# First Quarter 2018



# SUMMARY OF THE QUARTER

Aker BP (OSE:AKERBP) reported total income of USD 890 million and operating profit of USD 472 million for the first quarter 2018. Net profit was USD 161 million and earnings per share were USD 0.45. The company paid a dividend of USD 0.3124 (NOK 2.40) per share in the quarter.

Total income increased to USD 890 million driven by record high production of 158.6 thousand barrels of oil equivalents per day ("mboepd") and higher oil prices. Production volumes increased primarily due to the acquisition of Hess Norge in late December 2017. Production costs amounted to USD 12.1 per barrel oil equivalents ("boe"), in line with the company's guidance of around USD 12 per boe for 2018.

Exploration spend totalled USD 80 million, of which USD 55 million was expensed. Three exploration wells were drilled in the quarter, resulting in a 30-60 mmboe oil discovery on the Frosk prospect and a positive appraisal of the Ærfugl field. The company was also awarded 23 new licences, of which 14 with Aker BP as operator, in the 2017 APA licensing round.

Net profit amounted to USD 161 million in the first quarter, reflecting operating profit (EBIT) of USD 472 million, net financial expenses of USD 47 million and USD 264 million in taxes.

Cash flow to investment activities was USD 378 million. Investments in fixed assets amounted to USD 257 million, mainly related to the fields Johan Sverdrup, Valhall and Tambar. Abandonment expenditures were USD 82 million, driven by the ongoing campaign to plug and abandon old wells on the Valhall field.

The company's net interest-bearing debt was USD 3.0 billion at the end of the first quarter. Total available liquidity was USD 3.5 billion. During the first quarter, Aker BP issued a new USD 500 million senior note due in 2025. The proceeds were used to reduce the drawn amount under the company's reserve-based lending ("RBL") facility.

In February, the company paid a quarterly dividend of USD 112.5 million or USD 0.3124 per share, and the Board has resolved to pay the same amount in dividends in May. The plan is to maintain this level for the remaining quarters of 2018, implying total annual dividends of USD 450 million. The Board's ambition is to increase the annual dividends by USD 100 million per year from 2019 to 2021.

The Johan Sverdrup Phase 1 development project is progressing according to plan, and the capex estimate was further reduced

in the first quarter. The operator's new capex estimate is NOK 88 billion (nominal at project currency), down NOK 4 billion from the previous update, and the break-even oil price for the project is now estimated to be below USD 15 per barrel.

The Aker BP-operated field developments of Ærfugl, Valhall Flank West and Skogul have all been approved by the authorities and are progressing according to plan. During the first quarter, new production wells were brought on stream at the Alvheim and Tambar fields. The Valhall Flank North Water Injection project was also sanctioned in the quarter.

# Ambition to develop NOAKA as the first zero emission field on the NCS

The NOAKA area represents a significant new growth opportunity for Aker BP, with gross resources of more than 500 mmboe. Two different development concepts have been proposed, one involving unmanned platforms with host support, and one involving a central hub platform.

The premise defined by the authorities, and confirmed in recent dialogue, has been that a development should capture all discovered resources in the area and facilitate for future tie-ins of new discoveries.

Aker BP recommends developing NOAKA with a new hub platform, which would ensure production from all discoveries in the area as well as higher resource recovery and socio-economic benefits than the alternative. NOAKA will be a new major field development on the Norwegian Continental Shelf ("NCS"). Building on the positive experience from the alliance model, the ambition is to set a new standard in terms of cost per installed ton on the NCS. The company is targeting a concept selection in 2018.

Aker BP's ambition is to make NOAKA the first energy positive zero emissions field development on the NCS, powered by electricity from shore combined with offshore wind. Aker BP aims to build further on its Ivar Aasen experience with digitalization and automation to achieve maximum operational efficiency and the highest safety standards.

Forward-looking statements in this report reflect current views about future events and are, by their nature, subject to significant risks and uncertainties because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future.

All figures are presented in USD unless otherwise stated, and figures in brackets apply to the corresponding period in the previous year.

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# **SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL RESULTS**

	Unit	Q1 2018	Q1 2017	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
Operating income	USDm	890	646	890	646
EBITDA	USDm	658	487	658	487
Net result	USDm	161	69	161	69
Earnings per share (EPS)	USD	0.45	0.20	0.45	0.20
Production cost per barrel	USD/boe	12.1	9.2	12.1	9.2
Depreciation per barrel	USD/boe	13.0	14.1	13.0	14.1
Cash flow from operations	USDm	600	438	600	438
Cash flow from investments	USDm	-378	-270	-378	-270
Total assets	USDm	11 985	9 337	11 985	9 337
Net interest-bearing debt (book value)	USDm	3 048	2 330	3 048	2 330
Cash and cash equivalents	USDm	38	183	38	183

## **SUMMARY OF PRODUCTION**

	Unit	Q1 2018	Q1 2017	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
Alvheim, incl. Boa (65%)	boepd	40 516	64 383	40 516	64 383
Bøyla (65%)	boepd	3 235	4 545	3 235	4 545
Gina Krog (3.3%)	boepd	1 505	-	1 505	-
Hod (90%) (37.5% until Q4 17)	boepd	1 016	568	1 016	568
Ivar Aasen (34.8%)	boepd	24 421	15 003	24 421	15 003
Skarv (23.4%)	boepd	27 092	31 608	27 092	31 608
Tambar / Tambar East (55.0%/46.2%)	boepd	1 611	2 059	1 611	2 059
Ula (80%)	boepd	6 486	6 183	6 486	6 183
Valhall (90%) (36.0% until Q4 17)	boepd	33 500	14 796	33 500	14 796
Vilje (46.9%)	boepd	5 090	5 604	5 090	5 604
Volund (65%)	boepd	14 109	526	14 109	526
Other	boepd	71	65	71	65
SUM	boepd	158 649	145 338	158 649	145 338
Oil price realised	USD/bbl	69	54	69	54
Gas price realised	USD/scm	0.28	0.21	0.28	0.21

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### Income statement

(USD million)	Q1 2018	Q1 2017
Operating income	890	646
EBITDA	658	487
EBIT	472	273
Pre-tax profit/loss	425	227
Net profit	161	69
EPS (USD)	0.45	0.20

Total income in the first quarter was USD 890 (646) million, higher than the first quarter 2017 due to increased production and higher realized prices. Petroleum revenues amounted to USD 892 (647) million, while other income was USD -2 (-1) million, primarily related to realized and unrealized gains and losses on commodity hedges.

Exploration expenses amounted to USD 55 (30) million in the quarter, reflecting dry hole costs, seismic costs, field evaluation costs, area fees and G&G activities. Production costs were USD 173 (121) million, equating to 12.1 (9.2) USD/boe. The increase from the first quarter 2017 is mainly driven by increased interest in Valhall and Hod, and by a generally higher activity level. Other operating expenses amounted to USD 4 (8) million.

Depreciation amounted to USD 185 (184) million, corresponding to 13.0 (14.1) USD/boe. No impairments were recorded in the quarter, compared to USD 30 million in the first quarter 2017.

The company recorded operating profit of USD 472 (273) million in the first quarter, higher than the first quarter 2017, mainly driven by increased production and higher realized prices.

Net profit for the period was USD 161 (69) million after net financial expenses of USD 47 (47) million and tax expenses of USD 264 (158) million, or 62 percent. Earnings per share were USD 0.45 (0.20).

### Statement of financial position

(USD million)	Q1 2018	Q1 2017
Goodwill	1 860	1 818
PP&E	5 665	4 600
Cash & cash equivalents	38	183
Total assets	11 985	9 337
Equity	3 110	2 455
Interest-bearing debt	3 048	2 330

At the end of first quarter 2018, total intangible assets amounted to USD 3,852 (3,482) million, of which goodwill was USD 1,860 (1,818) million.

Property, plant and equipment increased to USD 5,665 (4,600) million. The main driver for the increase was the acquisition of Hess Norge which took place in the fourth quarter 2017, in addition to ordinary investments in development projects. Current tax receivables amounted to USD 1,666 (395) million at the end of the quarter, and is mainly related to a tax loss assumed through the Hess Norge acquisition, which is expected to be disbursed in the second half of 2018.

Cash and cash equivalents were USD 38 (183) million at the end of the guarter. Total assets were USD 11,985 (9,337) million.

Equity amounted to USD 3,110 (2,455) million at the end of the first quarter, corresponding to an equity ratio of 26 (26) percent. The increase was caused by total comprehensive income of USD 466 million and an equity issue with net proceeds of USD 489 million, adjusted for USD 300 million in dividend payments in the period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

Deferred tax liabilities amounted to USD 1,357 (1,164) million and are detailed in note 7 to the financial statements.

In March, the company priced a new notes offering of USD 500 million aggregate principal amount of 5.875% senior notes due in 2025 at par. Interest is payable semi-annually.

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Gross interest-bearing debt was USD 3,086 (2,513) million, consisting of the DETNOR02 bond of USD 243 million, the AKERBP Senior Note 2017 (17/22) of USD 392 million, the AKERBP Senior Note 2018 (18/25) of USD 492 million, the Reserve Based Lending ("RBL") facility of USD 460 million and a bank term loan of USD 1,498 million. The latter will be repaid when the previously mentioned tax loss from Hess Norge is disbursed.

### Cash flow

(USD million)	Q1 2018	Q1 2017
Cash flow from operations	600	438
Cash flow from investments	-378	-270
Cash flow from financing	-435	-98
Net change in cash & cash eq.	-213	70
Cash and cash eq. EOQ	38	183

Net cash flow from operating activities was USD 600 (438) million. The change was mainly caused by increased profit before tax, which was driven by increased production and higher realized prices.

Net cash flow to investment activities was USD 378 (270) million, of which investments in fixed assets amounted to USD 257 (232) million for the quarter, mainly related to the fields Johan Sverdrup, Valhall and Tambar. Investments in intangible assets including capitalized exploration were USD 39 (30) million in the quarter. Payments for decommissioning activities amounted to USD 82 (8) million in the quarter, mainly related to plugging and abandonment of depleted wells at Valhall.

Net cash flow from financing activities totalled USD -435 (-98) million, reflecting USD 492 million in net proceeds from the issuance of a new USD note, repayment of USD 815 million on the RBL and dividend disbursements of USD 112.5 million during the quarter.

### **Funding**

At the end of the first quarter, the company had total available liquidity of USD 3.5 (2.6) billion, comprising of cash and cash equivalents of USD 38 (183) million and undrawn credit facilities of USD 3,485 (2,416) million.

On 15 March, the company priced a notes offering of USD 500 million aggregate principal amount of 5.875 percent senior unsecured notes due 2025 at par. Interest will be payable semi-annually. The offering was closed on 22 March 2017.

### Hedging

The company seeks to reduce the risk related to foreign exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices through hedging instruments. The company actively manages its exposures through a mix of forward contracts and options.

The company has bought Brent put options for 2018 at strike prices from USD 50 to USD 60 per barrel. Total hedging volume is around 22 percent of estimated oil production for 2018, corresponding to approximately 78 percent of the undiscounted after-tax value.

### **Dividends**

A quarterly dividend of USD 112.5 million, corresponding to USD 0.3124 per share was disbursed on 14 February 2018.

At the Annual General Meeting in April 2018, the Board was authorized to approve the distribution of dividends based on the company's annual accounts for 2017 pursuant to section 8-2 (2) of the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act.

The Board has proposed a dividend of USD 450 million in 2018 and stated a clear ambition to increase this by USD 100 million per year to 2021.

On 4 May 2018, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of USD 0.3124 per share, to be disbursed on or about 22 May 2018.

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# **OPERATIONAL REVIEW**

Aker BP produced 14.3 (13.1) mmboe in the first quarter of 2018, corresponding to 158.6 (145.3) mboepd. The average realized oil price was USD 69 (54) per barrel, while gas revenues were recognized at market value of USD 0.28 (0.21) per standard cubic metre (scm).

### Alvheim Area

### PL203/088BS/036C/036D/150 (operator)

The producing fields Alvheim (65 percent), Volund (65 percent), Bøyla (65 percent) and Vilje (46.9 percent) are all tied back to the Alvheim FPSO.

First quarter production from the Alvheim area was 62.9 mboepd net to Aker BP, slightly down from the previous quarter due to ordinary decline and two unplanned plant shutdowns. Two new wells at the Boa drill centre were put in operation in the first quarter 2018, six weeks ahead of plan, and contributed positively to production volumes.

The production efficiency for the Alvheim area was 98 percent in the quarter.

### Valhall Area

### PL006B/033/033B (operator)

The Valhall area consists of the producing fields Valhall (90 percent) and Hod (90 percent).

First quarter production from the Valhall area was 34.5 mboepd net to Aker BP. This represents an underlying reduction of approximately seven percent compared to the previous quarter, and was caused by two periods of adverse weather conditions with negative impact on regularity.

The 2018 IP drilling programme at Valhall consists of three new wells. The first of these wells is currently being stimulated and is planned to start production in the second quarter. The second well is currently being drilled, and is expected to start production in the third quarter. Meanwhile, the Maersk Invincible rig continued the successful P&A campaign at Valhall.

The production efficiency for the Valhall area was 84 percent in the quarter.

### **Ula Area**

### PL019/065/300 (operator)

The Ula area consists of the producing fields Ula (80.0 percent), Tambar (55.0 percent) and Tambar East (46.2 percent). Tambar and Tambar East are tied back to the Ula facilities, together with the Repsol operated Blane field and the Faroe operated Oselvar field.

First quarter production from the Ula area was 8.1 mboepd net to Aker BP, 17 percent higher than in the previous quarter. The two new Tambar wells started production in March.

The installation of a new riser for the tie in of Oda to Ula has successfully been completed, and production from the Oselvar field has been terminated as part of the preparation for conversion of the production equipment on Ula from Oselvar to Oda.

The production efficiency for the Ula area was 63 percent in the guarter.

### Skarv Area

### PL159/212/212B/262 (operator)

The Skarv area consists of the Skarv producing field (23.835 percent). In addition, production from the Ærfugl A-1 H well (previously named Snadd test producer) is included in the Skarv volumes.

First quarter production from the Skarv area was 27.1 mboepd net to Aker BP, up 27 percent compared to the previous quarter. At the beginning of fourth quarter 2017, three wells were shut in due to technical issues with the Xmas trees. One of these wells was successfully reinstated at the end of 2017 and has since been in production, contributing positively to the Skarv production. Plant uptime during the last quarter has also been high at 99.7 percent and thus contributed positively to the production volumes.

At the end of the first quarter, Aker BP initiated an operation to reinstate one of the two remaining shut-in wells during first half of 2018. The company is also planning to pull the x-mas tree from the last well and perform root cause analysis in order to prevent similar failures in the future.

The Ærfugl A1-H well was onstream throughout the quarter. The well was granted a permanent production permit as part of the approval of the Ærfugl PDO.

The production efficiency for the Skarv area was 94.4 percent in the quarter, mainly influenced by the before mentioned well failures which lowered the production efficiency by 4.6 percent.

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### Ivar Aasen

### PL001B/242/457 (operator)

The Ivar Aasen field (34.786 percent) is developed in coordination with the Edvard Grieg field, which provides Ivar Aasen with power, processing and export solutions.

Production from Ivar Aasen reached 24.4 mboepd net to Aker BP in the first quarter, representing an increase of four percent from the previous quarter. The operational efficiency was high, with an average plant availability of 98 percent. However, production was negatively impacted by Edvard Grieg and SAGE availability, resulting in a production efficiency of 89 percent in the quarter.

Two new water injection wells are planned to be drilled at lvar Aasen this year, followed by an exploration well to test the Slengfehøgda prospect and appraise the Hanz discovery. The first of these wells was spudded in April.

### Gina Krog

### PL029B/029C/048/303 (partner)

The Gina Krog field (3.3 percent) started production on 30 June 2017. The field has been developed with a fixed platform with living quarters and processing facilities. The oil from Gina Krog is exported by shuttle tankers while gas is exported via the Sleipner platform.

Production from Gina Krog was 1.5 mboepd net to Aker BP in the first quarter.

# HEALTH, SAFETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

HSE is always the number one priority in all of Aker BP's activities. The company strives to ensure that all its operations, drilling campaigns and projects are carried out under the highest HSE standards.

The Petroleum Safety Authority Norway (PSA) has concluded its investigation of the fatal incident that took place on Maersk Interceptor on the Tambar field on 7 December 2017, and the incident investigation report was issued on the PSA's webpages on 3 May 2018. The report concludes that a raw water pump fell to sea as a consequence of the failure of a flat-braided sling used in a lifting operation. The lifting operation was part of the installation of a raw water pump. The incident resulted in one fatality and one person seriously injured.

Both Aker BP and Maersk Drilling support the findings of the PSA report, which are consistent with those of the internal

Maersk Drilling investigation. In addition, Maersk Drilling and Aker BP have conducted industry knowledge transfer sessions in Norway and internationally. Both companies will continue to share the learnings in relevant industry forums.

Aker BP has conducted sessions on safety leadership for onshore and offshore leaders during the first quarter. Considerable work on standardization of critical offshore safety procedures has also been executed. The latter is an important part of the Aker BP HSE agenda on standardization and culture in the company.

# **PROJECTS**

### Johan Sverdrup Unit

### PL265/501/502 (partner)

Phase 1 of the Johan Sverdrup (11.5733 percent) development project is progressing according to plan towards production start-up by the end of 2019. Phase 1 consists of a field centre with four fixed platforms, three subsea templates, oil and gas export pipelines, power from shore and 36 production and injection wells.

At the end of the first quarter, approximately 84 percent of the Phase 1 facilities were complete. The riser platform modules arrived in Haugesund mid-April for installation of two platform cranes. Traditional heavy lift installation offshore of the riser platform modules was completed late April (Heerema). With this, the first of four topsides has been installed.

The onshore hook up and commissioning of the drilling platform at Aibel in Haugesund is progressing well, preparing for offshore installation in early June 2018 by Pioneering Spirit (Allseas).

After a successful completion of the eight pre-drilled production wells and a four well pilot/appraisal campaign for further improvement of reservoir definition, all the 10 planned pre-drilled water injection wells have been completed.

PDO for Phase 2 is scheduled for the second half of 2018. Phase 2 production start-up is expected in 2022. Phase 2 includes 28 additional production and injection wells in the peripheral parts of the field, increasing the total number of wells to 64.

Phase 2 also includes an increased production capacity on a fifth platform at the field centre, increasing the capacity from 440,000 to 660,000 barrels of oil per day. The front end engineering and design ("FEED") for the Phase 2 installations has been completed with a high engineering maturity level prior to the final investment decision. In April, a Letter of Intent was signed with Aibel for construction of the processing platform topside for phase 2 of the project. A letter of intent for field centre modifications was also signed with a joint venture of Aker Solutions and Kværner.

Phase 2 also includes increased power-from-shore capacity, which will allow Johan Sverdrup to supply the surrounding fields Ivar Aasen, Edvard Grieg and Gina Krog with power.

The operator's Phase 1 CAPEX estimate, last updated in the first quarter 2018, was NOK 88 billion (nominal at project currency), which is NOK 35 billion (28 percent) lower than at the time the PDO was submitted in 2015. The CAPEX estimate for Phase 2 is NOK 40 – 55 billion, which is approximately

half the cost estimated for Phase 2 when the PDO for Phase 1 was submitted.

The operator estimates the Johan Sverdrup reserves to be between 2.1 and 3.1 billion barrels of oil equivalents (boe) and the full field break-even oil price to be below USD 20 per boe.

### Valhall Flank West

### PL006B/033/033B (operator)

The Valhall Flank West project aims to continue the development of the Tor Formation on the western flank of the Valhall field, with planned start-up of operations in fourth quarter 2019. Valhall Flank West will be developed from a new Normally Unmanned Installation (NUI), tied back to the Valhall field centre for processing and export. Recoverable reserves are estimated at around 60 million barrels of oil equivalents. Gross investments for the development are estimated at NOK 5.5 billion in real terms.

The PDO for Valhall Flank West was approved in March 2018. Engineering has progressed according to plan and construction activities have started in Verdal. Preparation activities at the Valhall Central Complex are underway.

### Valhall Flank North Water Injection

### PL006B/033/033B (operator)

The Valhall Flank North Water Injection project aims to expand water injection capability to Valhall's northern drainage area, thus supporting Valhall production through enabling water injection to existing depleted areas and offering a potential for increasing the recovery from the reservoir by 7.8 mmboe gross. The project was sanctioned in first quarter 2018. The plan is to start drilling operations in fourth quarter 2018, and to start water injection in second quarter 2019 when pipelines and risers have been installed.

### North of Alvheim and Askja-Krafla (NOAKA)

### PL442/026B/364 (operator) and PL272 (partner)

The North of Alvheim and Askja-Krafla (NOAKA) area consists of the discoveries Frigg Gamma Delta, Langfjellet, Frøy, Fulla, Frigg, Rind and Askja-Krafla. Gross resources in the area are estimated to be more than 500 mmboe.

Aker BP and the other partners have performed detailed studies of different development solutions for the NOAKA area. The premise defined by the authorities, and confirmed in recent dialogue, has been that a development should capture all discovered resources in the area and facilitate for future tie-ins of new discoveries.

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These studies have resulted in two alternative development solutions. One solution involves two unmanned production platforms ("UPP") or similar concepts, supported from an existing host in the area. The other solution involves a new hub platform in the central part of the area, with processing and living guarters ("PQ").

Aker BP's recommendation is to develop the area with the PQ concept. This concept is the only alternative that allows for economic recovery of all discovered resources in the area, and provides higher resource recovery and socio-economic benefits than the alternative. The PQ concept also more is also the better alternative with regards to exploiting additional resources that may be discovered through future exploration.

Aker BP's ambition is to make NOAKA the first energy positive field development on the Norwegian Continental Shelf. The goal is full electrification and zero emissions, enabled by power from shore combined with offshore wind. Aker BP aims to build further on its Ivar Aasen experience with onshore control rooms and a high degree of digitalization and automation to achieve maximum operational efficiency and the highest safety standards.

The NOAKA PQ concept will be a new major field development on the Norwegian Continental Shelf. Building on the positive experience from the alliance model, the ambition is to set a new standard in terms of cost per installed ton on the NCS.

The company is targeting a concept selection in 2018.

### Skogul

### PL460 (operator)

Skogul (previously known as Storklakken) will be developed with a single multilateral production well tied back to the Vilje field, utilizing the existing pipeline from Vilje to the Alvheim FPSO. Recoverable reserves are estimated at around 10 mmboe gross, and total investments at NOK 1.5 billion in real terms. Production start is planned for the first quarter of 2020. The PDO was approved by Norwegian authorities in March 2018.

The production well at Skogul will be subsea production well number 35 in the Alvheim area. It represents Aker BP's continuous effort to maximize value and extend the economic life in the Alvheim area.

### Ærfugl

### PL162/159/212/212B (operator)

The PDO for the Ærfugl development was submitted in December 2017, and was approved by Norwegian authorities in April 2018. At the same time, the A-1H well which has previously been on test production was granted a permanent production permit.

Ærfugl will be developed in two phases. The first phase includes three new production wells in the southern part of the field tied into the Skarv FPSO via a trace heated pipe-in-pipe flowline, in addition to the existing A-1 H well. Production from the new wells is planned to begin late 2020.

The second phase is subject to further maturation, but the reference case includes two additional wells in the northern part of the field and one in Snadd Outer, located in PL212E (Aker BP 30 percent), all tied into the Skarv FPSO with an estimated production start in 2023. Other alternatives will also be considered in order to select the optimal concept.

The total remaining reserves for the full-field development are estimated to approximately 275 mmboe gross. Total investments in the project are estimated at NOK 8.5 billion (real terms) with NOK 4.5 billion in the first phase and NOK 4.0 billion in the second phase (reference case) respectively.

Aker BP has on behalf of the Ærfugl partners entered into field development contracts with Subsea 7 for Subsea Umbilical Riser Flowline (SURF) and with Aker Solutions for Subsea Production System (SPS). The Ærfugl project will be organized and executed according to Aker BP's alliance model.

### Tambar Development

### PL065 (operator)

Tambar is a satellite field to Ula. The Tambar development project is targeting gross reserves of 27 mmboe, which is expected to extend the economic life of the field to at least 2028. The project consists of two additional wells and gas lift. The new wells were completed and began producing late in the first quarter. Gas lift is scheduled to commence in the fourth quarter pending completion of the remaining facilities modifications.

### Oda

### PL405 (partner)

The Oda field is being developed with a subsea template tied back to the Ula Field Centre via the existing Oselvar infrastructure. Oselvar production was closed down 1 April 2018. The project involves two production wells and one water injector. Aker BP performs the required facilty modifications to receive production from and provide injection water to Oda.

Oda's recoverable reserves are estimated at 48 mmboe (gross). Natural gas from Oda will support Ula development strategy by providing gas for the water alternating gas (WAG) injection regime. Offshore execution of topside and facility modifications on the Ula field center to receive Oda production is ongoing. First oil from Oda is expected in 2019.

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# **EXPLORATION**

During the quarter, the company's cash spending on exploration was USD 80 million. USD 55 million was recognized as exploration expenses in the period, relating to dry wells, seismic, area fees and G&G costs.

On 16 January 2018, the Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy announced the results of the APA 2017 licensing round. Aker BP was awarded 23 new exploration licenses, of which 14 with the company as operator. These awards support Aker BP's growth strategy by giving access to attractive exploration opportunities both around existing production hubs as well as in new prospective areas.

Drilling of the Frosk prospect in PL340 (Aker BP 65 percent) was completed in February. The well, which is located near Alvheim in the North Sea, proved oil. Preliminary analysis indicate a discovery size of 30-60 million barrels of oil equivalents (mmboe), which is significantly more than the pre-drill estimates of 3-21 mmboe. The Frosk discovery provides an ideal basis for another profitable expansion project which will secure optimal utilization of the infrastructure in the Alvheim area for many years. The discovery also has a positive impact on the assessment of further exploration potential in the area.

Aker BP completed the drilling of a combined exploration and appraisal well in PL212 (Skarv Unit, Aker BP 23.835 percent) in March. The primary objective was the Kvitungen Tumler prospect, which was dry. The secondary objective of the well was to appraise the Ærfugl field. This was successful, and confirmed the extension of the Ærfugl reservoir. The well fulfills the drilling obligation in PL839 (Aker BP 23.835 percent), as the Kvitungen Tumler prospect extended into this production licence.

Drilling of the Raudåsen prospect in PL790 (Aker BP 30 percent) was also completed in March. The exploration well, located southwest of the Knarr field in the North Sea, was classified as dry with traces of petroleum.

# **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

In January, the company entered into an agreement with Fortis Petroleum Norway AS to acquire its working interests in PL869 (20 percent) near the Bøyla field, PL677 (30 percent) near the Vilje field and PL626 (10 percent) near the Hanz field, all in the North Sea.

The transaction has been approved by relevant authorities, and is expected to be completed shortly.

# **OUTLOOK**

The company continues to build on a strong platform for further value creation through safe operations, an effective business model built on lean principles, technological competence and industrial cooperation to secure long term competitiveness.

Going forward, the company will continue to pursue selective growth opportunities which will enhance production and increase dividend capacity. A quarterly dividend of USD 0.3124 per share is scheduled to be paid in May. Planned total dividend payments in 2018 amount to USD 450 million. The board's intention is to increase the dividend level by USD 100 million each year until 2021.

The company will have five rigs in operation in the second quarter 2018, performing drilling of production and exploration wells as well as maintenance activities and plugging operations. In total, Aker BP plans to participate in a total of 12-14 (8-10

operated) exploration wells in 2018. The exploration plan is subject to continuous optimization.

The company has a robust balance sheet, providing the company with ample financial flexibility going forward.

The company expects 2018 production to be in the range of 155-160 mboepd with a production cost of approximately 12 USD/boe. Capex is expected to be around USD 1.3 billion, exploration spending is estimated to around USD 350 million, and total abandonment expenditures is expected to be around USD 350 million.

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# Financial statements with notes

### **INCOME STATEMENT (Unaudited)**

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(USD 1 000)	Note	2018	2017	2018	2017
Petroleum revenues		891 645	647 171	891 645	647 171
Other operating income		-2 045	-922	-2 045	-922
Other operating moonie		2 040	JEE	2 040	VLL
Total income	2	889 599	646 250	889 599	646 250
Production costs		173 481	120 874	173 481	120 874
Exploration expenses	3	54 661	30 259	54 661	30 259
Depreciation	5	185 421	184 004	185 421	184 004
Impairments	4, 5	-	29 782	-	29 782
Other operating expenses		3 640	8 051	3 640	8 051
Total operating expenses		417 204	372 969	417 204	372 969
Operating profit/loss		472 395	273 280	472 395	273 280
Interest income		4 904	1 074	4 904	1 074
Other financial income		52 544	17 272	52 544	17 272
Interest expenses		32 675	30 008	32 675	30 008
Other financial expenses		71 727	34 846	71 727	34 846
Net financial items	6	-46 954	-46 508	-46 954	-46 508
Profit/loss before taxes		425 442	226 772	425 442	226 772
Taxes (+)/tax income (-)	7	264 197	157 955	264 197	157 955
Net profit/loss		161 245	68 818	161 245	68 818
Weighted average no. of shares outstanding basic and diluted		360 113 509	337 737 071	360 113 509	337 737 071
Basic and diluted earnings/loss(-) USD per share		0.45	0.20	0.45	0.20

### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

			Gr	oup	
	Q1 Note 2018 2017		01.01.	-31.03.	
(USD 1 000)	Note	2018	2017	2018	2017
Profit/loss for the period		161 245	68 818	161 245	68 818
Items which may be reclassified over profit and loss (net of taxes)					
Currency translation adjustment		73 132	-356	73 132	-356
Total comprehensive income in period		234 376	68 461	234 376	68 461

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Unaudited)

			Gro	nb
(USD 1 000)	Note	31.03.2018	31.03.2017	31.12.2017
ASSETS				
Intangible assets				
Goodwill	5	1 860 126	1 817 810	1 860 120
Capitalized exploration expenditures	5	391 212	355 910	365 41
Other intangible assets	5	1 600 736	1 308 011	1 617 03
Tangible fixed assets				
Property, plant and equipment	5	5 664 761	4 599 627	5 582 493
Financial assets				
Long-term receivables		42 319	43 138	40 45
Long-term derivatives	11	3 848	745	12 56
Other non-current assets		8 707	12 313	8 39
Total non-current assets		9 571 710	8 137 553	9 486 49
Inventories				
Inventories		80 713	68 552	75 70
Receivables				
Accounts receivable		109 471	93 142	99 75
Tax receivables	7	1 666 497	394 669	1 586 000
Other short-term receivables	8	511 403	459 865	535 518
Short-term derivatives	11	7 241	209	2 58
Cash and cash equivalents				
Cash and cash equivalents	9	37 999	182 795	232 504
Total current assets		2 413 324	1 199 232	2 532 06
TOTAL ASSETS		11 985 034	9 336 785	12 018 56

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Unaudited)

			Gro	ир
(USD 1 000)	Note	31.03.2018	31.03.2017	31.12.2017
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Equity				
Share capital		57 056	54 349	57 056
Share premium		3 637 297	3 150 567	3 637 297
Other equity		-583 879	-749 748	-705 756
Total equity		3 110 473	2 455 169	2 988 596
Non-current liabilities				
Deferred taxes	7	1 357 075	1 164 113	1 307 148
Long-term abandonment provision	15	2 814 235	2 084 584	2 775 622
Provisions for other liabilities	10	141 228	212 862	152 418
Long-term bonds	13	1 127 838	512 729	622 039
Long-term derivatives	11	-	27 685	13 705
Other interest-bearing debt	14	459 906	1 999 869	1 270 556
Current liabilities				
Trade creditors		123 521	41 630	32 847
Accrued public charges and indirect taxes		17 608	19 485	27 949
Tax payable	7	553 574	120 114	351 156
Short-term derivatives	11	10 630	1 803	7 69 <sup>-</sup>
Short-term abandonment provision	15	194 087	96 365	268 262
Short-term interest-bearing debt	14	1 498 159	-	1 496 374
Other current liabilities	12	576 699	600 376	704 197
Total liabilities		8 874 561	6 881 616	9 029 964
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		11 985 034	9 336 785	12 018 560

				Othe	r equity			
				Other compre	hensive income			
(USD 1 000)	Share capital	Share premium	Other paid-in capital	Actuarial gains/(losses)	Foreign currency translation reserves	Retained earnings	Total other equity	Total equity
Equity as of 31.12.2016	54 349	3 150 567	573 083	-88	-115 550*	-1 213 154	-755 709	2 449 207
Private placement	2 706	486 729	-	-	-	-	-	489 436
Dividend distributed	-	-	-	-	-	-250 000	-250 000	-250 000
Profit/loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	274 787	274 787	274 787
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-1	25 167	-	25 166	25 166
Equity as of 31.12.2017	57 056	3 637 297	573 083	-89	-90 383	-1 188 366	-705 756	2 988 596
Dividend distributed	-	-	-	-	-	-112 500	-112 500	-112 500
Profit/loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	161 245	161 245	161 245
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	73 132	-	73 132	73 132
Equity as of 31.03.2018	57 056	3 637 297	573 083	-89	-17 251	-1 139 622	-583 879	3 110 473

<sup>\*</sup> The amount arose mainly as a result of the change in functional currency in Q4 2014.

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW (Unaudited)

			Group	
		Q1		Year
(USD 1 000)	Note	2018	2017	2017
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Profit/loss before taxes		425 442	226 772	811 128
Taxes paid during the period		-34 381		-101 115
Tax refund during the period		-	_	404 704
Depreciation	5	185 421	184 004	726 670
Net impairment losses	4, 5	-	29 782	52 349
Accretion expenses	6, 15	32 146	31 713	129 619
Interest expenses	6	44 550	41 166	156 704
Interest paid		-51 156	-41 156	-145 940
Changes in derivatives	2, 6	-6 706	-12 173	-34 461
Amortized loan costs	6	8 124	7 144	36 900
Amortization of fair value of contracts	10	14 195	-	11 728
Expensed capitalized dry wells	3, 5	13 665	1 059	75 401
Changes in inventories, accounts payable and receivables	0, 0	75 947	-5 718	-7 583
Changes in abandonment liabilities through income statement		70 047	-	-27
Changes in other current balance sheet items		-106 854	-24 488	39 414
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		600 394	438 104	2 155 491
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES				
Payment for removal and decommissioning of oil fields	15	-81 903	-7 684	-85 733
Disbursements on investments in fixed assets		-256 757	-232 407	-977 462
Acquisitions of companies (net of cash acquired)		-	-	-2 055 033
Cash received from sale of licenses		-	-	170 959
Disbursements on investments in capitalized exploration expenditures and	5	-39 460	-29 905	-111 724
other intangible assets				
NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES		-378 119	-269 996	-3 058 994
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Repayment of long-term debt		-815 000	-35 470	-777 911
Repayment of bond (DETNOR03)		-015 000	-35 470	-330 000
Net cash received from issuance of new shares		-	-	489 436
		402.422	-	
Net proceeds from issuance of debt		492 423	60 500	1 886 885
Paid dividend  NET CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		-112 500 <b>-435 077</b>	-62 500 <b>-97 970</b>	-250 000 <b>1 018 410</b>
NET CASTIT EGW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		-400 077	-31 310	1010410
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		-212 802	70 139	114 906
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period		232 504	115 286	115 286
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period  Effect of exchange rate fluctuation on cash held		18 297	-2 630	2 312
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	9	37 999	182 795	232 504
OAGII AND GAGII EQUIVALENTO AT END OF FERIOD	3	31 333	102 / 33	232 JU4
SPECIFICATION OF CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD				
Bank deposits and cash		37 999	173 830	231 506
Restricted bank deposits		_	8 965	998
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	9	37 999	182 795	232 504

### **NOTES**

(All figures in USD 1 000 unless otherwise stated)

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU ("IFRS") IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting", thus the interim financial statements do not include all information required by IFRS and should be read in conjunction with the group's annual financial statement as at 31 December 2017. The interim financial statements reflect all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair statement of the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the dates and interim periods presented. Interim period results are not necessarily indicative of results of operations or cash flows for an annual period. These interim financial statements have not been subject to review or audit by independent auditors.

These interim financial statements were authorised for issue by the Company's Board of Directors on 4 May 2018.

### Note 1 Accounting principles

As described in the group's annual financial statements for 2017, two new accounting standards entered into force from 1 January 2018. IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* does not have any significant impact on the group's financial statements. IFRS 15 *Revenue from contracts with customers* has no impact on the line item petroleum revenues in the income statement, but additional details have been provided in the note disclosures (note 2) to specify the part of revenues that arises from change in over/underlift balances.

Except for the changes described above, the accounting princples used for this interim report are consistent with the principles used in the group's annual financial statements as at 31 December 2017.

In preparing these interim financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The significant judgements made by management in applying the group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the annual financial statements as at 31 December 2017.

### Note 2 Income

		Gro	oup	
	Q1	I	01.013	31.03.
Breakdown of petroleum revenues (USD 1 000)	2018	2017	2018	2017
	001-01	4-0	224 = 24	4-0
Sales of liquids	804 701	472 575	804 701	472 575
Sales of gas	139 470	94 206	139 470	94 206
Tariff income	4 979	5 654	4 979	5 654
Total petroleum sales	949 150	572 435	949 150	572 435
Impact from change in over/underlift balances of liquids	-57 505	74 736	-57 505	74 736
Total petroleum revenues	891 645	647 171	891 645	647 171
Breakdown of produced volumes (barrels of oil equivalent)				
Breakdown of produced volumes (barrels of oil equivalent)				
Breakdown of produced volumes (barrels of oil equivalent)  Liquids	11 125 929	10 280 386	11 125 929	10 280 386
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	11 125 929 3 152 497	10 280 386 2 800 022	11 125 929 3 152 497	10 280 386 2 800 022
Liquids Gas				2 800 022
Liquids Gas Total produced volumes	3 152 497	2 800 022	3 152 497	2 800 022
Liquids Gas Total produced volumes Other income (USD 1 000)	3 152 497 14 278 426	2 800 022 13 080 409	3 152 497 14 278 426	2 800 022 13 080 409
Liquids Gas Total produced volumes Other income (USD 1 000) Realized gain/loss (-) on oil derivatives	3 152 497 14 278 426	2 800 022 13 080 409 -2 549	3 152 497 14 278 426	2 800 022 13 080 409 -2 549
Liquids Gas Total produced volumes Other income (USD 1 000)  Realized gain/loss (-) on oil derivatives Unrealized gain/loss (-) on oil derivatives	3 152 497 14 278 426 -3 487 1 109	2 800 022 13 080 409 -2 549 1 390	3 152 497 14 278 426 -3 487 1 109	2 800 022 13 080 409 -2 549 1 390
Liquids	3 152 497 14 278 426	2 800 022 13 080 409 -2 549	3 152 497 14 278 426	2 800 022 13 080 409 -2 549

### Note 3 Exploration expenses

Breakdown of exploration expenses (USD 1 000)		Group			
	Q	l	01.013	1.03.	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	
Seismic	13 479	10 389	13 479	10 389	
Area fee	4 246	5 308	4 246	5 308	
Field Evaluation	14 458	6 649	14 458	6 649	
Dry well expenses	13 665	1 059	13 665	1 059	
Other exploration expenses	8 814	6 854	8 814	6 854	
Total exploration expenses	54 661	30 259	54 661	30 259	

### Note 4 Impairments

### Impairment testing

Impairment tests of individual cash-generating units are performed when impairment triggers are identified, and for goodwill impairment is tested at least annually.

As described in previous financial reporting, the technical goodwill recognized in relation to prior year's business combinations, will be subject to impairment charges as it is fully allocated to the respective individual CGU's. Hence, a quarterly impairment charge is expected if all assumptions remain unchanged. However, in Q1 2018 there has been a positive impact from increase in petroleum prices, together with a headroom from prior periods. Hence, the group's calculation shows that no impairment charge of technical goodwill is needed.

### **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - GROUP**

(USD 1 000)	Assets under development	Production facilities including wells	Fixtures and fittings, office machinery	Total
(*******)	·			
Book value 31.12.2016	907 108	3 501 908	32 779	4 441 796
Acquisition cost 31.12.2016	908 674	4 950 566	56 137	5 915 377
Acquisition of Hess Norge AS	-	1 076 337	-	1 076 337
Additions	794 809	-129 338	43 401	708 873
Disposals	33 329	88 913	1 531	123 773
Reclassification	-189 466	249 149	6 339	66 021
Acquisition cost 31.12.2017	1 480 689	6 057 801	104 346	7 642 835
Accumulated depreciation and impairments 31.12.2016	1 566	1 448 659	23 357	1 473 582
Depreciation	-	622 179	13 384	635 563
Impairment	-6	21 111	128	21 232
Retirement/transfer depreciations	-1 560	-66 944	-1 531	-70 035
Accumulated depreciation and impairments 31.12.2017	-	2 025 004	35 338	2 060 342
Book value 31.12.2017	1 480 689	4 032 797	69 007	5 582 493
Acquisition cost 31.12.2017	1 480 689	6 057 801	104 346	7 642 835
Additions	215 647	30 324	5 416	251 387
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Reclassification*	-157 741	149 883	7 859	-
Acquisition cost 31.03.2018	1 538 594	6 238 007	117 621	7 894 222
Accumulated depreciation and impairments 31.12.2017		2 025 004	35 338	2 060 342
Depreciation	-	164 444	4 675	169 119
Impairment	-	-	-	
Retirement/transfer depreciations	-	-		
Accumulated depreciation and impairments 31.03.2018		2 189 447	40 013	2 229 461
Book value 31.03.2018	1 538 594	4 048 560	77 607	5 664 761

Capitalized exploration expenditures are reclassified to "Fields under development" when the field enters into the development phase. If development plans are subsequently re-evaluated, the associated costs remain in assets under development and are not reclassified back to exploration assets. Fields under development are reclassified to "Production facilities" from the start of production. Production facilities, including wells, are depreciated in accordance with the Unit of Production Method. Office machinery, fixtures and fittings etc. are depreciated using the straight-line method over their useful life, i.e. 3 - 5 years. Removal and decommissioning costs are included as production facilities or fields under development.

### **INTANGIBLE ASSETS - GROUP**

Other intangible assets (USD 1 000) Licences etc. Software Total Exploration wells Goodwill					
Licences etc.	Software	Total	Exploration wells	Goodwill	
1 332 534	279	1 332 813	395 260	1 846 971	
1 575 203	7 501	1 582 705	395 260	2 720 835	
507 640	-	507 640		181 930	
156	-	156	111 569		
149 747	-	149 747	75 401	163 791	
-11	-	-11	-66 011	-	
1 933 241	7 501	1 940 742	365 417	2 738 973	
242 670	7 223	249 892		873 864	
90 863	245	91 107		-	
1 956	-	1 956		29 161	
-19 252	-	-19 252		-24 177	
316 236	7 467	323 703	-	878 847	
1 617 005	34	1 617 039	365 417	1 860 126	
1 933 241	7 501	1 940 742	365 417	2 738 973	
-		-	39 460	-	
-		-	13 665	-	
-	-	-		-	
1 933 241	7 501	1 940 742	391 212	2 738 973	
316 236	7 467	323 703		878 847	
16 298	4	16 302	-	-	
-	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	-	
332 534	7 472	340 006	-	878 847	
1 600 707	30	1 600 736	391 212	1 860 126	
	Licences etc.  1 332 534  1 575 203 507 640 156 149 747 -11 1 933 241  242 670 90 863 1 956 -19 252 316 236  1 617 005  1 933 241  1 933 241  316 236 1 6 298 332 534	Licences etc. Software  1 332 534 279  1 575 203 7 501 507 640 - 156 - 149 74711 - 1 933 241 7 501  242 670 7 223 90 863 245 1 95619 252 - 316 236 7 467  1 617 005 34  1 933 241 7 501  1 933 241 7 501  316 236 7 467  1 6 298 4 332 534 7 472	Licences etc.         Software         Total           1 332 534         279         1 332 813           1 575 203         7 501         1 582 705           507 640         -         507 640           156         -         156           149 747         -         149 747           -11         -         -11           1 933 241         7 501         1 940 742           242 670         7 223         249 892           90 863         245         91 107           1 956         -         1 956           -19 252         -         -19 252           316 236         7 467         323 703           1 933 241         7 501         1 940 742           -         -         -           -         -         -           1 933 241         7 501         1 940 742           316 236         7 467         323 703           16 298         4         16 302           -         -         -           -         -         -           -         -         -           -         -         -           -         -	Licences etc.         Software         Total         Exploration wells           1 332 534         279         1 332 813         395 260           1 575 203         7 501         1 582 705         395 260           507 640         -         507 640         -           156         -         156         111 569           149 747         -         149 747         75 401           -11         -         -11         -66 011           1 933 241         7 501         1 940 742         365 417           242 670         7 223         249 892         -           90 863         245         91 107         -           1 956         -         1 956         -           -19 252         -         -19 252         -           316 236         7 467         323 703         -           1 617 005         34         1 617 039         365 417           -         -         -         39 460           -         -         -         39 460           -         -         -         39 460           -         -         -         -           1 933 241         7 501         <	

		Group			
	Q	Q1		31.03.	
Depreciation in the income statement (USD 1 000)	2018	2017	2018	2017	
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	169 119	159 625	169 119	159 625	
Depreciation of intangible assets	16 302	24 379	16 302	24 379	
Total depreciation in the income statement	185 421	184 004	185 421	184 004	
Impairment in the income statement (USD 1 000)					
Impairment/reversal of tangible fixed assets	_	-6		-6	
Impairment/reversal of intangible assets	-	627	-	627	
Impairment of goodwill	-	29 161	-	29 161	
Total impairment in the income statement	-	29 782	-	29 782	

		Group				
	Q1	Q1		1.03.		
(USD 1 000)	2018	2017	2018	2017		
Interest income	4 904	1 074	4 904	1 074		
Realized gains on derivatives	32 295	389	32 295	389		
Change in fair value of derivatives	20 250	10 783	20 250	10 783		
Net currency gains	-	6 100	-	6 100		
Total other financial income	52 544	17 272	52 544	17 272		
Interest expenses	44 550	41 166	44 550	41 166		
Capitalized interest cost, development projects	-20 000	-18 301	-20 000	-18 301		
Amortized loan costs	8 124	7 144	8 124	7 144		
Total interest expenses	32 675	30 008	32 675	30 008		
Net currency losses	20 792		20 792	-		
Realised loss on derivatives	4 046	1 510	4 046	1 510		
Change in fair value of derivatives	14 652		14 652	-		
Accretion expenses	32 146	31 713	32 146	31 713		
Other financial expenses	90	1 623	90	1 623		
Total other financial expenses	71 727	34 846	71 727	34 846		
Net financial items	-46 954	-46 508	-46 954	-46 508		

### Note 7 Tax

		Group			
Tax for the period appear as follows (USD 1 000)	Q1		01.0131.03.		
	2018	2017	2018	2017	
Calculated current year tax	225 730	39 011	225 730	39 011	
Change in deferred tax in the income statement	59 696	120 193	59 696	120 193	
Prior period adjustments	-21 229	-1 250	-21 229	-1 250	
Total tax (+)/tax income (-)	264 197	157 955	264 197	157 955	

		Group		
Calculated tax receivable (+)/tax payable (-) (USD 1 000)	31.03.2018	31.03.2017	31.12.2017	
Tax receivable/payable at 01.01.	1 234 850	307 977	307 977	
Current year tax (-)/tax receivable (+)	-225 730	-39 011	-332 092	
Taxes receivable/payable related to acquisitions/sales	-	-	1 523 512	
Net tax payment (+)/tax refund (-)	34 381	-	-303 589	
Prior period adjustments	11 458	4 216	9 502	
Currency movements of tax receivable/payable	57 964	1 373	29 540	
Total net tax receivable (+)/tax payable (-)	1 112 923	274 555	1 234 850	
Tax receivable included as current assets (+)	1 666 497	394 669	1 586 006	
Tax payable included as current liabilities (-)	-553 574	-120 114	-351 156	

		Group		
Deferred tax (-)/deferred tax asset (+) (USD 1 000)	31.03.2018	31.03.2017	31.12.2017	
Deferred tax/deferred tax asset 01.01.	-1 307 148	-1 045 542	-1 045 542	
Change in deferred tax in the income statement	-59 696	-120 193	-202 715	
Deferred tax related to acquisitions/sales	-	-	-61 877	
Prior period adjustment	9 770	1 622	2 982	
Deferred tax charged to OCI and equity	-	-	5	
Net deferred tax (-)/deferred tax asset (+)	-1 357 075	-1 164 113	-1 307 148	

		Grou	ир	
	Q1	Q1		1.03.
Reconciliation of tax expense (USD 1 000)	2018	2017	2018	2017
78% tax rate on profit before tax	331 845	176 882	331 845	176 882
Tax effect of uplift	-31 627	-30 489	-31 627	-30 489
Permanent difference on impairment	-	22 813	-	22 813
Foreign currency translation of NOK monetary items	16 218	-3 371	16 218	-3 371
Foreign currency translation of USD monetary items	110 572	12 001	110 572	12 001
Tax effect of financial and other 23%/24% items	-61 469	-3 917	-61 469	-3 917
Currency movements of tax balances*	-84 993	-12 177	-84 993	-12 177
Other permanent differences and prior period adjustment	-16 347	-3 788	-16 347	-3 788
Total taxes (+)/tax income (-)	264 197	157 955	264 197	157 955

<sup>\*</sup> Tax balances are in NOK and converted to USD using the period end currency rate. When NOK weakens against USD, the tax rate increases as there is less remaining tax depreciation measured in USD (vice versa).

The tax rate for general corporation tax changed from 24 to 23 per cent from 1 January 2018. The rate for special tax changed from from the same date from 54 to 55 per cent.

In accordance with statutory requirements, the calculation of current tax is required to be based on NOK functional currency. This may impact the tax rate as the company's functional currency is USD.

### Note 8 Other short-term receivables

		Group			
(USD 1 000)	31.03.2018	31.03.2017	31.12.2017		
Prepayments	47 597	28 922	59 100		
VAT receivable	14 863	7 262	10 856		
Underlift of petroleum	78 016	65 245	118 012		
Accrued income from sale of petroleum products	247 637	132 165	105 670		
Other receivables, mainly from licenses	123 290	226 272	241 879		
Total other short-term receivables	511 403	459 865	535 518		

### Note 9 Cash and cash equivalents

The item 'Cash and cash equivalents' consists of bank accounts and short-term investments that constitute parts of the group's transaction liquidity.

		Group				
Breakdown of cash and cash equivalents (USD 1 000)	31.03.2018	31.03.2017	31.12.2017			
Bank deposits	37 999	173 830	231 506			
Restricted funds (tax withholdings)*	<u>-</u>	8 965	998			
Cash and cash equivalents	37 999	182 795	232 504			
Unused revolving credit facility		550 000	-			
Unused reserve-based lending facility (see note 14)	3 485 000	1 866 000	2 670 000			

<sup>\*</sup> During Q4 2017, the company extended its bank guarantee related to withheld payroll tax to NOK 300 million. In Q1 2018 the remaining restricted funds were released in full.

### Note 10 Provisions for other liabilities

		Group	
Breakdown of provisions for other liabilities (USD 1 000)	31.03.2018	31.03.2017	31.12.2017
Fair value of contracts assumed in acquisitions*	138 282	191 406	149 031
Other long term liabilities	2 947	21 456	3 387
Total provisions for other liabilities	141 228	212 862	152 418

<sup>\*</sup> The negative contract values are related to rig contracts entered into by the acquirees, which were different from current market terms at the time of the acquisitions. The fair value is based on the difference between market price and contract price at the time of the acquisitions. The balance is split between current and non-current liabilities based on the cash flow in the contracts, and amortized over the lifetime of the contracts.

### **Note 11 Derivatives**

		Group	
(USD 1 000)	31.03.2018	31.03.2017	31.12.2017
Unrealized gain interest rate swaps	1 613	-	-
Unrealized gain currency contracts	2 236	745	12 564
Long-term derivatives included in assets	3 848	745	12 564
Unrealized gain on commodity derivatives	-	209	-
Unrealized gain currency contracts	7 241	-	2 585
Short-term derivatives included in assets	7 241	209	2 585
Total derivatives included in assets	11 090	954	15 149
Unrealized losses currency contracts	-	393	-
Unrealized losses interest rate swaps	-	27 292	13 705
Long-term derivatives included in liabilities	-	27 685	13 705
Unrealized losses currency contracts	4 048	1 803	-
Unrealized losses commodity derivatives	6 582	-	7 691
Short-term derivatives included in liabilities	10 630	1 803	7 691
Total derivatives included in liabilities	10 630	29 489	21 396

The group has different types of hedging instruments. The commodity derivatives are used to hedge the risk of oil price reduction. The group manages its interest rate exposure using interest rate derivatives, including a cross currency interest rate swap. Foreign currency exchange derivatives are used to manage the company's exposure to currency risks, mainly NOK, EUR and GBP. These derivatives are mark to market with changes in market value recognized in the income statement. The nature of the instruments and the valuation method is consistent with the disclosed information in the annual financial statements as at 31 December 2017.

### Note 12 Other current liabilities

	Group					
Breakdown of other current liabilities (USD 1 000)	31.03.201	8 31.03.2017	31.12.2017			
Current liabilities assisted IV approximate	77.4	.84 97 487	' 81 223			
Current liabilities against JV partners Share of other current liabilities in licences	277.7	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •				
Overlift of petroleum	24 3					
Fair value of contracts assumed in acquisitions*	57 3	322 45 939	62 097			
Other current liabilities**	139 7	786 99 631	141 880			
Total other current liabilities	576 6	600 376	704 197			

<sup>\*</sup> Refer to note 10.

### Note 13 Bonds

	Group					
(USD 1 000)	31.03.2018	31.03.2017	31.12.2017			
DETNOR02 Senior unsecured bond <sup>1)</sup>	243 316	216 909	230 375			
DETNOR03 Subordinated PIK toggle bond <sup>2)</sup>	-	295 820	-			
AKERBP – Senior Notes (17/22) <sup>3)</sup>	392 099	-	391 664			
AKERBP – Senior Notes (18/25) 4)	492 423	-	-			
Long-term bonds	1 127 838	512 729	622 039			

<sup>1)</sup> The loan is denominated in NOK and runs from July 2013 to July 2020 and carries an interest rate of 3 month NIBOR + 6.5 per cent. The principal falls due on July 2020 and interest is paid on a quarterly basis. The loan is unsecured. The loan has been swapped into USD using a cross currency interest rate swap whereby the group pays LIBOR + 6.81 per cent quarterly. The financial covenants for this bond are consistent with the RBL as described in note 14.

### Note 14 Other interest-bearing debt

	Group					
(USD 1 000)	31.03.2018	31.03.2017	31.12.2017			
Reserve-based lending facility	459 906	1 999 869	1 270 556			
Long-term interest-bearing debt	459 906	1 999 869	1 270 556			
Bridge facility	1 498 159	-	1 496 374			
Short-term interest-bearing debt	1 498 159	-	1 496 374			

The RBL facility was established in 2014 and is a senior secured seven-year facility. The facility was originally USD 3.0 billion, with an additional uncommitted accordion option of USD 1.0 billion. In connection with the acquisition of BP Norge AS, the facility size was increased to USD 4.0 billion. In addition a new, uncommitted, accordion option of USD 1.0 billion was added to the facility.

Current availability under the RBL is USD 4 billion. The financial covenants are as follows:

- Leverage Ratio shall be maximum 4 untill the production start of Johan Sverdrup, thereafter maximum 3.5
- Interest Coverage Ratio shall be minimum 3.5

The interest rate is from 1 - 6 months LIBOR plus a margin of 2 - 3 per cent based on drawn amount. In addition, a commitment fee is paid on unused credit.

In relation to the acquisition of Hess Norge AS, the company obtained a new USD 1.5 billion bank facility ("Bridge facility"). The facility has a duration of 18 months, carries an interest of Libor + 1.5 per cent (the margin increases to 2.0 per cent after nine months), and is secured by a pledge in the shares of Aker BP AS (previously Hess Norge AS). The company expects the tax losses from Aker BP AS to be settled during 2018. Such settlement would trigger a mandatory repayment of the USD 1.5 billion bank facility. The financial covenants in this facility are consistent with the RBL.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Other current liabilities include unpaid wages and vacation pay, accrued interest and other provisions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2)</sup> As described in the Q2 2017 report, the bond was repaid in July 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3)</sup> The bond was established in July 2017 and carries an interest of 6 per cent. The principal falls due in July 2022 and interest is paid on a semi annual basis. The loan is senior unsecured and has no financial covenants.

<sup>4)</sup> The bond was established in March 2018 and carries an interest of 5.875 per cent. The principal falls due in March 2025 and interest is paid on a semi annual basis. The loan is senior unsecured and has no financial covenants.

### Note 15 Provision for abandonment liabilities

		Group	
(USD 1 000)	31.03.2018	31.03.2017	31.12.2017
Provisions as of 1 January	3 043 884	2 156 921	2 156 921
Abondonment liability from acquisitions	-	-	1 315 181
Change in abandonment liability due to asset sales	-	-	-207 516
Incurred cost removal	-67 707	-7 684	-74 005
Accretion expense - present value calculation	32 146	31 713	129 619
Change in estimates and incurred liabilities on new drilling and installations	-	-	-276 315
Total provision for abandonment liabilities	3 008 323	2 180 950	3 043 884
Break down of the provision to short-term and long-term liabilities			
Short-term	194 087	96 365	268 262
Long-term	2 814 235	2 084 584	2 775 622
Total provision for abandonment liabilities	3 008 323	2 180 950	3 043 884

The estimate is based on executing a concept for abandonment in accordance with the Petroleum Activities Act and international regulations and guidelines. The calculations assume an inflation rate of 2.5 per cent and a nominal discount rate before tax of between 3.44 per cent and 4.42 per cent.

### Note 16 Contingent liabilities

During the normal course of its business, the group will be involved in disputes, including tax disputes. The group has made accruals for probable liabilities related to litigation and claims based on management's best judgment and in line with IAS 37 and IAS 12.

### Note 17 Subsequent events

The company has not identified any events with significant accounting impacts that have occured between the end of the reporting period and the date of this report.

### Note 18 Investments in joint operations

Fields operated:	31.03.2018	31.12.2017
Alvheim	65.000%	65.000 %
Bøyla	65.000%	65.000 %
Hod	90.000%	90.000 %
Ivar Aasen Unit	34.786%	34.786 %
Jette Unit	70.000%	70.000 %
Valhall	90.000%	90.000 %
Vilje	46.904%	46.904 %
Volund	65.000%	65.000 %
Tambar	55.000%	55.000 %
Tambar Øst	46.200%	46.200 %
Ula	80.000%	80.000 %
Skarv	23.835%	23.835 %

Production licences in which Aker BP is the operator:

Production licences in which Aker BP is the operator:  Licence:	31.03.2018	31.12.2017	Licence:	31.03.2018	31.12.2017
PL 001B	35.000%	35.000 %	PL 777	40.000%	40.000 %
PL 006B	90.000%	90.000 %	PL 777B	40.000%	40.000 %
PL 019	80.000%	80.000 %	PL 777C	40.000%	40.000 %
PL 019C	80.000%	80.000 %	PL 777D**	40.000%	0.000 %
PL 019E**	80.000%	0.000 %	PL 784	40.000%	40.000 %
PL 026B	90.260%	90.260 %	PL 790	30.000%	30.000 %
PL 027D	100.000%	100.000 %	PL 814	40.000%	40.000 %
PL 028B	35.000%	35.000 %	PL 818	40.000%	40.000 %
PL 033	90.000%	90.000 %	PL 818B**	40.000%	0.000 %
PL 033B	90.000%	90.000 %	PL 821*	0.000%	60.000 %
PL 036C	65.000%	65.000 %	PL 821B*	0.000%	60.000 %
PL 036D	46.904%	46.904 %	PL 822S	60.000%	60.000 %
PL 065	55.000%	55.000 %	PL 839	23.835%	23.835 %
PL 065B**	55.000%	0.000 %	PL 843	40.000%	40.000 %
PL 088BS	65.000%	65.000 %	PL 858	40.000%	40.000 %
PL 150	65.000%	65.000 %	PL 861	50.000%	50.000 %
PL 150B*	0.000%	65.000 %	PL 867	40.000%	40.000 %
PL 169C	50.000%	50.000 %	PL 868	60.000%	60.000 %
PL 203	65.000%	65.000 %	PL 869	40.000%	40.000 %
PL 203B	65.000%	65.000 %	PL 872	40.000%	40.000 %
PL 212	30.000%	30.000 %	PL 873	40.000%	40.000 %
PL 212B	30.000%	30.000 %		90.260%	90.260 %
PL 212E	30.000%	30.000 %	PL 893	60.000%	60.000 %
PL 242	35.000%	35.000 %		60.000%	60.000 %
PL 261	50.000%	50.000 %	PL 906**	40.000%	0.000 %
PL 262	30.000%		PL 907**	40.000%	0.000 %
PL 300	55.000%		PL 914S**	34.786%	0.000 %
PL 340	65.000%		PL 915**	35.000%	0.000 %
PL 340BS	65.000%		PL 916**	40.000%	0.000 %
PL 364	90.260%		PL 919**	65.000%	0.000 %
PL 442	90.260%		PL 932**	60.000%	0.000 %
PL 442B	90.260%		PL 941**	50.000%	0.000 %
PL 460	65.000%		PL 948**	40.000%	0.000 %
PL 504	47.593%		PL 951**	40.000%	0.000 %
PL 626	50.000%	50.000 %			
PL 659	50.000%	50.000 %			
PL 677	60.000%	60.000 %			
PL 724*	0.000%	40.000 %			
PL 724B*	0.000%	40.000 %			
PL 748	50.000%	50.000 %			
PL 748B	50.000%	50.000 %			
PL 762	20.000%	20.000 %			
Number of licenses in which Aker BP is the operator				71	62

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{\star}}$  Relinquished licenses or Aker BP has withdrawn from the license.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Interest awarded in the APA Licensing round (Application in Predefined Areas) in 2017. The awards were announced in 2018.

Fields non-operated:	31.03.2018	31.12.2017
Atla	10.000%	10.000 %
Enoch	2.000%	2.000 %
Gina Krog	3.300%	3.300 %
Johan Sverdrup	11.573%	11.5733 %
Oda	15.000%	15.000 %
Varg	5.000%	5.000 %

Production licences in which Aker BP is a partner:		
Licence:	31.03.2018	31.12.2017
PL 006C	15.000%	15.000 %
PL 006E**	15.000%	0.000 %
PL 018DS	13.338%	13.338 %
PL 026	30.000%	30.000 %
PL 029B	20.000%	20.000 %
PL 035	50.000%	50.000 %
PL 035C	50.000%	50.000 %
PL 038	5.000%	5.000 %
PL 048D	10.000%	10.000 %
PL 102C	10.000%	10.000 %
PL 102D	10.000%	10.000 %
PL 102F	10.000%	10.000 %
PL 102G	10.000%	10.000 %
PL 220	15.000%	15.000 %
PL 265	20.000%	20.000 %
PL 272	50.000%	50.000 %
PL 405	15.000%	15.000 %
PL 457BS	40.000%	40.000 %
PL 492	60.000%	60.000 %
PL 502	22.222%	22.222 %
PL 533	35.000%	35.000 %
PL 533B**	35.000%	0.000 %
PL 554	30.000%	30.000 %
PL 554B	30.000%	30.000 %
PL 554C	30.000%	30.000 %
PL 554D**	30.000%	0.000 %
PL 627*	0.000%	20.000 %
PL 627B*	0.000%	20.000 %
PL 719	20.000%	20.000 %
PL 721	40.000%	40.000 %
PL 722	20.000%	20.000 %
PL 782S	20.000%	20.000 %
PL 782SB	20.000%	20.000 %
PL 782SC	20.000%	20.000 %
PL 810	30.000%	30.000 %
PL 810B**	30.000%	0.000 %
PL 811	20.000%	20.000 %
PL 813	3.300%	3.300 %
PL 838	30.000%	30.000 %
PL 842	30.000%	30.000 %
PL 844	20.000%	20.000 %
PL 852	40.000%	40.000 %
PL 852B**	40.000%	0.000 %
	20.000%	
PL 857	50.000%	20.000 %
PL 862	40.000%	50.000 %
PL 863		40.000 %
PL 863B**	40.000%	0.000 %
PL 864	20.000%	20.000 %
PL 871 PL 891	20.000%	20.000 %
	30.000%	30.000 %
PL 892	30.000%	30.000 %
PL 902	30.000%	30.000 %
PL 942**	30.000%	0.000 %
PL 954**	20.000%	0.000 %
PL 955**	30.000%	0.000 %
Number of licenses in which Aker BP is a partner	53	46

<sup>\*</sup> Relinquished licenses or Aker BP has withdrawn from the license.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Interest awarded in the APA Licensing round (Application in Predefined Areas) in 2017. The awards were announced in 2018.

Note 19 Results from previous interim reports

-	2018		201	7			2016	
(USD 1 000)	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2
Total income	889 599	725 994	596 188	594 501	646 250	655 624	247 993	255 665
Production costs	173 481	147 076	134 411	121 017	120 874	121 139	32 188	39 116
Exploration expenses	54 661	56 181	63 887	75 375	30 259	44 281	30 843	36 214
Depreciation	185 421	183 138	175 334	184 194	184 004	159 796	114 649	120 264
Impairments	-	21 111	1 091	365	29 782	44 627	8 429	-19 644
Other operating expenses	3 640	13 549	2 893	3 113	8 051	5 029	6 223	5 410
Total operating expenses	417 204	421 055	377 617	384 065	372 969	374 872	192 333	181 360
Operating profit/loss	472 395	304 940	218 571	210 436	273 280	280 752	55 660	74 305
Net financial items	-46 954	-56 526	-9 469	-83 597	-46 508	-70 572	-5 107	-28 951
Profit/loss before taxes	425 442	248 413	209 102	126 840	226 772	210 180	50 553	45 353
Taxes (+)/tax income (-)	264 197	214 377	97 065	66 944	157 955	277 183	-12 880	39 046
Net profit/loss	161 245	34 036	112 037	59 896	68 818	-67 003	63 433	6 308

### Alternative performance measures

Aker BP may disclose alternative performance measures as part of its financial reporting as a supplement to the financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS. Aker BP believes that the alternative performance measures provide useful supplemental information to management, investors, security analysts and other stakeholders and are meant to provide an enhanced insight into the financial development of Aker BP's business operations and to improve comparability between periods.

<u>Depreciation per boe</u> is depreciation divided by number of barrels of oil equivalents produced in the corresponding period

<u>Dividend per share</u> (DPS) is dividend paid in the quarter divided by number of shares outstanding

**EBIT** is short for earnings before interest and other financial items and taxes

EBITDA is short for earnings before interest and other financial items, taxes, depreciation and amortisation and impairments

EBITDAX is short for earnings before interest and other financial items, taxes, depreciation and amortisation, impairments and exploration expenses

**Equity ratio** is total equity divided by total assets

Net interest-bearing debt is book value of current and non-current interest-bearing debt less cash and cash equivalents

Production cost per boe is production cost divided by number of barrels of oil equivalents produced in the corresponding period



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