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Management report

Summary of Q1 2020

The Board of Directors has today approved the interim report for Q1 2020 (1 January to 31 March 2020) for A/S Storebælt. The auditors elected by the Annual General Meeting have not conducted a review of the interim report.

Economic headlines

- Revenue totals DKK 678 million and declined by 6 per cent compared to Q1 2019. The decline in revenue
 can be attributed to the closure of workplaces in mid-March owing to the outbreak of COVID-19. The impact of this is calculated at approximately DKK 50 million.
- External expenses increased by 6 per cent to DKK 84 million.
- EBIT fell by 11 per cent to DKK 455 million.
- Net financing expenses increased by DKK 9 million compared to Q1 2019 and amount to DKK 20 million.
- Value adjustments represent gains of DKK 414 million. Fair value adjustments are an accounting item with no effect on the company's debt repayment as the debt is repaid at nominal value.
- In Q1 2020, DKK 0.3 billion was repaid on the interest-bearing net debt, which totalled DKK 18.6 billion on 31 March 2020.
- The addition of fixed assets in Q1 2020 can primarily be attributed to the commissioning of a new toll station. The previous toll station was replaced making it easier and faster to cross the Storebælt bridge. The replacement has meant that all PayByPlate customers can use the green Express lanes, which were previously reserved for BroBizz customers.
- Cash flow from operating and investing activities (free cash flow) has resulted in a net decline in liquidity of DKK 5 million. Cash flow from financing activities has resulted in a net increase in liquidity of DKK 411 million whereby cash at bank and in hand for the period increased by DKK 406 million.



The impact of value adjustments on financial results

	Income statement with ref. to Q1	Fair value adjustments	Pro forma income statement 2020, Q1	Pro forma income statement 2019, Q1
Operating profit (EBIT)	455		455	510
Financial items excl. value adjustment	394	-414	-20	-11
Profit before fair value adjustment and tax	849		435	499
Fair value adjustment		414	414	-161
Profit before tax	849		849	338
Tax	-187		-187	-75
Profit, Q1	662		662	264

Outlook for the year

The outlook for the results for 2020 – based on the budget adopted in November 2019 – is for a profit before fair value adjustments and tax within the range of DKK 2,000-2,200 million. Since then, the current outbreak of COVID-19 and the subsequent closure of workplaces and borders have created great uncertainty about the current year's results.

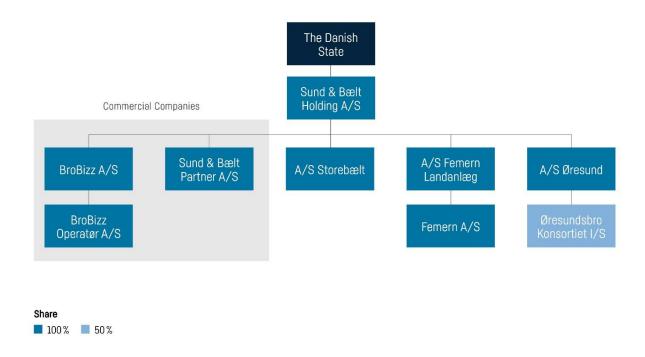
Traffic revenue from the road link declined substantially owing to the closure of workplaces and borders in mid-March and the effect of this is estimated, with great uncertainty, to be a decline in traffic revenue on a monthly basis of approximately DKK 100-120 million. There is also a loss of earnings as a result of fewer train departures across Storebælt. With respect to financing expenses, the effect is deemed to be limited as it is expected that interest rates and inflation will remain at a low level over an extended period.



Information as to shareholders

A/S Storebælt is a limited company based in Denmark. A/S Storebælt is a subsidiary of Sund & Bælt Holding A/S and is included in the consolidated accounts for Sund & Bælt Holding A/S, which is the ultimate parent company. The entire share capital of Sund & Bælt Holding A/S is owned by the Danish State.

Group overview



Main activity

A/S Storebælt's primary task is to own and operate the fixed link across Storebælt. This responsibility is assumed having regard to maintaining high levels of accessibility and safety on the link. In addition, repayment of the loans raised to finance the facilities shall take place within a reasonable time frame.



Key figures and financial ratios for A/S Storebælt

	2020	2019	2019
(DKK million	Q1	Q1	Q1-Q4
Revenue, road	594	636	2,916
Revenue, railw ay	76	77	292
Expenses	-84	-80	-364
Depreciation, amortisation and w ritedow ns	-139	-132	-530
Operating profit (EBIT)	455	510	2,347
Financial items excl. value adjustment	-20	-11	-165
Profit before value adjustments	435	499	2,182
Value adjustments, net	414	-161	-262
Profit, Q1	662	264	1,498
Capital investment for the year, road and railway	13	29	117
Capital investment at 31 March, road and railw ay	25,240	25,648	25,361
Net debt (fair value)	19,901	21,132	20,618
Interest-bearing net debt	18,630	19,517	18,946
Equity	4,669	4,373	4,007
Balance sheet total	28,874	28,970	28,263
Cash flow from operating activity	9	380	3,101
Cash flow from investing activity	-13	-29	-138
Cash flow from financing activity	411	-477	-3,228
Total cash flow	406	-126	-265
Financial ratios, per cent	2020	2019	2019
	Q1	Q1	Q1-Q4
Profit ratio (FRIT)	67.1	70.8	72.5
Profit ratio (EBIT)	_		
Rate of return (EBIT)	6.3	7.0	8.3
Return on facilities (EBIT)	7.2	8.0	9.3



Development in activities and economic situation

The company's total revenue declined from DKK 721 million in 2019 to DKK 678 million in the current period.

Revenue from the road link totals DKK 594 million, which is a decline of DKK 42 million on last year. Growth in the first two months of the year amounted to an increase of 0.5 per cent, but as a result of the closure of workplaces in mid-March, traffic fell by 50-55 per cent, which is primarily attributable to passenger cars which declined by 60 per cent. Lorry traffic could almost be maintained and was a couple of per cent below last year's traffic level. Coach traffic saw a reduction of more than 90 per cent. Seen in isolation, the economic impact of COVID-19 has amounted to a loss of earnings of approximately DKK 50 million.

Traffic for the quarter declined by 11.9 per cent distributed over a decline of 14 per cent for passenger cars and a rise of 2.6 per cent for lorries.

Revenue relating to the rail and port facilities is unchanged and totals DKK 84 million.

The company's operating expenses and depreciation increased by DKK 12 million which primarily relates to the writedown of plant that has been taken out of service.

Net financing expenses total DKK 20 million and are at the same level as the corresponding period last year. Financing expenses excluding value adjustments, total 0.27 per cent per annum against 0.07 per cent per annum for the same period last year. The difference is attributable to a slightly higher interest rate level. Including value adjustments financing expenses amount to -1.94 per cent per annum against 0.89 per cent per annum for the corresponding period in 2019.

The result before value adjustments and tax is a profit of DKK 435 million against a profit of DKK 499 million for the previous year.

The value adjustments of financial items represent a gain of DKK 414 million. For the same period last year, value adjustments amounted to an expense of DKK 161 million. Fair value adjustments are an accounting item with no effect on the company's debt repayment because the debt is repaid at nominal value.

The result after tax is a profit of DKK 662 million against a profit of DKK 264 million for the same period in 2019. The improved result, which was achieved despite the loss of earnings owing to COVID-19, can primarily be attributed to the value adjustments of financial items, which have positively impacted the profit after tax by approximately DKK 450 million.

Equity totalled DKK 4,669 million as at 31 March 2020 against DKK 4,007 million as at 31 December 2019. Equity movements for the accounting period relate to the results for the period 1 January-31 March 2020.

The annual report 2019 proposes that a dividend of DKK 1,600 million be paid to Sund & Bælt Holding A/S, which was subsequently adopted at the company's annual general meeting on 17 April 2020.

The interest-bearing net debt amounted to DKK 18.6 billion at the end of March; thus DKK 0.3 billion was repaid in Q1 2020.

The repayment period for A/S Storebælt's debt is expected to be unchanged at 34 years calculated from the opening date, which corresponds to 2032.

Future operating results are estimated on the basis of the Ministry of Transport and Housing's fixed fee from Banedanmark for use of the rail link and on the basis of traffic forecasts for road traffic.

It should be noted that under the terms of the Act on Sund & Bælt Holding A/S for the parent company and for A/S Storebælt, and against a guarantee commission of 0.15 per cent, the Danish State has extended separate guarantees for interest and repayments and other ongoing liabilities associated with the company's borrowings. In addition, and without further notification of each individual case, the Danish State guarantees the company's other financial liabilities.



A/S Storebælt's financial risks are mainly unchanged in relation to the report contained in the note to the 2019 annual report, which addresses financial risk management. At the end of March, the floating rate debt amounted to 27 per cent of the net debt.

Events after the balance sheet date

No events have occurred since the end of the period that can impact the company's earnings and economic position.



Statement by the Board of Directors and Management Board

The Board of Directors and Management Board have today discussed and approved the interim report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2020 for A/S Storebælt.

The interim report, which has not been audited by the company's auditors, has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34, Presentation of Interim Reports, as approved by the EU and additional Danish disclosure requirements for interim reports for companies with publicly traded debt instruments.

We are of the opinion that the interim report gives a true and fair view of the company's assets, liabilities and financial position as at 31 March 2020 and the results of the company's activities and cash flow for the period 1 January – 31 March 2020.

It is our view that the Management Report contains a true and fair view of developments in the company's activities and financial position, the results for the period and the company's financial position as a whole, and a description of the key risks and uncertainties facing the company.

Copenhagen, 12 May 2020

Management Board

Mogens Hansen CEO

Board of Directors

Mikkel Hemmingsen Chair Louise Friis Vice-Chair

Mogens Hansen



Financial statements

Comprehensive income statement 1 January – 31 March

		1 January-31	1 January-31
	Note	March 2020	March 2019
Revenue			
Net revenue	2	678	721
Total revenue		678	721
Expenses			
Other external expenses		-84	-79
Depreciation, amortisation and write-downs		-139	-132
Total expenses		-223	-211
Operating profit (EBIT)		455	510
Financial items	3		
Financial income		101	132
Financial expenses		-121	-143
Value adjustments, net		414	-161
Total financial items		394	-172
Profit before tax		849	338
Tax		-187	-75
Profit , Q1		662	264
Other comprehensive income		0	0
Tax on other comprehensive income		0	0
Comprehensive income		662	264



Balance sheet 31 March - Assets

Assets	ts Note		31 December 2019	31 March 2019	
		2020			
Non-current assets					
Property, plant and equipment					
Road link	4	13,484	13,539	13,634	
Rail link	5	11,756	11,821	12,015	
Port facilities		178	181	186	
Land and buildings		72	74	77	
Other fixtures and fittings, plant and					
equipment		24	25	20	
Total property, plant and					
equipment		25,514	25,640	25,930	
Total non-current assets		25,514	25,640	25,930	
Current assets					
Receivables					
Inventory		0	0	2	
Receivables		572	541	832	
Securities		1,290		864	
Derivatives		1,077	1,128	1,189	
Prepayments and accrued income		14		15	
Total receivables		2,953	2,623	2,902	
Cash at bank and in hand		406	0	139	
Total current assets		3,360	2,623	3,041	
Total assets		28,874	28,263	28,970	



Balance sheet 31 March – Equity and liabilities

		31 March	31 December	31 March
Equity and liabilities	Note	2020	2019	2019
Equity				
Share capital		355	355	355
Retained earnings		2,714	2,052	2,418
Proposed dividend		1,600	1.600	1,600
Total equity		4,669	4,007	4,373
Liabilities				
Non-current liabilities				
Deferred tax		1,165	978	853
Bond loans and amounts ow ed to credit institutions	6	18,559	18,311	18,210
Total non-current liabilities		19,724	19,289	19,063
Current liabilities				
Current portion of non-current liabilities		2,224	2,322	3,137
Credit institutions		0	30	0
Trade and other payables		367	579	428
Derivatives	6	1,890	2,036	1,969
Accruals and deferred income		0	0	. 1
Total current liabilities		4,481	4,967	5,535
Total liabilities		24,205	24,256	24,597
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Total equity and liabilities		28,874	28,263	28,970



Statement of changes in equity 1 January – 31 March

	Share	Retained	Proposed	
	capital	earnings	dividend	Total
Balance at 1 January 2019	355	2,154	1,600	4,109
Dividend paid	0	2,134	-1.600	-1,600
Profit for the year and comprehensive income	0	-102	1,600	1,498
Balance at 31 March 2019	355	2,052	1,600	4,007
Balance at 1 January 2020	355	2,052	1,600	4,007
Profit for the year and comprehensive income	0	662	0	662
Balance at 31 March 2020	355	2,714	1,600	4,669



Cash flow statement 1 January – 31 March

		31 March	31 March
	Note	2020	2019
Cash flow from operating activities			
Profit before financial items		455	510
Adjustments			
Amortisation, depreciation and writedowns		139	132
Cash flow from operations (operating activities)			
before change in working capital		594	642
Change in working capital			
Receivables and prepayments		-552	371
Trade and other payables		-34	-633
Total cash flow from operations		9	380
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Cash flow from investing activity			
Acquisition of intangible and tangible fixed assets		-13	-29
Total cash flow from investing activity		-13	-29
Free cash flow		-5	351
Cash flow from financing activity			
Raising of loans		556	900
Reduction of liabilities		-57	-1,298
Debt reduction with credit institutions		-25	0
Interest paid		-63	-79
Total cash flow from financing activities		411	-477
Change for the period in cash and			
cash equivalents		406	-126
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		0	265
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		406	139



Notes

Note 1. Accounting policies

The quarterly financial statements are presented in accordance with IAS 34, Presentation of Interim Reports, as approved by the EU and Danish disclosure requirements for listed companies. The financial section of the quarterly report complies with the provisions in IAS 34 for condensed interim financial statements.

The quarterly financial statements are presented in Danish kroner (DKK) which is the company's functional currency.

The accounting policies applied in the quarterly financial statements are unchanged from the accounting policies applied in the 2019 financial statements. Reference should be made to the 2019 annual report for a further description of the accounting policies applied.

The financial ratios given in the main figures and financial ratios summary have been calculated as follows:

Profit ratio: EBIT less other earnings in percentage of revenue.

Rate of return: EBIT less other earnings in percentage of total assets

Return on

facilities: EBIT less other earnings in percentage of the investment in the road and rail links.

Note 2. Revenue

	2020	2019
Specification of revenue	Q1	Q1
Revenue from road	594	636
Revenue from railw ay	76	77
Revenue from port facilities	7	7
Other revenue	1	0
Total revenue	678	721



Note 3. Financial items

The company recognises changes in the fair value of financial assets and liabilities through the comprehensive income statement. The difference in the fair value between the balance sheet dates constitutes the total financial items allocated between value adjustments and net financing expenses where the latter comprises interest income and expenses.

Net financing expenses comprise accrued nominal/real coupons rates, realised inflation indexation and amortisation of premiums/discounts while premiums and expected inflation indexation are included in the value adjustments.

Value adjustments comprise realised and unrealised gains and losses on financial assets and liabilities and corresponding foreign exchange gains and losses.

	31 March 2020	31 March 2019
Financial income	2020	2013
Interest income, securities, banks etc.	0	0
Interest income, financial instruments	101	132
Total financial income	101	132
Financial expenses		
Interest expenses, loans	-17	-42
Interest expenses, financial instruments	-104	-100
Other financial items, net	0	-1
Total financial expenses	-121	-143
Net financing expenses	-20	-11
Valueadjustments, net		
- Securities	0	0
- Loans	293	-207
- Currency and interest rate sw aps	121	46
- Interest rate options	0	0
- Currency options	0	0
- Other value adjustments	0	0
Value adjustments, net	414	-161
Total financial items	394	-172
Of which financial instruments	118	78

Commission to the Danish State of DKK 7.0 million as at 31 March 2020 (31 March 2019: DKK 7.5 million) is recognised in interest expenses.

Net financing expenses were DKK 9 million higher as at 31 March 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. This is primarily due to higher inflation indexation of the real rate debt.



Note 4. Road link

	Directly		Financing	Projects	Total	Total
	capitalised	Value of	expenses	in	Q1	Q1-Q4
	expenses	own work	(net)	progress	2020	2019
Original cost at 1 January	12,961	1,042	4,399	0	18,402	18,331
Adjustment to opening balance	0	-60	0	60	0	0
Additions for the year	0	0	0	8	8	86
Disposals for the year	-94	0	0	0	-94	-14
Transfers for the year	40	0	0	-40	0	0
Original cost at 31 December	12,907	982	4,399	28	18,316	18,402
Original cost at 1 January	3,683	217	964	0	4,863	4,654
Depreciation, amortisation and writedowns for the year	49	2	11	0	63	223
Depreciation on assets disposed	-94	0	0	0	-94	-14
Depreciation at 31 December	3,638	219	975	0	4,832	4,863
Book value	9,269	763	3,424	28	13,484	13,539

Note 5. Rail link

	Directly capitalised	•	Value of	Financing expenses	Projects in	Total Q1	Total Q1-Q4
	expenses	own work	(net)	progress	2020	2019	
Original cost at 1 January	12,449	597	5,034	0	18,080	18,052	
Adjustment to 1 January	0	-30	0	30	0	0	
Additions for the year	0	0	0	5	5	32	
Disposals for the year	0	0	0	0	0	-4	
Transfers for the year	6	0	0	-6	0	0	
Original cost at 31 December	12,455	567	5,034	29	18,084	18,080	
Original cost at 1 January	4,254	203	1,801	0	6,258	5,980	
Depreciation, amortisation and writedowns for the	51	2	17	0	70	282	
Depreciation on assets disposed	0	0	0	0	0	-3	
Depreciation at 31 December	4,305	205	1,819	0	6,328	6,259	
Book value	8,151	362	3,215	29	11,756	11,821	



Note 6. Net debt

				2020 Q1				2019 Q1
Fair value hierarchy	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Bonds	1,290	0	0	1,290	864	0	0	864
Cash at bank and in hand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derivatives, assets	0	1,077	0	1,077	0	1,189	0	1,189
Financial assets	1,290	1,077	0	2,367	864	1,189	0	2,053
Bond loans and debt	-19,013	-1,770	0	-20,783	-19,397	-1,950	0	-21,347
Derivatives, liabilities	0	-1,890	0	-1,890	0	-1,969	0	-1,969
Financial liabilities	-19,013	-3,659	0	-22,673	-19,397	-3,919	0	-23,315

				2020				2019
				Q1				Q1
Net debt spread across currencies	EUR	DKK	Other	r Total EUR DKK		DKK	Other Total	
Cash at bank and in hand	-5	421	0	416	-13	153	0	139
Investments in bonds	940	350	0	1,290	864	0	0	864
Financial assets	935	771	0	1,706	851	153	0	1,003
Bond loans and amounts ow ed to credit institutions	-1	-19,301	-1,491	-20,794	-8	-19,678	-1,660	-21,347
Currency and interest rate swaps	-2,784	479	1,493	-812	-4,431	2,047	1,603	-782
Currency futures	1,122	-1,122	0	0	-320	261	60	2
Currency options	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accrued interest	-94	94	0	0	-115	107	0	-8
Financial liabilities	-1,757	-19,851	1	-21,607	-4,874	-17,263	3	-22,135
Total net debt	-822	-19,081	1	-19,901	-4,024	-17,110	2	-21,132

Interest-bearing net debt

	2020	2019
	Q1	Q1
Repayment period - number of years	34	34
Interest-bearing net debt - DKK billion	18.6	19.5
Repayment of debt	2032	2032
Financing expenses excl. value adjustment - per cent per annum	0.27	0.07
Financing expenses incl. value adjustment - per cent per annum	-1.94	0.89



Note 7. Transactions with related parties

Related parties comprise the Danish State, companies and institutions owned by it.

Related party	Registered office	Affiliation	Transactions	Pricing
The Danish State	Copenhagen	100 per cent ownership via Sund & Bælt Holding A/S	Guarantee for the company's debt. Guarantee commission	Determined by legis- lation. Accounts for 0.15 per cent of the nominal debt
Sund & Bælt Holding A/S	Copenhagen	100 per cent ownership of A/S Storebælt	Management of common functions. Common functions. Joint taxation contribution	Market price
A/S Øresund	Copenhagen	Subsidiary of Sund & Bælt Holding A/S	Maintenance tasks	Market price
Sund & Bælt Partner A/S	Copenhagen	Subsidiary of Sund & Bælt Holding A/S		Market price
A/S Femern Landanlæg	Copenhagen	Subsidiary of Sund & Bælt Holding A/S		Market price
Femern A/S	Copenhagen	Subsidiary of A/S Femern Landanlæg		Market price
BroBizz A/S	Copenhagen	Subsidiary of Sund & Bælt Holding A/S	Issuer Fee Reinvoicing of revenue Purchase/sale of ser-	Market price
BroBizz Operatør A/S	Copenhagen	Subsidiary of BroBizz A/S	vices Reinvoicing	Market price
Øresundsbro Konsortiet I/S	Copenhagen/ Malmø	50 per cent ownership via A/S Øresund.	Purchase of financial management Reinvoicing	Market price
Banedanmark	Copenhagen	Owned by the Danish State	Payments for use of rail links. Maintenance tasks	Determined by the Minister of Transport and Housing



Related party	Description	Amount 2019	Amount 2018	Balance at 31 Dec 2019	Balance at 31 Dec 2018
The Danish State	Guarantee commission	-7.0	-30.7	-7.0	-30.0
Sund & Bælt Holding A/S	Management of subsidiary's operational				
	tasks	-21.2	-65.1	-9.0	-0.8
	Joint taxation contribtion	0.0	-250.1	0.0	-250.0
	Common functions	-0.4	0.8	0.0	0.5
A/S Øresund	Maintenance tasks	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.2
BroBizz A/S	Reinvoicing	454.4	2,137.6	260.9	298.5
	Issuer fee	-17.4	-62.4	-12.9	-7.8
	Purchase of services	-0.3	-14.6	-0.4	-15.0
BroBizz Operatør A/S	Reinvoicing	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Øresundsbro Konsortiet VS	Purchase of financial management	-0.6	-4.9	-0.9	-0.9
Banedanmark	Payment for use of rail links	75.5	292.5	28.8	29.1
	Maintenance tasks	-3.4	-4.5	0.0	-4.2

Note 7. Auditor's statement

No audit or review of the interim report has been performed.