

EMGS FIRST QUARTER

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HIGHLIGHTS FIRST QUARTER 2010

Important events in the quarter:

- Total revenues at USD 10.7 million for the quarter
- EBITDA loss of USD 7.6 million
- EMGS awarded survey worth USD 5 million offshore West Africa
- Campaign in Norway worth USD 7 million awarded by Rocksource
- First joint EMGS-Fugro project completed
- New Executive Vice President Sales/Marketing and Business Development

Subsequent important events:

- Pre-funding from Statoil for Barents Sea multi-client campaign
- EMGS awarded contract worth USD 7.5 million

KEY FINANCIAL FIGURES

USD million (except per share data)	Q1 2010	Q1 2009	2009	Q4 2009
Revenues	10.7	5.8	59.0	7.0
Operating profit/(loss)	(13.2)	(23.5)	(63.4)	(24.6)
Income/(loss) before income taxes	(13.7)	(24.7)	(81.4)	(31.9)
Earnings per share	(0.11)	(0.27)	(0.76)	(0.29)
Average number of shares outstanding (in thousands)	123 577	91 567	106 572	106 572
EBITDA	(7.6)	(17.6)	(39.7)	(18.7)
Multi-client investment	0.8	-	-	-
Adjusted EBITDA	(8.4)	(17.6)	(39.7)	(18.7)

Information related to shares is for ordinary shares. The number of ordinary shares outstanding at March 31, 2010, was 125 580 261.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenues and EBITDA

EMGS recorded revenues of USD 10.7 million in the first quarter of 2010 compared with USD 5.8 million in the first quarter of 2009, corresponding to an increase of 84 per cent. The revenues for the fourth quarter 2009 were USD 7.0 million, giving a quarter-on-quarter increase of 53 per cent.

Of total revenues, the company recorded USD 0.3 million as multi-client revenues in the first quarter 2010, compared with zero in the corresponding quarter 2009 and USD 3.4 million in the fourth quarter 2009.

Charter hire, fuel and crew expenses totalled USD 7.8 million in the first quarter 2010 compared with USD 12.2 million in the corresponding quarter in 2009, corresponding to a decrease of 36 per cent. The reduced cost is partly due to there being no significant charge for the vessels that are not in operation, as these costs were accrued under onerous contracts in the fourth quarter 2009. There was also a USD 2.3 million multi-client cost reduction due to capitalisation in connection with the joint EMGS-Fugro Multi-client survey over the Vema Dome area in the Norwegian Sea. Charter hire, fuel and crew expenses totalled USD 13.4 million in the fourth quarter of 2009.

Employee expenses decreased from USD 7.8 million in the first quarter of 2009 to USD 7.3 million in the first quarter 2010. The comparable amount for the fourth quarter 2009 was USD 8.5 million.

Other operational costs decreased by 9 per cent in the first quarter 2010 over the same period last year, from USD 3.4 million to USD 3.2 million. The decrease from 2009 to 2010 is related to reduced activity level and some residual effects of the cost reduction program. The comparable amount for the fourth quarter 2009 was USD 3.8 million.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation and ordinary amortisation was USD 5.2 million in the first quarter 2010, down from 5.8 USD million in the corresponding quarter in 2009 and USD 6 million in the fourth quarter 2009. The reduction is due to the reduced capital expenditure throughout 2009 to date, along with some assets becoming fully depreciated.

The USD 2.3 million capitalisation of multi-client costs was reduced by USD 1.5 million owing to cost-sharing funding received from Fugro. Of the remaining capitalised multi-client costs USD 0.3 million was amortisation in the first quarter 2010.

Share of profit of joint venture

The share of profit in joint venture in the first quarter of 2010 amounted to USD 0.0 million. The corresponding figure for the first quarter 2009 was negative USD 0.2 million. In the fourth quarter 2009 the group recognised negative USD 2.2 million as share of profit in joint venture.

Net financial items

Net financial items in the first quarter of 2010 amounted to an expense of USD 0.5 million, which includes a USD 1.5 million interest charge and a USD 0.9 million currency gain. Net financial items amounted to USD 1.5 million in the first quarter of 2009, while the comparable figure for the fourth quarter 2009 was an expense of USD 5.1 million.

Result before income tax

EMGS recorded a loss of USD 13.7 million before income tax in the first quarter 2010, compared with a loss of USD 24.7 million in the corresponding quarter in 2009 and a loss of USD 31.8 million in the fourth quarter 2009.

Income tax expense

Income tax expenses of USD 0.1 million were recorded in the first quarter of 2010, compared to USD 0.0 million in the first quarter of 2009 and income tax income of USD 1.1 million in the fourth quarter 2009. These taxes relate to profits earned in foreign jurisdictions.

Net result for the period

The net loss in the first quarter of 2010 was USD 13.8 million, compared with a loss of USD 24.7 million in the same period last year and USD 30.8 million in the fourth quarter 2009.

Balance sheet and cash flow

Cash and cash equivalents totalled USD 16.9 million at 31 March 2010, compared with USD 4.5 million at 31 March 2009. In the first quarter 2010 a subsequent offering (to the fourth quarter's private placement) was fully subscribed, and this resulted in gross proceeds of NOK 18 million (approximately USD 3 million).

Trade receivables were USD 7.6 million at 31 March 2010, down from USD 12.3 million at 31 March 2009.

Net cash flow from operating activities was negative by USD 12.7 million for the quarter ended 31 March 2010, compared with a negative net cash flow from operating activities of USD 21.9 million in the first quarter of 2009.

Cash applied in investing activities in the first quarter of 2010 amounted to USD 0.8 million, the majority of which was in the multi-client library. This compares to USD 1.0 million in 2009.

Cash flow from financial activities was positive USD 1 million in the first quarter of 2010 owing to proceeds from the subsequent offering. The comparable amount in the first quarter of 2009 was negative USD 0.7 million.

OPERATIONAL REVIEW

EMGS defines 'utilisation' as vessel time spent on contracted or committed work, including paid mobilisation. The company's vessel utilisation in 2009 and 2010 were as follows:

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2009	46%	47%	32%	27%
2010	69%	-	-	-

During the first quarter 2010 EMGS had two vessels in operation: BOA Galatea and BOA Thalassa. BOA Galatea spent most of the quarter on a 3D EM survey in the Caribbean, before transiting to West Africa to provide 3D EM data acquisition services in the second quarter of 2010. BOA Thalassa completed a multi-client survey over the Vema Dome area in the Norwegian Sea in cooperation with Fugro and subsequently embarked on campaign in Norway for Rocksource. The start-up of the survey in West Africa was somewhat delayed owing to government permitting issues, as was the Rocksource campaign in Norway. The latter was also affected by high sunspot activity in the northern parts of Norway.

Siem Sasha was subleased until its contracted lease period came to an end on 20 March. The vessel was subsequently returned to the ship owner and is consequently no longer part of EMGS's vessel fleet.

Atlantic Guardian was subleased for the whole of the period.

Siem Mollie was cold stacked for the whole of the first quarter of 2010.

EVENTS IN THE QUARTER

On 5 January, EMGS announced that Dag W. Reynolds was appointed as New Executive Vice President for Sales, Marketing and Business Development. Mr. Reynolds has 20 years experience from the oil and gas industry, including two years as CEO for the seismic company SeaBird Exploration Ltd., and nine years for Petroleum Geo-Services ASA (PGS). Also, in 2007 Mr. Reynolds co-founded Spring Energy ASA, a Norwegian oil company.

The first joint EMGS – Fugro project was announced on 14 January. The 3D EM multi-client project in the Norwegian Sea was completed during the first quarter 2010.

On 13 January, the Company announced that the Subsequent Offering of 4 million shares at NOK 4.50 was completed. The Subsequent Offering, following the private placement in December, resulted in gross proceeds of NOK 18 million.

On 10 February, EMGS announced that it had signed a contract worth in excess of USD 7 million with Rocksource to provide data acquisition services for a number of areas on the Norwegian continental shelf, ahead of Norway's 21st and APA 2010 exploration licensing rounds. The surveys started after completion of the joint Fugro – EMGS multi-client project in the Norwegian Sea.

On 11 February, EMGS announced the launch of a major multi-client 3D EM campaign ahead of the 21st licensing round in Norway. This is a continuation of the highly successful Barents Sea project in 2008, which was the world's first large-scale multi-client 3D EM survey.

On March 8, EMGS received a Letter of Award from an oil and gas company to provide 3D EM data acquisition services worth approximately USD 5 million offshore West Africa. The company reported that the work program would be performed by the purpose-built vessel BOA Galatea in the second quarter of 2010.

RECENT EVENTS

On 8 April, EMGS was awarded a contract worth USD 7.5 million to provide 3D electromagnetic (EM) data acquisition, processing and interpretation services for a repeat customer. The survey is expected to commence in the third quarter of 2010. This is the second part of a global 3D EM campaign for a major oil company, the first part of which was a Caribbean contract announced in mid-December.

On 19 April, EMGS announced that it has secured pre-funding from Statoil to start an extensive multi-client 3D EM survey in the Barents Sea, ahead of Norway's 21st exploration licensing round. The Company reported that the work program presently stands at more than 4 000 km², and could be expanded subject to additional industry commitments. EMGS's multi-client data library in the Barents Sea will upon completion of the campaign cover more than 14 000 km² of 3D EM data.

OUTLOOK

EMGS is pleased to see that its strategy of focusing resources on targeted national and international oil companies has yielded tangible results. The company has initiated a global 3D EM campaign for a major oil company, the first part of which was a survey performed in the Caribbean. The second part is a previously announced USD 7.5 million contract to be performed in the third quarter. This survey is located in Asia and provides a strong foundation for a regional campaign which the company expects will extend through the first quarter of 2011.

Positive developments in negotiations with other key customers indicate that substantial campaigns will be awarded for 2010 and 2011. Furthermore, EMGS has, building on the successful Barents Sea multi-client campaign in 2008, initiated a substantial multi-client campaign ahead of the 21st licensing round in Norway.

EMGS is presently in the process of mobilising its third vessel crew. This is a result of the gradual improvements in backlog visibility and an increase in vessel utilisation levels. The containerised equipment set will be deployed on the vessel Siem Mollie and positions the company to capitalise on the marine EM market recovery.

As a result of the above factors, EMGS expects a significant improvement in revenues for the second half of 2010. The company maintains that operational profits are within reach for the financial year 2010.

Oslo, 19 May 2010
Board of Directors

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

Amounts in USD 1 000	Q1 2010 Unaudited	Q1 2009 Unaudited	2009 Audited
Operating revenues			
Contract sales	10 379	5 812	39 593
Multi-client sales	310	-	19 385
Total operating revenues	10 689	5 812	58 978
Operating expenses			
Charter hire, fuel and crew expenses	7 819	12 189	55 211
Employee expenses	7 284	7 849	30 194
Depreciation and ordinary amortisation	5 223	5 819	23 707
Multi-client amortisation	345	-	-
Other operating expenses	3 200	3 409	13 308
Total operating expenses	23 871	29 266	122 420
Operating profit (loss)	-13 182	-23 454	-63 442
Share of profit of joint venture	-	185	-10 746
Financial income and expenses			
Interest income	2	23	375
Interest expenses	-1 432	-321	-4 517
Change in fair value of conversion rights	-19	-	1 212
Net foreign currency income/(loss)	930	-1 169	-4 286
Net financial items	-520	-1 467	-7 217
Income/(loss) before income tax	-13 702	-24 736	-81 404
Income tax expenses	62	12	-109
Income/(loss) for the year	-13 765	-24 748	-81 295
Basic loss per share (result for the period/average nr shares) in USD	-0.11	-0.27	-0.76
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Income/(loss) for the period	-13 765	-24 748	-81 295
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	26	5	8
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	-13 739	-24 743	-81 287

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

Amounts in USD 1 000	Quarter ended 31 March 2010 Unaudited	Quarter ended 31 March 2009 Unaudited	Year ended 31 Dec 2009 Audited
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	2 892	3 757	2 862
Property, plant and equipment	27 399	42 598	32 117
Assets under construction	11 351	13 088	10 533
Interest in joint venture	3 015	13 225	3 015
Total non-current assets	44 657	72 668	48 527
Current assets			
Inventories	8 586	8 146	8 147
Trade receivables	7 606	12 335	9 930
Other receivables	8 755	8 473	6 924
Cash and cash equivalents	16 943	4 528	29 578
Total current assets	41 890	33 482	54 579
Total assets	86 547	106 150	103 106
EQUITY			
Capital and reserves attributable to equity holders of the Company			
Share capital, share premium and other paid equity	152 793	245 188	149 739
Other reserves	-192	-221	-218
Retained earnings	-138 545	-187 068	-124 780
Total equity	14 056	57 899	24 741
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Employee benefit obligations	4 933	4 642	5 462
Borrowings	3 603	6 067	4 263
Total non-current liabilities	8 536	10 709	9 725
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	13 463	17 785	14 570
Current tax liabilities	1 817	3 134	2 047
Provisions	3 154	-	6 718
Other short term liabilities	11 783	10 722	10 806
Borrowings	33 738	5 901	34 499
Total current liabilities	63 955	37 542	68 640
Total liabilities	72 491	48 251	78 365
Total equity and liabilities	86 547	106 150	103 106

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

Amounts in USD 1 000	Quarter ended 31 March 2010 Unaudited	Quarter ended 31 March 2009 Unaudited	Year ended 31 Dec 2009 Audited
Net cash flow from operating activities:			
Income/(loss) before income tax	-13 677	-24 738	-81 404
Adjustments for:			
Withholding tax expenses	29	475	410
Total taxes paid	-321	-189	-1 090
Depreciation and ordinary amortisation	5 223	5 819	23 707
Multi-client amortisation	345	-	-
Share of net (profit)/loss of joint venture	-	-425	2 643
Impairment of disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	3	-
Non-cash portion of pension expenses	-529	250	1 070
Cost of share-based payments	211	263	1 185
Change in trade receivables	2 324	1 588	3 993
Change in inventories	-439	1 393	1 392
Change in trade payables	-1 107	-1 729	-4 944
Change in other working capital	-5 235	-4 620	5 331
Change in fair value of conversion rights	19	-	-616
Currency effect on convertible loans	-874	-	-
Write down of investment in JV	-	-	8 103
Amortisation of interest	1 298	-	4 861
Net cash flow from operating activities	-12 733	-21 910	-35 395
Investing activities:			
Investment in joint ventures	-	-	-
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	-46	-573	-4 940
Purchases of intangible assets	-11	-467	-2 507
Proceeds from sales of assets	-	34	119
Investment in multi-client library	-823	-	-
Cash used in investing activities	-880	-1 006	-7 328
Financial activities:			
Financial lease payments-principal	-1 306	-867	-2 578
Proceeds from convertible loans	-	-	27 364
Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares	2 843	-	22 264
Cost of rights issue	-	-36	-
Proceeds of bank borrowings	-	235	-
Payment of interest on bonds	-559	-	-1 027
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Cash provided by financial activities	978	-668	44 189
Net increase in cash	-12 635	23 584	1 466
Cash balance beginning of period	29 578	28 112	28 112
Cash balance end of period	16 943	4 528	29 578
Increase in cash	-12 635	-23 584	1 466

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Amounts in USD 1 000	Share capital, share premium and other paid-in equity	Other reserves	Retained earnings	Total equity
Balance at 31 December 2008 (Audited)	244 961	-226	-162 319	82 416
Currency translation differences	-	5	-	5
Loss for the period	-	-	-24 748	-24 748
Total comprehensive income	-	5	-24 748	-24 743
Cost of share-based payment	263	-	-	263
Cost of rights issue	-36	-	-	-36
Balance at 31 March 2009 (Unaudited)	245 188	-221	-187 067	57 900
Currency translation differences	-	14	-	14
Loss for the period	-	-	-7 054	-7 054
Total comprehensive income	-	14	-7 054	-7 040
Cost of share-based payment	230	-	-	230
Equity component of convertible loan	163	-	-	163
Balance at 30 June 2009 (Unaudited)	245 581	-207	-194 121	51 253
Currency translation differences	-	3	-	3
Loss for the period	-	-	-18 698	-18 698
Total comprehensive income	-	3	-18 698	-18 695
Cost of share-based payment	413	-	-	413
Transfer of share premium to retained earnings	-118 834	-	118 834	-
Balance at 30 September 2009 (Unaudited)	127 160	-204	-93 985	32 971
Currency translation differences	-	-14	-	-14
Loss for the period	-	-	-30 795	-30 795
Total comprehensive income	-	-14	-30 795	-30 809
Cost of share-based payment	279	-	-	279
Cost of private placement	-1 192	-	-	-1 192
Proceeds from shares issued - private placement and options exercised	23 492	-	-	23 492
Balance at 31 December 2009 (Audited)	149 739	-218	-124 780	24 741
Currency translation differences	-	26	-	26
Loss for the period	-	-	-13 765	-13 765
Total comprehensive income	-	26	-13 765	-13 739
Cost of share-based payment	211	-	-	211
Cost of private placement	-243	-	-	-243
Proceeds from shares issued - private placement and options exercised	3 086	-	-	3 086
Balance at 31 March 2010 (Unaudited)	152 793	-192	-138 545	14 056

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Accounting principles

The group has applied the same accounting standards and policies as in the group's financial statements at 31 December 2009, and has implemented standards, interpretations and amendments which were effective from 1 January 2010.

Segment reporting

EMGS reports its sales revenue as one reportable segment. The sales revenues and related costs are incurred worldwide.

The amounts below show sales revenues reported by geographic region.

Amounts in USD 1 000	Q1 2010	Q1 2009	2009
Americas	5.0	0.2	21.0
Asia	-	4.8	5.1
Europe	5.7	0.9	29.6
Africa	-	-	3.3
Australia	-	-	-
Total	10.7	5.8	59.0

Onerous contracts

EMGS has evaluated the vessel lease contracts on the vessels that are not used in production of the company's services any longer. According to IAS 37 the present obligation of a contract that is onerous should be recognised and measured as a provision. The company has calculated a best estimate of the net present value of the future rental obligation based on the net charge of unavoidable lease payments on the non-operating vessels. There has been no additional accrual in first quarter 2010.

Statement of compliance

These condensed consolidated interim accounts have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements for the group for the year ending 31 December 2009. The group's financial statements are available upon request from the company's registered office in Trondheim or at emgs.com.

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EMGS uses its proprietary electromagnetic (EM) technology to support oil and gas companies in their search for offshore hydrocarbons. The company is the EM market leader and provides Clearplay, the world's first fully integrated EM system.

Three service offerings - Clearplay Find, Test and Evaluate - have been designed to assist operators in the exploration and production phase. Clearplay supports each stage in the workflow, from survey design and data acquisition to processing and interpretation. The services enable integration of EM data with seismic and other geophysical and geological information to give explorationists a clearer and more complete understanding of the subsurface. This improves exploration efficiency, and reduces risk and finding costs per barrel.

EMGS operates the world's first purpose-built 3D EM vessel fleet and has conducted more than 450 surveys to improve drilling success rates across the world's mature and frontier offshore basins. The company operates on a worldwide basis with main offices in Trondheim and Stavanger, Norway; Houston, USA; and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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