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## First quarter 2015: Solid start to the year

The Gjensidige Insurance Group recorded a profit before tax expense of NOK 987.3 million (1,155.9). The profit from general insurance operations measured by the underwriting result was NOK 416.5 million (349.1). For the investment portfolio, the return on financial assets was 0.9 per cent (1.3), or NOK 520.9 million (762.4). The profit after tax expense was NOK 748.1 million (923.0), corresponding to NOK 1.50 (1.85) per share.

'We are very pleased with the start to 2015. The results are driven by good growth in premiums, good operations and cost efficiency,' says CEO Helge Leiro Baastad.

The underwriting result was positively influenced by a solid growth in premiums of 4.3 per cent and a good underlying frequency claims development. The result reflects continued good control of customer and risk selection and risk pricing. Profitability in the quarter was better than normally expected in a first quarter, mainly because of a favourable weather situation in February and March. The storms *Nina* and *Ole* in January and February had a negative effect of approximately NOK 235 million on claims incurred. The total proportion of large losses was on a par with the corresponding quarter last year and marginally above the level normally expected. Higher run-off gains made a positive contribution to the profit performance.

Gjensidige Bank's profit performance was good during the period as a result of business growth and lower financing costs, and Pension and Savings showed a stable profit performance.

### Highlights first quarter 2015 (first quarter 2014):

- Profit before tax expense: NOK 987.3 million (1,155.9)
- Profit per share: 1.50 (1.85)
- Earned premiums: NOK 5,119.2 million (4,907.2)
- Underwriting result: NOK 416.5 million (349.1)
- Combined ratio: 91.9% (92.9%)
- Cost ratio: 15.0% (15.3%)
- Financial result: NOK 520.9 million (762.4)
- Annualised return on equity: 13.5% (13.9%)

### Special factors and events

Dividend for 2014 paid on 5 May 2015: NOK 2,950 million, corresponding to NOK 5.90 per share

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