

Press release

STATKRAFT'S ACCOUNTS FOR 2002 APPROVED

- Pre-tax revenue NOK 4,098 million and net income for the year NOK 2,478 million
- Pre-tax return on equity 13.0 per cent, after tax 7.8 per cent
- Total assets rose to NOK 89 billion due to acquisitions of interests in other companies

(Oslo, 19 March 2003) Statkraft's Board of Directors has today approved the annual accounts for 2002. Statkraft Group recorded gross pre-tax revenues of NOK 4,098 million and net income of NOK 2,478 million. The results now presented are the same as the preliminary figures presented on 6 March.

Results

Compared to the accounts for 2001, the 2002 results show a decline in pre-tax revenues of NOK 2,471 million and in net income of NOK 1,864 million. However, the 2001 results were unusually high due to special one-time revenues. When adjusted for the one-time items, the results of 2002 are in line with the results in the preceding year.

Statkraft's gross operating revenues rose as a result of acquisitions of ownership stakes in other companies and totalled NOK 10,889 million in 2002. Operating income in 2002 amounted to NOK 5,476 million.

Statkraft's financial costs rose considerably compared to the preceding year as a result of the significant acquisitions. Net financial costs amounted to NOK 2,249 million.

Balance sheet and investments

In 2002, Statkraft used close to NOK 16 billion to purchase shares in other companies. Statkraft acquired 100 per cent of the shares in Trondheim Energiverk AS and 45.5 per cent of the shares in Agder Energi AS. In addition, Statkraft raised its interest in Bergenshalvøens kommunale kraftselskap (BKK) from 26 per cent to 49.9 per cent and its interest in the Swedish company Sydkraft from 35.7 per cent to 44.6 per cent. With regard to the acquisitions of shares in Agder Energi and Trondheim Energiverk, the Norwegian competition authorities have decided that Statkraft must divest other ownership interests/ power production in Norway.

As a result of the acquisitions, long-term liabilities rose to NOK 50.6 billion at the end of 2002 and total assets rose to NOK 89.3 billion. Equity amounted to NOK 30.8 billion and the equity ratio stood at 34.5 per cent.

For more detailed information, please refer to the press release dated 6 March and the 4th Quarter Report to be found on Statkraft's web site www.statkraft.no. Statkraft plans to publish its annual report for 2002 on its website in week 17.

Statkraft is Norway's largest producer of electric power. The group's own production capacity is a good 42 TWh p.a., or about 1/3 of the country's total hydropower production. Statkraft has a staff of about 2,400, including the subsidiaries Skagerak Energi, Trondheim Energiverk and Statkraft Grøner. The company is Norway's largest land-based taxpayer. Statkraft has ownership interests in the following Norwegian energy companies: BKK, Agder Energi and Fjordkraft. In terms of size the Statkraft Alliance is the third largest in the Nordic production market and the second largest in the Norwegian consumer market.

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Enclosure: Income statement, balance sheet and cash flow analysis


INCOME STATEMENT 1.1. - 31.12.

The Group			Amounts in NOK million	Statkraft SF		
2002	2001	2000		2002	2001	2000
7 979	7 038	4 686	Power revenues	6 423	6 417	4 576
2 910	3 356	599	Other operating revenues	527	2 880	467
10 889	10 394	5 285	Gross operating revenues	6 951	9 297	5 043
-840	-680	-614	Transmission costs	-503	-652	-611
10 048	9 714	4 671	Net operating revenues	6 448	8 645	4 432
1 379	741	625	Salaries and other payroll costs	476	434	436
303	271	252	Compensation and licence fees	257	262	250
1 400	1 020	767	Other operating costs	936	829	805
1 490	957	849	Depreciation	778	807	801
4 572	2 989	2 493	Operating costs	2 448	2 332	2 292
5 476	6 725	2 178	Operating income	4 000	6 313	2 140
871	1 054	729	Result from associated companies	-	-	-
535	650	426	Financial revenues	1 908	1 442	893
-2 783	-1 860	-1 568	Financial costs	-2 221	-1 761	-1 523
-2 249	-1 210	-1 142	Net financial items	-313	-319	-630
4 098	6 569	1 765	Pre-tax income	3 687	5 994	1 510
-1 281	-2 109	-759	Taxes payable	-1 472	-2 053	-845
-339	-118	-159	Change in deferred tax	-85	-57	49
-1 620	-2 227	-918	Taxes	-1 557	-2 110	-796
2 478	4 342	847	Net income for the year	2 130	3 884	714
171	70	6	Hereof minority interests			
2 307	4 272	841	Hereof majoriyt interests			

Allocation of net income for the year

Dividend	2 192	2 690	631
Provisions to other equity	-62	1 194	83

Group contribution

Group contribution paid (before tax)	1 803	491	514
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BALANCE SHEET 31.12.

The Group			Amounts in NOK million	Statkraft SF		
2002	2001	2000		2002	2001	2000
			ASSETS			
2 997	3 386	2 271	Intangible assets	2 108	2 192	2 235
44 077	36 585	25 596	Property, plant and equipment	22 908	23 503	23 975
29 749	19 018	22 214	Inv. in subsidiaries and associated comp.	10 878	9 075	8 627
1 532	1 411	1 959	Other financial fixed assets	36 326	19 898	17 049
78 356	60 400	52 040	Fixed assets	72 220	54 668	51 886
43	47	34	Inventories	39	44	33
9 241	3 683	1 040	Receivables	7 809	3 099	1 099
217	263	150	Investments	-	-	-
1 518	6 901	2 514	Bank deposits, cash and cash equivalents	724	5 937	1 062
11 019	10 894	3 738	Current assets	8 571	9 080	2 194
89 375	71 294	55 778	Assets	80 792	63 748	54 080
			EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
25 250	25 250	19 250	Paid-in capital	25 250	25 250	19 250
1 820	3 378	2 412	Retained earnings	1 663	2 722	1 528
3 774	3 698	80	Minority interests	-	-	-
30 844	32 326	21 742	Total equity	26 913	27 972	20 778
2 731	1 914	556	Provisions	281	291	231
74	100	98	Subordinated loan	-	-	-
47 814	31 133	30 557	Other long-term liabilities	46 001	30 985	30 482
50 620	33 147	31 211	Long-term liabilities	46 282	31 276	30 713
729	35	89	Interest-bearing liabilities	2 532	-	88
1 066	981	692	Taxes payable	826	693	640
6 116	4 805	2 044	Other non interest-bearing liabilities	4 239	3 807	1 861
7 910	5 821	2 825	Current liabilities	7 597	4 500	2 589
89 375	71 294	55 778	Equity and liabilities	80 792	63 748	54 080
2 095	2 098	2 100	Mortgages	2 095	2 098	2 100
3 802	5 803	6 750	Guarantees	3 583	5 722	6 652

CASH FLOW ANALYSIS

2002	The Group		Amounts in NOK million	Statkraft SF		
	2001	2000		2002	2001	2000
CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY/USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
4098	6569	1765	Pre-tax income	3 687	5 994	1 510
-187	-78	-127	Gain/ loss on sale of fixed assets	-208	-69	18
1 490	957	849	Ordinary depreciation	778	807	801
-	91	29	Wrie-down of fixed assets	-	56	29
-871	-1 054	-729	Share of result in associated companies	-	-	-
-1 786	-2 109	-744	Taxes payable	-1 472	-2 053	-845
2 744	4 376	1 043	Cash flow provided by operations	2 785	4 735	1 513
-1 354	6	93	Change in inventories, debtors and creditors	-1 489	114	72
905	381	319	Dividend from associated companies	-	-	-
-2 273	-643	485	Change in other current assets and liabilities	-1 511	-1 301	-293
22	4 120	1 940	Net cash flow from operations	A -215	3 548	1 292
CASH FLOW PROVIDED BY/USED IN INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES						
-1 387	-546	-630	Investments in fixed assets	-672	-395	-394
856	349	1 287	Proceeds from sales of fixed assets	697	173	11
-15 598	-3 340	-8 781	Investments in other companies	-	-559	-359
-16 129	-3 537	-8 124	Net cash flow used in investment activities	B 25	-781	-742
CASH FLOW PROVIDED BY/USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
21 097	4 210	10 490	Loan proceeds	19 616	4 210	10 282
-6 663	-3 622	-1 227	Repayment of long-term liabilities and subordinated loans	-4 560	-3 481	-1 212
-70	-2 153	-1 264	Change in other long-term receivables and payables	-16 439	-3 990	-8 970
-	6 000	-	Payment of fresh equity	-	6 000	-
-3 640	-631	-600	Payment of dividend to owner	-3 640	-631	-600
10 724	3 804	7 399	Net cash flow from financing activities	C -5 023	2 108	-500
-5 383	4 387	1 215	Net change in cash and cash equivalents	A+B+C -5 213	4 875	50
6 901	2 514	1 299	Cash and cash equivalents as at 01.01.	5 937	1 062	1 012
1 518	6 901	2 514	Cash and cash equivalents as at 30.09/ 31.12.	724	5 937	1 062