



Q4

Fourth quarter
2023

Key figures

Figures in NOK million	Q4 2023	Q4 2022	2023	2022
Revenue	12 134	10 837	43 146	38 658
Profit/loss before tax	603	622	1 444	1 467
Construction Norway	245	172	710	530
Infrastructure Norway	132	189	222	496
Construction Sweden	18	18	106	140
Infrastructure Sweden	99	186	213	290
Denmark	118	83	300	213
Other	-9	-26	-107	-203
Profit margin	5.0%	5.7%	3.3%	3.8%
Operating profit/loss (EBIT)	580	578	1 409	1 508
Operating margin	4.8%	5.3%	3.3%	3.9%
Operating profit/loss before depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA)	861	848	2 454	2 446
Shareholders' profit/loss share	474	491	1 069	1 092
Profit/loss per share (NOK)	3.5	3.6	7.9	8.1
Net interest-bearing assets	2 776	2 840	2 776	2 840
Net cash flow from operations	1 852	907	2 939	1 409
Return on equity past 12 months	41%	43%	41%	43%
Order book	40 374	41 334	40 374	41 334
- Of which to be implemented next 12 months	24 890	25 699	24 890	25 699
Order intake	10 217	7 843	37 718	39 032
LTI rate	6.6	2.9	4.7	3.0
Sickness absence	6.0%	6.4%	5.5%	5.5%

Q4 2023 results

Veidekke achieved revenues of NOK 12.1 billion in Q4, and a pre-tax profit of NOK 603 million. The group's order book totalled NOK 40.4 billion at year-end. The profit per share for the year was NOK 7.9, and the board is proposing a dividend of NOK 7.90 per share for the financial year 2023.

“Veidekke had a good fourth quarter, increasing revenues, profits and margins for its operational activities. Construction Norway, Infrastructure Sweden and Denmark delivered particularly strong performances and contributed to the good result. We are satisfied with our performance in 2023 as a whole. Together with our robust financial position, the annual result provides a solid foundation for the board's proposal to distribute the entire annual profit as a dividend, corresponding to NOK 7.90 per share,” says Group CEO Jimmy Bengtsson.

“We are starting 2024 with a well-balanced portfolio of projects, and are therefore well-positioned to weather challenging market conditions in certain

segments. Veidekke has extensive experience of navigating shifting markets, and our robust financial position will allow us to seize any opportunities which come our way going forward,” says Bengtsson.

“And many of these opportunities will lie in the green shift. All over Scandinavia, Veidekke is building projects that showcase how, through collaboration, we develop new ideas that help reduce both greenhouse gas emissions and construction costs,” explains Jimmy Bengtsson.

Veidekke achieved revenues of NOK 12.1 billion in Q4 2023, up 12% from NOK 10.8 billion in the fourth quarter of 2022. Construction Norway, Infrastructure

Sweden and Infrastructure Norway all boosted revenues, while other operations reported lower earnings.

The fourth-quarter pre-tax profit totalled NOK 603 million, compared to NOK 622 million in Q4 2022, although the latter figure included a gain of NOK 130 million on the sale of a construction site by Infrastructure Sweden. Adjusted for this gain, most operations managed to increase profits. The exceptions are Infrastructure Norway, which reported a drop in profits, and Construction Sweden, whose profits were on a par with Q4 2022. The total profit margin was 5.0%, compared to 5.7% in Q4 2022.

The group's Q4 order intake was NOK 10.2 billion, compared to NOK 7.8 billion in the fourth quarter of 2022. At quarter-end, the order book amounted to NOK 40.4 billion, down 2% on year-end 2022. Some 62% of the order book will be converted into revenue in the next 12 months.

The group achieved total revenues of NOK 43.1 billion in 2023, compared to NOK 38.7 billion in 2022. The 12% increase is attributable to Construction Norway, Infrastructure Sweden and Hoffmann. The group's total pre-tax profit in 2023 amounted to NOK 1 444 million, compared to NOK 1 467 million in 2022.

Adjusted for a settlement reached in an older dispute involving Infrastructure Norway in 2023 and a gain on the sale of a construction site by Infrastructure Sweden in 2022, the profit increased by 16% (in NOK). The 2023 profit margin was 3.3%, compared to 3.8% in 2022. Adjusted for the previously mentioned one-off effects, the margin was 3.6% in 2023, compared to 3.5% in 2022.

Net interest-bearing assets totalled NOK 2.8 billion at year-end, which is on a par with the beginning of the year. Cash flow from operational activities amounted to NOK 2.9 billion for the year, compared to NOK 1.4 billion in 2022. The statement of financial position totalled NOK 18.2 billion at year-end, up from NOK 17.6 billion one year ago.

The fourth-quarter LTI (lost time injury) rate was 6.6, compared to 1.7 in the preceding quarter and 2.9 in Q4 2022. No serious injuries were recorded in Q4. The sick leave rate was 6.0%, compared to 5.0% in the preceding quarter and 6.4% in the fourth quarter of 2022.

Construction Norway

NOK million	Q4 2023	Q4 2022	2023	2022
Revenue	4 463	3 863	16 225	13 370
Profit/loss before tax	245	172	710	530
Profit margin	5.5%	4.5%	4.4%	4.0%
Order book	14 760	16 584	14 760	16 584
- To be implemented next 12 mos.	10 707	11 794	10 707	11 794

The Norwegian construction operation generated revenues of NOK 4.5 billion in the fourth quarter of 2023, up from NOK 3.9 billion in the fourth quarter of 2022. The 16% profit increase is primarily attributable to units in central eastern Norway and Trøndelag County.

The Q4 pre-tax profit totalled NOK 245 million, compared to NOK 172 million in the fourth quarter of 2022. The profit margin increased from 4.5% in Q4 2022 to 5.5% in Q4 2023. The profit and margin improvement is linked to higher sales and effective capacity utilisation, which ensured robust profitability for many parts of the operation.

In 2023 as a whole, the Norwegian construction operation generated revenues of NOK 16.2 billion, up from NOK 13.4 billion in 2022. The pre-tax profit amounted to NOK 710 million, compared to NOK 530 million the previous year. The profit improvement is attributable to strong revenue growth and increased profitability. The full-year profit margin was 4.4%, compared to 4.0% in 2022.

The fourth-quarter order intake was NOK 4.3 billion, compared to NOK 3.2 billion in Q4 2022.

New contracts signed in the quarter:

- Økern School, lower secondary school for Oslo Bygg KF. Contract value NOK 1.3 billion.
- Oslo Hospital, refurbishment and expansion of offices for Ekebergveien 1 AS. Contract value NOK 407 million.
- Røverdalen student housing and multi-storey car park for Gjøvik municipality and SIT. Contract value NOK 321 million.
- Sentralbadet Scenekunst. Performing arts house for the City of Bergen. Contract value NOK 299 million.
- Multi-storey car park at Ålesund Hospital for Sunnmøre Parkering AS. Contract value NOK 200 million.

At quarter-end, the order book totalled NOK 14.8 billion, down 11% from NOK 16.6 billion at the same time in 2022. Of this amount, NOK 10.7 billion will be executed in the next 12 months, down 9% from NOK 11.8 billion as at year-end 2022.

Infrastructure Norway

NOK million	Q4 2023	Q4 2022	2023 ¹	2022
Total revenue	2 683	2 530	9 325	9 583
- Civil engineering	1 710	1 692	5 725	6 333
- Asphalt, Aggregates	974	839	3 599	3 251
Total profit/loss before tax	132	189	222	496
- Civil engineering	99	184	167	485
- Asphalt, Aggregates	34	4	56	11
Total profit margin	4.9%	7.5%	2.4%	5.2%
- Civil engineering	5.8%	10.9%	2.9%	7.7%
- Asphalt, Aggregates	3.5%	0.5%	1.5%	0.3%
Order book	8 912	8 242	8 912	8 242
- To be implemented next 12 mos.	3 973	3 527	3 973	3 527

¹ The profit before tax in 2023 includes a settlement with a profit effect in Q2 of NOK -110 million linked to an older dispute involving the civil engineering operation.

Infrastructure Norway achieved revenues of NOK 2.7 billion in the fourth quarter, compared to NOK 2.5 billion in the same quarter of 2022. The civil engineering operation reported stable revenues, while the asphalt operation reported a slight revenue increase. The pre-tax profit totalled NOK 132 million, down from NOK 189 million in Q4 2022. The drop is

attributable to the very high profitability achieved by certain civil engineering units the previous year. The total profit margin was 4.9%, compared to 7.5% in the fourth quarter of 2022.

The civil engineering operation generated revenues of NOK 1.7 billion in Q4, on a par with the

corresponding quarter of 2022. The pre-tax profit totalled NOK 99 million, compared to NOK 184 million in Q4 2022. The Q4 2022 result included contributions from civil engineering projects approaching completion and highly profitable road maintenance projects. The total profit margin of the civil engineering operation was 5.8%, down from 10.9% in the fourth quarter of 2022.

The asphalt and geomaterials operations achieved revenues of NOK 974 million in the fourth quarter, up from NOK 839 million the previous year. The quarterly profit was NOK 34 million, up from NOK 4 million in 2022. The profit margin was 3.5%, up from 0.5% in Q4 2022.

In 2023 as a whole, Infrastructure Norway generated revenues of NOK 9.3 billion, compared to NOK 9.6 billion in 2022. While the civil engineering operation suffered a revenue drop, higher prices helped boost the asphalt operation’s revenues. The pre-tax profit amounted to NOK 222 million, including NOK -110 million linked to settlement of an older dispute involving the civil engineering operation. Adjusted for the settlement, the profit totalled NOK 332 million, compared to NOK 496 million in

2022. The decline is linked to lower profits in the civil engineering operation, which received a strong contribution from projects approaching completion in 2022. The asphalt and geomaterials operations showed a year-on-year improvement, attributable to increased profitability for the asphalt operation. Geomaterials, on the other hand, suffered a drop in profits due to lower activity levels in the construction market, which in turn resulted in reduced demand for aggregates and landfill.

Infrastructure Norway secured new orders valued at NOK 1.1 billion in Q4, compared to NOK 1.0 billion in the same period in 2022. The fourth-quarter order intake includes an order totalling NOK 160 million linked to the exercise of a road maintenance option.

At quarter-end, the order book totalled NOK 8.9 billion, up from NOK 8.2 billion at the beginning of the year. Road maintenance contracts accounted for NOK 4.4 billion of the order book, compared to NOK 3.9 billion one year ago. Orders due to be executed in the next 12 months amounted to NOK 4.0 billion, up 13% from NOK 3.5 billion at the end of 2022.

Construction Sweden

NOK million	Q4 2023	Q4 2022	2023	2022
Revenue	2 533	2 647	9 078	8 858
Profit/loss before tax	18	18	106	140
Profit margin	0.7%	0.7%	1.2%	1.6%
Order book	6 584	8 158	6 584	8 158
- To be implemented next 12 mos.	4 881	5 337	4 881	5 337

Construction Sweden recorded revenues of NOK 2.5 billion in the fourth quarter, compared to NOK 2.6 billion in the same quarter of 2022. Measured in local currency, revenue dropped by 10%. While the subsidiary BRA in Gothenburg – which primarily constructs commercial buildings – increased its revenues, other parts of the operation recorded lower earnings.

The fourth-quarter profit was NOK 18 million, on a par with 2022. The quarterly profit figure includes goodwill impairments totalling NOK 8 million, as well as NOK 13 million in incurred restructuring costs. The quarterly profit margin was 0.7%, just as in Q4 2022. Although BRA in Gothenburg achieved strong profitability, other parts of the operation delivered a weak profit performance.

Construction Sweden generated revenues of NOK 9.1 billion for 2023 as a whole, compared to NOK 8.9 billion in 2022. Measured in local currency, this represents a 2% decrease. The pre-tax profit

was NOK 106 million, compared to NOK 140 million the previous year. BRA in Gothenburg achieved high profitability, while the other parts of the operation reported low profitability or losses. The profit margin for 2023 was 1.2%, compared to 1.6% in 2022.

The fourth-quarter order intake totalled NOK 1.2 billion, and included a commercial building in Malmö for Wihlborgs fastigheter AB with a contract value of NOK 275 million. In contrast, the order intake totalled NOK 2.3 billion in Q4 2022.

At the end of the fourth quarter, the order book stood at NOK 6.6 billion, compared to NOK 8.2 billion at year-end 2022. Measured in local currency, the order book shrank by 25%. The decline is primarily attributable to the residential portfolio. Orders due to be executed in the next 12 months amounted to NOK 4.9 billion at year-end, down 9% from NOK 5.3 billion at the end of 2022.

Infrastructure Sweden

NOK million	Q4 2023	Q4 2022 ¹	2023	2022 ¹
Revenue	1 823	1 678	5 958	5 247
Profit/loss before tax	99	186	213	290
Profit margin	5.4%	11.1%	3.6%	5.5%
Order book	6 987	5 277	6 987	5 277
- To be implemented next 12 mos.	3 174	2 714	3 174	2 714

¹ The profit before tax for Q4 2022 and full year 2022 included a NOK 130 million gain on the sale of an industrial site outside Stockholm.

Infrastructure Sweden generated revenues of NOK 1.8 billion in the fourth quarter of the year, compared to NOK 1.7 billion in Q4 2022. Measured in local currency, revenues increased by 2%.

The profit was NOK 99 million, compared to NOK 186 million in the fourth quarter of 2022. The Q4 2022 quarterly profit included a NOK 130 million gain on the sale of a site outside Stockholm. Adjusted for this gain, the profit improvement is attributable to increased profitability of the project portfolio. The quarterly profit margin was 5.4%, compared to 11.1% one year ago.

For the year as a whole, Infrastructure Sweden generated revenues of NOK 6.0 billion, up from NOK 5.2 billion in 2022. Measured in local currency, this equates to an 8% increase. The pre-tax profit was NOK 213 million, down from NOK 290 million in 2022. The 2022 profit figure included a gain of

NOK 130 million on the sale of a construction site. The profit margin for 2023 was 3.6%, compared to 5.5% in 2022.

The fourth-quarter order intake totalled NOK 2.0 billion, compared to NOK 727 million in Q4 of the previous year.

- New contracts signed in the quarter:**
- Mässtunneln, drainage tunnel for Stockholm Vatten och Avfall. Contract value NOK 898 million.
 - Vindpark Horshaga in Uppvidinge municipality for SR Energy. Contract value NOK 193 million.

At the end of the fourth quarter, the order book stood at NOK 7.0 billion, up from NOK 5.3 billion at year-end 2022. Measured in local currency, the order book grew by 24%. Orders due to be executed in the next 12 months amounted to NOK 3.2 billion, up 17% from NOK 2.7 billion at the end of 2022.

Denmark

NOK million	Q4 2023	Q4 2022	2023	2022
Revenue	722	783	3 002	2 420
Profit/loss before tax	118	83	300	213
Profit margin	16.3%	10.7%	10.0%	8.8%
Order book	3 130	3 074	3 130	3 074
- To be implemented next 12 mos.	2 155	2 327	2 155	2 327

The Danish operation, Hoffmann, achieved revenues of NOK 722 million in the fourth quarter, compared to NOK 783 million in the corresponding quarter of 2022. This corresponds to a drop of 18% measured in local currency.

The pre-tax profit was NOK 118 million, compared to NOK 83 million in Q4 2022. The profit margin was 16.3%, compared to 10.7% in the fourth quarter of 2022. The improved margin is attributable to contributions from projects approaching completion and strong profitability throughout the project portfolio.

For 2023 as a whole, revenues totalled NOK 3.0 billion, up 10% in the local currency compared to the preceding year. The pre-tax profit amounted to NOK 300 million, up from NOK 213 million in 2022. The annual profit margin was 10.0%, up from 8.8% the previous year.

The fourth-quarter order intake totalled NOK 1.5 billion, compared to NOK 515 million in Q4 2022.

New contracts signed in the quarter:

- Refurbishment of Roskilde University for the Danish Building and Property Agency. Contract value NOK 484 million.
- Expansion and optimisation of a district heating system for Gladsaxe municipality. Contract value NOK 450 million.

The order book stood at NOK 3.1 billion at the end of the fourth quarter, on a par with year-end 2022. Measured in local currency, the order book shrank by 5%. The order book indicates a temporary drop in revenues in the first half of 2024. Orders due to be executed in the next 12 months amounted to NOK 2.2 billion, down 7% from NOK 2.3 billion at the end of 2022.

Other operations

Other operations consist of unallocated costs associated with the group’s corporate administration, the sale of administrative services to the group’s Norwegian operations, financial management, the group’s ownership role in Public–Private Partnerships (PPPs) and the elimination of intra-group profits. The result for the fourth quarter was NOK -9 million, compared to NOK -26 million in Q4 2022. The improvement is attributable to increased financial income in the form of returns on financial investments. For 2023 as a whole, the pre-tax result was NOK -107 million, compared to NOK -203 million in 2022.

Financial situation

Net interest-bearing assets amounted to NOK 2.8 billion at year-end, compared to NOK 2.8 billion at the beginning of the year. In 2023, Veidekke made a final payment in connection with an acquisition by Construction Sweden in 2018, and bought out minority shareholders in Construction Norway. Both payments were made in the first half of the year. Strong project liquidity for Construction Norway impacted operational cash flow in Q4, which totalled NOK 1.9 billion – up from NOK 907 million in Q4 2022. Cash flow from investment activities amounted to NOK -1.0 billion in Q4, compared to NOK -301 million in Q4 2022. The difference is mainly linked to increased investments in bond funds.

On a full-year basis, cash flow from operational activities amounted to NOK 2.9 billion, up from NOK 1.4 billion in 2022. Cash flow from investment activities amounted to NOK -2.0 billion in 2023, compared to NOK -701 million in 2022.

The statement of financial position totalled NOK 18.2 billion at quarter-end, up from NOK 17.6 billion at the beginning of the year. As at the end of Q4 2023, Veidekke had not drawn on any of its available credit totalling NOK 2.5 billion.

Shareholder information

Largest shareholders as at 31 December 2023		Shareholding
OBOS BBL		19.5%
Folketrygdfondet		10.6%
If Skadeförsäkring AB		3.7%
Pareto Asset Management		3.4%
Vanguard		2.8%
Must Invest AS		2.2%
MP Pensjon PK		2.0%
Danske Invest		1.7%
Verdipapirfond ODIN Norge		1.7%
RBC Global Asset Management		1.5%
Total 10 largest shareholders		49.2%
Others		50.8%
Total		100.0%
Total number of issued shares		134 956 267

A total of 2.8 million Veidekke shares were traded in the fourth quarter of 2023. The share price ranged from NOK 92.00 to NOK 105.80, and was NOK 102.20 as at 31 December 2023. The foreign shareholding was 23.5%. Approximately 12% of the shares in the company are owned by Veidekke employees.

Related-party transactions

Veidekke is regularly involved in transactions with related parties in the course of its ordinary operations, including contracts for the development of specific projects. There were no other significant related-party transactions in the fourth quarter of 2023. For a more detailed description of related-party transactions, see Veidekke’s Annual and Sustainability Report 2022.

Risks

Veidekke’s business primarily involves the execution of construction and infrastructure projects for private and public-sector clients in Norway, Sweden and Denmark. The past two years have been characterised by rising energy and commodity prices, higher interest-rate levels and high inflation. Although inflation slowed in 2023, commodity prices remain high. These developments are impacting financial capacity and investment decisions in both the private and public sectors, and are resulting in deferment or redesign of planned projects and very weak sales of new residential units. Despite an uncertain market

outlook, Veidekke’s order book was strong at the end of Q4 2023 and provided a good overview of activity levels in 2024. Nevertheless, the company expects market conditions to remain challenging going forward. Veidekke is engaged in an ongoing dialogue with clients and suppliers, and has an organisational and cost structure that allows rapid adaptation to altered framework conditions. The order book’s development in recent months indicates that the market is functioning, but there are large variations between different geographical regions and market segments. Veidekke presents its outlook for the Scandinavian contracting markets twice a year. The market update is available on the Veidekke website.

Veidekke’s project portfolio varies greatly in terms of complexity, size, duration and risk, and systematic risk management in all parts of the business and during all project phases is therefore of crucial importance. This encompasses matters such as project selection, processes, tender quality, project follow-up and project execution. Having the necessary expertise to ensure optimal assignment execution is key when deciding which projects to tender for. At the tender-preparation stage, risks are identified and assessed, and plans are made for managing risk during the execution phase. Veidekke’s projects are increasing in size and complexity, making risk management a high priority. Certain forms of contract permit differing interpretations of contractual performance,

giving room for disagreement between contractor and client regarding final payment. Although Veidekke seeks to reach agreement with clients through negotiations, some disputes do end up in the court system. There were no major ongoing court cases as at the end of Q4 2023.

For further discussion of the company’s financial risk, climate risk and other risk factors, see [Note 29](#) in Veidekke’s Annual and Sustainability Report 2022.

Oslo, 7th February 2024
The board of directors of Veidekke ASA

Gro Bakstad chair	Hanne Rønneberg	Per-Ingemar Persson	Carola Lavén	Pål Eitrheim
Nils Morten Bøhler	Inge Ramsdal	Odd Andre Olsen	Arve Fludal	Jimmy Bengtsson Group CEO

Statement of comprehensive income

Figures in NOK million	Q4 2023	Q4 2022	31 Dec 2023	2022
Revenue	12 134	10 837	43 146	38 658
Operating expenses	-11 281	-10 007	-40 715	-36 250
Share of net income from joint ventures	9	18	23	37
Operating profit before depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA)	861	848	2 454	2 446
Depreciation	-281	-270	-1 045	-938
Operating profit/loss (EBIT)	580	578	1 409	1 508
Financial income	58	17	144	45
Financial costs	-35	27	-109	-87
Profit/loss before tax	603	622	1 444	1 467
Tax expenses	-108	-117	-293	-308
Profit/loss for the period	495	504	1 151	1 159
of which non-controlling interests	21	14	81	67
Profit/loss per share (NOK)	3.5	3.6	7.9	8.1

Figures in NOK million	Q4 2023	Q4 2022	31 Dec 2023	2022
Profit/loss for the period	495	504	1 151	1 159
Revaluation of pensions	-19	33	-19	33
Net items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	-19	33	-19	33
Currency translation differences	25	-26	68	4
Fair value adjustment of financial assets	-5	-1	8	91
Net items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	20	-27	76	95
Total comprehensive income	496	510	1 207	1 287
of which non-controlling interests	22	13	83	68

Statement of financial position Veidekke group

Figures in NOK million	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Goodwill	2 088	2 016
Other intangible assets	200	137
Rights of use assets	1 030	857
Land and buildings	791	740
Plant and machinery	2 300	2 349
Investments in joint ventures	319	278
Financial assets	590	524
Total non-current assets	7 317	6 901
Current assets		
Inventories	740	639
Trade and other receivables, contract assets	7 166	6 867
Financial investments	925	523
Cash and cash equivalents	2 063	2 714
Total current assets	10 894	10 743
Total assets	18 212	17 644

Figures in NOK million	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Share capital	67	67
Other equity	2 985	2 906
Non-controlling interests	46	22
Total equity	3 099	2 995
Non-current liabilities		
Pensions and deferred tax liabilities	1 289	1 239
Bonds	193	193
Amounts due to credit institutions	313	194
Other non-current liabilities	585	687
Total non-current liabilities	2 380	2 313
Current liabilities		
Debts to credit institutions	2	14
Trade payables and warranty provisions	7 853	7 082
Public duties and taxes payable	1 205	1 102
Other current liabilities and contract liabilities	3 674	4 137
Total current liabilities	12 733	12 336
Total equity and liabilities	18 212	17 644

Statement of cash flows

Figures in NOK million	Q4 2023	Q4 2022	2023	2022
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Profit/loss before tax	603	622	1 444	1 467
Tax paid for the period	-52	-194	-308	-290
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	281	270	1 045	938
Other operational items	1 020	208	759	-706
Net cash flow from operating activities	1 852	907	2 939	1 409
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Acquisition/disposal of property, plant and equipment	-181	-90	-668	-429
Other investing activities	33	-201	-664	-282
Investments in bond funds	-584	-	-397	-7
Change in interest-bearing receivables	-289	-10	-290	17
Net cash flow from investing activities	-1 021	-301	-2 019	-701
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Change in interest-bearing liabilities	212	33	105	33
Repayment of bond loan	-	-	-	-420
Dividend paid	-	-	-1 046	-945
Other financial items	-392	-98	-812	-477
Net cash flow from financing activities	-180	-65	-1 753	-1 808
Total cash flow	651	540	-833	-1 100
Cash and cash equivalents, start of period	1 409	2 174	2 714	3 814
Exchange rate adjustment foreign cash balances	3	-	182	-
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	2 063	2 714	2 063	2 714

Net interest-bearing position

Figures in NOK million	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Cash and cash equivalents	2 063	2 714
Financial investment (short-term)	925	523
Interest-bearing assets (short-term)	292	-
Interest-bearing assets (long-term)	2	5
Interest-bearing liabilities	-507	-402
Net interest-bearing position	2 776	2 840

Other key figures

Figures in NOK million	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Order book	40 374	41 334
Equity ratio	17%	17%
Return on equity past 12 months	41%	43%
Number of employees	8 084	7 933

Business segments

Figures in NOK million	Q4 2023	Q4 2022	2023	2022
Construction Norway				
Revenue	4 463	3 863	16 225	13 370
Operating expenses	-4 205	-3 687	-15 434	-12 732
Share of net income from joint ventures	-	1	-	-
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	-45	-40	-172	-171
Operating profit/loss (EBIT)	213	137	619	467
Net financial items	32	35	91	63
Profit/loss before tax (EBT)	245	172	710	530
Total assets	7 457	6 963	7 457	6 963
Infrastructure Norge				
Revenue	2 683	2 530	9 325	9 583
Operating expenses	-2 380	-2 201	-8 477	-8 595
Share of net income from joint ventures	5	6	10	10
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	-139	-123	-526	-450
Operating profit/loss (EBIT)	170	213	332	548
Net financial items	-37	-24	-109	-52
Profit/loss before tax (EBT)	132	189	222	496
Total assets	4 921	4 796	4 921	4 796

Figures in NOK million	Q4 2023	Q4 2022	2023	2022
Construction Sweden				
Revenue	2 533	2 647	9 078	8 858
Operating expenses	-2 477	-2 586	-8 879	-8 617
Share of net income from joint ventures	-4	-	-2	1
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	-31	-40	-94	-98
Operating profit/loss (EBIT)	21	21	103	144
Net financial items	-3	-3	3	-3
Profit/loss before tax (EBT)	18	18	106	140
Total assets	2 738	3 174	2 738	3 174
Infrastructure Sweden				
Revenue	1 823	1 678	5 958	5 247
Operating expenses	-1 684	-1 448	-5 583	-4 826
Share of net income from joint ventures	-	-	-12	-
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	-40	-44	-150	-130
Operating profit/loss (EBIT)	99	186	213	291
Net financial items	-	-1	-	-1
Profit/loss before tax (EBT)	99	186	213	290
Total assets	1 919	1 781	1 919	1 781

Figures in NOK million	Q4 2023	Q4 2022	2023	2022
Denmark				
Revenue	722	783	3 002	2 420
Operating expenses	-597	-698	-2 693	-2 190
Share of net income from joint ventures	-	-	-	-
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	-7	-6	-26	-23
Operating profit/loss (EBIT)	119	79	282	208
Net financial items	-1	5	18	5
Profit/loss before tax (EBT)	118	83	300	213
Total assets	2 041	1 900	2 041	1 900
Other operations¹				
Revenue	75	-5	324	193
Operating expenses	-106	-41	-418	-300
Share of net income from joint ventures	7	10	27	27
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	-20	-18	-78	-68
Operating profit/loss (EBIT)	-43	-53	-145	-149
Net financial items	32	33	32	-53
Profit/loss before tax (EBT)	-11	-20	-113	-202
Total assets	4 175	4 197	4 175	4 197

¹ Other operations include the group's net financial items and central unassigned costs.

Figures in NOK million	Q4 2023	Q4 2022	2023	2022
Group eliminations				
Revenue	-166	-660	-766	-1 012
Operating expenses	167	653	770	1 009
Share of net income from joint ventures	-	-	-	-
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	-	1	2	2
Operating profit/loss (EBIT)	2	-6	6	-2
Net financial items	-	-	-	-
Profit/loss before tax (EBT)	2	-6	6	-2
Total assets	-5 040	-5 168	-5 040	-5 168
Total Veidekke group segment accounts				
Revenue	12 134	10 837	43 146	38 658
Operating expenses	-11 281	-10 007	-40 715	-36 250
Share of net income from joint ventures	9	18	23	37
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	-281	-270	-1 045	-938
Operating profit/loss (EBIT)	580	578	1 409	1 508
Net financial items	23	44	35	-42
Profit/loss before tax (EBT)	603	622	1 444	1 467
Total assets	18 212	17 644	18 212	17 644

Statement of changes in equity

Figures in NOK million	Equity holders of Veidekke ASA						Minority		
	Share capital	Other paid-in capital ¹	Reevaluation of pensions	Currency translation differences	Other retained earnings	Fair value adjustments ²	Total	Non-controlling interests	Total
Equity at 1 January 2022	67	419	-85	-25	2 581	-110	2 848	17	2 865
Profit/loss for the period	-	-	-	-	1 092	-	1 092	67	1 159
Other comprehensive income	-	-	33	1	-	91	125	2	128
Share-based transactions employees	-	-	-	-	-31	-	-31	-	-31
Additions, acquisitions of operations, non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
Transactions, non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-112	-	-112	-21	-133
Purchase of own shares	-	-	-	-	-5	-	-5	-	-5
Dividend	-	-	-	-	-945	-	-945	-50	-995
Equity at 31 December 2022	67	419	-52	-24	2 581	-19	2 973	22	2 995
Equity at 1 January 2023	67	419	-52	-24	2 581	-19	2 973	22	2 995
Profit/loss for the period	-	-	-	-	1 069	-	1 069	81	1 151
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-19	66	-	8	55	2	57
Share-based transactions employees	-	-	-	-	-35	-	-35	-	-35
Transactions, non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	32	-	32	3	35
Sale of own shares	-	-	-	-	5	-	5	-	5
Dividend	-	-	-	-	-1 046	-	-1 046	-62	-1 108
Equity at 31 December 2023	67	419	-71	43	2 605	-11	3 053	46	3 099

¹ Paid-in capital over and above nominal value of shares.
² Financial assets and derivatives defined as hedging instruments that are both valued at fair value through comprehensive income.

Notes Veidekke group

Note 01. General information

Veidekke is one of Scandinavia's largest construction companies. The company is headquartered in Oslo and is listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange. The consolidated accounts for Q4 2023 include Veidekke ASA and its subsidiaries and the group's investments in associates and joint ventures. At the end of Q4 2023, the group included essentially the same units as in the annual accounts submitted for 2022.

Accounting figures in quarterly accounts are not audited.

Note 02. Accounting principles

The group's financial reports are prepared in accordance with international accounting standards (IFRS) approved by the EU. The quarterly accounts have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 on interim financial reporting, and comply with applicable stock-exchange rules. The quarterly accounts were prepared in accordance with the same accounting principles as the annual accounts for 2022.

The segment and financial statements presented are prepared in line with the same accounting principles, and there is therefore no difference between IFRS and the principles applied by management to follow up on business.

The quarterly accounts do not include all information required in a complete annual report and should therefore be read in conjunction with the group's annual accounts for 2022, which are available at www.veidekke.com.

Note 03. Operating income

The tables below show the group’s revenues for 2023 and 2022, split into service areas.

Figures in NOK million	Construction Norway	Infrastructure Norway	Construction Sweden	Infrastructure Sweden	Denmark	Other	Group
Service area							
Apartments and small houses	5 961	-	1 125	-	32	-	7 119
Commercial buildings	3 761	-	6 450	-	1 625	-	11 835
Public buildings	5 458	424	854	-	1 007	-	7 743
Transport infrastructure – road	-	123	-	403	-	-	526
Transport infrastructure – rail	-	1 926	-	456	-	-	2 383
Asphalt and aggregates	-	3 607	-	597	-	-	4 205
Other civil engineering	1 046	1 482	649	4 502	338	-	8 016
Maintenance contracts (road maintenance)	-	1 762	-	-	-	-	1 762
Other/Eliminations	-	-	-	-	-	-442	-442
Total 31 December 2023	16 225	9 325	9 078	5 958	3 002	-442	43 146

Figures in NOK million	Construction Norway	Infrastructure Norway	Construction Sweden	Infrastructure Sweden	Denmark	Other	Group
Service area							
Apartments and small houses	4 935	-	2 136	-	41	-	7 111
Commercial buildings	2 494	-	5 230	-	998	-	8 723
Public buildings	4 795	427	1 150	-	1 176	-	7 548
Transport infrastructure – road	-	8	-	519	-	-	528
Transport infrastructure – rail	-	2 335	4	612	-	-	2 951
Asphalt and aggregates	-	3 396	-	762	-	-	4 158
Other civil engineering	1 146	1 726	338	3 354	205	-	6 769
Maintenance contracts (road maintenance)	-	1 691	-	-	-	-	1 691
Other/Eliminations	-	-	-	-	-	-819	-819
Total 31 December 2022	13 370	9 583	8 858	5 247	2 420	-819	38 658

Note 04. Estimates

Veidekke’s operations comprise construction projects. Accounting for project activities is largely based on estimates. The significant assessments when applying the group’s accounting policies and the main sources of estimate uncertainty are the same at the end of Q4 2023 as in the 2022 annual accounts.

Note 05. Non-current assets

Figures in NOK million	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Property, plant, equipment and other intangible assets		
Carrying amount at start of period	4 083	3 935
Additions of non-current assets excl. Rights of use assets	844	785
Additions of Rights of use assets	489	312
Additions from acquisitions of operations	18	72
Disposals of non-current assets excl. Rights of use assets	-119	-80
Disposals of Rights of use assets	-9	-
Depreciation/amortisation of non-current assets excl. Rights of use assets	-577	-572
Depreciation of Rights of use assets	-460	-348
Currency translation differences, etc.	53	-21
Carrying amount at end of period	4 321	4 083
Other intangible assets	200	137
Rights of use assets	1 030	857
Land and buildings	791	740
Plant and machinery	2 300	2 349
Carrying amount at end of period	4 321	4 083

Figures in NOK million	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022
Goodwill		
Carrying amount at start of period	2 016	1 758
Additions	21	289
Disposals	-	-
Impairment	-8	-18
Currency translation differences	59	-14
Carrying amount at end of period	2 088	2 016

Note 06. Operations significantly affected by seasonal fluctuations

The group's asphalt and aggregates operations, which report to the Infrastructure business area, are subject to seasonal fluctuations related to climatic conditions. Production takes place mainly between May and October, and, consequently, the bulk of the operation's turnover is generated during this period. However, costs related to salaried employees, maintenance of production facilities and depreciation accrue throughout the year. As a result, the quarterly accounts for the Infrastructure business area will, as a rule, fluctuate significantly.

Note 07. Acquisitions, sales of operations

In Q1 2023, Construction Sweden acquired the remaining 9.9% of the shares in BRA (Billström Riemer Andersson AB), and paid the remaining purchase price for shares transferred to Veidekke in 2018. A NOK 642 million payment made in Q1 also includes the acquisition of shares from minorities in certain BRA subsidiaries. During Veidekke's period of ownership, BRA has produced excellent results, and contributed a total profit of NOK 717 million before tax for the period 2018–2022. As of 31 March 2023, Veidekke had nearly 100% ownership of the BRA group. Veidekke values employee co-ownership, and to ensure the continued high commitment of key personnel in this company, the group performed a sell-down of shares in BRA in Q2 2023, reducing Veidekke's share of ownership to 70%.

Note 08. Special items

Veidekke and the Norwegian Public Roads Administration agreed on the final settlement of the project E39 Svevatjørn–Rådal outside Bergen in Q2 2023. For Veidekke, the settlement entailed a NOK -110 million loss, which has been recorded under Infrastructure Norway in the Q1 2023 accounts. The settlement has provided capital influx in the amount of NOK 300 million, comprising payments withheld for work performed and previously paid-in VAT. The positive cash flow from overpaid VAT has been recorded in the Q3 2023 accounts.

Note 09. Financial instruments

There were no significant changes during the period related to financial risk and the group's use of financial instruments. For further details, see the annual report for 2022.

Note 10. Dividends

For the financial year 2022, a dividend of NOK 7.75 per share was paid to shareholders, amounting to NOK 1 046 million in total. The dividend was approved at the Annual General Meeting on 10th May 2023, and was accounted for in Q2 2023.

Note 11. Loan agreement covenants

Veidekke has a NOK 1.75 billion overdraft facility with DNB (rolling 364-day maturity) and a NOK 0.75 billion credit facility with SEB (with maturity until 31. December 2025). Both facilities remained unutilised as at the end of fourth quarter 2023. Cash and cash equivalents amounted to NOK 2.1 billion, including NOK 0.9 billion invested in money market funds. Veidekke also has NOK 0.9 billion invested in bond funds. This investment has been classified as Financial investments in the Statement of financial position.

Note 12. Events after the reporting date

No events have occurred after the balance sheet date that would have had a significant effect on the submitted accounts.

Note 13. Alternative performance measures

Veidekke generally reports its financial results in line with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The following alternative performance measures are also reported:

EBITDA

EBITDA is an abbreviation for earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation. The key figure indicates operational profitability after operating expenses have been deducted.

EBIT

EBIT is an abbreviation for earnings before interest and taxes. The key figure indicates operational profitability after operating expenses, depreciation and amortisation have been deducted.

Net interest-bearing position

An expression of the group’s financial position, this key figure is determined from the group’s capitalised interest-bearing debt on the date of calculation, less bank deposits and interest-bearing receivables, both current and non-current. This key figure is also included in the calculation of covenants in the loan agreement.

Order book

The order book provides an indication of future activity in the group’s construction and civil engineering operations. The order book is defined as contracted and signed contracts on the measurement date. This key figure also includes road maintenance contracts in Infrastructure’s Road maintenance unit.

Return on equity

This key figure indicates the return on equity during the period and is calculated by dividing the post-tax profit by average equity.

Profit for the last 12 months

Average equity last 12 months

Average equity over the last 12 months is calculated by averaging equity over the preceding four quarters.

Veidekke is one of Scandinavia's largest contractors. In addition to undertaking all types of building and civil engineering assignments, the group also maintains roads and produces asphalt and aggregates. Veidekke emphasises stakeholder involvement and local experience. The annual turnover is NOK 43 billion, and nearly half of its 8 000 employees own shares in the company. Veidekke is listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange and has posted a profit every year since its inception in 1936.



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