



# Financial highlights

# Second quarter 2007

- Pre-tax operating profits before write-downs were up 19.5 per cent to NOK 4.0 billion (3.4)
- Profit for the period increased by 19.5 per cent to NOK 3.4 billion (2.9)
- Expenses were reduced to 49.1 per cent of income (50.7)
- Return on equity was 20.4 per cent (19.2)
- The core capital ratio, including 50 per cent of interim profits, was 7.4 per cent (6.9)

### First half 2007

- Pre-tax operating profits before write-downs were up 10.2 per cent to NOK 7.8 billion (7.1)
- Profit for the period increased by 10.1 per cent to NOK 6.3 billion (5.7)
- Expenses were reduced to 49.4 per cent of income (49.5)
- Return on equity was 18.8 per cent (19.2)
- The core capital ratio, including 50 per cent of interim profits, was 7.4 per cent (6.9)

Comparable figures for 2006 in parentheses.

# Second quarter report 2007

### Introduction

#### Second quarter

The DnB NOR Group<sup>1)</sup> achieved very strong profits in the second quarter of 2007, with a return on equity of 20.4 per cent. There was a high level of activity in all business areas in both domestic and international operations. The Group recorded a 15.7 per cent rise in income compared with the year-earlier period, while expenses were up 12.0 per cent. The strong Norwegian economy and sound portfolio quality resulted in low write-downs on loans and guarantees in the second quarter of 2007.

Pre-tax operating profits before write-downs came to NOK 4 050 million, up from NOK 3 388 million in the second quarter of 2006. After taxes, profits totalled NOK 3 407 million, a rise of NOK 556 million or 19.5 per cent from a year earlier. The cost/income ratio was reduced, standing at 49.1 per cent in the second quarter of 2007, compared with 50.7 per cent in the year-earlier period. Second-quarter earnings per share were NOK 2.50 and NOK 2.11 respectively.

In order to meet new challenges in the financial services industry, DnB NOR reorganised parts of its operations and changed the composition of its group management team in the second quarter of 2007. During the quarter, DnB NOR Boligkreditt arranged its first bond issues, comprising covered bonds, in the international capital market. The issues were launched in July. International rating agencies gave the bonds the top rating AAA.

In late 2006, DnB NOR signed an agreement to acquire the Polish BISE Bank through its partially owned subsidiary DnB NORD. A concession for the purchase was granted in April 2007. At end-June, DnB NORD held 91.9 per cent of the shares in BISE Bank. DnB NOR completed the purchase of the Swedish real estate brokerage chain Svensk Fastighetsförmedling AB in the second quarter of 2007, making the real estate brokerage operations of DnB NOR the most extensive in the Nordic region.

As from 1 January 2007, capital adequacy calculations for some portfolios are based on the Basel II framework. Including 50 per cent of interim profits, the core capital ratio for the DnB NOR Group was 7.4 per cent as at 30 June 2007, compared with 6.7 per cent at end-December 2006. The Board of Directors considers the Group to be well capitalised relative to the risk level in the loan portfolios and other operations.

### First half

DnB NOR's pre-tax operating profits before write-downs came to NOK 7 818 million in the first half of 2007, up from NOK 7 092 million in the year-earlier period. After taxes, profits were up 10.1 per cent to NOK 6 274 million, from NOK 5 700 million in the first half of 2006. Return on equity was 18.8 per cent, compared with 19.2 per cent in the first half of 2006. The cost/income ratio was 49.4 per cent in the first half of 2007, as against 49.5 per cent in the year-earlier period. Earnings per share stood at NOK 4.60 and NOK 4.21 respectively.

### **Income**

Income totalled NOK 7 952 million for the April through June period, an increase of NOK 1 081 million or 15.7 per cent from the second quarter of 2006.

### **Net interest income**

Net interest income was NOK 4 219 million in the second quarter of 2007, up NOK 438 million or 11.6 per cent compared with the year-earlier period.

Average lending increased by NOK 122 billion or 16.6 per cent from the second quarter of 2006. The rise mainly represented well-secured housing loans and corporate customer loans with relatively low risk. There was a rise of NOK 82 billion or 19.1 per cent in average deposits. Lending spreads contracted by 0.26 percentage points compared with the year-earlier period, standing at 1.08 per cent at end-June 2007. During the same period, deposit spreads expanded by 0.21 percentage points to 1.01 per cent at end-June 2007.

The table below specifies changes from the second quarter of 2006 according to main items:

### Changes in net interest income

	2nd quarter	2nd	quarter
Amounts in NOK million	2007	Change	2006
Net interest income	4 219	438	3 781
DnB NORD	338	167	170
Lending and deposit volumes		414	
Lending and deposit spreads		(294)	
Other		150	

### Net other operating income

Net other operating income amounted to NOK 3 733 million in the second quarter of 2007, up NOK 643 million compared with the corresponding period of 2006. Factors contributing to the increase included healthy income from Vital, equity investments in the bank, corporate finance activity and sales of savings and insurance products.

Net other operating income represented 46.9 per cent of total income in the second quarter of 2007, as against 45.0 per cent in the year-earlier period.

### Changes in net other operating income

	2nd quarter	ter 2nd quar		
Amounts in NOK million	2007	Change	2006	
Net other operating income	3 733	643	3 090	
DnB NORD	185	105	80	
Net commissions and fees		164		
Net gains on equity investments		160		
Net financial and risk result in Vital		158		
Net gains on other financial instrumer	nts	50		
Other income		7		

### **Operating expenses**

Operating expenses totalled NOK 3 902 million in the second quarter of 2007, up NOK 419 million from the year-earlier period. Excluding

The second quarter report encompasses the entire DnB NOR Group. Separate quarterly reports are prepared for DnB NOR Bank ASA and Vital Forsikring ASA including underlying subsidiaries.

operations in DnB NORD, there was a NOK 238 million rise in expenses.

The cost trend in the second quarter of 2007 reflected rising personnel expenses due to higher performance-based pay, the result of the 2006 wage settlements and higher pension costs. The Group is in the midst of a period of investment, including product development and international start-ups. The investments will ensure a broader income base and improve conditions for future income growth.

The table below shows changes in operating expenses from the second quarter of 2006 according to main items:

### Changes in operating expenses

	2nd quarter	2nd	l quarter
Amounts in NOK million	2007	Change	2006
Operating expenses	3 902	419	3 483
DnB NORD	354	181	173
Performance-based pay		63	
Wage settlements		63	
Pension expenses		44	
Depreciation and write-downs		37	
Other		31	

### Net gains on fixed and intangible assets

Net gains on fixed and intangible assets came to NOK 9 million in the second quarter of 2007, compared with NOK 151 million in the yearearlier period. The gains referred to the sale of properties.

#### Write-downs on commitments

Write-downs on loans and guarantees came to NOK 140 million in the second quarter of 2007, with individual write-downs of NOK 110 million and group write-downs of NOK 30 million. A strong increase in volume contributed to a rise in group write-downs, which was partly offset by improved portfolio quality.

After deductions for individual write-downs, net non-performing and impaired commitments came to NOK 3 984 million at end-June 2007, up NOK 184 million from 31 December 2006. This figure includes net non-performing and impaired commitments of NOK 402 million in BISE Bank. Net non-performing and impaired commitments represented 0.44 per cent of net lending at end-June 2007, down from 0.60 per cent a year earlier. Excluding DnB NORD, these figures were 0.37 per cent and 0.55 per cent respectively.

### **Taxes**

The DnB NOR Group's tax charge for the second quarter of 2007 was NOK 512 million or 13.1 per cent. The tax charge is generally based on an anticipated average tax rate of 23 per cent. During the second quarter of 2007, Vital changed its tax treatment of value adjustments on indirectly owned properties in accordance with the authorities' interpretation of the tax exemption model. This resulted in a NOK 390 million tax gain for the quarter.

### Balance sheet and assets under management

At end-June 2007, total combined assets in the DnB NOR Group were NOK 1 802 billion, an increase of NOK 233 billion or 14.9 per cent from a year earlier.

Total assets in the Group's balance sheet were NOK 1 437 billion as at 30 June 2007, as against NOK 1 222 billion a year earlier.

Net lending to customers rose by NOK 118 billion or 15.4 per cent during the twelve-month period.

Customer deposits rose by NOK 68 billion or 14.8 per cent from the second quarter of 2006.

In order to keep the Group's liquidity risk at a low level, the majority of customer loans are financed through customer deposits, long-term securities, subordinated loan capital and equity. With respect to short-term funding of the bank, restrictive borrowing limits have been established.

The ratio of customer deposits to net lending to customers was

maintained at a satisfactory level, standing at 59.8 per cent at end-June 2007, compared with 60.1 per cent a year earlier.

Securities issued by the Group increased by NOK 47 billion or 16.7 per cent from the second quarter of 2006, totalling NOK 329 billion at end-June 2007. The majority of the securities were issued in international capital markets. DnB NOR has good access to the European, US and Asian capital markets. As the first Norwegian credit institution, DnB NOR Boligkreditt AS issued covered bonds in the international capital market in July 2007. Covered bonds represent a new and important funding source for the Group, and the introduction of this instrument scales back the Group's liquidity risk.

The rating agencies' assessments of DnB NOR are of significance to the Group's funding terms. DnB NOR Bank has the following longterm ratings: Aa1 from Moody's, AA from Dominion Bond Rating Service and A+ with a positive outlook from Standard & Poor's.

Total assets in Vital were NOK 229 billion as at 30 June 2007. compared with NOK 214 billion a year earlier.

### Risk and capital adequacy

DnB NOR quantifies risk by measuring risk-adjusted capital requirements. The net risk-adjusted capital requirement increased by NOK 2.2 billion in the April through June period of 2007, to NOK 43.0 billion. About half of the increase reflects reduced diversification effects between risk categories. The table below shows developments in the risk-adjusted capital requirement:

	30 June	31 March	31 Dec.	30 June
Amounts in NOK billion	2007	2007	2006	2006
Credit risk	37.7	35.1	36.0	34.0
Market risk	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.2
Ownership risk for Vital	8.2	9.7	7.5	8.7
Operational risk	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.4
Business risk	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2
Gross risk-adjusted capital				
requirement	56.1	55.0	53.0	51.5
Diversification effect 1)	13.1	14.2	12.3	13.5
Net risk-adjusted capital				
requirement	43.0	40.8	40.7	38.0
Diversification effect in per cent				
of gross risk-adjusted capital				
requirement 1)	23.3	25.8	23.3	26.3

1) The diversification effect refers to the effect achieved by the Group in reducing risk by operating within several risk categories where unexpected losses are unlikely to occur at the same time.

Credit risk increased by NOK 2.6 billion in the second quarter of 2007, mainly due to higher volumes. NOK 0.2 billion of the increase resulted from DnB NORD's purchase of BISE Bank in Poland. Credit quality was sound and stable in the second quarter. There was brisk lending growth in the retail market. In the corporate market, credit growth was particularly high within shipping, offshore, commercial property and energy-related sectors. Some large loans were raised to refinance corporate debt or finance acquisitions and later syndicated. Large volumes have been syndicated in order to reduce concentration risk. Risk hedging in the banking group has not been materially affected by developments in the bond market and in hedge funds.  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{DnB}}$  NOR is not directly affected by the problems in the US subprime mortgage loan market. If the unrest in the capital market continues, increases or spreads, however, this could have an indirect impact on DnB NOR.

Risk related to Vital was scaled back by NOK 1.6 billion during the second quarter of 2007, representing NOK 8.2 billion as at 30 June. An increase in buffer capital and higher interest rate levels more than compensated for the rise in total assets. The company's extensive programme to hedge against reductions in equity prices was

During the second quarter, Kredittilsynet (the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway) presented important clarifications on how the increase in technical insurance provisions resulting from higher life expectancy should be financed. In the short term, Kredittilsynet opened up for financing this mainly through policyholders' interest result. This will also be permissible under the new regulations for insurance companies entering into force on 1 January 2008.

The table below shows developments in the Group's equity relative to the capitalisation target:

	30 June	31 March	31 Dec.	30 June
Amounts in NOK billion	2007	2007	2006	2006
4.25 per cent of risk-weighted assets	38.6	37.2	37.4	34.4
Capital buffer	14.2	13.6	13.3	12.4
Core capital target excl. hybrid				
securities	52.8	50.8	50.7	46.8
Statutory deductions in core capital	6.8	11.4	4.4	3.7
Equity target	59.7	62.1	55.1	50.5
Actual equity 1)	64.3	67.6	57.8	54.4
Equity reserve	4.6	5.5	2.7	3.9

 Includes 50 per cent of interim profits. Equity is calculated according to NGAAP up to and including 31 December 2006 and according to IFRS as from 31 March 2007.

The equity reserve was NOK 4.6 billion at end-June 2007. Calculations indicate that the Group is well capitalised.

The liquidity risk of the banking group has been reduced after the establishment of covered bonds as a funding instrument.

Risk-weighted volume included in the calculation of the formal capital adequacy requirement increased by NOK 36.7 billion during the second quarter, to NOK 908.3 billion. There was a NOK 37.5 billion reduction according to transitional rules for IRB measurement. In the second quarter of 2007, DnB NOR Boligkreditt was approved as an IRB institution. As from 2007, equity is calculated on the basis of IFRS. The payment of dividends reduced equity in the second quarter, but gave a corresponding reduction in deductions in core capital. Including 50 per cent of interim profits, the core capital ratio was 7.4 per cent, while the capital adequacy ratio was 10.2 per cent.

### **Business areas**

The activities of DnB NOR are organised in four business areas according to the customer segments served by the Group and the products offered. In addition, DnB NORD is regarded as a separate profit centre.

### **Corporate Banking and Payment Services**

Corporate Banking and Payment Services achieved pre-tax operating profits of NOK 1 914 million in the second quarter of 2007, an increase of NOK 303 million from the year-earlier period. A high level of activity with strong growth in volumes contributed to the rise in profits.

Reflecting the healthy rise in credit demand, average loans and guarantees rose by NOK 65.8 billion from the second quarter of 2006, to NOK 462.0 billion in the April through June period in 2007. Adjusted for exchange rate movements, there was an increase of NOK 67.3 billion.

Sound earnings and increased borrowing among corporate clients ensured a boost in liquidity in the business sector. The comfortable liquidity situation helped increase average deposits by NOK 39.5 billion from the year-earlier period, to NOK 279.0 billion.

Income totalled NOK 2 924 million in the second quarter of 2007, up NOK 462 million from the corresponding period in 2006. Ordinary net interest income rose by NOK 168 million. Due to strong competition, the combined spread contracted by 0.16 percentage points, while the deposit spread rose by 0.13 percentage points.

Other operating income increased by NOK 131 million, reflecting a high level of activity and a large number of transactions, which generated a rise in income from foreign exchange and interest rate products, corporate finance activity, guarantees and securities

services. On the other hand, lower syndication activity reduced income from this product area. Within payment transfers, the shift to automated products reduced income in spite of rising volumes.

Operating expenses totalled NOK 988 million in the second quarter of the year, up NOK 105 million from the corresponding period of 2006. International expansion has resulted in rising staff numbers and increased investments. In addition, there was strong wage growth in Norwegian operations in 2006. Solid growth in operational leasing gave a significant increase in depreciation. The cost/income ratio was 33.8 per cent in the second quarter, down 2.1 percentage points from the corresponding period in 2006. At end-June 2007, staff in Corporate Banking and Payment Services represented 2 249 full-time positions after the reorganisation of the Group, including 617 positions in subsidiaries and 453 in international units.

Due to sound quality in the credit portfolios combined with the healthy economic trend, write-downs were low in the April through June period. Net write-downs came to NOK 25 million.

Customer satisfaction showed a positive trend. There was strong lending growth in the second quarter of the year, and at end-May 2007, the share of credit to Norwegian corporate clients was 14.6 per cent, as against 15.5 per cent at end-June 2006.

Corporate Banking and Payment Services anticipates a continued high level of activity, though credit growth is expected to slow down. The fierce competition is expected to prevail, causing continued pressure on spreads.

### **Retail Banking**

Retail Banking recorded pre-tax operating profits of NOK 919 million in the second quarter of 2007, down NOK 264 million from the corresponding period in 2006. The decline was anticipated and can mainly be ascribed to narrowing spreads.

Brisk demand for housing loans caused an increase in average lending of 10.4 per cent or NOK 39.5 billion from the second quarter of 2006, to NOK 421.0 billion in the second quarter of 2007. Customer deposits increased by 8.0 per cent or NOK 15.9 billion to NOK 215.8 billion during the same period.

Net interest income from ordinary operations declined by NOK 225 million compared with the second quarter of 2006, to NOK 1 632 million. Due to strong competition in the housing loan market, lending spreads contracted from 1.41 per cent in the second quarter of 2006, to 1.06 per cent in the corresponding period in 2007. Notification periods in connection with changes in customer interest rates will normally cause a shortfall in net interest income during periods of rising interest rates.

Net other operating income totalled NOK 797 million, up NOK 37 million from the year-earlier period. The reduction in income from payment transactions was offset by higher income from sales of savings and insurance products.

Operating expenses were up 6.8 per cent, totalling NOK 1 594 million in the second quarter of the year, up from NOK 1 492 million in the year-earlier period. The cost/income ratio was 61.9 per cent, as against 54.8 per cent in the second quarter of 2006. Retail Banking staff numbered 3 664 full-time positions at end-June 2007 after the reorganisation of the Group.

Write-downs on loans and guarantees totalled NOK 64 million for the April through June period in 2007, an increase from NOK 47 million in the second quarter of 2006.

In the second quarter of 2007, DnB NOR Boligkreditt was granted a concession from Kredittilsynet to operate as a mortgage institution. The credit rating agencies assigned an AAA rating to the mortgage portfolio of DnB NOR Boligkreditt, which will ensure the bank lower funding costs and thus competitive advantages.

In the second quarter of 2007, through cooperation with Vital, retail customers in DnB NOR were offered new savings products. Vital's Individual Market unit launched a new guaranteed fund with limited downside. In addition, it became possible for retail customers to invest in a global portfolio of private equity funds, savings products which have previously been reserved for large institutional clients.

During the same period, DnB NOR Privatbank launched housing loans secured by property in Spain. In June, Postbanken Eiendom established monthly news broadcasts about property market trends via Web TV. In May, all Postbanken customers with card and Internet banking agreements received the solutions Verified by Visa and MasterCard SecureCode, making it safer to pay over the Internet. The new concept of in-store banking outlets, based on an agreement between DnB NOR and NorgesGruppen, is in a test phase, and full implementation is planned during the autumn of 2007.

At end-May 2007, the market share of credit to retail customers was 29.4 per cent, down from 30.2 per cent at end-June 2006. The market share of savings was 36.9 per cent at end-May 2007, compared with 37.7 per cent at end-June 2006. The number of customers subscribing to loyalty programmes increased by 10 per cent during the twelve-month period, totalling 1 104 000 at end-June, of whom 678 000 were under the DnB NOR brand while 426 000 had Postbanken Leve product packages. Postbanken Eiendom was reestablished in 2006 and had 21 franchise offices as at 30 June 2007.

Retail Banking aims to strengthen its position in a market characterised by intense competition from domestic and international players. Lending spreads have been narrowing, but interest rate adjustments will result in improvements during the second half of 2007. The acquisition of Svensk Fastighetsförmedling AB made DnB NOR the largest provider of real estate brokerage services in the Nordic region, and the introduction of housing loans for Swedish bank customers is an important step to build a customer portfolio and a long-term income base in the Swedish market.

#### **DnB NOR Markets**

DnB NOR Markets achieved healthy profits in the second quarter of 2007. Pre-tax operating profits were NOK 628 million, up NOK 72 million or 12.9 per cent from the year-earlier period. The increase stemmed from customer-related activity. There was brisk demand for property investments and corporate finance services. Volatile exchange rates helped boost currency trading revenues.

During the second quarter of 2007, DnB NOR Markets became a member of the Copenhagen and Helsinki stock exchanges. It is also a member of Oslo Børs and the Stockholm stock exchange. Vital Eiendomsfond was launched during the second quarter. The product enables investors to invest in a diversified unmortgaged property portfolio in cooperation with Vital.

Total revenues were NOK 1 030 million in the second guarter of 2007, an increase from NOK 908 million in the year-earlier period. Customer-related income rose by NOK 132 million or 18 per cent, reflecting a higher level of activity within corporate finance and foreign exchange and greater demand for custodial and other securities services. Costs were up NOK 50 million compared with the April through June period in 2006. The increase mainly reflected performance-based pay and investments in information technology. Return on capital was 47.0 per cent, and the cost/income ratio was 39.0 per cent.

Customer-related income from foreign exchange and interest rate derivatives was NOK 295 million, up NOK 62 million from the year-earlier period. There was brisk demand for foreign exchange products, while higher long-term interest rates resulted in somewhat reduced demand for interest rate hedging products.

Customer-related revenues from the sale of securities and other investment products came to NOK 181 million in the second quarter of 2007, down NOK 48 million or 21 per cent from the year-earlier period. The reduction was mainly a consequence of lower income from structured products and equities brokerage fees.

Customer-related revenues from corporate finance services were NOK 282 million, up NOK 106 million or 61 per cent from the second quarter of 2006. There was still a high level of activity within debt capital financing and project financing, and the level of activity within mergers and acquisitions was on the increase.

Customer-related revenues from the sale of custodial and other securities services rose to NOK 104 million, from NOK 92 million in

the second quarter of 2006, reflecting a high level of activity.

Earnings from market making and other proprietary trading totalled NOK 125 million, a NOK 33 million reduction from the yearearlier period. Volatile interest rate markets contributed to the

Stock market activity, credit market trends and fluctuations in the NOK exchange rate and Norwegian interest rate levels will be decisive factors for the business area's future performance. Strong competition and an increase in electronic trading are expected to further increase the pressure on prices.

### Life Insurance and Asset Management

Operations in Vital Forsikring ASA and DnB NOR Kapitalforvaltning Holding AS, both with subsidiaries, were in the second quarter merged to form one business area "Life Insurance and Asset Management", headed by Tom Rathke, managing director of Vital Forsikring. Coordination and the utilisation of resources between the units will be reviewed during the second half of 2007.

The merger of DnB NOR Asset Management and Vital into one business area will strengthen initiatives related to long-term savings across the Group.

Life Insurance and Asset Management recorded pre-tax operating profits of NOK 614 million in the second quarter of 2007, an increase of NOK 169 million compared with the year-earlier period. Vital stood for NOK 464 million and DnB NOR Asset Management for NOK 150 million. Descriptions of the financial performance of Vital and DnB NOR Asset Management are divided into two separate sections below.

#### Vital

Vital recorded pre-tax operating profits of NOK 464 million in the second quarter of 2007, an increase of NOK 129 million from the year-earlier period. Estimated profits for distribution to policyholders were NOK 2 805 million for the April through June period in 2007.

Return on equity in Vital was 37.4 per cent in the second quarter of 2007. During the guarter, Vital changed its tax treatment of value adjustments on indirectly owned properties in accordance with the authorities' interpretation of the tax exemption model. This resulted in a NOK 390 million tax gain for the quarter. After taxes, profits totalled NOK 853 million in the second quarter of 2007.

Vital achieved healthy recorded and value-adjusted returns on capital in the second quarter of 2007. The recorded return on guaranteed-rate products was 2.6 per cent in the April through June period, up from 1.7 per cent in the second quarter of 2006. The value-adjusted return, excluding changes in unrealised gains in the portfolio of held-to-maturity securities, was 3.7 per cent, compared with a negative return of 0.2 per cent in the year-earlier period. The main factor behind the increased value-adjusted return was a stronger stock market upturn than in the corresponding period in 2006. The securities adjustment reserve increased by NOK 2.3 billion during the second quarter of 2007, totalling NOK 7.9 billion as at

The risk result increased by NOK 75 million, reflecting an improved disability result, standing at NOK 13 million in the second quarter of 2007. The administration result was negative at NOK 68 million, a reduction of NOK 38 million from the year-earlier period. The decline was mainly due to the one-off effect of VAT on previous purchases of IT services.

Total assets were NOK 229 billion at end-June 2007, up 2.2 per cent from 31 March 2007. Due to rising interest rate levels and new tax rules for individual pension savings, repurchases of guaranteed retail market products totalled NOK 4.6 billion during the second quarter of 2007. Recorded policyholders' funds within definedcontribution pension schemes totalled NOK 2 884 million at end-June 2007, up from NOK 1 538 million a year earlier. The increase can be ascribed to the introduction of mandatory occupational pension

Premium income totalled NOK 3.9 billion in the second quarter of 2007, down 15 per cent from the year-earlier period. Premium

income for group pensions totalled NOK 1.6 billion, virtually unchanged from the second-quarter figure in 2006. In the individual market, premium income came to NOK 2.3 billion, down 23 per cent from the year-earlier period.

Vital recorded a net outflow of transfers of NOK 0.5 billion in the second quarter of 2007, compared with a net outflow of NOK 0.4 billion in the year-earlier period. During the period from the merger with Gjensidige NOR Spareforsikring in 2004 till end-June 2007, Vital recorded a net inflow of transfers of NOK 1.8 billion.

Vital's market share of policyholders' funds was 34.9 per cent at end-March 2007, an increase of 0.2 percentage points from end-December 2006. The company had market shares of 28.5 per cent within group pensions and 52.3 per cent in the individual market, representing increases of 0.5 and 0.1 percentage points respectively. The market share for defined-contribution pensions was 32.3 per cent at end-March 2007, down 1.9 percentage points from end-December 2006.

As at 30 June 2007, solvency capital totalled NOK 28.1 billion, up from NOK 23.9 billion at end-December 2006. The increase reflected profits for the first half of the year, an increase in the securities adjustment reserve and unrealised losses in the portfolio of held-to-maturity securities.

As part of DnB NOR's international initiatives, Vital established operations in Latvia on 19 March 2007, based on distribution via DnB NORD's branch network. The start-up of operations in Lithuania is scheduled for the second half of 2007.

Vital aims to further expand its operations while providing the owner and policyholders with healthy returns.

The process of adapting operations to new regulations entering into force as from 2008 is in progress. The new regulations will imply a clearer distinction between policyholders' funds and owner funds and a more clear-cut risk apportionment between policyholders and the company. In addition, product pricing will be more transparent. There will be material changes, but Vital is well prepared to meet the challenges and capitalise on the opportunities afforded by the new regulations.

### **DnB NOR Asset Management**

DnB NOR Asset Management recorded pre-tax operating profits of NOK 150 million in the second quarter of 2007, up NOK 40 million from the year-earlier period.

Revenues totalled NOK 351 million, an increase of NOK 57 million from the second quarter of 2006. Commission income came to NOK 328 million, up NOK 55 million from the corresponding period in 2006. Commission income from the retail market stood at NOK 140 million, while income from institutional clients was NOK 188 million. Corresponding figures for the second quarter of 2006 were NOK 132 million and NOK 141 million respectively.

The distribution agreement with Retail Banking was renegotiated during the first quarter of 2007. The agreement gives Retail Banking a larger share of revenues. DnB NOR Asset Management's expansion in the Swedish retail market has generated results thus far in 2007. Operating expenses for the April through June period of 2007 were NOK 201 million, up NOK 17 million compared with the corresponding period in 2006. The cost/income ratio was 57.3 per cent. Full-time positions numbered 303 at end-June 2007.

As at 30 June 2007, the business area had NOK 548.5 billion under management, an increase of NOK 26.7 billion from end-June 2006. NOK 53.6 billion of the increase in assets under management stemmed from developments in equity prices and interest rates during the twelve-month period, while the strengthening of the Swedish krona gave a positive exchange effect of NOK 0.2 billion on international securities under management. The net outflow of funds was NOK 27.0 billion. Excluding assets under management for Vital, there was an increase of NOK 19.5 billion in assets under management from end-June 2006, to NOK 365.4 billion at end-June 2007.

Assets under management from the Norwegian market rose by 4.0 per cent. For the portfolio outside Norway, there was a 6.5 per cent increase in assets, measured in Norwegian kroner. Investment

funds from the retail market amounted to NOK 65.0 billion at end-June after a net increase of NOK 7.8 billion from end-June 2006. The corresponding figures for institutional clients were NOK 483.6 billion and NOK 19.0 billion respectively.

The market share for mutual funds in the Norwegian retail market was 38.1 per cent at end-June 2007.

Thus far in 2007, all five Spar Smart funds have generated better returns for investors than their respective reference indices. During the second quarter of the year, more than 11 000 new savings schemes were entered into, with the total number of savings schemes exceeding 363 000 at end-June. Annual subscriptions under savings schemes rose by 6.4 per cent in the second quarter of 2007, to NOK 3.4 billion.

At end-June 2007, 43 DnB NOR funds had received four or five stars from the rating company Morningstar, bringing the percentage of DnB NOR funds awarded a minimum of four stars by Morningstar to 35.8 per cent.

DnB NOR Asset Management anticipates a rise in private financial savings in both Norway and Sweden. Competition for new savings will necessitate continued development and adaptation of products and services. Solutions for investment operations services will be upgraded.

The expectations of investors regarding developments in financial markets together with investor confidence in the stock market will have a strong impact on performance in the business area.

#### **DnB NORD**

DNB NORD recorded pre-tax operating profits of NOK 148 million in the second quarter of 2007, up NOK 76 million compared with the year-earlier period. The increase mainly reflected a rise in volumes and the acquisition of BISE Bank, which was incorporated in the accounts for the second quarter of 2007.

Lending averaged NOK 47.0 billion in the second quarter of 2007, up 65.1 per cent from the corresponding period in 2006. Average customer deposits rose by 82.3 per cent from the year-earlier period, to NOK 19.2 billion.

Income totalled NOK 523 million in the second quarter of the year, an increase of NOK 272 million or 108.7 per cent from the second quarter of 2006. Costs represented NOK 354 million, up NOK 181 million or 105.1 per cent from for the April through June period in 2006. The consolidation of BISE Bank accounted for NOK 140 million of income growth and NOK 121 million of the increase in costs from the second quarter of 2006. The cost/income ratio was 67.7 per cent in the April through June period. At end-June 2007, DnB NORD staff represented 3 052 full-time positions, with 863 full-time positions in BISE Bank.

BISE Bank in Poland was formally acquired on 26 April 2007 through the purchase of 77 per cent of the shares. Subsequent to this, DnB NORD has regularly purchased minority shares, bringing its holding to 91.9 per cent at end-June. BISE Bank was included in the accounts in the second quarter of 2007. See description in note 2.

At end-March 2007, DnB NORD initiated distribution of life insurance products in Latvia in cooperation with Vital. Initially, DnB NORD's loan customers in Latvia will be offered credit life insurance.

In Denmark and Finland, DnB NORD is a full-service bank for corporate customers, while the entities in the Baltic region and Poland also serve retail customers and small businesses. DnB NORD is well represented in the Baltic region and Poland, with more than 735 000 customers and 172 branches, and is thus well positioned and has good prospects in markets showing considerable growth. Efforts to harmonise and integrate systems and products in the DnB NORD network, ensuring that products and services can be offered across national borders, play an important part in capitalising on DnB NORD's position.

Strong credit growth is expected in the Baltic region in 2007, and DnB NORD expects to grow in pace with the total market. In Poland, there is also brisk growth in the financial sector, and DnB NORD aims to increase market shares here by focusing on small and medium-

sized companies. The acquisition of BISE Bank is part of this initiative. In Denmark and Finland, DnB NORD will seek greater market shares among large corporates and medium-sized businesses. In early autumn 2006, DnB NORD initiated measures to limit losses in the event of exchange rate volatility in Latvia. In the short term, a potential currency depreciation will thus have limited effect on DnB NORD's financial performance.

### Prospects for the rest of the year

The Norwegian economy is experiencing a period of prosperity and 2007 looks set to be a year with solid growth. A high level of optimism, combined with low interest rates, has led to strong growth in demand for financial services from both the business sector and households. Investments for 2007 are at a higher level than last year and are expected to give high lending growth also in the second half of 2007.

The high capacity utilisation by Norwegian businesses and a growing labour shortage may, however, curb growth opportunities somewhat within parts of the business sector, while the global cooldown and the stronger Norwegian krone may lead to a decline in export growth.

The rise in housing prices and household borrowing was somewhat subdued during the first half of 2007, but remains at a high level. Household credit demand is expected to continue to be

relatively high also during the second half of 2007. Norges Bank has signalled further interest rate increases, which are expected to stimulate growth in customer deposits.

In July, DnB NOR sold its premises at Aker Brygge as part of plans to sell all of the Group's bank buildings. The gain of just over NOK 860 million will be recorded as income in the third quarter of 2007.

Due to DnB NOR's position in the domestic market and intensifying competition in Norway, the Group will seek future growth also abroad. The acquisition of Svensk Fastighetsförmedling AB complements DnB NOR's existing operations in Sweden and represents a future potential for growth through greater distribution power. In addition to property sales, the aim is to distribute housing loans and other products from the DnB NOR Group. Possibilities for organic growth, smaller acquisitions in the Nordic region and structural initiatives through DnB NORD are under constant review. DnB NOR is also considering opportunities for expanding cooperation with NORD/LB in relevant areas. The aim is to increase the share of income from international operations in the future.

The Group's productivity and cost awareness will be further strengthened. High priority is being given to improving customer satisfaction and operational stability for customer systems.

Favourable economic conditions for Norway and DnB NOR indicate that 2007 will be a profitable year for the Group.

Oslo, 8 August 2007 The Board of Directors of DnB NOR ASA

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# Income statement 1)

					DnB NO	OR Group
		2nd quarter	2nd quarter	1st half	1st half	Full year
Amounts in NOK million	Note	2007	2006	2007	2006	2006
Total interest income	5	14 798	10 001	28 184	18 865	42 381
Total interest expenses	5	10 579	6 219	19 980	11 462	27 092
Net interest income	5	4 219	3 781	8 204	7 403	15 289
Commissions and fees receivable etc.	6	2 429	2 215	4 751	4 543	8 963
Commissions and fees payable etc.	6	562	566	1 149	1 140	2 253
Net gains on financial instruments at fair value	6, 7	989	739	2 047	1 754	3 610
Net gains on assets in Vital	6	6 118	2 445	10 690	7 386	16 131
Guaranteed returns and allocations to policyholders in Vital	6	5 598	2 008	9 791	6 460	14 584
Premium income etc. included in the risk result in Vital	6	917	1 059	2 331	2 122	4 314
Insurance claims etc. included in the risk result in Vital	6	904	1 121	2 305	2 218	4 324
Net realised gains on investment securities (AFS)	6	0	0	0	0	0
Profit from companies accounted for by the equity method	6	21	24	58	52	171
Other income	6	323	302	629	592	1 176
Net other operating income	6	3 733	3 090	7 261	6 630	13 204
Total income		7 952	6 871	15 465	14 034	28 493
Salaries and other personnel expenses	8	2 207	1 927	4 335	3 852	7 967
Other expenses	8	1 453	1 379	2 869	2 754	5 745
Depreciation and impairment of fixed and intangible assets	8	242	177	442	336	715
Total operating expenses	8	3 902	3 483	7 646	6 942	14 427
Net gains on fixed and intangible assets	10	9	151	14	163	365
Write-downs on loans and guarantees	11	140	(165)	191	(192)	(258)
Pre-tax operating profit		3 919	3 703	7 642	7 447	14 689
Taxes		512	853	1 368	1 747	2 881
Profit from discontinuing operations after taxes		0	0	0	0	0
Profit for the period		3 407	2 851	6 274	5 700	11 808
Profit attributable to shareholders		3 329	2 816	6 141	5 631	11 665
Profit attributable to minority interests		78	34	133	69	143
Earnings per share (NOK) 2)		2.50	2.11	4.60	4.21	8.74
Earnings per share for discontinuing operations (NOK) 2)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

<sup>1)</sup> See note 4 for specification of income statement items in Vital.

<sup>2)</sup> DnB NOR has not issued options or other financial instruments that could cause dilution of earnings per share.

# Balance sheet 1)

			DnB N	IOR Group
		30 June	31 Dec.	30 June
Amounts in NOK million	Note	2007	2006	2006
Assets				
Cash and deposits with central banks		8 951	11 453	14 022
Lending to and deposits with credit institutions	13	127 298	71 091	90 282
Lending to customers	12, 13, 14	882 810	827 947	764 766
Commercial paper and bonds		157 273	172 040	154 927
Shareholdings		65 570	51 393	42 868
Financial assets, customers bearing the risk		19 105	18 840	14 800
Financial derivatives		61 024	57 999	34 085
Shareholdings, available for sale		0	0	0
Commercial paper and bonds, held to maturity		62 906	62 444	60 898
Investment property		26 662	25 816	24 042
Investments in associated companies		1 462	1 515	1 425
Intangible assets	15	7 196	6 471	6 264
Deferred tax assets		80	38	40
Fixed assets		5 245	5 478	5 152
Biological assets		0	0	0
Discontinuing operations	2	812	27	67
Other assets		10 668	7 691	8 376
Total assets		1 437 061	1 320 242	1 222 016
Liabilities and equity				
Loans and deposits from credit institutions		163 739	124 372	133 036
Deposits from customers		527 937	474 526	459 734
Financial derivatives		63 100	58 812	33 217
Securities issued	16	328 508	326 806	281 508
Insurance liabilities, customers bearing the risk		19 105	18 840	14 800
Liabilities to life insurance policyholders		191 452	188 096	182 208
Payable taxes		5 466	4 091	2 457
Deferred taxes		426	730	1 819
Other liabilities		31 239	18 812	18 039
Discontinuing operations	2	0	0	0
Provisions		4 503	4 768	4 355
Subordinated loan capital	16	34 152	33 977	31 235
Total liabilities		1 369 627	1 253 829	1 162 409
Minority interests		2 536	2 201	1 551
Revaluation reserve		0	0	0
Share capital		13 341	13 341	13 342
Other reserves and retained earnings		51 557	50 870	44 715
Total equity		67 434	66 413	59 607
Total liabilities and equity		1 437 061	1 320 242	1 222 016

Off-balance sheet transactions and contingencies

<sup>1)</sup> See note 4 for specification of balance sheet items in Vital.

# Statement of changes in equity

### **DnB NOR Group**

						Total other	
		Revalu-		Share	re	eserves and	
	Minority	ation	Share	premium	Other	retained	Total
Amounts in NOK million	interests 1)	reserve	capital	reserve	equity 1)	earnings	equity 17
Balance sheet as at 31 December 2005	946	0	13 369	11 963	32 075	44 038	58 353
Net change in currency translation reserve	(12)				(95)	(95)	(107)
Profit for the period	69				5 631	5 631	5 700
Net income for the period	57				5 536	5 536	5 593
Dividends 2005					(4 680)	(4 680)	(4 680)
Own shares			(27)		(177)	(177)	(204)
Minority interests DnB NORD	545						545
Other minority interests	3				(1)	(1)	2
Balance sheet as at 30 June 2006	1 551	0	13 342	11 963	32 752	44 715	59 607
Balance sheet as at 31 December 2006	2 201	0	13 341	11 963	38 907	50 870	66 413
Net change in currency translation reserve	(71)				(117)	(117)	(188)
Profit for the period	133				6 141	6 141	6 274
Net income for the period	62				6 024	6 024	6 086
Dividends 2006					(5 336)	(5 336)	(5 336)
Minority interests DnB NORD	273						273
Balance sheet as at 30 June 2007	2 536	0	13 341	11 963	39 594	51 557	67 434
1) Of which currency translation reserve:							
Balance sheet as at 31 December 2005	0				(76)		(76)
Net change in currency translation reserve	(12)				(95)		(107)
Balance sheet as at 30 June 2006	(12)				(172)		(184)
Balance sheet as at 31 December 2006	44				(44)		0
Net change in currency translation reserve	(71)				(117)		(188)
Balance sheet as at 30 June 2007	(27)		-	-	(161)		(188)

# Cash flow statement

		DnB NO	OR Group
	1st half	1st half	Full year
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2006
Operations			
Net payments on loans to customers	(51 472)	(71 250)	(135 673)
Net receipts on deposits from customers	45 933	49 442	66 315
Interest received from customers	24 886	16 589	40 136
Interest paid to customers	(6 844)	(3 078)	(9 065
Net receipts/payments on the sale/aquisition of financial assets for investment or trading	17 105	(17 863)	(33 948
Net receipts on commissions and fees	4 855	4 489	9 243
Payments to operations	(8 537)	(8 129)	(15 726)
Taxes paid	(353)	(12)	(613)
Receipts on premiums	11 236	9 098	17 442
Net payments on premium reserve transfers	(688)	(496)	(2 209
Payments of insurance settlements	(12 373)	(6 063)	(11 942
Other receipts	644	790	1 107
Net cash flow relating to operations	24 393	(26 483)	(74 932)
Investment activity			
Net payments on the acquisition of fixed assets	(886)	(238)	(932
Net receipts on the sale of long-term investments in shares	0	0	212
Payments on the acquisition of long-term investments in shares	(1 293)	(144)	(167
Dividends received on long-term investments in shares	167	43	115
Net cash flow relating to investment activity	(2 012)	(339)	(771)
Funding activity			
Net payments on loans from credit institutions	(19 546)	(18 119)	(8 215
Net receipts/payments on other short-term liabilities	6 537	(6 542)	(2 786
Net receipts on issue of bonds and commercial paper 1)	4 977	52 709	95 281
Issue of subordinated loan capital	4 310	6 825	10 302
Redemptions of subordinated loan capital	(2 186)	(296)	(2 433
Repurchase of own shares/share issue	0	433	(212
Dividend payments	(5 336)	(4 680)	(4 680
Net interest payments on funding activity	(14 519)	(5 594)	(17 674
Net cash flow from funding activity	(25 763)	24 736	69 583
Net cash flow	(3 382)	(2 086)	(6 120)
Cash as at 1 January	18 594	24 714	24 714
Net payments of cash	(3 382)	(2 086)	(6 120
Cash at end of period	15 211	22 628	18 594

The cash flow statement shows receipts and payments of cash and cash equivalents during the year. The statement has been prepared in accordance with the direct method and has been adjusted for items that do not generate cash flows, such as accruals, depreciation and write-downs on loans and guarantees. Cash flows are classified as operating activities, investment activities or funding activities. Balance sheet items are adjusted for the effects of exchange rate movements. Cash is defined as cash and deposits with central banks, and deposits with credit institutions with no agreed period of notice.

1) A significant share of the Group's operations was during 2006 funded by issuing bonds and commercial paper.

# Key figures

				DnB N	nB NOR Group	
	2nd quarter	2nd quarter	1st half	1st half	Full year	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2006	
Interest rate analysis	2.00	2.44	2.07	2.44	2.40	
1. Combined average spread for lending and deposits (%)	2.09	2.14	2.07	2.14	2.10	
2. Spread for ordinary lending to customers (%)	1.08	1.35	1.09	1.37	1.28	
3. Spread for deposits from customers (%)	1.01	0.79	0.98	0.77	0.82	
Rate of return/profitability						
4. Net other operating income, per cent of total income	46.9	45.0	46.9	47.2	46.3	
5. Cost/income ratio (%)	49.1	50.7	49.4	49.5	50.1	
6. Return on equity, annualised (%)	20.4	19.2	18.8	19.2	19.5	
7. RARORAC, annualised (%)	23.5	21.0	23.1	22.9	22.0	
8. RORAC, annualised (%)	25.9	27.0	26.0	27.9	26.4	
9. Average equity including allocated dividend (NOK million)	65 357	58 680	65 464	58 737	59 862	
10. Return on average risk-weighted volume, annualised (%)	1.53	1.44	1.40	1.50	1.50	
Financial strength						
11. Core (Tier 1) capital ratio at end of period (%)	7.0	6.6	7.0	6.6	6.7	
12. Core (Tier 1) capital ratio incl. 50 per cent of profit for the period (%)	7.4	6.9	7.4	6.9	-	
13. Capital adequacy ratio at end of period (%)	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	
14. Capital adequacy ratio incl. 50 per cent of profit for the period (%)	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	-	
15. Core capital at end of period (NOK million)	63 827	53 560	63 827	53 560	59 054	
l6. Risk-weighted volume at end of period (NOK million)	908 346	810 569	908 346	810 569	880 292	
Loan portfolio and write-downs						
17. Write-downs relative to net lending to customers, annualised	0.06	(0.09)	0.04	(0.05)	(0.03)	
18. Net non-performing and impaired commitments, per cent of net lending	0.44	0.60	0.44	0.60	0.45	
9. Net non-performing and impaired commitments at end of period (NOK million)	3 984	4 645	3 984	4 645	3 800	
iquidity						
20. Ratio of customer deposits to net lending to customers at end of period (%)	59.8	60.1	59.8	60.1	57.3	
Total assets owned or managed by DnB NOR						
21. Assets under management at end of period (NOK billion)	576	543	576	543	575	
22. Total combined assets at end of period (NOK billion)	1 802	1 569	1 802	1 569	1 688	
23. Average total assets (NOK billion)	1 431	1 163	1 386	1 144	1 209	
24. Customer savings at end of period (NOK billion)	1 105	1 007	1 105	1 007	1 052	
Staff						
25. Number of full-time positions at end of period	13 021	11 607	13 021	11 607	11 824	
The DnB NOR share						
26. Number of shares at end of period (1 000)	1 334 089	1 334 190	1 334 089	1 334 190	1 334 089	
27. Average number of shares (1 000)	1 334 089	1 336 427	1 334 089	1 336 651	1 335 449	
28. Earnings per share (NOK)	2.50	2.11	4.60	4.21	8.74	
29. Dividend per share (NOK)	-	_	-	-	4.00	
30. Total shareholders' return (%)	(0.1)	(9.0)	(0.1)	11.6	27.8	
31. Dividend yield (%)	-	-	-	-	4.52	
32. Equity per share including allocated dividend at end of period (NOK)	48.65	43.51	48.65	43.51	48.13	
33. Share price at end of period (NOK)	76.20	77.25	76.20	77.25	88.50	
34. Price/earnings ratio	7.63	9.15	8.28	9.17	10.13	
35. Price/book value	1.57	1.78	1.57	1.78	1.84	
36. Market capitalisation (NOK billion)	102.0	103.1	102.0	103.1	118.1	

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### **Definitions**

- 1, 2, 3 Based on nominal values excluding lending to and deposits with credit institutions and impaired loans.
- 5 Total expenses relative to total income. Expenses are exclusive of allocation to employees.
- Profits for the period are exclusive of profits attributable to minority interests and are adjusted for the period's change in fair value recognised directly in equity. Average equity is calculated on the basis of recorded equity excluding minority interests.
- RARORAC (Risk-Adjusted Return On Risk-Adjusted Capital) is defined as risk-adjusted profits relative to risk-adjusted capital requirement. Risk-adjusted profits indicate the level of profits in a normalised situation. The risk-adjusted capital requirement is described in further detail in the chapter "Management in DnB NOR" in the DnB NOR Group's annual report for 2006.
- RORAC (Return On Risk-Adjusted Capital) is defined as profits for the period relative to risk-adjusted capital requirement. Profits for the period are exclusive of profits attributable to minority interests and are adjusted for the period's change in fair value recognised directly in equity and for the difference between recorded interest on average equity and interest on risk-adjusted capital.
- Profit for the period relative to average risk-weighted volume.
- 21 Total assets under management for customers in Life Insurance and Asset Management.
- 22 Total assets and assets under management.
- 24 Total deposits from customers, assets under management and equity-linked bonds.
- Number of shares at end of 2006 are excluding the 2 786 thousand own shares repurchased in accordance with the authorisation issued by DnB NOR's General Meeting.
- Excluding discontinuing operations and profits attributable to minority interests. Holdings of own shares are not included in calculations of the number of shares.
- Closing price at end of period less closing price at beginning of period, included dividends reinvested in DnB NOR shares on the dividend payment date, relative to closing price at beginning of period.
- 32 Equity at end of period excluding minority interests relative to number of shares at end of period.
- Closing price at end of period relative to annualised earnings per share.
- 35 Closing price at end of period relative to recorded equity at end of period.
- Number of shares multiplied by closing price at end of period.

# Note 1 - Accounting principles etc.

### Accounting principles

The second quarter accounts have been prepared according to IFRS principles as approved by the EU, including IAS 34 - Interim Financial Reporting. A description of the accounting principles applied by the Group in preparing the accounts is found in the annual report for 2006.

#### **Estimates**

When preparing the consolidated accounts, management makes assessments and estimates and prepares assumptions that influence the effect of the accounting principles applied and thus the recorded values of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Note 2 in the annual report for 2006 gives a description of important estimates and assumptions. With effect from 31 December 2006, the Group changed the assumption concerning life expectancy in connection with the calculation of pension commitments. This has affected pension expenses for the second quarter of 2007. See note 8 Operating expenses. During the second quarter of 2007, Vital changed its tax treatment of value adjustments on indirectly owned properties, which resulted in a NOK 390 million tax gain for the quarter. In all other respects, the same estimation techniques and assumptions that are described in the 2006 annual report have been applied when preparing the accounts for the second quarter of 2007.

### **Comparable figures**

Comparable figures are based on IFRS. Comparable figures have not been restated following the acquisition of Svensk Fastighetsförmedling or the acquisition of BISE Bank.

### Note 2 - Changes in group structure

### Svensk Fastighetsförmedling

DnB NOR acquired all of the shares in the Swedish real estate brokerage chain Svensk Fastighetsförmedling AB for NOK 439 million in the second quarter of 2007, thus making the real estate brokerage operations of DnB NOR the most extensive in the Nordic region.

The purchase was made with accounting effect from 30 June 2007. Thus, profit and loss items from the acquired company are not included in DnB NOR's consolidated accounts for the first half of 2007. In connection with the acquisition, unrealised gains and goodwill totalling NOK 413 million were recorded in the balance sheet.

### **BISE Bank**

In late 2006, DnB NOR signed an agreement to acquire 76.3 per cent of the Polish BISE Bank through its partially-owned subsidiary DnB NORD. Subsequent to this, DnB NORD has regularly purchased minority shares, bringing its holding to 91.9 per cent at end-June. BISE Bank was included in DnB NOR Group's consolidated accounts in the second quarter of 2007. The total cost of the shares was EUR 124.8 million. Accrued acquisition costs were EUR 4.1 million, consisting mainly of fees to advisers and assistance in connection with the share acquisitions.

Balance sheet	DnB NOR Group	BISE Bank
	Capitalised value of	Capitalised value
	BISE Bank on the acquisition	(acc. to IFRS) immediately
Amounts in NOK million	date 30 April 2007	before the acquisition date
Assets		
Cash and deposits with central banks	133	133
Lending to and deposits with credit institutions	879	879
Lending to customers	3 904	3 930
Commercial paper and bonds	1 349	1 349
Intangible assets	505	10
Fixed assets	230	258
Other assets	137	137
Total assets	7 137	6 696
Liabilities and equity		
Loans and deposits from credit institutions	990	990
Deposits from customers	4 907	4 911
Securities issued	116	116
Other liabilities	246	204
Subordinated loan capital	86	86
Equity	792	389
Total liabilities and equity	7 137	6 696

The Group's consolidated accounts for the second quarter of 2007 include profits from BISE Bank in the amount of NOK 14 million.

### **Discontinuing operations**

In July 2007, DnB NOR sold its premises at Aker Brygge as part of plans to sell all of the Group's bank buildings. The gain of just over NOK 860 million will be recorded in the third quarter of 2007. The premises at Aker Brygge are classified as discontinuing operations as at 30 June 2007.

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### Note 3 - Business areas

The operational structure of DnB NOR includes four business areas and four staff and support units. In addition, DnB NORD is reported as a separate profit centre. The business areas carry responsibility for customer segments served by the Group, as well as the products offered.

The income statement and balance sheet for business areas have been prepared on the basis of internal financial reporting for the functional organisation of the DnB NOR Group into business areas. Figures for the business areas are based on DnB NOR's management model and the Group's accounting principles. The figures have been restated in accordance with the Group's current principles for allocating costs and capital between business areas and are based on a number of assumptions, estimates and discretionary distribution.

Income statement, second quarter											DnB NOR	Group
							Life Ins	surance			Oth	her
	Corporate	Banking			DnB	NOR	and A	Asset			opera	tions/
	and Paymen	t Services	Retail	Banking	Mar	kets	Manag	ement	DnB	NORD	elimina	itions 1)
	2nd o	quarter	2nd	quarter	2nd q	uarter	2nd q	uarter	2nd q	uarter	2nd q	uarter
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Net interest income - ordinary operations	1 794	1 627	1 632	1 858	57	65	1	2	303	156	431	74
Interest on allocated capital	347	184	147	104	44	21	21	11	35	15	(594)	(335)
Net interest income	2 141	1 810	1 780	1 962	101	87	22	13	338	170	(163)	(261)
Net other operating income	782	651	797	760	929	822	1 175	937	185	80	(135)	(161)
Total income	2 924	2 462	2 576	2 722	1 030	908	1 197	950	523	250	(298)	(422)
Operating expenses *)	988	884	1 594	1 492	402	352	584	504	354	173	(19)	78
Pre-tax operating profit before write-downs	1 935	1 578	983	1 230	628	556	614	445	169	78	(278)	(500)
Net gains on fixed and intangible assets	5	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	113
Write-downs on loans and guarantees	25	3	64	47	0	0	0	0	26	8	25	(224)
Pre-tax operating profit	1 914	1 611	919	1 183	628	556	614	445	148	72	(303)	(163)
*) Of which group overhead	31	27	14	12	6	5	6	7	0	0	(58)	(51)

Income statement, first half											DnB NOR	Group
							Life In:	surance			Oth	her
	Corporate	Banking			DnB	NOR	and	Asset			opera	tions/
	and Paymen	t Services	Retail	Banking	Mar	kets	Manag	gement	DnB	NORD	elimin	ations
	1st	half	1st	half	1st	half	1st	half	1st	half	1st	half
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Net interest income - ordinary operations	3 527	3 126	3 236	3 647	109	124	0	(1)	509	299	822	209
Interest on allocated capital	650	338	276	192	82	38	39	21	65	25	(1 112)	(614)
Net interest income	4 178	3 464	3 512	3 839	190	163	39	19	575	324	(289)	(405)
Net other operating income	1 539	1 323	1 572	1 560	1 902	1 756	2 140	1 943	289	151	(181)	(102)
Total income	5 717	4 787	5 084	5 399	2 093	1 919	2 178	1 962	864	475	(471)	(508)
Operating expenses *)	1 971	1 748	3 147	2 992	794	768	1 083	973	574	324	78	137
Pre-tax operating profit before write-downs	3 746	3 039	1 937	2 406	1 299	1 151	1 095	989	290	151	(548)	(645)
Net gains on fixed and intangible assets	8	43	0	0	(1)	0	0	0	7	5	0	116
Write-downs on loans and guarantees	56	(1)	141	119	22	0	0	0	36	19	(65)	(329)
Pre-tax operating profit	3 698	3 083	1 797	2 288	1 275	1 151	1 095	989	260	137	(483)	(200)

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Other operations/ eliminations:							Total	other
	Elimina	ation of	Oth	ner			operat	tions/
	double	entries	elimin	ations	Group Ce	entre *)	elimina	ations
	2nd q	uarter	2nd q	uarter	2nd qu	ıarter	2nd qu	ıarter
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Net interest income - ordinary operations	(2)	(4)	(33)	(32)	466	109	431	74
Interest on allocated capital					(594)	(335)	(594)	(335)
Net interest income	(2)	(4)	(33)	(32)	(128)	(226)	(163)	(261)
Net other operating income	(422)	(326)	(79)	(53)	366	218	(135)	(161)
Total income	(423)	(329)	(113)	(85)	239	(8)	(298)	(422)
Operating expenses			(113)	(85)	93	163	(19)	78
Pre-tax operating profit before write-downs	(423)	(329)	0	0	145	(171)	(278)	(500)
Net gains on fixed and intangible assets			0	0	0	113	0	113
Write-downs on loans and guarantees			0	0	25	(224)	25	(224)
Pre-tax operating profit	(423)	(329)	0	0	120	166	(303)	(163)

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The eliminations refer mainly to internal services from support units to business areas and between business areas. Further, intra-group transactions and gains and losses on transactions between companies in the Group are eliminated. The elimination of double entries primarily concerns net profits on customer business carried out in cooperation between DnB NOR Markets and other business areas and taken to income in both areas

The Group Centre includes Operations, HR (Human Resources), IT, Group Finance and Risk Management, Corporate Communications, Corporate Centre, investments in IT infrastructure and shareholder-related expenses. In addition, the Group Centre includes that part of the Group's equity that is not allocated to the business areas.

# Note 3 - Business areas (continued)

	2nd q	uarter
Group Centre - pre-tax operating profit in NOK million	2007	2006
Income on equities	246	51
Uallocated income	124	(74)
Net gains on fixed and intangible assets	0	113
Unallocated write-downs on loans and guarantees	(27)	204
Funding costs on goodwill	(50)	(34)
Ownership-related expenses (costs relating to shareholders, investor relations, strategic planning etc.)	(54)	(45)
Portfolio hedging, Treasury	(117)	(100)
Other	(2)	51
Pre-tax operating profit	120	166

Main average balance sheet items											DnB NOR	Group
							Life In	surance			Ot	her
	Corporate	Banking			DnB	NOR	and	Asset			opera	itions/
	and Paymen	t Services	Retail	Banking	Mar	kets	Manag	gement	DnB I	NORD	elimin	ations
	2nd o	quarter	2nd o	quarter	2nd q	uarter	2nd q	uarter	2nd q	uarter	2nd q	uarter
Amounts in NOK billion	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Net lending to customers 1)	397.1	339.7	421.0	381.5	17.0	11.0			47.0	28.5	(1.8)	(2.8)
Deposits from customers 1)	279.0	239.5	215.8	199.9	18.3	15.7			19.2	10.6	(1.8)	(15.5)
Assets under management 2)							591.3	563.8				

Key figures											DnB NOR	Group
							Life In	surance				
	Corporate	Banking			DnB	NOR	and	Asset			Ot	her
	and Paymen	t Services	Retail	Banking	Mar	kets	Mana	gement	DnB	NORD	oper	ations
	2nd o	quarter	2nd o	quarter	2nd q	uarter	2nd o	quarter	2nd o	quarter	2nd c	quarter
Per cent	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Cost/income ratio	33.8	35.9	61.9	54.8	39.0	38.8	48.8	53.1	67.7	68.9		
Ratio of deposits to lending 1)	70.3	70.5	51.3	52.4					40.9	37.0		
Return on capital 3) 4)	18.5	18.4	20.9	23.8	47.0	54.4	35.2	16.4	13.9	12.0		
Number of full-time positions as at 30 June 5)	2 249	2 600	3 664	4 056	580	545	1 130	1 095	3 052	1 845	2 345	1 467

- 1) Based on nominal values and includes lending to and deposits from credit institutions.
- 2) Assets under management include total assets in Vital.
- 3) Return on capital is calculated on the basis of allocated capital. Allocated capital for Corporate Banking and Payment Services, Retail Banking, DnB NOR Markets and DnB NORD is calculated as 6.5 per cent of risk-weighted volume. Recorded equity is used for Life Insurance and Asset Management.
- 4) Estimated return on capital is based on profit after tax. A tax rate of 28 per cent is applied for Corporate Banking and Payment Services, Retail Banking, DnB NOR Markets and DnB NOR Asset Management. The expected tax rate for DnB NORD is 20 per cent for 2007 and 15 per cent for 2006 while accounted taxes are applied for Vital.
- 5) As a consequence of the reorganisation of the Group in June 2007, 405 and 444 full-time positions respectively have been transferred from Corporate Banking and Payment Services and Retail Banking to Other operations. This is expected to have limited effects on operating expenses as the services provided will be charged to the business areas, and no adjustments have been made in the presented figures.

### Note 4 - Vital

The business area Life Insurance and Asset Management in DnB NOR comprises Vital Forsikring ASA and DnB NOR Kapitalforvaltning Holding AS, both with subsidiaries. The income statement, balance sheet and key figures presented below refer solely to operations in Vital Forsikring ASA including subsidiaries.

Vital Link AS and Vital Forsikring ASA merged in February 2007 with accounting effect from 1 January 2007. Vital Forsikring ASA including subsidiaries, hereinafter referred to as "Vital", is fully consolidated in the DnB NOR Group's accounts. Profit sharing between policyholders and the owner in life insurance companies is based on special accounting regulations for such operations stipulated by the Norwegian Ministry of Finance. Regulations relating to profit sharing between the owner and policyholders in life insurance companies limit the DnB NOR Group's access to revenues and assets from life insurance operations. Below, the income statement and balance sheet for Vital as included in the DnB NOR Group's accounts are described.

Income statement 1)					Vital
	2nd quarter	2nd quarter	1st half	1st half	Full year
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2007	2006	2006
Total interest income					
Total interest expenses					
Net interest income					
Commissions and fees receivable etc.	453	455	910	905	1 836
Commissions and fees payable etc.	138	164	297	341	673
Net gains on financial instruments at fair value					
Net gains on assets in Vital	6 116	2 435	10 688	7 371	16 117
Guaranteed returns and allocations to policyholders in Vital	5 598	2 008	9 791	6 460	14 584
Premium income etc. included in the risk result in Vital	917	1 059	2 331	2 122	4 314
Insurance claims etc. included in the risk result in Vital	904	1 121	2 305	2 218	4 324
Net realised gains on investment securities (AFS)					
Profit from companies accounted for by the equity method					
Other income					
Net other operating income	846	656	1 536	1 378	2 686
Total income	846	656	1 536	1 378	2 686
Salaries and other personnel expenses	188	172	363	325	676
Other expenses	164	128	285	252	501
Depreciation and impairment of fixed and intangible assets	31	20	52	41	77
Total operating expenses	383	321	700	618	1 254
Net gains on fixed and intangible assets					
Write-downs on loans and guarantees					
Pre-tax operating profit	464	335	835	760	1 431
Taxes	(390)	(2)	(390)	(4)	(771)
Profit from discontinuing operations after taxes					
Profit for the period <sup>2)</sup>	853	337	1 225	764	2 202

<sup>1)</sup> The figures encompass Vital Forsikring ASA including subsidiaries as included in the DnB NOR Group accounts before eliminations for intra-group transactions and balances.

# Note 4 - Vital (continued)

2)	Breakdown of income statement					Vital
		2nd quarter	2nd quarter	1st half	1st half	Full year
	Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2007	2006	2006
	Interest result	3 316	1 607	<i>5 760</i>	<i>3 762</i>	7 094
	Risk result	13	(62)	26	(96)	(10)
	Administration result	(68)	(30)	(87)	(54)	(91)
	Transferred from security reserve	1	0	(8)	(1)	(5)
	Profit for distribution within Vital *)	3 263	1 515	5 690	3 611	6 987
	Transferred to additional allocations	0	0	0	0	2 740
	Funds transferred to policyholders	2 805	1 185	4 866	2 862	2 838
	+ Reversal of goodwill amortisation	5	5	11	11	22
	Pre-tax operating profit in Vital	464	335	835	760	1 431
	Taxes	(390)	(2)	(390)	(4)	(771)
	Profit for the period in Vital	853	337	1 225	764	2 202
	*) Specification of profits for distribution:					
	Profit for operations subject to profit sharing	3 309	1 518	5 753	3 615	4 267
	- funds transferred to policyholders	2 805	1 185	4 866	2 862	2 838
	- profits for allocation to the owner and taxes	505	333	887	<i>753</i>	1 429
	Profit from operations not subject to profit sharing	(47)	(3)	(63)	(4)	(20)

Profits for allocation to the owner and taxes for operations subject to profit sharing include:

- return on equity, subordinated loan capital and the security reserve, calculated as the company's return on capital, less accrued interest on subordinated loans and allocations to the security reserve
- margin on policyholders' funds
- margin on effective risk premium adjusted for survival risk on contracts providing sufficient profits.

According to regulations, profits for allocation to the owner and taxes cannot exceed 35 per cent of profits for operations subject to profit sharing. If this figure is negative, the entire amount should be charged to the owner. Total profits to the owner and taxes also include profits from operations not subject to profit sharing.

# Note 4 - Vital (continued)

Balance sheets 1)			Vital
	30 June	31 Dec.	30 June
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2006
Assets			
Cash and deposits with central banks			
Lending to and deposits with credit institutions	10 634	7 185	8 850
Lending to customers			
Commercial paper and bonds	44 687	57 838	61 973
Shareholdings	60 183	47 291	39 347
Financial assets, customers bearing the risk	19 105	18 840	14 800
Financial derivatives	1 739	1 654	1 427
Commercial paper and bonds, held to maturity	62 906	62 444	60 898
Investment property	26 524	25 668	23 869
Investments in associated companies	16	16	14
Intangible assets	342	294	304
Deferred tax assets		185	
Fixed assets	49	75	46
Discontinuing operations			
Other assets	3 160	2 161	2 751
Total assets	229 346	223 650	214 279
Liabilities and equity			
Loans and deposits from credit institutions			
Deposits from customers			
Financial derivatives	587	1 166	807
Securities issued			
Insurance liabilities, customers bearing the risk	19 105	18 840	14 800
Liabilities to life insurance policyholders	191 452	188 096	182 208
Payable taxes			
Deferred taxes	494		662
Other liabilities	6 318	3 259	4 880
Discontinuing operations			
Provisions	199	124	192
Subordinated loan capital	2 534	2 556	2 557
Total liabilities	220 690	214 040	206 107
Minoribe inhance			
Minority interests			
Revaluation reserve	4 343	1 210	1 212
Share capital	1 310	1 310	1 310
Other reserves and retained earnings	7 345	8 300	6 862
Total liabilities and south	8 656	9 610	8 172
Total liabilities and equity	229 346	223 650	214 279

<sup>1)</sup> The figures encompass Vital Forsikring ASA including subsidiaries as included in the DnB NOR Group accounts before eliminations for intra-group transactions and balances.

# Note 4 - Vital (continued)

Key figures					Vital
	2nd quarter	2nd quarter	1st half	1st half	Full year
Per cent	2007	2006	2007	2006	2006
Recorded return, excluding unrealised gains on financial instruments 1)	2.6	1.7	4.8	3.8	7.5
Value-adjusted return, excluding changes in unrealised gains on					
commercial paper and bonds, held to maturity 1)	3.7	(0.2)	5.1	2.6	8.1
Value-adjusted return, including changes in unrealised gains on commercial					
paper and bonds, held to maturity, and unrealised gains on current assets $^{1)}$	3.0	(0.8)	4.1	1.4	6.4
Return on capital after taxes <sup>2) 3)</sup>	37.4	15.6	26.0	17.3	25.0
Expenses in per cent of insurance provisions <sup>2)</sup>	1.03	1.01	0.99	1.01	1.00
Capital adequacy ratio at the end of the period 4) 5)	8.6	10.5	8.6	10.5	9.8
Core capital ratio at the end of the period 4) 5)	6.5	7.9	6.5	7.9	7.4
Policyholders funds from operations from products with guaranteed					
returns, at the end of the period (NOK billion)	191	182	191	182	188
Policyholders funds from operations from products with a choice of					
investment profile, at the end of the period (NOK billion)	19	15	19	15	19
Solvency margin capital in per cent of requirement, at the end of the period <sup>4) 5) 6)</sup>	165	147	165	147	164
Number of employees calculated on a full-time basis at the end of the period	828	795	828	795	815

- $1) \quad \textit{Refers to operations from products with guaranteed returns.}$
- 2) Figures are annualised.
- 3) Calculated on the basis of recorded equity.
- 4) Kredittilsynet (the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway) and the Ministry of Finance have not adapted capital adequacy or solvency margin capital regulations to IFRS.
- 5) Operations from products with a choice of investment profile are included from 1 January 2007.
- 6) Solvency margin capital is measured against the solvency margin requirement, which is linked to the company's insurance commitments. The solvency margin capital requirements for Norwegian life insurance companies are subject to regulations laid down by the Ministry of Finance on 19 May 1995.

### Note 5 - Net interest income

				DnB NC	R Group
	2nd quarter	2nd quarter	1st half	1st half	Full year
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2007	2006	2006
Interest on loans to and deposits with credit institutions	1 519	679	2 667	1 123	2 904
Interest on loans to customers	11 788	8 207	22 336	15 658	34 630
Interest on impaired commitments	38	59	66	70	124
Interest on commercial paper and bonds	1 371	863	2 860	1 587	3 934
Front-end fees etc.	73	72	193	157	281
Other interest income	8	121	61	269	508
Total interest income	14 798	10 001	28 184	18 865	42 381
Interest on loans and deposits from credit institutions	1 757	1 096	3 175	1 944	4 610
Interest on demand deposits from customers	4 221	2 250	7 813	4 226	9 892
Interest on securities issued	3 951	2 731	7 964	5 060	12 194
Interest on subordinated loan capital	512	328	992	622	1 466
Other interest expenses	139	(186)	37	(389)	(1 069)
Total interest expenses	10 579	6 219	19 980	11 462	27 092
Net interest income	4 219	3 781	8 204	7 403	15 289

# Note 6 - Net other operating income

				DnB NO	OR Group
	2nd quarter	2nd quarter	1st half	1st half	Full year
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2007	2006	2006
Money transfer fees receivable	701	710	1 372	1 427	2 852
Fees on asset management services	338	322	633	658	1 325
Fees on custodial services	106	99	204	189	370
Fees on securities broking	90	126	212	259	427
Corporate finance	236	96	384	313	548
Interbank fees	32	36	62	75	148
Credit broking commissions	94	103	201	140	290
Sales commissions on insurance products	487	488	1 016	1 000	2 000
Sundry commissions and fees receivable on banking services	346	236	666	484	1 003
Total commissions and fees receivable etc.	2 429	2 215	4 751	4 543	8 963
Money transfer fees payable	241	237	473	474	936
Commissions payable on fund management services	39	30	69	60	128
Fees on custodial services payable	35	35	71	68	119
Interbank fees	50	54	98	112	219
Credit broking commissions	0	10	17	17	34
Commissions payable on the sale of insurance products	53	67	125	128	236
Sundry commissions and fees payable on banking services	143	133	297	281	582
Total commissions and fees payable etc.	562	566	1 149	1 140	2 253
Net gains on financial instruments at fair value	989	739	2 047	1 754	3 610
Net gains on assets in Vital	6 118	2 445	10 690	7 386	16 131
Guaranteed returns and allocations to policyholders in Vital	5 598	2 008	9 791	6 460	14 584
Premium income etc. included in the risk result in Vital	917	1 059	2 331	2 122	4 314
Insurance claims etc. included in the risk result in Vital	904	1 121	2 305	2 218	4 324
Net realised gains on investment securities (AFS)	0	0	0	0	0
Profit from companies accounted for by the equity method	21	24	58	52	171
Income from owned/leased premises	12	34	33	63	108
Fees on real estate broking	214	197	381	355	746
Net unrealised gains on investment property	(2)	(1)	(2)	0	0
Miscellaneous operating income	99	73	218	174	322
Total other income	323	302	629	592	1 176
Net other operating income	3 733	3 090	7 261	6 630	13 204

# Note 7 - Net gains on financial instruments at fair value

			DnB NOR Group		
	2nd quarter	2nd quarter	1st half	1st half	Full year
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2007	2006	2006
Dividends	128	61	142	95	109
Net gains on foreign exchange and financial derivatives	627	781	1 261	1 679	3 441
Net gains on financial derivatives, hedging	(524)	(288)	(731)	(778)	(560)
Net gains on fixed rate loans	(353)	(332)	(492)	(720)	(1 247)
Net gains on financial guarantees	108	67	225	136	341
Net gains on commercial paper and bonds	(102)	(168)	(160)	(262)	(504)
Net gains on shareholdings	132	39	385	227	558
Net gains on other financial assets	(41)	(13)	(39)	(6)	(8)
Net gains on financial liabilities, hedged items	589	306	816	819	555
Net gains on financial liabilities, other	302	246	427	512	784
Net interest on interest rate positions	123	39	215	52	141
Net gains on financial instruments at fair value	989	739	2 047	1 754	3 610

# Note 8 - Operating expenses

				DnB NC	OR Group
	2nd quarter	2nd quarter	1st half	1st half	Full year
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2007	2006	2006
Ordinary salaries	1 627	1 393	3 135	2 818	5 814
Employer's national insurance contributions	229	193	457	397	818
Pension expenses 1)	275	229	539	432	913
Other personnel expenses	75	112	205	205	421
Total salaries and other personnel expenses	2 207	1 927	4 335	3 852	7 967
Fees	196	181	403	373	781
EDP expenses	424	386	816	743	1 493
Postage and telecommunications	105	110	207	214	410
Office supplies	31	26	62	54	113
Marketing and public relations	165	155	328	289	599
Travel expenses	65	55	123	105	232
Reimbursement to Norway Post for transactions executed	59	73	99	156	269
Training expenses	21	16	42	33	77
Operating expenses on properties and premises	206	213	414	445	855
Operating expenses on machinery, vehicles and office equipment	33	23	70	55	121
Allocation to employees	0	0	0	0	164
Restructuring expenses	2	0	3	0	73
Other operating expenses	147	141	301	286	558
Other expenses	1 453	1 379	2 869	2 754	5 745
Depreciation and impairment of fixed and intangible assets	242	177	442	336	715
Total operating expenses	3 902	3 483	7 646	6 942	14 427

<sup>1)</sup> With effect from 31 December 2006, the Group changed the assumption concerning life expectancy in connection with the calculation of pension commitments. This has affected pension expenses for 2007.

# Note 9 - Number of employees/full-time positions

				DnB NO	OR Group
	2nd quarter	2nd quarter	1st half	1st half	Full year
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2006
Number of employees at end of period	13 394	11 984	13 394	11 984	12 187
- of which number of employees abroad	3 795	2 518	3 795	2 518	2 647
Number of employees calculated on a full-time basis at end of period	13 021	11 607	13 021	11 607	11 824
- of whitch number of employees calculated on a full-time basis abroad	3 747	2 480	3 747	2 480	2 618
Average number of employees	13 148	11 969	12 707	11 893	11 993
Average number of employees calculated on a full-time basis	12 789	11 583	12 317	11 509	11 616

# Note 10 - Net gains on fixed and intangible assets

				DnB NOR Group		
	2nd quarter	2nd quarter	1st half	1st half	Full year	
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2007	2006	2006	
Development area, Oppegård					47	
Lodalen Utvikling					44	
Kirkegaten 17, Oslo					31	
Scanrope		16		16	16	
Exporama		30		30	30	
Bogstadveien 45, Oslo		61		61	61	
Other	9	44	14	56	136	
Net gains on fixed and intangible assets	9	151	14	163	365	

# Note 11 - Write-downs on loans and guarantees

				DnB NC	R Group
	2nd quarter	2nd quarter	1st half	1st half	Full year
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2007	2006	2006
Write-offs	41	38	97	113	227
New individual write-downs	225	213	452	395	692
Total new individual write-downs	266	251	549	508	919
Reassessed individual write-downs	72	72	184	178	371
Total individual write-downs	194	179	365	330	548
Recoveries on commitments previously written off	84	121	167	201	388
Change in group write-downs on loans	30	(224)	(7)	(321)	(418)
Write-downs on loans and guarantees 1)	140	(165)	191	(192)	(258)
Write-offs covered by individual write-downs made in previous years	201	273	382	354	699
1) Of which individual write-downs on guarantees	(6)	1	5	(9)	(13)

# Note 12 - Lending to customers

		DnB No	OR Group
	30 June	31 Dec.	30 June
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2006
Lending to customers, nominal amount	732 137	692 207	628 023
Individual write-downs	1 987	1 820	2 083
Lending to customers, after individual write-downs	730 150	690 387	625 940
+ Accrued interest and amortisation	2 514	2 046	1 603
- Individual write-downs of accrued interest and amortisation	417	399	542
- Group write-downs	932	892	964
Lending to customers, at amortised cost	731 315	691 141	626 038
Lending to customers, nominal amount	151 340	136 271	137 903
+ Accrued interest	794	681	449
+ Adjustment to fair value	(640)	(147)	376
Lending to customers, classified at fair value	151 495	136 805	138 728
Lending to customers	882 810	827 947	764 766

# Note 13 - Net lending to principal sectors 1)

		DnB NO		
	30 June	31 Dec.	30 June	
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2006	
Retail customers	438 210	417 594	394 313	
International shipping	76 378	74 184	63 739	
Real estate	127 772	116 207	115 653	
Manufacturing	38 688	36 676	30 875	
Services and management	70 111	64 536	50 192	
Trade	35 689	32 066	32 583	
Oil and gas	18 013	12 720	8 805	
Transportation and communication	19 177	16 698	17 068	
Building and construction	12 059	11 223	10 798	
Power and water supply	7 689	7 304	7 244	
Fishing	9 854	10 069	10 812	
Hotels and restaurants	3 503	3 544	3 662	
Agriculture and forestry	6 310	7 533	6 607	
Central and local government	6 759	7 394	2 028	
Other sectors	11 278	8 910	9 464	
Total customers, nominal amount after individual write-downs	881 490	826 658	763 843	
- Group write-downs, customers	932	892	964	
+ Other adjustments	2 251	2 181	1 887	
Lending to customers	882 810	827 947	764 766	
Credit institutions, nominal amount after individual write-downs	126 877	70 381	90 245	
- Group write-downs, credit institutions	2	0	0	
+ Other adjustments	423	710	37	
Lending to and deposits with credit institutions	127 298	71 091	90 282	

<sup>1)</sup> The breakdown into principal sectors is based on standardised sector and industry categories set up by Statistics Norway. Customers are classified according to their main line of business.

Note 14 - Net non-performing and impaired commitments for principal sectors 1)

		DnB NOR Group		
	30 June	31 Dec.	30 June	
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2006	
Retail customers	1 927	1 888	2 284	
International shipping	0	0	0	
Real estate	475	384	829	
Manufacturing	380	532	437	
Services	444	306	331	
Trade	146	152	206	
Oil and gas	1	1	10	
Transportation and communication	215	132	145	
Building and construction	164	119	129	
Power and water supply	10	0	0	
Fishing	58	86	74	
Hotels and restaurants	46	71	66	
Agriculture and forestry	93	119	125	
Central and local government	0	0	0	
Other sectors	25	10	7	
Total customers	3 984	3 800	4 645	
Credit institutions	0	0	0	
Total	3 984	3 800	4 645	

<sup>1)</sup> The breakdown into principal sectors is based on standardised sector and industry categories set up by Statistics Norway. Customers are classified according to their main line of business.

# Note 15 - Intangible assets

		DnB NOR Group		
	30 June	31 Dec.	30 June	
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2006	
Goodwill 1)	6 375	5 823	5 723	
Postbanken brand name	51	51	51	
Systems development	642	520	427	
Other intangible assets 1)	127	77	63	
Total intangible assets	7 196	6 471	6 264	

<sup>1)</sup> As at 30 June 2007 the figures for Svensk Fastighetsförmedling AB and BISE Bank are based on preliminary acquisition analyses. See note 2.

# Note 16 - Securities issued and subordinated loan capital

As an element in liquidity management, the DnB NOR Group issues and redeems own securities.

Securities issued		DnB N	IOR Group
	30 June	31 Dec.	30 June
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2006
Commercial paper issued, nominal amount	70 175	68 216	67 602
Bond debt, nominal amount	257 421	257 379	212 745
Adjustments	913	1 211	1 161
Total securities issued	328 508	326 806	281 508

Changes in securities issued					DnB NOR Group		
	Balance sheet		Matured/	Exchange rate	Changes in	Balance sheet	
	30 June	Issued	redeemed	movements	adjustments	31 Dec.	
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2006	
Commercial paper issued, nominal amount	70 175	50 421	47 729	(734)	0	68 216	
Bond debt, nominal amount	257 421	30 022	21 780	(8 201)	0	257 379	
Adjustments	913	0	0	0	(298)	1 211	
Total securities issued	328 508	80 443	69 509	(8 934)	(298)	326 806	

Subordinated loan capital and perpetual subordinated loan capital securities					DnB NOR Group		
					Net change in		
	Balance sheet		Matured/	Exchange rate	recorded costs	Balance sheet	
	30 June	Issued	redeemed	movements	and adjustments	31 Dec.	
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2007	2007	2007	2007	2006	
Term subordinated loan capital, nominal amount	17 919	84	2 271	(660)	2	20 764	
Perpetual subordinated loan capital, nominal amount	7 341	0	10	(391)	0	7 741	
Perpetual subordinated loan capital securities,							
nominal amount 1)	9 277	4 143	0	(228)	2	5 360	
Adjustments	(386)	0	0	0	(498)	113	
Total subordinated loan capital and perpetual	·						
subordinated loan capital securities	34 152	4 227	2 281	(1 279)	(494)	33 977	

<sup>1)</sup> Perpetual subordinated loan capital securities are eligible for inclusion in core capital by an amount not exceeding 15 per cent of total core capital. Kredittilsynet may require that the securities should be written down proportionally to equity if the bank's core capital ratio falls below 5 per cent or capital adequacy ratio falls below 6 per cent. Amounts written down on the securities must be revalued before the distribution of dividends to shareholders or revaluation of equity.

# Note 17 - Capital adequacy

New capital adequacy regulations, Basel II, entered into force on 1 January 2007, see below for further description of the DnB NOR Group's implementation of the Basel II regulations.

Capital adequacy calculations are subject to special consolidation rules governed by the Consolidation Regulations. Primary capital and nominal amounts used in calculating risk-weighted volume will deviate from figures in the DnB NOR Group's accounts, as associated companies which are consolidated in the accounts according to the equity method are consolidated according to the gross method in capital adequacy calculations.

Valuation rules used in the statutory accounts form the basis for the consolidation. As from the first quarter 2007, the Norwegian regulations on the use of IFRS have been implemented in statutory accounts of the companies in the Group. According to new regulations on primary capital calculations, most items that have affected equity upon transition to the Norwegian regulation on the use of IFRS should be deducted from core capital. The deductions are specified below.

Primary capital	DnB NO	R Group
	30 June	31 Dec.
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006 1)
Share capital	13 341	13 341
Other equity	47 847	44 492
Total equity	61 188	57 833
Perpetual subordinated loan capital securities <sup>2) 3)</sup>	9 513	5 603
Deductions		
Pension funds above pension commitments	(198)	(182)
Goodwill	(6 407)	(4 454)
Deferred tax assets	(127)	(671)
Other intangible assets	(840)	(884)
Dividends payable	0	-
Unrealised gains on fixed assets	(558)	-
50 per cent of investments in other financial institutions	0	0
Other	49	-
Additions		
Portion of unrecognised actuarial gains/losses, pension costs 4)	1 207	1 810
Core capital	63 827	59 054
Perpetual subordinated loan capital	7 265	7 602
Perpetual subordinated loan capital securities <sup>2) 3)</sup>	-	-
Term subordinated loan capital <sup>3)</sup>	18 153	20 969
Deductions		
50 per cent of investments in other financial institutions	0	0
Additions		
45 per cent of unrealised gains on fixed assets	342	-
Supplementary capital	25 759	28 571
Total eligible primary capital <sup>5)</sup>	89 586	87 625

Minimum capital requirement	DnB NOR Group
Amounts in NOK million	30 June 2007
Credit risk, IRB <sup>6)</sup>	12 372
Of which:	
Retail commitments secured by residential property	3 435
Corporate commitments, small and medium sized companies	8 937
Claims calculated according to Basel I, transitional rules <sup>7)</sup>	49 392
Total minimum capital requirement, credit risk	61 764
Counterparty risk	1 013
Position risk	3 422
Settlement risk	2
Foreign exchange risk	144
Total minimum capital requirement, market risk	4 581
Operational risk	2 857
Deduction	0
Total capital requirements according to Basel II	68 189
Additions due to transitional rules (maximum 5 per cent reduction in relation to Basel I) 8)	4 479
Total minimum capital requirement	72 668

### Note 17 - Capital adequacy (continued)

The table below illustrates the effect of the transition to Basel II regulations in the first half of 2007. The column "Basel I" reflects calculations based on the former capital adequacy regulations. The results of the Basel II calculations have been included in the capital adequacy calculations shown in column "Basel II". The transitional rules limits the effect of Basel II calculations to a reduction to 95 per cent of Basel I requirements in the first year of implementation. This restriction known as "Capital floor" is reflected in the capital adequacy shown in column "Reported" in the table below.

Capital adequacy			Dnl	B NOR Group
	Reported	Basel II	Basel I	
	30 June 2007 8)	30 June 2007	30 June 2007	31 Dec. 2006 1)
Risk-weighted volume (NOK million) 5)	908 346	852 354	945 868	880 292
Core capital ratio (%)	7.0	7.5	6.7	6.7
Capital ratio (%)	9.9	10.5	9.5	10.0
Core capital ratio including 50 per cent of profit for the period (%)	7.4	7.8	7.1	=
Capital ratio including 50 per cent of profit for the period (%)	10.2	10.9	9.8	-

- 1) Figures for previous periods have been prepared in accordance with rules prevailing on the reporting dates.
- 2) Perpetual subordinated loan capital securities can represent up to 15 per cent of core capital. The excess will qualify as perpetual supplementary capital.
- 3) As at 30 June 2007 calculations of capital adequacy include a total of NOK 700 million in subordinated loan capital in associated companies, in addition to subordinated loan capital in the Group's balance sheet.
- 4) Upon implementation of NRS 6A (IAS 19) in 2005, unrecognised actuarial gains/losses for pension commitments were charged to equity in the accounts. The Ministry of Finance has established a transitional rule whereby two-fifths of the amount recorded against equity can be included in capital adequacy calculations as at 30 June 2007. This effect will be reduced by one-fifth yearly up until and including 2008.
- 5) Primary capital and nominal amounts used in calculating risk-weighted volume deviate from figures in the DnB NOR Group's accounts, as associated companies which are assessed in the accounts according to the equity method, are assessed according to the gross method in capital adequacy calculations
- 6) In the second quarter of 2007, credit risk for loans to retail customers secured by residential property in DnB NOR Bank ASA, excluding such loans under the brand-name Postbanken, commitments with small and medium sized corporate customers in the Regional Division East and the Regional Division Coast and the housing- loan portfolio of DnB NOR Boligkreditt AS are reported according to the foundation IRB approach, Internal Ratings
- 7) The minimum primary capital requirement for portfolios not mentioned in footnote 6 is 8 per cent of risk-weighted volume calculated according to Basel I regulations.
- 8) Due to transitional rules, minimum capital requirements for 2007, 2008 and 2009 can maximum be reduced to 95, 90 and 80 per cent respectively of the requirement according to Basel I rules.

### **Basel II implementation**

Monitoring and managing risk is an integral part of financial operations. In DnB NOR, sound risk management is a strategic tool to enhance value generation. Risk-adjusted return is a key financial management parameter in the internal management of the DnB NOR Group. The Group's risk is measured in the form of risk-adjusted capital requirements, calculated for main risk categories and for all of the Group's business areas. Capital is thus allocated to the business areas on the basis of the estimated risk of operations, and return on capital is continually monitored.

### Basel II

New capital requirements, Basel II, entered into force on 1 January 2007 and is divided into three parts, so-called pillars. Pillar 1 is about minimum capital adequacy requirements and is based on the previous capital adequacy regulations, Basel I. Pillar 2 is about institutions' assessment of their overall capital requirement and supervisory review, while Pillar 3 is about the disclosure of financial information. The regulations entail that there will be greater consistency between the authorities' capital adequacy regulations for financial institutions and the methodologies used by the financial institutions themselves in calculating capital requirements. The minimum capital requirement is still 8 per cent, with minimum 50 per cent representing core capital. The new regulations will result in changes in the risk-weighted volume included in the calculation of the capital adequacy requirement. A new methodology has been introduced for calculating credit risk, while operational risk calculations have been added as a new element. The shift from Basel I to Basel II has a more limited impact on the treatment of market risk.

### Pillar 1 Approach used in capital adequacy calculations

Pillar 1 includes capital requirements for credit, market and operational risk. The DnB NOR Group has been granted permission to use the foundation IRB, Internal Ratings Based, approach for credit risk to calculate the Group's capital adequacy as from 1 January 2007.

Use of the foundation IRB approach implies that the bank's own classification systems are used for capital adequacy purposes. The IRB system is defined as the models, work processes, decision-making processes, control mechanisms, IT systems and internal guidelines and routines used to classify and quantify credit risk. During 2006, DnB NOR implemented important parts of the IRB system, mainly through the development of routines, procedures and IT systems.

The portfolios for which the Group has been granted permission to use the foundation IRB approach as from the first quarter of 2007 comprises loans to small and medium-sized companies as well as loans secured by residential property in DnB NOR Bank ASA excluding Postbanken. DnB NOR Boligkreditt AS was also granted permission to report its housing-loan portfolio according to the IRB approach as from the second quarter of 2007. All other credit portfolios are reported in accordance with the former capital adequacy requirements, Basel I.

### Credit risk

Credit risk represents the chief risk category for the Group and refers to all claims against customers, mainly loans. In order to avoid large risk concentrations, the risk levels of individual customers, industries and geographical areas are monitored closely. In addition to verifying risk classifications, exposures to large clients are supervised through calculations which take the customer's credit quality and collateral into account.

# Note 17 - Capital adequacy (continued)

The classification of commitments provides the basis for statistical calculations of expected losses in a long-term perspective and the need for equity on the basis of portfolio risk. DnB NOR's models for risk classification of customers are subject to continual improvement and testing. The models are adapted to different industries and segments and are successively upgraded to satisfy quality requirements according to Basel II. The models are based on three components:

- 1. Estimated probability of default. The counterparty (customer) is classified according to a scale of ten risk categories based on the probability of default. In addition, impaired and non-performing commitments are placed in categories 11 and 12 respectively for reporting purposes. The risk categories are defined on the basis of the scales used by international rating agencies.
- 2. Exposure at default. Exposure is an estimated figure which includes amounts drawn under credit limits (loans) as well as a percentage share of committed, undrawn credit lines.
- 3. Loss given default. This is a statistically modelled quantity indicating how much the Group expects to lose if the customer fails to meet his obligations, taking the collateral provided into consideration. Realisation values for collateral are set on the basis of experience and/or external data.

The credit risk models should show the average probability of default during a business cycle. However, no model is completely unaffected by cyclical fluctuations. Consequently, stress testing is used to assess whether the bank would be required to hold additional capital during a recession. Such assessments will be taken into account in the bank's management process to determine the correct level of capital.

#### Operational risk

On 1 January 2007, new regulations for capital requirements for operational risk entered into force. In a separate policy for operational risk management, the Board of Directors states that DnB NOR will have low operational risk. Thus, management places great emphasis on risk and quality in the management of the Group.

DnB NOR Bank ASA will report according to the standardised approach in 2007 and will consider a shift to the Advanced Measurement Approach at a later date.

#### Market risk

Overall, market risk represents a moderate share of the Group's total risk. Market risk in Vital is included under ownership risk in DnB NOR ASA. In 2007, DnB NOR reports market risk according to the standardised approach.

#### Further progress

In June 2006, the Group applied for permission to use the advanced IRB approach for credit risk as from 1 January 2008. A major reduction in risk-weighted assets is expected upon full implementation of the IRB system. Due to transitional rules, however, the minimum capital adequacy requirements for 2007, 2008 and 2009 will be reduced to a maximum of 95, 90 and 80 per cent respectively relative to the Basel I requirements.

### Pillar 2 Institutions' assessment of total capital requirement and supervisory review

According to Pillar 2, DnB NOR is required to have a process for assessing the Group's overall capital adequacy. This includes an analysis of the risks not encompassed by the Pillar 1 process and the capital requirement for growth, as well as an indication of how much above the minimum regulatory capital ratios the Group chooses to set its capital levels.

The staff unit Group Risk Management has overall responsibility for risk management and internal control and for assessing and reporting the Group's overall risk situation. Each quarter, Group Risk Management prepares a report to the board of Directors of DnB NOR ASA regarding developments in the various risk categories as well as a report to the Board of Directors of DnB NOR Bank ASA regarding the trend in the banking group's credit risk.

As part of the adaptation to Pillar 2, the Board of Directors approved a new group capitalisation policy in April 2006, aimed at ensuring that group equity is adequate to ensure effective and optimal use of equity relative to the scope and risk profile of operations. The equity of DnB NOR should enable the Group to achieve a competitive return on equity and obtain competitive terms in funding markets. Also, it should put the Group in a position to exploit growth opportunities in the market through either organic growth or acquisitions while meeting minimum capital adequacy requirements with a margin adapted to the Group's adopted risk profile and risk tolerance.

In the longer term, the Group's equity will be structured to ensure that core capital excluding hybrid securities exceeds 4.25 per cent of risk-weighted assets, with the addition of a capital buffer. The calculation model for risk-adjusted capital is used to measure the size of the capital buffer relative to risk tolerance limits. Risk will be quantified through calculations of risk-adjusted capital. In addition, stress tests for credit and market risk are important reference points. The capitalisation policy is reviewed annually as part of the Group's budget and strategy process.

As part of its supervisory process, Kredittilsynet will prepare an annual overall risk assessment for the Group, including feedback on the capitalisation of the Group. These assessments will play a significant part when determining the actual effect of the transfer to new capital adequacy regulations.

### Pillar 3 Requirements concerning the disclosure of financial information

Pillar 3 presents requirements concerning the disclosure of financial information on the Internet. The information must cover DnB NOR's adaptation to and compliance with the new capital adequacy regulations. Such information are presented on separate pages on www.dnbnor.com.

### Note 18 - Off-balance sheet transactions and contingencies

Off-balance sheet transactions and additional information		DnB NOR Group	
	30 June	31 Dec.	30 June
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2006
Unutilised ordinary credit lines	248 321	245 827	226 116
Documentary credit commitments	17 269	15 705	13 634
Other commitments	440	447	353
Total commitments	266 030	261 979	240 103
Performance guarantees	22 748	21 702	16 997
Payment guarantees	17 933	18 010	19 623
Loan guarantees 1)	7 081	6 302	7 018
Guarantees for taxes etc.	5 308	3 948	3 378
Other guarantee commitments	6 419	4 791	5 905
Total guarantee commitments <sup>2)</sup>	59 489	54 753	52 920
Support agreements	5 330	5 267	4 571
Total guarantee commitments etc. *)	64 819	60 020	57 491
*) Of which:			
Counter-guaranteed by financial institutions	1 689	1 584	1 505
Securities	70 751	75 931	56 494
are pledged as security for: Loans 3)	70 639	75 816	56 383
Other activities	112	115	111

<sup>1)</sup> DnB NOR carries loans in its balance sheet that subject to legal agreement have been transferred to Eksportfinans and for which DnB NOR has issued guarantees. According to the agreement, DnB NOR still carries interest rate risk and credit risk for the transferred portfolio. Customer loans in the portfolio totalling NOK 9 993 million were recorded in the balance sheet as at 30 June 2007.

### **Contingencies**

Due to its extensive operations in Norway and abroad, the DnB NOR Group will regularly be party to a number of legal actions. None of the current disputes are expected to have any material impact on the Group's financial position.

In 2004, DnB NOR Bank issued a writ against the Norwegian government, represented by the Central Tax Office for Large Companies, requiring that the tax assessment for 2002 be invalidated. The bank claimed that the tax authorities made incorrect use of the realisation principle with respect to interest rate and currency swaps, as no tax credit was awarded for net losses in the tax assessment. In 2006, the bank lost the case in the District Court. The outcome will have no material effect on the result for the DnB NOR Group. The decision has been appealed.

Lloyd's Underwriters has announced an action for damages against Vital Skade AS, maintaining that the company has been wrongfully involved in an insurance claim of up to NOK 200 million by Vital Skade. The claim is contested.

Heidelberger Cement Pensjonskasse/Norcem AS has filed a complaint with the court of conciliation against Vital Forsikring, with a claim for damages of up to NOK 110 million. It is claimed that Vital Forsikring ASA gave incorrect advice in connection with a transfer of assets from a premium fund under the company's pension scheme. The claim is contested.

<sup>2)</sup> Liabilities included in issued financial guarantees are measured at fair value and recorded in the balance sheet.

<sup>3)</sup> NOK 70 639 million in securities as at 30 June 2007 has been pledged as collateral for credit facilities with Norges Bank (the Norwegian central bank). According to regulations, these loans must be fully collateralised by a mortgage on interest-bearing securities and/or the bank's deposits with Norges Bank. As at 30 June 2007, DnB NOR Group had borrowings of NOK 10 030 million from Norges Bank.

# Note 19 - Profit and balance sheet trends

Income statement				DnB N	OR Group
	2nd quarter	1st quarter	4th quarter	3rd quarter	2nd quarter
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006
Total interest income	14 798	13 386	12 556	10 961	10 001
Total interest expenses	10 579	9 401	8 581	7 049	6 219
Net interest income	4 219	3 985	3 975	3 911	3 781
Commissions and fees receivable etc.	2 429	2 322	2 371	2 050	2 215
Commissions and fees payable etc.	562	587	583	530	566
Net gains on financial instruments at fair value	989	1 057	1 150	705	739
Net gains on assets in Vital	6 118	4 572	6 022	2 723	2 445
Guaranteed returns and allocations to policyholders in Vital	5 598	4 193	5 731	2 392	2 008
Premium income etc. included in the risk result in Vital	917	1 414	1 191	1 001	1 059
Insurance claims etc. included in the risk result in Vital	904	1 401	1 146	960	1 121
Net realised gains on investment securities (AFS)	0	0	0	0	0
Profit from companies accounted for by the equity method	21	37	24	94	24
Other income	323	306	323	262	302
Net other operating income	3 733	3 528	3 622	2 951	3 090
Total income	7 952	7 513	7 597	6 863	6 871
Salaries and other personnel expenses	2 207	2 129	2 129	1 985	1 927
Other expenses	1 453	1 416	1 669	1 323	1 379
Depreciation and impairment of fixed and intangible assets	242	199	196	183	177
Total operating expenses	3 902	3 744	3 994	3 491	3 483
Net gains on fixed and intangible assets	9	5	66	135	151
Write-downs on loans and guarantees	140	51	(16)	(51)	(165)
Pre-tax operating profit	3 919	3 723	3 684	3 558	3 703
Taxes	512	856	291	844	853
Profit from discontinuing operations after taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Profit for the period	3 407	2 866	3 394	2 714	2 851
Earnings per share (NOK)	2.50	2.11	2.52	2.00	2.11

# Note 19 - Profit and balance sheet trends (continued)

Balance sheet				DnB N	OR Group
	30 June	31 March	31 Dec.	30 Sept.	30 June
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006
Assets					
Cash and deposits with central banks	8 951	18 685	11 453	15 474	14 022
Lending to and deposits with credit institutions	127 298	109 713	71 091	69 116	90 282
Lending to customers	882 810	842 298	827 947	801 747	764 766
Commercial paper and bonds	157 273	165 668	172 040	161 954	154 927
Shareholdings	65 570	61 091	51 393	45 781	42 868
Financial assets, customers bearing the risk	19 105	18 867	18 840	16 005	14 800
Financial derivatives	61 024	58 006	57 999	51 539	34 085
Shareholdings, available for sale	0	0	0	0	0
Commercial paper and bonds, held to maturity	62 906	60 093	62 444	62 478	60 898
Investment property	26 662	25 846	25 816	25 173	24 042
Investments in associated companies	1 462	1 467	1 515	1 457	1 425
Intangible assets	7 196	6 393	6 471	6 446	6 264
Deferred tax assets	80	28	38	42	40
Fixed assets	5 245	5 590	5 478	5 244	5 152
Biological assets	0	0	0	0	0
Discontinuing operations	812	27	27	43	67
Other assets	10 668	9 888	7 691	5 460	8 376
Total assets	1 437 061	1 383 659	1 320 242	1 267 961	1 222 016
Liabilities and equity					
Loans and deposits from credit institutions	163 739	141 592	124 372	121 100	133 036
Deposits from customers	527 937	503 129	474 526	457 485	459 734
Financial derivatives	63 100	59 474	58 812	46 533	33 217
Securities issued	328 508	330 288	326 806	316 466	281 508
Insurance liabilities, customers bearing the risk	19 105	18 867	18 840	16 005	14 800
Liabilities to life insurance policyholders	191 452	189 715	188 096	182 181	182 208
Payable taxes	5 466	4 707	4 091	3 331	2 457
Deferred taxes	426	767	730	1 740	1 819
Other liabilities	31 239	23 951	18 812	20 031	18 039
Discontinuing operations	0	0	0	0	0
Provisions	4 503	4 582	4 768	4 399	4 355
Subordinated loan capital	34 152	37 432	33 977	36 199	31 235
Total liabilities	1 369 627	1 314 503	1 253 829	1 205 469	1 162 409
Mary N. Colonial	2.525	2 224	2.201	4.650	4.551
Minority interests	2 536	2 226	2 201	1 650	1 551
Revaluation reserve	0	12.241	12.241	12.241	12.242
Share capital	13 341	13 341	13 341	13 341	13 342
Other reserves and retained earnings	51 557	53 589	50 870	47 501	44 715
Total equity	67 434	69 156	66 413	62 492	59 607
Total liabilities and equity	1 437 061	1 383 659	1 320 242	1 267 961	1 222 016

# DnB NOR ASA

Income statement				DnB I	NOR ASA
	2nd quarter	2nd quarter	1st half	1st half	Full year
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2007	2006	2006
Total interest income	72	34	113	62	132
Total interest expenses	62	44	117	84	185
Net interest income	10	(9)	(3)	(22)	(53)
Commissions and fees payable etc.	2	2	3	3	6
Net gains on financial instruments at fair value	0	0	0	0	11
Other income 1)	0	0	0	0	9 904
Net other operating income	(2)	(2)	(3)	(3)	9 909
Salaries and other personnel expenses	0	0	0	0	2
Other expenses	53	45	106	90	182
Total operating expenses	54	45	106	90	185
Pre-tax operating profit	(45)	(57)	(112)	(115)	9 672
Taxes	(13)	(16)	(31)	(32)	2 311
Profit for the period	(33)	(41)	(81)	(83)	7 360
Earnings per share (NOK) 2)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.06)	(0.06)	5.51
Earnings per share for discontinuing operations (NOK) 2)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

 $<sup>1) \</sup>quad \textit{Dividends from group companies/group contributions.}$ 

<sup>2)</sup> DnB NOR has not issued options or other financial instruments that could cause dilution of earnings per share.

Balance sheet		DnB I	IOR ASA	
	30 June	31 Dec.	30 June	
Amounts in NOK million	2007	2006	2006	
Assets				
Deposits with DnB NOR Bank ASA	6 832	3 617	3 532	
Lending to other group companies	225	225	225	
Investments in group companies	48 642	48 642	48 642	
Other receivables due from group companies	26	12 656	35	
Other assets	31	0	77	
Total assets	55 757	65 140	52 511	
Liabilities and equity				
Loans from DnB NOR Bank ASA	5 557	5 719	5 719	
Loans from other group companies	422	4 227	262	
Other liabilities and provisions	1 246	6 582	18	
Paid-in capital	25 275	25 275	25 276	
Retained earnings	23 257	23 337	21 237	
Total liabilities and equity	55 757	65 140	52 511	

### Note 1 - Transition to IFRS and accounting principles etc.

### **Transition to IFRS**

DnB NOR ASA has as of 1 January 2007 prepared accounts according to the Norwegian Ministry of Finance's regulations on annual accounts, Section 1-5, on the use of IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards), hereinafter called the Norwegian IFRS regulations. These regulations give permission to record provisions for dividends and group contributions in subsidiaries as income and record the Board of Directors' proposed dividends and group contributions as liabilities on the balance sheet date. According to IFRS, dividends should be classified as equity until approved by the general meeting. DnB NOR ASA is the parent company in the DnB NOR Group, which implemented IFRS in the consolidated accounts as of 1 January 2005. The DnB NOR Group's opening balance date was 1 January 2004.

Up until 31 December 2006, DnB NOR ASA prepared statutory accounts based on Norwegian accounting legislation, the accounting regulations issued by the Ministry of Finance and Norwegian generally accepted accounting principles, hereinafter referred to as NGAAP. Transition to IFRS did not entail changes in accounting principles other than certain reclassifications in income statement.

### Changes in the income statement

- The line "dividends from group companies/group contributions" is no longer included, and these items are presented under "other income".
- The lines "net gains on foreign exchange and financial instruments" and "net gains on long-term securities" are no longer included, and these items are presented on the line "net gains on financial instruments at fair value".

### Accounting principles etc.

### Changes in accounting principles

The effects of changes in accounting principles are recorded directly against equity.

### Ownership interests in group companies

Subsidiaries are defined as companies in which DnB NOR ASA has control, directly or indirectly, through a long-term ownership interest and a holding of more than 50 per cent of the voting share capital or primary capital. DnB NOR ASA's subsidiaries are DnB NOR Bank ASA, Vital Forsikring ASA, DnB NOR Kapitalforvaltning Holding AS and Vital Skade AS. All subsidiaries are 100 per cent owned.

In the accounts of DnB NOR ASA, investments in subsidiaries are recorded at cost.

### Transactions with group companies

Transactions with subsidiaries are conducted in accordance with general business conditions and principles whereby income, expenses, losses and gains are distributed as correctly as possible between the group companies.

### **Dividends and group contributions**

Dividends and group contributions from group companies are recorded in the accounts in the same year as provisions are made in the relevant companies. Group contributions received are classified as dividends when considered to represent return on invested capital. Distributed dividends and group contributions are recorded as liabilities in accordance with the Board of Directors proposal on the balance sheet date.

### Taxation

Taxes for the year comprise payable taxes for the financial year and changes in the value of deferred taxes and deferred tax assets.

Deferred taxes are calculated on the basis of differences between the profits stated in the accounts and the profits computed for tax purposes, which will be offset in the future. Evaluations are based on the balance sheet and tax position on the balance sheet date. Taxable and tax-deductible timing differences will be netted against each other within the same time interval. Deferred tax assets can be recognised as assets in the balance sheet when it is considered probable that the tax-deductible timing differences may be realised.

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### Financial calendar 2007

Annual General Meeting 24 April
Distribution of dividends as of 7 May
First quarter 3 May
Second quarter 9 August
Third quarter 1 November

### Other sources of information

### **Annual reports**

Annual reports for the DnB NOR Group are available on www.dnbnor.com. Separate annual reports are prepared for the DnB NOR Bank Group and Vital.

### **Quarterly publications**

Quarterly reports and supplementary information for investors and analysts are available on www.dnbnor.com. Separate quarterly reports are prepared for the DnB NOR Bank Group and Vital.

The publications can be ordered by sending an e-mail to investor.relations@dnbnor.no.

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