

PARETO STAUR ENERGY AS

INFORMASJON OM PARETO STAUR ENERGY AS

Pareto Staur Energy AS (Selskapet) er et investeringsselskap hvis formål er å investere i globale energi og energi/hydro-service selskaper. Investeringene foretas gjennom det aktive forvaltningsmandat Pareto Staur Energy (PSE), hvor Pareto Asset Management AS er Kapitalforvalter.

Selskapsform		Aksjeselskap
Tidspunkt for selskapsetablering/første kapitalinnskudd		1. kvartal 2012
Levetid		6 år (opsjon 2 år)
Investeringsperiode		2 år (opsjon 1 år)
Total innbetalt egenkapital	31.03.2016	NOK 81 091 000
Total utbetalt egenkapital	31.03.2016	NOK 6 471 900
Total utbetalt egenkapital pr. aksje	31.03.2016	NOK 3 995
Estimert NAV pr. aksje	31.03.2016	NOK 42 391
Sist omsatt		Ingen omsetning

INFORMASJON OM SELSKAPETS ANDEL AV KOMMITERT KAPITAL MV. I DET AKTIVE FORVALTNINGSMANDATET PARETO STAUR ENERGY

Kommitert kapital	31.03.2016	NOK 75 460 000
Innkalt kapital	31.03.2016	NOK 69 423 200
Uinnkalt kapital	31.03.2016	NOK 6 036 800

Denne rapporten er delvis basert på engelskspråklig kvartalsrapport for PSE-mandatet fra Kapitalforvalter, som ligger vedlagt til sist i denne kvartalsrapporten.

VERDSETTELSE AV PARETO STAUR ENERGY AS PR. 31.03.2016

Verdsettelse av investeringene i Pareto Staur Energy AS legger til grunn siste mottatte rapport fra Pareto Asset Management AS. Verdsettelsen fra Pareto Asset Management AS er basert på EVCA-reglene (European Private Equity and Venture Capital Association Valuation), som er de allment anerkjente prinsippene for verdsetting i europeisk private equity. Verdien som rapporteres for Selskapet er beregnet som Net Asset Value (NAV). NAV beregnes som virkelig verdi av eiendeler fratrasket virkelig verdi av gjeld i selskapet.

NAV for Pareto Staur Energy AS er pr. 31.03.2016 estimert til NOK 42.391 pr. aksje, og er basert på verdier rapportert fra det aktive forvaltningsmandatet Pareto Staur Energy pr. 31.03.2016.

Nedenfor vises en oversikt over kostpris og virkelig verdi for Selskapets eiendeler og gjeld pr. 31.03.2016:

Pareto Staur Energy AS		Kostpris	Virkelig verdi
Petricore Ltd.	1)	21 013 336	24 796 059
Lithicon AS	2)	0	0
Pareto Staur SPV I AS	3)	26 696 174	25 763 139
West Indian Energy Holding AS	4)	13 295 528	5 720 463
Rentefond	5)	10 491 800	10 077 488
Fordring salg Lithicon AS	2)	285 862	386 645
Bankinnskudd		2 517 125	2 517 125
Gjeld		-587 383	-587 383
Kostpris / Verdi		73 712 442	68 673 536
Antall aksjer			1 620
Verdi pr. aksje			42 391

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1) Petricore Ltd. (tidl. Drilltek)

- Selskapet eier 92 964 aksjer i Petricore Ltd., til en gjennomsnittlig kostpris på NOK 226,04 (USD 28,77)
- Aksjene er verdsatt til NOK 266,73 per aksje (USD 32,26)
- For omregning fra NOK til USD er det benyttet valutakurs som er offentliggjort av Norges Bank

2) Lithicon AS

- Aksjene i Lithicon AS ble solgt i februar 2014
- Av salgsprovenyet er ca. 95 % utbetalt til de selgende aksjonærer. Resterende ca. 5 % vil evt. bli utbetalt etter utløpet av en garantiperiode på 36 måneder.

3) Pareto Staur SPV I AS (PS SPV I)

- Pareto Staur Energy AS har en eierandel i Pareto Staur SPV I AS på ca. 20,3 %
- Aksjene er verdsatt til NOK 9.951 per aksje
- Dette selskapet har investert i aksjer og lån i/til Acona Invest AS, lån til Aqualyng Holding AS og lån til Petricore Ltd.

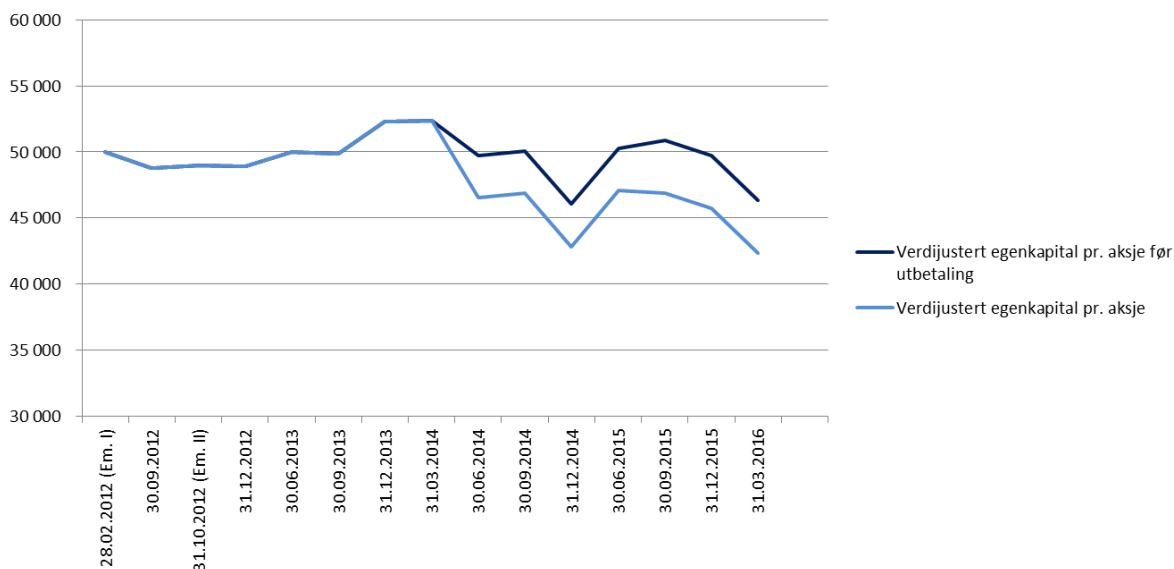
4) West Indian Energy Holding AS (WIEH)

- Pareto Staur Energy AS har en eierandel i West Indian Energy Holding AS på ca. 20,8 %
- Aksjene er verdsatt til NOK 3.591 per aksje
- Dette selskapet har investert i aksjer i Steeldrum Oil Company Ltd.

5) Rentefond

- Plassering av likviditet i Skagen Høyrente (kost NOK 3 863 000) og Pareto Høyrente (kost NOK 6 629 000)

VERDIUTVIKLING FOR PARETO STAUR ENERGY AS



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INFORMASJON OM PORTEFØLJEINVESTERINGENE

Vi viser til vedlagte rapport om porteføljeinvesteringene utarbeidet av Pareto Asset Management AS.

OMSETNING AV SELSKAPETS AKSJER I ANNENHÅNDSMARKEDET

Investorer som har interesse for kjøp eller salg av Selskapets aksjer, bes kontakte sin investeringsrådgiver i Pareto Wealth Management AS (PWM). De som ikke har et direktenummer kan ta kontakt med PWMs BackOffice i Stavanger på telefon: 51 77 97 00 eller e-post: pwm@pareto.no.

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For spørsmål knyttet til selskapet, er det bare å ta kontakt med undertegnede.

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Pareto Staur Energy

First quarter 2016

General information

This quarterly report provides general portfolio updates to investors in Pareto Staur Energy ("PSE"). Investors invested directly under discretionary portfolio management agreements can access their individual reports (portfolio overview, tax, returns and transaction history) by logging into www.paretoam.com and "Min Side". Investors in Pareto Staur Energy AS ("the feeder company") will be provided reports or further information from the facilitator, Pareto Wealth Management (www.pareto.no/ParetoWealthManagement or +47 22 87 87 00).

Investment period and exit

PSE is fully invested with 92% of committed capital drawn down. In February 2014, PSE successfully sold Lithicon AS. 80% of the sale proceeds were distributed to the PSE investors in 2014; additional 15% were repaid in June 2015.

Portfolio valuation

Fair value estimates first quarter 2015

Company	Segment	Value in NOK
Drilling Technologies ("Petricore")	Oil service	
- Value per ordinary share		205
- Value per preferred share		471
Lithicon	Oil service	
- Distributed to Investors (Feb. 2014)		80% of sales price
- Distributed to investors (June 2015)		15% of sales price
- Special escrow (36 months, max 5%)		Low pay-out expected
Pareto Staur SPV I	Oil/hydro service	
- Value per share		9 951
West Indian Energy Holding	Energy	
- Value per share		3 591

* Pareto Staur SPV I AS is a holding company invested in Aqualyng Holding, Acona and ResQ.

Portfolio headlines

The portfolio had an average quarter given a highly challenging oil-service market and a weakening USD-currency.

- Petricore: Even though the oil companies are scaling back further, Petricore expects positive cash flow and profitable growth into 2016.
- Aqualyng: Growing, but slower than expected since sale proceeds from the Chinese assets are still locked up in Hong Kong. Merger still not finalized, but the parties have during the first quarter agreed to move forward and close based on a 55/45 split (55% AquaLyng).
- Acona: Extreme cost focus, challenging market conditions.
- ResQ: On track, gaining significant market share, offshore market remains highly challenging.
- West Indian Energy: Keeping cost to a minimum, optimizing production. Daily production increasing slightly to 260 bbl per day.

Investments in primarily small/mid-cap energy & hydro/energy services companies

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- Primarily non-listed companies
- Duration: 6 years (+1+1)
- Investment period: 2 years (+1)
- Management fee: 2% p.a., Success fee 20% above a preferred return of 8% p.a.

The managers/active owners
co-invest ~ NOK 139m

Key Men

Staur Private Equity AS:

Bernt Østhus

Pareto Asset Management AS:

Ola Lyngstad, Christian Helland

Active Portfolio Management

Pareto Staur Energy is structured under Pareto Asset Management's license to allow investors a high degree of investor protection. Pareto Asset Management is regulated by the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway.

Valuation principles

Portfolio valuation is performed twice a year (30/06 and 31/12) with quarterly adjustments (i.e. extraordinary events, exchange rates).

The Portfolio valuation is based upon the Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (EVCA). EVCA bases its principles upon "fair value" assessment.

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Petricore Ltd (“Drilling Technologies Ltd”)

Company summary

Petricore Ltd (former Drilling Technologies Ltd) is a company registered in Great Britain with operations in South and Central America, US and the Middle East. Petricore focuses on core analysis, mud-logging and drilling materials. The company was founded by some of the managers running Reservoir Laboratories, a successful business developed and funded by, among others, Staur.

Why Petricore

- Management is well known to the Key Men
- A proven and highly successful track record of a similar company
- Demand for an independent player in this segment

Source

A privately negotiated deal with major shareholders in the company (Staur Private Equity AS, Geological Investments Ltd and Hauken Invest AS)

Financials/valuation

Petricore shares are valued as follows:

- Ordinary shares: NOK 205 (\$25) per share
- Preferred shares: NOK 471 (\$57) per share

Petricore keeps improving the financial results, but a significant downturn in the market price of Petricore’s listed comparables in the oil-service sector has resulted in a slightly lower valuation for Petricore.

News

Key events for Petricore during the quarter:

- Petricore finalized the acquisition of Houston-based GeoSystem. Petricore knows the company well after a close cooperation over the last years
- Mexico delivers stable and satisfactory numbers both for the core and the mud division despite general slow demand from the oil companies. The national oil company “PeMex” has substantially has scaled down the budget for exploration activities
- Abu Dhabi delivers growth, but at a significant slower pace than anticipated after the official opening of the laboratory in the first quarter
- Houston is slow in general and still delivers small numbers; although Petricore expects strong growth, in particular in orders from Saudia Arabia.
- In total, Petricore expect revenue growth (2015 vs 2016) and a positive EBITDA despite the lackluster market conditions
- Petricore has a tight cash position, in particular as a consequence of delayed payments from PeMex and a strong need for working capital. This is partly mitigated by a general wage reduction in Petricore in the magnitude of 10 – 20 %



Core analysis, mud-logging and
drilling materials

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Private deal source and lead role



Main shareholders (consolidated)

Pareto Staur Energy:	40%
Petricore (employees):	17%
Pareto Energy Solutions:	13%
Staur:	12%
Hauken Inv. (Hjelmeland):	12%

Shareholder agreement: Yes

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Source/photo: Petricore

Please visit www.petricore.com for more information.

Lithicon AS (sold in 2014)

Company summary

Lithicon AS (previously Numerical Rocks AS and Digital Core Pty Ltd) is a relatively small oil-service company headquartered in Trondheim, Norway. The company's technology can be described as an electronic core laboratory for modelling petro physical properties and simulating fluid flow in the pore scale of reservoir rocks. The e-Core technology is the result of more than 10 years of research with pore scale modelling and the availability of today's high performance computers.

Why Lithicon

- Clear growth strategy
- Attractive valuation
- Proven technology (i.e. the highest tech clearing within Statoil)
- Experienced management

Source

A privately negotiated buy-out/growth deal with the major shareholders:

- Controlling ownership

Financials/valuation

Lithicon has been sold. Please refer to individual investor reports by logging into www.paretoam.com and "Min Side".

News

Lithicon was sold to the US listed company FEI for USD 69 million in cash in February 2014. 80% of the transaction was paid out directly to the Pareto Staur investors in Q1 2014. Additional ~15% was repaid in full to the PSE investors in June 2015.

Additional ~5% remains in escrow until February 2017 (guarantees to the buyer). The PSE managers expect the repayment from the remaining escrow to be low due to cost and uncertainty related to certain patent rights.

The investment was highly successful for the Pareto Staur investors with an internal rate of return ("IRR") above 60% p.a.

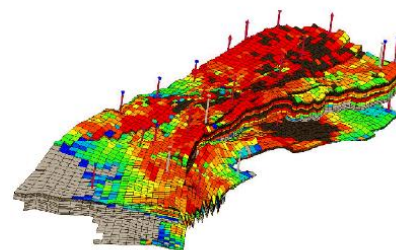


Digital rock technology

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Private deal source and lead role

**An electronic approach to understanding
and analysing rocks**



Model of a reservoir

Main shareholders

Drillin Technologies:	24%
Statoil:	19%
Pareto Staur Energy:	17%
Australia National University:	10%

Shareholder agreement: Yes

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Source/Photo: Lithicon AS

Please visit www.lithicon.com for more information

General information and specification of the Pareto Staur Energy mandate

Certain investments may be done through Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV's) and Holding Companies.

The SPV will be considered a Portfolio Company. Pareto Asset Management will ensure that the SPV has exposure towards companies as set out in the Active Portfolio Management Agreement. SPVs may be used if it is considered to be in the best interest of the Investors of the mandate. The below list contains examples of circumstances where Pareto Asset Management considers it to be in the best interest of the Investors to use SPVs and/or Holding Companies:

Examples

- The SPV acts as one investor. Certain investments (e.g. a co-investment with IFC in Aqualyng and a co-investment with CapMan in Acona) require significant due diligence of the shareholders. A significant due diligence of the investors may not be a preferred solution and may delay, complicate and in certain cases prevent an investment from taking place.
- Simplified structure and increased flexibility. Certain investments can be a combination of equity, warrants and loans, which in certain cases can be challenging to own directly and may not align interests with other shareholders.
- Exit. It may be more beneficial for the investors to sell the SPVs shares instead of several smaller holdings. An SPV can increase the probability of a successful sale, giving Pareto Staur flexibility when negotiating (e.g. allowing certain guarantees).
- The yearly costs of an SPV will primarily be a third party administration fee of approximately NOK 0.1 million p.a. No compensations are made to the board members or board observers. By acting as one investor instead of several, we expect lower transaction costs in connection with the investments.

Pareto Staur SPV I AS & West Indian Energy Holding AS

Pareto Staur SPV I AS and West Indian Energy Holding AS are Norwegian registered companies 100% owned by the Pareto Staur Energy investors. The SPVs invest primarily in non-listed energy and energy service companies that are not available to Pareto Staur Energy investors, or practically difficult for them to own directly. The chairman of the holding companies is Stig Even Jakobsen, who is also the chairman of Pareto Asset Management AS.

Overview

Pareto Staur SPV I AS has invested/committed capital to:

- Aqualyng Holding AS: NOK 72 million invested (including the exercise of the IFC put/call option).
- Acona AS: NOK 41 million invested and NOK 8 million as a guarantee.

West Indian Energy Holding AS has invested/committed capital to:

- West Indian Energy: NOK 64 million invested, USD 1 million committed

Please find further information about the investments below.

Pareto Staur SPV I (Aqualyng Holding AS)

Company summary

Aqualyng is a one-stop-shop for water providing projects, products and services for the water industry. Specialising in desalination and treatment of difficult water, Aqualyng and its subsidiaries have delivered water solutions to sectors like oil/gas, power, mining and other industrial applications since 1996. The company operates in Singapore, India, Norway, China, Australia, Spain and the UAE.

Why Aqualyng

- A company well known to the Key Men
- Verified technology with strong growth opportunities
- Preferred capital (last in – first out)

Source

Aqualyng is a privately negotiated investment (Pareto Energy Solutions and Staur Private Equity are already investors in the company). The investment decision is based on detailed third party due diligence (legal, financial and technical reports by specialised national and international companies).

Financials/valuation

Pareto Staur has invested NOK 72 million in Aqualyng (including the put/call option that was exercised the fourth quarter with IFC). The valuation is based on the merger terms and confirmed with a recent third party report from Deloitte Touche less a 35% risk/liquidity rebate.

News

During 2015, Aqualyng and Earth Water Group have operated and reported as one combined company. The formal process was anticipated concluded in the fourth quarter, but has been delayed and partly renegotiated during the first quarter. We expect to conclude and sign off all merger papers during the second quarter. Earth Water Group has a very strong foothold in the operation and maintenance ("O&M") of water projects in India. Aqualyng has decided to turn more of its business towards O&M to increase robustness and increase the expected short-term cash flow. The plan is to list the merged company 2017/2018.

Aqualyng India had a breakthrough in the second half of 2015 with the award of a contract delivering bottled water at railway stations in India. It is expected that this business will provide a high and stable cash flow with annual sales of USD 15 million. It is anticipated that the combined company will significantly reduce the risk of the PSE shareholders.

The cash flow situation is strongly influenced by the underlying strong growth and hence need for working capital. The company expected to receive approx. USD 7 million from the asset sale in China during the first quarter 2016. This did not materialize, and the latest news is that the transfer will be conducted in May.

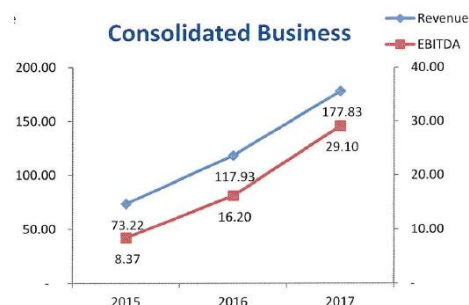


Industrial water treatment
Desalination and O&M

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Forecasted financials Aqualyng combined



Shareholder agreement: Yes

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Source/Photo: Earth Water Group

Please visit www.aqualyng.com and www.ewgroup.in for more information

Pareto Staur SPV I (Acona)

Company summary

Acona is a major service and competence provider to the upstream oil and gas companies (E&P) mainly in the North Sea basin. The company has also built and established a strong incident and training organisation for the offshore sector. The company has 370 professionals headquartered in Stavanger, Norway. Acona has divided its operations primarily into three main segments:

- Drill and well technology
- Safety and emergency
- Subsurface and flow technology

Why Acona

- One of the leading players within well management in Norway
- Quality of employees and a clear business plan

Source

Semi-private. Pareto Staur and CapMan co-invest pari passu. CapMan is the majority shareholder; Pareto Staur owns approximately 8% of the company.

Financials/valuation

The investment is financed with equity, shareholder loans and external loans. Net interest bearing bank debt is currently NOK 280m (reduced from NOK 365m in 2012). Pareto Staur SPV I has invested a total of NOK 41m in Acona Invest AS and a guarantee of EUR 1 million. Acona Invest AS holds 100% of the shares in both Acona and ResQ. The investment is valued at 0.1 times cost.

News

The market situation in the offshore sector remains highly challenging. Acona continues to experience reduced activity level especially affecting consulting services where hourly rates have fallen significantly the last year. Drilling activities remain low, with no sign of activity picking up short-term. On the bright side, oil price has picked up slightly during the last months creating some reasonable tender activity in the North Sea related to environmental studies and geological work.

Over the last two years, Acona has significantly scaled down costs and closed down profit-centers/offices with negative cash flows. The significant restructuring/cost cut has in sum related in a fair performance; Acona currently operating cash-neutral. On the other hand, ResQ is operating well resulting in a consolidated positive cash flow for Acona Invest (the mother company).

With an oil price around USD 35 per barrel, Acona experiences continued cost pressure from customers and reduced activity level. Acona has restructured and implemented substantial cost cuts of around 40% the last two years to counteract the dramatic drop in the market.

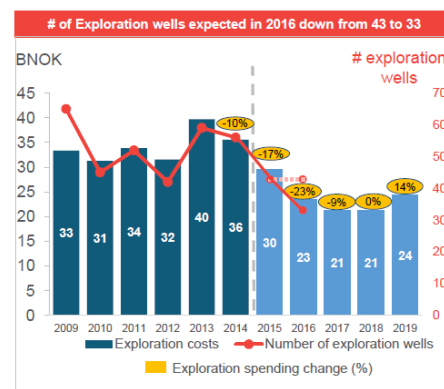


Well management

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Semi-private deal source and co-investment role

Top tier Norwegian & int. customers



Shareholder agreement: Yes

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Source/Photo: Acona

Please visit www.acona.com for more information

Pareto Staur SPV I (ResQ)

Company history

ResQ is a national provider of safety and emergency response training. ResQ was established in 1973 as the National Accident Protection School (Statens Havarivernskole). ResQ AS was established in 2001 and has since experienced major growth with safety centers in Haugesund, Stavanger and Kristiansund. ResQ's customers come primarily from oil and gas operators, rig and oil service companies. We also have customers from shipping, the military and governmental departments.

Why ResQ

- A strong merger rationale with Acona's emergency group
- The opportunity to create a full scale niche provider within safety and emergency response
- A clear business plan with strong management and local footprints

Source

The new ResQ Safety and Emergency Group is a spin-off from Acona.

Financials/valuations

See Acona. The investment is financed with equity, shareholder loans and external loans. Net interest bearing debt is currently NOK 280m (reduced from NOK 365m in 2012). Pareto Staur SPV I has invested a total of NOK 41m in Acona Invest AS and a guarantee of EUR 1 million. Acona Invest AS holds 100% of the shares in both Acona and ResQ. The investment is valued at 0.1 times cost.

News

Even in this challenging market, ResQ delivers revenue and profit in line or above budget. For the first two months, ResQ reported a positive cash flow of NOK 4 million (EBITDA margin of 16%). The management still believes that an EBITDA of NOK 17 million is realistic for 2016.

The company has worked hard to secure bookings and do also see a positive effect of the cost reductions effectuated in 2015. ResQ expects continued price pressure on its service in the coming period and has within Crisis Management cut additional personnel on duty rates by 20 % while the total headcount for ResQ has been reduced from 99 to 63 since 2015.

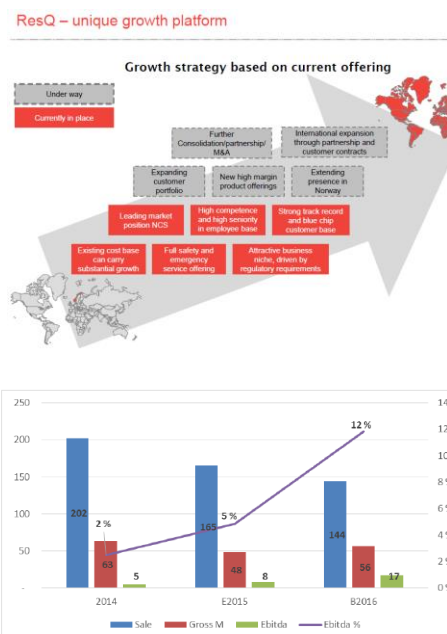
On the positive side, the new Statoil contract is going well including a larger portfolio of training courses. Volume on the courses: joint training, search, rescue and helicopter landing ("HLO") is expected to increase requiring a training facility also in Stavanger (close to the main customers).



A complete provider of services and competence within safety and emergency preparedness

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Significant cost cutting, maintaining a unique growth platform



Adjusted for 8m in 2016 and 5m in 2015 non recurring cost
20m in Risk Management revenue in 2014 and 8m in 2015. Risk Management discontinued operation in 2016

Shareholders of ResQ

Acona Invest: 100%
(PSE owns ~8% of Acona Invest)

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Source/Photo: ResQ

Steeldrum Oil Company (“West Indian Energy”)

Company history

Steeldrum oil company is the owner of the Inniss Trinity field, South Erin and Cory Moruga field. All three assets are on-shore, oil producing fields located in the southern region of Trinidad. The Inniss Trinity field has historically produced 23 million barrels (“bbl”) of oil. Texaco abandoned the field in the 1980’s, leaving an estimated 10-25 million bbl of oil recoverable.

The recovery targets are in most areas shallow, 1,000–5,000 feet, and the expected paybacktime is low. West Indian Energy is the local operator with a skilled management team located in Trinidad.

Why West Indian Energy

- Strong growth possibilities by increased oil recovery
- Strong local management
- Knowledge of the assets

Source

A privately negotiated deal with a local management team in Trinidad.

Financials

West Indian Energy Holding AS (“WIEH”) is a Norwegian holding company 100% owned by the Pareto Staur Energy investors. PSE has invested NOK 64 million and committed USD 1 million.

News

As mentioned in the last report, WIEH has successfully finalised a merger with Rex Caribbean Holding giving WIEH a controlling 60% ownership in the newly founded company, Steeldrum Oil Company Ltd. The merger provides WIEH full access to a skilled management, three producing assets and a more robust financial platform.

Steeldrum has successfully scaled down cost levels to a minimum while operations have steadily increased production from 150 to about 260 barrels per day over the last six months. In sum the activities have reduced the break-even level (before investments) to an oil-price of about USD 35 per bbl.

Since organic value creation remains a challenge with today’s oil prices, Steeldrum is actively working with suppliers to significantly lower the drilling/operational costs. In addition, the management is working closely with skilled oil-service-personnel on the island in order to establish a 50/50, capital-light oil service company.

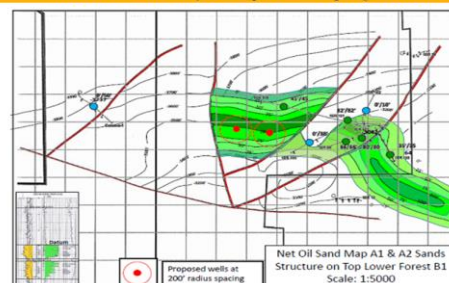
Steeldrum remains active in the M&A market given highly distressed producing-assets on the island. Steeldrum’s balance sheet remains healthy with in excess of USD 2 million in cash and no debt. In order to take advantage of the significant M&A opportunities on the island, a financial partner is needed.



Challenge the need for high oil prices

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South Erin Block Project Report – Scoping Exercise



Private deal source

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Shareholders of West Indian Energy Holding AS (fully diluted):

Pareto Staur Energy investors: 100%

Shareholder agreement: No

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Source/Photo: WIEG

Please visit www.westindianenergy.com for more information

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