



Posten Norge

Quarterly report

3rd quarter 2009



Summary

The development in revenues for the third quarter was affected by the economic downturn. As a consequence of a decrease in volume and a lower level of activity operating revenues fell by MNOK 610 compared with the same period last year. Despite the fall in revenues the operating result (EBIT) before non-recurring items and write-downs for the third quarter grew by MNOK 302 compared with last year.

In connection with the revised national budget MNOK 518 was granted as payment for commercially unprofitable postal and banking services in 2009 (government procurements). Operating revenues as of the third quarter include MNOK 369 in government procurements.

The third quarter EBIT before non-recurring items and write-downs was MNOK 233 higher than for the same period in 2008. The 12-month return on invested capital before non-recurring items and write-downs (ROIC) was 10.2% compared with 8.1% as of the third quarter of 2008.

The group's Spinnaker profitability programme was implemented in 2008 and is giving positive results. Further measures will be put in place to adapt costs to a falling level of activity in the market, particularly in the Mail and Logistics segments.

In order to adapt to a lower volume level for letter products and increased competition within package and goods, it was decided that further measures will be implemented within the terminal structure in Norway. This includes having fewer sorting depots for letters, the introduction of new sorting technology to increase efficiency and the co-localisation of package and goods terminals.

Posten Norge AS achieved a delivery quality of 89.2% for A mail delivered overnight during the third quarter of 2009. This was an improvement of 0.5 percentage points compared with 2008 and 4.2 percentage points above the licence requirement.

Results (UNAUDITED)

Q3 2009	Q3 2008	MNOK	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	Year 2008
6 350	6 690	Operating revenues	20 146	20 756	28 663
503	259	EBITDA	1 351	1 018	1 589
267	34	EBIT before non-recurring items and write-downs	647	345	683
189	36	EBIT	446	367	361
-50	-57	Net financial items	-178	-164	-253
139	-20	Earnings before taxes	267	203	108

Operating revenues

The group's operating revenues came to MNOK 6 350 in the third quarter of 2009, a decline of 5.1% from the third quarter of 2008.

Acquisitions and government procurements helped to increase operating revenues by MNOK 785 and MNOK 369 compared with the same period last year, while revenues from continued operations fell by 5.3%.

The Group's companies in Sweden, Denmark and Finland achieved total operating revenues of MNOK 5 379 as of the third quarter of 2009. This was an increase of 2.3% from last year. This increase was mainly due to the acquisitions of CombiTrans AB and the remaining 50% of PNL in the third quarter of 2008 as well as the expansion of Bring Citymail in Sweden and Denmark. Operating revenues outside Norway comprised 26.7% as of the third quarter of 2009, compared with 25.3% last year.

Earnings

The group's EBIT before non-recurring items and write-downs as of the third quarter of 2009 came to MNOK 647, an improvement of MNOK 302 compared with 2008. The cost-reduction measures that were implemented and government

procurements have compensated for the fall in volume as of the third quarter. Last year's result was also affected by the launch of the new brand. The third quarter EBIT before non-recurring items and write-downs came to MNOK 267, an increase of MNOK 233 from the same period last year.

Goodwill and fixed assets were written down by a total of MNOK 176 in 2009. EBIT so far this year was MNOK 446, an improvement of MNOK 79 compared with last year.

EBIT before non-recurring items and write-downs as of the third quarter of 2009 for the Mail segment were MNOK 576, an improvement of MNOK 533 from last year. Profit developments in the Mail segment were positively affected by government procurements and cost reductions. EBIT before non-recurring items and write-downs for the Logistics segment were MNOK 299 compared with MNOK 515 in 2008, primarily as a result of the effects of the economic downturn. The IT segment had an EBIT before non-recurring items and write-downs of MNOK 149, which means a reduction of MNOK 136 from the same period last year.

The EBIT margin before non-recurring items and write-downs as of the third quarter showed a change from 1.7% in 2008 to 3.2% in 2009. The EBIT margin before non-recurring items and write-downs in the third quarter of 2009 was 4.2% compared with 0.5% in the third quarter of last year.

Earnings before taxes on ordinary operations were MNOK 267 as of the third quarter of 2009 compared with MNOK 203 in 2008.

Key figures (UNAUDITED)

		30.09 2009	30.09 2008	31.12 2008
Equity ratio	%	29,8	28,4	26,4
EBIT-margin before non-recurring items and write-downs	%	3,2	1,7	2,4
EBIT-margin	%	2,2	1,8	1,3
Profit margin (before taxes)	%	1,3	1,0	0,4
Return on invested capital before non-recurring items and write-downs ¹⁾	%	10,2	8,1	7,4
Return on invested capital ¹⁾	%	4,6	4,5	3,9
Return on equity ¹⁾	%	-0,6	1,2	-0,5
Debt ratio (net)		0,6	0,6	0,6
Long-term liquidity reserve	MNOK	4 568	3 724	4 408
Investments, including acquisitions	MNOK	913	1 745	2 162
Workforce – Parent Company	FTE	13 816	15 078	15 446

Workforce - Group	FTE	23 994	25 283	25 851
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1) Rolling 12 months (before tax)

Balance sheet (UNAUDITED)

MNOK	30.09 2009	30.09 2008	31.12 2008
Fixed assets	12 286	11 380	12 317
Current assets	5 426	6 628	6 761
Assets held for sale		818	438
Total assets	17 712	18 826	19 516
Equity	5 286	5 343	5 160
Provisions for liabilities	2 274	2 280	2 268
Interest-bearing liabilities	4 065	5 137	4 763
Interest-free liabilities	6 087	5 996	7 325
Liabilities held for sale		69	
Total equity and liabilities	17 712	18 826	19 516

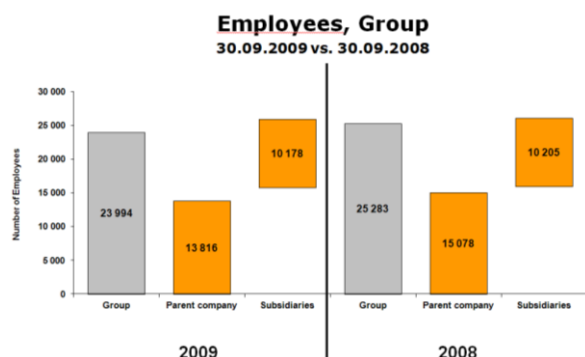
The MNOK 906 net increase in fixed assets was mainly due to investments related to the new South East Norway Terminal and IT investments. Total investments as of the third quarter of 2009 came to MNOK 913, a reduction of MNOK 832 compared with the same period last year.

The reduction in interest-bearing liabilities was mainly due to net loan repayments. Net interest-bearing liabilities as at 30 September 2009 came to MNOK 3 106.

The Group had long-term liquidity reserves of MNOK 4 568 as of the third quarter of 2009, compared with MNOK 3 724 at the same time last year. These reserves consisted of invested funds and available credit facilities.

The cash flow from operations and investment activities came to MNOK -167 so far this year, compared with MNOK -1 057 at the same time last year.

Workforce



The Group's workforce decreased by 1 289 full-time equivalents compared with the same period last year. Acquisitions resulted in increases to the workforce of 175 full-time equivalents compared with the third quarter last year, while efficiency measures have resulted in a net total decrease in the workforce.

Absence through illness in the Group was 7.1% as of the third quarter of 2009, a decline of 0.2 percentage points compared with the same period last year.

Markets and developments per segment

MAIL

The segment comprises letter products, banking services and dialogue services. The segment comprises the Mail Division (including its subsidiaries Bring Citymail and Bring Dialogue) and the Distribution Network Division.

Q3 2009	Q3 2008	MNOK (unaudited)	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	Året 2008
584	657	Volume, Group (million physical shipments)	1 922	2 189	2 962
2 856	2 936	Operating revenues	9 306	9 511	13 107
289	47	Segment earnings (EBITDA)	814	323	360
117	-38	Segment earnings (EBIT)	377	58	-118

Revenues as of the 3rd quarter of 2009 were MNOK 9 306, MNOK 205 lower than for the same period in 2008. Revenues include government procurements of MNOK 369. Revenues were negatively affected by falling volumes resulting from the economic downturn and electronic substitution. However the fall in turnover is compensated by the cost-reduction measures from the Spinnaker programme and other measures.

The total volume of letters in Norway was 13.5% lower in the third quarter of 2009 than for the same period in 2008, of which the combined volume of A and B mail fell by 8.6% so far this year. A mail had the greatest decline.

Unaddressed advertising showed a fall of 17.5% compared to last year. Major postal industries such as retail, publishing, mail order and estate agency businesses have reduced the use of unaddressed advertising as a result of the economic downturn. As of September the proportion of unaddressed advertising made up 48.5% of total letter volume in 2009, compare with 51% in 2008.

Fewer subscribers has led to a reduction in volumes for newspapers of 8%; at the same time the weight of consignments fell as a result of a reduced advertising volume.

The number of banking transactions continues to fall. The decline was 11% so far this year. Payment transactions are falling, while deposits and withdrawals are stable. The number of customers in the post office network fell by 7% compared with the same period in 2008.

Delivery quality for A mail delivered overnight was of 89.2% for the third quarter of 2009. This was an improvement of 0.5 percentage points compared with 2008 and 4.2 percentage points above the licence requirement.

Bring Citymail Sweden has implemented cost-reduction measures to meet the economic downturn that has impacted Sweden hard. Bring Citymail Denmark has also carried out extensive measures to improve profitability.

The restructuring of the post office network that began in September 2008 continues to follow the agreed plans. Of a total of 124 post offices, 84 have been replaced with Post in Shops (PiB) as of September 2009. Customers have accepted the PiB as a satisfactory alternative to the post office.

LOGISTICS

The segment comprises groupage and part load services, parcel delivery, warehousing, temperature-controlled transport and express services. The segment corresponds to the Logistics Division and comprises the parent company's operations within this division as well as operations in the subsidiaries in Bring Logistics, Bring Frigoscandia, Bring Express, PNL and CombiTrans.

Q3 2009	Q3 2008	MNOK (unaudited)	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	Året 2008
8,4	8,4	Volum (million shipments)*	25,5	24,8	35,0
3 145	3 359	Operating revenues	9 441	9 761	13 409
193	259	Segment earnings (EBITDA)	457	670	880
135	206	Segment earnings (EBIT)	283	523	682

* Shows the increase in parcel volume, excluding courier services

So far this year the segment's total revenues were 3.3% lower than in the same period last year. The acquisition of companies in 2008 has only partly compensated for the reduction in revenues which is a direct consequence of the economic downturn.

Total volume had a minor increase from last year even if B2B package products had a major fall in volume. Groupage and part load and express services also had a major decrease in volume. International operations have been particularly affected by the fall in volumes.

The Logistics segment's operations outside Norway had combined operating revenues of MNOK 3 634 as of the third quarter of 2009, which represented 38.5% of the segment's total operating revenues.

The segment's result development continues to be affected by lower volume and lower utilisation of capacity. A number of measures are underway to limit falling profits. In particular within temperature-controlled transport (in Norway), express and groupage and part load services significant cost reductions have been realised so far this year, and further adaptations are being evaluated in line with changes in economic conditions.

IT

The segment consists of operations and infrastructure services, solutions and applications and consulting services. The segment comprises the ErgoGroup group, including the SYSteam Group (Sweden) and Bekk Consulting AS.

Q3 2009	Q3 2008	MNOK (unaudited)	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	Året 2008
1 143	1 233	Operating revenues	3 834	4 085	5 689
138	177	Segment earnings (EBITDA)	373	505	704
44	102	Segment earnings (EBIT)	119	285	369

ErgoGroup has revenues of MNOK 3 834 as of the third quarter of 2009. This is a decline of 6.1% compared with last year, mainly as a result of the difficult market situation in Sweden and declined sales to Posten Norge AS.

ErgoGroup's sales to Posten Norge AS comprised 12% of the company's total revenues compared with 16% in the same period in 2008. In Norway, excluding Posten Norge AS, growth was 2.3%.

In the third quarter of 2009 ErgoGroup had entered into contracts worth MNOK 2,136, MNOK 136 more than for the equivalent period in 2008.

Profit developments in the IT segment were characterised by the economic downturn in the Swedish market. In the Norwegian part of the operations the profit was influenced by re-negotiated prices on a larger outsourcing contract. In addition, a delay in a roll-out project has influenced the pace of the improvement programme within IT operations negatively.

Restructuring work intensified in the third quarter, and restructuring costs of MNOK 20 were allocated in the third quarter and MNOK 34 so far this year. Most of the restructuring work will first produce results in 2010.

The development within Solutions and applications services has been satisfactory.

Future prospects

Market development

2009 is characterised by major uncertainty in the market as a result of the financial crisis and the economic downturn that began at the end of last year. Even if there is signs of improvement in the market, the economic downturn will continue to have a negatively effect on the Group's operations ahead. At the same time the continued fall in volumes within the Mail segment, partly from the long term electronic substitution, and increased competition will create challenges with regard to profitability.

The Group's profitability programme Spinnaker, that is to improve profitability in the Group by over BNOK 2 over the next three years, is producing good results. As a result of the weak economic situation further cost-cutting measures are also being implemented to adapt resource inputs to market developments.

In 2009 the Group's productivity system will be extended to more units to increase the efficiency of the Group's value chain.

The new South-East Norway terminal will be put into operation early in 2010 and is a high-technology facility with integrated production and distribution. In order to adapt to volume developments in the market further measures will be implemented within the terminal structure in East Norway, including fewer sorting depots for letters, the introduction of new sorting technology to increase efficiency and the co-localisation of package and goods terminals.

The Logistics segment is affected by the negative economic situation, particularly within B2B package products, freight and express products. It is expected that lower volumes and increased competition will continue to put pressure on earnings in the segment.

The IT segment is also affected by the economic downturn, particularly in Sweden, and increased pressure on prices and profitability is expected in the 4th quarter of 2009 and in 2010. In a period of economic downturn it is expected that more enterprises will outsource their IT operations which can be positive for ErgoGroup

As a labour-intensive company, Norway Post has a major focus on health, safety and the environment (HSE) and is continuously making efforts to reduce its sick leave rate, number of employees who are incapacitated for work and lost-time injuries. In 2009 there will be focus on the follow-up of near-accidents/undesired incidents as an important measure to prevent work injuries. The environment and climate are also major focus areas for the Group, which is continuing to work on specific measures within these areas.

Other conditions

In the Government's draft fiscal budget for 2010 it is proposed that MNOK 497 be granted as payment for commercially unprofitable postal and banking services. This is payment for the delivery services Norway Post is obliged to carry out in accordance with its licence, but that are not commercially profitable.

In the Government's new political platform presented on 7 October, it was stated that the Government will postpone the implementation of the EU's third Postal Directive. According to the Directive, member states must end monopolies for letter deliveries by 1 January 2011.

The ESA has given notice of a possible fine in connection with the Post in Shops previous exclusivity clause. Norway Post has also received notification of a compensation claim from the claimant. Norway Post believes that there is no basis for such a fine or compensation.

Oslo, 28 October 2009

Board of Directors

Appendix 1 - Financial information at 30 September 2009

(The information in this document has not been audited. All figures are in MNOK)

Income Statement

Q3 2009	Q3 2008	Norway Post Group	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	Year 2008
6 350	6 690	Operating revenues	20 146	20 756	28 663
2 245	2 516	Cost of goods and services	6 920	7 398	10 126
2 645	2 749	Payroll expenses	8 813	8 941	12 134
957	1 165	Other operating expenses	3 063	3 399	4 814
5 847	6 430	Operating expenses	18 795	19 738	27 074
503	259	EBITDA	1 351	1 018	1 589
236	225	Depreciation and amortization	703	673	906
267	34	EBIT - Earnings before non-recurring items and write downs	647	345	683
50		Write-downs	176		169
		Negative goodwill taken to income		-1	-29
-1	-3	(Gains) loss from sale of fixed assets/subsidiaries	-24	-13	-21
28		Restructuring costs	50	-7	203
189	36	EBIT - Earnings before interest and taxes	446	367	361
1	1	Share of profit from associated companies	1		-5
113	155	Financial income	628	244	640
164	213	Financial expenses	808	409	888
-50	-57	Net financial items	-178	-164	-253
139	-20	Earnings before taxes	267	203	108
63	-6	Taxes	126	57	136
77	-15	Net earnings	142	146	-28

Q3 2009	Q3 2008	Posten Norge AS	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	Year 2008
2 828	2 916	Operating revenues	9 173	9 366	12 922
417	466	Cost of goods and services	1 331	1 406	1 972
1 487	1 580	Payroll expenses	4 912	5 186	6 982
636	925	Other operating expenses	2 059	2 456	3 351
2 540	2 972	Operating expenses	8 303	9 048	12 305
288	-56	EBITDA	870	318	617
102	63	Depreciation and amortization	293	259	353
186	-119	EBIT - Earnings before non-recurring items and write downs	577	59	265
3		Write-downs	5		137
	-2	(Gains) loss from sale of fixed assets/subsidiaries	-19	-5	-13
		Restructuring costs	-1	-7	159
184	-117	EBIT - Earnings before interest and taxes	592	72	-18
91	229	Financial income	651	423	744
170	302	Financial expenses	712	504	1 044
-80	-74	Net financial items	-60	-81	-300
104	-191	Earnings before taxes	532	-9	-317
29	-51	Taxes	176		-36
75	-140	Net earnings	356	-9	-281

Statement of comprehensive income

Q3 2009	Q3 2008	Norway Post Group	YTD 2009	YTD 2008
77	-15	Net earnings	142	146
-25	20	Translation differences	-69	16
		Cash flow hedges:		
38	-13	Recorded in equity	74	3
4	-6	Transferred to income	18	-22
-12	5	Tax on equity changes	-26	5
5	6	Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	-3	2
82	-9	Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	138	148

Total comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to:

82	-9	Equity holders of the parent	139	147
		Minority interests	-1	1
82	-9		138	148

Q3 2009	Q3 2008	Posten Norge AS	YTD 2009	YTD 2008
75	-140	Net earnings	356	-9
-22		Translation differences	-55	
		Cash flow hedges:		
38	-13	Recorded in equity	74	3
4	-6	Transferred to income	18	-22
-12	5	Tax on equity changes	-26	5
		Tax effect demerger receivables		
8	-14	Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	11	-14
83	-154	Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	367	-23

Balance sheet

Norway Post Group	30.09.09	30.09.08	31.12.08
Assets			
Intangible assets	6 423	6 488	6 794
Deferred tax assets	794	653	818
Tangible assets	4 804	3 998	4 515
Financial assets	265	241	190
Total fixed assets	12 286	11 380	12 317
Current assets	5 426	6 628	6 761
Assets held for sale		818	438
Total assets	17 712	18 826	19 516
Equity and liabilities			
Equity	5 286	5 343	5 160
Provisions for liabilities	2 274	2 280	2 268
Interest-bearing long-term liabilities	3 989	5 091	4 701
Interest-free long-term liabilities	207	211	393
Long-term liabilities	4 196	5 302	5 094
Interest-bearing short-term liabilities	77	46	62
Interest-free short-term liabilities	5 879	5 785	6 932
Short-term liabilities	5 956	5 832	6 994
Liabilities held for sale		69	
Total equity and liabilities	17 712	18 826	19 516

Posten Norge AS	30.09.09	30.09.08	31.12.08
Assets			
Intangible assets	1 057	907	980
Deferred tax assets	689	554	693
Tangible assets	1 213	916	1 056
Financial assets	7 649	7 864	7 778
Total fixed assets	10 607	10 241	10 506
Current assets	3 927	4 428	5 001
Assets held for sale		692	388
Total assets	14 534	15 361	15 895
Equity and liabilities			
Equity	4 999	4 999	4 632
Provisions for liabilities	1 891	1 960	1 895
Interest-bearing long-term liabilities	3 892	4 936	4 527
Interest-free long-term liabilities	101	129	258
Long-term liabilities	3 993	5 066	4 785
Interest-bearing short-term liabilities	508	429	928
Interest-free short-term liabilities	3 143	2 908	3 655
Short-term liabilities	3 651	3 337	4 583
Total equity and liabilities	14 534	15 361	15 895

Statement of changes in equity

Norway Post Group	Attributed to equity holders of the parent					Minority interests	Total equity
	Share capital	Share premium account	Other reserves	Other equity	Total		
Equity at 01.01.2008	3 120	992	32	1 634	5 778	8	5 786
Profit/(loss) for the period				145	145	1	146
Other comprehensive income/(loss)			-14	16	2		2
Total comprehensive income/(loss)			-14	161	147	1	148
Dividends				-597	-597	-5	-602
Other equity transactions				19	19	-8	11
Equity at 30.09.2008	3 120	992	18	1 217	5 347	-4	5 343
Equity at 01.01.2009	3 120	992	-75	1 116	5 153	7	5 160
Profit/(loss) for the period				143	143	-1	142
Other comprehensive income/(loss)			66	-69	-3		-3
Total comprehensive income/(loss)			66	73	139	-1	138
Dividends						-6	-6
Other equity transactions				-6	-6		-6
Equity at 30.09.2009	3 120	992	-9	1 183	5 286	0	5 286

Posten Norge AS	Share capital	Share premium account	Other reserves	Other equity	Total
Equity at 01.01.2008	3 120	992	31	1 475	5 618
Profit/(loss) for the period				-9	-9
Other comprehensive income/(loss)			-14		-14
Total comprehensive income/(loss)			-14	-9	-23
Dividends				-597	-597
Equity at 30.09.2008	3 120	992	17	869	4 999
Equity at 01.01.2009	3 120	992	-75	595	4 632
Profit/(loss) for the period				356	356
Other comprehensive income/(loss)			66	-55	11
Total comprehensive income/(loss)			66	301	367
Equity at 30.09.2009	3 120	992	-9	896	4 999

Cash flow statement

Norway Post Group	30.09.09	30.09.08	Year 2008
Provided by operations	1 123	861	692
Changes in working capital and other accruals	-622	-184	650
Net cash flow from operational activities	501	677	1 342
Investments in tangible assets/IT development/subsidiaries	-913	-1 745	-2 155
Sales of tangible assets	316	53	53
Changes in other fixed assets	-71	-42	6
Net cash flow from investing activities	-668	-1 734	-2 095
Changes in loans and other financial items	-711	1 943	1 548
Group contribution/dividends paid		-597	-605
Net cash flow from financing activities	-711	1 346	943
Total change in liquid assets	-878	289	190
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period	1 837	1 647	1 647
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	958	1 936	1 837

Posten Norge AS	30.09.09	30.09.08	Year 2008
Provided by operations	810	245	210
Changes in working capital and other accruals	-415	-520	-563
Net cash flow from operational activities	396	-276	-353
Investments in tangible assets/IT development/subsidiaries	-309	-637	-1 086
Sales of tangible assets	254	38	42
Changes in other fixed assets	129	-465	308
Net cash flow from investing activities	74	-1 064	-736
Changes in loans and other financial items	-1 044	2 086	1 594
Group contribution/dividends paid		-597	-597
Net cash flow from financing activities	-1 044	1 489	997
Total change in liquid assets	-575	149	-92
Cash and cash equivalents at start of period	992	1 084	1 084
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	417	1 233	992



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SELECTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

General

Posten Norge was established as a statutory company (BA) on 1 December 1996 and was converted into a private limited company (AS) on 1 July 2002, with the Norwegian state, represented by the Ministry of Transport and Communications, as its sole shareholder.

These condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards) approved by the EU. The condensed interim financial statements are in accordance with the prevailing IAS 34 accounting standard for interim financial reporting. The condensed interim financial statements do not provide the complete information in the notes required for annual financial statements, so these financial statements must be read in connection with the annual financial statements.

Accounting principles

The interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the same accounting principles as those stated in the 2008 annual report with the following exceptions:

Tax

The tax cost in the interim financial statements is based on the estimated tax rate for the year.

Revenues

From September 2008, ErgoGroup has booked pass-through telephony revenues on a net instead of a gross basis. This change affects both the operating revenues and cost of sales. The figures for previous periods and years have been restated correspondingly.

Estimates and assessments

When preparing the interim financial statements, management has used estimates and assumptions that have affected assets, liabilities, revenues and costs. Areas in which such estimates are significant include pensions, goodwill, IT developments projects, other intangible assets, tangible fixed assets and provisions for liabilities and charges.

The sources of uncertainties linked to estimates are the same as for the annual report for 2008. Future events may lead to the estimates changing and the changes will be recognised in the accounts once any new estimate has been determined.

New standards that have been applied from 01.01.2009:

The Group has applied the new standards IFRS 8 Operating Segments, IAS 23(R) Borrowing Costs and IAS 1(R) Presentation of Financial Statements from 01.01.2009. Other new standards and statements that came into effect on 01.01.2009 are not deemed relevant for Norway Post. Norway Post will apply these to the extent they are relevant.

Adopted standards that have not been enforced:

The Group plans to apply the new standards IFRS 3(R) Business Combinations, IAS 27(R) Consolidated Financial Statements, IAS 32(R) Financial Instruments: Presentation, and IAS 39(R) Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement as from 1 January 2010. The application of these standards and statement is not expected to have a significant effect on the Group's or parent company's financial position.

The Group plans to apply the statements IFRIC 16 Hedges of a net investment in a foreign subsidiary, IFRIC 17 Distributions of non-cash assets to owners and IFRIC 18 Transfers of Assets from Customers from 01.01.2010. The application of these standards and statement is not expected to have a significant effect on the Group's or parent company's financial position.

The annual report for 2008 is available at www.posten.no

Note 1 Segments

Norway Post's operations are divided into three segments – Mail, Logistics and IT, which are further described in the quarterly report and 2008 annual report. From 01.01.2009 the Group has applied the new segment reporting standard, IFRS 8. This implementation has not resulted in changes in segment reporting as this reflects the current reporting to management.

Group administration and common costs that are not defined as owner-function costs are allocated to the segments. Owner-function costs include costs relating to the CEO/Board, accounting and finance, organisational development, contact with the authorities, strategy and group information.

Revenues and EBIT per segment

	Total operating revenues					Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)				
	Q3 2009	Q3 2008	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	Year 2008	Q3 2009	Q3 2008	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	Year 2008
External operating revenues	2 258	2 350	7 489	7 687	10 630					
Internal operating revenues	598	586	1 817	1 824	2 477					
Mail	2 856	2 936	9 306	9 511	13 107	117	-38	377	58	-118
External operating revenues	3 112	3 330	9 349	9 678	13 293					
Internal operating revenues	33	29	92	83	117					
Logistics	3 145	3 359	9 441	9 761	13 409	135	206	283	523	682
External operating revenues	981	1 009	3 328	3 388	4 735					
Internal operating revenues	162	224	506	697	954					
IT	1 143	1 233	3 834	4 085	5 689	44	102	119	285	369
External operating revenues	0	1	-20	4	6					
Internal operating revenues	-793	-839	-2 415	-2 604	-3 548					
Other/eliminations	-793	-838	-2 436	-2 601	-3 542	-107	-234	-334	-498	-572
Norway Post Group	6 350	6 690	20 146	20 756	28 663	189	36	446	367	361

Balance sheet per segment

	Mail	Logistics	IT	Other/ eliminations	Norway Post Group
30.09.09					
Segment assets	9 858	6 076	3 475	-2 491	16 918
Non allocated assets					794
Total assets					17 712
Segment liabilities	4 511	2 186	1 475	188	8 360
Non allocated liabilities					4 065
Total liabilities					12 426
30.09.08					
Segment assets	9 606	6 387	3 415	-1 185	18 173
Non allocated assets					653
Total assets					18 826
Segment liabilities	6 163	3 552	1 327	-2 767	8 277
Non allocated liabilities					5 137
Total liabilities					13 414

Note 2 Intangible assets and tangible fixed assets

	Norway Post Group		Posten Norge AS	
	Intangible assets	Tangible assets	Intangible assets	Tangible assets
Total at 01.01.09	6 794	4 515	980	1 056
Additions	265	717	204	175
Disposals		-292		-235
Depreciation	-217	-486	-126	-167
Write-downs	-127	-50	-1	-4
Translation differences	-292	-38		
Transfers (to)/from held for sale		438		388
Total at 30.09.09	6 423	4 804	1 057	1 213

The additions as of September 2009 mainly relate to IT investments and investments related to the new South East Norway sorting terminal at Robsrud. Goodwill was written down by a total of MNOK 124 and other fixed assets were written down by MNOK 50.

Note 3 Equity

As at 30.09.09 the share capital consisted of 3 120 000 shares each with a nominal value of NOK 1 000. The company's shares are all owned by the Norwegian state, represented by the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

The Norwegian Private Limited Companies Act requirements that dividends must not lead to an equity ratio of less than 10 per cent and that the company cannot distribute more than that which is compatible with prudent and generally accepted business practices have been complied with. No dividend has been allocated for 2008 due to the negative result after tax and the lack of distributable reserves as at 31 December 2008.

Note 4 Interest-bearing long-term liabilities

The reduction in the Group's long-term liabilities from 30 September 2008 to 30 September 2009 of MNOK 1 102 is due to the repayment of MNOK 700 in loan certificates and the repayment of a bilateral overdraft facility of MNOK 500. As of the third quarter none of the Group's overdraft facilities had been used and all loan certificates had been repaid. The interest rate on Norway Post's outstanding interest-bearing liabilities was 3.34% as at 30.09.09.

Note 5 Changes to the Group's structure

ErgoGroup bought a further 16% of the shares in the Indian IT company ION Solutions in January 2009, resulting in a total ownership stake of 51%. The company is fully consolidated in the consolidated financial statements as of January 2009. The acquisition of ION Solutions resulted in goodwill of MNOK 5.9. The company had revenues of approximately MNOK 15 in 2008 and 109 employees as at 30 September 2009 and contributed revenues as at the third quarter of MNOK 11.

Note 6 Held for sale

In 2008 Norway Post and Bring Logistics decided to sell a total of 16 Group-owned post and goods terminals to free capital for other areas. As of 30 September 2009 the majority of terminals had been sold while the remaining terminals have been re-entered as fixed assets.

The terminals in Kristiansand, Stokke, Sarpsborg and Tromsø were sold in January 2009 with a combined gain of NOK 18 million. The terminal in Vestfold owned through Bring Logistics' subsidiary Nor-Cargo Eiendom AS, was sold in February 2009 at book value. Norway Post has entered into lease agreements with the new owners of the terminals that were sold.

The terminals in Hamar and Drammen were not sold as of 30 September 2009 and MNOK 155 was transferred from held for sale to fixed assets.

Note 7 Significant transactions with related parties

The Group's transactions with related parties have been carried out as part of the ordinary operations and at arm's length prices. The most significant transactions were between the parent company and subsidiaries, and these came to the following amounts during the period from 1 January to 30 September:

	Q3 2009	Q3 2008	Year 2008
Income Statement			
Parent company's purchase of goods and services from subsidiaries	194	289	1 033
Parent company's sale of goods and services to subsidiaries	160	127	545
Parent company's purchase of goods and services from other related parties		518	2
Parent company's sale of goods and services to other related parties			2
Balance Sheet			
	30.09.2009	30.09.2009	Year 2008
Parent company's accounts receivable from subsidiaries	106	89	96
Parent company's other receivable from subsidiaries	4 435	4 614	4 869
Parent company's accounts payable to subsidiaries	46	48	150
Parent company's other liabilities to subsidiaries	709	649	1 077