

### Highlights 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in 2006 (3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in 2005)

- Payments from portfolios NOK 454.4 million (+8.9%)
- Total operating revenue NOK 351.6 million (+4.1%)
- Profit before tax NOK 93.2 million (-33.3%)
- EBITDA NOK 359.4 million (349.1)
- Cash flow per share NOK 6.20 (6.30)
- Change in portfolio collection estimates of NOK 0 million (-0.6)
- Total acquisitions in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of NOK 176.6 million including portfolios in UK with face value of approximately GBP 101 million and 62 000 accounts and in Sweden with a face value of approximately SEK 150 million and 6 000 accounts

### Highlights for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 (September 30, 2005)

- Payments from portfolios NOK 1 347.9 million (+8.0%)
- Total operating revenue NOK 1 090.9 million (+3.6%)
- Profit before tax NOK -179.5 million (-189.1%)
- EBITDA NOK 1 058.6 million (1 024.2)
- Cash flow per share NOK 20.27 (18.88)
- Change in portfolio collection estimates of NOK -494.4 million (-200.9)
- Total portfolio acquisitions of NOK 1 240.3 million

*EBITDA is defined as operating profit + depreciation of tangible fixed assets+amortisation of intangible fixed assets- interest income on portfolios (including the change in portfolio collection estimates) + cash received on portfolios.*

#### INCOME STATEMENT

*(All amounts in NOK thousand)*

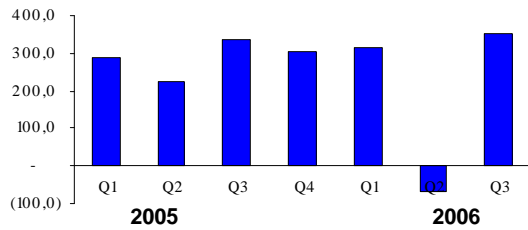
	Q3 2006	Q3 2005	Jan- Sep 2006	Jan- Sep 2005	Year 2005
Total operating revenue	351 593	337 716	1 090 855	1 053 336	1 438 348
Change in portfolio collection estimates	0	-633	-494 419	-200 895	-279 249
Payroll expenses	94 001	71 939	262 529	218 465	310 542
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	15 595	14 274	47 210	47 153	57 359
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	1 608	1 845	4 824	5 600	7 464
Other operating expenses	98 588	84 256	321 573	285 619	390 811
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>141 801</b>	<b>164 769</b>	<b>-39 700</b>	<b>295 604</b>	<b>392 923</b>
Net financial items	-48 557	-25 039	-139 770	-94 750	-132 087
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>93 244</b>	<b>139 730</b>	<b>-179 470</b>	<b>200 854</b>	<b>260 836</b>
Income tax expense	18 649	26 735	-35 894	38 431	49 907
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>74 595</b>	<b>112 995</b>	<b>-143 576</b>	<b>162 424</b>	<b>210 929</b>
Earnings per share	1,58	2,39	(3,05)	3,44	4,47
Cash flow per share	6,20	6,30	20,27	18,88	26,03

*Earnings per share is defined as profit for the period divided by number of shares less treasury shares.*

*Cash flow per share is defined as (profit for the period+ depreciation of tangible fixed assets+amortisation of intangible fixed assets-interest earned on portfolios (including the change in portfolio collection estimates)+ cash received on portfolios) divided by the number of shares less treasury shares.*

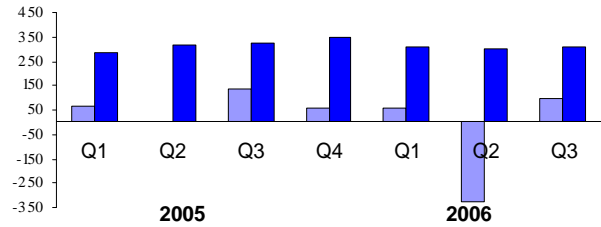
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OPERATING REVENUE



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■ PRETAX PROFIT ■ CASH FLOW BEFORE TAX



In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2006, Aktiv Kapital achieved operating revenues of NOK 351.6 million (337.7). The quarterly review of the portfolios resulted in no changes in portfolio collection estimates.

Cash received from portfolios in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter amounted to NOK 454.4 million (417.4), an increase of 8.9% compared to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2005. Operating profit was NOK 141.8 million. EBITDA in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter was NOK 359.4 million (349.1). The increase in payroll and other operating expenses is mainly due to the inclusion of the subsidiary in Canada acquired in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2005 and increased fees.

### Accounting principles

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 and with the same accounting principles as in the annual financial statements. The financial statements for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in 2005 have been restated to best reflect the adjustments recorded in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in 2005 which related also to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in 2005.

## **Comments on the results for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2006**

### **Portfolios**

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in 2006, cash collections on portfolios were NOK 454.4 million representing an increase of 8.9% compared to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in 2005. Interest income on portfolios for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2006 amounted to NOK 254.0 million, an increase of 2% compared to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in 2005. Operating profit in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in 2006 amounted to NOK 141.8 million.

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, Aktiv Kapital's portfolios purchases and forward flow arrangements in UK resulted in more than 62 000 new accounts with a face value of approximately £101 million (NOK 1 227 million). In Sweden, consumer credits from a major issuer in the Swedish market was acquired. This portfolio consists of over 6 000 accounts with a face value of approximately SEK 150 million (NOK 133 million). Additionally, portfolios were acquired in Austria, Canada and Germany.

In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2006, the net cash flow from portfolio activities was NOK 347 million of which close to NOK 177 million was invested in new portfolios, (NOK 270 million).

As a result of these transactions, including existing forward flow arrangements, Aktiv Kapital has invested NOK 1 240 million in new portfolios in the first 9 months of 2006, compared to total portfolio acquisitions of NOK 857.8 million for the full year of 2005.

### **Debt collection**

Income from debt collection in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2006 amounted to NOK 61.0 million (60.3). The operating profit decreased from NOK 12.3 million in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2005 to NOK 7.9 million in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2006.

The decrease in operating profit during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is mainly due to the competitive situation with margin pressure and increased operational costs in Norway. A cost reduction program will be implemented in Norway in order to reduce costs.

### **Administrative and financial services (AFS)**

With revenues of NOK 22.5 million (21.4) in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, the revenue growth for the AFS business segment is 5%. The operating profit in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2006 amounted to NOK 4.1 million (4.2), a decrease of 3%.

### **Net financial items**

The quarters net financial items amounted to NOK 48.6 million (25.0). Interest expense was higher than in the corresponding period of the previous year due to a higher debt level. Net financial items for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2006 of NOK 48.6 million includes a net currency exchange loss of NOK 5.9 million (net exchange gain of NOK 3.2 million) and fees of NOK 4.1million.

### **Tax**

Quarterly earnings were charged with an estimated tax rate of 20 percent. The Group's tax expense is dependent, in part, on how earnings are distributed between subsidiaries in different countries with different tax rates.

### **Dividend payment**

In accordance with the resolution of the Annual General Meeting on 22 May 2006, NOK 212.4 million (165.2) has been paid as a dividend in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter to the parent company s shareholders.

### **Financing**

The initial drawdown on the loan agreement of NOK 3 500 million signed in June 2006, was completed in mid July and refinanced the Group s existing interest-bearing mortgage debt related to existing portfolios. The drawdown of the loan is made in relevant currencies reflecting the

underlying expected future cash flow from the portfolios. As such, the drawdown of NOK 3 103 million is, in combination with 2 minor loans financing the 2 Crystal Production vessels and the Canadian operation, reflecting a currency basket with 33% GBP, 31% EUR, 19% SEK, 9% NOK and remaining 8% as a combination of CHF, DKK, CAD and USD.

The upfront fees related to the refinancing are amortised over the loan period of 5 years.

At September 30, 2006 the Group had liquid assets of NOK 529.1 million of which NOK 520.9 million were unrestricted and NOK 8.2 million were restricted.

### **Outlook**

The different European countries are at different stages in their economic cycle. While the UK market shows increased number of personal defaults, the German market is showing signs of recovery from a weak situation. It is important to interpret these trends to time investments in new portfolios as well as maximize collection from existing portfolios. We expect that the number of portfolios available for sale will increase in the years to come. This increased number of portfolios available may lead to lower prices and stimulate a lower short term growth particularly in the UK market. The Central and Eastern European market may stimulate a higher investment activity.

The good liquidity position and strong equity basis gives the Company a solid foundation. The cashflow from existing portfolios provides significant opportunities to grow the company further.

The Board has a positive outlook for the Company.

Oslo, 26 October 2006

The Board of Directors of Aktiv Kapital ASA

## OPERATING REVENUE PER BUSINESS AREA

(All amounts in NOK thousand)

	Q3 2006	Q3 2005	Change	Jan- Sep 2006	Jan- Sep 2005	Change
Interest income on portfolios	254 001	249 808	2 %	796 013	773 536	3 %
Debt collection	60 979	60 332	1 %	181 536	174 382	4 %
AFS	22 514	21 372	5 %	70 680	65 617	8 %
Other operating revenues	14 099	6 204	127 %	42 626	39 801	7 %
<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>351 593</b>	<b>337 716</b>	<b>4 %</b>	<b>1 090 855</b>	<b>1 053 336</b>	<b>4 %</b>
Change in portfolio collection estimates	-	-633		-494 419	-200 895	
<b>Net operating revenues</b>	<b>351 593</b>	<b>337 083</b>		<b>596 436</b>	<b>852 441</b>	

## OPERATING PROFIT PER BUSINESS AREA

(All amounts in NOK thousand)

	Q3 2006	Q3 2005	Change	Jan- Sep 2006	Jan- Sep 2005	Change
Portfolios	139 257	157 080	-100 %	-40 198	276 523	-115 %
Debt collection	7 924	12 290	-36 %	23 242	37 121	-37 %
AFS	4 082	4 206	-3 %	15 186	11 177	36 %
<b>Profit before group costs and amortisation of intangible assets</b>	<b>151 263</b>	<b>173 576</b>	<b>-13 %</b>	<b>-1 770</b>	<b>324 821</b>	<b>-101 %</b>
Group overhead costs	-7 854	-6 962	13 %	-33 106	-23 617	40 %
Amortisation of intangible assets	-1 608	-1 845	-13 %	-4 824	-5 600	-14 %
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>141 801</b>	<b>164 769</b>	<b>-14 %</b>	<b>-39 700</b>	<b>295 604</b>	<b>-113 %</b>
Net financial items	-48 557	-25 039	94 %	-139 770	-94 750	48 %
<b>Profit before tax</b>	<b>93 244</b>	<b>139 730</b>		<b>-179 470</b>	<b>200 854</b>	

**BALANCE SHEET***(All amounts in NOK thousand)***September 30, 2006    September 30, 2005    December 31, 2005****Assets****Non- current assets**

Tangible assets	79 108	117 946	119 400
Intangible assets	114 229	38 517	118 514
Loans and receivables	4 682 128	4 049 532	4 343 411
Other financial assets	6 852	26 350	25 456
<b>Total</b>	<b>4 882 317</b>	<b>4 232 345</b>	<b>4 606 781</b>

**Current assets**

Other current assets	347 675	327 291	333 654
Cash and short-term deposits	529 148	723 103	643 951
<b>Total</b>	<b>876 823</b>	<b>1 050 394</b>	<b>977 605</b>

<b>Total assets</b>	<b>5 759 140</b>	<b>5 282 739</b>	<b>5 584 386</b>
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**Equity**

Share capital	4 719	4 719	4 719
Treasury shares	-10	-	-10
Additional paid in capital	1 540 785	1 540 785	1 540 785
Retained earnings	223 371	441 976	514 772
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>1 768 865</b>	<b>1 987 480</b>	<b>2 060 266</b>

**Liabilities****Non- current liabilities**

Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	3 241 621	1 322 302	555 194
Provisions	362 483	481 098	441 388
<b>Total</b>	<b>3 604 104</b>	<b>1 803 400</b>	<b>996 582</b>

**Current liabilities**

Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	47 484	492 951	2 042 281
Other current liabilities	338 687	998 908	485 257
<b>Total</b>	<b>386 171</b>	<b>1 491 859</b>	<b>2 527 538</b>

<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>3 990 275</b>	<b>3 295 259</b>	<b>3 524 120</b>
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<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>5 759 140</b>	<b>5 282 739</b>	<b>5 584 386</b>
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**EQUITY MOVEMENTS***(All amounts in NOK thousand)*

	<b>Jan- Sept 2006</b>	<b>Year 2005</b>
Equity at January 1,	2 060 266	2 094 769
Capital increase	-	649
Treasury shares	-	-9 002
Profit in the period	-143 576	210 929
Paid dividend	-212 366	-165 174
Translation adjustment	64 541	-71 905
<b>Equity at the end of the period</b>	<b>1 768 865</b>	<b>2 060 266</b>

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
(All amounts in NOK thousand)

	Jan- Sep 2006	Jan- Sep 2005	Year 2005
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Profit for the period	-143 576	162 424	210 929
Tax expense	-35 894	38 431	49 907
Depreciation of tangible assets	47 210	47 153	57 359
Amortisation	4 824	5 600	7 464
Changes in accounts receivables	31 564	35 340	10 758
Changes in acquired and financed receivables	-24 139	-43 514	-34 380
Changes in accounts payable	32 254	33 365	-16 112
Changes in other accruals	-365 988	-68 850	41 427
Cash received on portfolios	1 347 857	1 248 488	1 727 549
Interest earned on portfolios	-301 594	-572 641	-775 070
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>592 518</b>	<b>885 796</b>	<b>1 279 831</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchases of tangible assets	-6 918	-5 017	-15 572
Acquisition of subsidiary, net of cash acquired	-	-17 075	-401 472
Purchase of loans and receivables	-1 240 296	-837 846	-857 773
Changes in other investments	19 106	18 251	9 464
<b>Net cash used in investment activities</b>	<b>-1 228 108</b>	<b>-841 687</b>	<b>-1 265 353</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Dividends paid to company's shareholders	-212 366	-165 174	-165 174
Dividends paid on treasury shares	450	-	-
Proceeds/repayments of borrowings	714 906	418 456	441 657
Proceeds from share issue	-	650	650
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>502 990</b>	<b>253 932</b>	<b>277 133</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and bank overdrafts</b>	<b>-132 600</b>	<b>298 042</b>	<b>291 612</b>
Net foreign exchange differences	-14 271	50 273	-24 930
Cash and bank overdrafts at beginning of the period	597 000	330 319	330 319
<b>Cash and bank overdrafts at the end of the period</b>	<b>450 129</b>	<b>678 634</b>	<b>597 000</b>