

# Posten Norge AS

# **Securities Note**

# 2,63% Posten Norge AS Open Bond Issue 2015/2022 ISIN NO 001 0745532

Joint Arrangers:

Handelsbanken Capital Markets



Oslo, 25 November 2015

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This Securities Note should be read together with the Registration Document dated xx.xx 2015. The documents together constitute a prospectus

\*The capitalised words in the section "Important Information" are defined in Chapter 3: "Securities Information".

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## 1. Risk Factors

The Issuer believes that the factors described below represent the principal market risks inherent in investing in the Loan, but the inability of the Issuer to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Bonds may occur for other reasons and the Issuer does not represent that the statements below regarding the risks of holding any Bonds are exhaustive. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out in the Registration Document dated, XX November 2015 and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.

#### Risks related to the market generally

All investments in interest bearing securities have risk associated with such investment. The risk is related to the general volatility in the market for such securities, varying liquidity in a single bond issue as well as company specific risk factors. There are three main risk factors that sums up the investors total risk exposure when investing in interest bearing securities: liquidity risk, interest rate risk and market risk (both in general and issuer specific).

The price of a single bond issue will fluctuate in accordance with the interest rate and credit markets in general, the market view of the credit risk of that particular bond issue, and the liquidity of this bond issue in the market. In spite of an underlying positive development in the Issuers business activities, the price of a bond may fall independent of this fact. Bond issues with a relatively short tenor and a floating rate coupon rate do however in general carry a lower price risk compared to loans with a longer tenor and/or with a fixed coupon rate.

A possible increase in the credit spread trading level relative to the coupon defined credit margin may relate to general changes in the market conditions and/or Issuer specific circumstances. However, under normal market circumstances the anticipated tradable credit spread will fall as the duration of the bond issue becomes shorter. In general, the price of bonds will fall when the credit spread in the market increases, and conversely the bond price will increase when the market spread decreases.

No market-maker agreement is entered into in relation to this bond issue, and the liquidity of bonds will at all times depend on the market participants view of the credit quality of the Issuer as well as established and available credit lines.

# Factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with the Bonds

The Bonds may not be a suitable investment for all investors. Each potential investor in the Bonds must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- (i) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Bonds, the merits and risks of investing in the Bonds and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Securities Note and/or Registration Document or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Bonds and the impact the Bonds will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Bonds, including where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the Bonds and be familiar with the behaviour of the financial markets; and
- (v) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

#### Risks related to Bonds in general

Set out below is a brief description of certain risks relating to the Bonds generally:

#### Modification and Waiver

The conditions of the Bonds contain provisions for calling meetings of bondholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all bondholders including bondholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and bondholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

The conditions of the Bonds also provide that the Trustee may, without the consent of bondholders, agree to (i) any modification of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of the provisions of Bonds or (ii) determine without the consent of the bondholders that any event of default or potential event of default shall not be treated as such.

# 2. Persons Responsible

# 2.1 Persons responsible for the information

Persons responsible for the information given in the Securities Note are as follows: Posten Norge AS, POBox 1500 Sentrum, N-0001 Oslo, Norway.

# 2.2 Declaration by persons responsible

#### Responsibility statement:

This Securities Note has been prepared by Posten Norge AS with a view to providing a description of relevant aspects of Posten Norge AS in connection with the Bond Issue and an investment therein. Posten Norge AS confirm, taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, that the information contained in the prospectus is, to the best of our knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

Oslo (Norway), 25 November 2015

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# 3. Detailed information about the securities

ISIN code: NO 001 0745532

The Loan/The Reference Name/The

Bonds:

"2,63% Posten Norge AS Open Bond Issue 2015/2022".

Borrower/Issuer: Posten Norge AS

Security Type: Open bond issue with fixed coupon rate.

Borrowing Limit – Tap Issue: NOK 1,000,000,000

First Tranche: NOK 350,000,000

Denomination – Each Bond: NOK 1,000,000 - each and among themselves

pari passu ranking.

Securities Form: The Bonds are electronic registered in book-entry form

with the Securities Depository.

Disbursement/Settlement/Issue Date: 28 September 2015.

Interest Bearing From and Including: Disbursement/Settlement/Issue Date.

Interest Bearing To: Maturity.

Maturity: 28 September 2022.

Coupon Rate: 2,63 per cent per annum

Day Count Fraction - Coupon: 30/360

Business Day Convention: Modified following.

If the Interest Payment Date is not a Banking Day, the Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next Banking Day. However, if this day falls in the following calendar month, the Interest Payment Date is moved to the first Banking Day preceding the original date.

Interest Payment Date: 28 September each year

#Days first term: 360 days.

Issue Price: 100 % (par value).

Yield: Dependent on the market price. 2,63% effective annual

rate to maturity at a price of 100.00

Banking Day: A day when the Norwegian Central Bank's Settlement

System is open and when Norwegian banks can settle

foreign currency transactions.

Put/Call options: Put option, see Special issues.

Amortisation: The bonds will run without installments and be repaid in

full at Maturity at par.

Redemption: Matured interest and matured principal will be credited

each Bondholder directly from the Securities Registry. Claims for interest and principal shall be limited in time Securities Note

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pursuant the Norwegian Act relating to the Limitation Period Claims of May 18 1979 no 18, p.t. 3 years for interest rates and 10 years for principal.

Status of the Loan:

The obligations of the Borrower under the Loan Agreement are not secured by any mortgage, pledge or other security. The Loan shall rank *pari passu* with all other unsubordinated indebtedness of the Issuer.

Special issues:

#### Put Option:

If at any time a Change of Control Event occurs, each Bondholder shall have a right of pre-payment ("Put Option") of bonds at par value (100%) plus accrued interest.

Change of Control Event means that the total shareholding of the government of Norway at any time becomes less than fifty one per cent (51 %) of the Issuer's total issued share capital.

The Put Option must be exercised within two months after the Borrower has notified the Bond Trustee, the Bondholders and Oslo Børs of a Change of Control Event.

Exercise of Put shall be notified by the Bondholder to its Securities Register agent no later than the last Business Day before the end of the Put Period, and the settlement of the Put shall take place on the fifth Business Day after the end of the Put Perios

#### **Negative Pledge:**

The Issuer warrants that the Issuer or its subsidiaries (the "Group") do not create or allow to exist any security on any of its assets, except for:

- (I) any security comprising a netting or set-off arrangement entered into by a member of the Group in the ordinary course of its banking arrangements for the purpose of netting debit and credit balances;
- (II) any lien arising by operation of law and in ordinary course of business;
- (III) any security on an asset, acquired by a member of the Group after the date of this Agreement but only for the period of 12 months or, in the case of an asset acquired subject to a finance lease, 12 months from the date of acquisition and to the extent that the principal amount secured by that security has not been incurred or increased in contemplation of, or since, the acquisition;
- (IV) any security created pursuant to a finance lease permitted under this Agreement; and
- (V) any security securing indebtedness in an amount which (when aggregated with the amount of any other indebtedness which has the benefit of a security not allowed under the preceding subparagraphs) does not exceed an amount equal to ten per cent. of the Total Consolidated Asset

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Value (means the aggregate value of the total consolidated assets of the Group as determined from the financial statements most recently

delivered to reflect IFRS).

Listing: At Oslo Børs.

An application for listing will be sent as soon as possible

after the prospectus has been approved by

Finanstilsynet.

Listing may take place after the Disbursement Date.

Purpose: The net proceeds of the Loan will be as used for general

corporate purposes.

Approvals: The Bonds will be issued in accordance with the

Borrower's Board approval dated 26.02.2015.

The prospectus will be sent Finanstilsynet for control and approval in relation to a listing application of the Loan.

Loan Agreement: The Loan Agreement has been entered into between the

Borrower and the Trustee. The Loan Agreement regulates the Bondholder's rights and obligations in relations with the issue. The Trustee enters into this agreement on behalf of the Bondholders and is granted authority to act on behalf of the Bondholders to the extent provided for in the Loan Agreement. See also

Loan Agreement clause 6.1.

When bonds are subscribed / purchased, the Bondholder has accepted the Loan Agreement and is bound by the

terms of the Loan Agreement.

The Loan Agreement is available through the Joint

Arrangers or from the Borrower.

Bondholders' meeting: At the Bondholders' meeting each Bondholder has one

vote for each bond he owns.

In order for the Bondholders' meeting to be able to make valid decisions, Bondholders representing at least 2/10 of the Outstanding Loan must be represented. See also

Clause 5 in the Loan Agreement.

In the event that the Bondholders present represent less than 5/10 of the Outstanding Loan, decisions may only be made by 2/3 majority of the bonds represented. If the Bondholders present represent 5/10 or more of the Outstanding Loan, valid decisions may be made by a simple majority. See clause 5 in the Loan Agreement.

For more details, see also Loan Agreement clause 5.

Availability of the Documentation: http://www.postennorge.no/

Trustee: Nordic Trustee ASA, P.O. Box 1470 Vika, 0116 Oslo,

Norway.

Joint Arrangers: Svenska Handelsbanken AB, Tjuvholmen allé 11

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Nordea Bank Norge ASA, Middelthunsgt 17, 0368 Oslo,

Norway.

Paying Agent: Nordea Bank Norge ASA, Middelthunsgt 17, 0368 Oslo,

Norway. The Paying Agent is responsible for the register.

Calculation Agent: Nordic Trustee ASA, P.O. Box 1470 Vika, 0116 Oslo,

Norway.

Securities Depository: The Securities depository in which the Loan is registered,

in accordance with the Norwegian Act of 2002 no. 64

regarding Securities depository.

On Disbursement Date the Securities Depository is Verdipapirregisteret ("VPS"), Postboks 4, 0051 OSLO.

Market-Making: There is no market-making agreement entered into in

connection with the Loan.

Reuters: Financial information electronically transmitted by the

news agency Reuters Norge AS.

Legislation under which the

Securities have been created:

Norwegian law.

Securities Note: This document. Describe the Loan as a part of the

prospectus.

Fees and Expenses: The Borrower shall pay any stamp duty and other public

fees in connection with the loan. Any public fees or taxes on sales of Bonds in the secondary market shall be paid by the Bondholders, unless otherwise decided by law or regulation. The Borrower is responsible for withholding

any withholding tax imposed by Norwegian law.

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# 4. Additional Information

The involved persons in Posten Norge AS have no interest, nor conflicting interests that are material to the Loan.

Posten Norge AS has mandated Svenska Handelsbanken AB and Nordea Bank Norge ASA as Joint Arrangers for the issuance of the Loan. The Joint Arrangers have acted as advisors to Posten Norge AS in relation to the pricing of the Loan.

#### Listing of the Loan:

The prospectus will be published in Norway.

An application for listing at Oslo Børs will be sent as soon as possible after the prospectus has been approved by Finanstilsynet. Listing fee 2015 for the Loan will be NOK 20.475,-. Registration fee will be NOK 5.350,-. Prospectus fee Securities Note will be NOK 15,600. Prospectus fee Registration Document will be NOK 60.000,-.

# 5. Appendix: Loan Agreement

# **Bond Agreement**

Entered into:	11 September 2015
between the Issuer:	Posten Norge AS
Company No.	984 661 185
and the Bond Trustee:	Nordic Trustee ASA
Company No.	963 342 624
on behalf of the Bondholders in:	2.63% Posten Norge AS Open Bond Issue 2015/2022
with ISIN:	NO0010745532

The Issuer undertakes to issue the Bonds in accordance with the terms set forth in this Bond Agreement.

# 1. Terms of the Issue

The terms of the Issue are as follows, supplemented by the definitions and clarifications set forth in Section 2:

Maximum Amount:	1 000 000 000		
Initial Amount:	350 000 000		
Face Value:	1 000 000		IIV
Currency:	NOK (Norwegian Krone)		
Issue Date:	28. September 2015		
Maturity Date:	28. September 2022		
Redemption Price:	100 % of Face Value		
Call:	NA	NA	
Put:	See Clause 3.7		
Coupon Accrual Date:	Issue Date		
Coupon:	2.63 percentage	2.63 percentage points p.a.	
Reference Rate:	NA		
Margin:	NA		
Coupon Date:	28 September each year		
Day Count Fraction:	30/360		
Additional Return:	NA		
Business Day Convention:	Modified Following Business Day		
Listing:	YES		
Exchange:	Oslo Børs		

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# 2. Clarifications and definitions

When used in this Bond Agreement, the following words and terms shall have the following meaning and definition:

Additional Return:	If YES is specified, certain conditions set forth in Attachment		
	apply regarding yield. If NA is specified, no provisions regarding		
	Additional Return apply.		
Attachment:	Any attachments to this Bond Agreement.		
Bond Agreement:	This agreement including any Attachments to which it refers, and		
	any subsequent amendments and additions agreed between the		
	parties hereto.		
Bond Trustee:	Nordic Trustee ASA or its successor(s).		
Bondholder:	Holder of Bond(s) as registered in the Securities Register.		
Bondholders' Meeting:	Meeting of Bondholders as set forth in Section 5 of this Bond		
Bondholders Meeting.	Agreement.		
Bonds:	Securities issued pursuant to this Bond Agreement and which is		
Bolids.	registered in the Securities Register, each a "Bond".		
Paris and Dozz	Any day when the Norwegian Central Bank's Settlement System is		
Business Day:	open and when Norwegian banks can settle foreign currency		
	transactions.		
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Business Day	Detail if it would otherwise fell on a day that is not a Rusiness		
Convention:	Date") if it would otherwise fall on a day that is not a Business		
	Day;		
	(i) If Modified Business Day is specified, the applicable		
	Payment Date shall be the first following Business Day.		
	(ii) If Modified Following Business Day is specified, the		
	applicable Payment Date shall be the first following		
	Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar		
	month, in which case the date shall be the first preceding		
	Business Day.		
	(iii) If No Adjustment is specified, the applicable Coupon		
	Payment Date shall not be adjusted even if that day is not a		
	Business Day (payments shall be made on the first		
	following Business Day).		
Call:	Issuer's early redemption right of Bonds at the date(s) stated (the		
	"Call Date") and corresponding price(s) (the "Call Price"), ref.		
	Clause 3.6. and 3.7. The Call Date shall be adjusted pursuant to the		
	Business Day Convention. If NA is specified, the provisions		
	regarding Call do not apply.		
Change of Control Event:	Means that the total shareholding of the government of Norway at		
Charge of Control Pacific	any time becomes less than fifty one per cent (51%) of the Issuer's		
	total issued share capital.		
Coupon:	Rate of interest applicable to the Bonds;		
Сопрои	(i) If the Coupon is stated in percentage points, the Bonds shall		
	bear interest at this rate per annum (based on the Day Count		
	Fraction set forth in Section 1), from and including the		
	Coupon Accrual Date to the Maturity Date.		
	(ii) If the Coupon is stated as Reference Rate + Margin the Bonds shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the		
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	Reference Rate + Margin (based on the Day Count Fraction		
	set forth in Section 1), from and including the Coupon		

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	Accrual Date to the first Coupon Date, and thereafter from
	and including each Coupon Date to the next Coupon Date
	until Maturity Date. If the Coupon becomes negative, the
	Coupon shall be deemed to be zero.
Coupon Accrual Date:	The date on which interest on the Bond starts to accrue. If NA is
•	specified, Coupon Accrual Date does not apply.
Coupon Date:	Date(s) on which the payment of Coupon falls due. The Coupon
•	Date shall be adjusted pursuant to the Business Day Convention.
Currency:	The currency in which the Bonds are denominated.
Day Count Fraction:	The convention for calculation of payment of Coupon.
	(i) If 30/360 is specified, the number of days in the relevant
91	coupon period shall be calculated from and including the
	Coupon Accrual Date/Coupon Date to the next Coupon
	Date on basis of a year of 360 days with 12 months of 30
	days divided by 360, unless (a) the last day in the relevant
	coupon period is the 31 <sup>st</sup> calendar day but the first day of
	the relevant coupon period is a day other than the 30 <sup>th</sup> or the
	31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes
	that last day shall not be shortened to a 30-day month, or
	(b) the last day of the relevant coupon period is the last
	calendar day in February, in which case February shall not
	be considered to be lengthened to a 30-day month.
	(ii) If Actual/360 is specified, the actual number of days in the
	relevant coupon period shall be from and including the
	Coupon Accrual Date/Coupon Date to the next Coupon
	Date. The number of days shall be divided by 360.
Event of Default:	The occurrence of an event set forth in Clause 3.8.
Exchange:	Exchange or other recognized marketplace for securities, on which
	the Issuer has, or has applied for, listing of the Bonds. If NA is
	specified, the terms of this Bond Agreement covering Exchange do
	not apply.
Face Value:	The face value of each Bond.
Financial Institution	Entity with authorization according to the Norwegian Financial
	Institution Act (1988/40)
Group:	The Issuer and any of its subsidiaries.
Initial Amount:	The amount equal to the aggregate Face Value of the Bonds
	(minimum) issued under the first Issue.
ISIN:	The identification number of the Bonds (International Securities
	Identification Number).
Issue:	Any issue of Bonds pursuant to this Bond Agreement.
Issue Date:	The date of the first Issue.
Issuer:	The person or entity that has issued the Bonds and is the borrower
2550.021	(debtor).
Issuer's Bonds:	Bonds owned by the Issuer, any party who has decisive influence
200000 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	over the Issuer, or any party over whom the Issuer has decisive
	influence.
Listing:	Indicates listing of the Bonds. If YES is specified, the Issuer shall
Disting.	submit an application in order to have the Bonds listed on the
	Exchange(s). If NO is specified, no obligation for listing applies,
	but the Issuer may, at its own discretion, apply for listing.
Margin:	Margin expressed in percentage points to be added to the
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	the Reference Rate). If NA is specified, no Margin applies.
Maturity Date:	The date on which the Bonds fall due. The Maturity Date shall be
8	adjusted pursuant to the Business Day Convention.
Maximum Amount:	Amount stating the maximum aggregate Face Value of Bonds
	which may be issued pursuant to this Bond Agreement. If NA is
	specified, the aggregate Face Value of the Bonds issued may not
	exceed the amount specified as the Initial Amount.
NIBOR:	(Norwegian Interbank Offered Rate) Interest rate fixed for a
	defined period on Oslo Børs' webpage at approximately 12.15
	Oslo time. In the event that such page is not available, has been
	removed or changed such that the quoted interest rate no longer
	represents, in the opinion of the Bond Trustee, a correct expression
	of the Reference Rate, an alternative page or other electronic
	source which in the opinion of the Bond Trustee and the Issuer
	gives the same interest rate as the initial Reference Rate shall be
	used. If this is not possible, the Bond Trustee shall calculate the
	Reference Rate based on comparable quotes from major banks in
	Oslo.
Outstanding Bonds:	The aggregate value of the total number of Bonds not redeemed or
	otherwise discharged in the Securities Register.
Devine A conti	The entity acting as registrar for the Bonds in the Securities
Paying Agent:	Register and paying agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Securities
	Register.
Put:	Bondholders' right to demand early redemption of Bonds at the
	period stated (the "Put Period") and corresponding price(s) (the
	"Put Price"), ref. Clause 3.6 and 3.7. If NA is specified, the
	provisions regarding Put do not apply.
Redemption Price:	The price, stated as a percent of the Face Value, at which the
•	Bonds shall be redeemed on the Maturity Date.
Reference Rate:	NIBOR rounded to the nearest hundredth of a percentage point on
	each Reset Date, for the period stated. If NA is specified,
	Reference Rate does not apply.
Reset Date:	Dates on which the Coupon is fixed for the subsequent coupon
	period for Bonds where Reference Rate applies. The first Reset
	Date is two Business Days before the Coupon Accrual Date.
	Thereafter the Reset Date is two Business Days prior to each
	Coupon Date.
Securities Register:	The securities register in which the Bonds are registered.
Voting Bonds:	Outstanding Bonds less Issuer's Bonds.

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# 3. Other terms of the Issue

## 3.1. The purpose of the Issue

3.1.1. The purpose of the Issue is general corporate purposes of the Issuer.

#### 3.2. Listing and prospectus

- 3.2.1. In the event that the Bonds are listed on the Exchange, matters concerning the listing requiring the approval of the Bondholders shall be resolved pursuant to the terms of this Bond Agreement.
- 3.2.2. In the event that the Bonds are listed on the Exchange, the Issuer shall submit the documents and the information necessary to maintain the listing.
- 3.2.3. The Issuer shall ensure that this Bond Agreement shall be incorporated in any prospectus and other subscription or information materials related to the Bonds.

#### 3.3. Status

3.3.1. The Issuers payment obligations under this Bond Agreement shall rank ahead of all subordinated payment obligations of the Issuer and shall rank at least pari passu with all the Issuer's other obligations, save for (i) secured obligations to the extent they are secured and (ii) obligations which are mandatorily preferred by law.

#### 3.4. Security

3.4.1. The Bonds are unsecured.

#### 3.5. Covenants

- 3.5.1. The Issuer undertakes not to (either in one action or as several actions, voluntarily or involuntarily):
  - (a) sell or otherwise dispose of all or parts of its assets or business,
  - (b) change the nature of its business, or
  - (c) merge, demerge or in any other way restructure its business,

if such action will materially and adversely affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under this Bond Agreement.

- 3.5.2. For information covenants see Clause 4.7.
- 3.5.3. The Issuer warrants that the Issuer or any other company of the Group do not create or allow to exist any security on any of its assets, except for:
  - (a) any security comprising a netting or set-off arrangement entered into by a member of the Group in the ordinary course of its banking arrangements for the purpose of netting debit and credit balances;
  - (b) any lien arising by operation of law and in ordinary course of business;
  - (c) any security on an asset, acquired by a member of the Group after the date of this Agreement but only for the period of 12 months or, in the case of an asset acquired subject to a finance lease, 12 months from the date of acquisition and to the extent

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- that the principal amount secured by that security has not been incurred or increased in contemplation of, or since, the acquisition;
- (d) any security created pursuant to a finance lease permitted under this Agreement; and
- (e) any security securing indebtedness in an amount which (when aggregated with the amount of any other indebtedness which has the benefit of a security not allowed under the preceding sub-paragraphs) does not exceed an amount equal to ten per cent. of the Total Consolidated Asset Value (means the aggregate value of the total consolidated assets of the Group as determined from the financial statements most recently delivered to reflect IFRS.)

## 3.6. Payments

- 3.6.1. On each Coupon Date the Issuer shall in arrears pay the accrued Coupon amount to the Bondholders.
- 3.6.2. On the Maturity Date the Issuer shall pay in respect of each Bond the Face Value multiplied by the Redemption Price to the Bondholders.
- 3.6.3. On the Maturity Date the Issuer shall pay any Additional Return (if applicable) to the Bondholders.
- 3.6.4. The Issuer may not apply any counterclaims in set-off against its payment obligations pursuant to this Bond Agreement.
- 3.6.5. If exercising Call or Put, the Issuer shall at the relevant date indicated under Call or Put pay to the Bondholders the Face Value of the Bonds to be redeemed multiplied by the relevant price for the relevant date plus accrued Coupon on the redeemed Bonds.
- 3.6.6. Amounts payable to the Bondholders by the Issuer shall be available to the Bondholders on the date the amount is due pursuant to this Bond Agreement.
- 3.6.7. In the event that the Issuer has not fulfilled its payment obligations pursuant to this Bond Agreement, regardless of whether an Event of Default has been declared or not, interest shall accrue on the amount due at the higher of:
  - (a) the seven day NIBOR plus 3.0 percentage points (to be fixed two Business Days before due date and thereafter weekly), and
  - (b) the applicable Coupon at the due date plus 3.0 percentage points.

Default interest shall be added to the amount due on a monthly basis and accrue interest together with this (compound interest).

#### 3.7. Exercise of Put

- 3.7.1. If at any time a Change of Control Event occurs, each Bondholder shall have a right of pre-payment ("Put Option") of bonds at par value (100%) plus accrued interest.
- 3.7.1. The Put Option must be exercised within two months after the Borrower has given notification as set out in Clause 4.7.1 (j).
- 3.7.2. Exercise of Put shall be notified by the Bondholder to its Securities Register agent no later than the last Business Day before the end of the Put Period, and the settlement of the Put shall take place the fifth Business Day after the end of the Put Period.

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#### 3.8. Events of default

- 3.8.1. The Bond Trustee may declare the Bonds to be in default upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
  - (a) the Issuer fails to fulfil any payment obligation pursuant to Clause 3.6 unless, in the opinion of the Bond Trustee, it is obvious that such failure will be remedied, and payment is made, within 5 five Business Days following the original due date,
  - (b) the Issuer fails to duly perform any other substantial obligation pursuant to this Bond Agreement, unless, in the opinion of the Bond Trustee, it is obvious that such failure will be remedied and is remedied within 10 ten Business Days from the date the Issuer became aware thereof.
  - (c) the Issuer or any other company of the Group fails to fulfil any other financial indebtedness (including any guarantee liabilities), which is or could be declared due and repayable prior to its specified maturity as a result of an event of default, provided that the aggregate amount of such financial indebtedness exceeds the higher of EUR 10 000 000 (EURO ten million) or 1% of the Issuer's book equity (latest audited accounts),
  - (d) the Issuer becomes subject to insolvency or enforcement proceedings, is taken under public administration, enters into debt negotiations, admit to insolvency or if a substantial proportion of the Issuer's assets are impounded, confiscated or subject to distraint,
  - (e) the Issuer is resolved to be dissolved,
  - (f) the Issuer has in respect of the Bonds or this Bond Agreement (in the reasonable discretion of the Bond Trustee) in any material respect made any incorrect or misleading – or otherwise failed to make – representation, warranty, statement or certificate of compliance, or
  - (g) the Issuer is in a situation which, in the reasonable opinion of the Bond Trustee, after consultations with the Issuer, provides reason to assume that the Issuer will be unable to fulfil its obligations under this Bond Agreement.

## 4. Other terms and conditions

#### 4.1. Conditions precedent

- 4.1.1. The Bond Trustee shall have received the following documentation, no later than 2 two Business Days prior to the Issue Date:
  - (a) this Bond Agreement duly signed,
  - (b) the Issuer's corporate resolution to make the Issue,
  - (c) confirmation that the relevant individuals are authorised to sign on behalf of the Issuer this Bond Agreement and other relevant documents in relation hereto, (Company Certificate, Power of Authority etc.),
  - (d) the Issuer's Articles of Association,
  - (e) confirmation that the requirements set forth in Chapter 7 of the Norwegian Securities Trading Act (prospectus requirements) are fulfilled,
  - (f) to the extent necessary, any public authorisations required for the Issue,
  - (g) confirmation that the Bonds have been registered in the Securities Register,
  - (h) any agreement regarding the Bond Trustee's fees and expenses as set forth in Clause 4.9.2 duly signed,

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- (i) confirmation according to Clause 4.2.2 if applicable,
- (i) any other relevant documentation presented in relation to the Issue, and
- (k) any statements (including legal opinions) required by the Bond Trustee regarding documentation in this Clause 4.1.1.
- 4.1.2. The Bond Trustee may, in its reasonable opinion, waive the deadline or requirements for the documentation as set forth in Clause 4.1.1.
- 4.1.3. The Issuance of the Bonds is subject to the Bond Trustee's written notice to the Issuer, the manager of the Issue and the Paying Agent that the documents have been controlled and that the required conditions precedent are fulfilled.

#### 4.2. Representations and warranties

- 4.2.1. At any Issue, the Issuer represents and warrants that:
  - (a) all information which has been presented in relation to such Issue is, to the best knowledge of the Issuer, in accordance with the facts and contains no omissions likely to effect the importance of the information as regards the evaluation of the Bonds, and that the Issuer has taken all reasonable measures to ensure this,
  - (b) the Issuer has made a valid resolution to make such Issue, and such Issue does not contravene any of the Issuer's other liabilities, and
  - (c) public requirements have been fulfilled (i.a. Norwegian Securities Trading Act Chapter 7), and that any required public authorisations have been obtained.
- 4.2.2. The Bond Trustee may prior to any Issue require a statement from the Issuer confirming the Issuer's compliance with Clause 4.2.1.

#### 4.3. Tap Issues (subsequent Issues)

- 4.3.1. If Maximum Amount is applicable (Section 1), the Issuer may make subsequent Issues ("Tap Issues") up to the Maximum Amount, provided that
  - (a) the Tap Issue is made no later than five 5 Business Days prior to the Maturity Date, and that
  - (b) all conditions set forth in Clauses 4.1.1 and 4.2.1 are still valid.

    Each Tap Issue requires written confirmation from the Bond Trustee, unless (i) the Issuer is a Financial Institution and (ii) the Bonds constitute (senior) unsecured indebtedness of the Issuer (i.e. not subordinated).
- 4.3.2. The Issuer may, upon written confirmation from the Bond Trustee, increase the Maximum Amount. The Bondholders and the Exchange shall be notified of any increase in the Maximum Amount.

#### 4.4. Registration of Bonds

4.4.1. The Issuer shall continuously ensure the correct registration of the Bonds in the Securities Register.

### 4.5. Interest Rate Fixing

4.5.1. If, pursuant to this Bond Agreement, the Coupon shall be adjusted during the term of the Bonds, any adjustments shall be carried out by the Bond Trustee. The Bondholders, the

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Issuer, the Paying Agent and the Exchange shall be notified of the new Coupon applicable until the next Coupon Date.

## 4.6. The Issuer's acquisition of Bonds

4.6.1. The Issuer has the right to acquire Bonds and to retain, sell or discharge such Bonds in the Securities Register.

#### 4.7. Information covenants

#### 4.7.1. The Issuer undertakes to:

- a) without being requested to do so, inform the Bond Trustee promptly of any Event of Default pursuant to this Bond Agreement, and of any situation which the Issuer understands or should understand could lead to an Event of Default,
- b) without being requested to do so, inform the Bond Trustee of any other event which may have a material effect on the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations pursuant to this Bond Agreement,
- without being requested to do so, inform the Bond Trustee if the Issuer intends to sell
  or dispose of all or a substantial part of its assets or operations or change the nature of
  its business,
- d) upon request, provide the Bond Trustee with its annual and interim reports and any other information reasonably required by the Bond Trustee,
- e) upon request report to the Bond Trustee the balance of Issuer's Bonds,
- f) without being requested to do so, provide a copy to the Bond Trustee of any notice to its creditors to be made according to applicable laws and regulations,
- g) without being requested to do so, send a copy to the Bond Trustee of notices to the Exchange which have relevance to the Issuer's liabilities pursuant to this Bond Agreement,
- h) without being requested to do so, inform the Bond Trustee of changes in the registration of the Bonds in the Securities Register,
- i) annually in connection with the release of its annual report, and upon request, confirm to the Bond Trustee compliance with any covenants set forth in this Bond Agreement, see Clause 3.5.3, and
- j) immediately notify the Bond Trustee and the Bondholders if a Change of Control Event takes place.

#### 4.8. Notices

- 4.8.1. Written notices, warnings, summons etc to the Bondholders made by the Bond Trustee shall be sent via the Securities Register with a copy to the Issuer and the Exchange.

  Information to the Bondholders may also be published at the web site www.stamdata.no.
- 4.8.2. The Issuer's written notifications to the Bondholders shall be sent via the Bond Trustee, alternatively through the Securities Register with a copy to the Bond Trustee and the Exchange.

## 4.9. Expenses

4.9.1. The Issuer shall cover all its own expenses in connection with this Bond Agreement and the fulfillment of its obligations hereunder, including the preparation of this Bond

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- Agreement, listing of the Bonds on the Exchange, and the registration and administration of the Bonds in the Securities Register.
- 4.9.2. The expenses and fees payable to the Bond Trustee shall be paid by the Issuer. For Financial Institutions, and Norwegian governmental issuers, annual fee will be determined according to applicable fee structure and the terms and conditions presented at the Trustee's web site (www.trustee.no) at the Issue Date, unless otherwise is agreed with the Trustee. For other issuers a separate fee agreement will be entered into. Fees and expenses payable to the Bond Trustee which, due to insolvency or similar by the Issuer, are not reimbursed in any other way may be covered by making an equivalent reduction in the payments to the Bondholders.
- 4.9.3. Any public fees payable in connection with this Bond Agreement and fulfilling of the obligations pursuant to this Bond Agreement shall be covered by the Issuer. The Issuer is not responsible for reimbursing any public fees levied on the trading of Bonds.
- 4.9.4. The Issuer is responsible for withholding any withholding tax imposed by Norwegian law.

# 5. Bondholders' Meeting

# 5.1. Authority of the Bondholders' Meeting

5.1.1. The Bondholders' Meeting represents the supreme authority of the Bondholders' community in all matters regarding the Bonds. If a resolution by or an approval of the Bondholders is required, such resolution shall be passed at a Bondholders' Meeting. Resolutions passed at Bondholders' Meetings shall be binding and prevail for all Bonds.

## 5.2. Procedural rules for the Bondholders' Meeting

- 5.2.1. A Bondholders' Meeting shall be held at the request of:
  - (a) the Issuer,
  - (b) Bondholders representing at least 1/10 of the Voting Bonds,
  - (c) the Bond Trustee, or
  - (d) the Exchange.
- 5.2.2. The Bondholders' Meeting shall be summoned by the Bond Trustee. A request for a Bondholders' Meeting shall be made in writing to the Bond Trustee, and shall clearly state the matters to be discussed.
- 5.2.3. If the Bond Trustee has not summoned a Bondholders' Meeting within 10 ten Business Days after having received such a request, then the requesting party may summon the Bondholders' Meeting itself.
- 5.2.4. Summons to a Bondholders' Meeting shall be dispatched no later than 10 ten Business Days prior to the Bondholders' Meeting. The summons and a confirmation of each Bondholder's holdings of Bonds shall be sent to all Bondholders registered in the Securities Register at the time of distribution. The summons shall also be sent to the Exchange for publication.
- 5.2.5. The summons shall specify the agenda of the Bondholders' Meeting. The Bond Trustee may in the summons also set forth other matters on the agenda than those requested. If

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- amendments to this Bond Agreement have been proposed, the main content of the proposal shall be stated in the summons.
- 5.2.6. The Bond Trustee may restrict the Issuer to make any changes in the number of Voting Bonds in the period from distribution of the summons until the Bondholders' Meeting.
- 5.2.7. Matters that have not been reported to the Bondholders in accordance with the procedural rules for summoning of a Bondholders' Meeting may only be adopted with the approval of all Voting Bonds.
- 5.2.8. The Bondholders' Meeting shall be held on premises designated by the Bond Trustee. The Bondholders' Meeting shall be opened and shall, unless otherwise decided by the Bondholders' Meeting, be chaired by the Bond Trustee. If the Bond Trustee is not present, the Bondholders' Meeting shall be opened by a Bondholder, and be chaired by a representative elected by the Bondholders' Meeting.
- 5.2.9. Minutes of the Bondholders' Meeting shall be kept. The minutes shall state the number of Bondholders represented at the Bondholders' Meeting, the resolutions passed at the meeting, and the result of the voting. The minutes shall be signed by the chairman and at least one other person elected by the Bondholders' Meeting. The minutes shall be deposited with the Bond Trustee and shall be available to the Bondholders.
- 5.2.10. The Bondholders, the Bond Trustee and representatives of the Exchange have the right to attend the Bondholders' Meeting. The chairman may grant access to the meeting to other parties, unless the Bondholders' Meeting decides otherwise. Bondholders may attend by a representative holding proxy. Bondholders have the right to be assisted by an advisor. In case of dispute the chairman shall decide who may attend the Bondholders' Meeting and vote for the Bonds.
- 5.2.11. Representatives of the Issuer have the right to attend the Bondholders' Meeting. The Bondholders' Meeting may resolve that the Issuer's representatives may not participate in particular matters. The Issuer has the right to be present under the voting.

## 5.3. Resolutions passed at Bondholders' Meetings

- 5.3.1. At the Bondholders' Meeting each Bondholder may cast one vote for each Voting Bond owned at close of business on the day prior to the date of the Bondholders' Meeting in accordance with the records registered in the Securities Register. Whoever opens the Bondholders' Meeting shall adjudicate any question concerning which Bonds shall count as Issuer's Bonds. Issuer's Bonds have no voting rights.
- 5.3.2. In all matters to be dealt with at the Bondholders' Meeting, the Issuer, the Bond Trustee and any Bondholder have the right to demand vote by ballot. In case of parity of votes, the chairman shall have the deciding vote, regardless of the chairman being a Bondholder or not.
- 5.3.3. In order to form a quorum, at least half (1/2) of the Voting Bonds must be represented at the meeting, see however Clause 5.4. Even if less than half (1/2) of the Voting Bonds are represented, the Bondholders' Meeting shall be held and voting completed.
- 5.3.4. Resolutions shall be passed by simple majority of the votes at the Bondholders' Meeting, unless otherwise set forth in clause 5.3.5.
- 5.3.5. In the following matters, a majority of at least 2/3 of the votes is required:

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- (a) any amendment of the terms of this Bond Agreement regarding the Coupon, the tenor, redemption price and other terms and conditions affecting the cash flow of the Bonds.
- (b) the transfer of rights and obligations of this Bond Agreement to another issuer (borrower), or
- (c) change of Bond Trustee.
- 5.3.6. The Bondholders' Meeting may not adopt resolutions which may give certain Bondholders or others an unreasonable advantage at the expense of other Bondholders.
- 5.3.7. The Bond Trustee shall ensure that resolutions passed at the Bondholders' Meeting are properly implemented.
- 5.3.8. The Issuer, the Bondholders and the Exchange shall be notified of resolutions passed at the Bondholders' Meeting.

## 5.4. Repeated Bondholders' Meeting

- 5.4.1. If the Bondholders' Meeting does not form a quorum pursuant to Clause 5.3.3, a repeated Bondholders' Meeting may be summoned to vote on the same matters. The attendance and the voting result of the first Bondholders' Meeting shall be specified in the summons for the repeated Bondholders' Meeting.
- 5.4.2. When a matter is tabled for discussion at a repeated Bondholders' Meeting, a valid resolution may be passed even though less than half (1/2) of the Voting Bonds are represented.

### 6. The Bond Trustee

## 6.1. The role and authority of the Bond Trustee

- 6.1.1. The Bond Trustee shall monitor the compliance by the Issuer of its obligations under this Bond Agreement and applicable laws and regulations which are relevant to the terms of this Bond Agreement, including supervision of timely and correct payment of principal or interest, informing the Bondholders, the Paying Agent and the Exchange of relevant information which is obtained and received in its capacity as Bond Trustee (however this shall not restrict the Bond Trustee from discussing matters of confidentiality with the Issuer), arrange Bondholders' Meetings, and make the decisions and implement the measures resolved pursuant to this Bond Agreement. The Bond Trustee is not obligated to assess the Issuer's financial situation beyond what is directly set forth in this Bond Agreement.
- 6.1.2. The Bond Trustee may take any step necessary to ensure the rights of the Bondholders in all matters pursuant to the terms of this Bond Agreement. The Bond Trustee may postpone taking action until such matter has been put forward to the Bondholders' Meeting.
- 6.1.3. The Bond Trustee may reach decisions binding for all Bondholders concerning this Bond Agreement, including amendments to the Bond Agreement, which, in the opinion of the Bond Trustee, do not have a material adverse effect on the rights or interests of the Bondholders pursuant to this Bond Agreement, see however Clause 6.1.5.



- 6.1.4. The Bond Trustee may reach decisions binding for all Bondholders in circumstances other than those mentioned in Clause 6.1.3 provided prior notification to the Bondholders is given, see however Clause 6.1.5. Such notice shall contain a proposal of the amendment and the Bond Trustee's evaluation. Further, such notification shall state that the Bond Trustee may not reach a decision binding for all Bondholders in the event that any Bondholder submits a written protest against the proposal within a deadline set by the Bond Trustee. Such deadline may not be less than five (5) Business Days after the date of such notification.
- 6.1.5. The Bond Trustee may not reach decisions pursuant to Clauses 6.1.3 or 6.1.4 for matters set forth in Clause 5.3.5 except to rectify obvious incorrectness, vagueness or incompleteness.
- 6.1.6. The Bond Trustee may not adopt resolutions which may give certain Bondholders or others an unreasonable advantage at the expense of other Bondholders.
- 6.1.7. The Issuer, the Bondholders and the Exchange shall be notified of decisions made by the Bond Trustee pursuant to Clause 6.1 unless such notice obviously is unnecessary.
- 6.1.8. The Bondholders' Meeting can decide to replace the Bond Trustee without the Issuer's approval, as provided for in Clause 5.3.5.

#### 6.2. Event of Default, termination and recovery

- 6.2.1. If an Event of Default occurs, the Bond Trustee may take any action it deems necessary in order to protect the interests of the Bondholders, including declaring the Bonds to be in default, revoking this Bond Agreement and declaring the Bonds plus accrued interest and expenses due for payment, and initiating recovery of all amounts outstanding under this Bond Agreement.
- 6.2.2. Should the Bond Trustee receive a written demand to take action as set forth in Clause 6.2.1 from Bondholders representing at least 1/5 of Voting Bonds, the Bond Trustee shall take such actions unless the Bondholders' Meeting has passed a resolution for alternative solutions,
- 6.2.3. The Bond Trustee shall be indemnified by the Bondholders for any results (including any expenses, costs and liabilities) of taking action pursuant to Clause 6.2.2 or pursuant to the Bondholders' Meeting having declared the Bonds to be in default. The Bond Trustee may claim indemnity and security from the Bondholders who put forward the demand in accordance with clause 6.2.2 or voted for the adopted resolution at the Bondholders' Meeting.

#### 6.3. Liability and indemnity

- 6.3.1. The Bond Trustee is liable only for direct losses incurred by Bondholders or the Issuer as a result of negligence or wilful misconduct by the Bond Trustee in performing its functions and duties as set forth in this Bond Agreement. The Bond Trustee is not liable for the content of information provided to the Bondholders on behalf of the Issuer.
- 6.3.2. The Issuer is liable for and shall indemnify the Bond Trustee fully in respect of all direct losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by the Bond Trustee as a result of negligence by the Issuer to fulfill its obligations under the terms of this Bond Agreement, including losses incurred by the Bond Trustee as a result of the Bond Trustee's actions based on

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misrepresentations made by the Issuer in connection with the establishment and performance of this Bond Agreement.

### 6.4. Change of Bond Trustee

- 6.4.1. Change of Bond Trustee shall be carried out pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 5. The Bond Trustee shall continue to carry out its duties as bond trustee until such time that a new Bond Trustee is elected.
- 6.4.2. The fees and expenses of a new bond trustee shall be covered by the Issuer pursuant to the terms set out in Clause 4.9, but may be recovered wholly or partially from the Bond Trustee if the change is due to a breach of the Bond Trustee duties pursuant to the terms of this Bond Agreement or other circumstances for which the Bond Trustee is liable.
- 6.4.3. The Bond Trustee undertakes to co-operate so that the new bond trustee receives without undue delay following the Bondholders' Meeting the documentation and information necessary to perform the functions as set forth under the terms of this Bond Agreement.

# 7. General provisions

### 7.1. The Bondholders' community

- 7.1.1. Through their subscription, purchase or other transfer of Bonds, the Bondholders will be deemed to have acceded to this Bond Agreement and hereby accept that:
  - (a) the Bondholders are bound by the terms of this Bond Agreement,
  - (b) the Bond Trustee has power and authority to act on behalf of the Bondholders,
  - (c) the Bond Trustee has, in order to administrate the terms of this Bond Agreement, access to the Securities Register to review ownership of Bonds registered in the Securities Register,
  - (d) this Bond Agreement establishes a community between Bondholders meaning that;
    - (i) the Bonds rank pari passu between each other,
    - (ii) the Bondholders may not, based on this Bond Agreement, act directly towards the Issuer and may not themselves institute legal proceedings against the Issuer,
    - (iii) the Issuer may not, based on this Bond Agreement, act directly towards the Bondholders.
    - (iv) the Bondholders may not cancel the Bondholders' community, and that
    - (v) the individual Bondholder may not resign from the Bondholders' community.
- 7.1.2. This Bond Agreement shall be publicly available from the Bond Trustee or the Issuer.

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- 7.2. Dispute resolution and legal venue
- 7.2.1. Disputes arising out of or in connection with this Bond Agreement which are not resolved amicably shall be resolved in accordance with Norwegian law in the Oslo District Court.
- 7.3. Amendments
- 7.3.1. Amendments of this Bond Agreement may only be made with the approval of the parties to this Agreement, with the exception of amendments as set forth under Clause 6.1.8.
- 7.4. Contact information
- 7.4.1. The Issuer and the Bond Trustee shall ensure that the other party is kept informed of any changes in its postal address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers and contact persons.

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