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MT Højgaard a/s

Enclosed please find MT Højgaard a/s' Report for 3rd quarter 2008 (January 1 – September 30, 2008), which is hereby published.

Højgaard Holding a/s holds an ownership interest of 54 % in MT Højgaard a/s.

Yours faithfully,
Højgaard Holding a/s

Berit Lovring
CEO

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Interim financial report – Third quarter 2008 (1/1 – 30/9 2008)

The Supervisory Board of MT Højgaard a/s has today discussed and approved the Company's interim financial report for the third quarter of 2008.

Søborg, 24 November 2008
Supervisory Board and Executive Board

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Sustained satisfactory earnings performance

- Revenue for the first three quarters of the year was DKK 8.3 billion, down 4% on the same period last year. Despite the decline in the level of activity, profit before tax was DKK 127 million ahead of the same period last year. Profit before tax for the first three quarters of the year was DKK 257 million, and the pre-tax margin was 3.1% versus 1.5% last year.
- Third-quarter revenue was DKK 2.9 billion, up DKK 0.2 billion on last year. The result before tax was a profit of DKK 80 million compared with DKK 27 million in last year's third quarter.
- The results for the period benefited from a satisfactory performance by the parent company, with the business areas and business units realising profits matching expectations. The subsidiaries also delivered satisfactory results overall, albeit lagging behind last year.
- Operating cash flows for the first three quarters of the year, which were affected by more funds tied up in receivables and work in progress during the period under review, were DKK 192 million compared with DKK 213 million in the same period last year.

Outlook for 2008 reaffirmed

- The order book stood at DKK 10.6 billion at the end of the third quarter, on a par with the start-of-year order book.
- Full-year 2008 revenue is expected to amount to about DKK 11 billion, and pre-tax profit is expected to be in the region of DKK 300 million, affirming the outlook expressed in the 2007 annual report and most recently reaffirmed in the interim financial report for the first half of 2008.
- The Group's effective tax rate is expected to be on a par with the Danish tax rate.

Consolidated financial highlights

Amounts in DKK million	2008 Q3	2007 Q3	2008 YTD	2007 YTD	2007 Year
Income statement					
Revenue	2,893	2,685	8,266	8,606	11,714
Operating profit (EBIT)	68	32	238	127	194
Net financing costs and profit (loss) of associates	13	(5)	19	3	117
Profit before tax	80	27	257	130	311
Profit after tax	60	20	192	74	235
Balance sheet					
Share capital			220	220	220
Equity			1,375	1,073	1,231
Balance sheet total			5,383	4,920	5,033
Interest-bearing assets			493	402	491
Interest-bearing liabilities			300	258	299
Invested capital			1,195	948	1,051
Cash flows					
Cash flows from operating activities			192	213	(73)
Cash flows for investing activities			(142)	(82)	68
Cash flows from financing activities			(70)	(25)	(35)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			(21)	106	(40)
Financial ratios (%)					
Gross margin	4.7	3.9	5.7	4.4	4.7
Operating margin (EBIT margin)	2.3	1.2	2.9	1.5	1.7
Pre-tax margin	2.8	1.0	3.1	1.5	2.7
Return on invested capital (ROIC) *			21.2	13.1	19.0
Return on equity (ROE) *			14.8	7.1	20.9
Equity ratio			25.5	21.8	24.5
Earnings and diluted earnings per share (EPS and EPS-D), DKK **	5.5	1.8	17.5	6.7	21.3
Other information					
Order book, year end			10,601	11,147	10,687
Average number of employees			5,326	6,023	6,044

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" as adopted by the EU and additional Danish disclosure requirements for interim financial reports. The accounting policies are unchanged from the 2007 annual report.

The financial ratios have been calculated in accordance with the Danish Society of Financial Analysts' 'Recommendations & Financial Ratios 2005'. Financial ratios are defined in the 2007 annual report.

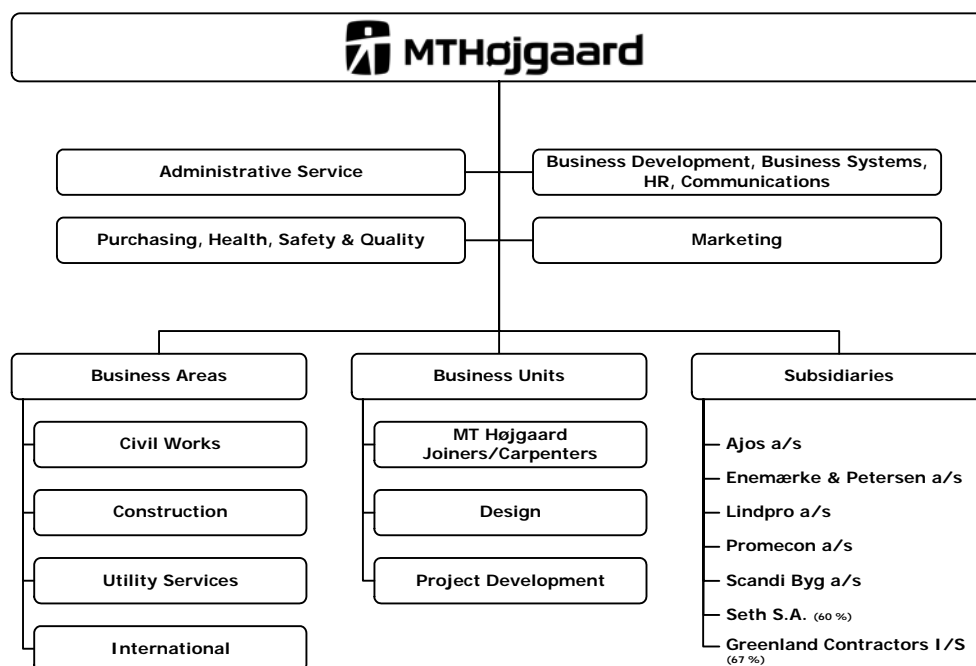
The interim financial report has not been audited or reviewed by the company's auditors.

*) Not converted to full-year figures.

***) The EPS and EPS-D calculations are based on share denominations of nominally DKK 20.

Management's review

Group diagram



The Group is organised into four business areas, three business units and the separately profiled subsidiaries as well as the corporate functions.

The business areas Civil Works, Construction and Utility Services, which carries out cable works, are countrywide. International activities, primarily comprising civil works projects, are taken care of by the business area International.

The business units MT Højgaard Joiners/Carpenters, Design and Project Development undertake projects for external clients and for the four business areas.

Subsidiaries comprise the Group's subsidiaries and jointly controlled enterprises with separately profiled capabilities.

Income statement

Third-quarter consolidated revenue was DKK 2.9 billion, up DKK 0.2 billion on the same period last year. Revenue for the first three quarters of the year was DKK 8.3 billion, down 4% on the same period last year, primarily reflecting the general decline in the level of activity in the Danish building and civil works market. The level of activity abroad, on the other hand, rose steadily. Revenue can be broken down by activity as illustrated in the table below.

Revenue DKK million	YTD 2008	YTD 2007	Year 2007
Civil Works	695	1,149	1,546
Construction	2,414	3,471	4,523
Utility Services	533	423	598
International	1,638	1,187	1,698
Business units	565	441	645
Subsidiaries	2,937	2,705	3,718
Eliminations/others	(516)	(770)	(1,014)
MT Højgaard Group	8,266	8,606	11,714

Despite the decline in the level of activity, operating profit was ahead. The third-quarter operating result was a profit of DKK 68 million, up from DKK 32 million in the third quarter of 2007. The operating result for the first three quarters was a profit of DKK 238 million, up DKK 111 million on last year.

The results for the first three quarters of the year benefited from a satisfactory performance by the parent company, with the business areas and business units realising profits matching expectations. The results benefited from the recognition of income in connection with the handing-over of a residential building project under the company's own auspices. The subsidiaries also delivered satisfactory results overall, albeit lagging behind last year. Enemærke & Petersen, Greenland Contractors and Scandi Byg outperformed expectations, while Ajos reported lower results and Promecon showed a loss. The other subsidiaries performed in line with expectations.

Net financing costs and share of results of associates amounted to net income of DKK 19 million for the first three quarters versus net income of DKK 3 million in the same period last year. Compared with the same period last year, net financing costs benefited from a higher interest rate level and foreign exchange gains.

The result before tax for the first three quarters of the year was a profit of DKK 257 million, up DKK 127 million on last year. The pre-tax margin was 3.1% compared with 1.5% last year.

The result after tax was a profit of DKK 192 million, up from DKK 74 million in the same period last year.

Balance sheet

The consolidated balance sheet total stood at DKK 5,383 million at 30 September 2008, up 7% on the end of 2007.

Equity stood at DKK 1,375 million, giving an equity ratio of 25.5% compared with 24.5% at the end of 2007. Besides profit for the period, equity was affected by dividend of DKK 50 million paid for 2007.

The interest-bearing net deposit was DKK 193 million at the end of the third quarter, on a par with the interest-bearing deposit at the end of 2007.

Cash flows and financial resources

Operating cash flows for the first three quarters of the year, which were affected by more funds tied up in receivables and work in progress during the period under review, were DKK 192 million compared with DKK 213 million in the same period last year.

Cash flows for investing activities amounted to an outflow of DKK 142 million net, with acquisitions absorbing DKK 23 million. Net capital expenditure on property, plant and equipment, primarily relating to replacement of and new investment in contractors' plant and equipment, amounted to DKK 118 million versus DKK 150 million in the same period last year, when BMS was part of the Group.

Cash flows from financing activities, which, compared with last year, were affected by the payment of DKK 50 million in dividend to shareholders, amounted to an outflow of DKK 70 million compared with an outflow of DKK 25 million in the same period last year.

There was a DKK 21 million net decrease in cash and cash equivalents in the first three quarters of the year compared with a net increase of DKK 106 million last year.

The Group's financial resources, calculated as cash, including cash and cash equivalents in joint ventures, and securities and undrawn credit facilities, stood at DKK 808 million at 30 September 2008, which is considered satisfactory.

The financial resources included cash and cash equivalents in joint ventures of DKK 233 million that are available exclusively to the joint ventures, compared with DKK 245 million in the same period last year.

Order book

The order book stood at DKK 10,601 million at the end of the third quarter, on a par with the start-of-year order book.

DKK million	2008 YTD	2007 YTD	2007 Year
Order book, beginning of period	10,687	10,752	10,752
Order intake during period	8,180	9,001	11,649
Production during period	(8,266)	(8,606)	(11,714)
Order book, end of period	10,601	11,147	10,687

The order book includes a number of large orders extending over several years.

Acquisition of enterprises

MT Højgaard a/s has strengthened its position in southwest Jutland in the utility services area by acquiring the activities of the contracting firm Erik Jacobsen with effect from 1 October 2008. The company has 33 employees.

The acquisition will not have any material impact on consolidated revenue or profit for 2008.

Related parties

MT Højgaard a/s is owned by Højgaard Holding a/s (54%) and Monberg & Thorsen A/S (46%), both of which are listed on NASDAQ OMX Copenhagen.

Apart from intragroup transactions that have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements, and normal management remuneration, no significant transactions have been effected during the period with major shareholders, members of the Supervisory Board or Executive Board or other related parties.

Transactions between MT Højgaard a/s and other consolidated enterprises are based on arm's length terms and did not have any significant effect on MT Højgaard's financial position or results during the period.

Outlook for 2008

The decline in the level of activity in the Danish building and civil works market became more marked in the third quarter of 2008 as a result of the gradual slowdown in market conditions.

The slowdown is driven, in particular, by a significant decline in private residential construction and an unusually low level of activity within construction of non-profit housing.

As far as concerns the international activities, the level of activity has been showing an upward trend in 2008, with the focus being on selective identification of project opportunities in relation to in-house skills and resources.

The order book and the market outlook at the start of the fourth quarter still give grounds for expecting full-year 2008 revenue of about DKK 11 billion and pre-tax profit in the region of DKK 300 million, affirming the outlook expressed in the 2007 annual report and most recently reaffirmed in the interim financial report for the first half of 2008.

The Group's effective tax rate is expected to be on a par with the Danish corporate income tax rate.

By their nature, these expectations concerning the future financial performance are subject to uncertainties and risks that may cause the performance to differ from the expectations expressed in this report. For a description of risks and uncertainties, reference is made to the section "Risk factors" in the 2007 annual report. The significant risks and uncertainties are consistent with those described in the annual report.

Statement by the Executive and Supervisory Boards

The Executive and Supervisory Boards have today discussed and approved the interim financial report of MT Højgaard a/s for the period 1 January – 30 September 2008.

The interim financial report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" as adopted by the EU and additional Danish disclosure requirements for interim financial reports.

In our opinion, the interim financial report gives a true and fair view of the Group's financial position at 30 September 2008 and of the results of the Group's operations and cash flows for the period 1 January – 30 September 2008.

Further, in our opinion, the Management's review gives a true and fair review of the development in the Group's operations and financial matters, the results of the Group's operations and the Group's financial position as a whole and describes the significant risks and uncertainties pertaining to the Group.

Søborg, 24 November 2008

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Executive Vice President, Finance

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Consolidated income statement

Amounts in DKK million	2008 Q3	2007 Q3	2008 YTD	2007 YTD	2007 Year
Revenue	2,893.1	2,685.0	8,266.1	8,605.9	11,713.8
Production costs	(2,756.0)	(2,580.2)	(7,793.4)	(8,224.0)	(11,159.7)
Gross profit	137.1	104.8	472.7	381.9	554.1
Distribution costs	(27.3)	(19.2)	(90.2)	(85.2)	(127.5)
Administrative expenses	(42.0)	(53.9)	(144.8)	(170.0)	(232.8)
Operating profit	67.8	31.7	237.7	126.7	193.8
Share of profit after tax of associates	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
Net financing costs	11.9	(5.0)	18.8	3.0	117.3
Profit before tax	80.3	26.9	256.5	129.9	311.1
Income tax expense	(20.0)	(6.8)	(64.1)	(55.5)	(75.9)
Profit after tax	60.3	20.1	192.4	74.4	235.2
Attributable to					
Equity holders of MT Højgaard a/s	60.3	20.1	192.4	73.4	234.3
Minority interests	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.9
Total	60.3	20.1	192.4	74.4	235.2
Earnings and diluted earnings per share (EPS and EPS-D), DKK	5.5	1.8	17.5	6.7	21.3

Consolidated balance sheet

Amounts in DKK million	2008 30.09	2007 30.09	2007 31.12
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	80.1	74.5	64.0
Property, plant and equipment	756.0	948.1	699.9
Deferred tax assets	146.1	194.0	210.3
Other investments	26.0	6.8	13.7
Total non-current assets	1,008.2	1,223.4	987.9
Current assets			
Inventories	533.8	558.5	604.5
Trade receivables	2,260.6	2,103.1	2,225.4
Construction contracts in progress	718.7	421.4	426.0
Other receivables	369.3	211.2	297.5
Securities	149.6	49.9	149.0
Cash and cash equivalents	343.2	352.3	342.4
Total current assets	4,375.2	3,696.4	4,044.8
Total assets	5,383.4	4,919.8	5,032.7
Equity and liabilities			
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent	1,374.5	1,072.8	1,231.3
Minority interests	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total equity	1,374.5	1,072.8	1,231.3
Non-current liabilities			
Bank loans, etc.	94.6	190.6	115.9
Deferred tax liabilities	0.7	21.5	0.7
Provisions	85.0	65.4	69.1
Total non-current liabilities	180.3	277.5	185.7
Current liabilities			
Bank loans, etc.	205.7	67.3	182.8
Construction contracts in progress	1,395.3	1,331.4	1,335.2
Trade payables	1,266.8	1,280.1	1,078.7
Other current liabilities	960.8	890.7	1,019.0
Total current liabilities	3,828.6	3,569.5	3,615.7
Total liabilities	4,008.9	3,847.0	3,801.4
Total equity and liabilities	5,383.4	4,919.8	5,032.7

Consolidated statement of changes in equity

Amounts in DKK million	Share capital	Translation reserve	Retained earnings	Proposed dividends	Total equity attributable to MTHøjgaard	Minority interests	Total
Equity at 01-01-2008	220.0	0.4	960.9	50.0	1,231.3	0.0	1,231.3
Profit for the period			192.4		192.4		192.4
Foreign exchange adjustments, foreign enterprises		0.8			0.8		0.8
Total income and expense for the year	0.0	0.8	192.4	0.0	193.2	0.0	193.2
Dividends paid				(50.0)	(50.0)		(50.0)
Total changes in equity	0.0	0.8	192.4	(50.0)	143.2	0.0	143.2
Equity at 30-09-2008	220.0	1.2	1,153.3	0.0	1,374.5	0.0	1,374.5
Equity at 01-01-2007	220.0	(2.8)	780.0	0.0	997.2	23.6	1,020.8
Profit for the period			73.4		73.4	1.0	74.4
Foreign exchange adjustments, foreign enterprises		2.2			2.2	0.0	2.2
Total income and expense for the year	0.0	2.2	73.4	0.0	75.6	1.0	76.6
Disposal of minority interests						(17.1)	(17.1)
Dividends paid					0.0	(7.5)	(7.5)
Total changes in equity	0.0	2.2	74.4	0.0	75.6	(23.6)	52.0
Equity at 30-09-2007	220.0	(0.6)	853.4	0.0	1,072.8	0.0	1,072.8

Consolidated cash flow statement

Amounts in DKK million	2008 YTD	2007 YTD	2007 Year
Operating activities			
Operating profit	237.7	126.7	193.8
Non-cash operating items	38.7	139.1	119.8
Cash generated from operating activities before changes in working capital	276.4	265.8	313.6
Working capital changes	(84.9)	(53.2)	(386.2)
Cash flows from operating activities	191.5	212.6	(72.6)
Net investments excl. securities	(141.8)	(120.1)	266.6
Net investments in securities	(0.6)	38.0	(199.0)
Cash flows for investing activities	(142.4)	(82.1)	67.6
Cash flows from financing activities	(70.1)	(24.8)	(35.4)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(21.0)	105.7	(40.4)
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period	177.1	217.5	217.5
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	156.1	323.2	177.1

Consolidated income statement by quarter

Amounts in DKK million	2008				Total
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Revenue	2,500.7	2,872.3	2,893.1		
Production costs	(2,347.9)	(2,689.5)	(2,756.0)		
Gross profit	152.8	182.8	137.1		
Distribution costs	(29.5)	(33.4)	(27.3)		
Administrative expenses	(47.2)	(55.6)	(42.0)		
Operating profit	76.1	93.8	67.8		
Share of profit after tax of associates	0.0	(0.6)	0.6		
Net financing costs	1.6	5.3	11.9		
Profit before tax	77.7	98.5	80.3		
Income tax expense	(19.4)	(24.7)	(20.0)		
Profit after tax	58.3	73.8	60.3		
Attributable to					
Equity holders of MT Højgaard a/s	58.3	73.8	60.3		
Minority interests	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Total	58.3	73.8	60.3		

Amounts in DKK million	2007				Total
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Revenue	2,865.0	3,055.9	2,685.0	3,107.9	11,713.8
Production costs	(2,740.3)	(2,903.5)	(2,580.2)	(2,935.7)	(11,159.7)
Gross profit	124.7	152.4	104.8	172.2	554.1
Distribution costs	(27.8)	(38.2)	(19.2)	(42.3)	(127.5)
Administrative expenses	(61.8)	(54.3)	(53.9)	(62.8)	(232.8)
Operating profit	35.1	59.9	31.7	67.1	193.8
Share of profit after tax of associates	0.0	0.0	0.2	(0.2)	0.0
Net financing costs	(3.8)	11.8	(5.0)	114.3	117.3
Profit before tax	31.3	71.7	26.9	181.2	311.1
Income tax expense	(8.7)	(40.0)	(6.8)	(20.4)	(75.9)
Profit after tax	22.6	31.7	20.1	160.8	235.2
Attributable to					
Equity holders of MT Højgaard a/s	22.3	31.0	20.1	160.9	234.3
Minority interests	0.3	0.7	0.0	(0.1)	0.9
Total	22.6	31.7	20.1	160.8	235.2