NOK 1 400 million per 1 January 2019 and an equivalent value of liabilities. It is expected that in 2019 EBITDA will increase by about NOK 275 million and EBIT by approximately NOK 30 million due to the new leasing standard.