



Interim report - first quarter 2007

The first quarter - highlights

- The profit for the first quarter was USD 136 million and is the best interim result in the Company's history. The profit includes profits from the sale of 3 vessels of USD 68 million and a fair value adjustment of certain hedging instruments of USD -6 million. In the same period last year, profits from the sale of vessels amounted to USD 25 million and fair value adjustments to an income of USD 3 million.
- The net profit of - translated - DKK 759 million corresponds to an earning of DKK 18 per share (DKK 8 in the same period last year).
- EBITDA for the first quarter was USD 88 million - an increase of 152% compared to the same period last year. To this date, the highest operating earnings achieved within a quarter.
- The EBITDA for the Dry Cargo Department as well as the Tanker Department has increased compared to the first quarter last year. For the first quarter, the EBITDA for the Dry Cargo Department increased by 213% to USD 72 million, while the EBITDA for the Tanker Department increased by 44% to USD 19 million - which can be ascribed to a stronger dry cargo market, higher realised T/C equivalents for tankers, and more ship days within both segments.
- In the first quarter, the Company's operations generated a positive cash flow of USD 63 million.
- The active fleet has been expanded from 153 vessels to 167 during the quarter. At the same time, the number of vessels for delivery has been increased from 67 to 84 vessels, amongst other means, by contracting 11 newbuildings.
- As at 31 March, the Company's 14 owned vessels and 25 owned newbuildings are estimated to have an added value of USD 523 million, compared to the book value of the vessels and the newbuilding price estimates, resulting in a Net Asset Value per share (excluding value of purchase options for vessels) of DKK 177, against DKK 132 at the same time last year.
- At the end of the first quarter and according to a theoretical valuation, the Company's 74 charter parties with purchase option had a value of USD 1,502 million, corresponding to DKK 194 per share. The total theoretical Net Asset Value was thus DKK 371. The calculation of theoretical value is subject to significant uncertainty, however.
- For 2007, NORDEN revises upward the expected annual result to be in the range of USD 430-460 million, including realised profits from the sale of vessels of USD 120 million and a fair value adjustment of certain hedging instruments of USD 2 million. The upward adjustment of USD 30 million is primarily due to a stronger dry cargo market.

Mogens C. Hugo
Chairman of the Board

Carsten Mortensen
President

Today at 15.00 hours (CET), NORDEN will hold a telephone conference where CEO Carsten Mortensen and Vice President Martin Badsted will comment on the first quarter and the expectations for the whole year. By 14.55 hours (CET) at the latest, Danish participants should dial +45 7026 5040 while participants from abroad should dial +44 208 817 9103. The telephone conference can also be followed live at www.ds-norden.com where the accompanying presentation also is available.

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Key figures and ratios for the Group

The interim report is prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and additional Danish disclosure requirements for interim reports of listed companies. The accounting policies are the same as applied to the annual report for 2006.

KEY FIGURES ARE IN USD'000	2007	2006	Change	2006
	1/1-31/3	1/1-31/3	first quarter 2006-2007	1/1-31/12
INCOME STATEMENT				
Freight income (revenue)	476,243	254,856	87%	1,234,197
Costs	-388,629	-220,123	77%	-1,068,132
Profit before depreciation, etc. (EBITDA)	87,614	34,733	152%	166,065
Profits from the sale of vessels, etc.	68,164	25,146	171%	55,409
Depreciation	-5,153	-4,419	17%	-20,318
Share of results of joint ventures	479	564	-15%	1,379
Profit from operations (EBIT)	151,104	56,024	170%	202,535
Fair value adjustment of certain hedging instruments	-6,098	3,281	-286%	-26,986
Net financials	2,932	2,522	16%	12,425
Profit before tax	147,938	61,827	139%	187,974
Profit for the period	135,634	54,728	148%	176,506
Profit for the period for the NORDEN shareholders	135,604	54,704	148%	176,394
BALANCE SHEET				
Non-current assets	472,767	351,584	34%	482,756
Total assets	1,021,716	796,002	28%	960,551
Equity (including minority interests)	849,276	663,039	28%	713,538
Non-current liabilities	108,146	82,347	31%	131,573
Current liabilities	64,294	50,616	27%	115,440
Invested capital	544,867	408,793	33%	556,567
Net interest-bearing debt	-304,409	-254,246	20%	-156,971
CASH FLOWS				
From operating activities	63,367	33,821	87%	123,143
From investing activities, including vessels	75,226	25,807	191%	-84,263
From financing activities	-50,632	-34,548	47%	-36,266
Change in cash and cash equivalents for the period	87,961	25,080	251%	2,614
FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING RATIOS				
Number of shares of DKK 1 each (excluding treasury shares)	43,350,600	43,334,120	0%	43,337,240
Earnings per share (EPS) (DKK)	3.1 (18)	1.3 (8)	138%	4.1 (24)
Diluted earnings per share (diluted EPS) (DKK)	3.1 (18)	1.3 (8)	138%	4.1 (24)
Intrinsic value per share (excluding treasury shares) (DKK ¹⁾)	20 (109)	15 (94)	33%	16 (93)
Equity ratio	82.9%	83.0%	0%	74.0%
Share price at period-end, DKK	273	135	102%	240
Price/intrinsic value	2.50	1.44	74%	2.58
Net Asset Value per share excl. purchase options for vessels (DKK ¹⁾)	31.6 (177)	21.4 (132)	48%	26.6 (151)
Theoretical Net Asset Value per share ²⁾ (DKK ¹⁾)	66.3 (371)	31.8 (196)	108%	53.9 (305)
USD rate at period-end	559.45	616.52	-9%	566.14
Average USD rate	568.70	620.70	-8%	594.70

¹⁾ Translated to the USD/DKK rate at period-end.

²⁾ Please note that the calculation of theoretical value is subject to significant uncertainty. See the section "Fleet development and value" for further information with regard to calculation model and assumptions.

The key figures and ratios are calculated in accordance with guidelines issued by the Danish Association of Financial Analysts 2005 (Anbefalinger og Nøgletal 2005). The key figures have been adjusted to reflect the reduction of the denomination of the Company's shares from DKK 20 to DKK 1.



Comments on the development of the period for the Group

Activity and earnings

In the first quarter, the Company's freight income was USD 476 million, an 87% increase compared to the same period last year. The increase can primarily be attributed to higher freight rates in the dry cargo segment as well as an increased number of ship days in both segments.

The number of ship days in the first quarter amounted to 13,959, an increase of 39% compared to last year.

The profit before depreciation and profit from sales (EBITDA) was USD 88 million (2006: USD 35 million), corresponding to an increase of 152%. The EBITDA margin thus increased from 13.6% to 18.4%.

In the first quarter, the profit from operations (EBIT) was USD 151 million (USD 56 million), including profits from the sale of vessels amounting to USD 68 million (USD 25 million).

NORDEUROPA, declared sold in stock exchange announcement on 5 February 2007 with expected delivery during the first quarter, was delivered to the new owner on 3 April and is thus not recognised until the interim report for the second quarter.

In the first quarter, fair value adjustment of certain hedging instruments amounted to net USD -6 million (USD 3 million), of which USD 5 million related to bunker hedging contracts and USD -11 million related to Forward Freight Agreements (FFA).

In the first quarter, financial items contributed net USD 3 million (USD 3 million). Compared to last year, the interest income has increased due to higher liquidity, however, at the same time the interest costs have increased due to financing of new vessels.

The Company's interest rate risk with regard to the non-current debt has been hedged for a period of 2.9 years at an interest rate of 4.5%, including lenders margin.

For the first quarter, the profit was USD 136 million (USD 55 million). The result yields a rate of return on equity of 70% (p.a.).

After the end of the period, NORDEN has sold 3 vessels with a total gain on EBIT level of USD 41 million, of which USD 25 million will have effect for the second quarter of 2007 and the rest for 2009.

Cash flows

The Company's available funds increased by USD 88 million. During the period, the Company's operations generated a positive cash flow of USD 63 million, whereas investing and financing activities were USD 75 million and USD -50 million, respectively.

The investing activity mainly relates to investments in vessels and newbuildings of USD -53 million and proceeds from the sale of vessels of USD 130 million. The financing activity primarily relates to repayment of loans.

Equity

The Company's equity amounted to USD 849 million at the end of the quarter and has, in the first quarter, thus been increased by USD 136 million or 19%.

The change in equity since the beginning of the year is primarily due to the profit of the period of USD 136 million.

Net liabilities

The Company's total net liabilities were USD 1,053 million at the end of the quarter. Net liabilities are defined as the present value of future payments in respect of, among other things, timecharters excluding daily operating costs, lenders and shipyards, less expected known freight payments received excluding daily operating costs and cash and cash equivalents.

Net present values

At period-end, USD million	Q1 2007	Q1 2006
Future payments	-2,449	-1,377
Expected known payments received including cash and cash equivalents	1,396	805
Net liabilities	-1,053	-572

Equity development 1 January - 31 March

USD'000	2007	2006
Equity at 1 January	713,538	611,203
Value adjustments, hedging instruments	-82	415
Profit for the period	135,634	54,728
Acquisition/sale of treasury shares	0	-3,338
Share-based incentive programme	186	31
Equity at period-end	849,276	663,039





Fleet development and values

The Company has continued the expansion of its fleet during the quarter. The gross fleet, consisting of the active fleet as well as vessels for delivery, amounted to 251 units at the end of the quarter against 220 units at the end of 2006. The core fleet of owned vessels and vessels chartered for more than three years expanded by 16 units to 146 vessels.

During the quarter, the Company's active dry cargo fleet expanded by 16 units to 149 units. Since the first quarter last year, the active fleet has increased by close to 50%. The number of vessels for delivery increased by 17 units during the first quarter. Besides 6 new long-term charters with purchase option, the quarter was a very active period with regard to signing new contracts, and the number of owned newbuildings for delivery is now 22 units.

At the end of the quarter, the Company's active tanker fleet amounted to 18 units against 20 units at the end of 2006. The reduction is due to the sale of one Aframax crude oil tanker and another unit being returned. After the end of the quarter, the last of the Company's owned Aframax tankers has likewise been sold, and the strategy to reduce the funds tied up in the segment has thus been accomplished.

Norient Product Pool had 3 newbuildings delivered during the quarter, and hence the pool operated a total of 37 units at the end of the first quarter. The total order book of the two pool partners amounted to 31 units at the end of the quarter, 8 of which are expected to be delivered during the remainder of 2007.

As at 31 March, the Company's 14 owned vessels and the contracts for 25 newbuildings are estimated to have an added

value of USD 523 million compared to book value of the vessels and newbuilding prices. This corresponds to USD 12 (DKK 68) per share, excluding the Company's stock of treasury shares. Net Asset Value per share is hereafter totally USD 31.6 (DKK 177) per share against USD 21.4 (DKK 132) the previous year.

Furthermore, the Company's long-term chartered vessels with extension and purchase options are estimated to have a theoretical value of USD 1,502 million before tax. This gives a total theoretical Net Asset Value of DKK 371 per share (DKK 196). Of the total value, USD 905 million is assessed to relate to the fixed charter period, while the remaining USD 597 million relates to the extension and purchase options.

The valuation is based on a Black 76 model, according to which current forward rates and possible alternative developments in freight rates and the prices of vessels are simulated under assumptions of volatility, correlation between freight rates and the prices of vessels and normalised rates and prices around historical levels. This significant input is based on analyses of historical data for each segment. Furthermore, assumptions have been made in respect of interest rates, exchange rates and daily operating costs. Based on these assumptions, the utilisation of extension and purchase options is optimised for each vessel in each scenario.

The valuation does not include the value of the current hedging of charter parties. Purchase options denominated in JPY are translated at the forward USD/JPY rate.

The calculation of theoretical value is subject to significant uncertainty, however.

NORDEN's fleet At 31 March 2007

Vessel type Size	Dry Cargo Department					Total	Tanker Department			Total	Total	
	Capesize >150,000	Post-Panamax 90-120,000	Panamax 60-90,000	Handymax 40-60,000	Handysize 10-40,000		Aframax 100-120,000	Product tankers				Total
								MR 42-60,000	Handysize 27-42,000			
Vessels in operation												
Owned vessels	2	-	2	4	-	8	1	1	4	6	14	
Chartered vessels (with purchase option)	2	-	9	15	-	26	-	2	-	2	28	
Chartered for at least three years	-	-	3	7	1	11	-	3	6	9	20	
Total active core fleet	4	0	14	26	1	45	1	6	10	17	62	
Other chartered vessels	2	-	53	42	7	104	1	-	-	1	105	
Total active fleet	6	0	67	68	8	149	2	6	10	18	167	
Vessels to be delivered to core fleet												
Newbuildings (owned)	-	4	-	10*	8**	22	-	-	3	3	25	
Chartered vessels (with purchase option)	1	4	10	15	6	36	-	10	-	10	46	
Chartered for at least three years	-	-	1	3	4	8	-	-	5	5	13	
Total for delivery to core fleet	1	8	11	28	18	66	0	10	8	18	84	
Total gross fleet	7	8	78	96	26	215	2	16	18	36	251	

* Of which 4 units are 50%-owned and 2 sold, of this 1 unit 50%-owned.

** Of which 2 units are 50%-owned.



The share

At the Company's annual general meeting on 25 April, the proposal to reduce the denomination of the Company's shares from DKK 20 to DKK 1 was adopted. The Company's total share capital hereafter consists of 46,075,000 shares of DKK 1 per share.

The share price has increased by 14% from 1 January to the end of the first quarter when the price was DKK 273 per share with nominal denomination DKK 1.

Yesterday (23 May) at the extraordinary general assembly, the Board of Directors had proposed that the Company's share capital be reduced by nominally DKK 1,475,000 through cancellation of 1,475,000 treasury shares and that the Articles of Association be amended according to this.

The proposal was adopted. However, sufficient capital was not represented at the general meeting in order to carry the proposal through, and an extraordinary general meeting will therefore be convened for final adoption.

Activity with regard to the core fleet

As at 31 March 2007

Contract-ed during	Vessel type	Delivery	Owner-ship share
<i>Newbuildings</i>			
Q1	Post-Panamax	Q4 2009	100%
Q1	Post-Panamax	Q1 2010	100%
Q1	Post-Panamax	Q2 2010	100%
Q1	Post-Panamax	Q3 2010	100%
Q1	Handymax	Q3 2009	100%
Q1	Handymax	Q2 2011	100%
Q1	Handymax	Q3 2011	50%
Q1	Handysize	Q2 2009	100%
Q1	Handysize	Q2 2009	100%
Q1	Handysize	Q1 2010	100%
Q1	Handysize	Q3 2010	100%
<i>Long-term charters with purchase option</i>			
Q1	Post-Panamax	Q4 2010	100%
Q1	Post-Panamax	Q1 2011	100%
Q1	Handysize	Q4 2008	100%
Q1	Handysize	Q4 2010	100%
Q1	Handysize	Q2 2011	100%
Q1	Handysize	Q2 2011	100%
<i>Long-term charters without purchase option</i>			
Q1	Handymax	Q4 2007	50%
Q1	Handymax	Q1 2008	100%
Q1	Handysize	Q1 2009	50%
<i>Sale (agreed upon or recognised during the period)</i>			
Q3 2006	Handymax	Q1 2007	100%
Q1 2007	Handymax	Q1 2007	100%
Q1 2007	Handymax N/B	Q4 2007	50%
Q1 2007	Handymax N/B	Q1 2008	100%
Q1 2007	Aframax	Q1 2007	100%
Q1 2007	Handysize tanker	Q2 2007	100%

Fleet values (before tax)

At 31 March 2007

Owned (active and newbuildings)			Calculated value of charter parties with purchase option						
USD million			USD million			Assumed volatility			
Number	Carrying amount/cost	Market value*	Number	Charter party	Purchase option	Total	Freight rates (based on 1-year T/C)	Tonnage values (based on 5-year secondhand prices)	
Dry cargo									
Capesize	2	68	168	3	185	66	251	31%	17%
Post-Panamax	4	223	219	4	28	37	65	33%	18%
Panamax	2	45	104	19	295	188	483	33%	18%
Handymax	14	351	512	30	384	233	617	20%	15%
Handysize	8	176	208	6	-20	2	-18	20%	15%
Tanker									
Aframax	1	27	58	0	-	-	-	-	-
MR	1	27	38	12	33	71	104	16%	15%
Handysize	7	193	326	0	-	-	-	15%	14%
Total	39	1,110	1,633	74	905	597	1,502	-	-

* Including charter party, if any.

The determination of the theoretical value of the charter parties including purchase option is subject to considerable uncertainty, the value being dependent on the future development in freight rates and tonnage values as well as deviations in other assumptions.



Segment information

USD'000	First quarter 2007				First quarter 2006			
	Dry cargo	Tankers	Not allocated	Total	Dry cargo	Tankers	Not allocated	Total
Freight income	427,164	49,079	0	476,243	225,285	29,571	0	254,856
Costs	-355,182	-30,251	-3,196	-388,629	-202,300	-16,509	-1,314	-220,123
Profit before depreciation, etc. (EBITDA)	71,982	18,828	-3,196	87,614	22,985	13,062	-1,314	34,733
Profits from sale of vessels, etc.	38,176	29,988	0	68,164	25,150	0	-4	25,146
Depreciation	-3,188	-1,636	-329	-5,153	-2,347	-1,687	-385	-4,419
Share of results of joint ventures	-23	502	0	479	-8	572	0	564
Profit from operations (EBIT)	106,947	47,682	-3,525	151,104	45,780	11,947	-1,703	56,024
Fair value adjustment of certain hedging instruments	-6,098	0	0	-6,098	3,281	0	0	3,281
Net financials	-	-	2,932	2,932	-	-	2,522	2,522
Profit before tax	100,849	47,682	-593	147,938	49,061	11,947	819	61,827
Profit for the period	100,849	47,682	-12,897	135,634	49,061	11,947	-6,280	54,728



Dry cargo

Market trends

The favourable development of the dry cargo market, which started in the middle of 2006, continued throughout the first quarter. At the end of the quarter, the freight market was 23% up on the beginning of the quarter measured by the Baltic Dry Index (BDI). Compared to the same period last year, the BDI had on average increased by 91%. The spot as well as the period markets experienced significant increases. Since the end of the quarter, the BDI has increased by 18% and reached the - so far - highest level ever of 6688 by mid-May.

The strong market is basically driven by a fundamentally strong growth in the demand for raw materials all over the world. The demand is broadly grounded and comprises iron ore, coal, steel as well as other materials of less volume. Furthermore, the continual bottleneck problems, especially around the Australian coaling ports, have delayed tonnage and thus virtually being withdrawing capacity from the market. Of the global Capesize and Panamax fleet, 7% is estimated to be affected by these bottleneck problems, against normally 3-4%.

According to R.S. Platou, the tonnage supply increased by 7.1% compared to the same period last year while the demand increased by no less than 13.1% measured by ton-mile. The growth in demand consists of 6-7% organic growth while the remaining growth is attributed to increased transport distances and bottlenecks. In addition, the scrapping potential is constantly increasing as only 0.1 million dwt was scrapped during the quarter.

Prices of newbuildings as well as secondhand tonnage also increased within all segments due to strong expectations for the future. During the quarter, the prices for Handymax newbuildings and secondhand tonnage increased by 8% and 22%, respectively (source: Clarksons).

For 2007, the expectations of the market with regard to the dry cargo rates are at a very high level. By mid-May,

the Handymax forward rate for all of 2007 was thus at approximately USD 38,500 per day. To this date, this level is the highest ever.

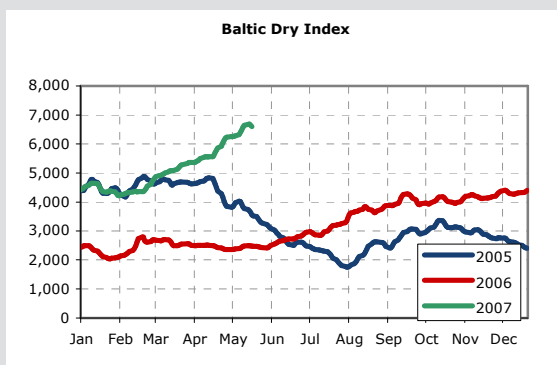
Financial highlights

The Dry Cargo Department's EBITDA was USD 72 million (USD 23 million), which is three times as high as in the same period last year. This is the result of higher rates as well as an increased number of ship days. The EBITDA margin increased from 10.2% to 16.9%.

During the first quarter, NORDEN sold the same number of dry cargo vessels as in the same period last year, but the realised profits from sale increased by 52% to a total of USD 38 million (USD 25 million). The total profit from operations (EBIT) was USD 107 million (USD 46 million).

Measured by the number of ship days, the fleet capacity increased by 39% compared to the same period last year. Primarily, the increase has taken place in the Panamax segment and because the Company started to operate in the Handysize segment in the second half-year of 2006.

In the Company's largest segments, Handymax and Panamax, the realised T/C equivalents were up on the first quarter of 2006 by 56% and 60%, respectively. Due to the Company's strategy to continuously cover the capacity as part of the risk management, the Company will typically experience lower rates than the spot market in periods with heavily increasing spot rates. Therefore the realised T/C equivalents were 16% below the average of the spot market for above-mentioned segments in the first quarter. Conversely, NORDEN will typically experience higher daily earnings than the spot market during periods with significantly declining spot rates.



Employment and rates, dry cargo

	Number of ship days in NORDEN		T/C equivalent NORDEN	Spot T/C avg. market	NORDEN T/C vs. spot
	Incl. single voyages	Excl. single voyages			
First quarter 2007					
Capesize	490	490	43,115	75,768	-43%
Panamax	4,937	4,833	30,750	36,446	-16%
Handymax	5,920	5,341	26,600	31,618	-16%
Handysize	929	929	22,455	22,315	1%
Total	12,276	11,593			
First quarter 2006					
Capesize	373	373	38,659	34,531	12%
Panamax	2,749	2,195	19,243	17,007	13%
Handymax	5,693	4,848	17,065	16,478	4%
Handysize	0	0	-	-	-
Total	8,815	7,416			
First quarter 2007 vs. first quarter 2006					
Capesize	31%	31%	12%	119%	
Panamax	80%	120%	60%	114%	
Handymax	4%	10%	56%	92%	
Handysize	-	-	-	-	
Total	39%	56%			



Business development

Since the end of 2006, the Company has doubled the number of owned newbuildings for delivery, so the number is presently 22. Besides an increase in the number of Handysize and Handymax units for delivery, NORDEN also contracted its very first owned Post-Panamax vessels. The Company's involvement within this new segment has had the effect that 8 Post-Panamax units were for delivery at the end of the quarter, 4 of which were owned newbuildings. These will enter the core fleet in 2009-2012. By means of these activities, NORDEN expects to achieve a considerable share of the Post-Panamax segment.

NORDEN is also in the process of establishing capacity within the Handysize segment in order to reach critical mass, which the Company already has achieved within the Handymax as well as the Panamax segments.

At the end of the quarter, the department had covered 87% (2006: 73%) of the total known capacity for 2007 measured by ship days. At this point, the coverage for 2008 was 29%.





Tankers

Market trends

At the end of the quarter, the market for product tankers was 15% down on the end of 2006 measured by the Baltic Clean Tanker Index (BCTI). The BCTI was on average also 15% down on the same period last year. In spite of the lower rate level, the earnings were considerably above the same period in 2006, especially in the Company's Handysize segment due to geographical positioning of the tonnage. The period rates were all in all stable throughout the quarter while they have been slightly increasing after the end of the quarter.

The trend of the period markets indicates a general expectation that the rates in the long term will remain attractive. This is furthermore substantiated by the fact that the prices for secondhand tonnage as well as newbuildings have been at a stable high level during the past year.

The quarter was characterised by the demand of refined products in the USA being higher than it was in the same period last year in spite of a relatively mild winter. Prolonged maintenance work and breakdowns at American refineries have had the effect that the American gasoline stocks are below the average for the past five years, and the tendency shows a continued decline after the end of the quarter. Seeing into the future, the oil product demand is expected to be strengthened when the American driving season starts.

In spite of the full order book, the growth of the world fleet with regard to NORDEN's segments was limited to 1.5% during the quarter. However, scrapping of old, single-hulled tonnage has begun to a considerable degree. Hence, 75% of the volume scrapped in all of 2006 was scrapped during the first quarter of 2007. Almost 1% of the combined Handysize, MR and Aframax world fleet was scrapped.

Financial highlights

The Tanker Department's EBITDA increased to USD 19 million (USD 13 million), corresponding to an EBITDA margin of 38.4%. This is primarily due to an increased number of ship days and higher realised T/C equivalents in Handysize product tankers and increased spot operator activity within the Aframax segment. In the first quarter, NORDEN sold 1 Aframax crude oil tanker as part of the strategy to reduce the capital tied up in the segment for the sake of pure operator activity. The realised profit from the sale amounted to a total of USD 30 million (USD 0 million). The total profit from operations (EBIT) was thus USD 48 million (USD 12 million).

The fleet capacity measured by the number of ship days increased by 37% compared to the same period last year. The increase happened solely within the product tanker segments in which the activity was increased by 46% compared to the same period last year.

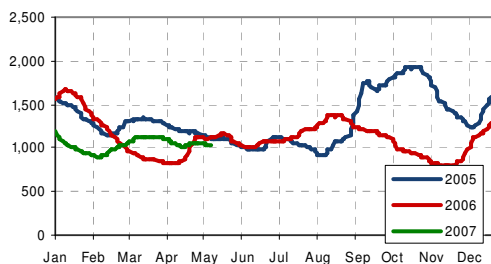
In spite of the Company's strategy to continuously cover 1/3 of the capacity, the Company achieved higher T/C equivalents than the market in the first quarter of 2007. Therefore the realised T/C equivalents for the three segments were 15-21% above the average for the market in the first quarter.

Business development

As to the product tankers, the MR capacity, which had been increased compared to the same period last year, was mainly employed in the period market, while the increased Handysize capacity primarily was employed in the spot market.

At the end of the quarter, the department had covered 39% (2006: 55%) of the total known capacity for 2007 measured by ship days. At this point, the coverage for 2008 was 26%.

Baltic Clean Tanker Index



Employment and rates, tanker

	Number of ship days in NORDEN		T/C equivalent NORDEN	12 months T/C avg. market	NORDEN T/C vs. market
	Total number of ship days	Of which employed in the spot market			
First quarter 2007					
Aframax	277	193	37,246	32,346	15%
Product tanker - MR	540	173	28,870	25,154	15%
Product tanker - Handysize	866	589	27,752	22,971	21%
Total	1,683	954			
First quarter 2006					
Aframax	270	0	20,433	33,846	-40%
Product tanker - MR	376	376	28,501	27,462	4%
Product tanker - Handysize	585	451	23,667	26,308	-10%
Total	1,231	827			
First quarter 2007 vs. first quarter 2006					
Aframax	3%	-	82%	-4%	
Product tanker - MR	44%	-54%	1%	-8%	
Product tanker - Handysize	48%	31%	17%	-13%	
Total	37%	15%			



Expectations

Expectations for the rest of 2007

Dry cargo

The Dry Cargo Department now expects an EBIT in the range of USD 325-345 million, including profits from the sale of vessels of USD 42 million. The previous expectations on 27 March stated an EBIT of USD 280-300 million. The upward adjustment is due to higher earnings in the stronger market.

Tankers

The Tanker Department now expects an EBIT in the range of USD 120-130 million, including profits from the sale of vessels of USD 78 million. On 1 May 2007, the previous expectations were revised upward by USD 25 million to an EBIT of USD 115-125 million due to the sale of vessels. The extra upward adjustment of USD 5 million is due to higher operating profits.

The Group

NORDEN now expects a profit after tax in the range of USD 430-460 million, including profits from the sale of vessels of USD 120 million and a positive fair value adjustment of certain hedging instruments of USD 2 million. All in all, an EBIT of USD 430-460 million is expected.

Originally, NORDEN expected a net profit of USD 380-410 million, however, on 1 May the Company revised upward the expectations to USD 400-430 million after the sale of vessels. The increase by another USD 30 million is due to improved operating earnings within both segments.

For the entire year 2007, the Company expects gross investments in the range of USD 360-380 million against previously USD 280-300 million. The increase is caused by the contracting of more newbuildings than originally expected.

Forward-looking statement

The report includes forward-looking statements reflecting the management's current perception of future trends and financial performance. The statements for 2007 and the years to come naturally carry some uncertainty, and NORDEN's actual results may therefore differ from the expectations. Factors that may cause the results achieved to differ from the expectations are, among other things, but not exclusively so, changes in the macro-economic 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. The interim report is not intended to be a solicitation to purchase or trade in shares in Dampskibsselskabet "NORDEN" A/S.

Expectations for 2007			
USD million	Dry cargo	Tankers	Total
EBITDA	295-315	50-60	340-370
Realised profits from the sale of vessels	42	77	120
EBIT	325-345	120-130	430-460
Fair value adjustment of certain hedging instruments	2	0	2
Profit after tax			430-460

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Dry cargo

	Ship days				NORDEN's avg. T/C equivalents (USD per day)			
	2007 Q2-Q4	2008	2009	2010+	2007 Q2-Q4	2008	2009	2010+
Gross capacity					Costs for gross capacity*			
Capesize	1,515	1,830	1,825	12,550	25,004	16,340	16,340	16,496
Panamax	15,064	7,490	6,249	75,656	26,071	13,698	12,503	15,864
Handymax	12,396	11,838	10,492	108,941	15,524	12,187	11,862	11,543
Handysize	2,366	2,075	2,646	65,836	14,164	11,574	10,854	10,410
Total	31,341	23,233	21,211	262,983	20,949	12,947	12,310	12,739
Coverage					Revenue from coverage			
Capesize	-1,457	-1,295	-939	-215	40,247	42,573	40,476	45,554
Panamax	-13,698	-1,519	-624	-1,006	30,538	25,637	23,257	17,482
Handymax	-11,058	-3,494	-1,021	0	24,552	18,840	15,499	0
Handysize	-1,136	-498	-88	0	19,089	14,404	14,609	0
Total	-27,349	-6,806	-2,672	-1,221	28,159	24,548	26,059	22,425
Net capacity								
Capesize	58	535	886	12,335				
Panamax	1,366	5,971	5,625	74,650				
Handymax	1,338	8,344	9,471	108,941				
Handysize	1,230	1,577	2,558	65,836				
Total	3,993	16,427	18,539	261,762				
Coverage in %								
Capesize	96%	71%	51%	2%				
Panamax	91%	20%	10%	1%				
Handymax	89%	30%	10%	0%				
Handysize	48%	24%	3%	0%				
Total	87%	29%	13%	0%				

*Costs for owned vessels are stated as calculated T/C equivalent.

Tankers

	Ship days				NORDEN's avg. T/C equivalents (USD per day)			
	2007 Q2-Q4	2008	2009	2010+	2007 Q2-Q4	2008	2009	2010+
Gross capacity					Costs for gross capacity*			
Aframax	791	673	365	3,160	24,964	22,329	16,000	16,000
MR	1,898	2,764	1,873	17,729	15,330	15,394	14,704	15,599
Handysize	2,702	4,530	4,711	40,282	14,481	15,595	14,973	11,202
Total	5,391	7,967	6,949	61,171	16,318	16,094	14,954	12,724
Coverage					Revenue from coverage			
Aframax	-38	0	0	0	40,970	0	0	0
MR	-583	-585	-183	-51	22,245	21,507	21,995	21,995
Handysize	-1,485	-1,517	-453	-22	22,147	21,321	21,084	20,722
Total	-2,105	-2,102	-635	-73	22,514	21,373	21,346	21,611
Net capacity								
Aframax	753	673	365	3,160				
MR	1,315	2,179	1,691	17,678				
Handysize	1,218	3,013	4,259	40,260				
Total	3,286	5,865	6,314	61,098				
Coverage in %								
Aframax	5%	0%	0%	0%				
MR	31%	21%	10%	0%				
Handysize	55%	33%	10%	0%				
Total	39%	26%	9%	0%				

*Costs for owned vessels are stated as calculated T/C equivalent.



INTERIM REPORT FIRST QUARTER - THE GROUP

Statement

The Board of Directors and Management today reviewed and approved the interim report for the first quarter of 2007 of Dampskibsselskabet "NORDEN" A/S.

The interim report is prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the general Danish financial requirements. In line with previous policies, the interim report is not audited.

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.

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

Copenhagen, 24 May 2007

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Income statement

USD'000	2007	2006
	1/1-31/3	1/1-31/3
Freight income (revenue)	476,243	254,856
Costs	-388,629	-220,123
Profit before depreciation, etc. (EBITDA)	87,614	34,733
Profits from the sale of vessels, etc.	68,164	25,146
Depreciation	-5,153	-4,419
Share of results of joint ventures	479	564
Profit from operations (EBIT)	151,104	56,024
Fair value adjustment of certain hedging instruments ¹⁾	-6,098	3,281
Net financials	2,932	2,522
Profit before tax	147,938	61,827
Tax on the profit for the period	-12,304	-7,099
Profit for the period	135,634	54,728
Attributable to:		
Shareholders of D/S "NORDEN" A/S	135,604	54,704
Minority interests	30	24
Total	135,634	54,728
Earnings per share, USD	3.1	1.3
Diluted earnings per share, USD	3.1	1.3

¹⁾ Specification of "Fair value adjustment of certain hedging instruments"

Bunker hedging:	
Fair value adjustment for:	
2007	5,287
2008	334
2009	68
	5,689
Realised fair value adjustment reclassified to "Costs"*	-490
Total	5,199
FFA:	
Fair value adjustment for 2007	-11,627
Realised fair value adjustment reclassified to "Freight income"*	330
Total	-11,297
Total	-6,098

*As the hedging instruments are realised, the accumulated fair value adjustments are reclassified to profit from operations in the same item as the hedged transaction. For further information, see the section "Accounting policies" in the annual report for 2006.



Income statement per quarter

USD'000	2007	2006	2006	2006	2006
	1 st quarter	4 th quarter	3 rd quarter	2 nd quarter	1 st quarter
Freight income (revenue)	476,243	394,668	316,828	267,845	254,856
Costs	-388,629	-342,924	-267,687	-237,398	-220,123
Profit before depreciation, etc. (EBITDA)	87,614	51,744	49,141	30,447	34,733
Profits from the sale of vessels, etc.	68,164	16,308	120	13,835	25,146
Depreciation	-5,153	-5,751	-5,255	-4,893	-4,419
Share of results of joint ventures	479	-97	534	378	564
Profit from operations (EBIT)	151,104	62,204	44,540	39,767	56,024
Fair value adjustment of certain hedging instruments ¹⁾	-6,098	3,014	-26,021	-7,260	3,281
Net financials	2,932	3,011	2,054	4,838	2,522
Profit before tax	147,938	68,229	20,573	37,345	61,827
Tax on the profit for the period	-12,304	993	-840	-4,522	-7,099
Profit for the period	135,634	69,222	19,733	32,823	54,728
Attributable to:					
Shareholders of D/S "NORDEN" A/S	135,604	69,192	19,703	32,795	54,704
Minority interests	30	30	30	28	24
Total	135,634	69,222	19,733	32,823	54,728
Earnings per share, USD	3.13	1.60	0.45	0.76	1.26
Diluted earnings per share, USD	3.11	1.60	0.45	0.76	1.26

¹⁾ Please, see previous page.



Balance sheet

USD'000	2007	2006	2006
	31/3	31/3	31/12
ASSETS			
Land and buildings	4,164	4,045	3,975
Vessels	299,716	212,506	329,166
Vessels acquired under finance leases	26,808	26,808	26,808
Prepayments on vessels and newbuildings	114,403	80,650	97,117
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	4,072	4,478	4,177
Investments in joint ventures	19,623	19,247	17,532
Other receivables	3,981	3,850	3,981
Non-current assets	472,767	351,584	482,756
Inventories	11,655	14,939	26,091
Receivables	105,869	66,881	108,689
Receivables from joint ventures	8,556	4,784	7,320
Securities	2,738	2,557	2,738
Cash and bank balances	403,864	337,504	314,943
	532,682	426,665	459,781
Tangible assets held for sale	16,267	17,753	18,014
Current assets	548,949	444,418	477,795
Total assets	1,021,716	796,002	960,551
LIABILITIES			
Share capital	7,321	7,321	7,321
Reserves	1,419	-1,315	1,501
Retained earnings	838,115	654,730	702,325
Equity (NORDEN's shareholders)	846,855	660,736	711,147
Minority interests	2,421	2,303	2,391
Equity	849,276	663,039	713,538
Bank debt	72,582	30,030	84,748
Danmarks Skibskredit A/S	0	22,560	19,177
Lease liabilities	23,483	22,875	23,667
Prepayments received on vessels for resale	12,081	3,850	3,981
Deferred income	0	3,032	0
Non-current liabilities	108,146	82,347	131,573
Provisions for docking costs (bareboat)	23	494	200
Current portion of non-current debt	6,128	10,350	13,118
Bank debt	0	0	20,000
Trade payables	17,558	17,281	40,209
Other payables and accruals	40,585	22,491	41,913
Current liabilities	64,294	50,616	115,440
Total liabilities	172,440	132,963	247,013
Total equity and liabilities	1,021,716	796,002	960,551



Summarised cash flow statement - the Group

USD'000	2007	2006	2006
	1/1-31/3	1/1-31/3	1/1-31/12
Net profit	135,634	54,728	176,506
Reversal of items with no effect on available funds	-50,082	-12,279	-14,879
Cash flows before change in working capital	85,552	42,449	161,627
Change in working capital	-22,185	-8,628	-38,484
Cash flows from operating activities	63,367	33,821	123,143
Change in prepayments on newbuildings	-17,440	-6,285	-136,981
Investments in vessels, etc.	-35,713	-34,184	-95,406
Investments in joint ventures	-1,612	-6,500	-18,553
Liquidation of joint venture	0	0	20,738
Acquisition of securities	0	0	-36
Net proceeds from the sale of vessels, etc.	129,991	72,776	145,975
Cash flows from investing activities	75,226	25,807	-84,263
Bank loans and vessel loans	-50,632	-31,210	41,873
Dividend paid to shareholders	0	0	-74,542
Acquisition of treasury shares	0	-3,790	-4,527
Sale of treasury shares	0	452	930
Cash flows from financing activities	-50,632	-34,548	-36,266
Change in cash and cash equivalents for the period	87,961	25,080	2,614
Cash and cash equivalents at period-begin	314,943	312,384	312,384
Exchange rate adjustments	960	40	-55
Change in cash and cash equivalents for the period	87,961	25,080	2,614
Cash and cash equivalents at period-end	403,864	337,504	314,943



Statement of changes in equity - the Group

USD'000	Share capital	Reserves	Retained earnings	Equity (NORDEN's shareholders)	Minority interests	The Group's equity
Equity at 1 January 2006	7,321	-1,730	603,333	608,924	2,279	611,203
Value adjustment of hedging instruments	0	415	0	415	0	415
Net gains recognised directly in equity	0	415	0	415	0	415
Profit for the period	0	0	54,704	54,704	24	54,728
Total recognised income for the period	0	415	54,704	55,119	24	55,143
Acquisition of treasury shares	0	0	-3,790	-3,790	0	-3,790
Sale of treasury shares	0	0	452	452	0	452
Share-based payment	0	0	31	31	0	31
Total changes in equity	0	415	51,397	51,812	24	51,836
Equity at 31 March 2006	7,321	-1,315	654,730	660,736	2,303	663,039
Equity at 1 January 2007	7,321	1,501	702,325	711,147	2,391	713,538
Value adjustment of hedging instruments	0	-82	0	-82	0	-82
Net gains recognised directly in equity	0	-82	0	-82	0	-82
Profit for the period	0	0	135,604	135,604	30	135,634
Total recognised income for the period	0	-82	135,604	135,522	30	135,552
Share-based payment	0	0	186	186	0	186
Total changes in equity	0	-82	135,790	135,708	30	135,738
Equity at 31 March 2007	7,321	1,419	838,115	846,855	2,421	849,276

**Statement of changes in equity - the Group (continued)**

USD'000	Share capital	Reserves	Retained earnings	Equity (NORDEN's shareholders)	Minority interests	The Group's equity
Equity at 1 January 2006	7,321	-1,730	603,333	608,924	2,279	611,203
Value adjustment of hedging instruments	0	3,086	0	3,086	0	3,086
Fair value adjustment of securities	0	145	0	145	0	145
Net gains recognised directly in equity	0	3,231	0	3,231	0	3,231
Profit for the period	0	0	176,394	176,394	112	176,506
Total recognised income for the period	0	3,231	176,394	179,625	112	179,737
Acquisition of treasury shares	0	0	-4,527	-4,527	0	-4,527
Sale of treasury shares	0	0	930	930	0	930
Distributed dividends	0	0	-78,284	-78,284	0	-78,284
Dividends, treasury shares	0	0	3,742	3,742	0	3,742
Share-based payment	0	0	737	737	0	737
Total changes in equity	0	3,231	98,992	102,223	112	102,335
Equity at 31 December 2006	7,321	1,501	702,325	711,147	2,391	713,538