

# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2025 Interim Report



# **1**<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER IN BRIEF

- EBITDA<sup>1</sup> NOK 511 million (NOK 442 million)<sup>2</sup>
- Strong sales to agriculture and an all-time high result in BioSolutions
- Higher sales prices, offset by lower sales volume and increased wood costs in BioMaterials
- Lower sales prices for bioethanol in Fine Chemicals
- Positive net currency effects

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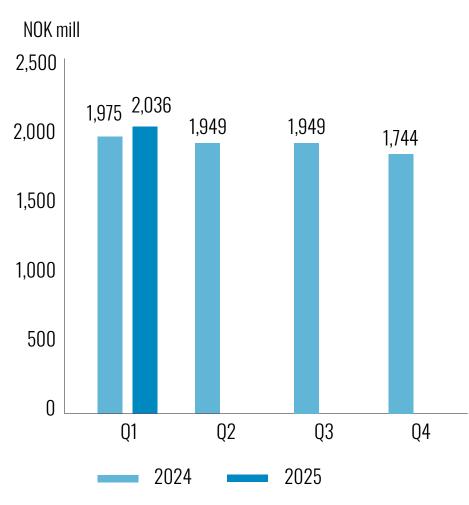
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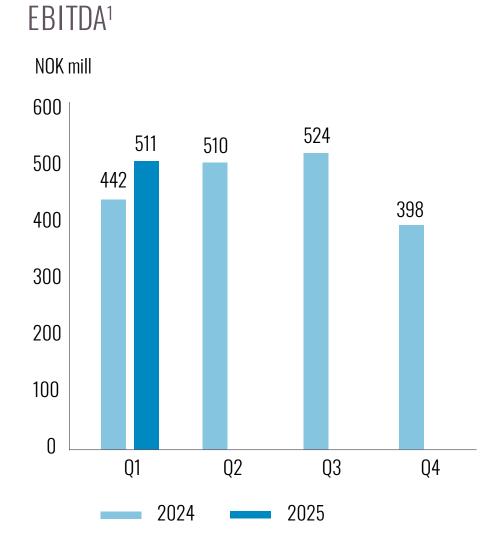
# THE GROUP

	1.1 -	31.3	1.1 - 31.12
Amounts in NOK million Note	2025	2024	2024
Operating revenues 2	2,036	1,975	7,617
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	511	442	1,874
Operating profit	367	308	1,283
Profit/loss before taxes 2	319	261	1,079
Earnings per share (NOK)	2.52	2.01	8.25
Net interest-bearing debt <sup>1</sup> 11	2,126	2,171	2,240
Equity ratio <sup>1</sup> (%)	58.2	52.5	53.1
Leverage ratio <sup>1</sup>	1.09	1.21	1.20
Return on capital employed <sup>1</sup> (%)	17.4	17.6	17.1

#### OPERATING REVENUES



<sup>1</sup>Alternative performance measure, see page 21 for definition.

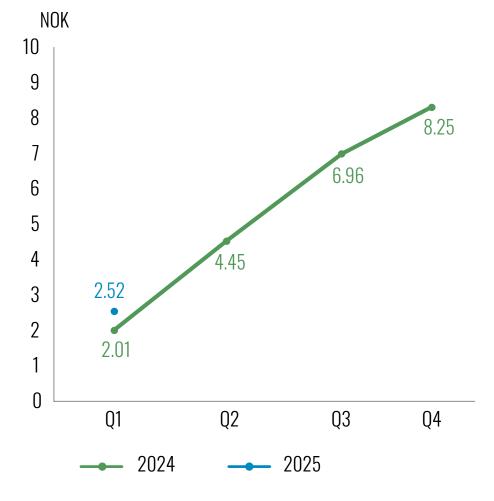


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EBITDA MARGIN<sup>1</sup>



EARNINGS PER SHARE CUMULATIVE



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#### **FIRST QUARTER**

Operating revenues increased to NOK 2,036 million (NOK 1,975 million)<sup>2</sup> in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025. EBITDA<sup>1</sup> reached NOK 511 million (NOK 442 million). The result in BioSolutions increased, BioMaterials had a result in line with the corresponding quarter last year and Fine Chemicals had a lower result.

Strong sales to agriculture were the main reason for the all-time high result in BioSolutions. For BioMaterials, higher sales prices were offset by lower sales volume, increased wood costs, and cost increases in general. Lower sales prices for bioethanol were the main reason for the weaker result in Fine Chemicals. The net currency effects were positive.

Operating profit was NOK 367 million (NOK 308 million). Net financial items were NOK -48 million (NOK -47 million). Profit before tax was NOK 319 million (NOK 261 million). Tax expense of NOK -75 million (NOK -61 million) gave a tax rate of 24% (23%) in the quarter.

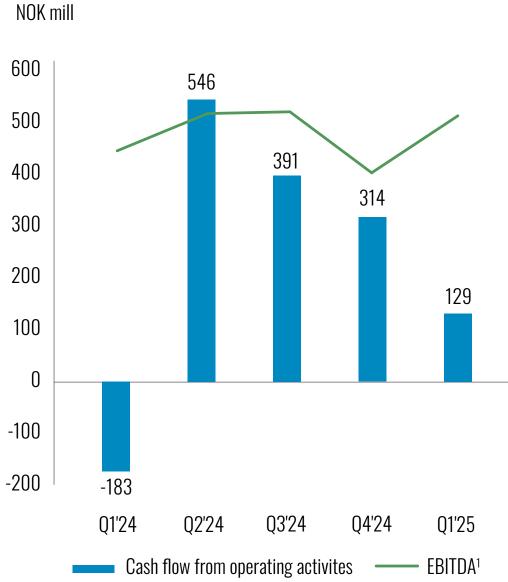
Earnings per share were NOK 2.52 (NOK 2.01).

Cash flow from operating activities was NOK 129 million (NOK -183 million). The cash effect from a high EBITDA<sup>1</sup> was partly offset by a negative development in net working capital and tax payments.

#### <sup>1</sup>Alternative performance measure, see page 21 for definition.

<sup>2</sup>Figures in parentheses are for the corresponding period in the previous year.

## CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES



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activites		EBITDA <sup>1</sup>

# BUSINESS AREAS BIOSOLUTIONS

	1.1 -	31.3
Amounts in NOK million	2025	2024
Operating revenues	1,179	1,088
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	349	264
EBITDA margin <sup>1</sup> (%)	29.6	24.3

#### FIRST QUARTER

Operating revenues for BioSolutions reached NOK 1,179 million (NOK 1,088 million). EBITDA<sup>1</sup> increased to NOK 349 million (NOK 264 million).

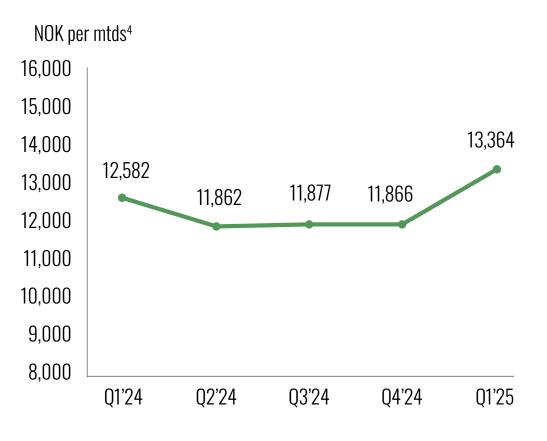
Strong sales to agriculture were the main reason for the alltime high result in BioSolutions. Total sales volume was in line with the same quarter in 2024. There was a positive but limited impact for Borregaard's vanillin products from the US antidumping duties on vanillin from China. The net currency impact was positive.

<sup>1</sup>Alternative performance measure, see page 21 for definition.

<sup>2</sup>Figures in parentheses are for the corresponding period in the previous year.

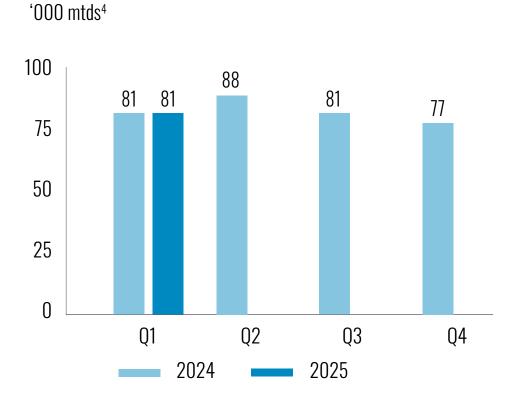
<sup>3</sup>Average sales price is calculated using actual FX rates, excluding hedging impact. <sup>4</sup>Metric tonne dry solid. The average price in sales currency was 2% higher compared with the same quarter in 2024. The increased average sales price was supported by seasonally strong sales to agriculture.

#### AVERAGE GROSS SALES PRICE<sup>3</sup>



1.1 - 31.12 2024 4,241 1,104 26.0

#### SALES VOLUME



Sales price and sales volume include lignin-based biopolymers and biovanillin.

INTS

# BIOMATERIALS

	1.1 -	- 31.3
Amounts in NOK million	2025	2024
Operating revenues	689	704
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	113	111
EBITDA margin <sup>1</sup> (%)	16.4	15.8

#### FIRST QUARTER

Operating revenues in BioMaterials were NOK 689 million (NOK 704 million). EBITDA<sup>1</sup> was NOK 113 million (NOK 111 million).

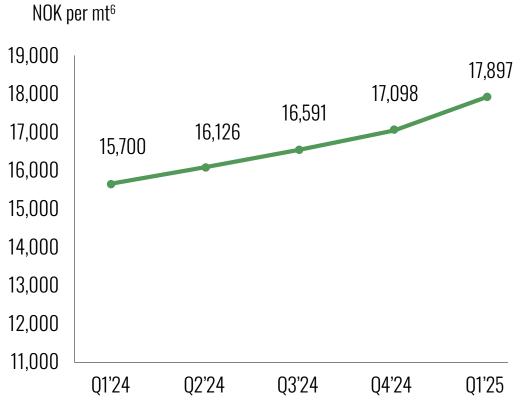
Higher sales prices were offset by lower sales volume, increased wood costs, and cost increases in general. Wood costs were higher than anticipated, mainly due to logistical costs. Net currency effects were positive.

The average price in sales currency was 10% higher compared with the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024, primarily due to price increases. The share of highly specialised grades was at the same level as the corresponding quarter in 2024.

<sup>1</sup>Alternative performance measure, see page 21 for definition.

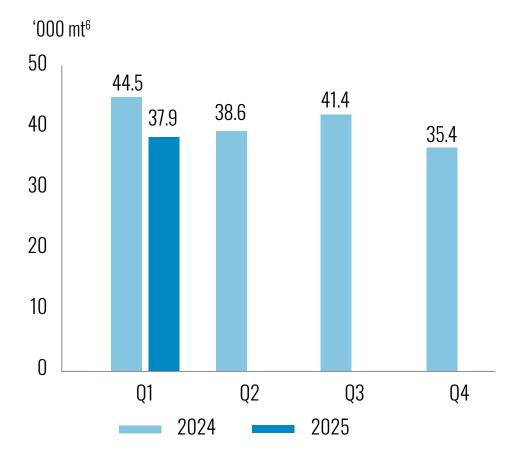
<sup>2</sup>Figures in parentheses are for the corresponding period in the previous year.

#### AVERAGE GROSS SALES PRICE<sup>5</sup>



Sales price include speciality cellulose and cellulose fibrils.

SALES VOLUME



Sales volume include speciality cellulose and cellulose fibrils

1.1 - 31.12
2024
2,622
434
16.6

INTS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Average sales price is calculated using actual FX rates, excluding hedging impact. <sup>6</sup>Metric tonne.

# FINE CHEMICALS

	1.1 -	31.3
Amounts in NOK million	2025	2024
Operating revenues	179	192
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	49	67
EBITDA margin <sup>1</sup> (%)	27.4	34.9

#### FIRST QUARTER

Fine Chemicals' operating revenues were NOK 179 million (NOK 192 million). EBITDA<sup>1</sup> was NOK 49 million (NOK 67 million).

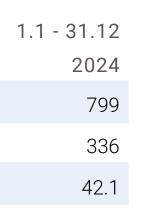
Lower sales prices for bioethanol were partly offset by higher sales volume. Sales prices for fine chemical intermediates increased compared with the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter in 2024.

The lower sales prices for Borregaard's bioethanol were due to favourable incentives for advanced bioethanol in Europe, which have led to a significant increase in bioethanol supply from agricultural waste and other sources.

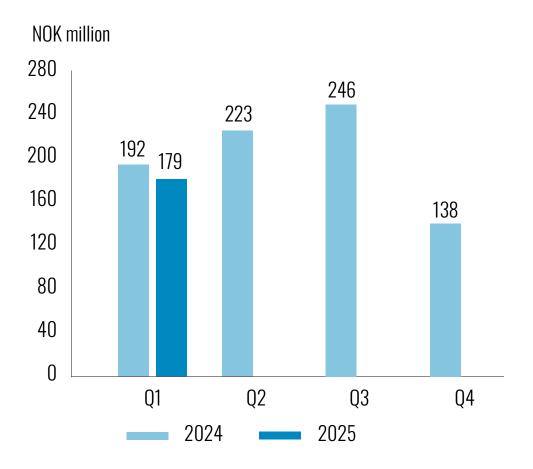
The net currency impact in Fine Chemicals was positive.

<sup>1</sup>Alternative performance measure, see page 21 for definition.

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#### FINE CHEMICALS – OPERATING REVENUES



## FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND HEDGING

Borregaard has significant currency exposure, which is managed according to the company's hedging strategy. This strategy delays the impact of currency rate fluctuations. In comparison with the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024, the net impact of foreign exchange on EBITDA<sup>1</sup>, including hedging effects, was NOK 45 million. Hedging effects amounted to NOK -95 million (NOK -89 million) for the quarter. Assuming currency rates as of 30 April 2025 (USD 10.38 and EUR 11.80) and based on currency exposure forecasts, Borregaard expects a net impact of foreign exchange on EBITDA<sup>1</sup> of approximately NOK 40 million in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2025 and NOK 125 million for the full year of 2025, compared with the corresponding periods in 2024.

## CASH FLOW AND FINANCIAL SITUATION

#### **FIRST QUARTER**

Cash flow from operating activities was NOK 129 million (NOK -183 million). The cash effect from a high EBITDA<sup>1</sup> was partly offset by a negative development in net working capital and tax payments.

Investments amounted to NOK 143 million (NOK 115 million). Replacement investments were NOK 117 million (NOK 95 million), where the largest expenditures were related to the upgrade of the electricity transformation capacity and the installation of air preheater technology in an existing bio-boiler at the Sarpsborg site. Expansion investments<sup>1</sup> totalled NOK 26 million (NOK 20 million), where the largest expenditures were related to specialisation projects within BioSolutions.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025, the Group has sold and repurchased treasury shares with net proceeds of NOK 20 million (NOK 7 million). The realised effect of hedging of net investments in subsidiaries was NOK 72 million (NOK -50 million).

On 31 March 2025, the Group had net interest-bearing debt<sup>1</sup> totalling NOK 2,126 million (NOK 2,171 million), a decrease of NOK 114 million from year-end 2024.

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At the end of March, the Group was well capitalised with an equity ratio<sup>1</sup> of 58.2% (52.5%) and a leverage ratio<sup>1</sup> of 1.09 (1.21).

## SHARE INFORMATION

In February 2025, 398,000 share options at a strike price of NOK 221.22 were granted under the long-term incentive programme. The options will expire after five years, the vesting period is three years, and the options may be exercised during the last two years. For more details, see notification to the Oslo Stock Exchange on 14 February 2025.

As part of the employee share programme, Borregaard has sold a total of 170,744 shares to employees in February 2025. The share price was NOK 147.65 per share including a 25% discount. Costs in 2025, including administration costs, related to the employee share programme amount to approximately NOK 9.6 million. For more details, see notifications to the Oslo Stock Exchange on 3, 10 and 28 February 2025.

During the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, 55,000 share options were exercised at a strike price of NOK 87.60 per share. In the quarter, Borregaard repurchased a total of 50,070 treasury shares at an average price

## OTHER MATTERS AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Borregaard ASA held its Annual General Meeting on 10 April 2025. The financial statements of Borregaard ASA and the Group, including the proposal to pay an ordinary dividend of NOK 4.25 per share, were approved. The dividend was paid out on 23 April 2025 with a total amount of NOK 424 million. The Annual General Meeting re-elected Helge Aasen as the chair of the Board of Directors. Terje Andersen, Tove Andersen, Margrethe Hauge and John Arne Ulvan were re-elected as members of the Board. See notice to Oslo Stock Exchange on 10 April 2025. of NOK 198.93.

Total number of shares outstanding on 31 March 2025 was 100 million, including 272,886 treasury shares. Total number of shareholders was 9,007. Borregaard ASA's share price was NOK 171.20 at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (NOK 184.60 at the end of 2024). INTS

## OTHER MATTERS AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS cont.

#### **BORREGAARD PARTICIPATES IN ALGINOR CAPITAL RAISE**

In April, Borregaard co-invested with existing shareholders, Must Invest and Hatteland Group, in a direct offering of new shares in Alginor, amounting to NOK 100 million. Additionally, the same three shareholders will underwrite a subsequent rights issue of NOK 50 million, with subscription rights extended to all other shareholders.

Depending on the outcome of the subsequent rights issue, Borregaard's equity contribution will range from NOK 55 to 83 million, corresponding to an ownership share of between 36% and 43% in Alginor. Including this equity raise, Borregaard's total investments in Alginor will increase to between NOK 474 and 502 million.

See notification to the Oslo Stock exchange on 17 March 2025.

#### TARIFFS

In April 2025, the US Administration announced the implementation of new tariffs on all imports. As of the time of writing, the tariff on imports from Norway is set at 10%.

In 2024, 23% of Borregaard's sales were derived from the US, of which the majority was from local US lignin plants. Approximately

10%-points of these sales were from Norway to the US, including speciality cellulose, biovanillin, and other lignin specialities produced in Sarpsborg.

Due to the relatively limited direct sales exposure from Norway to the US, the first-order effects of these tariffs on Borregaard are expected to be balanced, supported by the specialisation strategy. However, the second-order effects, such as indirect effects from customers' customers, foreign exchange rates and GDP growth, remain uncertain. INTS

### OUTLOOK

The total sales volume for BioSolutions in 2025 is forecast to be approximately 330,000 tonnes with continued strong sales to agriculture. The total sales volume in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is expected to be approximately 85,000 tonnes. The product mix is expected to be seasonally less favourable than in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. US antidumping duties on vanillin from China are expected to have a positive but limited impact on Borregaard's vanillin products.

For BioMaterials, the total sales volume is forecast to be approximately 150,000 tonnes in 2025. The share of highly specialised grades is expected to be higher than in 2024. In the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2025, the average price in sales currency is expected to be 8-10% higher than in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2024. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, sales volume for BioMaterials is expected to be largely in line with the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2024.

Favourable incentives for advanced bioethanol in Europe have triggered substantial new supply from agricultural waste and other sources. Therefore, sales prices for Borregaard's bioethanol will continue to be significantly lower than in 2024, and also lower than the prices achieved in 2022. Sales volume for fine chemical intermediates is expected to increase compared with 2024.

Borregaard's wood costs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2025 are expected to be largely in line with the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025. The full year impact from recent investments will reduce energy costs and  $CO_2$  emissions at the biorefinery in Sarpsborg.

Uncertainty in the global economy related to tariffs, war and conflicts, may impact Borregaard's markets and costs. Borregaard will continue to closely monitor tariffs, markets and cost development and implement relevant measures if required.

Sarpsborg, 30 April 2025 The Board of Directors of Borregaard ASA





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## THE GROUP'S INTERIM CONDENSED INCOME STATEMENT

		1.1	- 31.3	1.1 - 31.12			1.1	- 31.3	1.1 - 31.12
Amounts in NOK million	Note	2025	2024	2024	Amounts in NOK million	Note	2025	2024	2024
Operating revenues	2	2,036	1,975	7,617	Profit for the period		244	200	829
Operating expenses		-1,525	-1,533	-5,743					
Depreciation property, plant and equipment		-143	-133	-556	Items not to be reclassified to P&L		-	-	-
Amortisation intangible assets		-1	-1	-5	Actuarial gains and losses (after tax)		-	-	28
Other income and expenses <sup>1</sup>	3	-	-	-30	Total items not to be reclassified to P&L		-	-	28
Operating profit		367	308	1,283					
Financial items, net	4	-48	-47	-204	Items to be reclassified to P&L			-	-
Profit before taxes		319	261	1,079	Change in hedging-reserve after tax (cashflow)	8	429	-259	-296
Income tax expense	5	-75	-61	-250	Change in hedging-reserve after tax	8	55	-49	-89
Profit for the period		244	200	829	(net investment in subsidiaries)	0	00		09
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests		-7	-	6	Translation effects		-78	74	124
Profit attributable to owners of the parent		251	200	823	Total items to be reclassified to P&L		406	-234	-261
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>		511	442	1,874	The Group's comprehensive income		650	-34	596
					Comprehensive income non-controlling interests		-10	3	10
					Comprehensive income to owners of the parent		660	-37	586

### INTERIM EARNINGS PER SHARE

		1.1 -	- 31.3	1.1 - 31	
Amounts in NOK	Note	2025	2024	20	
Earnings per share	6	2.52	2.01	8.	
Diluted earnings per share	6	2.52	2.00	8.	

<sup>1</sup>Alternative performance measure, see page 21 for definition.

## THE GROUP'S INTERIM CONDENSED COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT

31.12

2024

8.25

8.25



## THE GROUP'S INTERIM CONDENSED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Amounts in NOK million	Note	31.3.2025	31.12.2024			1	.1 - 31.3.2025		1.	1 - 31.12.2024	
ntangible assets	13	85	88				Non-			Non-	
Property, plant and equipment	13	4,992	5,026	Amounts in NOK million	Note	Controlling	controlling	Total	Controlling	controlling	Tota
Right-of-use assets		483	508		NOLE	interests	interests	equity	interests	interests	equit
Other assets	9	598	524	Equity 1 January		5,041	49	5,090	4,855	39	4,894
Investments in joint venture/associate companies	4	400	417	Profit/loss for the period	0	251	-7	244	823	6	829
Non-current assets		6,558	6,563	Items in Comprehensive Income	8	409	-3	406	-237	4	-233
Inventories		1,474	1,498	The Group's Comprehensive income	8	660	-10	650	586	10	596
Receivables	9	1,694	1,441						074		07
Cash and cash deposits	11	191	82	Paid dividend		-	-	-	-374	-	-374
Current assets		3,359	3,021	Buy-back of treasury shares		-10	-	-10	-98	-	-98
Total assets		9,917	9,584	Exercise of share options		4	-	4	31	-	3
				Shares to employees		34	-	34	28	-	28
Group equity	10	5,733	5,041	Option costs (share-based payment)		4	-	4	13	-	1:
Non-controlling interests		39	49	Equity at the end of the period		5,733	39	5,772	5,041	49	5,090
Equity		5,772	5,090								
Provisions and other liabilities		454	591								
Interest-bearing liabilities	9, 11	1,898	2,035								
Non-current liabilities		2,352	2,626								
Interest-bearing liabilities	9, 11	420	288								
Other current liabilities	9	1,373	1,580								
Current liabilities		1,793	1,868								
Equity and liabilities		9,917	9,584								
Equity ratio <sup>1</sup>		58.2 %	53.1 %								

<sup>1</sup>Alternative performance measure, see page 21 for definition.

## INTERIM CONDENSED CHANGES IN EQUITY



## THE GROUP'S INTERIM CONDENSED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

		1.1 - 3	1.3	1.1 - 31.12			1.1 - 31	1.3	1.1 - 31.1
Amounts in NOK million	Note	2025	2024	2024	Amounts in NOK million	Note	2025	2024	202
Profit before taxes		319	261	1,079	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		-3	429	42
Amortisation, depreciation and impairment charges		144	134	561	Change in cash and cash equivalents		74	-369	-45
Changes in net working capital, etc.		-261	-466	-326	Currency effects cash and cash equivalents		-6	21	2
Dividend/share of profit from JV & associate companies	4	17	3	22	Cash and cash equivalents at the close of the period	11	65	81	-(
Taxes paid		-90	-115	-268					
Cash flow from operating activities		129	-183	1,068	*Investment by category				
Investments property, plant and equipment		-143	-115	-711	Replacement investments		117	95	598
and intangible assets *		1.10	110	,	Expansion investments <sup>1</sup> including investment				
Investments in associate companies* and bio-based start-ups	4	-	-	-150	in associate companies and bio-based start-ups		26	20	263
Other capital transactions		Δ	3	19	Total investments including investment in		143	115	861
Cash flow from investing activities		-139	-112	-842	associate companies and bio-based start-ups				
Dividends		-	-	-374					
Proceeds from exercise of options/shares to employees	10	30	35	52					
Buy-back of treasury shares	7	-10	-28	-98					
Gain/(loss) on hedges for net investments in subsidiaries		72	-50	-109					
Net paid to/from shareholders		92	-43	-529					
Proceeds from interest-bearing liabilities	11	100	0	500					
Repayment from interest-bearing liabilities	11	-71	-67	-724					
Change in interest-bearing liabilities/other instruments	11	-37	36	74					
Change in net interest-bearing liabilities		-8	-31	-150					
Cash flow from financing activities		84	-74	-679					
Change in cash and cash equivalents		74	-369	-453					

<sup>1</sup>Alternative performance measure, see page 21 for definition.

#### THE GROUP'S INTERIM CONDENSED CASH FLOW STATEMENT cont.

# **NOTES**

**NOTE 01** Organisation and basis for preparation

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Borregaard ASA is incorporated and domiciled in Norway. The address of its registered office is Hjalmar Wessels vei 6, Sarpsborg.

#### Basis for preparation

These unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting. Borregaard ASA is the parent company of the Borregaard Group presented in these Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

The same accounting principles and methods of calculation have been applied as in the Consolidated Financial Statements for 2024 for the Borregaard Group.

#### Use of estimates

The same use of estimates has been applied as in the Consolidated Financial Statements for 2024.

#### **NOTE 02** Segments

#### **OPERATING REVENUES**

	1.1 - 3	1.3	1.1 - 31.12			1.1 - 31.3	1.1 - 31.1
Amounts in NOK million	2025	2024	2024	Amounts in NOK million	2025	2024	2024
Borregaard	2,036	1,975	7,617	Borregaard	1,992	1,948	7,502
BioSolutions	1,179	1,088	4,241	BioSolutions	1,138	1,066	4,132
BioMaterials	689	704	2,622	BioMaterials	677	693	2,579
Fine Chemicals	179	192	799	Fine Chemicals	177	189	79
Eliminations	-11	-9	-45	Eliminations	-	-	

There is limited intercompany sales between the different segments and eliminations consist essentially Operating revenues consist of sales revenues and other revenues such as commissions, revenues from of allocations from the corporate headquarter. waste received for incineration etc.

<sup>1</sup>Alternative performance measure, see page 21 for definition.

#### **EBITDA**<sup>1</sup>

		1.1 - 31.3	3	1.1 - 31
	Amounts in NOK million	2025	2024	20
ted	Borregaard	511	442	1,8
	BioSolutions	349	264	1,1
	BioMaterials	113	111	4
	Fine Chemicals	49	67	3
	Reconciliation against operating profit & profit before tax			
in	EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	511	442	1,8
	Depreciations and write downs	-143	-133	-5
	Amortisation intangible assets	-1	-1	
	Other income and expenses <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-
	Operating profit	367	308	1,2
	Financial items, net	-48	-47	-2
	Profit before taxes	319	261	1,0

#### SALES REVENUES

1.1 - 31.12 2024 ,874 ,104 434 336

> ,874 -556 -5 -30 ,283 -204 1,079

- 31.12 2024 ,502 ,132 ,579 791

#### **NOTE 03** Other income and expenses<sup>1</sup>

Other income and expenses<sup>1</sup> were NOK 0 in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025.

#### **NOTE 04** Financial items

#### NET FINANCIAL ITEMS

	1.1 - 31.3		
Amounts in NOK million	2025	2024	2024
Net interest expenses	-36	-39	-160
Currency gain/loss	-7	0	-17
Share of profit/-loss from associates	-17	-3	-22
Other financial items, net	12	-5	-5
Net financial items	-48	-47	-204

As of 31 March 2025, Borregaard holds 35% of the shares in Alginor ASA on a fully diluted basis.

See Note 14 and notification to the Oslo Stock Exchange on 17 March 2025.

Borregaard also holds 12% of the shares in Kaffe Bueno ApS.

Other financial items, net includes changes in committed return on the Group's unfunded pension plan.

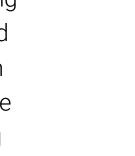
#### **NOTE 05** Income tax expense

The tax rate of 23.5% (23.4%) for the first three months of 2025 is a compilation of the tax rates in the various countries in which Borregaard operates and has taxable income. The corporate income tax rate in Norway is 22%.

In addition to the compilation of the tax rates in the various countries in which Borregaard operates and has taxable income, the income tax rate for the Group is also impacted by the following: LignoTech Florida is a limited liability company (LLC) which is taxed on the owners' hand. Profit before tax is 100% consolidated in the Borregaard Group, whereas the tax expense is calculated based on Borregaard's 55% ownership.

Consequently, profit attributable to non-controlling interests for LignoTech Florida (45%) is calculated on profit before tax. Share of profit after tax from the associated companies, Alginor ASA and Kaffe Bueno ApS, is accounted for as part of operating profit and profit before tax. There are carry forward losses in the Group which will not be recognised as deferred tax assets, and hence increase the Group's tax rate.







#### **NOTE 06** Earnings per share (EPS)

The share capital consists of 100 million shares. The company holds 272,886 treasury shares and average number of outstanding shares as of 31 March 2025 were 99.64 million. Average number of outstanding diluted shares were 99.66 million (99.75 in 2024). Earnings per diluted share were NOK 2.52 in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (NOK 2.00 in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024).

#### **NOTE 07** Stock options

During the  $1^{st}$  quarter, 55,000 share options at a strike price of NOK 87.60 per share were exercised.

The Group Executive Management and other key employees hold a total of 1,462,000 stock options in five different share option programmes in Borregaard.

Stock options	Issued 2021	Issued 2022	Issued 2023	Issued 2024	Issued 2025							
Number of stock options	243,000	200,000	250,000	371,000	398,000		3	1.3.2025	31.3	3.2024	31.	12.2024
Strike price (NOK)*	168.70	216.75	187.00	195.35	221.22			Hedges of net		Hedges of net		Hedges of ne
Vesting period	3 years	3 years	3 years	3 years	3 years	Amounts in NOK million	Cash flow hedges	investments in subsidiaries	Cash flow hedges	investments in subsidiaries	Cash flow hedges	investments i subsidiarie
Expiry date	16 February 2026	17 February 2027	1 March 2028	27 February 2029	14 February 2030	Tax effect year-to-date	-32	-81	-142	-85	-153	-9
						Hedging reserve after tax	-112	-255	-504	-270	-541	-31

\* Strike prices have been adjusted for dividend paid since issuance of stock options.

#### **NOTE 08** Statement of comprehensive income

The statement of comprehensive income shows changes in the value of hedging instruments, both cash flow hedges and hedges of net investments in subsidiaries (hedging reserve).

These figures are presented after tax.



#### **NOTE 09** Fair value hierarchy

For financial instruments that are recognised at fair value on a recurring basis, the Group determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation at the end of each reporting period.

The following measurement levels are used for determining the fair value of financial instruments:

- Level 1 Quoted market prices in an active market (that are unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 Valuation techniques (for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable)
- Level 3 Valuation techniques (for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable)

There have been no transfers from level 2 to level 3 from the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024 to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025. Borregaard consequently has no items defined as level 1. The bond is determined as measurement level 3. The fair value of the bond is deemed to equal its book value.

Set out below is a comparison of the carrying amount and the fair value of financial instruments as of 31 March 2025:

#### FINANCIAL ASSETS

			31.	3.2025	31.12.2024		
	Amounts in NOK million	Level	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value	
	Non-current financial receivables	2	200	200	192	192	
	Non-current derivatives	2	68	68	1	1	
	Share investment	2	28	28	28	28	
5	Current derivatives	2	17	17	5	5	
	Total financial assets		313	313	226	226	
	FINANCIAL LIABILITIES						
	Non-current financial liabilities	2, 3	1,900	1,900	2,037	2,037	
	Non-current derivatives	2	76	76	336	336	
	Current financial liabilities	2	420	420	288	288	
	Current derivatives	2	156	156	363	363	
	Total financial liabilities		2,552	2,552	3,024	3,024	

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE

Amounts in NOK million		Level 1	Level 2	Level
Financial instruments 31.3.2025	-2,239		-1,739	-50
Financial instruments 31.12.2024	-2,798	-	-2,298	-50

The financial instruments are measured based on observable spot exchange rates, the yield curves of the respective currencies as well as the currency basis spreads between the respective currencies.

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#### **NOTE 10** Compilation of Equity

Amounts in NOK million	31.3.2025	31.12.2024
Share capital	100	100
Treasury shares	-	-
Share premium	1,346	1,346
Other paid-in capital	1,067	1,025
Translation effects	296	371
Hedging reserve (after tax)	-367	-851
Actuarial gains/Losses	116	116
Retained earnings	3,175	2,934
Group equity (controlling interests)	5,733	5,041

As of 31 March 2025, the company held 272,886 treasury shares at an average cost of NOK 188.19.

#### **NOTE 11** Net interest-bearing debt<sup>1</sup>

The various elements of net interest-bearing debt are shown in the following table:

Amounts in NOK million	31.3.2025	31.12.2024
Non-current interest-bearing liabilities	1,898	2,035
Current interest-bearing liabilities including overdraft of cashpool	420	288
Non-current interest-bearing receivables (included in "Other Assets")	-1	-1
Cash and cash deposits	-191	-82
Net interest-bearing debt <sup>1</sup>	2,126	2,240
- of which impact of IFRS 16 Leases	530	554

<sup>1</sup>Alternative performance measure, see page 21 for definition.

#### **NOTE 12** Related parties

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The members of the Group Executive Management of Borregaard held a total of 664,000 stock options in the Company as of 31 March 2025.

**NOTE 13** Assessments relating to impairment

No impairment indicators have been identified in the Borregaard Group's property, plant and equipment or intangible assets in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025.

#### **NOTE 14** Other matters and subsequent events

In April, Borregaard co-invested with existing shareholders, Must Invest and Hatteland Group, in a direct offering of new shares in Alginor, amounting to NOK 100 million. Additionally, the same three shareholders will underwrite a subsequent rights issue of NOK 50 million, with subscription rights extended to all other shareholders.

Depending on the outcome of the subsequent rights issue, Borregaard's equity contribution will range from NOK 55 to 83 million, corresponding to an ownership share of between 36% and 43% in Alginor. Including this equity raise, Borregaard's total investment in Alginor will increase to between NOK 474 and 502 million.

See notification to the Oslo Stock Exchange on 17 March 2025.

There have been no other events after the balance sheet date that would have had a material impact on the interim financial statements, or the assessments carried out.



# ALTERNATIVE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

In the discussion of the reported operating results, financial position and cash flows, Borregaard refers to certain measures which are not defined by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) such as IFRS. Borregaard management makes regular use of these Alternative Performance Measures and is of the opinion that this information, along with comparable GAAP measures, is useful to investors who wish to evaluate the company's operating performance, ability to repay debt and capability to pursue new business opportunities. Such Alternative Performance Measures should not be viewed in isolation or as an alternative to the equivalent GAAP measures.





#### EBITDA

#### Description

EBITDA is defined by Borregaard as operating profit before depreciation, amortisation and other income and expenses.

#### Reason for including

Shows performance regardless of capital structure, tax situation and adjusted for income and expenses related transactions and events no considered by management to be part of operation activities. Management believes the measure enables an evaluation of operating performance.

#### EBITDA MARGIN

#### Description

EBITDA margin is defined by Borregaard as EBITDA divided by operating revenues.

#### Reason for including

Shows the operations' performance regardless of capital structure and tax situation as a ratio to operating revenues.

#### EQUITY RATIO

#### Description

Equity ratio is defined by Borregaard as equity (including non-controlling interests) divided by equity and liabilities.

#### Reason for including

Equity ratio is an important measure in describin the capital structure.

		1.7	- 31.3	1.1 - 31.1
	EBITDA	2025	2024	202
	Operating profit	367	308	1 28
е	Other income and expenses	-	-	3
not	Amortisation intangible assets	1	1	
ating	Depreciation and impairment property, plant and equipment	143	133	55
	EBITDA	511	442	1 87
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			1.1 - 31.3	1.1 - 31.1
	EBITDA MARGIN	2025	2024	202
8	EBITDA	511	442	1,87
to	Operating revenues	2,036	1,975	7,61
	EBITDA margin (%) (EBITDA/operating revenues)	25.1	22.4	24

			1.1 - 31.3	1.1 - 31.1
	EQUITY RATIO	2025	2024	202
ng	Total equity	5,772	4,877	5,09
	Equity & liabilities	9,917	9,283	9,58
	Equity ratio (%) (total equity/equity & liabilities)	58.2	52.5	53.

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#### **EXPANSION INVESTMENTS**

#### Description

Borregaard's investments are either categorised as replacement or expansion. Expansion investments are defined by Borregaard as investments made in order to expand production capacity, produce new products or to improve the performance of existing products. Such investments include business acquisitions, investments in bio-based start-ups, pilot plants, capitalised research and development costs and new distribution set-ups.

#### Reason for including

Borregaard's strategic priorities are specialisation and diversification, increase value added from the biorefinery, develop business areas and to continue emphasis on ESG along the entire value chain. To be able to deliver on those priorities, expansion investments are needed. As such, expansion investments are important information for investors. One of Borregaard's financial objectives is to have an internal rate of return >15% pre-tax for expansion investments.

#### **OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES**

#### Description

Other income and expenses are defined by Borregaard as non-recurring items or items related to other periods or to a discontinued business or activity. These items are not viewed as reliable indicators of future earnings based on the business areas' normal operations. These items will be included in the Group's operating profit.

#### Reason for including

To be able to compare the EBITDA of different reporting periods, significant non-recurring items not directly related to operating activities, are included in Other income and expenses.

		1	.1 - 31.3	1.1 - 31.1
n	EXPANSION INVESTMENTS	2025	2024	202
ne	Total investments including investment in associate companies and bio-based start-ups	143	115	86
nue	Replacement investments	-117	-95	-59
Ō	Expansion investments including investment in associate companies and bio-based start-ups	26	20	26

	1.1 - 31.3		1.1 - 31.1	
OTHER INCOME & EXPENSES	2025	2024	202	
Other income & expenses	-	-	-3	

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#### NET INTEREST-BEARING DEBT

Description

Net interest-bearing debt is defined by Borregaard as interest-bearing liabilities minus interest-bearing assets.

#### Reason for including

Net interest-bearing debt provides an indicator of the net indebtedness and an indicator of the over strength of the statement of financial position. Net interest-bearing debt is part of Borregaard's financial covenants (leverage ratio) and is importa in understanding the capital structure.

#### LEVERAGE RATIO

Description

Leverage ratio is defined by Borregaard as net interest-bearing debt divided by last twelve months' (LTM) EBITDA.

#### **Reason for including**

Leverage ratio is an indicator of the overall streng of the statement of financial position. Borregaard has a targeted leverage ratio between 1.0 and 2.2 over time. Leverage ratio is Borregaard's financial covenant on long-term credit facilities.

#### CAPITAL EMPLOYED

#### Description

Capital employed is defined by Borregaard as the total of net working capital, intangible assets, property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets minus net pension liabilities.

**Reason for including** Borregaard uses capital employed as basis for calculating ROCE.

		1.1 - 31.3	1.1 - 31.12
NET INTEREST-BEARING DEBT	2025	2024	2024
Non-current interest-bearing liabilities	1,898	2,043	2,035
Current interest-bearing liabilities including overdraft of cashp	ool 420	330	288
Non-current interest-bearing receivables (included in "Other as	-1	-2	-1
Cash and cash deposits	-191	-200	-82
Net interest-bearing debt	2,126	2,171	2,240

		1.1 - 3	31.3	1.1 - 31.1
	LEVERAGE RATIO	2025	2024	202
ngth	Net interest-bearing debt	2,126	2,171	2,24
rd	EBITDA	1,943	1,788	1,87
.25	Leverage ratio (net interest-bearing debt/EBITDA)	1.09	1.21	1.2
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	1.1 - 31.3		1.1 - 31.12	
CAPITAL EMPLOYED (END OF PERIOD)	2025	2024	2024	
Capital employed (end of period)	8,290	7,789	8,172	

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#### RETURN ON CAPITAL EMPLOYED (ROCE)

#### Description

Return on capital employed (ROCE) is defined by Borregaard as last twelve months' (LTM) capital contribution (operating profit before amortisation and other income and expenses) divided by average capital employed based on the ending balance of the last five quarters.

#### Reason for including

ROCE is an important financial ratio to assess Borregaard's profitability and capital efficiency. One of Borregaard's financial objectives is to have ROCE >15% pre-tax over a business cycle.

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RETURN ON CAPITAL EMPLOYED (ROCE)	31.3.2025	31.3.2024	31.12.2024
Capital employed end of:			
Q1, 2023	-	7,142	-
Q2, 2023	-	7,216	-
Q3, 2023	-	7,191	-
Q4, 2023	-	7,142	7,142
Q1, 2024	7,789	7,789	7,789
Q2, 2024	7,582	-	7,582
Q3, 2024	7,813	-	7,813
Q4, 2024	8,172	-	8,172
Q1, 2025	8,290	-	-
Average capital employed	7,929	7,296	7,700
CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION	31.3.2025	31.3.2024	31.12.2024
Operating profit	1,342	1,279	1,283
Other income and expenses	30	0	30
Amortisation intangible assets	5	5	5
Capital contribution	1,377	1,284	1,318
RETURN ON CAPITAL EMPLOYED (ROCE)	31.3.2025	31.3.2024	31.12.2024
Capital contribution	1,377	1,284	1,318
Average capital employed	7,929	7,296	7,700
Return on capital employed (ROCE) (%) (capital contribution/average capital employed)	17.4	17.6	17.1

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