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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Operating income of USD 6.6 m (Q4 2016: USD 6.6 m)
- EBITDA of USD 3.0 m (USD 3.1 m)
- Net result of USD 0.8 m (USD 1.2 m)
- All ships operating normally – modern fleet – average age 4.7 years
- Contract coverage 100% for delivered ships – around USD 58 million fixed charter

First quarter 2017 results

Belships operating income in 1st quarter 2017 was USD 6.6 million (Q4 2016: USD 6.6 million), while EBITDA amounted to USD 3.0 million (USD 3.1 million). The Group's operating result amounted to USD 2.1 million (USD 2.4 million), while net result for 1st quarter 2017 was USD 0.8 million (USD 1.2 million).

Fleet status

M/S Belstar, M/S Belnor and M/S Belisland have continued the long-term contracts to Canpotex of Canada. Canpotex is one of the world's largest exporters of potash, a fertilizer product imported in large volumes by countries such as China, India and Brazil. M/S Belocean and M/S Belforest are both on time charter to Cargill. M/S Belocean is open in May 2017, whereas M/S Belforest will be open in September 2017. All ships have sailed without significant off-hire. Technical management is handled by Belships Management (Singapore), with a total fleet of 12 ships under technical management.

Newbuilding program

Belships' remaining newbuilding program with Imabari Shipbuilding in Japan includes one 63,000 dwt eco-design Ultramax bulk carrier on a long-term T/C-in agreement incl. purchase option for delivery in January 2018.

Financial and corporate matters

As per 31 March the Group's cash totaled USD 7.7 million compared to USD 7.9 million as per 31 December 2016.

The mortgage debt as per 31 March was USD 35.0 million. Net lease obligation as at 31 March was USD 44.2 million. In addition Belships has a long-term loan facility of SGD 2 million, secured by the lease agreement for our Singapore office. Net lease obligation and mortgage debt were reduced by USD 1.7 million in 1st quarter.

Hedging the Group's interest exposure on bank loan is considered on an ongoing basis. The hedging level of interest rate exposure is currently around 80% (leases not included).

At the end of the 1st quarter of 2017, the book value per share amounted to NOK 3.83 (USD 0.45), while the equity ratio was 20.0%. Added value related to the long-term charter party for M/S Belisland is not reflected in the balance sheet.

Market highlights

The Capesize-index ended the first quarter at USD 18,864 per day, whereas the Panamax-index ended at USD 11,025 per day. The Supramax-index ended the quarter at USD 9,760 per day. As per today the Cape index stands at USD 15,524 per day, Panamax-index at USD 12,916 per day and Supramax-index at USD 10,088 per day. Following the Chinese New Year celebration in February, the spot market rates as well as ship values have increased. Baltic S&P Assessment's valuation of a 5-year old Supramax is now USD 16.7 million, up from USD 13.6 million at the beginning of the year.

China GDP-growth has picked up for the second-straight quarter to 6.9% annualized, on the back of increased activity in real estate, infrastructure projects and export. The year-on-year growth in total



power production is 6.7%, with thermal coal being the dominant energy source. The imported volume of high grade coal from Australia and Indonesia has increased substantially, giving vital support to the dry bulk market.

Strategy

Belships concentrates on the dry bulk market, with 5 x modern Supramax/Ultramax in service. In addition, a 63,000 dwt Ultramax is scheduled for delivery from Imabari Shipbuilding in January 2018 for long-term timecharter incl. purchase option.

Outlook

Iron ore import to China in 2017 is expected to grow only moderately from current level of about 1 bn tons, but the imported volumes of coal may surprise on the upside. Import of grain products to China is also expected to grow. The prognosis for the aggregate dry bulk market in 2017 is a growth in seaborne trade in the region of 2.0-2.5%.

Ordering of new ships is still very limited, but the scrapping activity has also slowed on the back of the improved market rates. Fearnresearch believes that the net growth in tonnage supply during 2017-2020 will be very limited following IMO's new regulations for ballast water treatment systems and scrubbers gradually to be installed on all vessels.

Belships' ships are chartered out on fixed rates to reputable counterparts, representing a future nominal gross hire of around USD 58 million.

Focus will be to further develop Belships as an owner and operator of modern bulk carriers to reputable counterparts. Our ambition is to build a portfolio of quality ships and robust charter parties that will generate distributable cash flows.

Oslo, 25 April 2017
THE BOARD OF BELSHIPS ASA

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The quarterly figures are not audited

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USD 1 000	Q1 2017	Q4 2016	2016
Freight revenue <i>Note</i>	5 366	5 510	21 338
Management fees	1 254	1 099	4 077
Operating income ²	6 620	6 609	25 415
Ship operating expenses	-2 088	-2 113	-8 197
Operating expenses ship management	-859	-717	-3 405
General and administrative expenses	-666	-687	-2 533
Operating expenses	-3 613	-3 517	-14 135
Operating result (EBITDA)	3 007	3 092	11 280
Depreciation and amortisation	-1 116	-928	-4 901
Impairment of the fleet	0	0	-13 823
Loss on sale of ship/effect on onerous contracts	163	261	-1 463
Operating result (EBIT)	2 054	2 425	-8 907
Interest income	8	7	13
Interest expenses	-1 213	-1 281	-4 833
Other financial items	-77	324	-761
Currency gains/(-losses)	31	-227	69
Net financial items	-1 251	-1 177	-5 512
Result before taxes	803	1 248	-14 419
Taxes	-47	-80	-174
Net result	756	1 168	-14 593
Hereof non-controlling interests	5	38	53
Hereof majority interests	751	1 130	-14 646
Other comprehensive income			
Actuarial gain/(loss) on defined benefit plans	0	-39	-39
Total comprehensive income	756	1 129	-14 632
Hereof non-controlling interests	5	38	53
Hereof majority interests	751	1 091	-14 685
Earnings per share (US cent)	1.62	2.50	-31.18
Diluted earnings per share (US cent)	1.62	2.50	-31.18

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS***The quarterly figures are not audited***BELSHIPS ASA**

USD 1 000		31 Mar 2017	31 Dec 2016
ASSETS			
	<i>Note</i>		
Fixed assets			
Ships		91 919	93 009
Prepaid timecharter hire		1 500	1 500
Other fixed assets		2 003	1 974
Total fixed assets		95 422	96 483
Current assets			
Short-term receivables		1 332	1 211
Cash and cash equivalents		7 737	7 918
Total current assets		9 069	9 129
Total assets		104 491	105 612
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Paid-in capital		43 625	43 620
Retained earnings		-23 136	-23 887
Non-controlling interests		416	411
Total equity		20 905	20 144
Long-term liabilities			
Mortgage debt	3	29 662	30 883
Bareboat commitment	3	42 334	42 811
Financial instruments		224	323
Pension obligations		600	648
Other long-term liabilities		1 395	1 407
Total long-term liabilities		74 215	76 072
Short-term liabilities			
Mortgage debt	3	5 000	5 000
Bareboat commitment	3	1 818	1 778
Other short-term liabilities		2 553	2 618
Total short-term liabilities		9 371	9 396
Total equity and liabilities		104 491	105 612

**CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENTS***The quarterly figures are not audited***BELSHIPS ASA**

USD 1 000	Q1 2017	2016
Cash flow from operating activities		
Net result before taxes	803	-14 419
Adjustments to reconcile profit before tax to net cash flows:		
Loss on sale of ship/effect on onerous contracts	-163	1 463
Depreciations on fixed assets	1 116	4 901
Impairment of ships	0	13 823
Share-based compensation expense	5	31
Difference between pension exps. and paid pension premium	-51	-210
Net finance costs	1 251	5 512
Working capital adjustments:		
Change in trade debtors and trade creditors	176	-212
Change in other short-term items	-341	-241
Interest received	8	13
Interest paid	-1 213	-4 833
Income tax paid	-17	-118
Net cash flow from operating activities	1 574	5 710
Cash flow from investing activities		
Payment on newbuilding	0	-20 531
Sale of ship (net sales amount)	0	23 637
Payment of other investments	-6	-1 923
Net cash flow from investing activities	-6	1 183
Cash flow from financing activities		
Repayment of long-term debt	-1 688	-6 491
Paid costs related to financing	-62	-484
Net cash flow from financing activities	-1 750	-6 975
Net change in cash and cash equivalents during the period	-182	-82
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	7 918	7 993
Change currency NOK deposits	1	7
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	7 737	7 918



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

The quarterly figures are not audited

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USD 1 000

	Majority interest						Total equity
	Paid-in				Retained	Non-controlling interests	
	Share capital	Treasury shares	Share premium reserves	Other paid-in equity	Other equity		
As at 31 March 2017							
Equity as at 31 December 2016	14 272	-166	13 751	15 763	-23 887	411	20 144
Net result for the period	0	0	0	0	751	5	756
Other comprehensive income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total comprehensive income	0	0	0	0	751	5	756
Share-based payment expense	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Equity as at 31 March 2017	14 272	-166	13 751	15 768	-23 136	416	20 905
As at 31 December 2016							
Equity as at 31 December 2015	14 272	-166	13 751	15 732	-9 202	445	34 832
Net result for the period	0	0	0	0	-14 646	53	-14 593
Other comprehensive income	0	0	0	0	-39	0	-39
Total comprehensive income	0	0	0	0	-14 685	53	-14 632
Non-controlling interest transactions	0	0	0	0	0	-87	-87
Share-based payment expense	0	0	0	31	0	0	31
Equity as at 31 December 2016	14 272	-166	13 751	15 763	-23 887	411	20 144

KEY FINANCIAL FIGURES

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		31 Mar 2017	31 Dec 2016
EBITDA	USD 1000	3 007	11 280
Interest coverage ratio		1.69	-1.84
Current ratio	%	96.78	97.16
Equity ratio	%	20.01	19.07
Earnings per share	US cent	1.62	-31.18
Earnings per share	NOK	0.14	-2.69
Equity per share	USD	0.45	0.43
Equity per share	NOK	3.83	3.71
Number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares)		46 804 000	46 804 000
Average number of issued shares (excluding treasury shares)		46 804 000	46 804 000

**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS****Note 1 Accounting principles**

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 34, "Interim Financial Reporting". They do not include all of the information required for full annual financial reporting, and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of Belships for the year ended 31 December 2016.

This report was approved by the Board of Directors on 25 April 2017.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Company's and the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016.

Note 2 Segment information**BELSHIPS ASA**

USD 1 000	January - March 2017				
	<i>Dry cargo</i>	<i>Technical managm.</i>	<i>Admini- stration</i>	<i>Group transacts.</i>	<i>Total</i>
Freight revenue	5 254	0	0	112	5 366
Management fees	0	1 300	184	-230	1 254
Operating income	5 254	1 300	184	-118	6 620
Ship operating expenses	-2 206	0	0	118	-2 088
Operating expenses ship management	0	-859	0	0	-859
General and administrative expenses	-6	0	-660	0	-666
Operating expenses	-2 212	-859	-660	118	-3 613
Operating result (EBITDA)	3 042	441	-476	0	3 007
Depreciation and amortisation	-1 090	-13	-13	0	-1 116
Impairment of ships	0	0	0	0	0
Effect on onerous contracts	163	0	0	0	163
Operating result (EBIT)	2 115	428	-489	0	2 054
Interest income	0	7	1	0	8
Interest expenses	-1 161	0	-52	0	-1 213
Other financial items	-70	-3	-4	0	-77
Currency gains/(-losses)	-4	-46	81	0	31
Net financial items	-1 235	-42	26	0	-1 251
Result before taxes	880	386	-463	0	803
Taxes	0	-47	0	0	-47
Net result	880	339	-463	0	756
Hereof non-controlling interests	0	5	0	0	5
Hereof majority interests	880	334	-463	0	751



Note 2 Segment information, continued

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USD 1 000

		2017				2016			
		Dry cargo	Techn. manag.	Admin/ Grp.tr.	Total	Dry cargo	Techn. manag.	Admin/ Grp.tr.	Total
Q1	Freight revenue	5 254	0	112	5 366	4 857	0	89	4 946
	Management fees	0	1 300	-46	1 254	0	1 176	-112	1 064
	Operating income	5 254	1 300	66	6 620	4 857	1 176	-23	6 010
	Ship operating expenses	-2 206	0	118	-2 088	-2 052	0	170	-1 882
	Operating expenses ship management	0	-859	0	-859	0	-931	0	-931
	General and administrative expenses	-6	0	-660	-666	-3	0	-662	-665
	Operating expenses	-2 212	-859	-542	-3 613	-2 055	-931	-492	-3 478
	Operating result (EBITDA)	3 042	441	-476	3 007	2 802	245	-515	2 532
	Depreciation and amortisation	-1 090	-13	-13	-1 116	-1 314	-12	-10	-1 336
	Impairment of non-current assets	0	0	0	0	-13 823	0	0	-13 823
	Loss on sale ship/effect on onerous contracts	163	0	0	163	-2 287	0	0	-2 287
	Operating result (EBIT)	2 115	428	-489	2 054	-14 622	233	-525	-14 914
Q2	Freight revenue	0	0	0	0	5 389	0	116	5 505
	Management fees	0	0	0	0	0	957	-107	850
	Operating income	0	0	0	0	5 389	957	9	6 355
	Ship operating expenses	0	0	0	0	-1 979	0	176	-1 803
	Operating expenses ship management	0	0	0	0	0	-907	0	-907
	General and administrative expenses	0	0	0	0	-18	0	-605	-623
	Operating expenses	0	0	0	0	-1 997	-907	-429	-3 333
	Operating result (EBITDA)	0	0	0	0	3 392	50	-420	3 022
	Depreciation and amortisation	0	0	0	0	-1 284	-15	-13	-1 312
	Impairment of non-current assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Loss on sale ship/effect on onerous contracts	0	0	0	0	346	0	0	346
	Operating result (EBIT)	0	0	0	0	2 454	35	-433	2 056
Q3	Freight revenue	0	0	0	0	5 260	0	117	5 377
	Management fees	0	0	0	0	0	1 178	-114	1 064
	Operating income	0	0	0	0	5 260	1 178	3	6 441
	Ship operating expenses	0	0	0	0	-2 576	0	177	-2 399
	Operating expenses ship management	0	0	0	0	0	-850	0	-850
	General and administrative expenses	0	0	0	0	-5	0	-553	-558
	Operating expenses	0	0	0	0	-2 581	-850	-376	-3 807
	Operating result (EBITDA)	0	0	0	0	2 679	328	-373	2 634
	Depreciation and amortisation	0	0	0	0	-1 284	-13	-28	-1 325
	Impairment of non-current assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Loss on sale ship/effect on onerous contracts	0	0	0	0	217	0	0	217
	Operating result (EBIT)	0	0	0	0	1 612	315	-401	1 526
Q4	Freight revenue	0	0	0	0	5 397	0	113	5 510
	Management fees	0	0	0	0	0	1 186	-87	1 099
	Operating income	0	0	0	0	5 397	1 186	26	6 609
	Ship operating expenses	0	0	0	0	-2 289	0	176	-2 113
	Operating expenses ship management	0	0	0	0	0	-717	0	-717
	General and administrative expenses	0	0	0	0	-21	0	-666	-687
	Operating expenses	0	0	0	0	-2 310	-717	-490	-3 517
	Operating result (EBITDA)	0	0	0	0	3 087	469	-464	3 092
	Depreciation and amortisation	0	0	0	0	-897	-13	-18	-928
	Impairment of non-current assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Loss on sale ship/effect on onerous contracts	0	0	0	0	261	0	0	261
	Operating result (EBIT)	0	0	0	0	2 451	456	-482	2 425

**Note 3 Mortgage debt/Bareboat obligation**

Mortgage debt as of 31 March 2017 was USD 35.0 million, of which USD 5.0 million is classified as current. Arrangement fee and other transaction costs related to the mortgage debt, were initially recorded as a reduction of the debt in the balance sheet, and is subsequently amortized over the loan period in accordance with the amortized cost principle.

Net bareboat obligation as at 31 March was USD 44.2 mill. of which USD 1.8 million are classified as current. The bareboat obligation is related to M/S Belforest and M/S Belisland. These two ships are included in the balance sheet as financial leases.

Definition of Non-IFRS financial measures

Current ratio - is defined as total current assets, divided by total current liabilities

EBITDA - is defined as operating result adjusted for depreciation and amortization, other gains/(losses), interest income, interest expenses and other financial items

EBIT - is defined as operating result adjusted for interest income, interest expenses and other financial items

Equity ratio - is equal to shareholders' equity including non-controlling interest, divided by total assets

Interest coverage ratio - is equal to earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT), divided by interest expenses

20 LARGEST SHAREHOLDERS

Updated 20 April 2017

Name	Number of shares	Share of total
SONATA AS	31 747 492	67.05%
TIDSHIPS AS	5 150 377	10.88%
EITZEN REDERI AS	508 634	1.07%
BELSHIPS ASA	498 000	1.05%
CARLINGS AS	400 000	0.84%
TIDINVEST II AS	315 414	0.67%
JENSSEN & CO A/S	302 816	0.64%
NAGATSUKA TORU	270 000	0.57%
CHREM CAPITAL AS	270 000	0.57%
STEEN CARL ERIK	269 154	0.57%
JOVOKO AS	250 000	0.53%
Danske Bank A/S (nominee account)	247 843	0.52%
SØLAND LIV	240 000	0.51%
EITZEN AXEL CAMILLO	230 000	0.49%
ASL HOLDING AS	225 000	0.48%
JSL AS	221 191	0.47%
HKG HOLDING AS	208 779	0.44%
KIELLAND BERNHARD	200 000	0.42%
AR VEKST AS	198 995	0.42%
STAUBO KARL-ERIK	149 250	0.32%
Other shareholders	5 449 055	11.49%
Total outstanding shares	47 352 000	100.00%



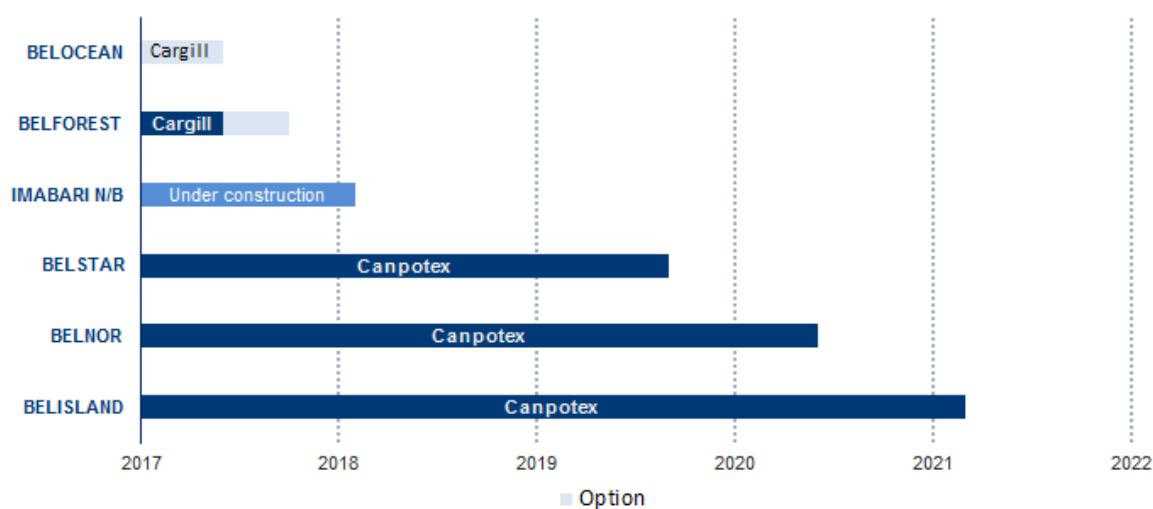
FLEET LIST

As at 31 March 2017

Ship	Owner-ship	Built year	Dwt	Employment	Option period	T/C-rate (net USD/day)
Supramax						
M/S Belstar	100 %	2009	58 018	T/C to 08/19		16 000
M/S Belnor	100 %	2010	58 018	T/C to 05/20		16 000
M/S Belocear	100 %	2011	58 018	T/C to 05/17		4 000
Ultramax						
M/S Belforest	BBC	2015	61 320	T/C to 05/17	+4 mo	5 775
M/S Belisland	BBC	2016	61 252	T/C to 03/21		17 300
Imabari newbuilding	¹ TC	2018	63 000			

1) Delivery during 1st quarter of 2018 for long-term lease with purchase option. Charter period is eight years with three annual renewal options. Purchase option may be exercised at the end of year 4 to JPY 3.01 billion, with an annual decrease of JPY 110 million.

CHARTER COVERAGE



Canpotex was established in 1972 by three Canadian potash producers: Agrium, Mosaic and PotashCorp. Potash is a very effective fertilizer allowing farmers to increase crop production. Canpotex manages transportation and has invested in 5,400 specialized railcars and two port terminals. Canpotex has supplied over 220 million tons of potash since 1972 to customers in countries like Australia, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia and Japan.



Founded in 1865, Cargill is the world's largest privately owned company. The company is an active producer and a supplier in industries as diverse as agriculture, oil, shipping and heavy industry. Cargill's ocean transportation business, headquartered in Geneva, operates one of the world's largest dry bulk charter fleets with over 550 ships under their control at any one time, calling nearly 1,000 ports worldwide and shipping more than 220 million metric tons of dry bulk cargo each year.