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# **AF GRUPPEN - 3. QUARTER 2006**

**Oslo, 13. November 2006**

## SUMMARY AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

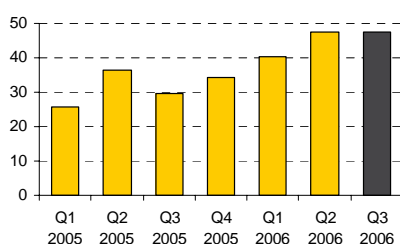
- Earnings pr. share at 30.09.06 was NOK 7.04 (4.98).
- Profit before tax in the first nine months was NOK 135.4 mill (91.9).
- Return on average invested capital at 30.09.06 was 24.5% (19.2%).
- Cash flow from operating activities in the first nine months was NOK 141.8 mill (148.7).
- The order backlog increased by 9% to NOK 5 230 mill (4 809).
- Order bookings were NOK 4 744 mill (4 381) in the first nine months.

## COMMENTS

AF Gruppen continues its improvement in the third quarter with profits before tax at 30.09 of NOK 135.4 mill (91.9), an increase of 47% compared to last year.

Third quarter profits before tax was NOK 47.6 mill (29.6), which represents an increase of 61% compared to last year. This is the highest ever quarterly profits, and the fifth succeeding quarter with increase in profits.

Profits before tax pr. quarter (NOKm)



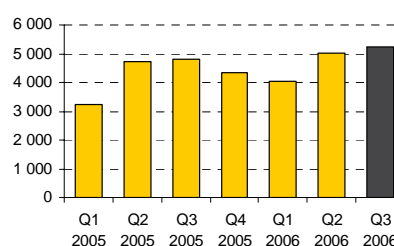
The Group's operating revenue at 30.09.06 increased by 35% compared to the same period last year, and totalled almost NOK 3.9 billion. Operating revenue in the third quarter was NOK 1.2 billion, an increase of 20% compared to last year.

*Services* continues to deliver high profits and accounts for a substantial part of the profits in 2006. The business area *Services*, which consists mainly of decommissioning offshore and onshore work, has more than tripled its profits in 2006. Revenues have increased substantially in the same period. The business area *Property development* also contributes to the increase in profits and has shown significant improvement in 2006, compared to last year.

The Group's business entities within *Construction* show a decrease in profits compared to last year. This, despite good results in the building entities in Østfold and Sweden. The main reason for the decrease in profits is big losses in the building business in the Oslo-region. AF has made a thorough analysis of the project portfolio in Oslo in the third quarter. The result of this analysis is a write down of profits in three projects with a total amount of NOK 50 million in the third quarter.

AF Gruppen's order backlog increased with 9% compared to the same period in 2005. Order bookings were NOK 4.7 billion in the first nine months of 2006. The order backlog is all time high.

Order backlog (NOKm)



"We are satisfied with our results for the first nine months of 2006 and have never achieved higher quarterly profits. We do however see large potential for improvements in the building business, where the results do not reflect the good market conditions. We hope to have put the losses behind us in the third quarter, and are optimistic regarding the future. The positive order outlook in building and civil engineering business, combined with comprehensive improvement efforts in the Group, give us a good basis for continued profitable growth," says CEO Per Aftreth.

## BUSINESS AREAS

AF reports results from three business areas. All activities related to building and civil engineering business in Norway and Sweden are reported in *Construction*.

AF is also a major supplier of services in related areas, from demolition and removal of decommissioned oil installations to the operation and maintenance of buildings. These activities are reported in *Services*.

AF's property development activities in Norway and Sweden are reported in *Property development*.

### *Construction*

The business area *Construction* includes all AF's business entities related to building and civil engineering in Norway and Sweden.

Operating revenue in *Construction* was NOK 3 140 (2 441) mill in the first nine months of 2006, an

increase of 29% compared to the same period in 2005. Operating revenue in the third quarter was NOK 925 mill (867). Based on today's order backlog, a substantial increase in activity is expected in 2006, compared to last year.

Profits before tax was NOK 32.0 mill (47.3). Third quarter profits before tax was NOK -11.5 mill (10.3). The negative results in the third quarter are related to write downs due to revised profit estimates of three major projects in Bygg and Byggfornyelse in Oslo. The write downs were made after a thorough analysis of the building project portfolio in Oslo. The analysis resulted in write downs of approximately NOK 50 mill in profits in the third quarter.

AF's civil engineering business continues its high level of activity and is represented in many of the country's largest civil engineering projects. The development of Snøhvit and Ormen Lange is due to be concluded during 2007. However, work related to Saudautbyggingen and E18 Bjørvikaprosjektet will continue for several years. In addition, AF has several large contracts related to power and underground activities spread around Norway.

There is still a high level of activity in the building market in Norway. AF's building business in Norway has entered into several new contracts during the third quarter. In Oslo, a contract with Eiendomsspar is concluded regarding the expansion of Helsfyr Rica Hotel. The contract has a value of approximately NOK 70 mill. AF has also entered into contracts with OBOS Nye Hjem AS and Lundekroken Bolig AS regarding the building of residential homes at Mortensrud and Slepden respectively. These contracts have a total value of NOK 325 mill.

AF's building business in Østfold has entered into contracts with Østfold Fylkeskommune and Fredrikstad Kommune respectively regarding the building of a new high school in Moss and a nursing home in Gressvik. The contracts have a value in excess of NOK 200 mill.

The building business in Sweden continues its growth and has entered into a contract regarding the building of a garage facility in connection with the residential project Kvartal Venus where AF is a joint owner. The contract has a value of SEK 85 mill.

Total order backlog in *Construction* is NOK 4 333 at 30.09.06. This represents an increase of 7% compared to the same period last year. This year's order bookings is NOK 3 822 mill (3 847).

### ***Property development***

The business area *Property development* includes development of apartments and office buildings on own account in the eastern region of Norway and the area around Gothenburg in Sweden.

The business area had operating revenues of NOK 336 at 30.09.2006 (222). The operating revenue in the third quarter was NOK 121 mill (69).

Profits before tax at 30.09.06 was NOK 34.2 mill (15.7), which is more than twice the profit in the same period last year. EBT-margin at 30.09.06 was 10.2% (7.1%). Return on invested capital was 13.8% (9.1). Profits before tax were NOK 21.5 mill (3.0) in the third quarter.

The demand for housing in AF's main markets is still high. Of 241 apartments under construction, 52 are unsold. Only one of the unsold apartments is completed. During the first nine months, AF has sold 116 apartments in new projects where construction has not yet started (AF's share).

In addition, AF has land and development rights in progress, which in total amount to 1 300 residential housing units and about 61 200 m<sup>2</sup> of office buildings. These projects are not included in the order backlog.

### ***Services***

The business area *Services* includes AF's business entities within demolition, recycling, groundwork and operation & maintenance (property and industry). AF's service business has activities in both Norway and Sweden.

*Services* had operating revenues of NOK 525 mill (263) in the first nine months. Operating revenue in the third quarter was NOK 202 mill (111).

Profits before tax at 30.09 were NOK 78.4 mill (24.0), and EBT-margin was 14.9% (9.1). Return on invested capital was 56.8% (28.5). Profits before tax in the third quarter was NOK 38.6 mill (11.8).

AF's offshore based entity is decommissioning the Ekofisktank 2/4T in the North Sea. The work started in 2005 and is due to be finished medio 2007. About 70% of the work was completed at the end of the third quarter. AF's onshore decommissioning plant will receive and process materials from the demolition operations in the North Sea. The plant has been significantly upgraded to meet the anticipated market growth during the next years.

The onshore demolition activities in AF have grown substantially during the last 12 months and today represent a major part of the profits generated in the business area.

In addition to demolition business in the North Sea, AF has in 2006 established a new business entity which will deliver maintenance and modification services to HVAC-systems (heating, ventilation & air-conditioning) on offshore installations. Since the end of the third quarter, the business entity has entered into an

agreement with Mollier AS regarding the supply of maintenance and modification of Statoil's HVAC-systems in the North Sea. AF's share of this agreement is expected to be about NOK 300 mill. The contract has a 5 year duration.

The *Services* business area has a total order backlog of NOK 354 mill (530) at 30.09.06. Total order bookings were NOK 406 mill (353) in the third quarter.

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

<i>Cash flow statement at 30.09</i>	2006	2005
Cash flow from operating activities	193,6	130,8
Decrease/(increase) in net working capital	(51,8)	17,9
Net cash flow from operating activities	141,8	148,7
Cash flow from investing activities	(114,9)	(146,8)
Net purchase of own shares	(2,0)	
Payment of dividend	(41,3)	(67,0)
(Increase)/decrease in net interest bearing liabilities	(16,4)	(65,1)
Net interest bearing liabilities as of 01.01.06	80,8	(131,9)
Net interest bearing liabilities as of 30.09.06	97,2	(66,8)

Cash flow from operating activities was NOK 141.8 mill (148.7) at the end of the third quarter. Working capital increased by NOK 51.8 mill.

Net interest bearing liabilities were NOK 97.3 (-66.8) at the end of the third quarter.

The Group's total assets at 30.09.06 was 2 104 mill (1 724). The Group's equity was NOK 489 mill (387), which equals an equity ratio of 23.6% (22.4).

AF Gruppen has a combined loan and overdraft facility of NOK 900 with Handelsbanken. The agreement runs until 30.06.09. The loan agreement secures AF Gruppen's financing need for financing of production machinery, property development and land acquisition.

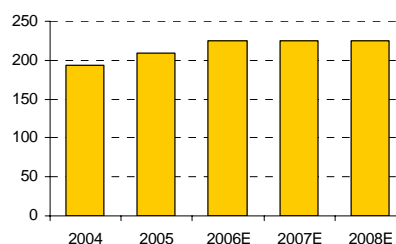
## HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT

The Group's H-value at 30.09.06 increased from 4.2 to 5.5 compared to the same period in 2005. Total absence is reduced from 3.4% to 3.3%. During the last five years, the Group's H-value has been reduced from 12.5 to 5.5, while total absence is reduced from 5.9% to 3.3%. The considerable improvement shows that resources have been employed to good effect to improve the HSE routines.

## MARKET OUTLOOK

The level of activity in the Norwegian building and civil engineering market is still record high. Investment has increased by nearly 20% since 2004, and is expected to increase in 2006, followed by a gradual flattening during the next years.

Investments B & C E Norway (NOKm)



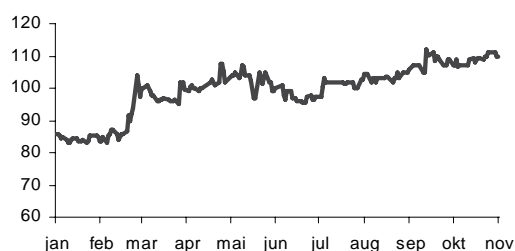
The housing market has been very good in Norway in the last few years and has followed the upturn in the economy. The market has been characterised by high prices and a stable flow of new housing projects in 2005 and 2006. The marked growth is likely to decrease somewhat in 2007, but the decrease is likely to be partly offset by an increase in the market for commercial buildings and other non-residential buildings. A stable growth of new projects is expected in this market in 2007.

The civil engineering market is less dependent on business cycles than the building market. The activity level in this market is very much decided by government subsidies and large one-off projects. The civil engineering market has experienced solid growth since 2001, and the market outlook is good. Several large infrastructure projects are planned, especially investments in some of the main regional roads. These projects partly explain why the activity level is expected to be high in the next few years.

## THE SHARE AND OWNERSHIP

AF Gruppen's share is listed on Oslo Stock Exchange's OB-match list and is traded under the ticker AFG in batches of 100 shares. AF Gruppen is a holder of the Oslo Stock Exchange Information Symbol and has entered into a liquidity guarantee agreement with a third party to ensure liquidity of the share. The share price at 10 November 2006 was NOK 110, which equals an increase of 28% since the beginning of the year. The OBX-index increased by approximately 25% during the same period.

AFG - Share price 2006



At the end of October, AF Gruppen had approximately 650 shareholders. The ten largest shareholders hold 83.5% of the shares.

Largest shareholders at 31.10.06

Name	Shares	% share
KB Gruppen Kongsvinger AS	3 285 747	23,9 %
P O A AS	2 173 120	15,8 %
OBOS Forretningsbygg AS	1 977 266	14,4 %
LJM AS	1 143 680	8,3 %
Moger Invest AS	1 074 329	7,8 %
Aspelin-Ramm Utvikling	834 408	6,1 %
Skogheim, Arne	336 244	2,4 %
Staaivi, Bjørn	291 672	2,1 %
Citibank N.A.	240 000	1,7 %
Evensen, Jon Erik	142 000	1,0 %
<b>Ten largest</b>	<b>11 498 466</b>	<b>83,5 %</b>
Other shareholders	2 271 422	16,5 %
<b>Total outstanding shares</b>	<b>13 769 888</b>	<b>100,0 %</b>

Employees in the Group hold approximately 48% of the shares in the company. Work related to increase the employees ownership of the company is viewed as a positive element in the continued evolution of the company.

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## CONSOLIDATED PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

Amounts in NOK 1 000

<b>Profit &amp; Loss accounts</b>	<b>Jan-Sept 2006</b>	<b>Jan-Sept 2005</b>	<b>Change 12 months</b>	<b>July-Sept 2006</b>	<b>July-Sept 2005</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Operating revenue	3 853 714	2 859 311	994 403	1 204 098	1 000 455	4 174 868	3 780 746
Materials	-688 100	-527 822	-160 278	-212 633	-146 791	-790 971	-607 549
Subcontractors	-1 826 488	-1 355 612	-561 221	-561 221	-521 067	-1 962 294	-1 895 493
Wages, salaries and social security expenses	-814 016	-640 212	-260 120	-260 120	-228 925	-899 890	-796 876
Other operating expenses	-328 899	-201 515	-101 286	-101 286	-62 209	-338 671	-310 833
Depreciation expense	-53 546	-43 875	-19 709	-19 709	-16 454	-64 107	-58 710
Write downs						-623	-4 113
Operating profit	142 665	90 275	52 390	49 129	25 009	118 312	107 172
Interest income	4 300	6 084	-1 784	3 163	2 091	13 085	7 712
Interest expenses	-12 034	-10 741	-1 293	-4 913	-4 338	-11 832	-15 045
Other financial (expenses) / income	473	6 304	-5 831	255	6 878	6 477	-103
Net financial items	-7 261	1 647	-8 908	-1 495	4 631	7 730	-7 436
Profit before tax	135 404	91 922	43 482	47 634	29 640	126 042	99 736
Tax expense	-38 473	-25 314	-13 159	-13 338	-8 827	-38 289	-29 287
Net profit	96 931	66 608	30 323	34 296	20 813	87 753	70 449

<b>Balance sheet</b>	<b>30.09.2006</b>	<b>30.09.2005</b>	<b>Change 12 months</b>	<b>31.12.2005</b>	<b>31.12.2004</b>
Land, buildings and machinery	270 143	257 571	12 572	255 991	180 984
Goodwill	154 395	104 436	49 959	107 934	79 558
Interest bearing non current receivables	6 599	6 245	354	11 642	18 129
Deferred tax assets		12 423	-12 423	10 888	40 272
Other non current assets	9 757	19 969	-10 212	8 985	14 567
Inventories	70 079	12 158	57 921	51 473	32 361
Projects on own account held for sale	372 123	293 320	78 803	356 351	319 412
Trade and non interest bearing receivables	1 011 018	644 965	366 053	843 307	590 297
Shares held as current assets	11 152	10 975	177	11 152	13 230
Cash and cash equivalents	198 263	361 503	-163 240	200 490	451 225
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>2 103 529</b>	<b>1 723 565</b>	<b>379 964</b>	<b>1 858 213</b>	<b>1 740 035</b>
Contributed equity	12 279	3 442	8 837	12 779	3 348
Retained earnings	477 038	382 203	94 835	419 911	390 218
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>489 317</b>	<b>385 645</b>	<b>103 672</b>	<b>432 690</b>	<b>393 566</b>
Non current interest bearing loans	203 721	242 729	-39 008	194 836	202 124
Retirement benefit obligation	6 521	6 605	-84	10 331	11 864
Deferred tax liability	29 117		29 117		
Current interest bearing loans	103 079	62 552	40 527	95 279	132 713
Trade payables and non interest bearing liabilities	1 252 543	1 013 969	238 574	1 100 253	980 960
Provisions	19 231	12 065	7 166	24 824	18 808
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>2 103 529</b>	<b>1 723 565</b>	<b>379 964</b>	<b>1 858 213</b>	<b>1 740 035</b>

**BUSINESS AREAS**

The Group's primary reporting is divided into Construction, Services and Property Development from 1. January 2006 and onwards. Reported figures from 2005 are adapted to this format.

Amounts in NOK 1 000

Business area	Construction		Services		Property		Unallocated/Elim		Group	
	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2005	Jan-Sept 2006	Jan-Sept 2005
Operating revenue	3 139 825	2 441 348	525 085	262 824	335 724	222 377	-146 920	-67 238	3 853 714	2 859 311
Operating expenses less depreciation	-3 086 793	-2 370 358	-418 361	-221 867	-293 742	-199 746	134 364	66 810	-3 664 532	-2 725 161
Depreciation expense	-19 839	-28 259	-26 676	-15 616	-2				-46 517	-43 875
Write down goodwill										
Operating profit (EBIT)	33 193	42 731	80 048	25 341	41 980	22 631	-12 556	-428	142 665	90 275
Interest income	3 451	3 519	733	252	495	701	-379	1 612	4 300	6 084
Interest expense	-4 573	-1 275	-2 931	-1 549	-8 282	-7 648	3 752	-269	-12 034	-10 741
Other financial items	-115	2 321	588					3 983	473	6 304
Net financial item	-1 237	4 565	-1 610	-1 297	-7 787	-6 947	3 373	5 326	-7 261	1 647
Profit before tax (EBT%)	31 956	47 296	78 438	24 044	34 193	15 684	-9 183	4 898	135 404	91 922
Tax expense									-38 473	-25 314
Net profit									96 931	66 608

Business area	Construction		Services		Property		Unallocated/Elim		Group	
	Q3 2006	Q3 2005	Q3 2006	Q3 2005	Q3 2006	Q3 2005	Q3 2006	Q3 2005	Q3 2006	Q3 2005
At Q 3										
Operating revenue	925 485	866 835	201 566	110 703	121 154	69 116	-44 107	-46 199	1 204 098	1 000 455
Operating expenses less depreciation	-932 858	-849 153	-153 307	-92 806	-97 579	-63 377	41 454	46 343	-1 142 290	-958 993
Depreciation expense	-3 078	-10 395	-9 612	-6 059	10				-12 680	-16 454
Write down goodwill										
Operating profit (EBIT)	-10 451	7 287	38 647	11 838	23 585	5 739	-2 653	144	49 128	25 008
Interest income	1 330	920	442	76	474	165	917	930	3 163	2 091
Interest expense	-2 104	-760	-985	-662	-2 542	-2 810	719	-106	-4 912	-4 338
Other financial items	-266	2 850	521			-2			255	2 848
Net financial item	-1 040	3 010	-22	-586	-2 068	-2 647	1 636	824	-1 494	601
Profit before tax (EBT%)	-11 491	10 297	38 625	11 252	21 517	3 092	-1 017	968	47 634	25 609
Tax expense									-13 338	-8 827
Net profit									34 296	16 782

**Key figures January - September**

Gross profit margin (EBT%)	1,0 %	1,9 %	14,9 %	9,1 %	10,2 %	7,1 %			3,5 %	3,2 %
Operating margin (EBIT%)	1,1 %	1,8 %	15,2 %	9,6 %	12,5 %	10,2 %			3,7 %	3,2 %
Return on invested capital (RoIC)	33,9 %	30,3 %	56,8 %	28,5 %	13,8 %	9,1 %			24,5 %	19,2 %
Invested capital at end of period	141 975	171 224	259 636	114 131	357 267	318 912			802 638	697 531
Average invested capital	143 670	213 497	190 983	119 787	409 433	343 695			801 891	711 894
Order backlog	4 333 787	4 057 200	353 992	530 000	541 900	221 800			5 229 679	4 809 000
Order bookings Jan - June	3 822 412	3 028 704	406 077	180 121	549 477	112 070			4 744 393	4 381 311

**Key figures Q3**

Gross profit margin (EBT%)	-1,2 %	1,2 %	19,2 %	10,2 %	17,8 %	4,5 %			4,0 %	2,6 %
Operating margin (EBIT%)	-1,1 %	0,8 %	19,2 %	10,7 %	19,5 %	8,3 %			4,1 %	2,5 %
Order bookings	1 066 329	818 735	-6 742	172 703	234 254	136 216			1 432 534	1 081 455

**KEY FIGURES***Financial*

Key figures	Change 12				
	30.09.2006	30.09.2005	months	31.12.2005	31.12.2004
Earnings pr. share NOK	7,04	4,98	2,06	6,56	5,26
Return on invested capital (RoIC) <sup>1)</sup>	24,5 %	19,2 %	5,3 %	19,8 %	16,9 %
Economic Value Added <sup>2) 3)</sup>	54 193	18 524	35 668	28 848	17 317
Return on equity	28,0 %	22,8 %	5,2 %	22,8 %	22,0 %
Operating margin (EBIT%)	3,7 %	3,2 %	0,5 %	2,8 %	2,8 %
Gross profit margin (EBT%)	3,5 %	3,2 %	0,3 %	3,0 %	2,6 %
Invested capital at end of period <sup>4)</sup>	802 638	697 531	105 107	733 136	740 266
Average invested capital <sup>5)</sup>	801 891	711 894	89 997	697 521	697 521
Net financial assets <sup>6)</sup>	-97 307	66 837	-164 144	-80 786	135 988
Net debt ratio <sup>7)</sup>	0,2	-0,2	0,4	0,2	-0,3
Equity ratio	23,6 %	22,4 %	1,2 %	23,3 %	21,1 %
Working capital requirement <sup>8)</sup>	181 446	-75 591	257 037	129 677	-57 699
Order backlog	5 229 679	4 809 000	420 679	3 274 189	3 287 000
Order bookings	4 744 393	4 381 311	363 082	3 686 228	4 066 746

1) Return on invested capital = profit before tax + interest expenses + depreciation goodwill / average invested capital

2) EVA = (return on invested capital - average cost of capital before tax) \* average invested capital \* 0,72

3) The Groups average cost of capital (WACC) in 2006 is estimated to 12,0% before tax and (12,0) and 8,6% (8,6) after tax

4) Invested capital = equity + interest bearing debt + accumulated depreciation of goodwill at end of period

5) Average invested capital = Average invested capital in the last 12 months

6) Net financial assets = cash and cash equivalents + financial current assets + interest bearing receivables - interest bearing liabilities

7) Net debt ratio = Net interest bearing debt / Shareholders' equity

8) Working capital requirement = Net operating capital less financial items

*Health, safety and environment*

Business area	Property		Construction		Services		Group	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Accumulated pr. 3rd quarter								
H-value	0	0	5,7	4,7	4,9	0	5,5	4,2
H2-value	0	0	17,0	14,6	17,2	15,0	16,7	13,8
Illness	3,3	0,1	3,8	4,1	1,5	0,9	3,3	3,4

**CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW**

Amounts in NOK 1 000	January - Sept		
	2006	2005	2005
Cash flow from operating activities	193 565	130 762	152 927
Net change in working capital	-51 769	17 892	-187 320
Net cash flow from operating activities	141 796	148 654	-34 393
Net cash flow from investing activities	-114 931	-146 752	-113 355
Increase/ (decrease) interest bearing liabilities	12 875	-34 815	-44 722
(Increase)/ decrease interest bearing assets	1 419	7 894	6 630
(Increase)/ decrease in financial current assets		2 255	2 078
Net purchase of own shares	-2 076		
Payment of dividend	-41 310	-66 958	-66 973
Net cash flow from financial activities	-29 092	-91 624	-102 987
Net change in cash and cash equivalents in the period	-2 227	-89 722	-250 735
Cash position at start of period	200 490	451 225	451 225
Cash position at end of period	198 263	361 503	200 490

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

Amounts in NOK 1 000	January - Sept		
	2006	2005	2005
Equity at start of period	432 690	393 565	393 565
Profit for the period	96 931	66 607	87 753
Dividend	-41 310	-66 973	-66 973
Sale of own shares	10 169	725	25 670
Purchase of own shares	-12 246		
Currency conversion	3 083	-8 279	-7 325
Equity at end of period	489 317	385 645	432 690

## NOTES

### ***Generally***

AF Gruppen is a publicly traded company listed in Norway. The company's head office is located at Vitaminveien 1 A, Oslo. AG Gruppen undertakes contracting operations. The Group consists of the parent company AF Gruppen ASA, subsidiaries and shares in related and jointly owned companies.

### ***Accounting principles***

AF Gruppen uses International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in its financial reporting. The interim report been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 using the same accounting principles as in the Annual Report.

### ***Estimates***

Revenue is recognised as income when it is probable that transactions will generate future economic benefits which will flow to the company and the size of the amount can be reliably estimated. Contributed margin earned on projects in progress entails a number of judgements. These judgements are made to the management's best estimate. The extent and complexity of the judgement mean that the actual contribution margins at the end of the projects may deviate from the judgement made at the period end.

### ***Acquisitions***

The Group has acquired two companies in its business area *Services* in 2006, Energi og Miljøteknikk AS and Holst & Brå AS. Both transactions took place at 01.06.2006 and both companies are part of the consolidation from this date. The price for the two companies amounted to NOK 54.9 million. Net outgoing cash flow from the transactions was NOK 38.5 million, due to a deduction of NOK 16.4 million in cash and cash equivalents. Goodwill related to the acquisitions amount to NOK 40.8 million. If the acquisitions had taken place at 01.01.2006, operating revenue for the Group would have increased by NOK 14.6 million and profits for the Group would have increased by NOK 3.0 million in 2006.

### ***Dividend***

A total dividend of NOK 41.3 million was paid to the shareholders in May 2006. Dividend pr. share was NOK 3.00 (5.00).

### ***Events after the balance sheet date***

No events or new information have occurred after the balance sheet date that would significantly influence the quarterly report.