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Report from the Board of Directors

General

Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sparebanken Sør, and the company's business is operated from Kristiansand. The company is licensed by the Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway to operate as a mortgage company, and is allowed to issue covered bonds. Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS is part of Sparebanken Sør's long-term financial strategy, according to which the company's main objective is to issue covered bonds. All shares are owned by Sparebanken Sør, and the financial statements are consolidated into the financial statements of Sparebanken Sør Group.

The cover pool comprises mortgage home loans that are granted by Sparebanken Sør and later taken over by Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS. The secured mortgage loans meet the requirements established by the company for inclusion in the company's cover pool. One important requirement is that any outstanding loan balance taken over by the company must not exceed 75% of the mortgaged property's market value.

At the end of the fourth quarter 2015, Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS has taken on a mortgage loan portfolio amounting to NOK 25 692 million, transferred from Sparebanken Sør, of which NOK 25 595 million is included in the cover pool. Corresponding figures at the end of the fourth quarter 2014 was respectively NOK 20 085 million and NOK 19 981 million. Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS has issued covered bonds amounting to NOK 21 922 million, against NOK 17 161 million at the same time in 2014.

In the third quarter an EMTCN (European Medium Term Covered Note) Programme was established with a limit of Euro 4 000 million for Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS. The program allows the company to diversify funding by issuing covered bonds outside the Norwegian bond market.

Income statement and balance sheet

The financial statement for Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS at the end of the fourth quarter of 2015 shows a profit after tax of NOK 241.6 million, against NOK 254.1 million in the same period in 2014. The company has interest income of NOK 762.5 million (898.8 in 2014) and interest expenses of NOK 381.5 million (473.0). Operating expenses amounted to NOK 50.0 million (37.4) and tax expenses were NOK 89.5 million (94.0).

Total assets as at 31.12.2015 are NOK 25 991 million, of which net loans to customers represent NOK 25 686 million. At the same time in 2014 total assets were NOK 20 547 million, of which net loans to customers were NOK 20 079 million. The loan portfolio has been financed through issue of bonds with a nominal value of NOK 21 922 million and through equity and drawing rights from Sparebanken Sør. As at 31.12.2015, the company had paid-in capital of a total of NOK 1 025 million, of which NOK 525 million is share capital and NOK 500 million is share premiums.

Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS has an overdraft facility of NOK 5 500 million with Sparebanken Sør that, as at 31.12.2015, was drawn down by NOK 1 860 million. In addition, Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS has a revolving credit facility with Sparebanken Sør, which can be used to refinance outstanding bonds.

Capital strength

At the end of the fourth quarter, the net equity capital in the company was NOK 2 003.1 million, against NOK 1 761.5 million at the same time in 2014. This corresponds to a total capital ratio/core tier 1 capital ratio of 18.60 per cent (19.38 per cent in 2014), while regulatory minimums requirements constitute respectively 14.5 per cent and 11 per cent. The capital adequacy ratio has been calculated based on the standard method in the Basel II - regulations. The Board of Directors considers the company's solidity and risk-bearing ability to be good.

Risks

As a licensed mortgage company, Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS is subject to a number of acts, regulations, recommendations and regulatory provisions. The objective of the company is to finance lending activities through the issuing of covered bonds with high rating. This means that Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS strives to maintain risk at a low level. The company places emphasis on identifying, measuring and controlling risk elements in such a way that the market has high confidence in the company and that bonds issued by the company have high rating.

Therefore, the company's credit strategy and credit policy establishes a framework for requirements imposed on borrowers and collateral requirements for loans that may be taken on by the company. The Board of Directors considers the overall quality of the lending portfolio to be very good and the credit risk to be low.

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The company's mortgages to customers are in Norwegian kroner (NOK) and in floating interest rate. Financing is in floating interest rates, with the exception of a minor part that is financed in fixed interest rate and swapped to floating interest rate. Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS has no positions in foreign currency at the end of the fourth quarter of 2015. The Board of Directors considers the overall market risk to be low.

The company issues bonds with the opportunity to extend the maturity period by up to 12 months. In other respects, financing needs are met by equity and credit facilities with Sparebanken Sør. The Board of Directors considers the company's liquidity risk to be low.

A Management Service Agreement has been reached with Sparebanken Sør that encompasses the supply of all necessary services for the operation of the company, and the Board of Directors considers the company's operational risk to be low.

Rating

Covered bonds issued by Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS have been given a Aaa rating by Moody's.

Future prospects

The Board of Directors anticipates that the company's future operating business will be very satisfactory.

Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS plans to further acquire loans from Sparebanken Sør, and the company intends to be able to issue new public covered bonds towards investors in Norway or abroad.

Kristiansand, 9th February 2016

The Board of Directors for Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS

Geir Bergskaug Chairman Seunn Smith-Tønnessen Member Rolf H. Søraker Member Bjørn Friestad Member

Marianne Lofthus Managing Director

NOK Thousand	Notes	2015	2014
Interest income	2, 11	762 485	898 765
Interest expenses	2, 11	381 456	472 997
Net interest income	2	381 029	425 768
Commission income		162	296
Commission expenses		5 000	5 000
Net commission income		-4 838	-4 704
Net change in value from financial instruments		5 048	-35 311
Personnel expenses		46	231
Depreciation of intangible assets	***************************************	0	7
Other operating expenses		50 036	37 383
Total expenses		50 082	37 621
Profit before losses on loans		331 157	348 132
Losses on loans		0	0
Profit before taxes		331 157	348 132
Tax expenses	3	89 545	94 009
Profit for the period		241 612	254 123
Other comprehensive income			
Profit for the period		241 612	254 123
Other income and expenses	*******	0	0
Total profit for the period		241 612	254 123

Balance sheet

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NOK Thousand			
ASSETS	Notes	31.12.2015	31.12.2014
Loans to and receivables from credit institutions	10, 11	50 081	12 588
Net loans to customers	4, 7, 8, 10	25 686 328	20 079 397
Bonds and certificates		100 268	299 466
Financial derivatives		154 124	155 133
Deferred tax assets		360	475
Other assets		13	0
TOTAL ASSETS		25 991 175	20 547 060
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		•••••	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL		•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	
Debt to credit institutions	5, 11	1 862 491	1 330 485
Debt incurred due to issue of securities	9, 11	22 027 073	17 352 100
Financial derivatives		2 418	3 184
Payable tax		89 398	94 384
Other liabilities		6 710	5 434
TOTAL LIABILITIES		23 988 090	18 785 587
EQUITY CAPITAL			
Paid-in equity capital	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1 025 000	1 025 000
Retained earnings	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	978 085	736 473
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL	6	2 003 085	1 761 473
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY CAPITAL		25 991 175	20 547 060

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NOK Thousand	31.12.2015	31.12.2014
Interest payment received	762 720	903 001
Interest payment made	-382 015	-495 049
Operating cost payment	-55 767	-43 986
Change in loans to customers	-5 607 166	3 125 410
Tax payment	-94 384	-98 186
Net cash flow from operational activities	-5 376 612	3 391 191
Changes in bonds and certificates	199 198	-299 466
Changes in other assets	-13	23
Changes in deposits from credit institutions	530 072	-399 165
Changes in other liabilities	-428	236
Transferred cash through merger	0	1 164 879
Net cash flow from current financing activities	728 829	466 507
Paid in share capital	0	0
Payments received, bond debt	11 423 230	3 250 000
Payments made, bond debt	-6 737 953	-7 095 110
Net cash flow from long-term financing activities	4 685 277	-3 845 110
Net change in liquid assets	37 493	12 588
Liquid assets as at 01.01.	12 588	0
Liquid assets at end of period	50 081	12 588

Equity statement

	Equity capital	Equity premium reserve	Other equity capital	Total
NOK Thousand		•••••		
Balance 31.12.2013	525 000	0	244 555	769 555
Equity added through merger	0	500 000	237 795	737 795
Profit 2014	0	0	254 123	254 123
Balance 31.12.2014	525 000	500 000	736 473	1 761 473
Profit 2015	0	0	241 612	241 612
Balance 31.12.2015	525 000	500 000	978 085	2 003 085

1. ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

The quarterly financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as stipulated by the EU. Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS is part of the Sparebanken Sør Group and it follows the same accounting principles as the Group. Please refer to the annual financial statements for 2014 for further details of accounting principles.

The quarterly financial statements have not been audited.

All sums in the financial statements are stated in NOK Thousand, unless otherwise indicated. The company's financial statements are presented in Norwegian kroner, which is the functional currency.

2. NET INTEREST INCOME

NOK Thousand	2015	2014
Interest on loans given to and receivables from credit institutions	374	16 437
Interest on loans given to customers	760 666	882 163
Interest on certificates/bonds/interest-bearing securities	1 445	165
Total interest income	762 485	898 765
Interest on debt to credit institutions	30 641	41 319
Interest on issued securities	350 545	431 514
Other interest cost	270	164
Total interest expenses	381 456	472 997
Net interest income	381 029	425 768

3. TAXES

Tax expenses for the year are periodised based on an estimate of tax expenses on an annual basis. The company's nominal tax rate is 27 per cent in 2015.

4. DEBT TO ASSET RATIO

	31.12.2015	31.12.2014
Average debt to asset ratio in %	55,3 %	52,8 %
Portfolio divided into intervals of debt to asset ratio		
Less than or equal to 40 %	19,9 %	25,0 %
41 - 50 %	13,1 %	14,5 %
51 - 60 %	19,6 %	18,9 %
61 - 70 %	30,4 %	27,0 %
71 - 75 %	11,7 %	8,6 %
over 75 %	5,3 %	5,9 %
Total	100,0 %	100,0 %

5. DEBT TO CREDIT INSTITUTIONS

Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS has entered into an agreement with Sparebanken Sør for a credit facility of NOK 5 500 million. In addition, the company has revolving credit facility with Sparebanken Sør, which can be used to refinance outstanding bonds.

6. CAPITAL ADEQUACY

Sparebanken Sør Boligkreditt AS uses the standard method for credit- and market risk and the basic method for operational risk to calculate capital adequacy in accordance with the current capital adequacy rules - Basel II.

NOK Thousand	31.12.2015	31.12.2014
Equity capital		
Equity capital	525 000	525 000
Equity premium reserve	500 000	500 000
Other equity capital	978 085	736 473
Deductions	0	0
Net equity capital (core capital)	2 003 085	1 761 473
Minimum requirement for equity capital		
Credit risk	788 144	670 079
Market risk	0	0
Operational risk	55 247	39 753
CVA addition	18 125	17 289
Deductions	0	0
Total minimum requirement for equity capital	861 516	727 121
Risk-weight balance (calculation basis)	10 768 950	9 089 013
Core tier 1 capital ratio	18,60 %	19,38 %
Core capital ratio	18,60 %	19,38 %
Total capital ratio	18,60 %	19,38 %

7. LOANS TO CUSTOMERS

NOK Thousand		
Loans assessed at amortised cost	31.12.2015	31.12.2014
Flexi-loans (revolving loans)	7 006 813	6 208 435
Repayment loans	18 685 515	13 876 962
Gross loans	25 692 328	20 085 397
Collective write-downs	6 000	6 000
Net loans	25 686 328	20 079 397
Unused credit on Flexi-loans	3 058 316	2 398 489

Loans distributed by sector and industries	31.12.2015	31.12.2014
Retail customers	25 511 406	19 808 285
Corporate customers *)	155 975	251 930
Accrued interests	24 947	25 182
Gross loans	25 692 328	20 085 397
Collective write-downs	6 000	6 000
Net loans	25 686 328	20 079 397

^{*)} Loans to corporate customers are mortgage loans for customers in sector 8200.

Loans distributed by geographical areas

	31.12.20)15	31.12.201	4
Vest-Agder	11 371 489	44,3 %	8 623 012	42,9 %
Aust-Agder	7 362 269	28,7 %	6 248 037	31,1 %
Telemark	2 120 368	8,3 %	1 771 772	8,8 %
Oslo	2 188 032	8,5 %	1 467 275	7,3 %
Akershus	916 137	3,6 %	694 479	3,5 %
Other counties	1 728 033	6,7 %	1 274 822	6,3 %
Total	25 686 328	100,0 %	20 079 397	100,0 %

8. DEFAULTED LOANS

NOK Thousand	31.12.2015	31.12.2014
Gross defaulted loans		
31 - 60 days	1 443	0
61 - 90 days	0	0
Over 90 days	0	0
Total gross defaulted loans	1443	0

9. DEBT SECURITIES ISSUED AS AT 31.12.2015

				Repayment-		
ISIN Number	Ticker	Nominal value	Book value	structure	Coupon	Due date
NO0010515406	SORB16	100 000	100 078	No installments	Nibor 3 mths	16.03.2016
NO0010605801	SORB19	550 000	550 027	No installments	Nibor 3 mths	30.03.2016
NO0010614688	SORB01	663 500	663 787	No installments	Nibor 3 mths	29.06.2016
NO0010641624	SORB20	1 000 000	1 000 654	No installments	Nibor 3 mths	28.03.2017
NO0010623945	SORB02	1 200 000	1 200 892	No installments	Nibor 3 mths	24.08.2017
NO0010649056	SORB06	15 000	15 097	No installments	Nibor 3 mths	20.06.2018
NO0010673296	SORB21	4 500 000	4 505 686	No installments	Nibor 3 mths	14.09.2018
NO0010679806	SORB10	4 500 000	4 498 820	No installments	Nibor 3 mths	22.05.2019
NO0010689680	SORB22	15 000	14 994	No installments	Nibor 3 mths	18.09.2019
NO0010664659	SORB07	28 000	28 141	No installments	Nibor 3 mths	27.11.2019
NO0010714058	SORB24	4 500 000	4 446 465	No installments	Nibor 3 mths	24.06.2020
NO0010733421	SORB26	2 000 000	1 997 593	No installments	Nibor 3 mths	24.09.2020
NO0010730146	SORB25	2 000 000	1 999 620	No installments	Nibor 3 mths	16.06.2021
NO0010671597	SORB09	350 000	405 382	No installments	fixed 3.85 %	13.02.2023
NO0010670409	SORB08	500 000	599 837	No installments	fixed 4.00 %	24.01.2028
Total		21 921 500	22 027 073			

10. COVER POOL

NOK Thousand	31.12.2015	31.12.2014
Gross loans secured by mortgages on residential property (residential mortgage loans)*	25 595 452	19 980 952
Receivables representing collateral	2 151	12 588
Total cover pool	25 597 603	19 993 540
Collateralisation ratio	117 %	116 %

 $^{^{\}ast}$ Cover pool composition is defined in the Financial Institutions Act section 2-28.

11. ASSOCIATED PARTIES

NOK Thousand	31.12.2015	31.12.2014	
Income statement			
Interest income from Sparebanken Sør on deposits	374	16 437	
Interest cost and credit commission from Sparebanken Sør on loans/credit	35 641	46 319	
Interest cost on security debts to Sparebanken Sør	2 573	44 892	
Paid administration fees to Sparebanken Sør	44 228	32 521	
Balance sheet			
Bank deposits with Sparebanken Sør	50 081	12 588	
Covered bonds owned by Sparebanken Sør (nominal value)	0	0	
Loan/credit in Sparebanken Sør	1 862 491	1 330 485	

QUARTERLY PROFIT TREND

NOK THOUSAND	Q4 2015	Q3 2015	Q2 2015	Q1 2015	Q4 2014
Net interest income	92 512	92 536	97 996	97 985	101 527
Net other operating income	11 960	-1 438	-6 402	-3 910	-11 188
Operating expenses	13 248	13 107	12 162	11 565	11 228
Profit before losses on loans	91 224	77 991	79 432	82 510	79 111
Losses on loans	0	0	0	0	0
Profit before taxes	91 224	77 991	79 432	82 510	79 111
Tax expenses	24 763	21 058	21 446	22 278	21 389
Profit for the period	66 461	56 933	57 986	60 232	57 722

