

# **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **Eksportfinans' financial results for 2013**

Eksportfinans has focused on stable and predictable business operations throughout 2013. At year-end the company had a strong capital base and considerable liquidity reserves.

Net interest income was NOK 697 million for 2013, compared to NOK 1,244 million for 2012. The change was due to the lower level of interest generating assets combined with reduced credit spreads and a more normalized market for USD/NOK basis swaps.

Comprehensive income according to IFRS was negative NOK 4,850 million for 2013, compared to negative NOK 17,717 million for 2012. The change was due to lower unrealized losses on Eksportfinans' own debt through the year.

Profit excluding unrealized gains and losses on financial instruments and realized losses hedged by the Portfolio Hedge Agreement amounted to NOK 566 million in 2013, compared to NOK 867 million in 2012. The profit was negatively affected by reduced net interest income. This was partly offset by a positive income effect of approximately NOK 200 million, after taxes, as a result of winning the lawsuit against the Glitnir Banki HF bankruptcy estate in Iceland. The legal process was initiated in 2008, and the final verdict fell in the fourth quarter of 2013.

Total assets amounted to NOK 101 billion at December 31, 2013, compared to NOK 157 billion at December 31, 2012. The reduction was in line with expectations and due to the limitations on new lending business since 2011 as well as repayments on the current debt portfolios.

The core capital adequacy ratio was 36.4 percent at December 31, 2013, compared to 25.0 percent at December 31, 2012. At the end of 2013, the company had liquidity reserves totaling NOK 32.7 billion.

In 2012, an investor in Eksportfinans' Japanese Samurai bonds filed a complaint with the Tokyo District Court, claiming that Eksportfinans is in default under these bonds. As stated by Eksportfinans, the company vigorously resists this action on the grounds that there is no default. The judge has announced that a verdict in the case would be announced on March 28, 2014.

Eksportfinans' fourth quarter report 2013 is available on www.eksportfinans.no.



#### A conference call is scheduled for Wednesday February 26, 2014 at 10:30am NY / 3:30pm London / 4:30pm CET

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## **Facts about Eksportfinans ASA**

Eksportfinans manages a solid portfolio of loans to the Norwegian export industry and foreign buyers of Norwegian capital goods. The loans are guaranteed by GIEK (The Norwegian Guarantee Institute for Export Credits) and/or banks. The company also manages a substantial portfolio of international securities. The business is funded through bonds and commercial paper issued in the international capital markets. Eksportfinans was established in 1962 and is owned by banks operating in Norway and the Ministry of Trade and Industry on behalf of the Norwegian government. Entering 2014 total assets amounted to approximately NOK 100 billion. The company is staffed by highly skilled individuals, around 55 in total, and is located in Dronning Maud's gate (Vika) in central Oslo.

For more information about Eksportfinans, please refer to www.eksportfinans.no

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