



Quarterly report
Nr 2 – 2011













# **Highlights**

- Growth in operating revenues 2Q revenues 222.5 MNOK vs 176.3 last year - up 26%.
- The EBITDA in 2Q was 14.0 MNOK compared to -11.9 MNOK last year. EBIT was 6,0 MNOK versus -19.5 in 2Q 2010
- High activity and strong order inflow in Chile
- The order backlog at the end of 2Q was 342 MNOK versus 316 MNOK at the end of 2Q last year
- Continued focus on cost and improving project management. Cost reduction measures implemented in RAS
- Rights issue in place focus on repositioning and long term development of AKVA as leading technology partner

In the comments below on the financial accounts, the 2010 figures are presented in parentheses following the 2011 stated values when included. AKVA group is organized into three business segments; Hardware (HW): Includes cages, barges, feed systems and other technology to operate fish farms, Recirculation (RAS): Includes the delivery of land based farms based on recirculation technology, Software (SW): includes software solutions and professional services related to this.

#### Operations and profit

Operating revenues in 2Q were 222.5 MNOK (176.3) with an EBITDA of 14.0 MNOK (-11.9). EBIT was 6.0 MNOK (-19.5). The improvement is mainly related to higher business volumes compared to last year. In addition, last year was also marked by restructuring provisions of 6.3 MNOK related to cost reduction measures. The cost reduction measures implemented last year have a positive effect in current year's earning.

Net financial costs were in 2Q 2.3 million (1.4), resulting in a profit before tax of 3.7 MNOK (-20.9). Net profit was 2.3 MNOK (-16.3) after allowing for taxes of 1.4 MNOK (-4.6).

YTD operating revenues were 475.8 MNOK (334.3) with an EBITDA of 36.8 MNOK (-11.4). YTD EBIT was 21.0 MNOK (-26.4). Net financial cost in the first half of 2011 was 5.6 MNOK (3.6). The increase is related to higher net interest-bearing debt in 2011 compared to 2010 and lower gain on currency. Profit before tax for the first six months was 15.5 MNOK (-30.0). YTD net profit was 12.4 MNOK (-21.6).

#### Hardware (HW)

HW had revenues in 2Q of 184.3 MNOK (136.8), which is 35% up from last year. There was an increase in all reporting units but the major increase was in the Chilean market. EBITDA was 17.3 MNOK (1.0) resulting in an EBITDA margin of 9.4% (0.7%). EBIT in 2Q was 11.4 MNOK (-3.6) representing an EBIT margin of 6.2%(-2.6).





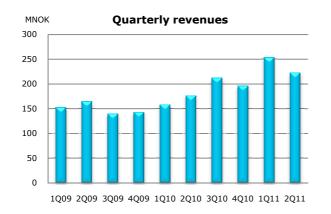


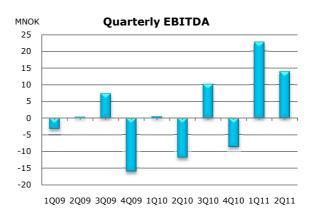


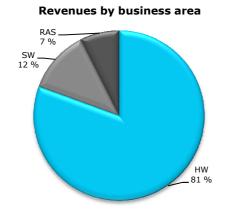


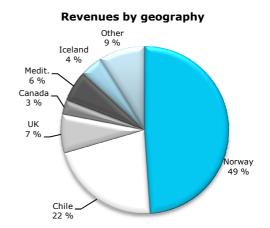
2Q was marked by high delivery activity with growth in all markets over last year. Chile in particular nearly doubled the revenue level from 2Q last year. The sales growth was very much related to high sales of Wavemaster steel cages in Chile and Polarcirkel cages in Norway and UK.

YTD revenues for HW were 383.4 MNOK (254.7) with an EBITDA of 35.7 MNOK (3.6). EBIT was 24.0 MNOK (-5.7) after depreciations of 11.6 MNOK (9.2).









## Software (SW)

Operating revenue for SW in 2Q was 27.1 MNOK (25.6). The increase is mainly related to higher revenues in Norway. The EBITDA was in 2Q 1.4 MNOK (0.5) resulting in an EBITDA margin of 5.2% (1.9%). EBIT was in 2Q -0.3 MNOK (-2.2).

In Norway the market for software and professional services has remained fairly good with healthy earnings. Maritech in Iceland had a relative weak second quarter due to the slow economy caused by the financial crisis. Also the volume in other regions is somewhat low.











YTD operating revenues were 57.3 MNOK (51.6) with an EBITDA of 6.2 MNOK (2.9). EBIT was 2.7 MNOK (2.4) after depreciation of 3.5 MNOK (5.3).

## Recirculation (RAS)

RAS had operating revenues in 2Q of 11.0 MNOK (13.4) with an EBITDA of -4.7 MNOK (-13.4). The 2Q EBIT was -5.1 MNOK (-13.6). Earnings in 2Q were negatively affected by up revision of costs on two older projects and the finalization of those (1.0 MNOK). It was also implemented cost reduction measures to reduce cost base in RAS. The cost of this was 0.3 and expected annual cost saving is about 4 MNOK.

There is a continued focus on operations and project management. With the recent cost reduction measures the financial risk is reduced at the same time as it is a growing interest for recirculation technology for the production of smolt. This is expected to result in higher volume and improved earnings going forward.

YTD operating revenues were 35.2 MNOK (28.0) and YTD EBITDA was -5.1 MNOK (-17.9). The YTD EBIT was -5.7 MNOK (-18.4)

## **Balance sheet and cash flow**

The working capital in the group balance sheet, defined as non-interest bearing current assets less non-interest bearing current liabilities was 120.6 MNOK, up from 101.6 MNOK from the beginning of the year. The increase is related to the higher business volume.

In June, based on the authority from the general assembly, the company did a rights issue where 8,611,434 new shares were offered at a price of 11 NOK per share. The share issue was fully underwritten by the major shareholders and was oversubscribed by 38.2%. The share issue gave a gross proceed of 94.7 MNOK and a net proceed of 88.5 MNOK.

The balance sheet was strengthened through the rights issue. Net interest-bearing debt fell to 85.8 MNOK at the end of 2Q from 164.2 MNOK at the end of 1Q. Gross interest bearing debt was at the end of 2Q 152.6 MNOK versus 192.3 MNOK at the end of 1Q. Cash and unused credit facilities amounted to 131.8 MNOK. Total assets and total equity amounted to 772.5 MNOK and 319.9 MNOK respectively, resulting in an equity ratio of 41.3%.

Investments in 2Q amounted to 8.3 MNOK of which 2.8 MNOK is capitalized R&D expenses in accordance with IFRS. YTD investments were 13.1 MNOK and 5.4 in capitalized R&D expenses.

AKVA group was in compliance with the financial covenants for the credit facilities at the end of 2Q.

#### **Shareholder issues**

Earnings per share for 1H 2011 were 0.72 NOK (-1.25). The calculation is based on 17.222.869 average shares outstanding. Following the rights issue that was done in June, the number of outstanding shares is 25,834,303.



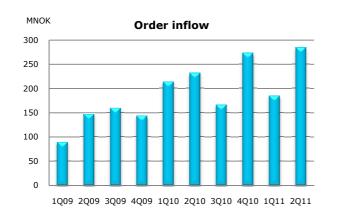


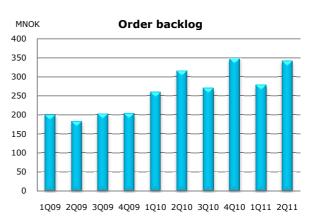






As a result of the rights issue and oversubscription and subsequently purchase of shares, Frode Teigen and related companies Kontrari AS (100% owned by Frode Teigen) and Egersund Group AS (50% owned by Frode Teigen) increased their holding of shares from 31.93% to 40.00%. Prior to the share issue Kontrari AS and Egersund Group did not have any shares in AKVA group. Based on the above and pursuant to Norwegian Securities Trading Act, Frode Teigen has through Kontrari AS made a mandatory offer for all the shares in AKVA group ASA at NOK 11.00 per share in cash. The offer period is from and including 22 July 2011 to and including 17:30 CET on 19 August.





#### Market and future outlook

The salmon prices fell during 2Q, down from very high levels in previous quarters. Still market fundamentals in the salmon market remain fairly good amid higher uncertainty as to the effect on salmon prices from the recovery of the Chilean salmon industry. For AKVA group, the Chilean market in particular has developed very strong during 20 both in terms of revenues and order inflow.

For the group the order backlog at the end of 2Q was 342 MNOK (316). The order inflow in 2Q was 285 MNOK (225).

AKVA group continues its focus on improving operations, project management and cost control. With the share issue in place AKVA group has regained the financial position to play a leading role as technology partner in the aquaculture industry. AKVA group will invest in its own product portfolio to improve customer satisfaction. In general outlook looks relative good and AKVA group is cautious optimist going forward.

Due to seasonal variations, normally the activity level in 3Q is expected to be higher than in 4Q and especially towards the yearend.











### Statement from the Board and Chief Executive Officer

We confirm that, to the best of our knowledge, the condensed set of financial statements for 2Q 2011, which have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Statements gives a true and fair view of the Company's consolidated assets, liabilities, financial position and results of operations, and that the interim management report includes a fair review of the information required under the Norwegian Securities Trading Act section 5-6 fourth paragraph.

> Bryne, 8 August - 2011 Board of Directors, AKVA group ASA

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# Main figures from financial accounts

INCOME STATEMENT	201		2011	2010	2010
(NOK 1000)	2	Q 2Q	YTD	YTD	Tota
OPERATING REVENUES	222 46	176 297	475 839	334 320	742 521
Operating costs ex depreciations	208 479		439 013	345 720	752 436
OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE DEPR.(EBITDA)	13 989	-11 921	36 826	-11 401	-9 915
Depreciation	7 988	7 531	15 781	15 040	31 029
OPERATING PROFIT (EBIT)	6 00	-19 451	21 045	-26 441	-40 944
Net interest expense	-3 118	-2 853	-6 238	-5 212	-11 983
Other financial items	823	1 426	675	1 613	2 037
Net financial items	-2 296	-1 427	-5 563	-3 600	-9 946
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	3 70	-20 878	15 482	-30 041	-50 890
Taxes	1 376		3 073	-8 431	-13 254
NET PROFIT	2 329	-16 290	12 409	-21 610	-37 637
Earnings per share	0,1	4 -0,95	0,72	-1,25	-2,2
Average number of shares outstanding (in 1 000)	17 223		17 223	17 223	17 223
BALANCE SHEET			2011	2010	2010
(NOK 1000)			30.6.	30.6.	31.12
Intangible fixed assets			207 189	213 988	215 946
Fixed assets			41 004	38 252	41 607
Long-term financial assets			37 830	29 513	39 418
FIXED ASSETS			286 023	281 753	296 971
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Stock			181 380	138 263	157 677
Trade receivables			234 050	162 148	177 796
Other receivables			3 371	44 583	19 601
Cash and cash equivalents			66 825	54 436	43 159
CURRENT ASSETS			485 625	399 431	398 234
TOTAL ASSETS			771 648	681 183	695 205
Paid in capital			355 549	267 087	267 087
Retained equity			-36 526	-33 162	-39 526
TOTAL EQUITY			319 023	233 925	227 561
Other long term debt			1 754	4 057	2 418
Long-term interest bearing debt			123 205	148 295	134 463
LONG-TERM DEBT			124 958	152 352	136 882
Short-term interest bearing debt			29 436	62 470	77 268
Other current liabilities			298 231	232 437	253 495
SHORT-TERM DEBT			327 667	294 906	330 762
TOTAL EQUITY AND DEBT			771 648	681 183	695 205
CHANGES IN EQUITY (NOK 1000)	201 2		2011 YTD	2010 YTD	2010 Tota
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Book equity at the beginning of the period	231 348		227 561	256 640	256 640
The period's net profit	2 329		12 409	-21 610	-37 637
Capital increase	94 726	-	94 726	-	-



Share issue costs

Recording of option agreement

Book equity at the end of the period

Translation differences

Gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges (fair value)

Change in pension liability recorded against equity





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CASH FLOW STATEMENT (NOK 1000)	2011 2Q	2010 2Q	2011 YTD	2010 YTD	2010 Total
Net cash flow from operational activities	-817	-16 428	8 825	-4 667	-793
Net cash flow from investment activities	-7 971	-4 706	-12 743	-8 901	-23 175
Net cash flow from financial activities	47 475	31 998	27 583	9 843	8 966
Net cash flow	38 686	10 864	23 665	-3 725	-15 002
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	28 138	43 571	43 159	58 161	58 161
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BUSINESS SEGMENTS		2011	2010	2011	2010	2010
(NOK 1000)		2Q	2Q	YTD	YTD	Total
HARDWARE						
OPERATING REVENUES		184 298	136 810	383 359	254 746	574 480
Operating costs ex depreciations		166 986	135 829	347 686	254 746	557 631
OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE DEPRECIATIONS (EBITDA)		17 312	981	35 673	3 560	16 849
Depreciation	•	5 919	4 591	11 630	9 234	19 723
OPERATING PROFIT (EBIT)		11 393	-3 609	24 043	-5 674	-2 874
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SOFTWARE						
OPERATING REVENUES		27 134	25 631	57 280	51 550	106 075
Operating costs ex depreciations		25 711	25 143	51 051	48 604	97 075
OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE DEPRECIATIONS (EBITDA)		1 422	488	6 229	2 947	9 000
Depreciation	•	1 751 🔽	2 694	3 524	5 312	10 035
OPERATING PROFIT (EBIT)		-329	-2 206	2 706	-2 365	-1 034
RAS						
OPERATING REVENUES		11 032	13 856	35 200	28 024	61 966
Operating costs ex depreciations		15 777	27 246	40 275	45 930	97 731
OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE DEPRECIATIONS (EBITDA)		-4 745	-13 389	-5 076	-17 906	-35 765
Depreciation	•	318	246	628	494	1 272
OPERATING PROFIT (EBIT)		-5 063	-13 635	-5 704	-18 400	-37 037











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