

# Noble Drilling DS A/S

Lyngby Hovedgade 85  
DK-2800 Kgs. Lyngby

CVR no. 34 72 08 27

## Annual report 2023

The annual report was presented and approved at  
the Company's annual general meeting on

25 July 2024

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*Claus Bachmann*

Claus Bachmann

Chairman of the annual general meeting

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## Statement by the Board of Directors and the Executive Board

The Board of Directors and the Executive Board have today discussed and approved the annual report of Noble Drilling DS A/S for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2023.

The annual report has been prepared in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.


In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Company's assets, liabilities and financial position at 31 December 2023 and of the results of the Company's operations for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2023.

Further, in our opinion, the Management's review gives a fair review of the matters discussed in the Management's review.


We recommend that the annual report be approved at the annual general meeting.

Lyngby, 25 July 2024

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## Independent auditor's report

### To the shareholders of Noble Drilling DS 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 2023, and of the results of the Company's operations for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2023 in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

We have audited the Financial Statements of Noble Drilling DS A/S for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2023, which comprise income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity and notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies ("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' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) and the additional ethical requirements applicable in Denmark, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. 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 Financial 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.

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.

## Independent auditor's report

### *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 financial statement 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 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 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.


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.

Copenhagen, 25 July 2024

**PricewaterhouseCoopers**

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## Management's review

### Company details

Noble Drilling DS A/S  
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CVR no.:	34 72 08 27
Established:	12 October 2012
Registered office:	Lyngby
Financial year:	1 January – 31 December

### Board of Directors

Claus Bachmann, Chairman  
Bruce Boyle  
Peter Asboe

### Executive Board

Peter Asboe, CEO

### Auditor

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## **Management's review**

### **Operating review**

#### **Principal activities**

The Company's principal activity is to provide loans and other related financial services.

#### **Development in activities and financial position**

The Company's income statement for 2023 shows a profit of USD 10,087 thousand as against a profit of USD 2,655 thousand in 2022. This is a result of higher interest income due to increase FX rates. Equity in the Company's balance sheet at 31 December 2023 stood at USD 283,899 thousand as against USD 273,812 thousand at 31 December 2022.

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## Financial statements 1 January – 31 December

### Income statement

USD'000	Note	2023	2022
<b>Gross loss/profit</b>		-18	12
Financial income	2	12,962	3,672
Financial expenses	3	0	-219
<b>Profit before tax</b>		12,944	3,465
Tax on profit for the year		-2,857	-810
<b>Profit for the year</b>		10,087	2,655
<b>Proposed profit appropriation</b>			
Retained earnings		10,087	2,655



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### Balance sheet

USD'000	Note	31/12 2023	31/12 2022
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
<b>Receivables</b>			
Receivables from group entities		287,537	274,571
Other receivables		<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>
		<u>287,541</u>	<u>274,581</u>
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>287,541</u>	<u>274,581</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>287,541</u>	<u>274,581</u>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Equity</b>			
Contributed capital		260,834	260,834
Retained earnings		<u>23,065</u>	<u>12,978</u>
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>283,899</u>	<u>273,812</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade payables		31	7
Corporation tax		<u>3,611</u>	<u>762</u>
		<u>3,642</u>	<u>769</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>3,642</u>	<u>769</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<u>287,541</u>	<u>274,581</u>
<b>Contractual obligations, contingencies, etc.</b>	4		
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### Statement of changes in equity

USD'000	Contributed capital	Retained earnings	Total
Equity at 1 January 2023	260,834	12,978	273,812
Transferred over the profit appropriation	0	10,087	10,087
<b>Equity at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>260,834</b>	<b>23,065</b>	<b>283,899</b>

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#### 1 Accounting policies

The annual report of Noble Drilling DS A/S for 2023 has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applying to reporting class B entities under the Danish Financial Statements Act with opt-in from higher reporting classes.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements are consistent with those of last year.

#### Foreign currency translation

On initial recognition, transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates at the transaction date. Foreign exchange differences arising between the exchange rates at the transaction date and the date of payment are recognised in the income statement as financial income or financial expenses.

Receivables, payables and other monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates at the balance sheet date. The difference between the exchange rates at the balance sheet date and the date at which the receivable or payable arose or was recognised in the latest financial statements is recognised in the income statement as financial income or financial expenses.

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

USD is used as functional currency and as presentation currency because the majority of transactions are in USD. At 31 December 2023, the exchange rate DKK/USD was 6.74 (2022:6.95).

### Income statement

#### Other external costs

Other external costs comprise costs incurred during the year for administrative expenses.

#### 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 for the year

Tax for the year comprises current corporation tax for the year and changes in deferred tax, including changes in tax rates. The tax expense relating to the profit/loss for the year is recognised in the income statement, and the tax expense relating to amounts directly recognised in equity is recognised directly in equity.

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#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

##### Balance sheet

###### Receivables

Receivables are measured in the balance sheet at the lower of amortised cost and net realisable value, which corresponds to nominal value less write-down for bad debts. Write-down for bad debts is determined on the basis of an individual assessment of each receivable.

###### Corporation tax and deferred tax

Current tax payable and receivable is recognised in the balance sheet as tax computed on the taxable income for the year, adjusted for tax on the taxable income of prior years and for tax paid on account.

Deferred tax is measured using the balance sheet liability method on all temporary differences between the carrying amount and the tax value of assets and liabilities based on the planned use of the asset or settlement of the liability. However, deferred tax is not recognised on temporary differences relating to goodwill non-deductible for tax purposes and on office premises and other items where the temporary differences arise at the date of acquisition without affecting either profit/loss or taxable income.

Deferred tax assets, including the tax value of tax loss carryforwards, are recognised at the expected value of their utilisation within the foreseeable future; either as a set-off against tax on future income or as a set-off against deferred tax liabilities in the same legal tax entity. Any deferred net assets are measured at net realisable value.

Deferred tax is measured in accordance with the tax rules and at the tax rates applicable at the balance sheet date when the deferred tax is expected to crystallise as current tax. Changes in deferred tax as a result of changes in tax rates are recognised in the income statement or equity, respectively.

###### Liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, which essentially corresponds to the nominal value.

#### 2 Financial income

USD'000	2023	2022
Interest income from group entities	12,957	3,672
Exchange gains	5	0
	<u>12,962</u>	<u>3,672</u>

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#### 3 Financial expenses

USD'000	2023	2022
Interest expense to group entities	0	211
Other financial expenses	0	8
	<u>0</u>	<u>219</u>

#### 4 Contractual obligations, contingencies, etc.

##### Contingent liabilities

The Company is jointly taxed with all other Danish companies in the The Drilling Company of 1972 Group. As a fully owned subsidiary, the Company has unlimited and joint liability together with the other companies under joint taxation for Danish corporation tax, withholding taxes on dividends, interest and royalties within the jointly taxed companies.

##### Warranty obligations

The Company has issued a performance guarantee that covers work performed by other Noble Drilling group entities towards their end customers based on their contractual terms.

##### Guarantees

The Company has not made any guarantee commitments that are in place as at the balance sheet date.

#### 5 Related party disclosures

Noble Drilling DS A/S' related parties comprise the following:

##### Control

Noble Drilling A/S, Lyngby Hovedgade 85, DK-2800 Kgs. Lyngby, holds the majority of the contributed capital in the Company.

Noble Drilling DS A/S is part of the consolidated statements of Noble Corporation plc, 1 Ashley Road, 3rd Floor, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 2 DT, UK, which is the smallest group in which the Company is included as subsidiary.

The consolidated financial statements of Noble Corporation plc can be obtained by contacting this company or at <https://noblecorp.com/investors/reports-and-filings>.