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SPRON's 9 Month Results 2007

# Net after-tax profit ISK 9.3 billion Return on equity (ROE) 41.6%

# Highlights from the first nine months of 2007:

- SPRON reported an after-tax profit of ISK 9,279 million in the first nine months of the year
- Return on equity after-tax was 41.6% on an annualised basis
- Net interest income amounted to ISK 15,297 million in the period and has never been higher
- Net interest margin was 1.2%
- Total assets amounted to ISK 219,188 million at the end of September 2007 and increased by 18.8% from year end 2006
- Loans to customers amounted to ISK 148,583 million at the end of September and increased by 15.8% from year end 2006
- Customer deposits amounted to ISK 74,625 million and increased by 31.9% from year end 2006
- Customer deposits represent 50.2% of loans to customers at the end of the period
- SPRON's funding position is strong and doesn't require refinancing of larger loans in the next 2 years
- Equity at the end of September amounted to ISK 35,105 million
- The bank's capital adequacy ratio was 11.6% at the end of the period. Tier 1 capital was 27.4%.

## Highlights from the third quarter of 2007:

- SPRON reported a loss of ISK 850 million after taxes in the period due to difficult conditions in financial markets
- Net interest income amounted to ISK 746 million and has increased in comparison to recent quarters
- Net commission income totalled ISK 360 million and has never been higher in one quarter
- Deposits increased by ISK 8.0 billion or by 12.0%
- Loans to customers increased by ISK 10.3 billion in the quarter or by 7.5%

## Gudmundur Hauksson CEO:

"The operating results for the first nine months of the year are good and SPRON's operating income has never been higher, exceeding our expectations. SPRON's core income is strengthening but at the same time our stock investments have suffered due to turbulence in financial markets. The Group's profits totalled ISK 9.3 billion in the first nine months and ROE was 41.6% which is well above our goal for the year. Prospects for the year are good with the continued strengthening of the Group's core operations."



# Key figures from SPRON's consolidated financial statements

Income statement	2007	2006		2007	2007		
	1.130.9.	1.130.9.	Diff.	3Q 2007	2Q 2007	Diff.	
Interest income	15,217	11,469	32.7%	5,009	5,671	-11.7%	
Interest expense	(13,371)	(9,228)	44.9%	(4,263)	(5,036)	-15.4%	
Net interest income	1,846	2,240	-17.6%	746	635	17.6%	
Fee and commission income	1,339	959	39.6%	477	444	7.4%	
Fee and commission expense	(437)	(249)	75.7%	(117)	(214)	-45.5%	
Net fee and commission income	902	710	27.0%	360	230	56.6%	
Net gains on fin. assets and fin. Liabilities	10,143	10,041	1.0% 42.0%	205	4,857	-95.8%	
Share of profit of associates Other operating income	2,152 255	1,516 284	-10.2%	(1,100) 112	2,444 95	18.2%	
Operating income	12,550	11,842	6.0%	(783)	7,395	-	
Net Operating income	15,298	14,792	3.4%	324	8,260	-96.1%	
Salaries and related expenses	(1,810)	(1,281)	41.4%	(592)	(681)	-13.0%	
Administrative expenses Depreciation	(1,892) (118)	(1,296) (69)	46.0% 70.9%	(658) (48)	(748) (41)	-12.0% 17.0%	
Operating cost	(3,821)	(2,646)	44.4%	(1,298)	(1,470)	-11.6%	
Impairment losses on loans and advances	(359)	(329)	9.1%	(75)	(173)	-56.7%	
Profit (Loss) before income tax	11,118	11,817	-5.9%	(1,049)	6,618	-	
Income tax	(1,839)	(2,043)	-10.0%	200	(1,179)	-	
Net profit (loss)	9,279	9,774	-5.1%	(850)	5,439	-	
Attributable to:							
Shareholders of SPRON hf	9,279	9,772	-5.0%	(850)	5,439	-	
Minority interest	0	2	-78.6%	0	0	-	
	9,279	9,774	-5.1%	(850)	5,439	-	
Balance sheet							
	30.9.2007	31/12/2006	Diff.				
Assets Cash and cash balances with the Central Bank	3,611	2,432	48.5%				
Loans to credit institutions	5,349	7,223	-25.9%				
Loans to customers	148,583	128,296	15.8%				
Trading financial assets	29,276	20,313	44.1%				
Financ. assets design. at fair value thr. profit/loss . Investment in associates	15,131 11,896	16,749 4,580	-9.7% 159.7%				
Intangible assets	1,775	1,675	6.0%				
Property and equipment	1,496	992	50.8%				
Non-current assets and disp. groups held for sale .	434	105	313.9%				
Other assets	1,637	2,136	-23.3%				
Total Assets	219,188	184,501	18.8%				
Liabilities							
Deposits from credit inst. and the Central Bank	5,688	11,524	-50.6%				
Other deposits	74,625	56,592	31.9%				
Trading financial liabilities Borrowings	506 88,553	361 69,642	40.2% 27.2%				
Subordinated loans	5,476	5,216	5.0%				
Post-employment obligations	727	646	12.5%				
Tax liabilities	4,906	3,013	62.9%				
Other liabilities	3,601	2,731	31.9%				
Total Liabilities	184,082	149,726	22.9%				
Eguity Primary Capital		19,454	-				
Retained earnings		15,292	-				
Share capital	5,000	10/202	-				
Reserves	1,250		-				
Retained earnings	28,826		-				
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Minority interest	30	29	1.6%				
	35.105	34.775					
Total Liabilities and Equity	35,105 219,188	34,775 184,501	1.0% 18.8%				



# Quarterly overview

Income statement	3Q 2007	2Q 2007	1Q 2007	4Q 2006	3Q 2006
Interest income	5,009	5,671	4,538	3,069	3,794
Interest expense	(4,263)	(5,036)	(4,073)	(2,895)	(3,210)
Net interest income	746	635	465	174	584
Fee and commission income	477	444	418	348	315
Fee and commission expense	(117)	(214)	(106)	(83)	(100)
Net fee and commission income	360	230	312	265	215
Net gains on fin. assets and fin. Liabilities	205	4,857	5,081	74	7,681
Share of profit of associates Other operating income	(1,100) 112	2,444 95	808 48	(109) 0	1,108 74
Operating income	(783)	7,395	5,937	(35)	8,863
Net Operating income	324	8,260	6,714	404	9,661
Salaries and related expenses	(592)	(681)	(537)	(645)	(397)
Administrative expenses	(658)	(748)	(486)	(678)	(430)
Depreciation	(48)	(41)	(30)	(40)	(25)
Operating cost	(1,298)	(1,470)	(1,053)	(1,363)	(852)
Impairment losses on loans and advances	(75)	(173)	(112)	21	(96)
Profit (Loss) before income tax	(1,049)	6,618	5,549	(938)	8,714
Income tax	200	(1,179)	(859)	175	(1,568)
Net profit (loss)	(850)	5,439	4,690	(763)	7,147
Attributable to:					
Shareholders of SPRON hf	(850)	5,439	4,690	(761)	7,146
Minority interest	0	0	0	(2)	1
	(850)	5,439	4,690	(763)	7,147
Balance sheet	30.9.2007	30.6.2007	31.3.2007	31.12.2006	30.9.2006
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# **Income statement**

#### After-tax profit of ISK 9.3 billion

SPRON's pre-tax profit for the first nine months of the year totalled ISK 11,118 million compared to ISK 11,817 million for the same period in 2006. After-tax profit amounted to ISK 9,279 million compared to ISK 9,774 million in the first nine months of 2006. After-tax ROE was 41.6% on an annualised basis. SPRON reported a loss of ISK 850 million in the third quarter due to difficult conditions in financial markets.

#### Net operating income ISK 15.3 billion

Net operating income for the first nine months of the year amounted to ISK 15,298 million and increased by 3.4% compared with the same period in 2006. Net operating income for the third quarter amounted to ISK 324 million.

#### Net interest income ISK 1.8 billion

Net interest income amounted to ISK 1,845 million in the first nine months of the year compared with ISK 2,240 million in the same period last year. Interest income for the first nine months of the year amounted to ISK 15,217 million compared with 11,469 million in the same period last year and increased by 32.7%. Interest expenses amounted to ISK 13,371 million in comparison with ISK 9,228 million in the same period in 2006 and increased by 44.9%. Net interest income amounted to ISK 746 million in the third quarter which is the best quarter of the year.

Interest margin measured against the average size of the balance sheet was 1.2% compared with 2.1% in the first nine months of 2006. Interest margin measured against the average size of interest bearing assets was 1.6% in the first nine months of 2007. SPRON's interest margin is affected by inflation which explains partly a decline in the interest margin in the first nine months of 2007 in comparison with the same period in 2006.

#### Net commission income ISK 902 million

Net commission income amounted to ISK 902 million in the first nine months of 2007 compared with ISK 710 million in the same period last year and has increased by 27.0%. Net commission income amounted to ISK 360 million in the third quarter and is the best quarter in the Group's operations from inception.

#### Other operating income ISK 12.6 billion

Other operating income in the first nine months of 2007 amounted to ISK 12,550 million and increased by 6% compared with the same period last year. Other operating income was negative by ISK 783 million in the third quarter. SPRON has reported a substantial profit from its shares in Exista during the year. The Group's share in Exista through direct ownership was 3.0% at the end of September. Other investments have also returned a profit despite considerable fluctuations in financial markets. In the first nine months of the year share of profit of associates amounted to ISK 2,152 million in comparison with ISK 1,516 million in the same period last year. During the period SPRON sold a part of its shares in Exista to Kista-Investments with Kista's shares in Exista amounting to 8,9% at the end of September 2007. Kista-Investments is an associate of SPRON and SPRON's share in Kista was 48.4% at the end of September 2007. SPRON's direct and indirect holding



in Exista amounted to 7.44% at the end of the period. SPRON's share in Icebank was 24.6% at the end of September. Icebank reported a considerable increase in profits from the previous year. On 12 October 2007 SPRON announced its sale of a 20.6% share in Icebank and after the sale SPRON's holding will be 4%. The profit from the sale will be accounted for in the fourth quarter in 2007 and amounted in total to ISK 3.2 billion. The sale is contingent on the approval of Icebank's lenders (change of control) and the Financial Supervisory Authority in Iceland.

#### Operating expenses ISK 3.8 billion

The operating expenses for the first nine months of the year amounted to ISK 3,820 million and increased by 44.4% from the same period in 2006. Salaries and related expenses was ISK 1,810 million compared with ISK 1,280 in the same period last year. Number of positions at period end were 265 compared with 226 at the end of september 2006. Other operating expenses amounted to ISK 1,892 million in the first nine months of the year compared with ISK 1,296 million in the same period last year.

#### Impairment on loans and advances ISK 359 million

The impairment on loans and advances in the first nine months of the year amounted to ISK 359 million compared with ISK 329 million in the same period 2006.

## The balance sheet

#### Total assets ISK 219.2 billion

Total assets amounted to ISK 219,188 million at the end of September compared with ISK 184,501 million at the end of year in 2006 and have increased by 18.8% during the year.

#### Loans to credit institutions ISK 5.3 billion

Loans to credit institutions totalled ISK 5,349 million at the end of september 2007 compared with ISK 7,222 million at the end of the year 2006.

#### Loans to customers ISK 148.6 billion

Loans to customers amounted to ISK 148,583 at the end of September compared with ISK 128,296 million at year end 2006 and have increased by 15.8%. As before loans to individuals amount to 60% of total loans to customers. Allowances for losses on loans to customers was ISK 1,394 million which is 0.9% of loans to customers at the end of September 2007 and is unchanged from year end 2006. Allowances for losses on loans to customers has seen little changes in recent years but at the same time loans to customers have increased by 300% from year end 2003.

#### Trading assets ISK 29.3 billion

Trading assets amounted to ISK 29,276 million at the end of September 2007 and increased by 44.1% from year end 2006. Financial assets designated at fair value amounted to ISK 15,131 million at the end of September 2007 and have decreased by 9.7% from year end 2006. Investments in associates amounted to ISK 11,896 million at the end of September 2007 compared with ISK 4,580 million at year end 2006. During the year SPRON sold a part of its shares in Exista to Kista Investments which explains the decrease in financial assets designated at fair value and the increase in investments in associates.



# Deposits from credit institutions and the Central bank of Iceland ISK 5.7 billion

Deposits from credit institutions and the Central bank of Iceland amounted to ISK 5,688 million at the end of September 2007 in comparison with ISK 11,524 at year end 2006.

#### Deposits from customers ISK 74.6 billion

Deposits from customers ISK 74,625 million at the end of September 2007 and have increased by 31.9% from year end 2006.

#### Customer deposits represent 50% of loans to customers

Deposits from customers represent 50.2% of loans to customers compared with 44.1% at year end 2006. SPRON's funding position is strong and doesn't require refinancing of larger loans in the next 2 years.

#### Borrowings ISK 88.6 billion

Borrowings amounted to ISK 88,553 million at the end of september 2007 compared with ISK 69,642 million at year end 2006.

#### Subordinated loans ISK 5.5 billion

Subordinated loans amounted to ISK 5,476 million at the end of September 2007 compared with ISK 5,216 million at year end 2006.

#### Capital adequacy ratio 11.6%

SPRON's equity amounted to ISK 35,105 million at the end of September 2007 in comparison with ISK 34,775 million at year end 2006. During the period dividends were paid out amounting to ISK 8,949 million. SPRON's capital adequacy ratio was 11.6% at the end of the period.

## **Core operations**

#### Profit from core operations ISK 3.7 billion

Profit from core operations in the first nine months of 2007 amounted to ISK 3,672 million compared with ISK 2,366 million in the whole year of 2006.

	9M 2007	2006	2005	2004
Profit before income tax	11,118	10,879	4,956	1,984
Trading gains deducted	-12,295	-11,522	-4,963	-1,981
Adjusted net interest income	4,429	2,584	899	224
Cost adjustments	420	426	307	255
Core operations before tax	3,672	2,366	1,198	482
Pre-tax ROE of core operations	16.4%	15.4%	18.1%	9.2%

In calculating SPRON's profit from core operations, trading gains on equities of all types, as well as other trading gains, are deducted. The net interest income is increased accordingly to reflect the cost of the Group of financing tied up in bond and equity positions.



## Prospects

SPRON's operations have exceeded expectations during the year. Turbulence in international markets have had an effect, particularly investments in stocks. Return on equity was 41.6% which far exceeds SPRON's goal of 15% on an annualised basis.

SPRON sold 20.6% in Icebank in October and after the sale SPRON's holding in Icebank amounts to 4%. With the sale SPRON's indirect share in Exista decreases by 0.5% and after the sale SPRON direct and indirect shares in Exista is 7.44%. The net effects of the sale on SPRON's operations amount to ISK 3.3 billion. The sale is contingent on the approval of lenders (change of control) and the Financial Supervisory Authority in Iceland.

Turbulence in international markets has continued but at the same time SPRON's core operations have strengthened. The prospects for the year in whole are good and management expects that results will be strong. In should however be borne in mind that the operations of a bank such as SPRON are subject to uncertain factors, such as developments of the financial market and other factors which are beyond SPRON's control.

#### Five year overview

Key ratios	2007 9M	2006 9M	2006	2005	2004	2003
Cost / Income ratio	25.0%	17.9%	26.4%	36.7%	50.3%	55.3%
Net interest margin	1.2%	2.1%	1.6%	2.4%	3.8%	3.8%
ROE	41.6%	87.1%	58.7%	61.5%	36.0%	21.0%
Impairment on loans as a $\%$ of loans and guarantees	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	0.4%	0.9%	1.8%
	30/09/07	30/09/06	2006	2005	2004	2003
Capital adequacy ratio	11.6%	14.2%	20.2%	13.6%	10.4%	12.8%
Thereof Tier I ratio	27.4%	27.8%	31.1%	19.6%	12.3%	10.0%
Provisions as a % of loans and guarantees	0.9%	1.0%	0.9%	1.2%	2.0%	2.8%
Full time equivalent positions at period-end	265	226	245	206	184	183
Deposits as a % of loans to customers	50.2%	51.8%	44.1%	46.3%	72.1%	80.4%



# Five year overview - continued

Million ISK	2007 9M	2006	2005	2004	2003
Income					
Interest income	15,217	14,537	7,884	5,547	4,950
Interest expense	-13,371	-12,123	-5,659	-3,272	-2,964
Net interest income	1,846	2,415	2,225	2,275	1,986
Fee and commission income	1,339	1,307	881	859	820
Fee and commission expense	-437	-331	-297	-243	-214
Net fee and commission income	902	975	584	616	606
Net gains on fin. assets and fin. Liabilities	10,143	10,115	4,366	1,757	1,114
Share of profit of associates	2,152	1,407	597	224	62
Other operating income	255	284	576	135	38
Operating income	12,550	11,806	5,538	2,116	1,214
Net Operating income	15,298	15,196	8,347	5,007	3,806
Expenses					
Salaries and related expenses	-1,810	-1,926	-1,551	-1,299	-1,072
Administrative expenses	-1,892	-1,974	-1,433	-1,208	-1,007
Depreciation	-118	-109	-81	-45	-48
Operating cost	-3,821	-4,009	-3,065	-2,553	-2,127
Impairment losses on loans and advances	-359	-308	-327	-470	-668
Amortization of goodwill	0	0	0	0	-165
Profit (Loss) before income tax	11,118	10,879	4,956	1,984	846
Income tax	-1,839	-1,869	-863	-355	-42
Net profit (loss)	9,279	9,010	4,092	1,629	804

Assets	30/9/2007	31/12/2006	31/12/2005	31/12/2004	31/12/2003
Cash and cash balances with the Central Bank	3,611	2,432	2,068	1,540	416
Loans to credit institutions	5,349	7,223	6,294	5,427	3,283
Loans to customers	148,583	128,296	84,950	49,278	37,199
Trading financial assets	29,276	20,313	8,367	5,953	6,382
Financ. assets design. at fair value thr. profit/loss	15,131	16,749	7,991	3,290	1,438
Investment in associates	11,896	4,580	1,647	1,028	804
Intangible assets	1,775	1,675	1,619	1,536	1,505
Property and equipment	1,496	992	1,016	176	211
Non-current assets and disp. groups held for sale	434	105	103	126	343
Other assets	1,637	2,136	874	400	321
Total Assets	219,188	184,501	114,929	68,754	51,902
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Deposits from credit inst. and the Central Bank	5,688	11,524	11,210	7,211	1,050
Other deposits	74,625	56,592	39,340	35,523	30,180
Trading financial liabilities	506	361	120	111	0
Borrowings	88,553	69,642	44,445	16,425	13,117
Subordinated loans	5,476	5,216	3,918	1,924	1,849
Post-employment obligations	727	646	559	509	356
Tax liabilities	4,906	3,013	1,249	469	160
Other liabilities	3,601	2,731	1,070	763	565
Total Liabilities	184.082	149,726	101.912	62,935	47,277
Total Elabilities	104,002	145,720	101,512	02,555	47,277
Primary Capital		19,454	3,961	604	539
Retained earnings		15,292	9,055	5,214	4,059
Share capital	5,000				
Reserves	1,250				
Retained earnings	28,826				
Total Shareh. Equity/Total Prim.Cap. and Ret.Earn.	35,076	34,746	13,016	5,818	4,598
Minority interest	30	29	1	1	27
Total Equity	35,105	34,775	13,017	5,819	4,625
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Total Liabilities and Equity	219,188	184,501	114,929	68,754	51,902



#### Auditors' review

The Interim Consolidated Financial Statements have been reviewed by SPRON's auditors.

#### Presentation to shareholders and market participants

A presentation for shareholders and market participants will be held on Thursday 8 November at 8:30 a.m. at the Grand Hotel in Reykjavik. Gudmundur Hauksson CEO will present the bank's results and answer questions. Information regarding the presentation will be made available after the meeting on SPRON's website <u>www.spron.is</u> and the OMX Nordic Exchange's website, <u>www.omxgroup.com</u>.

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#### Publication of Q4 results and the annual financial statement for 2007

The publication of the Q4 results and the annual financial statement is scheduled on 6 February 2008.