

Note 1 - Accounting principles

SpareBank 1 SMN prepares and presents its quarterly accounts in compliance with the Stock Exchange Regulations, Stock Exchange Rules and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), including IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting. As from 2007 the company accounts are also prepared and presented under IFRS. This entails that investments in associates and subsidiaries are recognised using the cost method. For this reason results recorded by associates and subsidiaries are not included in the parent bank's accounts.

Further, the Group has in this quarterly report used the same accounting principles and calculation methods as in the latest annual report and accounts. The quarterly accounts do not include all the information required in a complete set of annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the annual accounts for 2010.

As from January 2011 the Group has implemented new requirements in IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting as regards changes in business or financial factors that affect fair value measurement of an entity's financial assets and liabilities, and as regards transfer between levels in the fair value hierarchy used to measure the fair value of financial instruments. In addition there is the possible reclassification of financial assets resulting from a change in the purpose or application of these assets. The Group has also implemented IFRIC 19 Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments, and the new IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures. None of these standards has entailed any essential change in Group reporting.