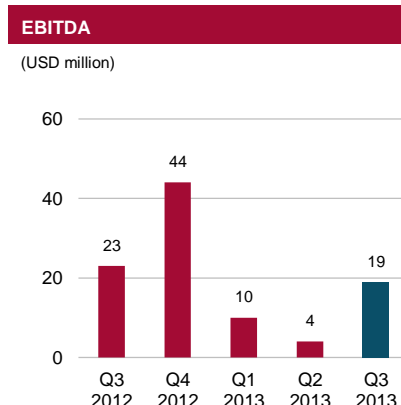


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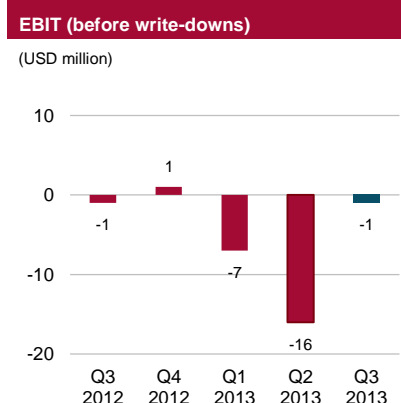
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- EBITDA USD 19 million (Q3 2012: USD 23 million)
- Continued investment focus in expectation of improved markets in the coming years
- Investments in additional 5 ECO vessels since the second quarter increases the order book to 29 vessels
- Significant rate increases in dry cargo indicate that the market is better balanced than previously assumed
- Best Q3 spot tanker market since 2008
- Fleet values up by 5% in the quarter – market values on par with carrying amounts
- Expectations narrowed down: EBITDA USD 25-45 million



President and CEO Carsten Mortensen in comment:

"The market really showed signs of life in the third quarter. In a short period of time, rates for the large dry cargo vessels increased substantially, which also benefited the small vessel types. The increase was stronger than expected and shows that the prerequisites for a more sustainable improvement are present. Within tankers, there were also positive signs where record-high US exports helped lifting the market. So even though it is still a challenging year, this quarter emphasises that we are getting closer to a gradual improvement of the markets."



A telephone conference will be held today at 3:30 p.m. (CET) where CEO Carsten Mortensen, CFO Michael Tønnes Jørgensen and Executive Vice President Martin Badsted will comment on the report. By 3:25 p.m. (CET) at the latest, Danish participants should dial in on +45 3272 8018 while participants from abroad should dial in on +44 (0) 145 255 5131 or +1 866 682 8490. The telephone conference can be followed live at www.ds-norden.com where the accompanying presentation is also available.

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KEY FIGURES AND RATIOS FOR THE GROUP

USD '000				
	1/1-30/9 2013	1/1-30/9 2012	Change Q1-Q3 2012-2013	1/1-31/12 2012
INCOME STATEMENT				
Revenue	1,560,271	1,611,290	-3%	2,131,439
Costs	-1,528,275	-1,507,640	1%	-1,983,508
Profit before depreciation, etc. (EBITDA) ¹⁾	31,996	103,650	-69%	147,931
Profits from the sale of vessels, etc.	2,447	-1,491	-	-23,944
Depreciation	-58,445	-68,169	-14%	-88,535
Profit from operations (EBIT before write-downs)	-23,365	34,143	-	34,611
Write-downs	0	-300,000	-	-300,000
Profit from operations (EBIT)	-23,365	-265,857	91%	-265,389
Fair value adjustment of certain hedging instruments	-6,047	-2,222	-	-10,132
Net financials	257	880	-71%	1,662
Profit before tax	-29,155	-267,199	89%	-273,859
Profit for the period	-32,990	-271,549	88%	-278,849
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION				
Non-current assets	1,226,488	1,325,266	-7%	1,149,752
Total assets	2,015,764	1,975,085	2%	2,033,392
Equity (including minority interests)	1,620,977	1,692,518	-4%	1,687,231
Liabilities	394,787	282,567	40%	346,161
Invested capital	1,336,260	1,439,457	-7%	1,314,242
Net interest-bearing assets	284,717	253,061	13%	372,989
Cash and securities	528,751	392,602	35%	528,614
CASH FLOWS				
From operating activities	38,940	101,333	-62%	122,077
From investing activities	-93,163	-79,316	-17%	6,980
- hereof investments in property, equipment and vessels	-130,637	-124,689	-5%	-165,802
From financing activities	52,358	-55,017	-	-37,862
Change in cash and cash equivalents for the period	-1,865	-33,000	94%	91,195
FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING RATIOS				
Share-related key figures and financial ratios:				
Number of shares of DKK 1 each (excluding treasury shares)	40,823,953	41,275,102	-1%	41,277,839
Earnings per share (EPS) (DKK ²⁾)	-0.8 (-5)	-6.6 (-38)	88%	-6.8 (-39)
Diluted earnings per share (diluted EPS) (DKK ²⁾)	-0.8 (-5)	-6.6 (-38)	88%	-6.8 (-39)
Book value per share (excluding treasury shares) (DKK ²⁾)	39.7 (219)	41.0 (236)	-3%	40.9 (231)
Share price at end of period, DKK	232.5	154.8	50%	163.1
Price/book value (DKK ²⁾)	1.06	0.65	63%	0.7
Net Asset Value per share excl. purchase options for vessels (DKK ²⁾)	39.4 (217)	37.4 (215)	5%	37.6 (213)
Other key figures and financial ratios:				
EBITDA ratio ¹⁾	2.1%	6.4%	-67%	6.9%
ROIC (before write-downs)	-2.4%	2.9%	-	2.3%
ROE	-2.7%	-19.6%	86%	-15.1%
Equity ratio	80.4%	85.7%	-6%	83.0%
Total no. of ship days for the Group	65,755	62,550	5%	84,028
USD/DKK rate at end of period	552.24	576.60	-4%	565.91
Average USD/DKK rate	566.09	581.04	-3%	579.72

¹⁾ The ratios were computed in accordance with "Recommendations and Financial Ratios 2010" published by the Danish Society of Financial Analysts except from theoretical Net Asset Value which is not defined in the guidelines. Furthermore, "Profits from the sale of vessels, etc." has not been included in EBITDA.

²⁾ Converted at the USD/DKK rate at end of period.

COMMENTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GROUP FOR THE PERIOD

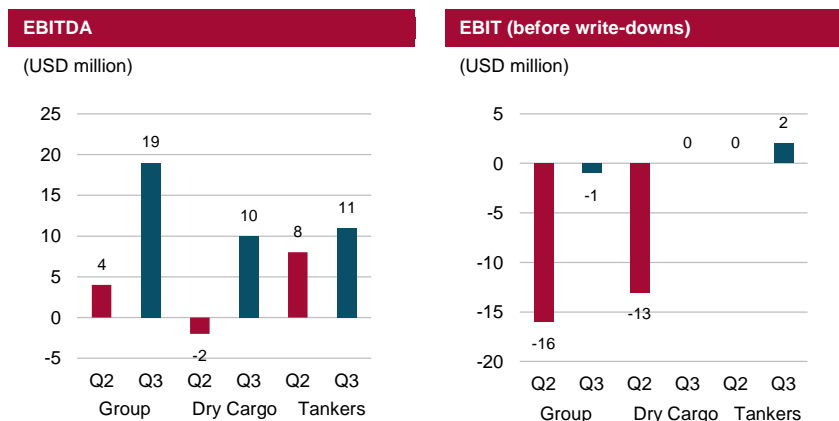
- Fleet values up by 5%
- Cash and securities of USD 529 million
- Long-term chartering of 3 Japanese built ECO Panamax vessels and 2 ECO Supramax vessels

EBITDA USD 19 million

In the third quarter, NORDEN generated a profit before depreciation and profits from sale of vessels (EBITDA) of USD 19 million against USD 23 million in the same period last year. EBITDA had improved from the first and second quarter of 2013 and was positively affected by a significantly improved dry cargo market at the end of the quarter and a product tanker market where the spot market in the third quarter was the highest third quarter since the beginning of the crisis in 2008. EBITDA in the Dry Cargo Department was USD 10 million, which is USD 16 million down from the same period last year. On the other hand, EBITDA in the Tanker Department was USD 12 million up from the same period last year and thus ended the third quarter at USD 11 million.

The operating profit (EBIT) for the third quarter of 2013 constituted a loss of USD 0.7 million, which is on par with the third quarter of 2012.

Results for the third quarter were positively affected by financial income of USD 4 million and therefore constituted a positive USD 0.6 million.



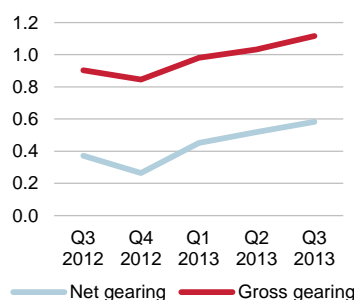
In the first 9 months of the year, NORDEN achieved an EBITDA of USD 32 million, which is 69% down from the same period in 2012. EBIT also decreased to negative USD 23 million compared to an EBIT before write-downs of USD 34 in the same period last year. Results for the first 9 months of the year were negative USD 33 million.

Strong financial position

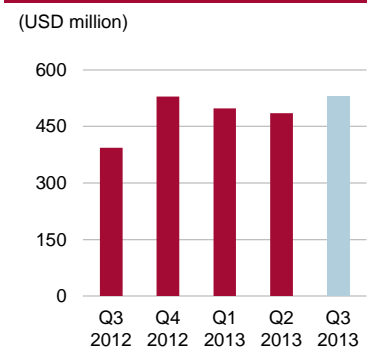
In the third quarter of 2013, NORDEN had an overall change in liquidity of USD 29 million of which cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities comprised USD 4 million, negative USD 18 million and USD 43 million, respectively. At the end of the third quarter 2013, NORDEN had cash and securities of USD 529 million and undrawn credit facilities of USD 170 million.

NORDEN's net commitments increased by USD 103 million to a total of USD 936 million during the third quarter, and consequently, net gearing increased to 0.6. The increase in net commitments was a result of long-term chartering of 3 Japanese built ECO Panamax vessels, 2 of which are in a joint venture, extension of existing T/C vessels and short-term chartering of several dry cargo vessels.

Gearing



Cash and securities



Continued investment focus

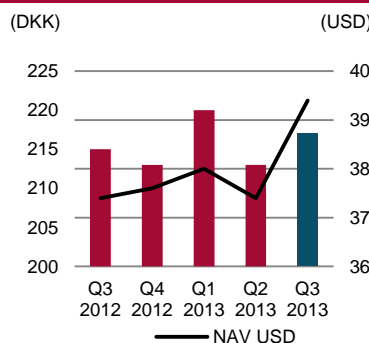
In the third quarter, NORDEN contracted 3 Japanese built ECO Panamax vessels on long-term charter. 2 of these are in one of the Company's joint ventures and therefore count by 50% in NORDEN's fleet. In total, the change in the gross core fleet was an addition of 1 vessel to 120 vessels as NORDEN redelivered 1 long-term chartered vessel. The gross core fleet thus comprises 93 vessels in the active core fleet and 27 vessel on order. NORDEN's total active fleet decreased by 13 vessels to 280 vessels at the end of the third quarter.

As a result of the above contracts and one redelivery, the gross core fleet in Dry Cargo increased by 1 vessel net to 88 vessels. In total, the active Dry Cargo fleet decreased by 16 vessels compared to the end of the second quarter and counted 236 vessels at the end of the third quarter.

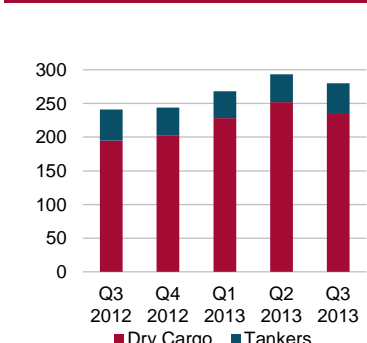
In Tankers, the last of the 4 MR ECO vessels ordered in 2011 was delivered in the third quarter. The active core fleet therefore increased by 1 vessel to 26 vessels. At the same time, the gross core fleet counting 32 vessels was unchanged compared to the second quarter.

After the end of the quarter, the Company has long-term chartered 2 Japanese built Supramax ECO vessels with purchase options. Furthermore, NORDEN is currently negotiating additional investments in ECO tonnage.

Net Asset Value per share



Active fleet



Based on valuations from 3 independent brokers, the market value of NORDEN's owned vessels and newbuildings (including vessels in joint ventures) is estimated at USD 1,451 million at the end of the quarter. The value of vessels owned for the entire period has gone up by 5% compared to the end of the second quarter.

**Net Asset Value
 DKK 217 per share**

At the end of the third quarter, NORDEN's Net Asset Value (NAV) is calculated at DKK 217 per share against DKK 213 per share at the end of the second quarter corresponding to an increase of 2%. The development in NAV in USD shows that there was an increase of 5% between the second and third quarter following a flat development in several quarters. NAV is calculated excluding the value of purchase and extension options, the T/C fleet and cargo coverage. The increase is primarily due to the improved broker valuations of NORDEN's owned vessels and newbuildings. This more than offset a drop in book equity and an unfavourable development in the USD rate. NAV is composed of book equity of DKK 219 per share and added value of owned vessels and newbuildings of a negative DKK 2 per share (based on valuations from 3 independent brokers).

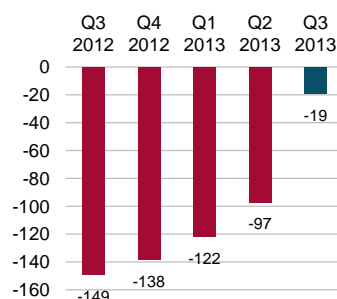
The theoretical value of NORDEN's purchase and extension options is estimated at USD 83 million at the end of the third quarter against USD 89 million at the end of the second quarter. In spite of increases in short-term T/C rates, the value of the options did not go up. This was due to the fact that the estimated long-term rates did not follow the short-term rates. A sensitivity analysis shows that a drop in T/C rates and vessel prices of 10% would mean a decrease of 25% to USD 63 million, whereas an increase of 10% would mean an increase of 30% to USD 108 million.

Impairment test

At the end of the third quarter, brokers estimated the net selling price of NORDEN's fleet (excluding 4 vessels in joint ventures) to be USD 19 million lower than the carrying amounts and costs of newbuildings. The difference is split with negative USD 1 million in Dry Cargo and negative USD 18 million in Tankers. Therefore, an impairment test has been conducted with no indication of impairment, and there is thus no need for additional write-downs (see note 1 "Significant accounting policies" in the consolidated annual report for 2012 for additional information).

Added value (excl. joint ventures)

(USD million)



SEGMENT INFORMATION

USD '000	Q3 2013				Q3 2012			
	Dry Cargo	Tankers	Un-allocated	Total	Dry Cargo	Tankers	Un-allocated	Total
Revenue – services rendered	436,871	99,411	0	536,282	439,515	115,708	0	555,223
Voyage costs	-213,022	-43,800	0	-256,822	-203,639	-69,031	0	-272,670
Contribution margin	223,849	55,611	0	279,460	235,876	46,677	0	282,553
Other operating income, net	2,057	23	0	2,080	1,654	35	0	1,689
Vessel operating costs	-207,457	-43,223	0	-250,680	-203,581	-46,361	0	-249,942
Costs	-8,656	-1,390	-2,293	-12,339	-7,977	-1,339	-2,299	-11,615
Profit before depreciation, etc. (EBITDA)	9,793	11,021	-2,293	18,521	25,972	-988	-2,299	22,685
Profits from the sale of vessels, etc.	263	47	1	311	-1,407	0	-38	-1,445
Depreciation	-10,732	-8,973	-823	-20,528	-12,150	-8,426	-747	-21,323
Share of results of joint ventures	582	387	0	969	-654	157	0	-497
Profit before operations (EBIT)	-94	2,482	-3,115	-727	11,761	-9,257	-3,084	-580
Fair value adjustment of certain hedging instruments	128	0	0	128	17,897	0	0	17,897
Financial income	0	0	4,136	4,136	0	0	2,115	2,115
Financial expenses	0	0	-1,712	-1,712	0	0	-1,835	-1,835
Tax for the period	-1,233	-156	131	-1,258	-1,211	-169	-79	-1,459
Profit for the period	-1,199	2,326	-560	567	28,447	-9,426	-2,883	16,138

USD '000	Q1–Q3 2013				Q1–Q3 2012			
	Dry Cargo	Tankers	Un-allocated	Total	Dry Cargo	Tankers	Un-allocated	Total
Revenue – services rendered	1,280,693	279,578	0	1,560,271	1,312,966	298,324	0	1,611,290
Voyage costs	-654,914	-117,338	0	-772,252	-610,550	-145,682	0	-756,232
Contribution margin	625,779	162,240	0	788,019	702,416	152,642	0	855,058
Other operating income, net	5,660	91	0	5,751	4,512	90	0	4,602
Vessel operating costs	-597,249	-127,515	0	-724,764	-586,109	-133,171	0	-719,280
Costs	-25,789	-4,234	-6,987	-37,010	-24,873	-4,458	-7,399	-36,730
Profit before depreciation, etc. (EBITDA)	8,401	30,582	-6,987	31,996	95,946	15,103	-7,399	103,650
Profits from the sale of vessels, etc.	180	2,230	37	2,447	-1,366	0	-125	-1,491
Depreciation	-31,696	-24,362	-2,387	-58,445	-39,405	-25,643	-3,121	-68,169
Share of results of joint ventures	51	586	0	637	-486	639	0	153
Profit from operations before write-downs	-23,064	9,036	-9,337	-23,365	54,689	-9,901	-10,645	34,143
Write-downs of joint ventures	0	0	0	0	-10,000	0	0	-10,000
Write-downs of vessels and newbuildings	0	0	0	0	-250,000	-40,000	0	-290,000
Profit from operations (EBIT)	-23,064	9,036	-9,337	-23,365	-205,311	-49,901	-10,645	-265,857
Fair value adjustment of certain hedging instruments	-6,047	0	0	-6,047	-2,222	0	0	-2,222
Financial income	0	0	7,725	7,725	0	0	7,297	7,297
Financial expenses	0	0	-7,468	-7,468	0	0	-6,417	-6,417
Tax for the period	-3,369	-474	8	-3,835	-3,668	-516	-166	-4,350
Profit for the period	-32,480	8,562	-9,072	-32,990	-211,201	-50,417	-9,931	-271,549

USD '000	Q1–Q3 2013				Q1–Q3 2012			
	Dry Cargo	Tankers	Un-allocated	Total	Dry Cargo	Tankers	Un-allocated	Total
Vessels	585,640	507,209	0	1,092,849	701,690	454,767	0	1,156,457
Other tangible assets	119	0	53,752	53,871	983	0	54,944	55,927
Prepayments on vessels and newbuildings	14,137	47,173	0	61,310	25,488	73,486	0	98,974
Investments in joint ventures	14,407	4,051	0	18,458	10,494	3,414	0	13,908
Non-current assets	614,303	558,433	53,752	1,226,488	738,655	531,667	54,944	1,325,266
Current assets	213,843	46,682	528,751	789,276	209,594	47,623	392,602	649,819
Total assets	828,146	605,115	582,503	2,015,764	948,249	579,290	447,546	1,975,085

DRY CARGO

- EBITDA USD 10 million (USD 26 million)
- Considerable expansion of NORDEN's capacity in 2014-2016 in expectation of an improved market
- Significant increase in spot rates at the end of the third quarter

T/C earnings 21% above market

The Dry Cargo Department generated an EBITDA of USD 10 million, driven by i.a. good operator activity.

Average T/C earnings for all NORDEN's vessel types were 21% above the 1-year T/C market.

Increasing spot rates

The average Baltic Dry Index (BDI) continued the positive development from the end of the second quarter and was 53% higher in the third quarter than in the same period last year. Particularly during the last half of the quarter, spot rates increased considerably, and within Capesize, spot rates increased from USD 15,000 per day to more than USD 40,000 per day. Freight rates within the other vessel types also increased in the last half of the quarter, however, more moderately. The increase was more substantial than expected, which indicates that the utilisation rate of the fleet is higher than previously assumed. This provides the basis for positive expectations for the dry cargo market going forward.

Healthy growth in demand driven by record-high Chinese iron ore import

The improvement of the Capesize market was driven by increased Chinese iron ore imports, which resulted in record high import volumes in both July and September. The increased iron ore imports were caused by inventory build-up due to the reduction experienced in recent quarters as well as continuing high steel production as a result of investments in Chinese infrastructure. Furthermore, increased export volumes from Brazil to Asia and new mining capacity in Australia created extra demand for Capesize vessels.

The strengthened Capesize market had a positive influence on the other vessel types, which were also driven forward by increased Brazilian import of fertiliser as well as increased grain and soya bean exports out of the Mexican Gulf and the Black Sea.

Declining fleet growth as expected

Newbuilding deliveries remained at a low level, and during the course of the third quarter, 11 million dwt. were delivered, which is 46% down from the same period last year.

Employment and rates, Dry Cargo, Q3 2013

Vessel type	Capesize	Post-Panamax	Panamax	Supramax	Handysize	Total**
NORDEN ship days	357	736	6,526	8,467	2,842	18,928
NORDEN T/C (USD per day)	30,695	14,589	11,426	11,795	9,317	11,761
1-year T/C (USD per day) *	17,856	11,230	9,788	9,781	8,019	9,727
NORDEN vs. 1-year T/C	+72%	+30%	+17%	+21%	+16%	+21%

* Source: Clarksons ** Weighted average

NORDEN T/C is gross amount to make the amount comparable to the market T/C. The following percentages are used as standard broker commission: Capesize, Post-Panamax and Panamax: 3.75%, Supramax and Handysize: 5%. In case the vessel type is operated in a pool, the pool management fee is added.

The market improvement was also apparent in the level of scrapping. In the course of the third quarter, almost 4 million dwt. were scrapped, which is 56% down from the same period last year. Particularly within the vessel types Capesize and Panamax, the level of scrapping was not upheld.

Despite the low level of scrapping, the dry cargo fleet grew by only 1% in the third quarter. Newbuilding deliveries are still considerably below the order book. Net fleet growth during the first three quarters of the year was 4.4%, which supports NORDEN's expectations of an annual net fleet growth rate of 4-7%. The Capesize fleet grew by 4.1% during the first 9 months, whereas Panamax and Supramax grew by 6.6% and 5.2%, respectively. Conversely, the Handysize fleet shrank by 0.3% during the same period (source: Clarksons).

Continued moderate order book despite a large number of new contracts

In the third quarter, 111 newbuildings for delivery in 2015-2017 were contracted, which corresponds to 10 million dwt. and 1.4% of the fleet (source: Clarksons). Subsequently, the order book constitutes 18% of the existing fleet, which is still a moderate level in a historical perspective.

NORDEN's Dry Cargo fleet and values at 30 September 2013						
Vessel type	Capesize	Post-Panamax	Panamax	Supramax	Handysize	Total
Vessels in operation						
Owned vessels	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	12.0	26.0
Chartered vessels with purchase option	1.0	4.0	9.0	16.0	11.0	41.0
Total active core fleet	4.0	8.0	12.0	20.0	23.0	67.0
Chartered vessels without purchase option	0.0	0.0	61.5	81.0	26.5	169.0
Total active fleet	4.0	8.0	73.5	101.0	49.5	236.0
Vessels to be delivered						
Newbuildings (owned)	0.0	0.0	2.0	4.0	0.0	6.0
Chartered vessels with purchase option	0.0	0.0	10.0	5.0	0.0	15.0
Total for delivery to core fleet	0.0	0.0	12.0	9.0	0.0	21.0
Chartered vessels over 3 years without purchase option	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5
Total to be delivered	0.0	0.0	12.5	9.0	0.0	21.5
Total gross fleet	4.0	8.0	86.0	110.0	49.5	257.5
Dry Cargo fleet values at 30 September 2013 (USD million)						
Market value of owned vessels and newbuildings*	79	108	136	213	245	781
Value of purchase and extension options	4	3	28	38	4	77

* Active vessels and newbuildings including joint ventures, assets held for sale and charterparties, if any.

Coverage is kept at a moderate level in expectation of an improved market

The Dry Cargo Department is positioning itself according to an expectation of a gradually improving market. Thus, NORDEN has increased capacity for the coming years especially within Panamax. For the calendar year 2015, 4,000 extra ship days have thus been added in Panamax. The expansion of capacity has been carried out at a level which has reduced average fleet costs by USD 2,450 from USD 15,331 to USD 12,881. The expansion also means that coverage is kept at a moderate level. Especially within the large vessel types Capesize and Post-Panamax, coverage is low in anticipation of these vessel types benefitting from expected increasing rates.

Capacity and coverage, Dry Cargo, at 30 September 2013

	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Owned vessels						
	Ship days					
Capesize	276	1,095	1,095			
Post-Panamax	368	1,460	1,460			
Panamax	276	1,095	1,415			
Supramax	368	1,460	2,042			
Handysize	1,104	4,380	4,380			
Total	2,392	9,490	10,392			
Chartered vessels						
	Costs for T/C capacity (USD per day)					
Capesize	92	365	365	18,550	18,539	18,500
Post-Panamax	368	1,460	1,460	18,698	18,686	18,686
Panamax	5,290	9,200	9,234	10,969	12,361	12,881
Supramax	4,993	7,228	5,663	11,201	12,040	12,891
Handysize	1,758	5,740	4,268	13,278	13,193	12,429
Total	12,501	23,993	20,990	11,670	12,942	13,293
Total capacity						
	Costs for gross capacity (USD per day)*					
Total capacity	14,893	33,483	31,382	10,640	10,742	10,609
Coverage						
	Revenue from coverage (USD per day)					
Capesize	142	73	0	15,106	11,405	0
Post-Panamax	404	79	0	12,186	3,991	0
Panamax	5,088	8,125	4,294	10,685	13,200	14,962
Supramax	5,083	5,584	1,902	12,136	11,920	13,001
Handysize	2,417	2,132	1,133	9,361	12,370	14,651
Total	13,134	15,993	7,329	11,097	12,589	14,405
Coverage in %						
Capesize	39%	5%	0%			
Post-Panamax	55%	3%	0%			
Panamax	91%	79%	40%			
Supramax	95%	64%	25%			
Handysize	84%	21%	13%			
Total	88%	48%	23%			

* Including cash running costs of owned vessels.

Costs are excluding administration costs. For vessel types which are operated in a pool, the T/C equivalent is after management fee. With regard to the Dry Cargo pools, NORDEN receives the management fee as "Other operating income".

TANKERS

- EBITDA USD 11 million (negative USD 1 million)
- Record-high US exports led to the best third quarter in recent years
- 81% spot exposure in 2014

Higher earnings than in the same period last year

The market continues the expected gradual improvement. NORDEN's T/C earnings were 26% higher than in the same period last year. MR spot earnings were USD 17,100 per day. Higher earnings are reflected in the Tanker Department's EBITDA, which ended at USD 11 million – USD 12 million higher than in the third quarter of 2012.

For the third quarter, NORDEN's two vessel types, MR and Handysize, generated T/C earnings of USD 15,291 and USD 14,023 per day, respectively, which was 8% better than the 1-year T/C rates.

Record-high US exports

West of Suez, Russia's increased export of fuel oil provided some support to an otherwise very inactive European summer where refineries operated at reduced capacity and demand was limited. As a result, many shipowners decided to sail in ballast to especially the USA where the export of product oil broke the record once again with 3.8 million barrels per day in July (source: EIA). The effect of this market change is that when vessels previously sailed in ballast to Europe to transport gasoline back to the USA, they now sail in ballast to the USA to transport diesel to Europe, South America and Africa.

Low activity east of Suez

In large parts of the third quarter, the market east of Suez was affected by low activity where usual seasonal fluctuations curbed consumption. In addition, exports out of China decreased and there was less demand from Australia and Japan.

Employment and rates, Tankers, Q3 2013

Vessel type	MR	Handysize	Total**
NORDEN ship days	2,414	1,516	3,930
NORDEN T/C (USD per day)	15,291	14,023	14,802
1-year T/C (USD per day)*	14,346	12,827	13,760
NORDEN vs. 1-year T/C	+7%	+9%	+8%

* Source: Clarksons ** Weighted average

NORDEN T/C is gross amount to make comparable to the market T/C. A standard broker commission of 2.5% is used in the Tanker segment. In addition, the pool management fee is added.

Low fleet growth as expected

The improved market has dampened the level of scrapping, which was reduced by half to 0.3 million dwt. compared to the same period last year. In spite of this, net fleet growth continues to be low as expected. In the third quarter, the product tanker fleet grew by 0.9%, and total net fleet growth in the first 9 months of the year was 2.7%, which supports annual net fleet growth between 3 and 4%. Net fleet growth in NORDEN's two vessel types, MR and Handysize, is slightly above this level with a total growth rate of 1.1% in the third quarter and 3.8% in the first 9 months of the year.

The addition of newbuilding orders has been at a relatively high level in the first 9 months of the year when 10 million dwt. were ordered, corresponding to 8.7% of the fleet. However, the number of new orders was declining in the third quarter, and the order book is still estimated to be at a moderate level in a historical perspective.

NORDEN's Tanker fleet and values at 30 September 2013			
Vessel type	MR	Handysize	Total
Vessels in operation			
Owned vessels	7.0	11.0	18.0
Chartered vessels with purchase option	8.0	0.0	8.0
Total active core fleet	15.0	11.0	26.0
Chartered vessels without purchase option	11.0	7.0	18.0
Total active fleet	26.0	18.0	44.0
Vessels to be delivered			
Newbuildings (owned)	4.0	2.0	6.0
Chartered vessels with purchase option	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total for delivery to core fleet	4.0	2.0	6.0
Chartered vessels over 3 years without purchase option	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total to be delivered	4.0	2.0	6.0
Total gross fleet	30.0	20.0	50.0
Tankers fleet values at 30 September 2013 (USD million)			
Market value of owned vessels and newbuildings*	373	297	670
Value of purchase and extension options	4	0	4

* Active vessels and newbuildings including joint ventures, assets held for sale and charterparties, if any.

81% spot exposure for 2014

At the end of the third quarter, NORDEN's spot exposure for 2014 was 81%, which reflects expectations of an improved market next year.

Capacity and coverage, Tankers, at 30 September 2013						
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Owned vessels			Ship days			
MR	644	2,649	3,831			
Handysize	1,012	4,632	4,745			
Total	1,656	7,281	8,576			
Chartered vessels			Costs for T/C capacity (USD per day)			
MR	1,656	5,559	3,373	14,301	14,590	15,481
Handysize	644	1,449	0	12,752	12,792	0
Total	2,300	7,008	3,373	13,867	14,218	15,481
Total capacity			Costs for gross capacity (USD per day)*			
	3,956	14,289	11,949	10,828	10,431	9,202
Coverage			Revenue from coverage (USD per day)			
MR	957	1,555	116	13,783	13,230	13,206
Handysize	684	1,159	66	12,826	12,310	12,386
Total	1,641	2,714	182	13,385	12,837	12,909
Coverage in %						
MR	42%	19%	2%			
Handysize	41%	19%	1%			
Total	41%	19%	2%			

* Including cash running costs of owned vessels.

Costs are excluding administration costs. For vessel types which are operated in a pool, the T/C equivalent is after management fee.

OUTLOOK FOR 2013

NORDEN narrows down its full year estimate

NORDEN narrows down its full year estimate. Previous expectations for operating earnings (EBITDA) at group level of USD 15-45 million are revised to USD 25-45 million divided with a small profit in Dry Cargo and a result in the high end of the range of USD 25-45 million in Tankers.

Expectations for CAPEX are lowered to USD 110-120 million.

Expectations for the full-year

Expectations for 2013			
(USD million)	Dry Cargo	Tankers	Total
EBITDA	0-10	25-45	25-45
Profit from the sale of vessels			3
CAPEX			110-120

Sale of vessels

The expectations do not include profit from additional sale of vessels. The Company regularly assesses the market for purchase and sale of vessels based on pricing, timing, capacity adjustment and optimisation of fleet and order book.

Risks and uncertainties

There are approximately 500 open ship days in Dry Cargo, and a change of USD 1,000 per day would mean a change in earnings of approximately USD 0.5 million. Earnings in Dry Cargo are also sensitive to changes in the rate level between vessel types and possible counterparty risks.

Earnings expectations in Tankers primarily depend on the development in the spot market. Based on 1,300 open ship days in Tankers, a change of USD 1,000 per day would mean a change in earnings of approximately USD 1.3 million.

Forward-looking statements

This report includes forward-looking statements reflecting management's current perception of future trends and financial performance. The statements for the rest of 2013 and the years to come naturally carry some uncertainty, and NORDEN's actual results may therefore differ from expectations. Factors that may cause the results achieved to differ from the expectations are, among other things, but not exclusively, changes in the macroeconomic and political conditions – especially in the Company's key markets – changes in NORDEN's assumptions of rate development and operating costs, volatility in rates and vessel prices, changes in legislation, possible interruptions in traffic and operations as a result of external events, etc.

MANAGEMENT'S STATEMENT

The Board of Directors and the Executive Management today reviewed and approved the interim report for the third quarter of 2013 of Dampskibsselskabet NORDEN A/S.

The interim report is prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 on interim reports and the general Danish financial disclosure requirements for listed companies. In line with previous policies, the interim report is not audited or reviewed by the auditors.

We consider the accounting policies applied to be appropriate and the accounting estimates made to be adequate. Furthermore, we find the overall presentation of the interim report to present a true and fair view.

Besides what has been disclosed in the interim report, no other significant changes in the Company's risks and uncertainties have occurred relative to what was disclosed in the consolidated annual report for 2012.

In our opinion, the interim report gives a true and fair view of the Group's assets, equity and liabilities, the financial position as well as the result of the Group's activities and cash flows for the interim period.

Furthermore, the management commentary gives a fair representation of the Group's activities and financial position as well as a description of the material risks and uncertainties which the Group is facing.

Hellerup, 13 November 2013

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INCOME STATEMENT

Note	USD '000	2013	2012	2013	2012	2012
		Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q3	Q3	Q1-Q4
	Revenue	1,560,271	1,611,290	536,282	555,223	2,131,439
	Costs	-1,528,275	-1,507,640	-517,761	-532,538	-1,983,508
	Profit before depreciation, etc. (EBITDA)	31,996	103,650	18,521	22,685	147,931
	Profits from the sale of vessels, etc.	2,447	-1,491	311	-1,445	-23,944
	Depreciation	-58,445	-68,169	-20,528	-21,323	-88,535
	Share of results of joint ventures	637	153	969	-497	-841
	Profit from operations before write-downs	-23,365	34,143	-727	-580	34,611
6	Write-down of vessels and newbuildings	0	-10,000	0	0	-10,000
6	Write-down of joint ventures	0	-290,000	0	0	-290,000
	Profit from operations (EBIT)	-23,365	-265,857	-727	-580	-265,389
2	Fair value adjustment of certain hedging instruments	-6,047	-2,222	128	17,897	-10,132
	Net financials	257	880	2,424	280	1,662
	Profit before tax	-29,155	-267,199	1,825	17,597	-273,859
	Tax for the period	-3,835	-4,350	-1,258	-1,459	-4,990
	Profit for the period	-32,990	-271,549	567	16,138	-278,849
	Attributable to:					
	Shareholders of NORDEN	-32,988	-271,551	567	16,136	-278,847
	Minority interests	-2	2	0	2	-2
	Total	-32,990	-271,549	567	16,138	-278,849
	Earnings per share (EPS), USD	0.8	-6.6	0.0	0.4	-6.8
	Diluted earnings per share, USD	0.8	-6.6	0.0	0.4	-6.8

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Note	USD '000	2013	2012	2013	2012	2012
		Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q3	Q3	Q1-Q4
	Profit for the period, after tax	-32,990	-271,549	567	16,138	-278,849
	Items which will be reclassified to the income statement:					
	Value adjustment of hedging instruments	3,144	-5,962	-524	-2,459	-5,285
	Fair value adjustment of securities	-548	1,888	-22	199	2,607
	Tax on fair value adjustment of securities	0	0	0	0	-473
	Other comprehensive income, total	2,596	-4,074	-546	-2,260	-3,151
	Total comprehensive income for the period, after tax	-30,394	-275,623	21	13,878	-282,000
	Attributable to:					
	Shareholders of NORDEN	-30,392	-275,625	21	13,876	-281,998
	Minority interests	-2	2	0	2	-2
	Total	-30,394	-275,623	21	13,878	-282,000

INCOME STATEMENT BY QUARTER

Note	USD '000	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012
		Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3
	Revenue	536,282	523,646	500,343	520,149	555,223
	Costs	-517,761	-519,748	-490,766	-475,868	-532,538
	Profit before depreciation, etc. (EBITDA)	18,521	3,898	9,577	44,281	22,685
	Profits from the sale of vessels, etc.	311	-32	2,168	-22,453	-1,445
	Depreciation	-20,528	-19,301	-18,616	-20,366	-21,323
	Share of results of joint ventures	969	-282	-50	-994	-497
	Profit from operations before write-downs	-727	-15,717	-6,921	468	-580
6	Write-down of vessels and newbuildings	0	0	0	0	0
6	Write-down of joint ventures	0	0	0	0	0
	Profit from operations (EBIT)	-727	-15,717	-6,921	468	-580
2	Fair value adjustment of certain hedging instruments	128	-7,130	955	-7,910	17,897
	Net financials	2,424	1,749	-3,916	782	280
	Profit before tax	1,825	-21,098	-9,882	-6,660	17,597
	Tax for the period	-1,258	-1,285	-1,292	-640	-1,459
	Profit for the period	567	-22,383	-11,174	-7,300	16,138
	Attributable to:					
	Shareholders of NORDEN	567	-22,381	-11,174	-7,296	16,136
	Minority interests	0	-2	0	-4	2
	Total	567	-22,383	-11,174	-7,300	16,138
	Earnings per share (EPS), USD	0.0	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.4
	Diluted earnings per share, USD	0.0	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.4

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME BY QUARTER

Note	USD '000	2013	2013	2013	2012	2012
		Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3
	Profit for the period, after tax	567	-22,383	-11,174	-7,300	16,138
	Items which will be reclassified to the income statement:					
	Value adjustment of hedging instruments	-524	3,034	634	677	-2,459
	Fair value adjustment of securities	-22	-362	-164	719	199
	Tax on fair value adjustment of securities	0	0	0	-473	0
	Other comprehensive income, total	-546	2,672	470	923	-2,260
	Total comprehensive income for the period, after tax	21	-19,711	-10,704	-6,377	13,878
	Attributable to:					
	Shareholders of NORDEN	21	-19,709	-10,704	-6,375	13,878
	Minority interests	0	-2	0	-2	0
	Total	21	-19,711	-10,704	-6,377	13,878

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Note	USD 1'000	2013	2012	2012
		30/9	30/9	31/12
ASSETS				
3	Vessels	1,092,849	1,156,457	967,219
	Property and equipment	53,871	55,927	55,801
4	Prepayments on vessels and newbuildings	61,310	98,974	113,817
	Investments in joint ventures	18,458	13,908	12,915
	Non-current assets	1,226,488	1,325,266	1,149,752
	Inventories	88,684	78,349	110,783
	Receivables from joint ventures	2,169	2,123	4,953
	Receivables and accruals	169,672	176,745	193,411
	Securities	77,346	68,323	74,876
	Cash and cash equivalents	451,405	324,279	453,738
		789,276	649,819	837,761
5	Tangible assets held for sale	0	0	45,879
	Current assets	789,276	649,819	883,640
	Total assets	2,015,764	1,975,085	2,033,392
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
	Share capital	6,833	6,833	6,833
	Reserves	6,143	2,624	3,547
	Retained earnings	1,608,001	1,682,993	1,676,787
	Equity (NORDEN's shareholders)	1,620,977	1,692,450	1,687,167
	Minority interests	0	68	64
	Equity	1,620,977	1,692,518	1,687,231
	Bank debt	218,491	124,098	138,240
	Non-current liabilities	218,491	124,098	138,240
	Bank debt	25,543	15,443	17,385
	Trade payables	103,499	85,154	117,536
	Other payables, deferred income and company tax	47,254	57,872	68,153
		176,296	158,469	203,074
	Liabilities relating to tangible assets held for sale	0	0	4,847
	Current liabilities	176,296	158,469	207,921
	Liabilities	394,787	282,567	346,161
	Total equity and liabilities	2,015,764	1,975,085	2,033,392

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Note	USD '000					
	Share capital	Reserves	Retained earnings	Equity (NORDEN's shareholders)	Minority interests	Group equity
Equity at 1 January 2013	6,833	3,547	1,676,787	1,687,167	64	1,687,231
Total comprehensive income for the period	0	2,596	-32,988	-30,392	-2	-30,394
Acquisition of treasury shares	0	0	-17,152	-17,152	0	-17,152
Sale of treasury shares	0	0	1,682	1,682	0	1,682
Distributed dividends	0	0	-22,883	-22,883	-62	-22,945
Dividends, treasury shares	0	0	964	964	0	964
Share-based payment	0	0	1,591	1,591	0	1,591
Changes in equity	0	2,596	-68,786	-66,190	-64	-66,254
Equity at 30 September 2013	6,833	6,143	1,608,001	1,620,977	0	1,620,977
Equity at 1 January 2012	6,833	6,698	1,980,822	1,994,353	66	1,994,419
Total comprehensive income for the period	0	-4,074	-271,551	-275,625	2	-275,623
Distributed dividends	0	0	-30,368	-30,368	0	-30,368
Dividends, treasury shares	0	0	1,222	1,222	0	1,222
Share-based payment	0	0	2,868	2,868	0	2,868
Changes in equity	0	-4,074	-297,829	-301,903	2	-301,901
Equity at 30 September 2012	6,833	2,624	1,682,993	1,692,450	68	1,692,518
Equity at 1 January 2012	6,833	6,698	1,980,822	1,994,353	66	1,994,419
Total comprehensive income for the period	0	-3,151	-278,847	-281,998	-2	-282,000
Distributed dividends	0	0	-30,368	-30,368	0	-30,368
Dividends, treasury shares	0	0	1,222	1,222	0	1,222
Share-based payment	0	0	3,958	3,958	0	3,958
Changes in equity	0	-3,151	-304,035	-307,186	-2	-307,188
Equity at 31 December 2012	6,833	3,547	1,676,787	1,687,167	64	1,687,231

NOTES

1. Significant accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The interim report comprises the summarised consolidated financial statements of Dampskibsselskabet NORDEN A/S.

Accounting policies

The interim report has been prepared in accordance with the international financial reporting standard IAS 34 on interim reports and additional Danish disclosure requirements for the financial statements of listed companies.

The consolidated annual report for 2012 has been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Accounting policies have not changed in relation to this.

For a complete description of accounting policies, see also pages 53-61 in the consolidated annual report for 2012.

New IAS/IFRSs

NORDEN has implemented the new financial reporting standards or interpretations which were effective from 1 January 2013. The changes are of no importance to NORDEN's results or equity in the interim report.

New financial reporting standards

For a description of the IFRS and IFRIC which became effective on 1 January 2013 or later, see pages 53-54 of the consolidated annual report for 2012. No new or changed standards, which are presently deemed to be essential to NORDEN, have been issued in 2013 besides those mentioned in the consolidated annual report for 2012.

Significant choices and assessments in the accounting policies and significant accounting estimates

Management's choices and assessments in the accounting policies in respect of vessel leases, recognition of revenue and voyage costs, impairment test and onerous contracts are significant. Management's accounting estimates of receivables, contingent assets and liabilities and useful lives and residual values of tangible assets are also significant. For a description of these, see pages 54-55 of the consolidated annual report for 2012.

Risks

For a description of NORDEN's risks, see note 2 "Risk management" in the consolidated annual report for 2012 pages 61-64.

2. Fair value adjustment of certain hedging instruments

USD '000	2013	2012	2013	2012	2012
	Q1-Q3	Q1-Q3	Q3	Q3	Q1-Q4
Bunker hedging:					
Fair value adjustment for:					
2012	0	11,488	0	11,225	8,314
2013	757	4,202	2,354	6,703	-870
2014	-931	1,254	826	2,214	1,264
2015	-204	26	99	164	23
2016-2018	-137	133	3	198	181
	-515	17,103	3,282	20,504	8,912
Realised fair value adjustment reclassified to "Vessel operating costs"	-879	-17,715	-57	-2,350	-18,952
Total	-1,394	-612	3,225	18,154	-10,040
Forward Freight Agreements:					
Fair value adjustment for:					
2012	0	9,209	0	1,659	9,731
2013	-4,548	1,437	-4,283	624	2,642
2014	-443	0	-1,082	0	526
2015	1,346	0	1,346	0	0
2016	985	0	985	0	0
	-2,660	10,646	-3,034	2,283	12,899
Realised fair value adjustment reclassified to "Revenue"	-1,993	-12,256	-63	-2,540	-12,991
Total	-4,653	-1,610	-3,097	-257	-92
Total	-6,047	-2,222	128	17,897	-10,132

* As the hedging instruments are realised, the accumulated fair value adjustments are reclassified to operations in the same item as the hedged transaction. For further information, see the section "Significant accounting policies" in the consolidated annual report for 2012.

3. Vessels

USD '000	2013	2012	2012
	30/9	30/9	31/12
Cost at 1 January	1,415,146	1,566,925	1,566,925
Additions for the period	9,790	7,629	11,134
Disposals for the period	0	-62,250	-275,669
Transferred during the period from prepayments on vessels and newbuildings	184,666	128,114	168,525
Transferred during the period to tangible assets held for sale	0	0	-55,769
Cost	1,609,602	1,640,418	1,415,146
Depreciation at 1 January	-237,217	-179,736	-179,736
Depreciation for the period	-55,926	-64,876	-83,916
Reversed depreciation of disposed vessels	0	3,568	16,545
Transferred depreciation of tangible assets held for sale	0	0	9,890
Depreciation	-293,143	-241,044	-237,217
Write-downs at 1 January	-210,710	0	0
Write-downs for the period	0	-258,374	-258,371
Transferred during the year	-12,900	0	-18,729
Reversed write-downs of disposed vessels	0	15,457	66,390
Write-downs	-223,610	-242,917	-210,710
Carrying amount	1,092,849	1,156,457	967,219

For the development of the fleet and added value, see the management commentary.

4. Prepayments on vessels and newbuildings

USD '000	2013	2012	2012
	30/9	30/9	31/12
Cost at 1 January	126,717	170,025	170,025
Additions for the period	119,259	113,263	149,791
Disposals for the period	0	0	0
Transferred during the period to vessels	-184,666	-128,114	-168,525
Transferred during the period to other items	0	-24,574	-24,574
Transferred during the period to tangible assets held for sale	0	0	0
Costs	61,310	130,600	126,717
Write-downs at 1 January	-12,900	0	0
Write-downs for the period	0	-31,626	-31,629
Transferred during the year	12,900	0	18,729
Write-downs	0	-31,626	-12,900
Carrying amount	61,310	98,974	113,817

5. Tangible assets held for sale

USD '000	2013	2012	2012
	30/9	30/9	31/12
Carrying amount at 1 January	45,879	0	0
Additions for the period from vessels	0	0	45,879
Additions for the period	190	0	0
Disposals for the period	-46,069	0	0
Carrying amount	0	0	45,879

6. Write-down of vessels, etc.

Management's assessment of the need for write-downs of vessels and prepayments on newbuildings is based on the cash-generating units (CGU), which include vessels, etc. NORDEN has divided its fleet into 3 CGUs (Dry Cargo, Tankers and a joint venture). An impairment test must be performed if there is indication that the carrying amounts of vessels, etc. exceed the recoverable amounts. The recoverable amount is the higher of the net selling price of the vessels, etc. (the market value of the fleet) and the value in use of future cash flows from the vessels, etc.

Based on estimates from 3 independent brokers, the market value of NORDEN's fleet (net selling price excluding COAs) including vessels in joint venture is estimated at USD 14 million below the carrying amounts at the end of the quarter. The difference is divided between NORDEN's 3 CGUs, Dry Cargo, Tankers and a joint venture, with negative USD 1 million, negative USD 18 million and positive USD 5 million, respectively.

Accordingly, an impairment test has been conducted for the 2 CGUs Dry Cargo and Tankers by estimating the value in use.

The impairment test is conducted by comparing the carrying amounts with the value in use of the fleet of the 2 CGUs. Value in use is calculated as the present value of total expected cash flows over the remaining useful lives of the vessels, including time charter fleet, coverage and estimated rates for uncovered capacity.

As part of the basis for estimation of the long-term values, the value in use of the 2 CGUs has been estimated by applying "normalised" 20-year average rates, where the 3 and 4 best and worst years have been excluded.

The assumptions in the impairment test for the period, including the discount factor of 8%, are unchanged in relation to the consolidated annual report for 2012.

On the basis of the impairment test conducted at the end of the third quarter, management estimates that there is no need for write-downs.

Due to the large number of open ship days, the value in use calculation is very sensitive to even small fluctuations in freight rates. As an indication of this sensitivity, a fluctuation of USD 1,000 per day in long-term freight rates would change the CGU values by USD 141 million in Dry Cargo and USD 91 million in Tankers.

7. Related party transactions

No significant changes have occurred to closely related parties or types and scale of transactions with these parties other than what is disclosed in the consolidated annual report for 2012.

8. Contingent assets and liabilities

Since the end of 2012, no significant changes have occurred to contingent assets and liabilities other than those referred to in this interim report.

9. Overview of deliveries to the core fleet and fleet values

Expected delivery of the Company's core fleet at 30 September 2013

USD '000	2013		2014			2015				2016				Total
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Dry Cargo														
Panamax	(1.0)			(5.0)	0.5 (2.0)	0.5				(1.0) 1.0		(1.0)		12.0
Supramax			(1.0)	(1.0)			2.0		(1.0) 1.0		1.0 (2.0)			9.0
Tankers														
MR					2.0	1.0	1.0							4.0
Handysize		1.0	1.0											2.0
Total	1.0	1.0	2.0	6.0	4.5	1.5	3.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	0.0	27.0

Note: Figures in brackets are deliveries of chartered vessels with purchase option, whereas deliveries from the Company's newbuilding program are stated without brackets. Figures are adjusted for ownership share. Totals have been calculated for the core fleet as a whole.

Fleet values at 30 September 2013

USD million						
Owned (active and newbuildings)						
Dry Cargo	Number	Carrying amount/cost	Broker estimated value of owned vessels*	Broker estimated value of charter party	Added value	
Capesize	3.0	74	79			5
Post-Panamax	4.0	128	108			-20
Panamax	5.0	109	114	22		27
Supramax	8.0	192	213			21
Handysize	12.0	273	237	8		-28
Tankers						
MR	11.0	379	373			-6
Handysize	13.0	310	297			-13
Total	56.0	1,465	1,421	30		-14
Sensitivity						
Net Asset Value at 30 September 2013			USD million	DKK per share	+10%	-10%
Equity excl. minority interests			1,621	219	219	219
Added value owned vessels			-14	-2	18	-22
Net Asset Value			1,607	217	237	197

* Including joint ventures and assets held for sale but excluding charter party, if any.

10. Significant events after the reporting date

Between the end of the quarter and the publication of this interim report, other than the developments disclosed in the interim review, no significant events have occurred which have not been recognised and adequately disclosed and which materially affect the profit for the period or the statement of financial position.