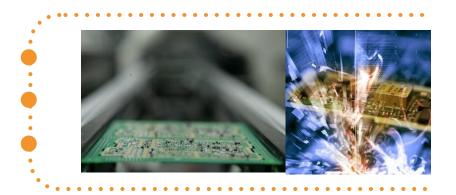


### **Q4 results 2009**

4 February 2009 Jørgen Bredesen, CEO Björn Wigström, CFO



## **Positive trend in Q4**

**Financial highlights** 

- Strong cash generation: NOK 62.3 million in Q4
- Backlog increased for the third quarter in a row
- Revenue down 35.3% vs Q4 last year but trend is positive
- Profitability is recovering operating margin 3.7% in Q4
- Strong performance vs peers through 2009



## **Strategic steps to expand market**

### **Operational highlights**

- Improved market conditions
- Expanding market coverage and manufacturing network
  - Small front end EMS company in Germany acquired (subject to financial closing)
  - Decision taken to set up manufacturing unit in China
    - Lease agreement signed





## **Focus on streamlining operations**

### **Operational highlights**

- Positive effect of completed downsizing
  - Headcount reduced by 350 FTE's in 2009
  - Significant reduction of cost base (about NOK 130 million on annual basis)
- Decision taken to divest development department
  - Entering a structured sales process
  - Looking for a strategic alliance with a larger development house
- Continued focus on operational streamlining and margin improvements



## Major New Orders (up to 31.01.2010)

### • Major new orders booked in Q4

- Medical ventilator systems for Maquet (NOK 40 million)
- Complex communication equipment for KDA (NOK 28 million)
- Protector, weapon control system for KDA (NOK 23 million)
- Service order for offshore client (NOK 20 million)
- Long term agreement with Otrum (NOK 35 million over 3 years)

### Major new orders in January 2010

- New order within medical equipment segment (NOK 80 million)
- Long term agreement with Danaher Motion (more than NOK 100 million) – First contract based on China manufacturing!
- Protector, weapon control system for KDA (NOK 20 million)





### **Financial statements Q4 2009**



### **Revenue as expected**

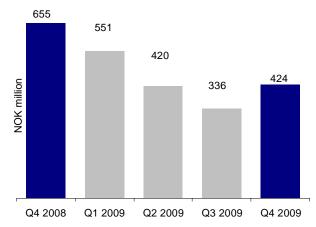
- Revenue at NOK 424 million, 35% lower than last year
- Q4 change by market segment:

Q4 2009 vs Q4 2008

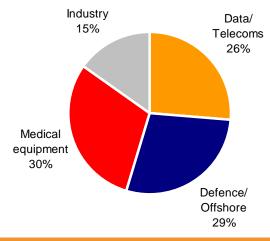
Data/Telecoms-38.5%Defence/Offshore-44.1%Medical equipment-15.3%Industry-40.3%

- Offshore segment down while trend in Defence is positive
- Positive trend quarter by quarter and strong activity towards the end of Q4





#### **Revenue** by market segment Total revenue NOK 424 million





## **Revenue by country**

 Norway and Lithuania negatively affected by drop in Offshore segment

Q4 2009 vs Q4 2008

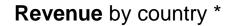
 Norway
 -28.4%

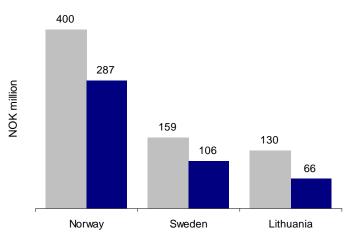
 Sweden
 -33.4%

 Lithuania
 -48.9%

- All operations adjusted to lower revenue level
- Positive trend quarter by quarter across all units
- Component shortage and other bottlenecks to ramp up production held back revenue growth in Q4

\* Before group entities and eliminations







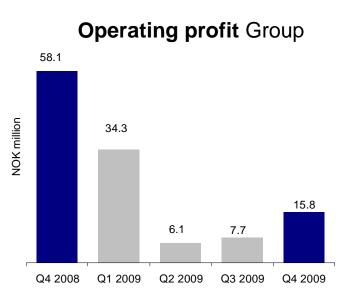


## **Profitability improving**

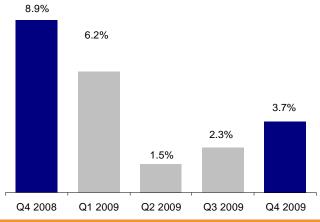
- Operating profit in Q4 was NOK 15.8 million (NOK 58.1 million) and margin was 3.7% (8.9%)
- Main factors behind lower profit vs Q4 2008:
  - Revenue lower and different product mix
  - Cost and productivity issues related to the capacity adjustment

### Operational streamlining yields positive effect:

- Cost base reduction NOK 130 million on annual basis
- Global sourcing, manufacturing efficiency and transfer program give positive improvement
- Relative payroll costs 26.6% of revenue (21.1%) and other operating costs 5.9% of revenue (5.8%)



### **Operating margin** Group

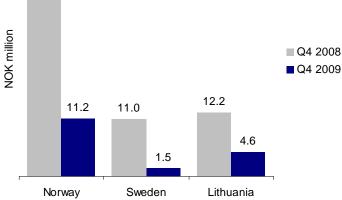




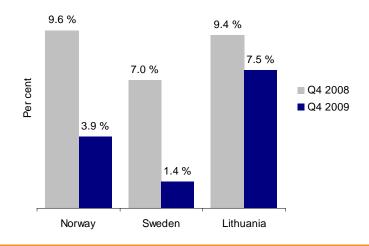
## **Profit by country**

- All sites deliver positive results and the trend quarter on quarter is positive.
- Actions to turn around Swedish operations are gradually yielding results.
- NOK 2.5 million early retirement provision included in Q4 result for Sweden

# Operating profit by country \* 38.6



### Operating margin by country



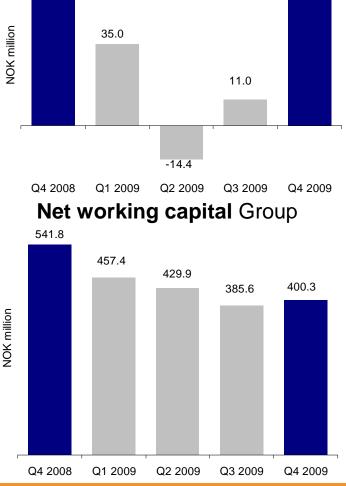
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### **Cash flow**

- Cash flow was NOK 62.3 million (NOK 66.5 million)
- Investment level reduced
- Reduction in working capital is driving positive development
  - Inventory down NOK 70 million vs Q4 2008
  - Receivables down NOK 166 million vs Q4 2008
  - Partly off set by NOK 104 million lower payables
- Low exposure for bad debt and inventory write offs

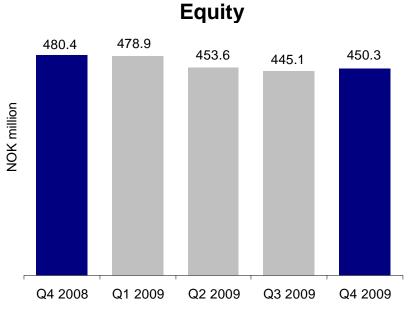
### Operating cash flow Group 66.5 62.3





## **Strong equity ratio**

- Equity of NOK 450.3 million (480.4) and an equity ratio of 45.9% (38.4%)
- Increase in equity ratio driven by total balance reduction
- Exchange rate fluctuations and divestments had a negative impact on equity in absolute value



Equity ratio					
38.4%	40.8%	46.9%	47.2%	45.9%	





## Kitron Development reclassified to discontinued operations

- Decision taken to divest Kitron Development (an operation within Kitron AS)
- Reclassification done in financial statements
  - Balance sheet reclassification of assets (NOK 8.3 million) and liabilities (NOK 5.8 million)
  - Key financials (full year) of reclassified operation:

Revenue	NOK 19 million
EBIT	NOK -11 million

 All comparative numbers restated to only reflect continued operation



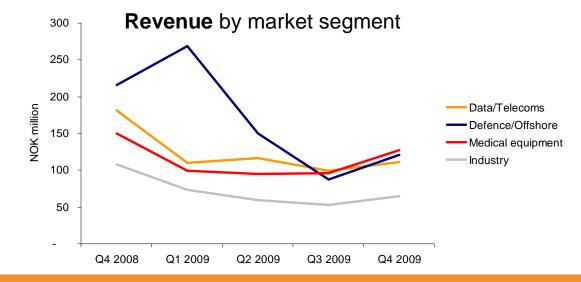


## Market development



## **Improved market conditions expected**

- Medical equipment continues strong trend
  - several companies ramping up manufacturing
- Significant drop in Offshore but signs of stronger market ahead
   Defence segment maintains strong development
- Data/Telecoms trend mixed
- Industry segment is stable

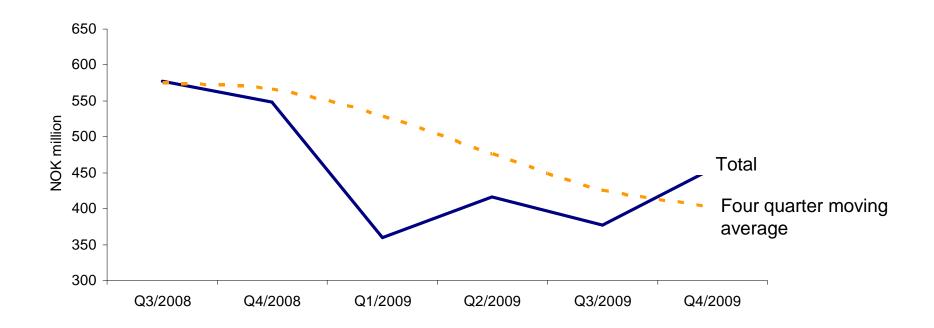


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### **Order intake improving**

Order intake Group

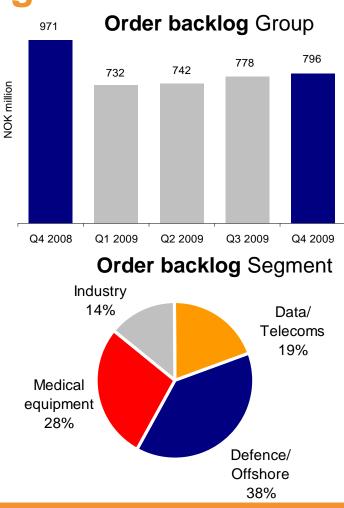




## **Order backlog is recovering**

- Order backlog at NOK 796 million (NOK 971 million)
- Backlog increasing for the third quarter in a row
- Expected long-term positive development in the Medical equipment and Defence segments
- Offshore expected to recover in second half of 2010

Definition of order backlog includes firm orders and four month customer forecast





## **Expanding market coverage**

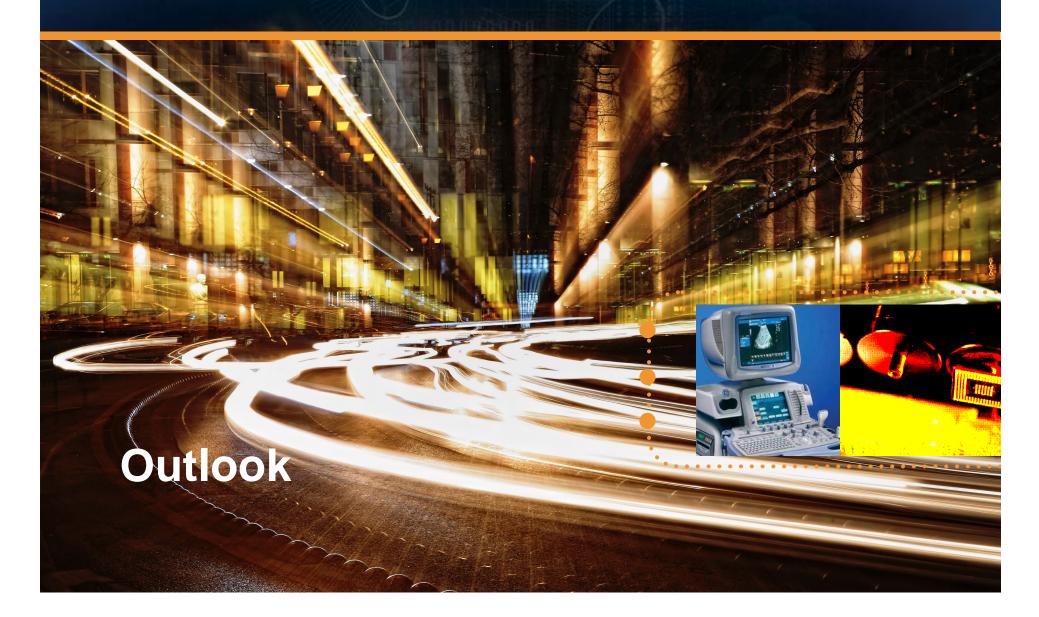
### • A smaller EMS engineering and NPI company acquired

- The German EMS market is the largest in Europe
- Focus on front-end engineering and NPI
- Based primarily on manufacturing in Lithuania and China
- Decision taken to establish a manufacturing operation in China
  - Lease agreement signed
  - Factory expected to be operational in 2H 2010
  - Offering another lower cost manufacturing alternative and opening up new markets









## Outlook

- Order intake and backlog expected to continue to improve quarter by quarter
- Capacity adjustments expected to yield positive effect on profitability in 2010
- Continued focus on operational improvements (supply chain management, ERP, exit or turn around loss making activities etc)
- Strong focus on balance sheet management and cash flow continues
- Profitability expected to improve in 2010







## Thank you!

