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CVR-nr. 12296878

# **Annual Report 2019**

33th financial year

The annual report was presented and adopted at the annual general meeting of the company on the 24 February 2020

Rikke Bjerre-Nielsen Nybroe Chairman

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## Statement by the Board of Directors and Executive Board

Today, the Board of Directors and the Executive Board considered and approved the annual report for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2019 of COWI Gulf A/S. The annual report has been prepared in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act. In our opinion, the accounting policies applied are appropriate and the accounting estimates made are adequate.

Furthermore, we Find the overall presentation of the financial statement to be true and fair, in our opinion, the annual report gives a true and fair view of the company's assets, liabilities, equity and the activities for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2019 in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

In our opinion, the management's review gives a fair presentation of the issues covered and describes the company's most material risks and uncertainties.

The annual report is recommended for approval at the annual general meeting.

Kongens Lyngoy, 24 Fabruary 2020

Executive Board

Roger Gerald Keeling Chief Executive Officer

Board of Directors

Thomas Dahleren

Chairman

Henrik Andersen

Jotham Vizard

## **Independent Auditor's Report**

#### To the shareholders in COWI GULF A/S

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the financial position at 31 December 2019 as well as the results of the operation for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2019 in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

We have audited the Financial Statements of COWI Gulf A/S for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2019, which comprise a summary of significant accounting policies, profit and loss account, balance sheet, statements of changes in equity and notes.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark. Our responsibilities under those standards and requirements are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Boards for Accounts' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the auditing evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Statement on Management's Review**

Management is responsible for Management's Review.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover Management's Review, and we do not express and form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read Management's Review and, in doing so, consider whether Management's Review is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Moreover, it is our responsibility to consider whether Management's Review provides the information required under the Danish Financials Statements Act.

Based on the work we have performed, in our view, Management's Review is in accordance with the Financial Statements and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Danish Financial Statements Act. We did not identify any material misstatement in Management's Review.

## Management's Responsibilities for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act, and for such internal control as Management determines is necessary enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, Management is responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements unless Management either intends to liquidate the company or cease operations, or has realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

#### Independent Auditor's Report

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is no guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark will always detect a material misstatement when it exits. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial statements.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with (SAs and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than of one resulting from error as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of Internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- \* Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management.
- \* Conclude on the appropriateness of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exits related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exits, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and contents of the financial statements, including the
  disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a
  manner that gives a true and fair view.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planed scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Heilerup, 24 February 2020

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## **Company Information**

The Company COWI GULF A/S

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Date of foundation 30 June 1988

Registered office Lyngby-Tårbæk

**Executive Board** Thomas Dahlgren, Chairman

Henrik Andersen Jotham Vizard

**Board of Directors** Roger Gerald Keeling, Chief Executive Officer

**Auditing** PricewaterhouseCoopers

Statsautoriseret Revisionspartnerselskab

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Ownership The company is 100% owned by COWI International A/S

Consolidated financial statement The company is included in the consolidated financial statements for COWI

Holding A/S Company Registration No. 32892973

The consolidated financial statements for COWI Holding A/S can be obtained at

the following address: COWI Holding A/S Parallelvej 2

2800 Kongens Lyngby

COWI GULF A/S

# Key figures and financial ratios

## Key figures and financial ratios:

DKKt	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Key figures					
Net turnover	103,432	88,994	79,206	71,980	74,064
Gross profit	40,409	39,888	47,164	37,306	44,224
Operating profit (EBIT)	5,211	3,387	-1,111	-8,491	6,669
Net financial items	145	876	-2,174	1,168	532
Profit for the year	5,375	4,269	-3,101	-7,512	6,816
Total assets	51,429	48,731	53,871	53,712	73,945
Total non-current assets	1,044	917	1,021	1,687	1,832
Equity	27,807	22,429	18,063	21,108	28,983
Financial ratios					
Return on assets %	10.5	8.8	-5.8	-14.0	9.2
Equity ratio %	54.1	46.0	33.5	39.3	39.2

## **Management Review**

#### The company's principal services

The company's principal services consist of advisory engineering in the Gulf regions through the three local branch offices Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Bahrain.

#### **Development in activities and financial matters**

The profit for the year for the fiscal year 1 January to 31 December 2019 is DKKt 5,375 and the total balance at 31 December 2019 is DKKt 51,429 with an equity of DKKt 27,807.

#### Events after the balance sheet date

No events have occurred since the balance sheet date that have a material impact on the company's financial position at 31 December 2019.

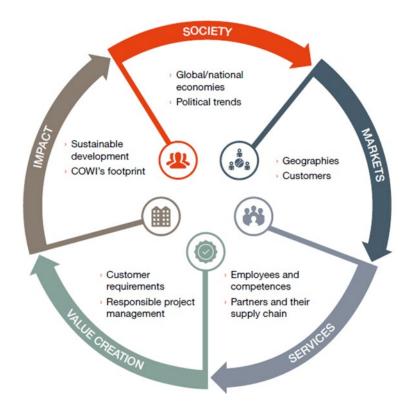
#### Corporate social responsibility (CSR)

CSR and particularity sustainability are part of our vision. In many ways they are integrated in the projects we carry out for customers.

On the following pages we present our business model, our CSR risk assessment, i.e. the CSR issues linked to the business model, explanations as to how we apply the mitigating actions and finally the Key Performance Indicators we use to follow up on the various risks. In our Communication on Progress towards the UN Global Compact, we outline our policies, actions, results and KPIs whit in the above areas of corporate social responsibility. The report is available at <a href="https://www.cowi.com/sustainability">www.cowi.com/sustainability</a>.

#### **Management Review**

#### COWI's business model and CSR risk assessment



#### Society

GLOBAL/NATIONAL ECONOMIES and the POLITICAL ENVIROMENT constitute the framework conditions for all aspects of COWI's market presence. The CSR risks presented by the framework are MITIGATED by living COWI's mission and vision and practising COWI's five values: Integrity, respect, independence, professional capacity and freedom. In addition, navigating in a constantly changing political environment demands a flexible and digitalised organisation which can adapt quickly to new project conditions.

### How we follow up

- Management's and employees' knowledge of mission, vision and values is scored in COWI's annual Engagement Survey.
- Flexibility in the organisation is measured through cross-border projects among the business lines.

#### Markets

As a global player in diverse GEOGRAPHIES and with diverse CUSTOMERS, COWI's employees face a number of CSR risks ranging from their personal security to business environment of customers and the customers' CSR approach. These risks are MIGRATED by the Executive Board's approval of project geographical presence and COWI's safety organisation. COWI is a signatory of the UN Global Compact and thus the business environment, including corruption, is a key focal point vis-á-vis customers.

#### How we follow up

- The Executive Board applies the Transparency International Corruption Perception Index to decision-making on geographic presence.
- Training courses in anti-corruption are mandatory for all COWI staff.

## **Management Review**

#### **Services**

To supply our customers with state-of-the art sustainable solutions we need to be able to recruit and retain highly COMPETENT EMPLOYEES and attract strong and responsible PARTNERS. We MITIGATE the risk of losing such employees through leadership and by creating a great place to work. We MITIGATE the risk of attracting inappropriate partners through our screening process and by making sure that our code of conduct is upheld.

#### How we follow up

- Every year we carry out an engagement survey to measure the overall engagement of our employees.
- The type and severity of incidents reported in the whistle-blower system are assessed by the Executive Board and reported to the Board of Directors.
- All training activities in COWI Academy are monitored with regards to content and participants.

#### Value creation

COWI's success in the market depends on meeting CUSTOMERS REQUIREMENTS and supply RESPONSIBLE PROJECT MANAGEMENT. The risk of not living up to customer requirements or being able to incorporate sustainable quality solutions through diligent management is MITIGATED by ensuring that COWI has a vibrant and strong professional environment which can provide the high-quality, innovative and sustainable solutions COWI's customers expect. Responsible project management entails that quality management is integrated in every phase of project execution and therefore a strong mitigating factor.

#### How we follow up

- Customer satisfaction is followed closely through the Net Promoter Score.
- Quality management is ensured through ISO certification, recertification and regular audits.

#### **Impact**

COWI's core business is to carry out projects for customers, and each project has an impact of some kind on the SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS of our customers and in the societies where we operate. As a business, COWI also makes a FOOTPRINT in these societies. MITIGATION of our impact on society is COWI's signing of the Global Compact in 2006. Since then COWI has striven to reduce our footprint and to contribute to supporting the SDGs.

## How we follow up

- COWIs projects are assigned to the SDGs on their creation.
- We measure COWI's environmental impact.

## **Expectations for 2020**

The company expects the operations to develop positively next year.

## **Accounting policies**

#### **Reporting Class**

The 2019 annual report for COWI Gulf A/S has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Danish Financial Statements Act for medium-sized enterprises in reporting class C.

The annual accounts have been prepared according to the same accounting policies as last year.

#### Reporting currency

The functional currency is Danish kroner (DKK). All other currencies are considered foreign currency.

#### Translation policies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated by applying standard rates approximating the foreign exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Exchange differences arising between the exchange rates ruling at the transaction date and the rates prevailing at the date of payment are recognised in the profit and loss account as financial income or financial expenses.

#### **General information**

#### **Recognition and measurement**

Income is recognised in the profit and loss account as earned. Value adjustments of financial assets and liabilities which are measured at fair value are also recognised in the profit and loss account. The same applies to all expenses, including amortisation, depreciation and impairment losses.

Assets are recognised in the balance sheet when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the company, and the value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when it is probable that the future economic benefits will flow out of the company and the value of the liability can be measured reliably.

On initial recognition, assets and liabilities are measured at cost. Subsequently, assets and liabilities are at cost. Subsequently, assets and liabilities are measured as described for each individual item below.

#### **Profit and loss account**

#### **Gross profit/Gross loss**

The company has decided to aggregate certain items of the income statement in accordance with the provisions of Section 32 of the Danish Financial Statements Act.

Gross profit/gross loss consists of revenue, other operating income and external expenses.

#### Summary of depreciation periods for Intangible assets

	Useful life	Residual value
Software	3 years	81%

## Summary of depreciation periods for property, plant and equipment

	Useful life	Residual value
Technical installations, operating and other equipment	3-10 year	1%

The basis of depreciation is determined by considering the asset's residual value after the end of the useful life of the asset, less any writedowns. The depreciation period and the residual value are determined at the at the

## **Accounting policies**

acquisition date and reassessed annually. If the residual value exceeds the asset's book value, the depreciation discontinues.

Profit and loss deriving from the sales of tangible fixed assets is measured as the difference between the sales price reduced by selling costs and the book value at the time of sale. Profit and loss is recognised in the profit and loss account under other operating income or other operating expenses, respectively.

#### **Net financials**

Financial income and expenses include interest, financial expenses related to finance leases, realised and unrealised foreign exchange rate adjustments as well as amortisation of long-term receivables.

#### Income tax fort the year

Income tax for the year, consists of current tax and deferred tax for the year, is recognised in the profit and loss account and recognised directly in the equity.

#### **Balance sheet**

#### **Intangible Assets**

Software are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses and depreciated on a straight-line basis over 3 year.

#### Property, plant and equipment

Technical installations, operating and other equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses and depreciated on a straight-line basis over 3-10 year.

#### **Contract work in progress**

Contract work in progress is recognised in the balance sheet net of amounts invoice on account.

Gross work in progress is measured at the selling price of the work performed. The selling price is stated in proportion to the state of completion at the balance sheet date and the total expected profit on the individual projects (the percentage-of-completion method). Under this principle, the expected profit on the individual projects is recognised in the profit and loss account on a continuing basis by reference to the stage of completion.

The stage of completion is measured by reference to the proportion that project expenses (in hours) incurred for work performed to date bear to the estimated total project expenses (in hours). Where total project expenses are likely to exceed the total turnover from a project, the expected loss is recognised as an expense in the profit and loss account. The share of work in progress etc. performed in working partnerships is included in work in progress.

#### **Receivables**

Accounts receivable are measured at the lower of amortised cost and net realisable value corresponding to the nominal value of writedowns for bad and doubtful debts.

Writedowns for bad and doubtful debts are calculated on the basis of an individual assessment of each receivable, and an additional general provision is made in respect of trade account receivable

#### **Prepayments**

End-of-period adjustments required by accrual accounting and recognised as prepayments made under assets include payments made in respect of subsequent financial year, typically prepaid rent, insurance premiums, subscriptions etc.

#### **Equity**

Dividends expected to be distributed for the year are recorded in a separate item under equity.

## **Accounting policies**

#### **Financial debts**

Fixed-rate loans and loans from credit institutions intended to be held to maturity are recognised initially at the proceeds received net of transaction expenses incurred. In subsequent periods, borrowings are stated at amortised cost corresponding to the capitalised value using the effective interest method: The difference between the proceeds and the nominal value (the capital loss) is recognised in the profit and loss account over the term of the loan. Other accounts payable are measured at amortised cost, materially corresponding to nominal value.

#### Current tax receivables and current tax liabilities

Current tax liabilities and current tax receivables are recognised net in the balance sheet as tax computed on taxable income for the year adjusted for tax on taxable income for previous years.

#### **Contingencies and other financial commitments**

Contingencies and other financial commitments are not recognised in the balance sheet but appear only in the notes.

#### **Cash flow**

In accordance with section 86 (4) of the Danish Financial Statements Act a cash flow statement for the company have been omitted.

The company's parent company that prepare a cash flow statement for the group is COWI Holding A/S (CVR-nr. 32 89 29 73).

Get the cashflow statement at www.cowi.com.

#### **Financial ratios**

The financial ratios stated in "Key figures and financial ratios" have been calculated as follows:

Return on assets (%)	=	Profit/loss for the year X 100
		Total assets, end of year
Equity ratio (%)	=	Equity, end of year X 100
		Total assets, end of year

Profit and loss account for 1 January – 31 December

DKKt	Note	2019	2018
Gross profit/Gross loss		40,409	39,888
Employee expenses Amortisation, depreciation and impairment losses	1	-35,158 -40	-36,332 -169
Operating profit		5,211	3,387
Financial income	2	2,841	2,877
Financial expenses	3	-2,696	-2,001
Profit before tax		5,356	4,263
Tax on profit for the year		19	6
Profit for the year		5,375	4,269
Proposed distribution of profit for the year:			
Retained earnings		5,375	4,269
Distribution of profit for the year		5,375	4,269

## **Balance sheet at 31 December 2019**

DKKt	Note	2019	2018
Assets			
Software	4	23	0
Intangible asset		23	0
Technical installations, operating and other			
equipment	5	34	27
Property, plant and equipment		34	27
Deposits	6	987	889
Financial assets		987	889
Total non-current assets		1,044	916
Accounts receivable, services		13,151	19,405
Contract work in progress	7	12,118	7,146
Accounts Receivables, COWI group companies		7,067	1,330
Tax receivables		19	6
Other receivables		114	127
Prepayments	8	1,293	965
Receivables		33,762	28,980
Cash		16,623	18,835
Total current assets		50,385	47,815
Total assets		51,429	48,731

## **Balance sheet at 31 December 2019**

DKKt	Note	2019	2018
Equity and liabilities			
Share capital	9	2,400	2,400
Retained earnings		25,407	20,029
Equity		27,807	22,429
Contract work in progress	7	6,425	6,516
Accounts payable, suppliers		270	951
Accounts payable, COWI group companies		9,168	1,275
Loan from COWI group companies		0	10,508
Other accounts payable		7,759	7,052
Short-term debt		23,622	26,302
Total debt		23,622	26,302
Total liabilities and equity		51,429	48,731
Distribution of profit for the year	10		
Contingent liabilities	11		
Contingencies and other financial commitments	12		
Related party transactions and ownership	13		
Fees to auditors	14		
Events after the balance sheet date	15		

# Statement of changes in Equity

DKKt	Share	Retained	
	capital	earnings	Total
Equity at 1 January 2019	2,400	20,029	22,429
Profit for the year		5,375	5,375
Foreign exchange adjustment		3	3
Equity at 31 December 2019	2,400	25,407	27,807

## Notes

DKKt	2019	2018
1. Employee expenses		
Salaries and wages	33,029	32,995
Social security	1,072	1,755
Other employee expenses	1,057	1,582
	35,158	36,332
Remuneration:		
Executive Board	1,450	2,302
	1,450	2,302
Average number of employees	50	57
Number of employees at 31 December	49	50
2. Financial income Interest, COWI Group companies Foreign exchange adjustments	7 2,834 <b>2,841</b>	67 2,810 <b>2,877</b>
3. Financial expenses Interest, COWI Group companies	82	37
Foreign exchange adjustments	2,614 <b>2,696</b>	1,964 <b>2,001</b>
4. Software Cost at 1 January 2019 Additions Cost at 31 December 2019	0 28 28	0 0 0
Amortication and impairment losses at 1 January 2010		
Amortisation and impairment losses at 1 January 2019  Amortisation and impairment losses	0 -5	0
Amortisation and impairment losses  Amortisation and impairment losses at 31 December 2019	<del>-5</del> -5	0
Amortisation and impairment losses at 31 December 2013		
Carrying amount at 31 December 2019	23	0

## Notes

DKKt	2019	2018
5. Technical installations, operating and other equipment		
Cost at 1 January 2019	2,775	2,642
Foreign exchange adjustments	239	133
Additions	41	0
Cost at 31 December 2019	3,055	2,775
Amortisation and impairment losses at 1 January 2019	-2,748	-2,450
Foreign exchange adjustments	-238	-129
Amortisation and impairment losses	-35	-169
Amortisation and impairment losses at 31 December 2019	-3,021	-2,748
Carrying amount at 31 December 2019	34_	27
6. Deposits		
Cost at 1 January 2019	889	829
Foreign exchange adjustments	21	42
Additions	130	19
Disposals	-53	-1
Carrying amount at 31 December 2019	987	889
7. Contract work in progress		
Contract work in progress, net	5,693	630
Recognised in the balance sheet as:		
Contract work in progress (assets)	12,118	7,146
Contract work in progress (liabilities)	-6,425	-6,516
-	5,693	630
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8. Prepayments	225	202
Insurance premiums	336 631	303
Rent Other	326	650 12
		965
Prepayments at 31 December	1,293	202

## 9. Share capital

The share capital consists of shares of each DKK 1.000 or multiples thereof. No shares are assigned special rights.

There have been no changes to the share capital for the last five years.

#### **Notes**

DKKt	2019	2018
10. Distribution of profit for the year		
Retained earnings	5,375	4,269
Retained earnings at 31 December	5,375	4,269

## 11. Contingent liabilities

By virtue of its business operations, COWI Gulf A/S is a party to legal disputes that can be expected in the course of its business operations. The management keeps all such involvements under constant review and makes provisions accordingly.

The Danish companies in the COWI Group are jointly and severally liable for taxes on the Group's jointly-taxed income etc. COWI Holding A/S functions as the management company in terms of joint taxation, and the total amount is stated in the annual report.

## 12. Contingencies and other financial commitments

No contingencies or other financial commitments exits at 31 December 2019.

#### 13. Related party transactions and ownership

COWI International A/S owns all shares in COWI Gulf A/S.

COWI International A/S does not carry any independent business, and no material transactions are conducted between COWI International A/S and COWI Gulf A/S.

Apart from usual intercompany transactions and usual management remuneration, no transactions were made during the year with the Board of Directors, the Executive Board, managerial employees, principal shareholders, other group companies or other related parties. Transactions with related parties at arm's length has not been disclosed in accordance with section 98 C(7) of the Danish Financial Statements Act.

#### 14. Fees to auditors

See note 24, in the group financial statements for COWI Holding A/S, page 40, for information on fees to auditors.

#### 14. Events after the balance sheet date

No events have occurred since the balance sheet date that have a material impact on the company's financial position at 31 December 2019.