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**Securities Note**

**for**

**2.50 per cent Norsk Hydro ASA Senior Unsecured Open Bond Issue  
2017/2024**

Joint Lead Managers:



**Handelsbanken**  
Capital Markets

**Nordea**

Oslo, 7 December 2017

### **Important information\***

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The Securities Note dated 7 December 2017 together with the Registration Document dated 7 December 2017 and any supplements to these documents constitutes the Prospectus.

The content of the Securities Note does not constitute legal, financial or tax advice and bond owners should seek legal, financial and/or tax advice.

Contact the Borrower or the Joint Lead Managers to receive copies of the Securities Note.

### **Factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Bonds:**

The Bonds may not be a suitable investment for all investors. Each potential investor in the Bonds must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- (i) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Bonds, the merits and risks of investing in the Bonds and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Securities Note and/or Registration Document or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Bonds and the impact the Bonds will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Bonds, including where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor’s currency;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the Bonds and be familiar with the behaviour of the financial markets; and
- (v) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

### **Modification and Waiver**

The conditions of the Bonds contain provisions for calling meetings of bondholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all bondholders including bondholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and bondholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

The conditions of the Bonds also provide that the Bond Trustee may:

except as provided for in Bond Agreement clause 17.1.5, reach decisions binding for all Bondholders concerning the Bond Agreement, including amendments to the Bond Agreement and waivers or modifications of certain provisions, which in the opinion of the Bond Trustee, do not have a Material Adverse Effect on the rights or interests of the Bondholders pursuant to the Bond Agreement.

except as provided for in the Bond Agreement clause 17.1.5, reach decisions binding for all Bondholders in circumstances other than those mentioned in the Bond Agreement clause 17.1.3 provided prior notification has been made to the Bondholders. The Bond Trustee may not reach a decision binding for all Bondholders in the event that any Bondholder submits a written protest against the proposal within a deadline set forth in the Bondholder notification.

not reach decisions pursuant to the Bond Agreement clauses 17.1.3 or 17.1.4 for matters set forth in the Bond Agreement clause 16.3.5 except to rectify obvious incorrectness, vagueness or incompleteness.

not adopt resolutions which may give certain Bondholders or others an unreasonable advantage at the expense of other Bondholders.

\*The capitalised words in the section "Important Information" are defined in Chapter 3: "Detailed information about the securities".

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## 1 Risk Factors

Investing in bonds issued by Norsk Hydro ASA (the “Issuer”) involves inherent risks. Prospective investors should consider, among other things, the risk factors set out in the Prospectus, including those related to the Issuer as set out in the Registration Document, before making an investment decision. The risks and uncertainties described in the Prospectus, including those set out in the Registration Document, are risks of which the Issuer is aware and that the Issuer considers to be material to its business. If any of these risks were to occur, the Issuer’s business, financial position, operating results or cash flows could be materially adversely affected, and the Issuer could be unable to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with the bonds. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out in the Registration Document dated 7 December 2017 and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.

### **Risk related to the market in general**

All investments in interest bearing securities have risk associated with such investment. The risk is related to the general volatility in the market for such securities, varying liquidity in a single bond issue as well as company specific risk factors. There are four main risk factors that sum up the investors' total risk exposure when investing in interest bearing securities with a fixed interest rate: liquidity risk, settlement risk, credit risk and market risk (both in general and issuer specific).

**Liquidity risk** is the risk that a party interested in trading bonds cannot do it because nobody in the market wants to trade the bonds. Missing demand for the bonds may result in a loss for the bondholder.

The price of a single bond issue will fluctuate in accordance with the interest rate and credit markets in general, the market view of the credit risk of that particular bond issue, and the liquidity of this bond issue in the market. In spite of an underlying positive development in the Issuer’s business activities, the price of a bond may fall independent of this fact.

The Loan has been established at a fixed rate, and consequently the coupon doesn’t vary with changes in interest rate levels. Investment in bond loans bearing interest at a fixed rate involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the Loan.

**Settlement risk** is the risk that the settlement of bonds does not take place as agreed. The settlement risk consists of the failure to pay or the failure to deliver the bonds.

**Credit risk** is the risk that the Borrower fails to make the required payments under the Loan (either principal or interest).

**Market risk** is the risk that the value of the bonds will decrease due to the change in market conditions. The price of a single bond issue will fluctuate in accordance with the interest rate and credit markets in general, the market view of the credit risk of that particular bond issue, and the liquidity of this bond issue in the market. In spite of an underlying positive development in the Issuers business activities, the price of a bond may fall independent of this fact. Bond issues with a relatively short tenor and a floating rate coupon rate do however in general carry a lower price risk compared to bonds with a longer tenor and/or with a fixed coupon rate.

No market-maker agreement is entered into in relation to this bond issue, and the liquidity of bonds will at all times depend on the market participants view of the credit quality of the Issuer as well as established and available credit lines.

## **2 Persons Responsible**

### ***2.1 Persons responsible for the information***

Persons responsible for the information given in the Securities Note are:

Norsk Hydro ASA, P.O. Box 980 Skøyen, N-0240 Oslo, Norway

### ***2.2 Declaration by persons responsible***

**Responsibility statement:**

Norsk Hydro ASA confirms, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, that the information contained in the prospectus is, to the best of our knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

Oslo, 7 December 2017

Norsk Hydro ASA

### 3 Detailed information about the securities

ISIN code:	NO 0010809643
The Loan/The Reference Name/The Bonds:	"2.50 per cent Norsk Hydro ASA Senior Unsecured Open Bond Issue 2017/2024".
Borrower/Issuer/Company:	Norsk Hydro ASA, a Norwegian public limited company existing under the laws of Norway, with company registration number 914 778 271.
Group:	the Company and its subsidiaries, and a "Group Company" means the Issuer or any of the Subsidiaries.
Security Type:	Bond issue with floating rate.
Borrowing Limit – Tap Issue:	NOK 2,000,000,000
Borrowing Amount/ First Tranche:	NOK 1,000,000,000
Denomination – Each Bond:	NOK 1,000,000 - each and ranking pari passu among themselves
Securities Form:	The Bonds are electronic registered in book-entry form with the Securities Depository.
Disbursement/Settlement/Issue Date:	7 November 2017.
Interest Bearing From and Including:	Disbursement/Settlement/Issue Date.
Interest Bearing To:	Maturity Date.
Maturity Date:	7 November 2024.
Coupon Rate:	2.50 per cent p.a.
Day Count Fraction - Coupon:	30/360 – in arrears.
Business Day Convention:	If the last day of any Interest Period originally falls on a day that is not a Business Day, no adjustment will be made to the Interest Period.
Interest Payment Date:	7 November in each year. The first being 7 November 2018.
#Days first term:	360 days.
Issue Price:	100 % (par value).
Yield:	Dependent on the market price. On 6 December 2017 the yield is indicated to 2.50 % p.a.
Business Day:	Means a day on which both the relevant Securities Register settlement system is open, and the relevant Bond currency settlement system is open.
Bondholder:	Means a holder of Bond(s), as registered in the Securities Register, from time to time
Put/Call options:	Upon a Change of Control Event, each Bondholder shall have a right of repayment (a "Put Option") of its Bonds at a price of 100 % of par plus accrued interest.  The Put Option must be exercised within two months after the Borrower has given notification as set out in the Bond Agreement clause 13.2.1 (g).

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	<p>The Put Option may be exercised by the Bondholder by giving written notice of the request to the Bondholder's securities register account manager. The Bondholder's securities register account manager shall notify the paying agent of such repayment request. The date of exercise of the Put Option shall be thirty – 30 – Business Days following the date when the paying agent received the repayment request.</p>
Change of Control Event:	<p>Means (whether or not approved by the board of directors or the executive board (as applicable) of the Issuer) any person or persons acting in concert or any person or persons acting on behalf of any such person(s), ref the Norwegian Security Trading Act § 2-5, at any time directly or indirectly own(s) or acquire(s) more than 50 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of the Issuer; provided, however, that a Change of Control shall not be deemed to have occurred if such ownership or acquisition is by the Kingdom of Norway and/or by any entity or entities (acting together or individually) controlled by the Kingdom of Norway from time to time, or in respect of which the Kingdom of Norway owns, directly or indirectly, more than 50 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of such entity.</p>
Amortisation:	<p>The bonds will run without installments and be repaid in full at Maturity Date at par.</p>
Redemption:	<p>Matured interest and matured principal will be credited each Bondholder directly from the Securities Registry. Claims for interest and principal shall be limited in time pursuant the Norwegian Act relating to the Limitation Period Claims of May 18 1979 no 18, p.t. 3 years for interest payments and 10 years for principal.</p>
Status of the Loan:	<p>The Bonds shall be senior debt of the Issuer. The Bonds shall rank at least pari passu with all other Financial Indebtedness of the Issuer (save for such claims which are preferred by bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation or other similar laws of general application) and shall rank ahead of subordinated debt.</p> <p>The Bonds are unsecured.</p>
Finance Document:	<p>Means (i) the Bond Agreement, (ii) the agreement between the Bond Trustee and the Issuer referred to in the Bond Agreement clause 14.2, and (iii) any other document (whether creating a security interest or not) which is executed at any time by the Issuer in relation to any amount payable under this Bond Agreement.</p>
Undertakings:	<p>The Issuer undertakes from the date of the Bond Agreement and until such time that no amounts are outstanding under the Bond Agreement or any other Finance Document, unless the Bond Trustee (or the Bondholders Meeting, as the case may be), has agreed in writing to waive any covenant, and then only to the extent of such waiver, and on the terms and conditions set forth in such waiver, to comply with the covenants in accordance with the Bond Agreement clause 13.2, 13.3 and 13.4, including but not limited to:</p> <p><b>1. General covenants</b></p> <p><i>(a) Pari passu ranking</i></p> <p>The Issuer's obligations under the Bond Agreement and any other Finance Document shall at all times rank at least pari passu with the claims of all its other Financial Indebtedness save for those whose claims are preferred solely by any bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation or other similar laws of general application.</p> <p><i>(b) Disposals</i></p> <p>The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries shall not without the prior written consent of the Bond Trustee dispose (whether such</p>



disposal is by a sale, demerger or otherwise, and whether by a single transaction or a series of transactions), otherwise than to the Issuer or any or more of its Subsidiaries, of assets which represent in value the major part of the value of the Group's consolidated gross assets.

## **2. Corporate and operational matters**

### *(a) Compliance with laws*

The Issuer shall comply in all material respects with all laws to which it may be subject, if failure to do so would have a Material Adverse Effect.

### *(b) Negative Pledge*

The Issuer shall not create or permit to subsist any Security over any of its assets as security for Financial Indebtedness of the Issuer or any third party.

The paragraph above does not apply to:

- (i) any netting or set-off arrangement entered into by the Issuer;
- (ii) any lien arising by operation of law or in the ordinary course of business;
- (iii) any title transfer or retention of title arrangement entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (iv) any Security over or affecting any asset acquired by the Issuer after the date of the Bond Agreement;
- (v) Security granted by the Issuer over any of its assets in favor of a third party to secure any Financial Indebtedness of the Issuer or any third party (for the purpose of the Bond Agreement clause 13.4 (b) referred to as "Third Party Security"), subject to the Bondholders being granted Security (which the Bond Trustee shall deem reasonably equivalent to the Third Party Security) for the Outstanding Bonds or any other indebtedness of the Issuer arising under or in connection with the terms of this Bond Agreement.

See Bond Agreement clause 1 for a complete set of definitions.

#### Listing:

At Oslo Børs.

Listing will take place as soon as possible after the prospectus has been approved by the Norwegian FSA.

#### Registration in the Securities Register:

The Bonds are registered in the Securities Register according to the Securities Register Act and the conditions of the Securities Register.

The existing act for securities register is expected to be amended during 2018, which, among other things, is expected to allow an issuer to request the Securities Register for certain registered information about its bondholders (The "New Securities Register Act"). To the extent the New Securities Register Act comes into force during the tenor of the Bonds, the Bondholders accept and approve that the Issuer shall be given access to such registered information in relation to the Bonds, upon request to the Securities Register. If the Bonds are held through nominee accounts, the Bondholders accept and approve that the Issuer shall be given the same information from the nominee, to the extent the New Securities Register Act also covers such information right. The Issuer's right to request for registered information about its Bondholders shall be limited to and governed by the regulations in the New Securities Register Act.

#### Purpose:

The net proceeds of the Bonds shall be employed for refinancing of existing debt and general financing of the Issuer.

#### Approvals:

The Bonds were issued in accordance with the Issuer's Board approval dated 24 October 2017.

The prospectus is approved by the Norwegian FSA.

The prospectus is controlled by Oslo Børs ASA in relation to the listing application of the bonds.

**Bond Agreement:**

The Bond Agreement has been entered into by the Borrower and the Bond Trustee. The Bond Agreement regulates the Bondholder's rights and obligations with respect to the bonds. The Bond Trustee enters into the Bond Agreement on behalf of the Bondholders and is granted authority to act on behalf of the Bondholders to the extent provided for in the Bond Agreement. When bonds are subscribed / purchased, the Bondholder has accepted the Bond Agreement and is bound by the terms of the Bond Agreement.

The Bond Agreement is attached as Appendix 1 to this Securities Note. The Bond Agreement is available through the Bond Trustee, the Joint Lead Managers or from the Borrower.

**Bondholders' meeting:**

At the Bondholders' meeting each Bondholder may cast one vote for each voting bond owned at close of business on the day prior to the date of the Bondholders' meeting in the records registered in the Securities Depository.

In order to form a quorum, at least half (1/2) of the voting bonds must be represented at the Bondholders' meeting. See also clause 16.4 in the Bond agreement.

Resolutions shall be passed by simple majority of the votes at the Bondholders' Meeting, however, a majority of at least 2/3 of the voting bonds represented at the Bondholders' Meeting is required for:

- (a) amendment of the terms of the Bond Agreement regarding the interest rate, the tenor, redemption price and other terms and conditions affecting the cash flow of the Bonds;
- (b) transfer of rights and obligations of the Bond Agreement to another issuer (Issuer), or
- (c) change of Bond Trustee.

(For more details, see also Bond agreement clause 16)

**Availability of the Documentation:**

<https://www.dnb.no/bedrift/markets/dcm/emisjon/2017.html>

**Bond Trustee:**

Nordic Trustee ASA, P.O. Box 1470 Vika, 0116 Oslo, Norway.

The Bond Trustee shall monitor the compliance by the Issuer of its obligations under the Bond agreement and applicable laws and regulations which are relevant to the terms of the Bond Agreement, including supervision of timely and correct payment of principal or interest, (however, this shall not restrict the Bond Trustee from discussing matters of confidentiality with the Issuer), arrange Bondholders' meetings, and make the decisions and implement the measures resolved pursuant to the Bond Agreement. The Bond Trustee is not obligated to assess the Issuer's financial situation beyond what is directly set forth in the Bond Agreement.

(For more details, see also Bond agreement clause 17)

**Joint Lead Managers:**

DNB Bank ASA, Dronning Eufemias gate 30, N-0191 Oslo, Norway, and  
Nordea Bank AB (publ), Norwegian branch, Essendrops gate 7, N-0368 Oslo, Norway, and  
Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ), Norwegian branch, Tjuvholmen Allé 11, N-0252 Oslo, Norway

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Paying Agent:	DNB Bank ASA, Dronning Eufemias gate 30, N-0191 Oslo, Norway. The Paying Agent is in charge of keeping the records in the Securities Depository.
Securities Depository:	<p>The Securities depository in which the bonds are registered, in accordance with the Norwegian Act of 2002 no. 64 regarding Securities depository.</p> <p>On Disbursement Date the Securities Depository is the Norwegian Central Securities Depository (“VPS”), P.O. Box 4, 0051 Oslo.</p>
Restrictions on the free transferability:	<p>Subject to the restrictions set forth in the Bond Agreement clause 5.2 and any other restrictions that may be imposed on Bondholders by local laws to which a Bondholder may be subject (due e.g. to its nationality, its residency, its registered address, its place(s) for doing business), the Bonds are freely transferable and may be pledged.</p> <p>Bondholders located in the United States are not permitted to transfer Bonds except (a) subject to an effective registration statement under the US Securities Act, (b) to a person that the Bondholder reasonably believes is a QIB within the meaning of Rule 144A that is purchasing for its own account, or the account of another QIB, to whom notice is given that the resale, pledge or other transfer may be made in reliance on Rule 144A, (c) outside the United States in accordance with Regulation S under the US Securities Act, and (d) pursuant to an exemption from registration under the US Securities Act provided by Rule 144 there under (if available).</p> <p>The Bonds may not, subject to applicable Canadian laws, be traded in Canada for a period of four months and a day from the date the Bonds were originally issued.</p>
Market-Making:	There is no market-making agreement entered into in connection with the Bond Issue.
Estimate of total expenses related to the admission to trading:	Prospectus fee (NFSA) Registration Document NOK 60,000 Prospectus fee (NFSA) Securities Note NOK 16,000 Listing fee 2017 (Oslo Børs): NOK 10,538 Registration fee (Oslo Børs): NOK 5,700
Legislation under which the Securities have been created:	Norwegian law.
Fees and Expenses:	The Borrower shall pay any stamp duty and other public fees in connection with the loan. Any public fees or taxes on sales of Bonds in the secondary market shall be paid by the Bondholders, unless otherwise decided by law or regulation. The Borrower is responsible for withholding any withholding tax imposed by Norwegian law.
Prospectus:	The Registration Document dated 7 December 2017 and this Securities Note dated 7 December 2017.
Registration Document:	Document describing the Borrower.

## 4 Additional Information

The involved persons in the Issuer have no interest, nor conflicting interests that are material to the Bond Issue.

The Issuer has mandated DNB Bank ASA, Nordea Bank AB (publ) and Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ), the Joint Lead Managers, for the issuance of the Loan. The Joint Lead Managers have acted as advisors to the Issuer in relation to the pricing of the Loan.

### Statement from the Joint Lead Managers:

DNB Bank ASA, Nordea Bank AB (publ) and Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ), the Joint Lead Managers, have assisted the Borrower in preparing the prospectus. DNB Bank ASA, Nordea Bank AB (publ) and Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ), the Joint Lead Managers, have not verified the information contained herein. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made, and the Joint Lead Managers expressly disclaim any legal or financial liability as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with bonds issued by the Borrower or their distribution. The statements made in this paragraph are without prejudice to the responsibility of the Borrower. Each person receiving this prospectus acknowledges that such person has not relied on the Joint Lead Managers nor on any person affiliated with them in connection with its investigation of the accuracy of such information or its investment decision.

Oslo, 7 December 2017

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([www.nordea.no](http://www.nordea.no))

Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ),  
Norwegian branch  
([www.handelsbanken.no](http://www.handelsbanken.no))

### Listing of the Loan:

The Prospectus will be published in Norway. An application for listing at Oslo Børs will be sent as soon as possible after the Issue Date.

## **Appendix 1: Bond agreement**

**BOND AGREEMENT**

between

**Norsk Hydro ASA**  
(Issuer)

and

**Nordic Trustee AS**  
(Bond Trustee)

on behalf of

**the Bondholders**

in the bond issue

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This agreement has been entered into on 3 November 2017 between

(1) Norsk Hydro ASA (a company incorporated in Norway with Company No. 914 778 271 and LEI Code 549300N1SDN71ZZ8BO45) as issuer (the “**Issuer**”), and

(2) Nordic Trustee AS (a company incorporated in Norway with Company No. 963 342 624 and LEI Code 549300XAKTM2BMKIPT85) as bond trustee (the “**Bond Trustee**”).

## 1 Interpretation

### 1.1 Definitions

In this Bond Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings (certain terms relevant for Clauses 13 and 18.2 and other Clauses may be defined in the relevant Clause):

“**Account Manager**” means a Bondholder’s account manager in the Securities Register.

“**Attachment**” means any attachments to this Bond Agreement.

“**Bond Agreement**” means this bond agreement, including any Attachments to which it refers, and any subsequent amendments and additions agreed between the Parties.

“**Bond Issue**” means the bond issue constituted by the Bonds.

“**Bondholder**” means holder of Bond(s), as registered in the Securities Register, from time to time.

“**Bondholders’ Meeting**” means meetings of Bondholders, as set forth in Clause 16.

“**Bonds**” means the securities issued by the Issuer pursuant to this Bond Agreement, representing the Bondholders’ underlying claim on the Issuer.

“**Business Day**” means a day on which both the relevant Securities Register settlement system is open, and the relevant Bond currency settlement system is open.

“**Business Day Convention**” means that if the last day of any Interest Period originally falls on a day that is not a Business Day, no adjustment will be made to the Interest Period.

“**Change of Control Event**” means (whether or not approved by the board of directors or the executive board (as applicable) of the Issuer) any person or persons acting in concert or any person or persons acting on behalf of any such person(s), ref the Norwegian Security Trading Act § 2-5, at any time directly or indirectly own(s)



or acquire(s) more than 50 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of the Issuer; provided, however, that a Change of Control shall not be deemed to have occurred if such ownership or acquisition is by the Kingdom of Norway and/or by any entity or entities (acting together or individually) controlled by the Kingdom of Norway from time to time, or in respect of which the Kingdom of Norway owns, directly or indirectly, more than 50 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of such entity.

“**Costs**” means all costs, expenses, disbursements, payments, charges, losses, demands, claims, liabilities, penalties, fines, damages, judgments, orders, sanctions, fees (including travel expenses, VAT, court fees and legal fees) and any other outgoings of whatever nature.

“**Event of Default**” means the occurrence of an event or circumstance specified in Clause 15.1.

“**Exchange**” means securities exchange or other reputable marketplace for securities, on which the Bonds are listed, or where the Issuer has applied for listing of the Bonds.

“**Finance Documents**” means (i) this Bond Agreement, (ii) the agreement between the Bond Trustee and the Issuer referred to in Clause 14.2, and (iii) any other document (whether creating a security interest or not) which is executed at any time by the Issuer in relation to any amount payable under this Bond Agreement.

“**Financial Indebtedness**” means any indebtedness for or in respect of:

- (i) moneys borrowed;
- (ii) any amount raised by acceptance under any acceptance credit facility;
- (iii) any amount raised pursuant to any note purchase facility or the issue of bonds, notes, debentures, loan stock or any similar instrument;
- (iv) receivables sold or discounted (other than any receivables to the extent they are sold on a non-recourse basis);
- (v) any other transaction (including any forward sale or purchase agreement) which has the commercial effect of a borrowing and would be treated as such in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to the Issuer (but, for the avoidance of doubt, excluding any trade credit incurred in the ordinary course of business); and
- (vi) (without double counting) the amount of any liability in respect of any guarantee or indemnity for any of the items referred to in paragraphs (i) to (v) above,

provided, that for the avoidance of doubt, Financial Indebtedness shall not include any indebtedness for or in respect of any interest rate swap, currency swap, forward foreign exchange transaction, cap, floor, collar or option transaction or any other treasury transaction or any combination or hybrid thereof or any derivative or other transaction entered into in connection with protection against or benefit from fluctuation in any rate or price.

“**Financial Statements**” means the audited consolidated balance sheet and profit and loss account of the Issuer for any financial year, drawn up according to GAAP, such

accounts to include a profit and loss account, balance sheet, cash flow statement and report from the Board of Directors.

“**GAAP**” means the generally accepted accounting practice and principles in the country in which the Issuer is incorporated including, if applicable, the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), in force from time to time.

“**Group**” means the Issuer and the Subsidiaries, and a “**Group Company**” means the Issuer or any of the Subsidiaries.

“**Interest Payment Date**” means the last day of each Interest Period, the first Interest Payment Date being 7 November 2018 and the last Interest Payment Date being the Maturity Date.

“**Interest Period**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention, the period between 7 November each year, provided however that an Interest Period shall not extend beyond the Maturity Date.

“**Interest Rate**” means 2.50 percentage points per annum.

“**ISIN**” means International Securities Identification Numbering system – the identification number of the Bonds.

“**Issue Date**” means 7 November 2017.

“**Issuer’s Bonds**” means Bonds owned by the Issuer, any party or parties who has decisive influence over the Issuer, or any party or parties over whom the Issuer has decisive influence.

“**Manager**” means the manager for the Bond Issue.

“**Material Adverse Effect**” means a material adverse effect on the ability of the Issuer to perform its payment obligations under this Bond Agreement (having regard to any funds which can readily be made available to it by any other member of the Group).

“**Material Subsidiary**” means any (directly or indirectly) wholly owned Subsidiary the gross assets of which represent more than ten per cent. (10%) of the consolidated gross assets of the Issuer and the Subsidiaries (taken as a whole) as determined from the latest consolidated Financial Statements or Quarterly Financial Reports, as applicable.

“**Maturity Date**” means 7 November 2024 or an earlier maturity date as provided for in this Bond Agreement. Any further adjustment may be made according to the Business Day Convention.

“**NOK**” means Norwegian kroner, being the lawful currency of Norway.

“**Outstanding Bonds**” means the aggregate value of the total number of Bonds not redeemed or otherwise discharged.



“**Party**” means a party to this Bond Agreement (including its successors and permitted transferees).

“**Paying Agent**” means any legal entity as appointed by the Issuer and approved by the Bond Trustee who acts as paying agent on behalf of the Issuer with respect to the Bonds.

“**Payment Date**” means a date for payment of principal or interest.

“**Quarter Date**” means each 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December.

“**Quarterly Financial Reports**” means the quarterly unaudited financial report of the Group in the same format as is made available to the public, prepared on the basis of the accounting principles essentially consistent with the principles applied in relation to the Financial Statements.

“**Reservations**” means the principle that equitable remedies are remedies which may be granted or refused at the discretion of the court; the limitation of enforcement by laws relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation, reorganisation, court schemes, moratoria, administration and other laws generally affecting the rights of creditors; the time barring of claims under any applicable limitation acts; and the possibility that a court may strike out provisions of a contract as being invalid for reasons of oppression, undue influence or similar reasons or any other general principles of law or equity limiting a person's obligations as referred to in any legal opinion delivered under this Bond Agreement.

“**Securities Register Act**” means the Norwegian Act relating to Registration of Financial Instruments of 5 July 2002 No. 64.

“**Securities Register**” means the securities register in which the Bonds are registered.

“**Security**” means a mortgage, charge, pledge, lien or other security interest securing any Financial Indebtedness.

“**Subsidiary**” means an entity from time to time:

- (i) which is fully consolidated in the consolidated balance sheet of the Issuer; or
- (ii) of which the Issuer directly or through or together with another Subsidiary owns more than fifty per cent. (50%) of the equity share capital (or equivalent right of ownership).

“**Tap Issue**” means subsequent issues after Issue Date up to the maximum amount described in Clause 2.2.1.

“**Taxes**” means all present and future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, charges, fees, deductions and withholdings, and any restrictions and or conditions resulting in a charge together with interest thereon and penalties in respect thereof and “**Tax**” and “**Taxation**” shall be construed accordingly.

“**US Securities Act**” means the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“**Voting Bonds**” means Outstanding Bonds less Issuer’s Bonds.

“**Written Resolution**” means the written or electronic procedure for decision making among Bondholders in accordance with Clause 16.5 (*Written Resolutions*).”

## 1.2 *Construction*

In this Bond Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) headings are for ease of reference only;
- (b) words denoting the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa;
- (c) references to Clauses are references to the Clauses of this Bond Agreement;
- (d) references to a time are a reference to Oslo time unless otherwise stated herein;
- (e) references to a provision of law is a reference to that provision as it may be amended or re-enacted, and to any regulations made by the appropriate authority pursuant to such law, including any determinations, rulings, judgments and other binding decisions relating to such provision or regulation;
- (f) references to “**control**” means the power to appoint a majority of the board of directors of the Issuer or to direct the management and policies of an entity, whether through the ownership of voting capital, by contract or otherwise; and
- (h) references to a “**person**” shall include any individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, company, corporation, trust, fund, body corporate, unincorporated body of persons, or any state or any agency of a state or association (whether or not having separate legal personality).

## 2 **The Bonds**

### 2.1 *Binding nature of the Bond Agreement*

2.1.1 By virtue of being registered as a Bondholder (directly or indirectly) with the Securities Register, the Bondholders are bound by the terms of this Bond Agreement and any other Finance Documents, without any further action required to be taken or formalities to be complied with, see also Clause 18.1.

2.1.2 The Bond Agreement is available to anyone and may be obtained from the Bond Trustee or the Issuer. The Issuer shall ensure that the Bond Agreement is available to the general public throughout the entire term of the Bonds.

### 2.2 *The Bonds*

2.2.1 The Issuer has resolved to issue a series of Bonds in the total aggregate amount of NOK 2,000,000,000 (Norwegian kroner two billion). The Bond Issue may comprise one or more tranches issued on different issue dates. The first tranche will be in the amount of NOK 1,000,000,000 (Norwegian kroner one billion).

The Bonds will be in denominations of NOK 1,000,000 each and rank pari passu.



The Bond Issue will be described as "2.50 per cent Norsk Hydro ASA Senior Unsecured Open Bond Issue 2017/ 2024".

The International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) of the Bond Issue will be NO 0010809643.

The tenor of the Bonds is from and including the Issue Date to the Maturity Date.

- 2.2.2 The Bond Issue is a Tap Issue, under which subsequent issues may take place after Issue Date up to the maximum amount described in Clause 2.2.1, running from the Issue Date and to be closed no later than 5 Business Days prior to the Maturity Date.

All Tap Issues will be subject to identical terms in all respects. The rights and obligations of all parties to the Bond Agreement also apply for later Tap Issues. The Bond Trustee will on the issuing of additional Tap Issues make an addendum to the Bond Agreement regulating the conditions for such Tap Issue.

### 2.3 *Purpose and utilization*

- 2.3.1 The net proceeds of the Bonds shall be employed for refinancing of existing debt and general financing of the Issuer.

## 3 **Listing**

- 3.1 The loan will be applied for listing on Oslo Børs, and the Issuer shall ensure that the Bonds remain listed until they have been discharged in full.

## 4 **Registration in a Securities Register**

- 4.1 The Bond Issue and the Bonds shall prior to disbursement be registered in the Securities Register according to the Securities Register Act and the conditions of the Securities Register.
- 4.2 The Issuer shall promptly arrange for notification to the Securities Register of any changes in the terms and conditions of this Bond Agreement. The Bond Trustee shall receive a copy of the notification.
- 4.3 The Issuer is responsible for the implementation of correct registration in the Securities Register. The registration may be executed by an agent for the Issuer provided that the agent is qualified according to relevant regulations.
- 4.4 The Bonds have not been registered under the US Securities Act, and the Issuer is under no obligation to arrange for registration of the Bonds under the US Securities Act.

## 5 Purchase and transfer of Bonds

### 5.1 Eligible purchasers

- 5.1.1 The Bonds are not offered to and may not be subscribed by investors located in the United States except for “Qualified Institutional Buyers” (QIBs) within the meaning of Rule 144A under the US Securities Act. In addition to the subscription agreement each initial purchaser will be required to execute, each US investor that wishes to purchase Bonds, will be required to execute and deliver to the Issuer a certification in a form determined by the Issuer, stating, among other things, that the purchaser is a QIB.
- 5.1.2 The Bonds may not be purchased by, or for the benefit of, persons resident in Canada.

### 5.2 Transfer restrictions

- 5.2.1 Subject to the restrictions set forth in this Clause 5.2 and any other restrictions that may be imposed on Bondholders by local laws to which a Bondholder may be subject (due e.g. to its nationality, its residency, its registered address, its place(s) for doing business), the Bonds are freely transferable and may be pledged.
- 5.2.2 Bondholders located in the United States are not permitted to transfer Bonds except (a) subject to an effective registration statement under the US Securities Act, (b) to a person that the Bondholder reasonably believes is a QIB within the meaning of Rule 144A that is purchasing for its own account, or the account of another QIB, to whom notice is given that the resale, pledge or other transfer may be made in reliance on Rule 144A, (c) outside the United States in accordance with Regulation S under the US Securities Act, and (d) pursuant to an exemption from registration under the US Securities Act provided by Rule 144 there under (if available).
- 5.2.3 The Bonds may not, subject to applicable Canadian laws, be traded in Canada for a period of four months and a day from the date the Bonds were originally issued.

## 6 Conditions Precedent

- 6.1 Disbursement of the net proceeds of the first tranche of the Bonds to the Issuer will be subject to the Bond Trustee having received the following documents, in form and substance satisfactory to it, at least two Business Days prior to the Issue Date:
- (a) this Bond Agreement duly executed by all parties thereto;
  - (b) certified copies of all necessary corporate resolutions to issue the Bonds and execute the Finance Documents;
  - (c) a power of attorney from the Issuer to relevant individuals for their execution of the relevant Finance Documents, or extracts from the relevant register or similar documentation evidencing the individuals authorized to sign on behalf of the Issuer;



- (d) certified copies of (i) the Certificate of Incorporation or other similar official document for the Issuer, evidencing that it is validly existing and (ii) Articles of Association of the Issuer,
  - (e) the last Financial Statements and Quarterly Financial Report,
  - (f) confirmation that the requirements set forth in Chapter 7 of the Norwegian Securities Trading Act (implementing the EU prospectus directive (2003/71 EC) concerning prospectuses have been fulfilled;
  - (g) to the extent necessary, any public authorisations required for the Bond Issue;
  - (h) confirmation from the Paying Agent that the Bonds have been registered in the Securities Register;
  - (i) written confirmation from the Issuer in accordance with Clause 7.3 (if required);
  - (j) the agreement set forth in Clause 14.2, duly executed; and
  - (k) copies of any written documentation made public by the Issuer or the Manager in connection with the Bond Issue.
- 6.2 Subject to the conditions set out above the net proceeds of the Bond will be made available to the Issuer at the Issue Date.
- 6.3 The Bond Trustee may, in its reasonable opinion, waive the deadline or requirements for documentation as set forth in Clause 6.1.
- 6.4 Disbursement of the net proceeds from the Bonds is subject to the Bond Trustee's written notice to the Issuer, the Manager and the Paying Agent that the documents have been controlled and that the required conditions precedent are fulfilled.
- 6.5 On the Issue Date, subject to receipt of confirmation from the Bond Trustee pursuant to Clause 6.4, the Manager shall make the net proceeds from the first tranche of the Bond Issue available to the Issuer.
- 6.6 The Issuer may issue Tap Issues provided that (i) the amount of the aggregate of (a) the Outstanding Bonds prior to such Tap Issue and (b) the requested amount for such Tap Issue shall not exceed the maximum issue amount (ii) no Event of Default occurs or would occur as a result of the making of such Tap Issue, (iii) the documents earlier received by the Bond Trustee, c.f. Clause 6.1, are still valid, (iv) the representations and warranties contained in this Bond Agreement being true and correct and repeated by the Issuer, and (v) that such Tap Issue is in compliance with laws and regulations as of the time of such issue.

## **7 Representations and Warranties**

- 7.1 The Issuer represents and warrants to the Bond Trustee (on behalf of the Bondholders) that:

*(a) Status*

The Issuer is a public limited liability company duly organised and validly existing under the laws of Norway.

*(b) Power and authority*

The Issuer has the power to enter into and perform, and has taken all necessary corporate action to authorise its entry into, performance and delivery of this Bond Agreement and any other Finance Documents to which it is a party and the transactions contemplated by those Finance Documents.

*(c) Valid, binding and enforceable obligations*

Subject to the Reservations, this Bond Agreement and any other Finance Document constitute (or will constitute, when executed by the respective parties thereto) legal, valid and binding obligations of such parties, enforceable in accordance with their terms, and (save as provided for therein) no further registration, filing, payment of tax or fees or other formalities are necessary or desirable to render the said documents enforceable against the Issuer.

*(d) Non-conflict with other obligations*

The entry into and performance by the Issuer of the Bond Agreement and any other Finance Document to which it is a party and the transactions contemplated thereby do not and will not conflict with (i) any present law or regulation or present judicial or official order; (ii) its articles of association, by-laws or other constitutional documents; or (iii) any document or agreement which is binding on the Issuer or a Material Subsidiary or any of their assets.

*(e) No default*

Neither the Issuer nor any of the Material Subsidiaries is in material default under any agreement to which it is a party, and no litigation, arbitration or administrative proceedings are presently current or pending or, to the knowledge of the Issuer, threatened, except such defaults, litigation, arbitration or administrative proceedings (if any) which would not have a Material Adverse Effect.

*(f) Authorizations and consents*

All authorisations, consents, licenses or approvals of any governmental authorities required for the Issuer in connection with the execution, performance validity or enforceability of this Bond Agreement or any other Finance Document, and the transactions contemplated thereby, have been obtained and are valid and in full force and effect.

*(g) Financial Statements*

The audited consolidated accounts of the Issuer as at 31 December 2016 have been prepared on the basis of GAAP, and except as disclosed in any subsequent interim report or publicly announced, there has been no change in the consolidated financial condition as shown in such accounts since that date likely to have a Material Adverse Effect.



*(h) Pari passu ranking*

The Issuer's payment obligations under this Bond Agreement or any other Finance Document to which it is a party rank at least *pari passu* with all its other Financial Indebtedness, except for obligations mandatorily preferred by law applying to companies generally.

*(i) Security*

No Security exists over any of the present assets of the Issuer or the Subsidiaries in conflict with this Bond Agreement.

- 7.2 The representations and warranties set out in Clause 7.1 shall apply to the Issuer and are made on the execution date of this Bond Agreement, and shall be deemed to be repeated on the Issue Date.
- 7.3 The Bond Trustee may prior to disbursement require a written statement from the Issuer confirming compliance with Clause 7.1.
- 7.4 In the event of misrepresentation, the Issuer shall indemnify the Bond Trustee for any direct costs and/or expenses incurred, both prior to the disbursement of the Bonds, and during the term of the Bonds, as a result of its reliance on the representations and warranties provided by the Issuer herein.

**8 Status of the Bonds and security**

- 8.1 The Bonds shall be senior debt of the Issuer. The Bonds shall rank at least *pari passu* with all other Financial Indebtedness of the Issuer (save for such claims which are preferred by bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation or other similar laws of general application) and shall rank ahead of subordinated debt.
- 8.2 The Bonds are unsecured.

**9 Interest**

- 9.1 The Issuer shall pay interest on the face value of the Bonds from, and including, the Issue Date at a fixed rate of 2.50 per cent per annum (the "**Fixed Rate**").
- 9.2 Payment of interest shall fall due on each Interest Payment Date for the corresponding preceding Interest Period.
- 9.3 The relevant interest payable amount shall be calculated based on a period from, and including, one Interest Payment Date to, but excluding, the next following applicable Interest Payment Date.
- 9.4 The day count fraction in respect of the calculation of the payable interest amount shall be "30/360", which means that the number of days in the calculation period in respect of which payment is being made divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with twelve 30-days months (unless (i) the last day of the calculation period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the calculation period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-

day month, or (ii) the last day of the calculation period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30-day month)).

- 9.5 The payable interest amount per Bond for a relevant calculation period shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Interest Amount} = \text{Face Value} \times \text{Fixed Rate} \times \text{Fixed Rate Day Count Fraction}$$

## 10 Maturity of the Bonds and Change of Control

### 10.1 Maturity

The Bonds shall mature in full on the Maturity Date, and shall be repaid at par (100%) by the Issuer.

### 10.2 Change of Control

Upon a Change of Control Event, each Bondholder shall have a right of repayment (a "Put Option") of its Bonds at a price of 100 % of par plus accrued interest.

The Put Option must be exercised within two months after the Borrower has given notification as set out in Clause 13.2.1 (g).

The Put Option may be exercised by the Bondholder by giving written notice of the request to the Bondholder's Securities Register account manager. The Bondholder's Securities Register account manager shall notify the Paying Agent of such repayment request. The date of exercise of the Put Option shall be thirty – 30 - Business Days following the date when the Paying Agent received the repayment request.

## 11 Payments

### 11.1 Payment mechanics

- 11.1.1 The Issuer shall pay all amounts due to the Bondholders under the Bonds and this Bond Agreement by instructing its Paying Agent to credit the bank account nominated by each Bondholder in connection with its securities account in the Securities Register. All amounts payable under this Bond Agreement and any other Finance Document shall be payable in NOK.

- 11.1.2 Payment shall be considered to have been made once the amount has been credited to the bank which holds the bank account nominated by the Bondholder in question, but if the Paying Agent and the receiving bank are the same, payment shall be considered to have been made once the amount has been credited to the bank account nominated by the Bondholder in question, see however Clause 11.3.



## 11.2 *Set-off and counterclaims*

11.2.1 The Issuer may not apply or perform any counterclaims or set-off against any payment obligations pursuant to this Bond Agreement or any other Finance Document.

## 11.3 *Interest in the event of late payment*

11.3.1 In the event that payment of interest or principal is not made on the relevant Payment Date, the amount outstanding shall bear interest from the Payment Date at an interest rate equivalent to the interest rate according to Clause 9 plus 3.00 percentage points.

11.3.2 The interest charged under this Clause 11.3 shall be added to the defaulted amount on each respective Interest Payment Date relating thereto until the defaulted amount has been repaid in full.

11.3.3 The outstanding amounts shall bear interest as stated above until payment is made, whether or not the Bond is declared to be in default pursuant to Clause 15.1 (a), cf. Clauses 15.2 - 15.4.

## 12 **Issuer's acquisition of Bonds**

12.1 The Issuer has the right to acquire and own Bonds ("**Issuer's Bonds**"). Issuer's Bonds may at the Issuer's discretion be retained by the Issuer, sold or discharged.

## 13 **Covenants**

### 13.1 *General*

13.1.1 The Issuer has undertaken the covenants in this Clause 13 to the Bond Trustee (on behalf of the Bondholders), as further stated below.

13.1.2 The covenants in this Clause 13 shall remain in force from the date of this Bond Agreement and until such time that no amounts are outstanding under this Bond Agreement and any other Finance Document, unless the Bond Trustee (or the Bondholders Meeting, as the case may be), has agreed in writing to waive any covenant, and then only to the extent of such waiver, and on the terms and conditions set forth in such waiver.

### 13.2 *Information Covenants*

13.2.1 The Issuer shall

- (a) promptly give written notice to the Bond Trustee as soon as it becomes aware of the occurrence of any Event of Default or event which with the giving of notice, lapse of time or other condition would constitute an Event of Default;
- (b) supply to the Bond Trustee such additional publicly available information as the Bond Trustee may from time to time reasonably require;

- (c) as soon as practicable (and in any event not later than one hundred and fifty (150) days after the close of each financial year), make its audited consolidated balance sheet and profit and loss account for such year available on its website;
- (d) as soon as practicable (and in any event within ninety (90) days of the end of each financial quarter), make available a quarterly unaudited financial report of the Issuer in the format as is made available to the public on its website;
- (e) at the request of the Bond Trustee, report the balance of Issuer's Bonds;
- (f) without being requested to do so, inform the Bond Trustee of changes in the registration of the Bonds in the Securities Register;
- (g) immediately notify the Bondholders (via the Securities Register), the Bond Trustee and the Exchange (if listed) if a Change of Control Event takes place; and
- (h) without being requested to do so, send the Bond Trustee copies of any statutory creditors' notifications of the Issuer, including but not limited to; mergers, de-mergers and reduction of the Issuer's share capital or equity.

13.2.2 The Issuer shall at the request of the Bond Trustee provide the documents and information necessary to maintain the listing and quotation of the Bonds on the Exchange (if listed) and to otherwise enable the Bond Trustee to carry out its rights and duties pursuant to this Bond Agreement and the other Finance Documents, as well as applicable laws and regulations.

### 13.3 *General Covenants*

#### (a) *Pari passu ranking*

The Issuer's obligations under this Bond Agreement and any other Finance Document shall at all times rank at least pari passu with the claims of all its other Financial Indebtedness save for those whose claims are preferred solely by any bankruptcy, insolvency, liquidation or other similar laws of general application.

#### (b) *Disposals*

The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries shall not without the prior written consent of the Bond Trustee dispose (whether such disposal is by a sale, demerger or otherwise, and whether by a single transaction or a series of transactions), otherwise than to the Issuer or any or more of its Subsidiaries, of assets which represent in value the major part of the value of the Group's consolidated gross assets.

### 13.4 *Corporate and operational matters*

#### (a) *Compliance with laws*

The Issuer shall comply in all material respects with all laws to which it may be subject, if failure to do so would have a Material Adverse Effect.



*(b) Negative Pledge*

The Issuer shall not create or permit to subsist any Security over any of its assets as security for Financial Indebtedness of the Issuer or any third party.

The paragraph above does not apply to:

- (i) any netting or set-off arrangement entered into by the Issuer;
- (ii) any lien arising by operation of law or in the ordinary course of business;
- (iii) any title transfer or retention of title arrangement entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (iv) any Security over or affecting any asset acquired by the Issuer after the date of this Bond Agreement;
- (v) Security granted by the Issuer over any of its assets in favor of a third party to secure any Financial Indebtedness of the Issuer or any third party (for the purpose of this Clause 13.4 (b) referred to as "**Third Party Security**"), subject to the Bondholders being granted Security (which the Bond Trustee shall deem reasonably equivalent to the Third Party Security) for the Outstanding Bonds or any other indebtedness of the Issuer arising under or in connection with the terms of this Bond Agreement.

## 14 Fees and expenses

- 14.1 The Issuer shall cover all its own expenses in connection with this Bond Agreement and fulfilment of its obligations under this Bond Agreement, including preparation of this Bond Agreement, preparation of the Finance Documents and any registration or notifications relating thereto, listing of the Bonds on the Exchange (if applicable), and the registration and administration of the Bonds in the Securities Register.
- 14.2 The expenses and fees payable to the Bond Trustee shall be paid by the Issuer and are set forth in a separate agreement between the Issuer and the Bond Trustee. Fees and expenses payable to the Bond Trustee which, due to Issuer's insolvency or similar, are not reimbursed in any other way may be covered by making an equivalent reduction in the payments to the Bondholders.
- 14.3 The Issuer shall cover all public fees in connection with the Bonds and the Security Interests. Any public fees levied on the trade of Bonds in the secondary market shall be paid by the Bondholders, unless otherwise decided by law or regulation, and the Issuer is not responsible for reimbursing any such fees.
- 14.4 In addition to the fee due to the Bond Trustee pursuant to Clause 14.2 and normal expenses pursuant to Clauses 14.1 and 14.3, the Issuer shall, on demand, cover extraordinary expenses incurred by the Bond Trustee in connection with the Bonds, as determined in a separate agreement between the Issuer and the Bond Trustee.
- 14.5 The Issuer is responsible for withholding any withholding tax imposed by applicable law on any payments to the Bondholders.

## 15 Events of Default

- 15.1 The Bonds may be declared by the Bond Trustee to be in default upon occurrence of any of the following events (which shall be referred to as an "**Event of Default**") if:

*(a) Non-payment*

The Issuer fails to fulfill any payment obligation due under this Bond Agreement or any Finance Document when due, unless, in the opinion of the Bond Trustee, it is obvious that such failure will be remedied, and payment in full is made, within 5 – five – Business Days following the original due date.

*(b) Breach of other obligations*

The Issuer does not comply with or defaults in the due performance or observance of it of any provision of this Bond Agreement and such failure to comply continues unremedied for 30 days after written notice thereof shall have been given to the Issuer by the Bond Trustee.

*(c) Cross acceleration*

- (i) Any Financial Indebtedness of the Issuer or a Material Subsidiary has been duly declared due and payable prior to its specified maturity as a result of an event of default (however described), after any applicable grace periods (however described).
- (ii) No Event of Default will occur under this Clause 15.1 (c) if:
  - (A) claims falling within paragraph (i) above are being legitimately contested by the Issuer or any Material Subsidiary; or
  - (B) the aggregate amount of Financial Indebtedness falling within paragraph (i) above is less than U.S. Dollars 100,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies).

*(d) Misrepresentations*

Any representation, warranty or statement made by the Issuer under this Bond Agreement or in connection therewith that shall not be complied with or shall prove to be untrue in any material respect on the date as of which it was made or deemed repeated.

*(e) Insolvency and cessation of business*

- (i) Except as provided below, any of the following occurs in respect of the Issuer or any of its Material Subsidiaries:
  - (A) it stops payment or becomes Insolvent. (“**Insolvent**” meaning the condition where a person is unable to pay its debts as they fall due and the debts of that person are greater than its aggregate property at fair value);
  - (B) it admits in writing its inability to pay its debts as they fall due;
  - (C) by reason of actual financial difficulties, it suspends making payments on any class of its indebtedness;
  - (D) a moratorium is duly declared in respect of all or any class of its indebtedness;
  - (E) any liquidator, trustee in bankruptcy, judicial custodian, compulsory manager, receiver, administrative receiver or similar officer is duly appointed in respect of it (including, without



- limitation, a "gjeldsforhandling" under the Norwegian Bankruptcy Act of 8Th June 1984); or
- (F) an order is duly made by a competent court or authority, or a resolution is duly passed by it, its shareholders or directors for its winding-up, administration or dissolution; or
- (G) it shall cease or threaten to cease to carry on its business, otherwise than:
- (1) pursuant to a sale, transfer or disposal to the Issuer or another Subsidiary; or
  - (2) in connection with or in pursuance of a winding up for the purpose of a reconstruction or amalgamation previously approved in writing by the Bond Trustee; or
  - (3) in the case only of a Material Subsidiary, by way of voluntary winding up where the surplus assets attributable to the Issuer and/or any Subsidiaries are distributed to the Issuer and/or those Subsidiaries.
- (ii) Paragraph (i) does not apply, if applicable, in respect of any frivolous or vexatious proceedings presented by a creditor or other third party which are being contested in good faith and with due diligence.

*(f) Impossibility or illegality*

It is or becomes impossible or unlawful for the Issuer or any Material Subsidiary to fulfill or perform any of the terms of this Bond Agreement.

*(g) Repudiation*

The Issuer or a Material Subsidiary repudiates this Bond Agreement or any Finance Document.

- 15.2 In the event that one or more of the circumstances mentioned in Clause 15.1 occurs and is continuing, the Bond Trustee can, in order to protect the interests of the Bondholders, declare the Outstanding Bonds including accrued interest and expenses to be in default and due for immediate payment.

The Bond Trustee may at its discretion, on behalf of the Bondholders, take every measure necessary to recover the amounts due under the Outstanding Bonds, and all other amounts outstanding under the Bond Agreement and any other Finance Document.

- 15.3 In the event that one or more of the circumstances mentioned in Clause 15.1 occurs and is continuing, the Bond Trustee shall declare the Outstanding Bonds including accrued interest and costs to be in default and due for payment if:
- (a) the Bond Trustee receives a demand in writing with respect to the above from Bondholders representing at least 1/5 of the Voting Bonds, and the Bondholders' Meeting has not decided on other solutions, or
  - (b) the Bondholders' Meeting has decided to declare the Voting Bonds in default and due for payment.

In either case the Bond Trustee shall on behalf of the Bondholders take every measure necessary to recover the amounts due under the Outstanding Bonds. The Bond Trustee can request satisfactory security for anticipated expenses from those Bondholders who requested that the declaration of default be made pursuant to sub clause (a) above and/or those who voted in favor of the decision pursuant to sub clause (b) above.

- 15.4 In the event that the Bond Trustee pursuant to the terms of Clauses 15.2 or 15.3 declares the Outstanding Bonds to be in default and due for payment, the Bond Trustee shall immediately deliver to the Issuer a notice demanding payment of interest and principal due to the Bondholders under the Outstanding Bonds including accrued interest and interest on overdue amounts and expenses. The Outstanding Bonds shall be repaid at the same prices as set out in Clause 10.1.

## **16 Bondholders' meeting**

### *16.1 Authority of the Bondholders' meeting*

- 16.1.1 The Bondholders' Meeting represents the supreme authority of the Bondholders in all matters relating to the Bonds. If a resolution by or an approval of the Bondholders is required pursuant to this Bond Agreement or by law, resolution of such shall be passed at a Bondholders' Meeting. Resolutions passed at Bondholders' Meetings shall be binding upon and prevail for all Bonds.

### *16.2 Procedural rules for Bondholders' meetings*

- 16.2.1 A Bondholders' Meeting shall be held at the request of:

- (a) the Issuer,
- (b) Bondholders representing at least 1/10 of the Voting Bonds,
- (c) the Exchange, if the Bonds are listed, or
- (d) the Bond Trustee.

- 16.2.2 The Bondholders' Meeting shall be summoned by the Bond Trustee. A request for a Bondholders' Meeting shall be made in writing to the Bond Trustee, and shall clearly state the matters to be discussed.

- 16.2.3 If the Bond Trustee has not summoned a Bondholders' Meeting within 10 – ten – Business Days after having received such a request, then the requesting party may summons the Bondholders' Meeting itself.

- 16.2.4 Summons to a Bondholders Meeting shall be dispatched no later than 10 – ten – Business Days prior to the Bondholders' Meeting. The summons and a confirmation of each Bondholder's holdings of Bonds shall be sent to all Bondholders registered in the Securities Register at the time of distribution. The summons shall also be sent to the Exchange for publication.

- 16.2.5 The summons shall specify the agenda of the Bondholders' Meeting. The Bond Trustee may in the summons also set forth other matters on the agenda than those



requested. If amendments to this Bond Agreement have been proposed, the main content of the proposal shall be stated in the summons.

- 16.2.6 The Bond Trustee may restrict the Issuer to make any changes of Voting Bonds in the period from distribution of the summons until the Bondholders' Meeting, by serving notice to it to such effect.
- 16.2.7 Matters that have not been reported to the Bondholders in accordance with the procedural rules for summoning of a Bondholders' Meeting may only be adopted with the approval of all Voting Bonds.
- 16.2.8 The Bondholders' Meeting shall be held on premises designated by the Bond Trustee. The Bondholders' Meeting shall be opened and shall, unless otherwise decided by the Bondholders' Meeting, be chaired by the Bond Trustee. If the Bond Trustee is not present, the Bondholders' Meeting shall be opened by a Bondholder, and be chaired by a representative elected by the Bondholders' Meeting.
- 16.2.9 Minutes of the Bondholders' Meeting shall be kept. The minutes shall state the number of Bondholders represented at the Bondholders' Meeting, the resolutions passed at the meeting, and the result of the voting. The minutes shall be signed by the chairman and at least one other person elected by the Bondholders' Meeting. The minutes shall be deposited with the Bond Trustee and shall be available to the Bondholders.
- 16.2.10 The Bondholders, the Bond Trustee and – provided the Bonds are listed - representatives of the Exchange, have the right to attend the Bondholders' Meeting. The chairman may grant access to the meeting to other parties, unless the Bondholders' Meeting decides otherwise. Bondholders may attend by a representative holding proxy. Bondholders have the right to be assisted by an advisor. In case of dispute the Bond Trustee shall decide who may attend the Bondholders' Meeting.
- 16.2.11 Representatives of the Issuer have the right to attend the Bondholders' Meeting. The Bondholders' Meeting may resolve that the Issuer's representatives may not participate in particular matters. The Issuer has the right to be present under the voting.

### 16.3 *Resolutions passed at Bondholders' meetings*

- 16.3.1 At the Bondholders' Meeting each Bondholder may cast one vote for each Voting Bond owned at close of business on the day prior to the date of the Bondholders' Meeting in accordance with the records registered in the Securities Register. Whoever opens the Bondholders' Meeting shall adjudicate any question concerning which Bonds shall count as Issuer's Bonds. Issuer's Bonds shall not have any voting rights.
- 16.3.2 In all matters, the Issuer, the Bond Trustee and any Bondholder have the right to demand vote by ballot. In case of parity of votes, the chairman shall have the deciding vote, regardless of the chairman being a Bondholder or not.

- 16.3.3 In order to form a quorum, at least half (1/2) of the Voting Bonds must be represented at the meeting, see however Clause 16.4. Even if less than half (1/2) of the Voting Bonds are represented, the Bondholders' Meeting shall be held and voting completed.
- 16.3.4 Resolutions shall be passed by simple majority of the Voting Bonds represented at the Bondholders' Meeting, unless otherwise set forth in clause 16.3.5.
- 16.3.5 In the following matters, a majority of at least 2/3 of the Voting Bonds represented at the Bondholders' Meeting is required:
- (a) amendment of the terms of this Bond Agreement regarding the interest rate, the tenor, redemption price and other terms and conditions affecting the cash flow of the Bonds;
  - (b) transfer of rights and obligations of this Bond Agreement to another issuer (Issuer), or
  - (c) change of Bond Trustee.
- 16.3.6 The Bondholders' Meeting may not adopt resolutions which may give certain Bondholders or others an unreasonable advantage at the expense of other Bondholders.
- 16.3.7 The Bond Trustee shall ensure that resolutions passed at the Bondholders' Meeting are properly implemented.
- 16.3.8 The Issuer, the Bondholders and the Exchange shall be notified of resolutions passed at the Bondholders' Meeting.
- 16.4 Repeated Bondholders' meeting*
- 16.4.1. If the Bondholders' Meeting does not form a quorum pursuant to Clause 16.3.3, a repeated Bondholders' Meeting may be summoned to vote on the same matters. The attendance and the voting result of the first Bondholders' Meeting shall be specified in the summons for the repeated Bondholders' Meeting.
- 16.4.2 When a matter is tabled for discussion at a repeated Bondholders' Meeting, a valid resolution may be passed even though less than half (1/2) of the Voting Bonds are represented.
- 16.5 Written Resolutions*
- 16.5.1 Subject to the provisions in this Bond Agreement, anything which may be resolved by the Bondholders in a Bondholders' Meeting pursuant to Clause 16.1 (*Authority of the Bondholders' Meeting*) may also be resolved by way of a Written Resolution. A Written Resolution passed with the relevant majority is as valid as if it has been passed by the Bondholders in a Bondholders' Meeting, and any reference in any Finance Document to a Bondholders' Meeting shall be constructed accordingly.



- 16.5.2 The person requesting a Bondholders' Meeting may instead request that the relevant matters are to be resolved by Written Resolution only, unless the Bond Trustee decides otherwise.
- 16.5.3 The summons for the Written Resolution shall be sent to the Bondholders through the Securities Register and published at the Bond Trustee's web site, or other relevant electronic platform or via press release.
- 16.5.4 The provisions set out in Clause 16.1 (*Authority of the Bondholders' Meeting*), 16.2 (*Procedural rule for Bondholder's Meetings*), Clause 16.3 (*Resolutions passed at Bondholders' Meetings*) and Clause 16.4 (*Repeated Bondholders' Meeting*) shall apply mutatis mutandis to a Written Resolution, except that:
- (a) the provisions set out in paragraphs 16.2.8, 16.2.10, 16.2.11; or
  - (b) provisions which are otherwise in conflict with the requirements of this Clause 16.5 (*Written Resolution*),
- shall not apply to a Written Procedure.
- 16.5.5 The summons for a Written Resolution shall include:
- (a) instructions as to how to vote to each separate item in the summons (including instructions as to how voting can be done electronically if relevant); and
  - (b) the time limit within which the Bond Trustee must have received all votes necessary in order for the Written Resolution to be passed with the requisite majority (the "**Voting Period**"), such Voting Period to be at least five (5) Business Days but not more than 15 Business Days from the date of the summons, provided however that the Voting Period for a Written Resolution summoned pursuant to Clause 16.4 (*Repeated Bondholders' Meeting*) shall be at least five (5) Business Days but not more than 15 Business Days from the date of the Summons.
- 16.5.6 Only Bondholders holding Voting Bonds registered with the Securities Register on the relevant record date, or the beneficial owner thereof having presented relevant evidence to the Bond Trustee, will be counted in the Written Resolution.
- 16.5.7 A Written Resolution is passed when the requisite majority set out in Clause 16.3.4 or Clause 16.3.5 (*Resolution passed at Bondholders' Meeting*) has been achieved, based on the total number of Voting Bonds, even if the Voting Period has not yet expired. A Written Resolution may also be passed if the sufficient number of negative votes are received prior to the expiry of the Voting Period.
- 16.5.8 The effective date of a Written Resolution passed prior to the expiry of the Voting Period is the date when the resolution is approved by the last Bondholder that results in the necessary voting majority being achieved.
- 16.5.9 If no resolution is passed prior to the expiry of the Voting Period, the number of votes shall be calculated at the close of business on the last day of the Voting Period, and a decision will be made based on the quorum and majority requirements set out in Clause 16.3 (*Resolutions passed at Bondholders' Meeting*)."

## 17 The Bond Trustee

### 17.1 *The role and authority of the Bond Trustee*

- 17.1.1 The Bond Trustee shall monitor the compliance by the Issuer of its obligations under this Bond Agreement and applicable laws and regulations which are relevant to the terms of this Bond Agreement, including supervision of timely and correct payment of principal or interest, inform the Bondholders, the Paying Agent and the Exchange of relevant information which is obtained and received in its capacity as Bond Trustee (however, this shall not restrict the Bond Trustee from discussing matters of confidentiality with the Issuer), arrange Bondholders' Meetings, and make the decisions and implement the measures resolved pursuant to this Bond Agreement. The Bond Trustee is not obligated to assess the Issuer's financial situation beyond what is directly set forth in this Bond Agreement.
- 17.1.2 The Bond Trustee may take any step necessary to ensure the rights of the Bondholders in all matters pursuant to the terms of this Bond Agreement. The Bond Trustee may postpone taking action until such matter has been put forward to the Bondholders' Meeting.
- 17.1.3 Except as provided for in Clause 17.1.5 the Bond Trustee may reach decisions binding for all Bondholders concerning this Bond Agreement, including amendments to the Bond Agreement and waivers or modifications of certain provisions, which in the opinion of the Bond Trustee, do not have a Material Adverse Effect on the rights or interests of the Bondholders pursuant to this Bond Agreement.
- 17.1.4 Except as provided for in Clause 17.1.5, the Bond Trustee may reach decisions binding for all Bondholders in circumstances other than those mentioned in Clause 17.1.3 provided prior notification has been made to the Bondholders. Such notice shall contain a proposal of the amendment and the Bond Trustee's evaluation. Further, such notification shall state that the Bond Trustee may not reach a decision binding for all Bondholders in the event that any Bondholder submit a written protest against the proposal within a deadline set by the Bond Trustee. Such deadline may not be less than five (5) Business Days following the dispatch of such notification.
- 17.1.5 The Bond Trustee may not reach decisions pursuant to Clauses 17.1.3 or 17.1.4 for matters set forth in Clause 16.3.5 except to rectify obvious incorrectness, vagueness or incompleteness.
- 17.1.6 The Bond Trustee may not adopt resolutions which may give certain Bondholders or others an unreasonable advantage at the expense of other Bondholders.
- 17.1.7 The Issuer, the Bondholders and the Exchange shall be notified of decisions made by the Bond Trustee pursuant to Clause 17.1 unless such notice obviously is unnecessary.
- 17.1.8 The Bondholders' Meeting can decide to replace the Bond Trustee without the Issuer's approval, as provided for in Clause 16.3.5.



## 17.2 *Liability and indemnity*

- 17.2.1 The Bond Trustee is liable only for direct losses incurred by Bondholders or the Issuer as a result of negligence or willful misconduct by the Bond Trustee in performing its functions and duties as set forth in this Bond Agreement. The Bond Trustee is not liable for the content of information provided to the Bondholders on behalf of the Issuer.
- 17.2.2 The Issuer is liable for, and shall indemnify the Bond Trustee fully in respect of, all losses, expenses and liabilities incurred by the Bond Trustee as a result of negligence by the Issuer (including its directors, management, officers, employees, agents and representatives) to fulfill its obligations under the terms of this Bond Agreement and any other Finance Documents, including losses incurred by the Bond Trustee as a result of the Bond Trustee's actions based on misrepresentations made by the Issuer in connection with the establishment and performance of this Bond Agreement and the other Finance Documents.

## 17.3 *Change of Bond Trustee*

- 17.3.1 Change of bond trustee shall be carried out pursuant to the procedures set forth in Clause 16. The Bond Trustee shall continue to carry out its duties as bond trustee until such time that a new bond trustee is elected.
- 17.3.2 The fees and expenses of a new bond trustee shall be covered by the Issuer pursuant to the terms set out in Clause 14, but may be recovered wholly or partially from the Bond Trustee if the change is due to a breach of the Bond Trustee duties pursuant to the terms of this Bond Agreement or other circumstances for which the Bond Trustee is liable.
- 17.3.3 The Bond Trustee undertakes to co-operate so that the new bond trustee receives without undue delay following the Bondholders' Meeting the documentation and information necessary to perform the functions as set forth under the terms of this Bond Agreement.

## 18 **Miscellaneous**

### 18.1 *The community of Bondholders*

- 18.1 By virtue of holding Bonds, which are governed by this Bond Agreement (which pursuant to Clause 2.1.1 is binding upon all Bondholders), a community exists between the Bondholders, implying, inter alia, that
- (a) the Bondholders are bound by the terms of this Bond Agreement,
  - (b) the Bond Trustee has power and authority to act on behalf of the Bondholders,
  - (c) the Bond Trustee has, in order to administrate the terms of this Bond Agreement, access to the Securities Register to review ownership of Bonds registered in the Securities Register,
  - (d) this Bond Agreement establishes a community between Bondholders meaning that;

- (i) the Bonds rank pari passu between each other,
- (ii) the Bondholders may not, based on this Bond Agreement, act directly towards the Issuer and may not themselves institute legal proceedings against the Issuer, however not restricting the Bondholders to exercise their individual rights derived from the Bond Agreement.
- (iii) the Issuer may not, based on this Bond Agreement, act directly towards the Bondholders,
- (iv) the Bondholders may not cancel the Bondholders' community, and that
- (v) the individual Bondholder may not resign from the Bondholders' community.

## 18.2 Defeasance

18.2.1 The Issuer may, at its option and at any time, elect to have certain obligations discharged (see Clause 18.2.2) upon complying with the following conditions ("**Covenant Defeasance**");

- (a) the Issuer shall have irrevocably pledged to the Bond Trustee for the benefit of the Bondholders cash or government obligations accepted by the Loan Trustee (the "**Defeasance Pledge**") in such amounts as will be sufficient for the payment of principal (including if applicable premium payable upon exercise of a Call Option) and interest on the Outstanding Bonds to Maturity Date (or redemption upon a exercise of a notified Call Option);
- (b) the Issuer shall, if required by the Bond Trustee, provide a legal opinion reasonable acceptable to the Bond Trustee to the effect that the Bondholders will not recognize income, gain or loss for income tax purposes (hereunder US federal or Norwegian, if applicable) as a result of the Defeasance Pledge and Covenant Defeasance, and will be subject to such income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the Defeasance Pledge had not occurred;
- (c) no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of establishment of the Defeasance Pledge, or insofar as Events of Default from bankruptcy or insolvency events are concerned, at any time in the period ending on the 181<sup>st</sup> day after the date of establishment of the pledge,
- (d) neither the Defeasance Pledge nor the Covenant Defeasance results in a breach or violation of any material agreement or instrument binding upon the Issuer, or the articles of association or other corporate documents governing the Issuer;
- (e) the Issuer shall have delivered to the Bond Trustee a certificate signed by its Chief Executive Officer that the Defeasance Pledge was not made by the Issuer with the intent of preferring the Bondholders over any other creditors of the Issuer or with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding any other creditors of the Issuer or others;
- (f) the Issuer shall have delivered to the Bond Trustee any certificate or legal opinion reasonably required regarding the Covenant Defeasance or Defeasance



Pledge (including certificate from its Chief Executive Officer and a legal opinion from its legal counsel to the effect that all conditions for Covenant Defeasance have been complied with; and that the Defeasance Pledge (i) will not be subject to any rights of creditors of the Issuer, (ii) will constitute a valid, perfected and enforceable security interest in favor of the Bond Trustee for the benefit of the Bondholders, and (iii) will, after the 181<sup>st</sup> day following the establishment, the funds and assets so pledged will not be subject to the effects of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws affecting creditors rights generally under the laws of the jurisdiction where the Defeasance Pledge was established and the corporate domicile of the Issuer.

18.2.2 Upon the exercise by the Issuer of its option under Clause 18.2.1:

- (a) the Issuer shall be released from their obligations under all provisions in Clause 13, except 13.2.1 (a), (e) and (f).
- (b) the Issuer shall not (and shall ensure that all Group Companies shall not) take any actions that may cause the value of the Security Interest created by this Covenant Defeasance to be reduced, and shall at the request of the Bond Trustee execute, or cause to be executed, such further documentation and perform such other acts as the Bond Trustee may reasonably require in order for the Security Interests to remain valid, enforceable and perfected by the Bond Trustee for the account of the Bondholders;
- (c) any Guarantor(s) shall be discharged from their obligations under the Guarantee(s), and the Guarantee(s) shall cease to have any legal effect;
- (d) any Security Interests other than the Defeasance Pledge shall be discharged, and the Bond Trustee shall take all steps reasonably possible for it to cause such discharge to be effected, by way of deletion of the relevant Security Document from the relevant register, notice to third parties or as otherwise required;
- (e) all other provisions of the Bond Agreement (except (a) – (c) above) shall remain fully in force without any modifications.

18.2.3 All moneys amount covered by the Defeasance Pledge shall be applied by the Bond Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of this Bond Agreement, to the payment to the Bondholders of all sums due to them under this Bond Agreement on the due date thereof.

Any excess funds not required for the payment of principal, premium and interest to the Bondholders (including any expenses, fees etc. due to the Bond Trustee hereunder) shall be returned to the Issuer.

### 18.3 *Limitation of claims*

18.3.1 All claims under the Bonds and this Bond Agreement for payment, including interest and principal, shall be subject to the time-bar provisions of the Norwegian Limitation Act of May 18, 1979 No. 18.

#### 18.4 *Access to information*

- 18.4.1 The Bond Agreement is available to anyone and copies may be obtained from the Bond Trustee or the Issuer. The Issuer shall ensure that the Bond Agreement is available in copy form to the general public until all Bonds have been fully discharged.
- 18.4.2 The Bond Trustee shall, in order to carry out its functions and obligations under the Bond Agreement, have access to the Securities Register for the purposes of reviewing ownership of the Bonds registered in the Securities Register.
- 18.4.3 The existing act for securities register is expected to be amended during 2018, which, among other things, is expected to allow an issuer to request the Securities Register for certain registered information about its bondholders (the “**New Securities Register Act**”). To the extent the New Securities Register Act comes into force during the tenor of the Bonds, the Bondholders accept and approve that the Issuer shall be given access to such registered information in relation to the Bonds, upon request to the Securities Register. If the Bonds are held through nominee accounts, the Bondholders accept and approve that the Issuer shall be given the same information from the nominee, to the extent the New Securities Register Act also covers such information right. The Issuer’s right to request for registered information about its Bondholders shall be limited to and governed by the regulations in the New Securities Register Act.

#### 18.5 *Amendments*

- 18.5.1 All amendments of this Bond Agreement shall be made in writing, and shall unless otherwise provided for by this Bond Agreement, only be made with the approval of all parties hereto.

#### 18.6 *Notices, contact information*

- 18.6.1 Written notices, warnings, summons etc to the Bondholders made by the Bond Trustee shall be sent via the Securities Register with a copy to the Issuer and the Exchange. Information to the Bondholders may also be published at the web site [www.stamdata.no](http://www.stamdata.no).
- 18.6.2 The Issuer’s written notifications to the Bondholders shall be sent via the Bond Trustee, alternatively through the Securities Register with a copy to the Bond Trustee and the Exchange
- 18.6.3 Unless otherwise specifically provided, all notices or other communications under or in connection with this Bond Agreement between the Bond Trustee and the Issuer shall be given or made in writing, by letter, or telefax. Any such notice or communication addressed shall be deemed to be given or made as follows:
- (a) if by letter, when delivered at the address of the relevant Party;
  - (b) if by telefax, when received.



However, a notice given in accordance with the above but received on a day which is not a business day in the place of receipt, or after 3:00 p.m. on such a business day, shall only be deemed to be given at 9:00 a.m. on the next business day in that place.

18.6.4 The Issuer and the Bond Trustee shall ensure that the other party is kept informed of changes in postal address, e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers and contact persons

18.7 *Dispute resolution and legal venue*

18.7 This Bond Agreement and all disputes arising out of, or in connection with this Bond Agreement between the Bond Trustee, the Bondholders and the Issuer, shall be governed by Norwegian law.

All disputes arising out of, or in connection with this Bond Agreement between the Bond Trustee, the Bondholders and the Issuer, shall be exclusively resolved by the courts of Norway, with the District Court of Oslo as sole legal venue.

This Clause 18.7 is for the benefit of the Bond Trustee only. As a result, the Bond Trustee shall not be prevented from taking proceedings relating to a dispute in any other courts with jurisdiction. To the extent allowed by law, the Bond Trustee may take concurrent proceedings in any number of jurisdictions

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This Bond Agreement has been executed in two originals, of which the Issuer and the Bond Trustee retain one each.

**Issuer**

  
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By: ANNE J. HAAGEN  
Position: UP CORP. FINANCE

**Bond Trustee**

  
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By: Lars Erik Lærum  
Position:

  
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By: PETIK NOREUBERG  
Position: SUP CORP. FINANCE