NOTE 15

FERD'S PENSION PLANS

Ferd has established pension schemes in accordance with Norwegian legislation. The employees participate in a defined contriution plan for salaries below 12G.

For salaries exceeding 12 G, Ferd has established a pension scheme implying that the employees earn a pension right each year. The scheme was closed for new hires when established. The right comprises a share of the salary in excess of 12 G together with a return component depending on the employee's chosen risk profile. The pension plan has many similarities with a contribution scheme, but as Ferd is not making current payments to a fund, but has elected to take the risk of return itself, the scheme shall be classified as a benefit scheme for accounting purposes. Ferd has recognised the obligation as a pension liability and is expensing the current deposits and the current return as incurred.

In addition, Group management has an early retirement pension scheme giving them the opportunity to retire at 65 years. This is also a benefit scheme.

Financial assumptions at 31 December

i manetar assumptions at 32 December	2015	2014
Discount interest rate	1,90%	2,70%
Expected wage growth	2,50%	3,25%
Future expected pension regulation	1,75%	1,75%
Expected regulation of base amount (G)	2,25%	3,00%
DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS		
Specification of the recognised liability		
NOK 1 000	2015	2014
Present value of unfunded pension liabilities	30 007	24 659
Fair value of pension funds		
Total defined benefit obligation recognised in the balance sheet at 31 Dec.	30 007	24 659
Movement in liabilities for defined benefit pensions plans		
NOK 1 000	2015	2014
Liabilities for defined benefit pension plans at 1 Jan.	24 659	83 295
Present value of current year's pension earnings	3 053	2 004
Interest expense on pension liabilities	361	1 257
Estimate deviation on pension liabilities	1 934	1 190
Benefits paid		- 63 087
Liabilities for defined benefit pension plans at 31 Dec.	30 007	24 659
Movement in fair value of the pension assets for defined benefit pension plans		
NOK 1 000	2015	2014
Fair value of pension assets at 1 January		62 716
Benefits paid		- 62 716
Fair value of pension assets at 31 December		
Estimate deviation recognised in total comprehensive income		
NOK 1 000	2015	2014
Estimate deviation on the pension obligation (benefit schemes) of the year	- 1 934	- 1 190
Net estimate deviation for benefit schemes recognised in comprehensive		
income	- 1 934	- 1 190
Pension costs recognised in the income statement		
NOK 1 000	2015	2014
Present value of this year's pension earnings	3 053	2 004
Pension costs on contribution schemes	4 094	4 729
Total pension costs recognised in the income statement as salary expenses	7 147	6 733
Interest expense on the pension liability	361	1 257
interest expense on the pension liability	201	1 237