
Dansk Salt A/S

Hadsundvej 17, DK-9550 Mariager

Annual Report for 1 January - 31 December 2019

CVR No 17 03 07 44

The Annual Report was
presented and adopted at
the Annual General
Meeting of the Company on
16/6 2020

Eveline Isabella Gratzer
Chairman of the General
Meeting

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Management's Statement

The Executive Board and Board of Directors have today considered and adopted the Annual Report of Dansk Salt A/S for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2019.

The Annual Report is prepared in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

In our opinion the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the financial position at 31 December 2019 of the Company and of the results of the Company operations for 2019.

In our opinion, Management's Review includes a true and fair account of the matters addressed in the Review.

We recommend that the Annual Report be adopted at the Annual General Meeting.

Mariager, 16 June 2020

Executive Board

Torben Brændgaard

Board of Directors

Nils Corneille var der Plas
Chairman

Elisabeth Deelen

Eveline Isabella Gratzner

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Shareholder of Dansk Salt A/S

Opinion

In our opinion, the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company at 31 December 2019 and of the results of the Company's operations for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2019 in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

We have audited the Financial Statements of Dansk Salt A/S for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2019, which comprise income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity and notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies ("the Financial Statements").

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 Board for Accountants' 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 audit 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 any 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 Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of 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 to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Independent Auditor's Report

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 to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. 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 these Financial Statements.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark, we exercise professional judgement 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 for 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 Company's 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 exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the 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.

Independent Auditor's Report

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

Aalborg, 16 June 2020

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Company Information

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Elisabeth Deelen
Eveline Isabella Gratzner

Executive Board

Torben Brændgaard

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Financial Highlights

Seen over a five-year period, the development of the Company is described by the following financial highlights:

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
	Mio. DKK	Mio. DKK	Mio. DKK	Mio. DKK	Mio. DKK
Key figures					
Profit/loss					
Revenue	455	439	430	451	451
Gross profit/loss	145	138	141	164	161
Operating profit/loss	41	39	47	59	66
Net financials	-4	-25	31	59	23
Net profit/loss for the year	33	6	68	104	77
Balance sheet					
Balance sheet total	533	501	504	486	386
Equity	135	201	225	206	127
Investment in property, plant and equipment	8	7	-204	44	18
Number of employees	148	143	139	140	144
Ratios					
Gross margin	31,9%	31,4%	32,8%	36,4%	35,7%
Profit margin	9,0%	8,9%	10,9%	13,1%	14,6%
Return on assets	7,7%	7,8%	9,3%	12,1%	17,1%
Solvency ratio	25,3%	40,1%	44,6%	42,4%	32,9%
Return on equity	19,6%	2,8%	31,6%	62,5%	67,8%

The ratios have been prepared in accordance with the recommendations and guidelines issued by the Danish Society of Financial Analysts. For definitions, see under accounting policies.

Management's Review

Key activities

I/S Dansk Salt was founded in 1963 in a joint venture by the Danish company Kryolitselskabet and the Dutch company KNZ NV Hengelo with an equal ownership. Dansk Salt A/S was established in 1993 when it acquired all the activities of Dansk Salt I/S.

In 2001 the company changed name to Akzo Nobel Salt A/S. In 2018 the ultimate parent company of Akzo Nobel Salt A/S, AkzoNobel Specialty Chemicals, was purchased by Carlyle Group and became an independent company called Nouryon. As a result, Akzo Nobel Salt A/S in 2019 changed name to Dansk Salt A/S.

The Nouryon Group with headquarters in the Netherland has activities in more than 80 countries approximately 10,000 employees.

Dansk Salt A/S production is based on a sole concession to extract salt by solution mining from the Danish subsoil. The concession was granted in 1963 for a period for 50 years. In 2010 a new 15-year exclusive license was granted by the Danish Energy Agency with effect from 2013 with a possible extension for another 15 years.

The salt is extracted from a salt dome southwest of Hobro and transported via an underground pipeline to the production plant located at Mariager Fjord. The plant's annual production capacity is approximately 600,000 ton and the product range include salt for human consumption, livestock, industrial salt, road salt and chemical pure salt. The industrial salt is primarily sold to use in the chlorine industry.

The Company is the only salt manufacturer in Scandinavia and a considerable proportion of the production is exported, mainly to the other European countries.

The Company's salt production is made as toll manufacturing for Nouryon Chemicals International B.V., who is managing the overall storing and sales for all Nouryon's European salt factories. Specialties, however, that mainly comprise packaged products for the food and pharmaceutical industries, continue to be stored and sold by Dansk Salt A/S.

Maricogen A/S which owns a natural-gas-fired cogeneration plant is a 100% owned subsidiary that is incorporated in the company profit.

Development in the year

The income statement of the Company for 2019 shows a profit of TDKK 32,635, and at 31 December 2019 the balance sheet of the Company shows equity of TDKK 134,795.

Management's Review

The past year and follow-up on development expectations from last year

Turnover amounted to DKK 455.2 m., which is higher than the year before. The turnover is primarily a result of sales of salt products to the food industry and sales of pharmaceutical salt. Sales are specifically concentrated on the Northern European market and the Chinese market.

The profit was DKK 32.6 m. compared to DKK 5.9 m last year. The result of the primary operations was satisfactory. The Board of Management considers the result for the year to be satisfactory.

Capital resources

The management estimate that enough capital resources are present.

Special risks - operating risks and financial risks

Operating risks

In the sales-process of AkzoNobel Specialty Chemicals to the Carlyle Group it turned out that Dansk Salt A/S needed a second reliability source which should be Akzo Nobel B.V. beside to Nouryon. This dispute/discussion is not yet finished, so we still relay on the existing concession.

The earnings are affected by the development in energy prices, which is a significant part of the cost base of salt. Dansk Salt A/S is continuously managing and mitigating these risks by evaluation the most cost and environmental efficient production including investigations in that area.

Foreign exchange risks

As a result of foreign-currency transactions, the result and cash flows are affected by movements in a number of exchange rates, mainly the Euro and Scandinavian currencies.

The Company does not undertake its own hedging of commercial exchange rate risks. Net positions are hedged at Business Unit level.

Investments

New investments in 2019 amounted to DKK 7.5 m which is lower than the level in 2018.

Targets and expectations for the year ahead

Increased focus on costs and processes in production will have a positive impact on profit. Sales are expected to stay on an unchanged high level. All in all, the result is expected to equal to the budget in 2020.

Research and development

Research and development activities are primarily managed by the parent company. In 2019 Dansk Salt A/S have not recorded cost for research and development activities.

Management's Review

External environment

The company constantly strive for excellence in quality of our products, health & safety of our employees and environmental protection. Our vision is Zero injuries, waste and harm.

The company holds accredited certification of our management systems according to following international standards:

ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management

ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management incl. Energy

ISO 45001:2018 Occupational Health & Safety Management Incl. stat. order1510/2018

ISO 22000:2015 FSSC Food Safety System Certification

GMP+ B1 Feed safety – production, trade and services

GMP Quality management for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API)

The Company's quality-, environmental- and energy management systems are certified according to:

ISO 9001 Quality management

ISO 14001 Environmental management incl. Energy

ISO 45001 Working environment management

FSSC 22000 Food safety

GMP+ Feed safety

GMP Quality management for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API)

Intellectual capital resources

For Dansk Salt A/S it is vital that the employees possess the right competences. In connection with Dansk Salt A/S' business strategy (the Gameplan), core qualifications and critical competences for the different business areas are defined.

Statement of corporate social responsibility according to Danish Financial Statements Act. §99a

Nouryon has acceded to the UN Global Compact meaning that, in its capacity as subsidiary, Dansk Salt A/S is under an obligation to comply with the UN Global Compact principles. Dansk Salt A/S is comprised by the strategy and the policies for corporate social responsibility adopted by Nouryon. Reference is made to the Nouryon Sustainability Report 2019. The report is available at:

<https://www.nouryon.com/globalassets/nouryon.com/4.-company/4.-sustainability/nouryon---sustainability-report-2019.pdf>

Management's Review

Statement on gender composition according to Danish Financial Statement Act. §99b

Under section 139c of the Danish Companies Act, the Board of Directors of Dansk Salt A/S has laid down the Company's policy to increase the share of the underrepresented gender in the Company's Management in general. To support the policy, the Company strives to promote equal career opportunities for men and women through skills development. In 2018 and 2019 the company had focus on recruitment and development of included consideration of gender on all levels. As part of the ongoing employee development conversations a focus on the individual wishes towards career development is taken into consideration. In 2019 1 female employee was enrolled in a long-term educational plan linked to the desired career development path within management.

The Supervisory Board in Dansk Salt A/S has in 2014 taken steps to secure a more even distribution of the gender quota. The board of Dansk Salt A/S has 3 members, 1 man and 2 women. Management thus considers that it has fulfilled the statutory requirement for an equal gender distribution in the top management.

Subsequent events

The company's expectations for the future are adversely affected by the Covid-19 outbreak and the measures taken by governments in most of the world to mitigate the effects of the outbreak, cf. also the discussions of events after the balance sheet date in note 1.

The company's management has tried to assess the effect of Covid-19 on the company's expected turnover and profit, but it is still too early to say what the consequences will be. The management therefore does not consider itself able to reliably disclose the expectations for the future, cf. the Danish Statement Act § 12.

Income Statement 1 January - 31 December

	Note	2019 TDKK	2018 TDKK
Revenue	2	455.229	438.515
Cost of sales	3	-310.196	-300.540
Gross profit/loss		145.033	137.975
Distribution expenses	3	-74.989	-71.205
Administrative expenses	3	-29.058	-27.758
Operating profit/loss		40.986	39.012
Income from investments in subsidiaries		12.189	-19.172
Financial income		1	760
Financial expenses		-16.036	-6.543
Profit/loss before tax		37.140	14.057
Tax on profit/loss for the year	4	-4.505	-8.139
Net profit/loss for the year		32.635	5.918

Balance Sheet 31 December

Assets

	Note	2019 TDKK	2018 TDKK
Acquired trademarks		321	383
Intangible assets	5	321	383
Land and buildings		73.135	79.042
Plant and machinery		106.437	104.393
Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment		911	525
Property, plant and equipment in progress		11.504	26.172
Property, plant and equipment	6	191.987	210.132
Investments in subsidiaries	7	41.921	29.733
Fixed asset investments		41.921	29.733
Fixed assets		234.229	240.248
Inventories	8	30.121	29.740
Trade receivables		49.525	42.875
Receivables from group enterprises		207.485	175.081
Other receivables		10.838	12.747
Prepayments	9	682	651
Receivables		268.530	231.354
Cash at bank and in hand		13	16
Currents assets		298.664	261.110
Assets		532.893	501.358

Balance Sheet 31 December

Liabilities and equity

	Note	2019 TDKK	2018 TDKK
Share capital		50.000	50.000
Reserve for net revaluation under the equity method		26.421	14.233
Retained earnings		58.374	136.589
Equity		134.795	200.822
Provision for deferred tax	11	5.150	6.704
Provisions		5.150	6.704
Lease obligations		3.363	0
Payables to group enterprises		275.000	175.000
Other payables		3.110	0
Long-term debt	12	281.473	175.000
Lease obligations	12	1.943	0
Trade payables		40.057	43.764
Payables to group enterprises	12	32.982	38.426
Corporation tax		5.489	5.522
Other payables	12	31.004	31.120
Short-term debt		111.475	118.832
Debt		392.948	293.832
Liabilities and equity		532.893	501.358
Subsequent events	1		
Distribution of profit	10		
Contingent assets, liabilities and other financial obligations	13		
Related parties	14		
Fee to auditors appointed at the general meeting	15		
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Statement of Changes in Equity

	Share capital	Reserve for net revaluation under the equity method	Retained earnings	Total
	TDKK	TDKK	TDKK	TDKK
Equity at 1 January	50.000	14.233	136.589	200.822
Extraordinary dividend paid	0	0	-100.000	-100.000
Other equity movements	0	0	1.338	1.338
Net profit/loss for the year	0	12.188	20.447	32.635
Equity at 31 December	50.000	26.421	58.374	134.795

Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Subsequent events

The implications of COVID-19 with many governments across the world deciding to "close down their countries" will have great impact on the global economy. Management considers the implications of COVID-19 a subsequent event occurred after the balance sheet date (31 December 2019), which is therefore a non-adjusting event to the Company.

At this time, it is not possible to calculate the size of the COVID-19 impact.

	<u>2019</u> TDKK	<u>2018</u> TDKK
2 Revenue		
Geographical segments		
Denmark	113.454	110.582
Scandinavia excl. Denmark	101.581	93.267
Europe excl. Scandinavia	98.450	83.280
Outside Europe	57.644	65.817
Manufacturing fee	84.100	85.569
	<u>455.229</u>	<u>438.515</u>
3 Staff		
Salaries and wages	71.820	68.158
Pension premiums	13.441	12.632
Social security costs	1.355	1.100
	<u>86.616</u>	<u>81.890</u>
Including remuneration to the Executive and Supervisory Boards	<u>3.185</u>	<u>2.926</u>
Average number of employees	<u>148</u>	<u>143</u>
4 Tax on profit/loss for the year		
Current tax for the year	5.496	5.522
Deferred tax for the year	-1.554	1.554
Adjustment of tax concerning previous years	563	1.063
	<u>4.505</u>	<u>8.139</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

5 Intangible assets

	Acquired trade- marks <u>TDKK</u>
Cost at 1 January	<u>3.315</u>
Cost at 31 December	<u>3.315</u>
Impairment losses and amortisation at 1 January	2.932
Amortisation for the year	<u>62</u>
Impairment losses and amortisation at 31 December	<u>2.994</u>
Carrying amount at 31 December	<u>321</u>
Amortised over	<u>3-15 years</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

6 Property, plant and equipment

	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment	Property, plant and equipment in progress	Total
	TDKK	TDKK	TDKK	TDKK	TDKK
Cost at 1 January	210.901	611.166	22.782	26.172	871.021
Effect from implementation from IFRS 16	0	6.144	899	0	7.043
Additions for the year	0	2.134	0	5.457	7.591
Transfers for the year	912	19.213	0	-20.125	0
Cost at 31 December	<u>211.813</u>	<u>638.657</u>	<u>23.681</u>	<u>11.504</u>	<u>885.655</u>
Impairment losses and depreciation at 1 January	131.859	506.773	22.257	0	660.889
Depreciation for the year	6.819	25.447	513	0	32.779
Impairment losses and depreciation at 31 December	<u>138.678</u>	<u>532.220</u>	<u>22.770</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>693.668</u>
Carrying amount at 31 December	<u>73.135</u>	<u>106.437</u>	<u>911</u>	<u>11.504</u>	<u>191.987</u>
Depreciated over	<u>5-25 years</u>	<u>5-25 years</u>	<u>5 years</u>		
Including assets under finance leases amounting to	<u>0</u>	<u>4.762</u>	<u>504</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5.266</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

	2019 <u>TDKK</u>	2018 <u>TDKK</u>
7 Investments in subsidiaries		
Cost at 1 January	15.500	15.500
Cost at 31 December	15.500	15.500
Value adjustments at 1 January	14.233	33.405
Net profit/loss for the year	12.188	-19.172
Value adjustments at 31 December	26.421	14.233
Carrying amount at 31 December	41.921	29.733

Investments in subsidiaries are specified as follows:

Name	Place of registered office	Share capital	Votes and ownership
Maricogen A/S	Hadsund	TDKK 500	100%

	2019 <u>TDKK</u>	2018 <u>TDKK</u>
8 Inventories		
Raw materials and consumables	19.530	19.346
Finished goods and goods for resale	10.591	10.394
	30.121	29.740

9 Prepayments

Prepayments consist of prepaid expenses concerning rent, insurance premiums, subscriptions and interest as well as fair value adjustments of derivative financial instruments with a positive fair value.

Notes to the Financial Statements

	2019 <u>TDKK</u>	2018 <u>TDKK</u>
10 Distribution of profit		
Extraordinary dividend paid	100.000	0
Reserve for net revaluation under the equity method	12.188	-19.172
Retained earnings	-79.553	25.090
	<u>32.635</u>	<u>5.918</u>

11 Provision for deferred tax

Provision for deferred tax at 1 January	6.704	5.150
Amounts recognised in the income statement for the year	-1.554	1.554
Provision for deferred tax at 31 December	<u>5.150</u>	<u>6.704</u>

12 Long-term debt

Payments due within 1 year are recognised in short-term debt. Other debt is recognised in long-term debt.

The debt falls due for payment as specified below:

	2019 <u>TDKK</u>	2018 <u>TDKK</u>
Lease obligations		
Between 1 and 5 years	3.363	0
Long-term part	3.363	0
Within 1 year	1.943	0
	<u>5.306</u>	<u>0</u>
Payables to group enterprises		
Between 1 and 5 years	275.000	175.000
Long-term part	275.000	175.000
Other short-term debt to group enterprises	32.982	38.426
	<u>307.982</u>	<u>213.426</u>
Other payables		
Between 1 and 5 years	3.110	0
Long-term part	3.110	0
Other short-term payables	31.004	31.120
	<u>34.114</u>	<u>31.120</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

	<u>2019</u> TDKK	<u>2018</u> TDKK
13 Contingent assets, liabilities and other financial obligations		
Rental and lease obligations		
Lease obligations under operating leases. Total future lease payments:		
Within 1 year	0	1.623
Between 1 and 5 years	<u>0</u>	<u>2.676</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>4.299</u>
Guarantee obligations		
Bank guarantees	<u>33</u>	<u>83</u>
Other contingent liabilities		

The group companies are jointly and severally liable for tax on the jointly taxed incomes etc of the Group. Moreover, the group companies are jointly and severally liable for Danish withholding taxes by way of dividend tax, tax on royalty payments and tax on unearned income. Any subsequent adjustments of corporation taxes and withholding taxes may increase the Company's liability.

Notes to the Financial Statements

14 Related parties

Basis

Controlling interest

Nouryon Coöperatief U.A.

The Netherlands

Transactions

The Company has chosen only to disclose transactions which have not been made on an arm's length basis in accordance with section 98(c)(7) of the Danish Financial Statements Act.

15 Fee to auditors appointed at the general meeting

With reference to the informations regarding Fee to auditors appointed at the general meeting we refer to section 96(3) of the Danish Financial Statements Act and to the informations included in the consolidated financial statements of, the Company has not prepared the informations regarding Fee to auditors appointed at the general meeting.

Notes to the Financial Statements

16 Accounting Policies

The Annual Report of Dansk Salt A/S for 2019 has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Danish Financial Statements Act applying to large enterprises of reporting class C .

The Financial Statements for 2019 are presented in TDKK.

Changes in accounting policies

With effect for the financial year 2019, the company has chosen to apply the options cf. the Danish Financial Statements Act of applying IFRS 16, Leases, within the framework. Thus, the company has changed its accounting policies cf. below.

The Company's accounting policies have been changed as it is Management's assessment that the changed accounting policies give a more true and fair view of the financial positions and the results of the Company. Moreover, the change means that the Company now applies the same accounting policies as the rest of the Nouryon Group, to which the Company belongs.

The Company has changed its accounting policy for leases, and now applies IFRS 16 for lease transactions. Thus, leased assets are recognised with a calculated value and are depreciated over their expected useful lives, whereas the lease liability is recognised in the balance sheet.

The change of accounting policy is based on the transitional rules of IFRS 16:

- Comparative figures have not been restated.
- In respect of leases previously classified as operating leases, a lease liability is recognised and measured corresponding to the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the Company's incremental borrowing rate at 1 January 2019 - lease assets are recognised at the same amount adjusted for prepaid or accrued lease payments.
- In respect of portfolios of leases with similar characteristics, one single discount rate is applied.
- Leases for which the terms ends within 12 months from 1 January 2019 are not included in the balance sheet.

Consolidated financial statements

With reference to section 112 of the Danish Financial Statements Act and to the consolidated financial statements of Nouryon Coöperatief U.A., the Company has not prepared consolidated financial statements.

Cash flow statement

With reference to section 86(4) of the Danish Financial Statements Act and to the cash flow statement included in the consolidated financial statements of , the Company has not prepared a cash flow statement.

Notes to the Financial Statements

16 Accounting Policies (continued)

Recognition and measurement

Revenues are recognised in the income statement as earned. Furthermore, value adjustments of financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value or amortised cost are recognised. Moreover, all expenses incurred to achieve the earnings for the year are recognised in the income statement, including depreciation, amortisation, impairment losses and provisions as well as reversals due to changed accounting estimates of amounts that have previously been recognised in the income statement.

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

Assets and liabilities are initially measured at cost. Subsequently, assets and liabilities are measured as described for each item below.

Leases

Leases are recognised in the balance sheet at the calculated amount of the lease liability. The lease liability is calculated at the present value of the lease payments calculated by applying the interest rate implicit in the lease or the Company's incremental borrowing rate as discount rate if the interest rate implicit in the lease is not available. Lease assets are depreciated and written down for impairment under the same policy as for the Company's other fixed assets.

The Company has chosen to apply the exemptions concerning short-term and low-value leases. Therefore, such lease assets are not recognised as assets and liabilities in the balance sheet. The costs are recognised in the income statement on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The lease liability is recognised in the balance sheet under debt and is adjusted for prepaid lease payments on a current basis. At the same time, interest is added on the liability. Interest expenses are charged to the income statement on a current basis.

Translation policies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates at the dates of transaction. Exchange differences arising due to differences between the transaction date rates and the rates at the dates of payment are recognised in financial income and expenses in the income statement. Where foreign exchange transactions are considered hedging of future cash flows, the value adjustments are recognised directly in equity.

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16 Accounting Policies (continued)

Receivables, payables and other monetary items in foreign currencies that have not been settled at the balance sheet date are translated at the exchange rates at the balance sheet date. Any differences between the exchange rates at the balance sheet date and the rates at the time when the receivable or the debt arose are recognised in financial income and expenses in the income statement.

Fixed assets acquired in foreign currencies are measured at the transaction date rates.

Revenue

Information on business segments and geographical segments based on the Company's risks and returns and its internal financial reporting system. Business segments are regarded as the primary segments.

Income Statement

Revenue

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the risks and rewards relating to the goods sold have been transferred to the purchaser, the revenue can be measured reliably and it is probable that the economic benefits relating to the sale will flow to the Company.

Revenue is measured at the consideration received and is recognised exclusive of VAT and net of discounts relating to sales.

Cost of sales

Cost of sales comprises costs incurred to achieve revenue for the year. Cost comprises raw materials, consumables, direct labour costs and indirect production costs such as maintenance and depreciation, etc, as well as operation, administration and management of factories.

Distribution expenses

Distribution expenses comprise costs in the form of salaries to sales and distribution staff, advertising and marketing expenses as well as operation of motor vehicles, depreciation, etc. Amortisation of goodwill is also included to the extent that goodwill relates to distribution activities.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses comprise expenses for Management, administrative staff, office expenses, depreciation, etc. Amortisation of goodwill is also included to the extent that goodwill relates to administrative activities.

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16 Accounting Policies (continued)

Income from investments in subsidiaries

The item "Income from investments in subsidiaries" in the income statement includes the proportionate share of the profit for the year.

Financial income and expenses

Financial income and expenses are recognised in the income statement at the amounts relating to the financial year.

Tax on profit/loss for the year

Tax for the year consists of current tax for the year and changes in deferred tax for the year. The tax attributable to the profit for the year is recognised in the income statement, whereas the tax attributable to equity transactions is recognised directly in equity.

The Company is jointly taxed with wholly owned Danish and foreign subsidiaries. The tax effect of the joint taxation is allocated to enterprises in proportion to their taxable incomes.

Balance Sheet

Intangible assets

Patents and licences are measured at the lower of cost less accumulated amortisation and recoverable amount. Patents are amortised over the remaining patent period, and licences are amortised over the licence period; however not exceeding 3-15 years.

Development costs and costs relating to rights developed by the Company are recognised in the income statement as costs in the year of acquisition.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and less any accumulated impairment losses.

Cost comprises the cost of acquisition and expenses directly related to the acquisition up until the time when the asset is ready for use.

Interest expenses on loans raised directly for financing the construction of property, plant and equipment are recognised in cost over the period of construction. All indirectly attributable borrowing expenses are recognised in the income statement.

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16 Accounting Policies (continued)

Depreciation based on cost reduced by any residual value is calculated on a straight-line basis over the expected useful lives of the assets, which are:

Production buildings	5-25 years
Other buildings	5-25 years
Plant and machinery	5-25 years
Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment	5 years

Depreciation period and residual value are reassessed annually.

Assets costing less than DKK 13,800 are expensed in the year of acquisition.

Impairment of fixed assets

The carrying amounts of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment are reviewed on an annual basis to determine whether there is any indication of impairment other than that expressed by amortisation and depreciation.

If so, the asset is written down to its lower recoverable amount.

Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are recognised and measured under the equity method.

The item "Investments in subsidiaries" in the balance sheet include the proportionate ownership share of the net asset value of the enterprises calculated on the basis of the fair values of identifiable net assets at the time of acquisition with deduction or addition of unrealised intercompany profits or losses and with addition of the remaining value of any increases in value and goodwill calculated at the time of acquisition of the enterprises.

The total net revaluation of investments in subsidiaries is transferred upon distribution of profit to "Reserve for net revaluation under the equity method" under equity. The reserve is reduced by dividend distributed to the Parent Company and adjusted for other equity movements in the subsidiaries.

Subsidiaries with a negative net asset value are recognised at DKK 0. Any legal or constructive obligation of the Parent Company to cover the negative balance of the enterprise is recognised in provisions.

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16 Accounting Policies (continued)

Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost under the FIFO method and net realisable value.

The net realisable value of inventories is calculated at the amount expected to be generated by sale of the inventories in the process of normal operations with deduction of selling expenses. The net realisable value is determined allowing for marketability, obsolescence and development in expected selling price.

The cost of goods for resale, raw materials and consumables equals landed cost.

The cost of finished goods and work in progress comprises the cost of raw materials, consumables and direct labour with addition of indirect production costs. Indirect production costs comprise the cost of indirect materials and labour as well as maintenance and depreciation of the machinery, factory buildings and equipment used in the manufacturing process as well as costs of factory administration and management.

Receivables

Receivables are measured in the balance sheet at the lower of amortised cost and net realisable value, which corresponds to nominal value less provisions for bad debts.

Prepayments

Prepayments comprise prepaid expenses concerning rent, insurance premiums, subscriptions and interest.

Equity

Dividend

Dividend distribution proposed by Management for the year is disclosed as a separate equity item.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities

Deferred income tax is measured using the balance sheet liability method in respect of temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes on the basis of the intended use of the asset and settlement of the liability, respectively.

Deferred tax assets are measured at the value at which the asset is expected to be realised, either by elimination in tax on future earnings or by set-off against deferred tax liabilities within the same legal tax entity.

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16 Accounting Policies (continued)

Deferred tax is measured on the basis of the tax rules and tax rates that will be effective under the legislation at the balance sheet date when the deferred tax is expected to crystallise as current tax. Any changes in deferred tax due to changes to tax rates are recognised in the income statement or in equity if the deferred tax relates to items recognised in equity.

Current tax receivables and liabilities

Current tax liabilities and receivables are recognised in the balance sheet as the expected taxable income for the year adjusted for tax on taxable incomes for prior years and tax paid on account. Extra payments and repayment under the on-account taxation scheme are recognised in the income statement in financial income and expenses.

Financial debts

Loans, such as mortgage loans and loans from credit institutions, are recognised initially at the proceeds received net of transaction expenses incurred. Subsequently, the loans are measured at amortised cost; the difference between the proceeds and the nominal value is recognised as an interest expense in the income statement over the loan period.

Mortgage loans are measured at amortised cost, which for cash loans corresponds to the remaining loan. Amortised cost of debenture loans corresponds to the remaining loan calculated as the underlying cash value of the loan at the date of raising the loan adjusted for depreciation of the price adjustment of the loan made over the term of the loan at the date of raising the loan.

Other debts are measured at amortised cost, substantially corresponding to nominal value.

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16 Accounting Policies (continued)

Financial Highlights

Explanation of financial ratios

Gross margin	$\frac{\text{Gross profit} \times 100}{\text{Revenue}}$
Profit margin	$\frac{\text{Profit before financials} \times 100}{\text{Revenue}}$
Return on assets	$\frac{\text{Profit before financials} \times 100}{\text{Total assets}}$
Solvency ratio	$\frac{\text{Equity at year end} \times 100}{\text{Total assets at year end}}$
Return on equity	$\frac{\text{Net profit for the year} \times 100}{\text{Average equity}}$