



Q1 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT



# About N0r5ke Viking I AS

Nor5ke Viking I AS (the "Company") is a fully owned subsidiary of Nor5ke Fibre AS, a digital infrastructure company founded in 2017 and based in Oslo, Norway. The Company was established 20 October 2021 as a legal entity to build, own and operate "Nor5ke Viking", an 810 km subsea cable along the western coast of Norway between Bergen and Trondheim. The cable contains 192 dark fibers for lease, significantly increasing regional connectivity to important national and international fiber/data transportation hubs. Dark fiber is the name of the physical fiber cable infrastructure that lays the foundation for international data traffic and our digital economy. Some 99% of the worlds data and internet traffic is transported via subsea cables.

### CEO Comments on 1st Quarter 2023

After finalising the construction work ahead of our 15 December 2022 target date, we shifted our focus towards operationalising the network and customer onboarding.

First IRU payment and recurring Operation and Maintenance ("O/M") fees have been received as we have successfully onboarded our first customer. Further IRU customers are scheduled to be be onboarded during April and May, which is somewhat delayed from our initial schedule. The delay is due to that the contractor for the southern part of the network needed more time to meet our strict quality requirements regarding fiber splicing and measurement.

In terms of operationalisation, we have signed necessary O/M agreements with qualified and certified suppliers of 24/7 Network Operation Center ("NOC") services for our fiber network and technical installations, standby cable vessel with equipment and personnel for subsea repairs, standby personnel and equipment for terrestrial duct and fiber repairs, as well as personnel for periodic inspection and maintenance of telco huts and landing-sites. We have procured and are stocking spare subsea cable and bespoke subsea cable repair joints.

We are pleased with the overall progress per 31 March 2023.

Stig Salater, CEO





## Business update

- Through IRU customer onboarding, the Company has achieved sales revenues of NOK 0.8 million for the quarter. Note- the lump-sum IRU contract payments are subject to accrual accounting over the contract lifetime.
- The Company is in constructive dialog with further prospect customers for dark fiber lease on parts of N0r5ke Viking, these contracts are expected to materialise during H1 2023.
- In 2022 the Company successfully qualified to take part in two public tenders initiated by large Norwegian public entities with a need to lease dark fiber between Bergen and Trondheim. The RFP process for one of these entities has been initiated, with deadlines for relevant information to be handed in during H1 2023 and dark fiber allocations expected in H1 2024.
- NOr5ke Fibre AS ("NOr5ke Fibre"), the parent company of NOr5ke Viking I AS, sees increasing demand and need for redundant long-haul fiber in Norway to accommodate the growth in international data traffic. Thus, NOr5ke Fibre is working on detailed plans and permitting for further subsea- and terrestrial fiber network build out between Bergen and Oslo and between Oslo and Trondheim. This is supported by the recent announcement by Green Mountain Data Centers to build a purpose-built data center of up to 150 MW for an international social media company at Hamar, only 1.5 hours north of Oslo.

# Financial update

- Approximately NOK 160.2 million has now been paid out against a budget of NOK 166.2 million.
  As a consequence, the remaining budget is approximately NOK 6.0 million.
- The NOK construction account has per 31 March 2023 a holding of approximately NOK 28.0 million, and as such a solid buffer vs the remaining budget.
- The quarterly bond coupon of 11.36% p.a. was paid from the debt service account as scheduled on 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2023. The debt service account balance following the payment was NOK 1.5 million.
- The interest rate for the next quarterly coupon was set to 11.24% p.a. for payment on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2023.
- In addition to the Company's liquidity buffer, the Guarantor N0r5ke Fibre AS holds further cash of approximately NOK 5.2 million.
- The pre-tax loss for the quarter is NOK 3.8 million.





# Statement by the board of directors and executive management

The Board of Directors and the Executive Management have today reviewed and approved the interim report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2023 of N0r5ke Viking I AS. We believe, to the best of our knowledge, that the financial statements presented in this report, gives a fair representation of the Company's financial position of assets and liabilities and the profits earned for this quarter. Furthermore, in our opinion, the report gives a fair representation of the Company's activities as well as a fair description of the material risks and uncertainties which the Company is currently facing.

Oslo, 13.04.2023

**Executive Management** 

Stig Salater, CEO N0r5ke Fibre AS

**Board of Directors** 

Anders Vik, Chairman of the Board





# Unaudited quarterly financial statements

| Balance sheet                           | 31.03.2023 | 31.12.2022 |
|---|------------|------------|
| Numbers in NOK 1,000                    |            |            |
| Assets                                  |            |            |
| Fixed assets                            |            |            |
| Tangible fixed assets                   |            |            |
| Land, buildings and other real property | 166'884    | 159'567    |
| Sum tangible fixed assets               | 166'884    | 159'567    |
| Financial fixed assets                  |            |            |
| Other receivables                       | 2'797      | 3'227      |
| Total financial fixed assets            | 2'797      | 3'227      |
| Sum fixed assets                        | 169'681    | 162'795    |
| Current assets                          |            |            |
| Receivables                             |            |            |
| Accounts receivable from customers      | 8'694      | -          |
| Other debtors                           | 18         | 9'057      |
| Sum receivables                         | 8'712      | 9'057      |
| Bank deposits, cash etc.                |            |            |
| Bank deposits, cash etc.                | 29'500     | 35'311     |
| Sum Bank deposits, cash etc.            | 29'500     | 35'311     |
| Sum current assets                      | 38'212     | 44'368     |
| Sum assets                              | 207'894    | 207'163    |
| Equities and liabilities                |            |            |
| Equity                                  |            |            |
| Paid-in capital                         |            |            |
| Subscribed capital                      | 680        | 680        |
| Other paid-in capital                   | 45'352     | 45'352     |
| Unregistered share capital increase     | -30        | -30        |
| Sum paid-in capital                     | 46'002     | 46'002     |
| Retained earnings                       |            |            |
| Undistributed profit/loss 2023          | -3'898     |            |
| Sum retained earnings                   | -3'898     | -          |
| Sum equity                              | 42'104     | 46'002     |
| Liabilities                             |            |            |
| Other long-term liabilities             |            |            |
| Bond loans                              | 150'000    | 150'000    |
| Sum other long-term liabilities         | 150'000    | 150'000    |
| Current liabilities                     |            |            |
| Accounts payable                        | 5'047      | 6'996      |
| Public duties payable                   | 35         |            |
| Other short-term liabilities            | 10'708     | 4'165      |
| Sum current liabilities                 | 15'790     | 11'161     |
| Sum liabilities                         | 165'790    | 161'161    |
| Sum equities and liabilities            | 207'894    | 207'163    |





| Income statement                | 31.03.2023 | 31.12.2022 |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Numbers in NOK 1,000            |            |            |
| Sales reveue                    | 884        | -          |
| Deffered income                 | -          | -          |
| Total operating income          | 884        | -          |
| Other operating expenses        | -161       | -583       |
| Sum operating expenses          | -161       | -583       |
| Result of operations            | 723        | -583       |
| Other financial income          | 56         | 1'923      |
| Total financial income          | 56         | 1'923      |
| Other interest charge           | -4231      | -14'878    |
| Other financial expences        | -446       | -1'881     |
| Total financial expenses        | -4'677     | -16'759    |
| Net financial income/expenses   | -4'621     | -14'836    |
| Ordinary profit/loss before tax | -3'898     | -15'420    |
| Ordinary profit/loss            | -3'898     | -15'420    |
| Undistributed profit/loss       | -3'898     | -15'420    |

| Cash flow statement                              | 31.03.2023 | 31.12.2022 |
|--|------------|------------|
| Numbers in NOK 1,000                             |            |            |
| Profit/(loss) before taxation                    | -3'898     | -15'420    |
| Depreciation and amortisation                    | -          | -          |
| Changes in accounts receivables                  | -8'694     | -          |
| Changes in accounts payables                     | -1'949     | -17'308    |
| Changes in other current receivables/liabilities | 16'048     | 58'263     |
| Cash flow from operating activities              | 1'507      | 25'535     |
| СарЕх  | -7'316     | -134'611   |
| Cash flow from investing activities              | -7'316     | -134'611   |
| Proceeds from new shares issue                   | -          | -395       |
| Proceeds from long-term debt                     | -          | -          |
| Repayment of debt                                | -          | -          |
| Dividends  | -          | -          |
| Cash flow from financing activities              | -          | -395       |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents          | -5'810     | -109'472   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at start of the period | 35'311     | 144'783    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period   | 29'500     | 35'311     |





# General accounting principles

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting Act and associated regulations, as well as generally accepted accounting practice. In preparing these interim financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.





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