# CLEMENS KRAFTVERK Q2 2023 INTERIM REPORT





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# CLEMENS KRAFT AT A GLANCE

# OUR HISTORY

Clemens Kraft Group is a leading small scale hydro power producer in Norway and has since 2006 developed, constructed and operated small scale hydro power. The portfolio consists of 52 plants in operation including five power plants in owned associated companies.

Clemens Kraft is founded on the deep roots of Norwegian hydropower tradition with long term industrial horizon. The two solid owners, Opplysningsvesenets fond (Ovf) hold 50.1% and CPV/CAP Pension fund of Coop Group Switzerland hold 49.9% of the shares.

# OUR BUSINESS

Hydropower is a renewable and clean source of energy with no direct climate gas emission or pollution from the powerplants. Clemens Kraft deliver 100% renewable energy through local small hydropower production facilities utilizing water from rivers and streams in the most optimal way. To meet increasing demand for renewable energy and at same time be able to meet the governmental ambition of net zero climate emissions in 2050, there is a need to develop more renewable energy whilst considering the environment and biodiversity preservation.



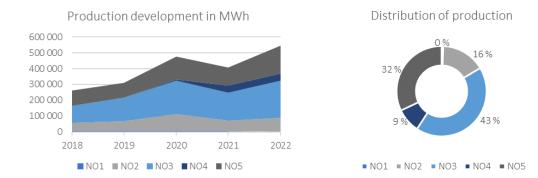
Graphic includes gross values from all portfolio plants, including those owned by associated companies

Landowners and local communities are crucial to Clemens Kraft continued business and a good dialogue with local landowners and reindeer herders is important to get acceptance for utilization of natural water resources for power needed by the society.

Clemens Kraft is following the regulations from the Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate supporting principles of sustainable development. The sustainability approach is important with regards to both projects and production of assets. The increasing risk of flooding and land slides due to an increase of heavy rainfall episodes, is part of the project planning and will be a mitigating factor for possible damages.

Requirements with regards to environment as minimum water flow and bypass of water is important to comply and will be of importance when planning, engineering and operation of the power plants. Clemens Kraft facilitate clean water and hatchery when relevant.

The 52 power plants are spread over all the five price areas in Norway and thus comprise a natural hedge against price volatility and natural production variations. Recent history, and 2022 presented below.



The dedicated team operating the power plants, has a strong focus on plant efficiency and low costs. The model where the operations team divide the different power plants between themselves with established work shift schedules for continuous surveillance is working very well. As the portfolio has increased in recent years there has also been an aim to reduce manual work by implementing digital operations exemplified by the use of remote-control solutions and installations of automated trash rack cleaners. The focus on continuous improvement is a never-ending focus, not only for the power plant operators, but for the entire Clemens Kraft.

Please visit our web site for more information about Clemens Kraft, including our latest Annual and Transparency Act Reports.

## OUR VALUES

Clemens Kraft renewed the values during 2022 and established the three groups of values as the following.

CREDIBLE & RELIABLE COURAG

ENGAGED & COURAGEOUS VALUE CREATING & SUSTAINABLE FOCUSED

## **OUR VISION**

Clemens Kraft contribute to Norway's shift towards sustainable energy sources and safeguard the environment, local communities and people. In 2022 Clemens Kraft established the vision:

A GREENER AND MORE SUSTAINABLE POWER PRODUCER

# **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

We confirm that the financial statements for the second quarter of 2023, to the best of our knowledge, have been prepared in accordance with the applicable accounting standards (NGAAP) and that the accounts give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and results of operations, and that the information in the report includes a fair review of the development, performance and position of the Clemens Kraftverk Group.

#### Oslo, 22 August 2023

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# SECOND QUARTER 2023

# **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

Clemens Kraftverk operated 52 plants as of Q2 2023, including five plants owned by associated companies.

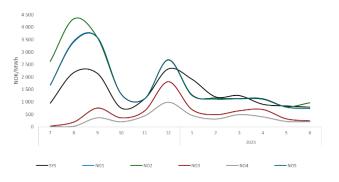
Total revenue for Q2 2023 was NOK 124.5 million (Q2 2022: 148.2 million). Included in the other operating income of NOK 6.6 million negative is NOK 7.2 million in high price contribution fees reducing the Group's operating income. Total operating income year to date is NOK 186.2 million compared with NOK 188 million in the first six months of 2022.

The operating result for the quarter was NOK 63.7 million (NOK 92.2 million). EBITDA for the quarter was NOK 79.6 million (NOK 104.9 million). Net of financial items and tax the net profit ended at NOK 23.5 million (NOK 56.8 million) for the quarter.

After having very high prices (for Southern Norway) in 2022 both in average and in peaks, 2023 has been more modest prices with less volatility. However, still high for certain areas in a historical perspective.

Compared with the overall 2022 prices, NO3 and NO4 has increased and NO2 and NO5 has decreased – a development as expected.

Clemens Kraftverk is a substantial contributor to the local communities surrounding the plants. During the two first quarters the Group has recognized NOK 38.5 million in fall lease and property tax.



Power production in Q2 (consolidated companies only) was 215.5 GWh (196.0 GWh). Compared with Q2 2022 the Group has increased its capacity by putting into operation three plants in the second half of 2022.

From a group perspective the second quarter production is below the 30-year average. However, both geographical and plant differences exist. Also, two of the Group's plants located in NO5 encountered close to zero production during the first half of 2023 due to avalanches during winter, damaging the intake area. Normalized production level for the two plants is 14.9 GWh. Insurance coverage is expected, however not recognized during the period.

Achieved average prices varies from NOK 0.26 per kWh to NOK 1.06 per kWh across price areas. However, adjusted for the high price contribution fee, highest achieved area price in operating income is reduced to NOK 0.98 per kWh (NO2).

Achieved price, NOK						
per kWh	NO1	NO2	NO3	NO4	NO5	Total
Q2	(n/a)	1,02	0,28	0,25	0,82	0,54
Q2, adj. for high price						
contribution fee	(n/a)	0,96	0,28	0,25	0,81	0,53
YTD	(n/a)	1,06	0,31	0,26	0,88	0,62
YTD, adj. for high price						
contribution fee	(n/a)	0,98	0,31	0,26	0,85	0,60

In the second quarter, an amount of NOK 3.9 million is paid to landowners associated to one of the plants related to disputed fall lease for 2021, subsequent of legal negotiations. The amount includes legal fees and was not recognized in prior periods. However, the ruling is not yet legally binding (final deadline for appeal in September).

Compared with Q2 2022 interest expenses has increased. This is partly due to a minor increase in net debt, however most of the effect is related to underlying market rates. Reference is made to the following risk section and note 2 describing interest rate hedging – most of the swap agreements is made at Clemens Kraft Holding level meaning that Clemens Kraftverk to a larger extent is exposed to changes in interest rates than the group from a Clemens Kraft Holding perspective.

Subsequent of the fatal drowning accident occurred nearby one of Clemens Kraftverk's construction sites (involving third party civilians) in Q4 2021 Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate and the police initiated parallel routine investigations. During first half of 2022 the police investigation was dropped, however during the fourth quarter the police investigation is reopened. The group has and will continue to assist both the supervisory body and the police authorities in every way.

# RISKS AND UNCERTAINTY FACTORS

Clemens Kraftverk is exposed to several risk factors, including but not limited to the items listed below.

#### Hydrological risk

Clemens Kraft's power production is based on run-of-river power plants with limited or no reservoirs. The expected, normalized annual production is estimated based on historical hydrological data series using industry standard methodology. Actual production may vary significantly for any specific year due to natural variations in actual precipitation. The discrepancies to annual precipitation may be caused by variations in rain- or snowfall, ice- and snow melting magnitude, or sublimation effects.

#### Financial risk

The NOK 2.4 billion in interest bearing non-current liabilities (of which NOK 0.2 billion of the liability is debt to the ultimate parent under the cash pool arrangement) is exposed to risk of changes in interest rates representing a material risk factor. Clemens Kraftverk performs hedging activities through interest swaps agreements to reduce the financial risk. The majority of the interest exposure is hedged, however, some swap agreements are made by Clemens Kraft Holding (Clemens Kraftverk's parent company). For further information please refer to the accounting principles and note 2 to the financial statements below.

#### Market risk

Power is traded at prices quoted in the market on defined marketplaces, such as Nord Pool. As mentioned above, power prices are the most important risk factor in the Group's operations. Clemens Kraft operates power plants in mainly non-regulated watercourses and thus does not have the opportunity to manipulate production volume to periods with expected higher power prices.

During 2022 the Group observed increased volatility due to higher influence of European power market development. This, combined with "bottle necks" in the domestic transmission grid have led to an increased spread in prices between the Norwegian power price area. As mentioned, some convergence observed in 2023, however the risk of volatility is still considered high.

As the Group receives el-certificates and GoOs, it is also exposed to fluctuations in el-certificate and GoO prices.

Market prices are quoted in EUR on Nord Pool and el-certificates and GoOs primarily in SEK and EUR respectively. Accordingly, the Group is indirectly exposed to currency fluctuations between EUR/NOK and SEK/NOK.

#### Operational risk

The most essential performance drivers in the development phase are the fall lease agreements with the fall right owners and the issuance of development concessions by NVE. These two permissions determine if projects are financially sustainable and can be developed. As for the construction phase, the essential drivers are the organization's competence and capacity to manage and execute projects. Moreover, the projects rely on high-standard suppliers offering quality products and services at an acceptable price.

A power plant is a technical installation with inherent risk exposure to operational challenges which might arise, for example a turbine breakdown or the need for replacement of essential equipment. This in turn, might lead to absence of or reduced production. The Group has a certain loss of revenue insurance coverage.

#### Political risk

The Group is exposed to any risk for changes in laws and regulations. Such risks include, for example both environmental matters and more technical matters, e.g. changes in tax and fee schemes for producers of electrical power.

At the end of Q3 the Norwegian Government announced potential changes in the taxation of hydropower. The potential changes announced was carried forward in the proposed National Budget presented in October, and later approved and therefore effective from 2023. Clemens Kraft owns one plant subject to resource rent taxation which will be subject to any change in resource rent taxation rates. In addition, under the current market prices observed for NO2 and NO5, the plants in these areas is affected by the high price contribution fee.

# CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CLEMENS KRAFTVERK

# PROFIT AND LOSS (UNAUDITED)

Amounts in NOK 1 000

	ΝΟΤΕ	Q2 2023	Q2 2022	Q1-Q2 2023	Q1-Q2 2022	Full year 2022
OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES		124 524	4 4 9 4 9 9	400 707	407.044	422.020
Revenues	1 1	124 524 -2 251	148 199 12	192 787 -6 577	187 944 51	433 030 -200
Other operating income Total operating income	1	-2 251 122 273	148 211	186 209	187 995	-200 432 830
		122 275	140 211	180 203	107 333	452 850
Cost of goods sold	3	23 240	29 792	38 506	41 924	111 253
Depreciation		15 897	12 697	28 068	25 393	51 833
Impairment		0	0	0	0	31 088
Other operating expenses		19 408	13 557	35 611	24 670	58 905
Total operating expenses		58 546	56 047	102 184	91 987	253 079
Operating result		63 728	92 165	84 025	96 008	179 751
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FINANCIAL INCOME AND FINANCIAL EXPEN	SES					
Income on subsidiaries, associated companies						
and joint ventures		4 797	1 812	6 227	3 761	8 310
Interest income from group companies		-1 850	0	-1 653	0	0
Other interest income		522	-1	1 136	3	2 780
Other financial income		12	-169	38	704	2 013
Total financial income		3 480	1 642	5 749	4 468	13 103
Financial instruments measured at fair value		-400	-544	-470	-3 115	-3 334
Interest expenses		26 488	20 545	53 375	39 540	82 095
Other financial expenses		599	1 279	4 052	1 518	5 014
Total financial expenses		26 686	21 279	56 957	37 943	83 775
Net financial income and financial expense	es	-23 206	-19 637	-51 208	-33 475	-70 671
Profit (-loss) before tax		40 522	72 528	32 816	62 534	109 079
		40 322	72 328	52 810	02 334	109 079
Tax expense (-income)		17 010	15 693	21 043	13 051	44 663
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Profit (-loss) after tax		23 512	56 835	11 774	49 483	64 417
Profit/loss attributable to non-controlling interests		299	227	-790	-677	-2 109
Profit/loss attributable to owners of the parent		23 213	56 608	12 563	50 160	66 526
		25 215	20 000	12 303	20 100	00 020

# FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED)

Amounts in NOK 1 000

ASSETS NOT	E Q2 2023	2022
NON CURRENT ACCETS		
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Concessions, fall and similar rights	373 644	377 913
Goodwill	-34 883	-39 105
Total intangible assets	338 761	338 808
	2 702 205	2 724 424
Property, plant and equipment	2 702 385	2 721 134
Machinery, office tools, fixtures and fittings	1 332	1 611
Total fixed assets	2 703 717	2 722 745
Shares in associated companies and joint ventures	21 116	27 036
Other non-current receivables	3 7 127	5 021
Total financial non-current assets	28 242	32 058
Total non-current assets	3 070 720	3 093 611
CURRENT ASSETS		
Trade receivables	37 897	0.710
		9 716
Other current receivables	57 476	57 583
Total current receivables	95 373	67 299
Calculate the sector back		204 424
Cash and cash equivalents	146 554	204 431
Total current assets	241 927	271 730
Total assets	3 312 648	3 365 340

Amounts in NOK 1 000

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES NOT	ГΕ	Q2 2023	2022
EQUITY Share carries		211 002	211 002
Share capital		211 802 696 581	211 802 696 581
Share premium Other paid-in capital		3 023	3 023
Total paid in capital		911 406	911 406
		511 400	911 400
Retained earnings		-176 102	-181 343
Total retained earnings		-176 102	-181 343
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Non-controlling interests		22 852	23 744
Total equity		758 156	753 807
LIABILITIES			
Deferred tax liability		110 889	89 532
Other provisions		0	470
Total provisions		110 889	90 002
Non-current interest bearing debt (credit institutions)	2	1 830 948	1 816 776
Bonds	2	325 000	325 000
Total non-current liabilities		2 155 948	2 141 776
Trade payables		11 989	24 983
Taxes payable		-258	192
Public duties payable		14 847	3 939
Other current liabilities		261 076	350 641
Total current liabilities		287 653	379 755
Total liabilities	_	2 554 491	2 611 534
		2 334 431	2011 554
Total equity and liabilities		3 312 648	3 365 340

Oslo, 22 August 2023

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# NOTES

## ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

The statements of profit and loss and financial position within the quarterly interim report has been prepared in accordance with accounting principles stated in the Norwegian Accounting Act and with accounting principles generally accepted in Norway. The interim financial statements have been prepared based on the assumption of going concern.

The interim report does not include all information required in the annual financial statements. Therefore, the report should be read in conjunction with the Annual report for 2022.

#### Revenues

Income from sale of goods and services are recognized at fair value of the consideration, net after deduction of VAT, returns, discounts and reductions, such as expenses for imbalances. Sales are recognized upon delivery.

Simultaneously with the production of electricity, the producer is granted the right to sell electricity certificates and GoOs (one certificate and guarantee is granted per 1 000 kWh produced). This entitlement is recognized as income when the certificates/guarantees are realized. The balance of granted rights to sell electricity certificates and GoOs is measured at zero.

Late 2022 (applicable from 2023<sup>1</sup>), the Norwegian authorities introduced a special purpose fee (high price contribution fee) on sale of power at a price above 70 øre per kWh. This tax was introduced to limit the turnover of power producers. The tax is therefore classified as negative other operating income.

#### Cost of goods sold

The Group has no inventories. Produced volumes are not physical goods and cannot be stored. The group has lease agreements with landowners, providing the group right of use to the waterfalls. Landowners are compensated with fall leases, classified as cost of goods sold. In addition, grid costs and fees to brokers and clearing houses for executing sale of power and certificates are included.

#### Classification of balance sheet items

Assets intended for long-term ownership or use have been classified as fixed assets. Assets relating to the trading cycle have been classified as current assets. Other receivables are classified as current assets if they are to be repaid within one year after the transaction date. Similar criteria apply to liabilities. First year's instalment on long term liabilities and long-term receivables are, however, not classified as short-term liabilities and current assets.

#### Financial instruments – interest rate swaps

Interest rates swaps are used as hedging instruments; however, hedge accounting is not applied. The financial instruments are recognized at the lowest of acquisition cost and fair value, meaning that negative fair value (mark-to-market value) is provided for, and unrealized gain is not recognized.

#### Impairment of assets

Impairment tests are carried out if there is indication that the carrying amount of an asset exceeds the estimated recoverable amount. The test is performed on the lowest level of fixed assets at which independent cashflows can be identified. If the carrying amount is higher than both the fair value less cost to sell and recoverable amount (net present value of future use/ownership), the asset is written down to the highest of fair value less cost to sell and the recoverable amount.

Previous impairment charges, except write down of goodwill, are reversed in later periods if the conditions causing the writedown are no longer present.

#### Taxes

Due to tax loss carry forward, all income taxes are classified as changes in deferred taxes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the one plant exceeding 10 000 kVA in installed capacity the tax was effective as of 28 September 2022

# NOTE 1 - REVENUES

Clemens Kraftverk revenues consist mainly of sale of electrical power, el-certificates and GoOs. The Clemens Kraftverk Group receives a right to issue and sell a given number of el-certificates per sold kWh of electricity.

Clemens Kraftverk revenues is summarized below:

			Q1-Q2	Q1-Q2	Full year
Revenues	Q2 2023	Q2 2022	2023	2022	2022
Power revenues	116 766	147 223	180 436	185 480	424 412
El-cert / GoO revenues	7 758	976	12 350	2 465	8 077
Other revenues	0	0	0	0	541
TOTAL	124 524	148 199	192 787	187 944	433 030

El-certs and GoOs revenues are recognized at the time the certificates are realized. The balance of granted rights to sell certificates is not recognized. At the end of Q2 2023 Clemens Kraftverk holds an off-balance value of electricity certificates and GoOs of an immaterial amount. This is due to very low pricing of electricity certificates, and an agreement of selling GoOs continuously as produced.

High price contribution fee (references is made to the note regarding accounting principles) is included as a negative amount in other operating income with NOK 7.21 million.

# NOTE 2 - NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

Non-current liabilities consist of interest-bearing debt provided by financial institutions, issued bonds and intra group loans based on paid in capital in the parent company Clemens Kraft Holding.

Lender	Amount	Loan
Clemens Kraftverk	325,0	Bond
Clemens Kraftverk	1 822,0	Term
Heina Kraft AS	8,9	Term
TOTAL LOAN PORTFOLIO	2 155,9	

In addition, NOK 208.2 million is provided from Clemens Kraft Holding to Clemens Kraftverk as a deposit in the group cash pool arrangement, where Clemens Kraftverk is the owner of the top account and the total cash balance.

The bond loan issued by the Group is due in 2025. The term loan from financial institutions to Clemens Kraftverk is divided in two tranches. In total the amount are due in 2027-2029 as follows:

Year	Due
2027	1 102,1
2028	31,9
2029	688,0
TOTAL LOAN PORTFOLIO	1 822,0

The term loan from financial institutions to Heina Kraft is amortized with monthly installments until it is fully repaid in 2030.

Interest rate swaps are made on a nominal amount of NOK 1 236 million on the non-current liabilities. However, only swaps related to NOK 471 million of the liabilities are made by Clemens Kraftverk. The other agreements are made by Clemens Kraft Holding (parent).

As of Q2 2023 Clemens Kraftverk has no liabilities under the interest rate swap agreements. The agreements has a positive offbalance MTM of NOK 42.4 million (unrealized gain).

## NOTE 3 - COST OF GOODS SOLD

The Group has a limited amount of accumulated fall lease. Negative fall lease has not been refunded from the landowners but carried forward and settled with future fall lease. The negative fall lease is an asset which only has its value through a future

liability reduction with basis in transactions which as of the reporting period does not have incurred. Therefore, there is no basis for recognizing the asset.

The same principle is applied for prepaid fall lease and minimum payments where these can be deducted in future ordinary fall lease.

As of Q2 2023 Clemens Kraftverk has negative fall lease carried forward and prepaid fall lease of approx. NOK 12 million including accrued interest.