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Quarterly report for the third quarter 2003

At its meeting today, the Supervisory Board of Monberg & Thorsen A/S approved the quarterly report for the third quarter 2003. The quarterly report is unaudited.

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The quarterly report can also be viewed at www.monthor.dk

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Result as expected

- Monberg & Thorsen's pre-tax profit for the third quarter was DKK 78 million compared to DKK 28 million in 2002
- Dyrup maintains revenue in a declining market
- MT Højgaard continues its steady development
- The profit share from DENERCO OIL was on a par with expectations
- The profit forecast for 2003 remains unchanged

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Financial highlights for Monberg & Thorsen

DKKm	3 rd quarter			Year to date		
	2002	2003	Change %	2002	2003	Change %
Revenue						
Dyrup	495	490	-1.0	1,417	1,414	0
MT Højgaard (46%)	1,087	875	-19.5	3,331	2,708	-18.7
	1,582	1,365	-13.7	4,748	4,122	-13.1
Operating profit (EBIT)	34	83		133	189	
Profit before tax	28	78		116	171	
Profit after tax	18	53		78	115	

Revenue fell slightly short of expectations due to the persistence of difficult market conditions. Despite this, earnings met expectations, partly due to the efficiency-improving measures put in place and the ongoing alignment of capacity.

Operating profit (EBIT) developed as follows:

DKKm	3 rd quarter		Year to date	
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Dyrup	77	73	169	167
MT Højgaard	(48)	6	(51)	9
Oil interests	4	4	15	13
Parent company and property interests	1	0	0	0
	34	83	133	189

Dyrup delivered slightly lower revenue and earnings for the third quarter than in 2002. Revenue for the first three quarters was DKK 1,414 million and operating profit DKK 167 million, in line with last year despite the persistence of difficult trading conditions across Europe.

The report for the third quarter 2003 for Dyrup is attached to this announcement. The quarterly report gives a detailed account of the development within the paint and varnish company.

MT Højgaard delivered production revenue of DKK 5,886 million for the first three quarters and operating profit of DKK 19 million, of which Monberg & Thorsen's share is 46%, equivalent to DKK 9 million. The profit for the third quarter benefited from favourable development within the contracting activities but was adversely affected by additional costs in respect of the Buxton project.

Stock Exchange Announcement No. 20 on MT Højgaard issued earlier today gives a detailed account of the development within the contracting activities.

The profit share from **DENERCO OIL** was in line with expectations, and Nini and Cecilie went on stream according to plan. DENERCO OIL still expects pre-tax profit for 2003 slightly below the 2002 result. The high oil price has a positive impact on the earnings outlook, whereas the weaker USD rate and increasing costs for production and exploration have an adverse effect. Monberg & Thorsen's stake in DENERCO OIL is 12.5%.

The parent company's operating profit, including property interests, matched expectations.

Ratios for Monberg & Thorsen A/S

The ratios developed as follows:

	1999	2000	2001	2002	Year to date
Financial ratios (%)					
Operating margin	2.3	3.1	1.3	(1.0)	4.3
Return on average invested capital (ROAIC)	12	27	6	(3)	12*
Return on equity (ROE)	8	24	5	(6)	10*
Share ratios (DKK per share)					
Earnings after tax	25	68	17	(21)	32
Net asset value	282	342	350	317	338
Market value**	182	308	335	340	310

*) Not converted to full-year figures.

***) Latest price traded at: 328.

Expectations for 2003

Group profit after tax is still expected to be DKK 90-110 million, despite the continuing very adverse market conditions in 2003.

Dyrup now expects full-year revenue and earnings in line with last year.

MT Højgaard still expects full-year pre-tax profit in the region of DKK 50 million, of which Monberg & Thorsen's share is 46%.

Other information

Monberg & Thorsen did not buy back any of its own shares in the past three quarters. The portfolio of own shares amounts to 2,645 nos. B shares after 200,000 nos. B shares were used for a DKK 4 million reduction of the share capital as resolved at the Annual General Meeting on 30 April 2003. Following the capital reduction, the share capital stands at DKK 71.7 million.

Financial calendar for 2004

Expected dates of announcement of financial results for 2004:

Preliminary announcement 2003	19 March 2004
Quarterly report Q1 2004	19 May 2004
Quarterly report Q2 2004	27 August 2004
Quarterly report Q3 2004	22 November 2004

It is expected that the Annual General Meeting will be held on 22 April 2004.

Attachments: Financial highlights

Group balance sheet and statement of changes in equity

Quarterly statements

Quarterly report for the third quarter 2003 for Dyrup A/S

Financial highlights

	Year	3 rd quarter		Year to date	
	2002	2002	2003	2002	2003
Key figures (DKKm)					
Income statement					
Revenue:					
Dyrup	1,722	495	490	1,417	1,414
MT Højgaard (46%)	4,448	1,087	875	3,331	2,708
	6,170	1,582	1,365	4,748	4,122
Operating profit (loss) (EBIT)	(45)	34	83	133	189
Interest income and expense and similar items, net	(21)	(6)	(5)	(17)	(18)
Profit (loss) before tax	(66)	28	78	116	171
Profit (loss) after tax	(78)	18	53	78	115
Monberg & Thorsen's share of Group profit (loss)	(79)	18	53	78	115
Balance sheet					
Interest-bearing assets	499			336	335
Interest-bearing liabilities	858			807	665
Invested capital	1,494			1,780	1,545
Equity	1,135			1,309	1,215
Balance sheet total	3,477			3,521	3,307
Cash flows					
From operating activities	147			(16)	51
For investing activities	136			99	51
Of which investment in property, plant and equipment	202			73	51
From financing activities	(86)			(58)	(53)
Total cash flow	(75)			(173)	(53)
Financial ratios (%)					
Operating margin	(1.0)			2.5	4.3
Return on average invested capital (ROAIC)	(3)			8*	12*
Return on equity (ROE)	(6)			6*	10*
Equity ratio	33			37	37
Share ratios (DKK per DKK 20 share)					
Earnings after tax	(21)			21	32
Net asset value	317			358	338
Market value	340			360	310
Market value/net asset value	1.1			1.0	0.9
Market capitalisation in DKKm (incl. portfolio of own shares)	1,287			1,363	1,111

*) Not converted to full-year figures.

Group balance sheet and statement of changes in equity

Group balance sheet (DKKm)	Year	Year to date	
	2002	2002	2003
ASSETS			
Intangible assets	174	177	150
Property, plant and equipment	1,061	1,079	1,011
Investments	131	117	140
Total fixed assets	1,366	1,373	1,301
Inventories	440	448	451
Contract work in progress, net	62	-	-
Receivables	1,170	1,412	1,280
Cash at bank and in hand and securities	439	288	275
Total current assets	2,111	2,148	2,006
Total assets	3,477	3,521	3,307
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity, Monberg & Thorsen's share	1,132	1,306	1,211
Equity, minority interests' share	3	3	4
Total equity	1,135	1,309	1,215
Provisions	239	155	159
Long-term liabilities	429	430	406
Contract work in progress, net	-	79	211
Short-term liabilities, interest-bearing	429	377	259
Other short-term liabilities	1,245	1,171	1,057
Total equity and liabilities	3,477	3,521	3,307

Statement of changes in equity (DKKm)	Year	Year to date	
	2002	2002	2003
Monberg & Thorsen's share:			
At beginning of period	1,319	1,319	1,132
Foreign exchange adjustments, etc.	3	(2)	(3)
Share of profit (loss) for the period after tax	(79)	78	115
Dividend to shareholders	(42)	(42)	(32)
Buyback of own shares	(70)	(47)	0
Value adjustments of hedging instruments, end of period	1	-	(1)
At end of period	1,132	1,306	1,211

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DKKm	2003				Total
	1 st quarter	2 nd quarter	3 rd quarter	4 th quarter	
Income statement					
Revenue:					
Dyrup	382	542	490		
MT Højgaard (46%)	877	956	875		
	1,259	1,498	1,365		
<i>Operating profit (loss) (EBIT)</i>					
Dyrup	10	84	73		
MT Højgaard (46%)	(12)	15	6		
Oil interests	7	2	4		
Parent company and property interests	0	0	0		
Total	5	101	83		
Interest income and expense and similar items	(9)	(4)	(5)		
Profit before tax	(4)	97	78		
Profit after tax	(3)	65	53		
Monberg & Thorsen's share of Group profit	(3)	65	53		
Cash flows					
From operating activities	16	(121)	156		
For investing activities	16	20	15		
Of which investments in property, plant and equipment	16	20	15		
From financing activities	(14)	(38)	(1)		
Total	(14)	(179)	140		

DKKm	2002				Total
	1 st quarter	2 nd quarter	3 rd quarter	4 th quarter	
Income statement					
Revenue:					
Dyrup	383	539	495	305	1,722
MT Højgaard (46%)	1,020	1,224	1,087	1,117	4,448
	1,403	1,763	1,582	1,422	6,170
<i>Operating profit (loss) (EBIT)</i>					
Dyrup	8	84	77	(30)	139
MT Højgaard (46%)	(2)	(1)	(48)	(149)	(200)
Oil interests	5	6	4	5	20
Parent company and property interests	(1)	0	1	(4)	(4)
Total	10	89	34	(178)	(45)
Interest income and expense and similar items	(4)	(7)	(6)	(4)	(21)
Profit (loss) before tax	6	82	28	(182)	(66)
Profit (loss) after tax	4	56	18	(156)	(78)
Monberg & Thorsen's share of Group profit (loss)	4	56	18	(157)	(79)
Cash flows					
From operating activities	(62)	(16)	62	163	147
For investing activities	18	34	47	37	136
From financing activities	(13)	(24)	(21)	(28)	(86)
Total	(93)	(74)	(6)	98	(75)

Quarterly report for the third quarter 2003 for Dyrup A/S

- Dyrup maintains revenue in a declining market.
- Targeted activities for the professional sector are strengthening Dyrup's position.
- The Group's long-term strategy projects are proceeding according to plan.

With revenue of DKK 1,414 million and pre-tax profit of DKK 147 million, the Dyrup Group's revenue and earnings performance for the first three quarters was on a par with the performance for the same period a year ago.

The very hot summer, particularly during August, aggravated the adverse market trend. At the same time the heat-wave reduced sales of especially wood care products, which are Dyrup's largest product area.

There are still no signs of an economic recovery in Europe, and the adverse trend has spread to all of Dyrup's European markets. Germany and Portugal, two of Dyrup's largest markets, are particularly badly affected, suffering economic austerity measures, sagging household consumption and a low level of activity within new building.

Excluding these two markets, Dyrup's revenue was just over 2% ahead of last year for the first three quarters and just under 1% ahead when viewing the third quarter in isolation.

Dyrup's development and profit for the first three quarters were satisfactory in view of these factors and the general market conditions.

Investments for the first three quarters were DKK 31 million compared to DKK 33 million last year.

Market conditions

It is estimated that Dyrup's relevant European market for paint and wood care fell by more than 3% in the first three quarters compared with the same period in 2002. Viewing the third quarter in isolation, the market is estimated to have fallen by 4 to 5%.

Group revenue for the first three quarters compared to the same period in 2002 can be broken down by principal markets as follows:

DKKm	2002	2003	Change %
Denmark	314	326	4
France	370	375	1
Germany	252	239	-5
Portugal	224	209	-7

In Denmark, Dyrup's overall growth exceeded the general market growth. In the professional market, the progress generated by the targeted activities is continuing, and in the industrial segment the benefits of the inflow of new customers are being felt.

In France, Dyrup's growth is estimated to exceed the general market growth due in part to the fact that, after having launched paint products for facades and outdoor applications, Dyrup now also has a presence in the colour and decoration segment.

Sales of wood care products in France suffered the impact of the heat-wave in August, and sales of other maintenance products were also sluggish, as the French consumers have turned cautious due to economic developments and growing unemployment.

In Germany, the market situation deteriorated still further in the third quarter. The market is marred by stagnation, uncertainty among the consumers concerning coming government intervention, and a very low level of activity in the building sector. The DIY segment is suffering as consumers increasingly put off maintenance works.

In Portugal, Dyrup delivered revenue growth 1% ahead of last year for the quarter, whereas the market is estimated to have fallen significantly, albeit less than in the first half of 2003. The results of Dyrup's market initiatives and productivity-enhancing activities are now filtering through, with Dyrup being only 7% behind the first three quarters of last year compared to 24% behind after the first quarter.

In Norway, sales to the professional market are rising, while the development within DIY is suffering the effects of the generally difficult trading conditions for this segment.

In Poland, Dyrup delivered 25% growth measured in local currency, well ahead of the general market growth. The industrial segment is developing extremely favourably and this trend is expected to continue until the end of the year, as this segment will be affected by an expected VAT increase from 2004.

In Spain, Dyrup delivered revenue growth of 6%, outperforming the general market growth. Dyrup's products are being distributed through more and more sales outlets in the highly competitive Spanish market.

Strategy

All Dyrup's strategy projects are proceeding as planned, including the large packaging replacement project. It is expected that packaging corresponding to about 70% of Dyrup's revenue will have been replaced by the end of the year.

The targeted activities aimed at strengthening sales to the professional market and industry still further are continuing. At the same time Dyrup is focusing on activities that, through new market segments and application areas, can offset the adverse market trend, thereby underpinning Dyrup's aim concerning revenue growth.

In order to improve efficiency, the production structure is being optimised on an ongoing basis. It has been decided to gather all Danish solvent production at Dyrup's most modern and automated manufacturing plant in Søborg. The plant in Søborg will consequently be enlarged, and the production of these products in Kolding will cease by the end of 2004.

Expectations for 2003

At best, market conditions are expected to remain unchanged for the rest of 2003.

It is estimated that the intensified and fierce competition has restricted the growth potential. The general market development for 2003 is thus expected to be a decline in excess of 3%. Despite this, Dyrup expects full-year revenue and earnings in line with last year, and not, as previously stated, modest growth.

Financial highlights for Dyrup A/S

DKKm	Year	3 rd quarter		Year to date	
	2002	2002	2003	2002	2003
<i>Income statement</i>					
Revenue	1,722	495	490	1,417	1,414
Operating profit before amortisation of goodwill and trade marks	153	80	77	180	178
Amortisation of goodwill and trade marks	(14)	(3)	(4)	(11)	(11)
Operating profit (EBIT)	139	77	73	169	167
Interest income and expense and similar items, net	(23)	(6)	(6)	(20)	(20)
Profit before tax	116	71	67	149	147
Profit after tax	84	51	44	102	98
<i>Balance sheet</i>					
Interest-bearing assets	106			49	49
Interest-bearing liabilities	379			386	387
Invested capital	846			929	937
Group equity	573			592	599
Balance sheet total	1,289			1,366	1,373
<i>Cash flows</i>					
Depreciation and impairment – property, plant and equipment	61	15	15	45	45
Investment in property, plant and equipment	51	6	7	33	31
From operating activities	108	103	116	27	36
For investing activities	49	7	7	34	30
From financing activities	(124)	(11)	(9)	(123)	(91)
<i>Financial ratios (%)</i>					
Operating margin before amortisation of goodwill and trade marks	8.9	16.2	15.6	12.7	12.5
Operating margin	8.1	15.5	14.9	11.9	11.8
Return on average invested capital (ROAIC)	16.7			19.3*	18.7
Equity ratio	44			43	44
Number of employees	1,178			1,189	1,150

*) Not converted to full-year figures