First quarter 2005

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Highlights first quarter

- High commodity prices
- Good cost control
- Record earnings

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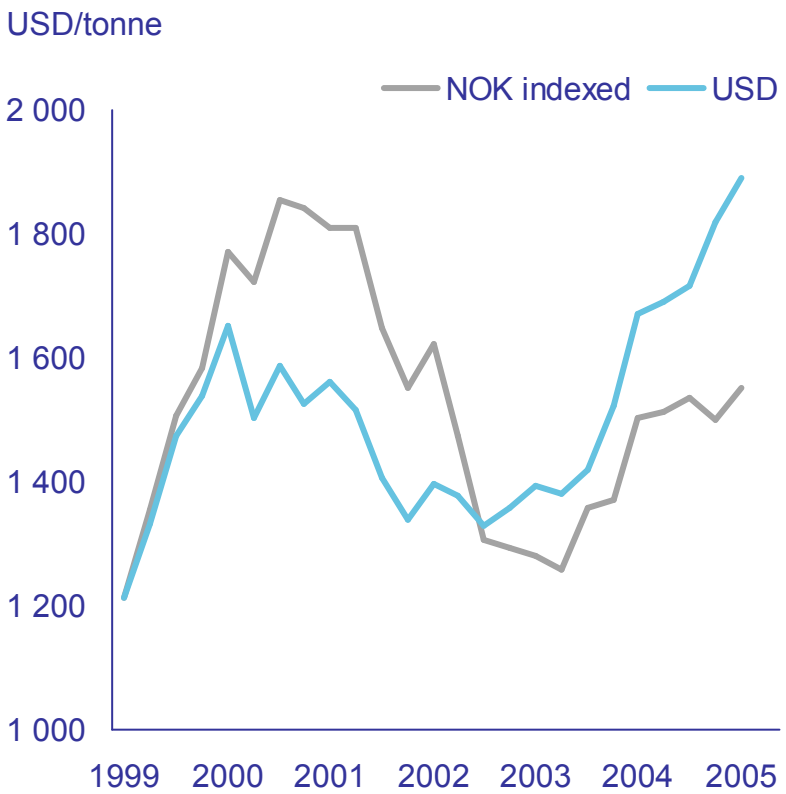
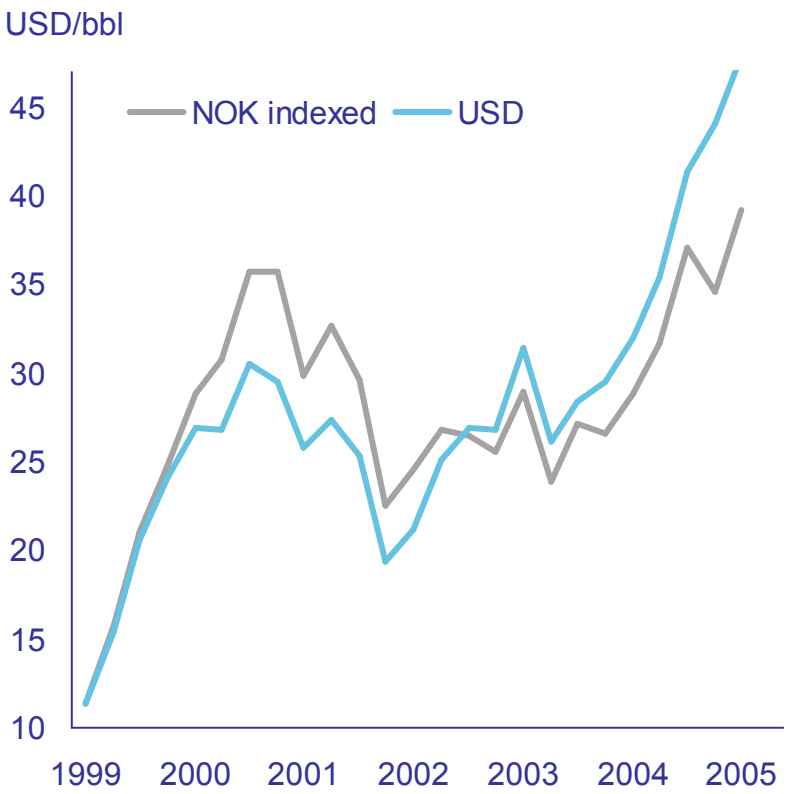
High commodity prices – weak dollar

Aluminium price – LME 3m



Oil price – Brent



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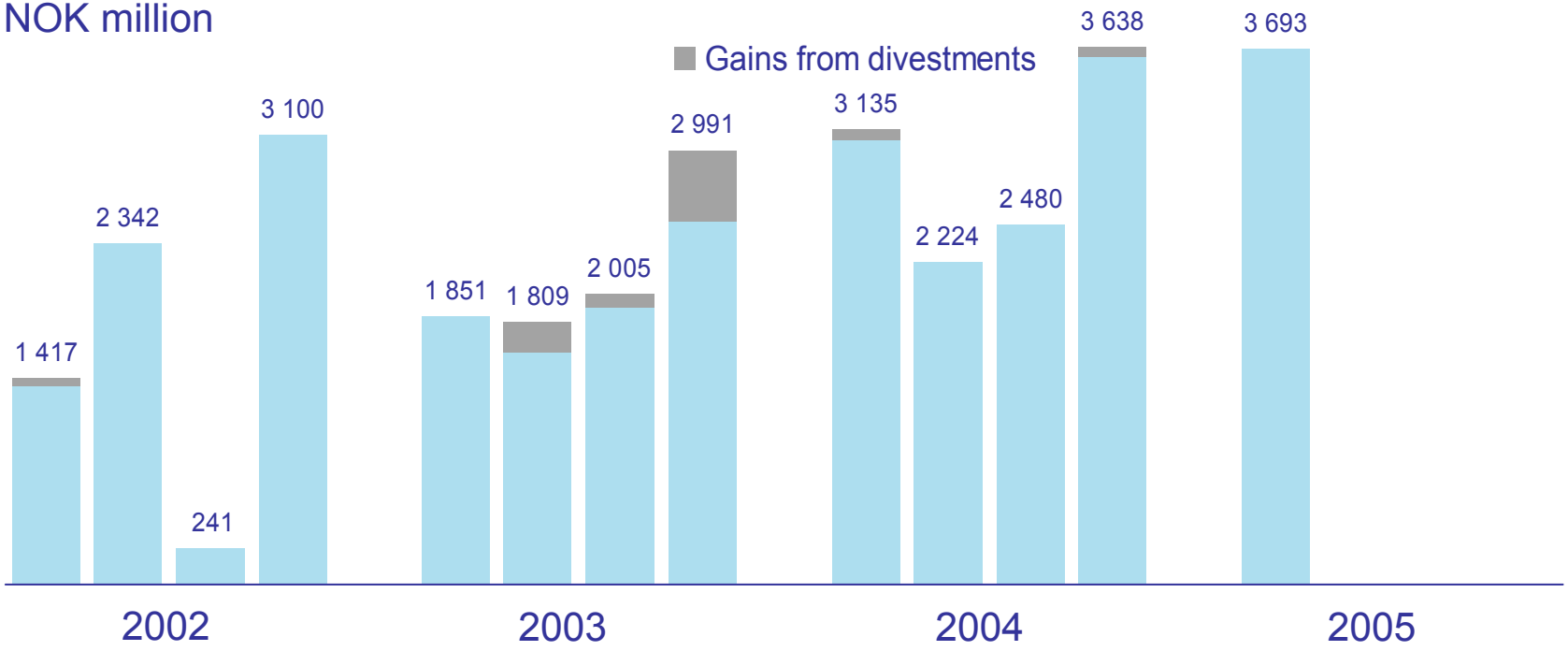
Income from continuing operations*

By quarter

NOK million



Accumulated

7 100	8 656	11 477	3 693

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Consolidated income statements

NOK million	1st quarter 2005	1st quarter 2004
Operating revenues	42 152	39 082
Operating income	11 754	9 276
Non-consolidated investees	213	131
Financial income (expense), net	(910)	(624)
Other income, net	-	110
Income from continuing operations before tax and minority interest	11 057	8 893
Income tax expense	(7 283)	(5 786)
Minority interest	(81)	28
Income from continuing operations	3 693	3 135
Income from discontinued operations	-	1 083
Net income	3 693	4 218
Earnings per share from continuing operations - NOK	14.70	12.30
Earnings per share from discontinued operations - NOK	-	4.20
Earnings per share - NOK	14.70	16.50

For calculation of EPS, 1st quarter 2005: 250 839 230 shares, 1st quarter 2004: 255 732 220 shares

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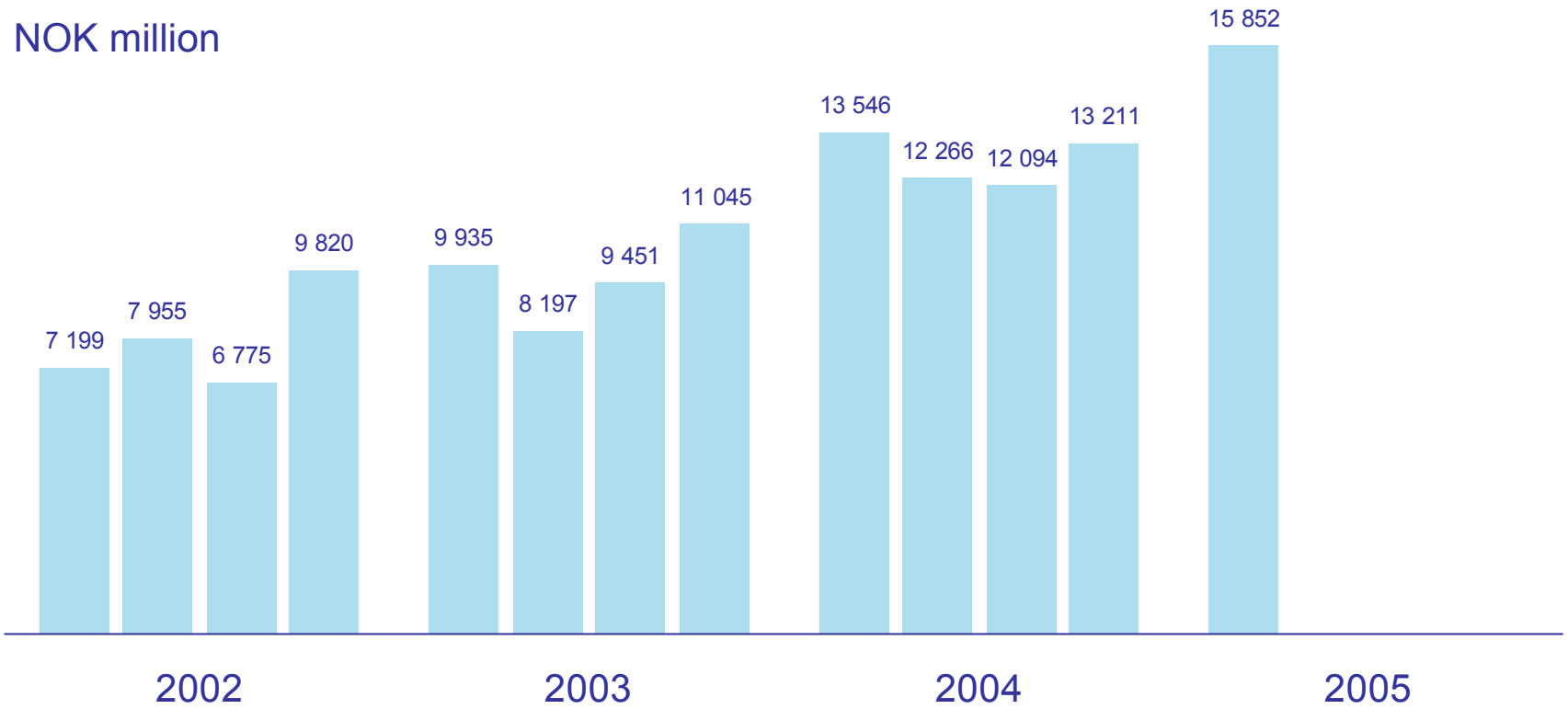
Record-high cash earnings

Adjusted EBITDA

NOK million



Accumulated

2002	2003	2004	2005
31 749	**38 628**	**51 117**	**15 852**

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Operating income

Individual operating segment

NOK million	1st quarter 2005	1st quarter 2004
Exploration and Production	9 057	7 082
Energy and Oil Marketing	1 046	733
Eliminations	(261)	3
Oil & Energy	9 842	7 818
Metals	1 239	968
Rolled Products	230	148
Extrusion and Automotive	(36)	182
Other and eliminations	(92)	331
Aluminium	1 341	1 629
Other activities	175	93
Corporate and eliminations	396	(264)
Total	11 754	9 276

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Oil & Energy – operating income

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Operational data	1st quarter 2005	1st quarter 2004
Oil and gas production, boe/day	584	615
Realized oil price, USD/bbl	46.4	31.6
Realized oil price, NOK/bbl	291.7	218.3
Realized gas price, NOK/Sm³	1.47	1.10
Exploration expense, NOK million	308	249

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Aluminium – operating income

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Operational data	1st quarter 2005	1st quarter 2004
Realized aluminium price, USD/tonne	1 793	1 528
Primary aluminium production, kt	444	415

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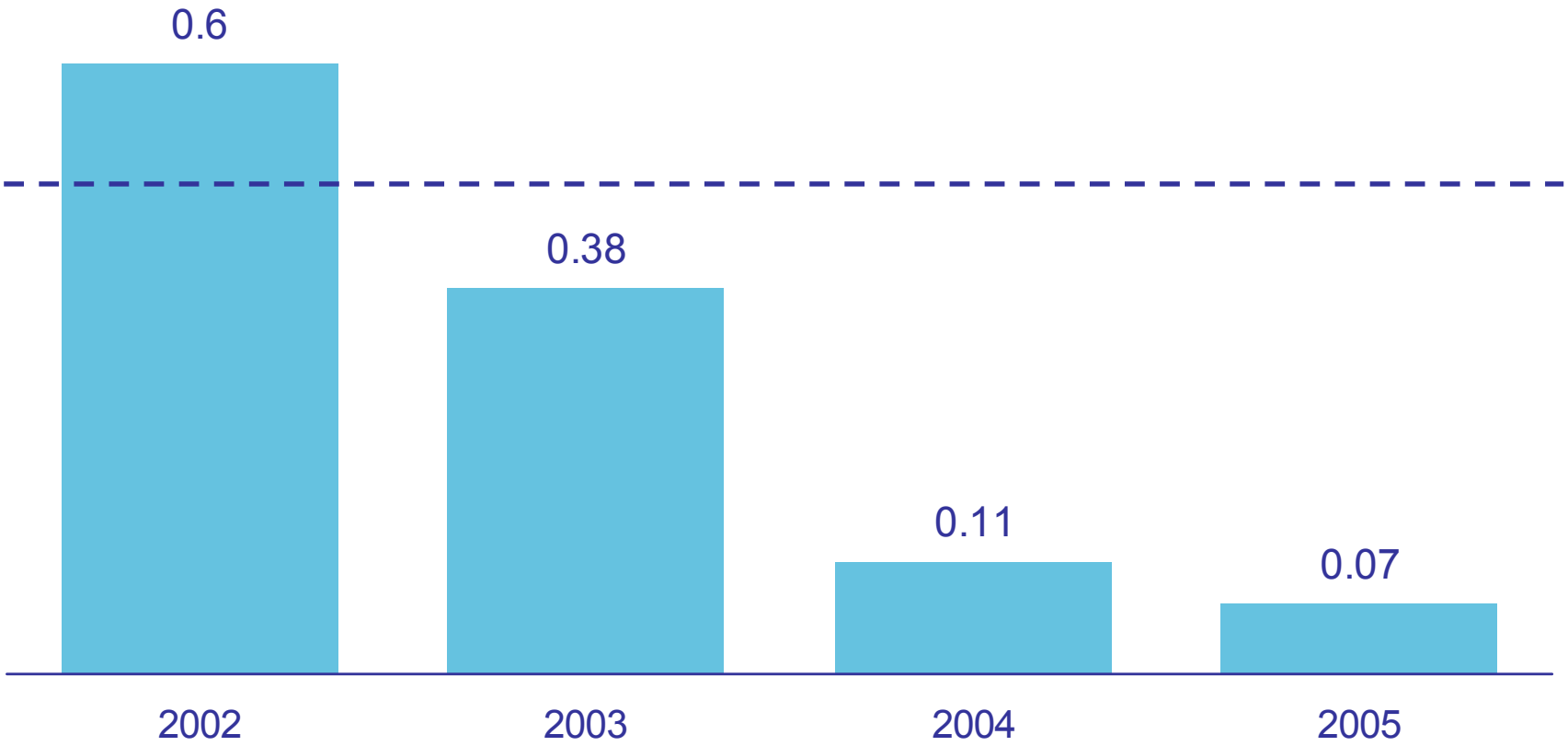
Debt/equity ratio



Interest-bearing debt + net pension liability (tax adjusted) + operating lease commitments (discounted) – cash and cash equivalents – other liquid assets divided by shareholders' equity + minority interest

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Oil & Energy – highlights

- Record result
- Plan for Development and Operation: Three approved and three submitted
- Five exploration wells completed – two discoveries
- Troll Oil cumulative production: 1 billion barrels

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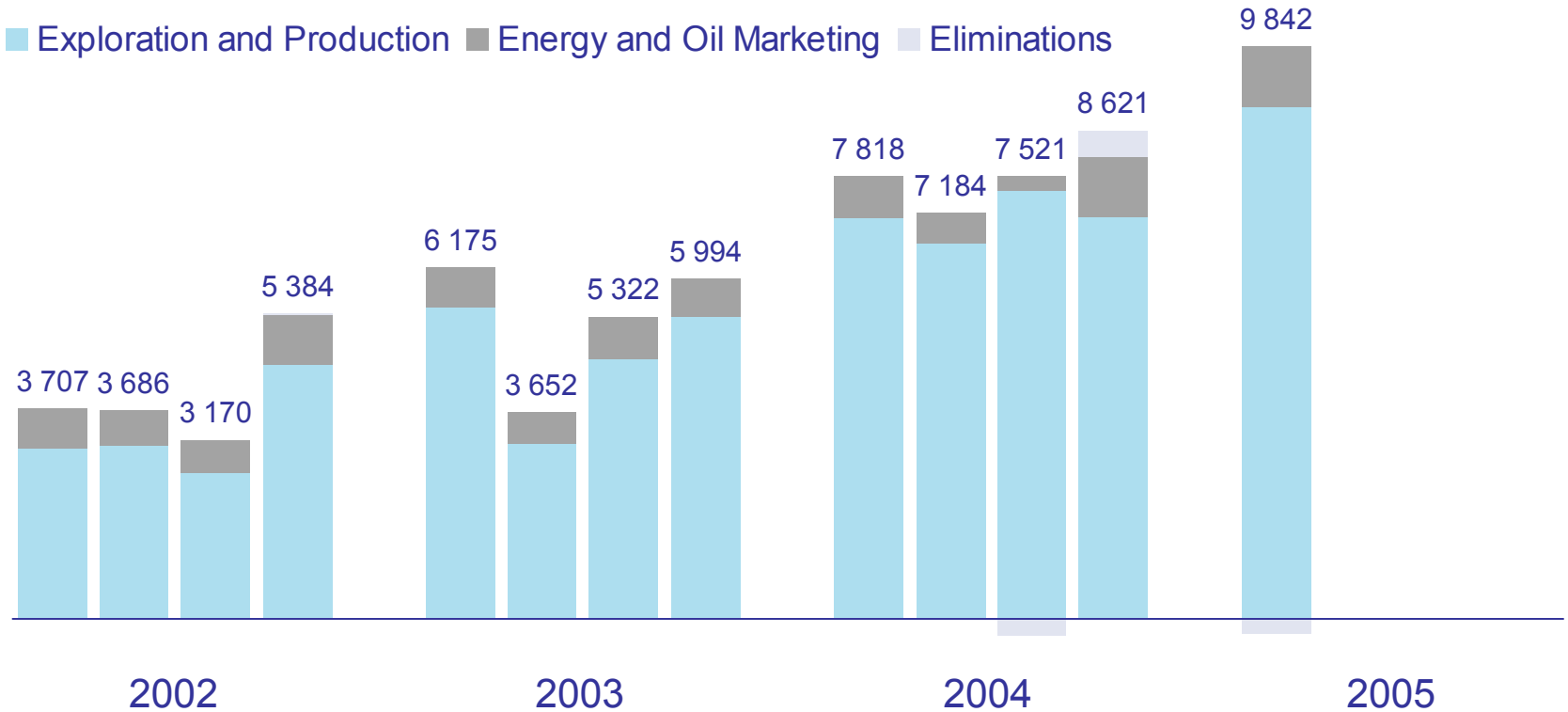
Oil & Energy – operating income

NOK million



Accumulated

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15 947	**21 143**	**31 144**	**9 842**

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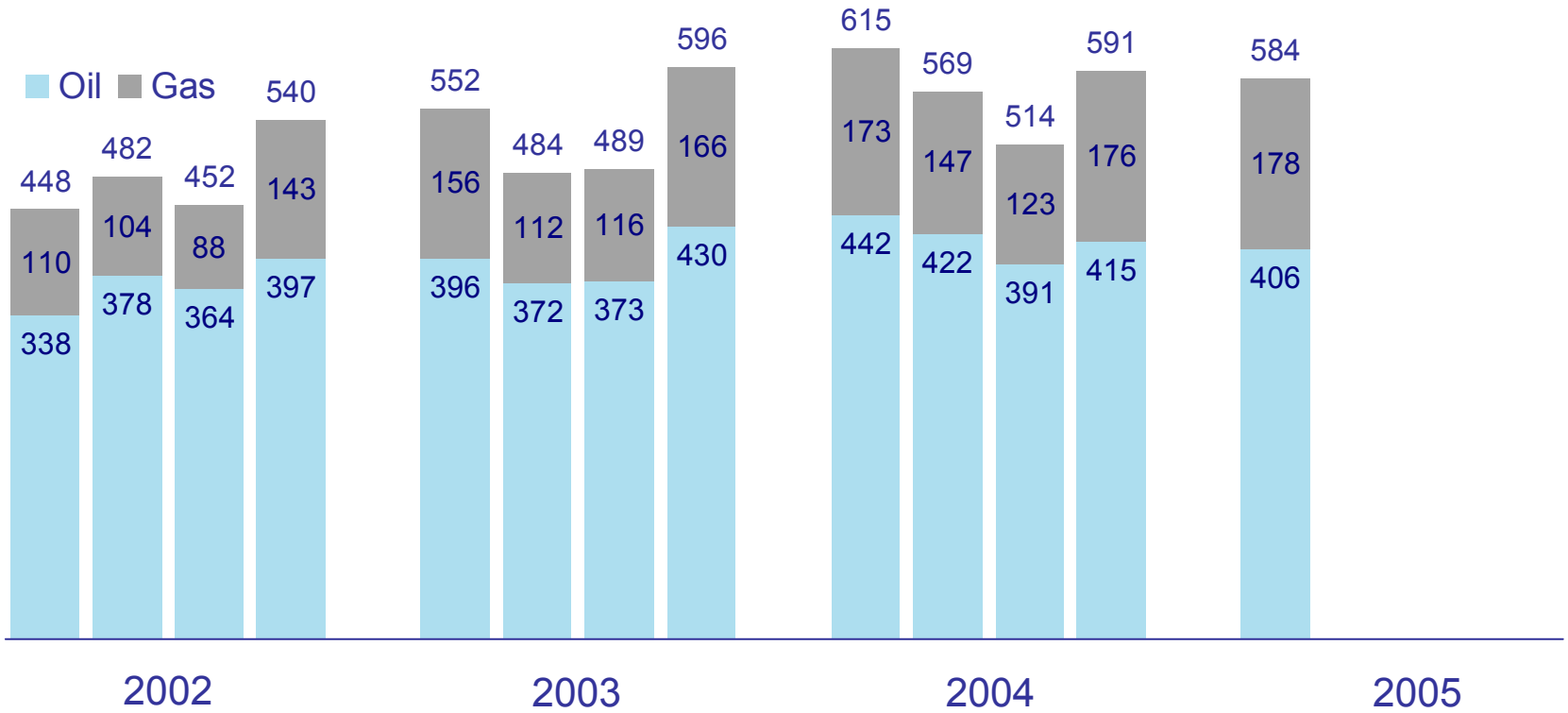
Petroleum production per quarter

1 000 boe/day



Average

480	530	572	584

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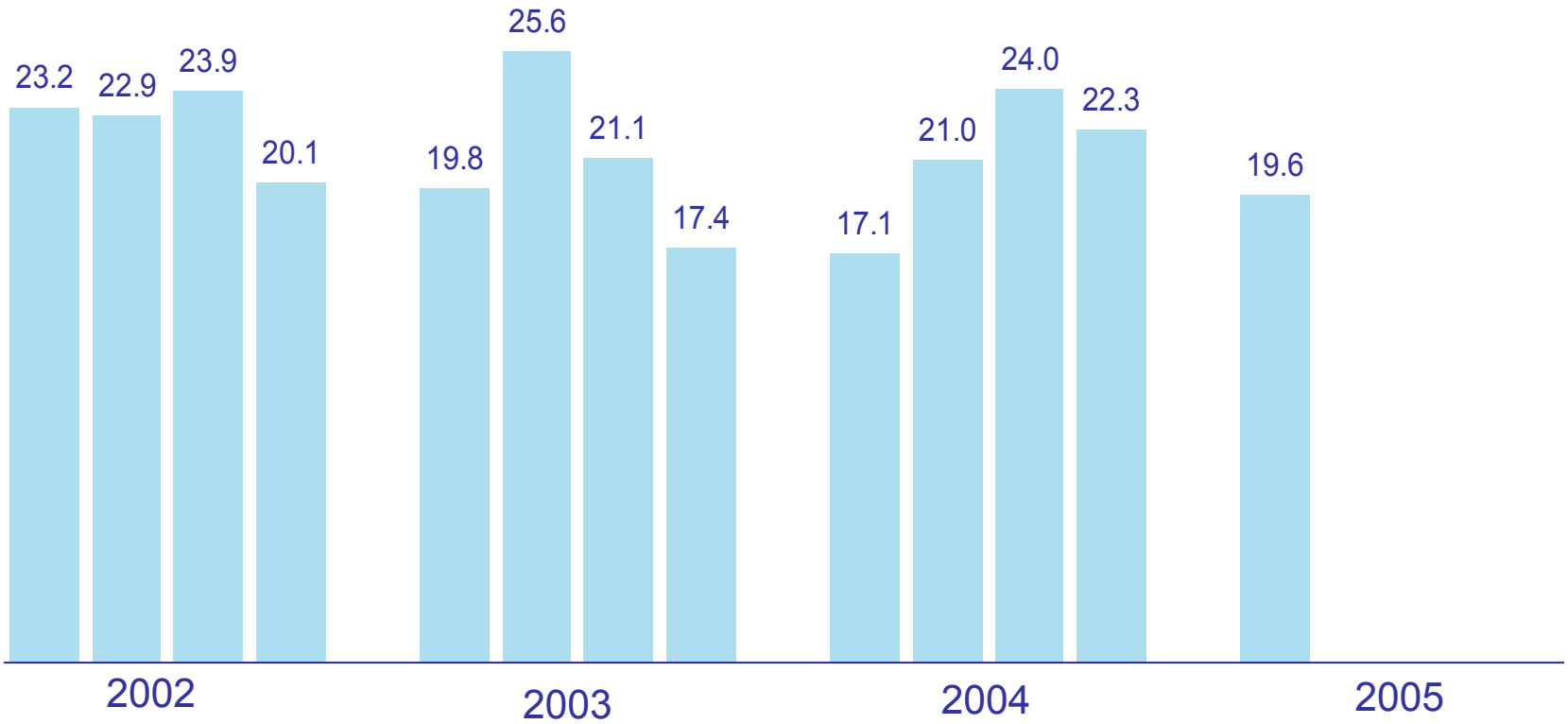
Production costs per barrel

NOK/boe



Weighted average			
22.6	**20.7**	**20.7**	**19.6**

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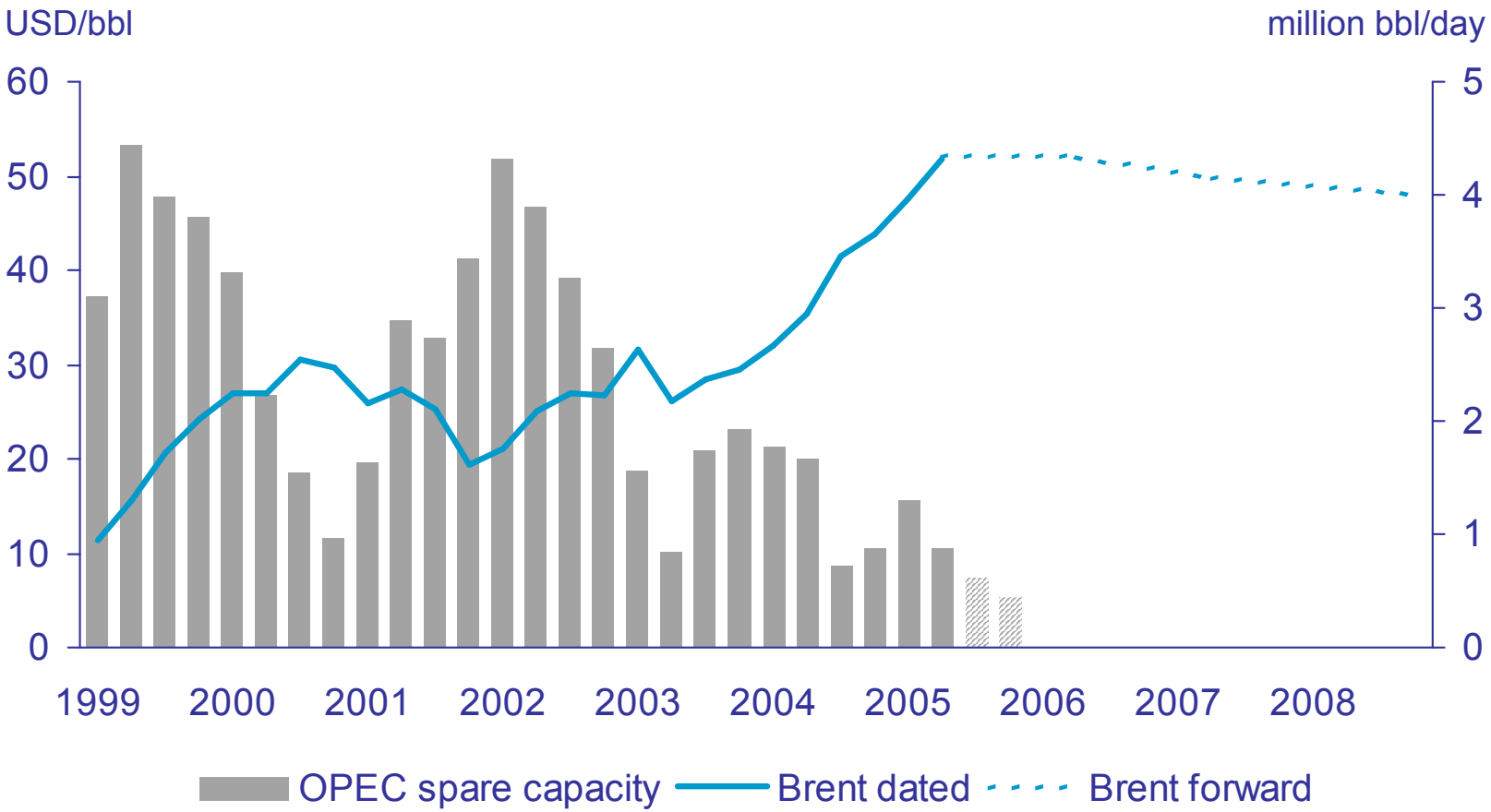
High oil price driven by supply concerns

OPEC spare capacity at low levels



Sources: Pira, Reuters, Platts

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Oil & Energy – prospects

- **Continued high crude oil prices**
- **Volatile European energy markets**
- **2005 production target maintained**
  - 575 000 boe/day
- **2005 production cost target maintained**
  - NOK 24/boe
- **High exploration activity**
  - Rig capacity secured

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Aluminium – highlights

- Increased aluminium price – realized USD 1 793/tonne
- Primary aluminium production up 7%
- Strong contribution from improvement programs
- Weaker downstream markets

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Aluminium – business comments

- **Metals**
  - Record output, Sunndal at full capacity
  - Aluimprover successfully completed
- **Rolled Products**
  - Flat European market
  - Increased sales of high-margin products
  - Reversal of loss accruals, NOK 100 million
- **Extrusion & Automotive**
  - Weaker sales volumes
  - Closure cost of Leeds plant, NOK 174 million
  - Start up of new production line of engine blocks, Dillingen

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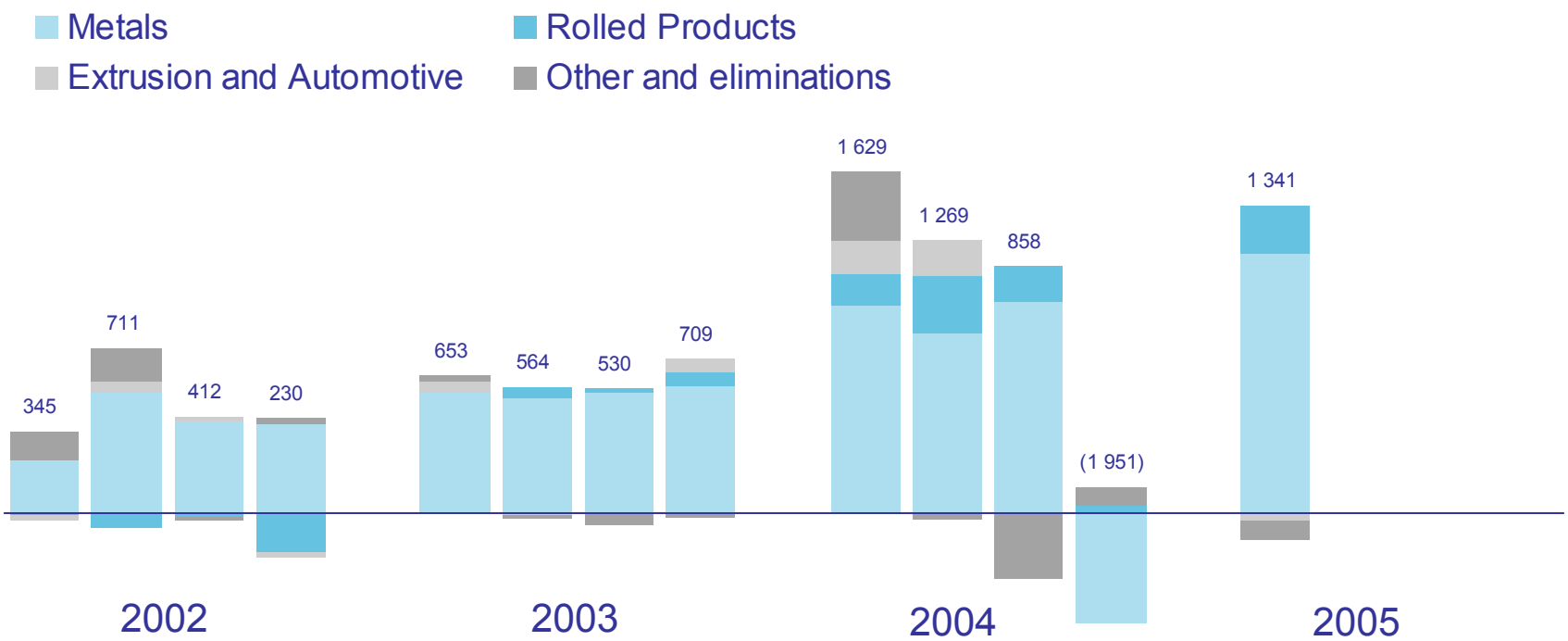
Aluminium – operating income

NOK million



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1 698	**2 456**	**1 805**	**1 341**

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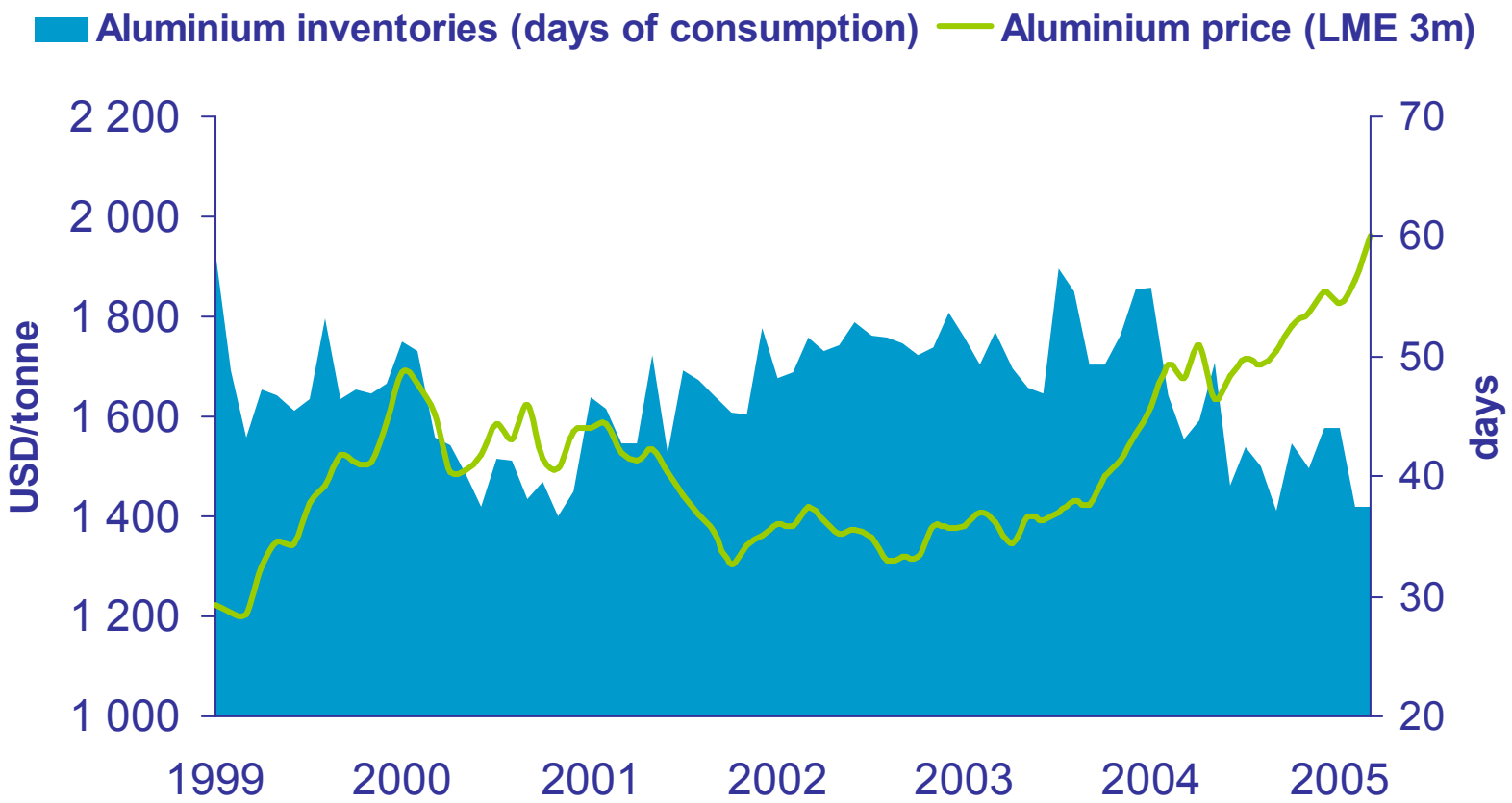
Primary aluminium market



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Aluminium – prospects

- **Aluminium price supported by**
  - Low inventories
  - High prices on input factors
- **Primary aluminium – Competitive production growth**
- **Extrusion – Continued weak order intake**
- **Rolled Products – Starting up new litho line, Germany**

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Hydro – priorities

- Operational improvements
- First-class project execution
- Increase aluminium profitability
- Strengthen oil & gas resource base

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Additional information

Adjusted income first quarter 2005

NOK million	1st quarter 2005	Adjustments	Adjusted income
Exploration and Production	9 057	-	9 057
Energy and Oil Marketing	1 046	(250)	796
Eliminations	(261)	271	10
Oil & Energy	9 842	21	9 863
Metals	1 239	6	1 245
Rolled Products	230	(91)	139
Extrusion and Automotive	(36)	174	138
Other and eliminations	(92)	86	(6)
Aluminium	1 341	175	1 516
Other activities	175		175
Corporate and eliminations	396	(689)	(293)
Total operating income	11 754	(493)	11 261
Non-consolidated investees	213	10	223
Financial income (expense), net	(910)	951	41
Income from continuing operations before tax and minority interest	11 057	468	11 525
Income tax expense	(7 283)	(150)	(7 433)
Minority interest	(81)	-	(81)
Income from continuing operations	3 693	318	4 011

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Infrequent and other special items impacting income statement first quarter 2005

		NOK million
Accounting imbalance gas portfolio	Energy and Oil Marketing	(250)
Eliminations of unrealized loss on internal gas contract	Oil & Energy eliminations	271
Rationalization cost due to Aluimprover	Metals	6
Inventory losses	Rolled Products	9
Reversal contract provisions	Rolled Products	(100)
Rationalization costs Leeds closure	Extrusion and Automotive	174
Unrealized loss on LME contracts	Aluminium Other and Elimination	86
Mark-to-market of additional power contract	Corporate and Eliminations	(224)
Elimination of unrealized gain on internal power contracts	Corporate and Eliminations	(311)
Elimination of demanning cost	Corporate and Eliminations	(154)
Net impact on operating income		**(493)**
Non-consolidated investees – currency gain for Alunorte	Metals	10
Financial income (expense) net – net currency loss	Hydro group	951
Net impact on operating income from continuing operations before tax and minority interest		468

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Adjusted income first quarter 2004

NOK million	1st quarter 2004	Adjustments	Adjusted income
Exploration and Production	7 082	(285)	6 797
Energy and Oil Marketing	733	-	733
Eliminations	3	-	3
Oil & Energy	7 818	(285)	7 533
Metals	968	-	968
Rolled Products	148	-	148
Extrusion and Automotive	182	-	182
Other and eliminations	331	(350)	(19)
Aluminium	1 629	(350)	1 279
Other activities	93	-	93
Corporate and eliminations	(264)	(154)	(418)
Total operating income	9 276	(789)	8 487
Non-consolidated investees	131	8	139
Financial income (expense), net	(624)	-	(624)
Other income (loss), net	110	(110)	-
Income from continuing operations before tax and minority interest	8 893	(891)	8 002
Income tax expense	(5 786)	166	(5 620)
Minority interest	28	-	28
Income from continuing operations	3 135	(725)	2 410

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Infrequent and other special items impacting income statement first quarter 2004

Item		NOK million
Gain regarding sale of Gjøa	Exploration and Production	(285)
Unrealized gain on LME postitions	Aluminium, Other and Eliminations	(350)
Elimination of unrealized loss on internal power contracts	Corporate and eliminations	(154)
Net impact on operating income		(789)
Non-consolidated investees – currency gain for Alunorte	Metals	8
Other Income	Hydro group	(110)
Net impact on income from continuing operations before tax and minority interest		(891)

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Adjusted EBITDA

Individual operating segment

NOK million	1st quarter 2005	1st quarter 2004
Exploration and Production	11 456	9 593
Energy and Oil Marketing	1 220	907
Eliminations	(260)	3
Oil & Energy	12 416	10 503
Metals	1 789	1 473
Rolled Products	395	335
Extrusion and Automotive	343	568
Other and eliminations	(91)	332
Aluminium	2 436	2 708
Other activities	422	480
Corporate and eliminations	578	(145)
Total	15 852	13 546

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Depreciation, depletion and amortization

Individual operating segment

NOK million	1st quarter 2005	1st quarter 2004
Exploration and Production	2 397	2 472
Energy and Oil Marketing	139	148
Oil & Energy	2 536	2 620
Metals	380	412
Rolled Products	151	172
Extrusion and Automotive	348	359
Aluminium	879	943
Other activities	125	131
Corporate and eliminations	7	2
Total	3 547	3 696

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Net financial income (expense)

NOK million	1st quarter 2005	1st quarter 2004
Interest income Dividends and net gain (loss) on securities	207 105	184 118
Interest income and other financial income	312	302
Interest expense Capitalized interest Net foreign exchange gain (loss) Other	(410) 165 (951) (26)	(565) 132 (454) (39)
Interest expense and foreign exchange gain (loss)	(1 222)	(926)
Net financial income (expense)	(910)	(624)

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Equity in net income of non-consolidated investees

Individual operating segment

NOK million	1st quarter 2005	1st quarter 2004
Exploration and Production	1	1
Energy and Oil Marketing	25	16
Oil & Energy	26	17
Metals	116	32
Rolled Products	(5)	-
Extrusion and Automotive	28	25
Aluminium	139	57
Other activities	48	58
Corporate and eliminations	-	(1)
Total	213	131

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Variance analysis Hydro group

NOK million	1st quarter
2005 2004	15 852 13 546
Variance adjusted EBITDA	2 306
- Prices and currency, Exploration and Production (E&P) - Margin incl. currency effects [1)] - Volume - Fixed costs - Depreciation - Production and exploration costs, E&P - Infrequent items - Trading and unrealized LME effects, Aluminium - Other	3 345 350 (815) 590 140 (285) (5) (485) (355)
Variance operating income	2 478
- Non-consolidated investees - Interest income and other - Other income - Depreciation and amortization	82 10 (110) (154)
Variance adjusted EBITDA	2 306

1) Including positive variance for elimination of unrealized gain/loss on electricity contracts of NOK 388 million and a negative variance for elimination of the gain/loss on gas contracts of NOK 271 million.

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Investments [1)]

Individual operating segment

NOK million	1st quarter 2005	1st quarter 2004
Exploration and Production	2 279	1 839
Energy and Oil Marketing	384	218
Oil & Energy	2 663	2 057
Metals	317	[2)] 2 002
Rolled Products	47	111
Extrusion and Automotive	177	374
Other and eliminations	-	(1)
Aluminium	541	2 486
Other activities	232	170
Corporate and eliminations	28	63
Total	3 464	4 776

1) Additions to property, plant and equipment (capital expenditures) plus long-term securities, intangibles, long-term advances and investments in non-consolidated investees

2) Includes effect of change in accounting principle (FIN 46R). Non-cash increase in investment of NOK 1 275 million

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Consolidated balance sheet

NOK million	31.03.2005	31.12.2004
Cash and cash equivalents	15 467	14 366
Other liquid assets	15 392	10 970
Receivables and other current assets	38 539	32 219
Inventories	13 824	12 851
Non-current assets	130 567	129 837
Total assets	213 789	200 243
Short-term interest-bearing debt	4 547	3 785
Current portion of long-term debt	746	568
Other current liabilities	48 780	41 724
Long-term interest-bearing debt	20 396	19 487
Other long-term liabilities	18 476	17 703
Deferred tax liabilities	29 448	29 515
Minority interest	1 513	1 571
Shareholders' equity	89 883	85 890
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	213 789	200 243
Shareholders' equity per share, NOK	358.30	342.40

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Statement of cash flow

NOK million	1st quarter 2005	1st quarter 2004
Operating activities:		
Net income	3 693	4 218
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	3 547	3 696
Other adjustments	1 228	625
Net cash provided by operating activities	8 468	8 539
Investing activities:		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(3 531)	(3 297)
Purchases of other long-term investments	(38)	(199)
Purchases of short-term investments	(4 412)	-
Proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment	1 115	339
Proceeds from sales of other long-term investments	349	309
Proceeds from sales of short-term investments	-	3
Net cash used in investing activities	(6 517)	(2 845)
Financing activities:		
Loan proceeds	508	10
Principal repayments	(441)	(2 956)
Ordinary shares purchased	(981)	(445)
Ordinary shares issued	15	9
Net cash used in financing activities	(899)	(3 382)
Foreign currency effect on cash	49	125
Net cash provided by discontinued operations	-	9 470
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1 101	11 907
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	14 366	14 873
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	15 467	26 780

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Operating income – Adjusted EBIT – Adjusted EBITDA

First quarter 2005

NOK million	Operating income	Non-cons. investees	Interest income	Selected fin. items	Other income	Adj. EBIT	Depr. and amort.	Adj. EBITDA
Exploration and Production	9 057	1	2	(1)	-	9 059	2 397	11 456
Energy and Oil Marketing	1 046	25	9	(1)	-	1 079	141	1 220
Eliminations	(261)	-	-	-	-	(261)	1	(260)
Oil & Energy	9 842	26	11	(2)	-	9 877	2 539	12 416
Metals	1 239	116	2	43	-	1 400	389	1 789
Rolled Products	230	(5)	1	4	-	230	165	395
Extrusion and Automotive	(36)	28	4	(2)	-	(6)	349	343
Other and eliminations	(92)	-	-	1	-	(91)	-	(91)
Aluminium	1 341	139	7	46	-	1 533	903	2 436
Other activities	175	48	17	56	-	296	126	422
Corporate and eliminations	396	-	172	5	-	573	5	578
Total	11 754	213	207	105	-	12 279	3 573	15 852

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Financial solidity – calculation

Amounts in NOK million		31 December 2001	31 December 2002	31 December 2003	31 December 2004	31 March 2005
[A]	Cash and cash equivalents	27 148	5 965	15 249	14 366	15 467
[B]	Other liquid assets	2 421	2 647	1 581	10 970	15 392
[C]	Bank loans and other interest-bearing short-term debt	(8 458)	(7 306)	(5 569)	(3 785)	(4 547)
[D]	Current portion of long-term debt	(1 966)	(1 958)	(1 242)	(568)	(746)
[E]	Long-term debt	(37 853)	(30 902)	(28 568)	(19 487)	(20 396)
[F]=[A]+[B] +[C]+[D]+[E]	Net interest-bearing debt	(18 708)	(31 554)	(18 549)	1 496	5 169
[G]	Net pension liabilities at fair value	(2 133)	(10 107)	(11 973)	(10 056)	(10 404)
[H]	Expected income tax benefit 30%	640	3 032	3 592	3 017	3 121
[I]=[G]+[H]	Net pension liabilities tax adjusted	(1 493)	(7 075)	(8 381)	(7 039)	(7 283)
[J]	Operating lease commitments discounted at 4.8% (2004: 10%)	(5 072)	(4 924)	(4 916)	(3 500)	(4 062)
[K]=[F]+[I] +[J]	Adjusted net interest-bearing debt	(25 272)	(43 552)	(31 846)	(9 043)	(6 176)
[L]	Net pension liabilities not recognized without equity effect	(2 767)	(6 994)	(7 862)	(6 341)	(6 338)
[M]	Expected income tax benefit 30%	830	2 098	2 358	1 902	1 901
[N]=[L]+[M]	Equity adjustment off-balance sheet pension liabilities	(1 937)	(4 896)	(5 504)	(4 439)	(4 436)
[O]	Minority interest	1 051	1 143	660	1 571	1 513
[P]	Shareholders' equity	74 793	75 867	88 080	85 890	89 883
[Q]=[N]+ [O]+[P]	Adjusted shareholders' equity and minority	73 907	72 114	83 236	83 022	86 960
[R]=[K]/[Q]	Adjusted debt / equity ratio	0.34	0.60	0.38	0.11	0.07

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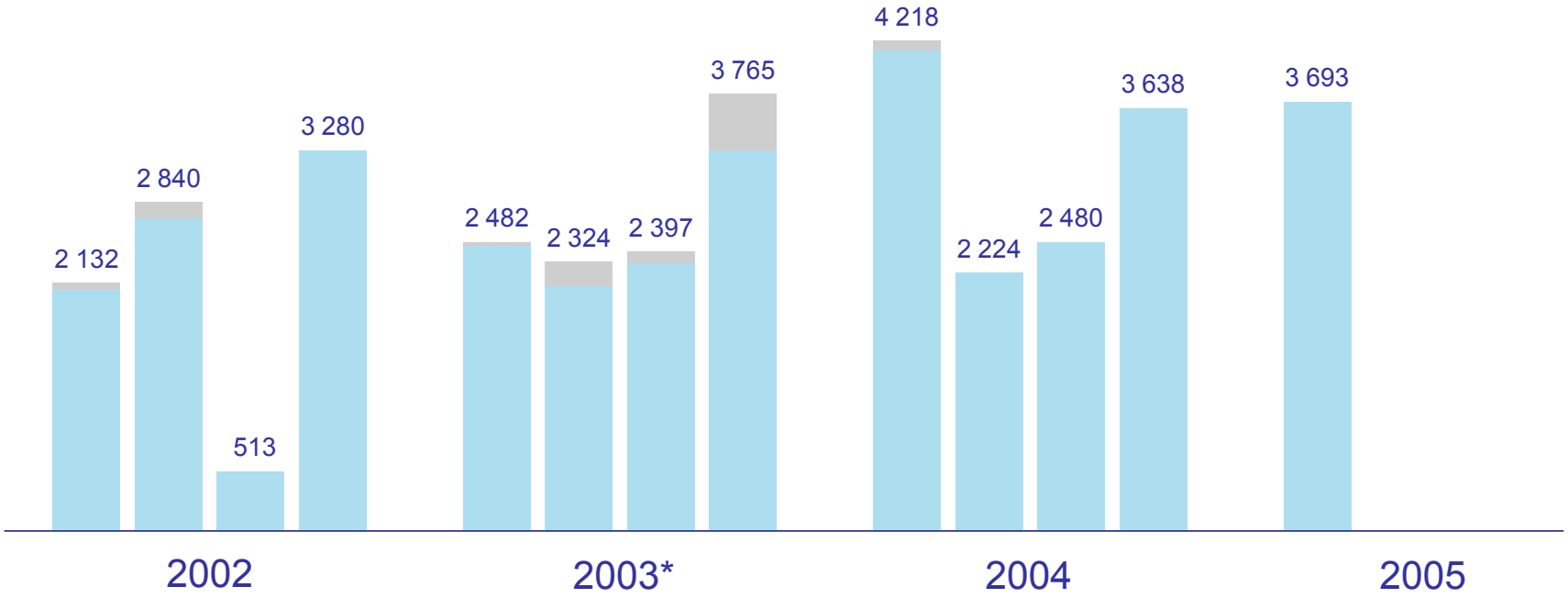
Net income*

By quarter

NOK million



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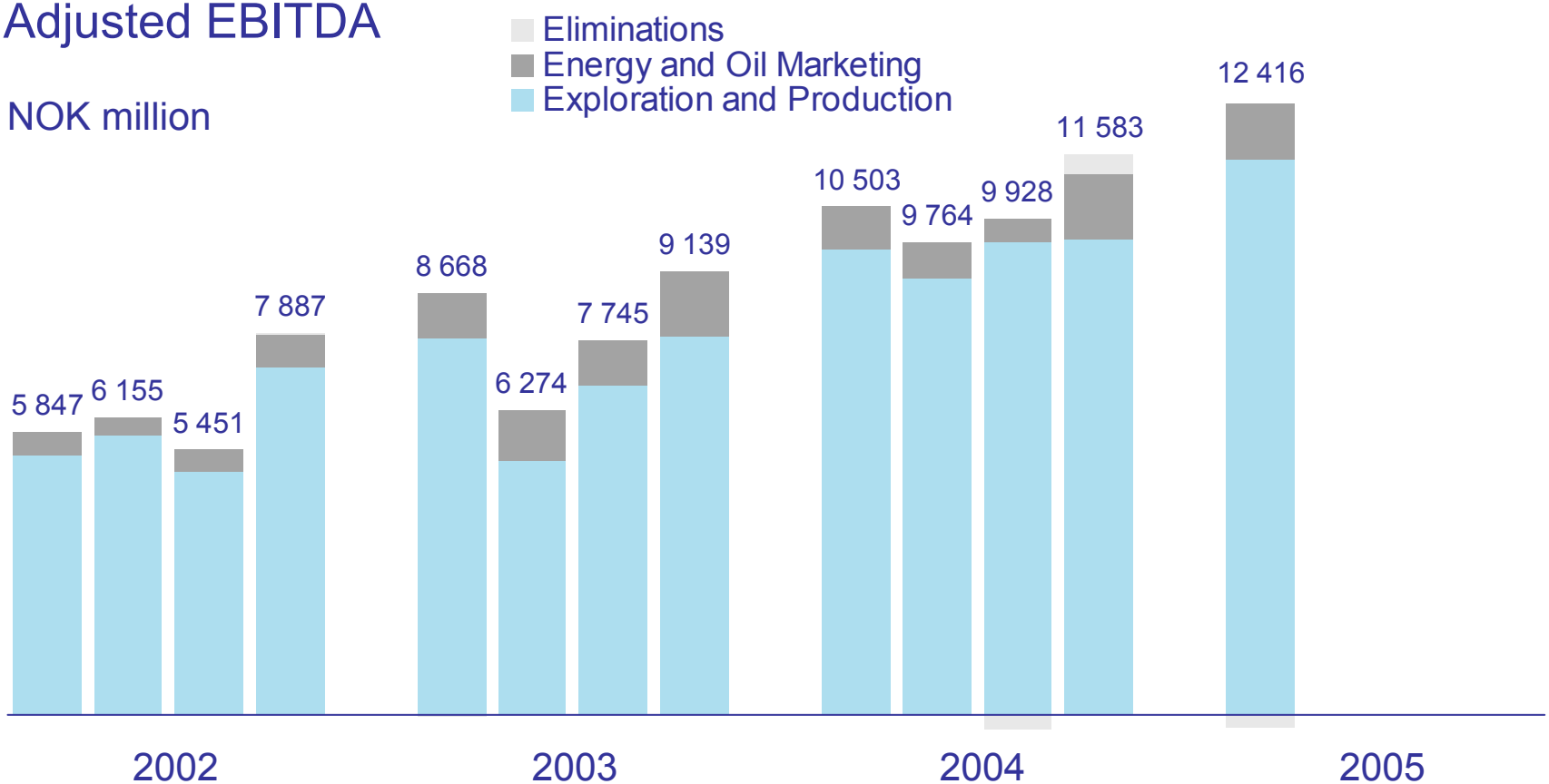
Oil & Energy

Adjusted EBITDA

NOK million



Accumulated

2002	2003	2004	2005
25 340	**31 826**	**41 778**	**12 416**

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Variance analysis Oil & Energy

NOK million		1st quarter
2005 2004		12 416 10 503
Variance adjusted EBITDA		1 913
- Prices and currency		
- Oil	3 175	
- Gas	885	
- Currency	(715)	
		3 345
- Margin		(75)
- Volume		(635)
- Fixed costs		45
- Depreciation		80
- Production costs		(225)
- Exploration costs		(60)
- Other		(450)
Variance operating income		2 024
- Non-consolidated investees		10
- Interest income and other		(37)
- Other income		-
- Depreciation and amortization		(84)
Variance adjusted EBITDA		1 913

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Variance analysis Exploration and Production

NOK million	1st quarter
2005 2004	11 456 9 593
Variance adjusted EBITDA	1 863
Prices and currency - Oil - Gas - Currency	 3 175 885 (715) 3 345
- Volume - Depreciation - Production costs - Exploration costs - Other	(720) 75 (225) (60) (440)
Variance operating income	1 975
- Non-consolidated investees - Interest income and other - Depreciation and amortization	- (37) (75)
Variance adjusted EBITDA	1 863

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Variance analysis Energy and Oil Marketing

NOK million	1st quarter
2005 2004	1 220 907
Variance adjusted EBITDA	313
- Margin - Volume - Fixed costs - Depreciation - Other	190 85 45 5 (10)
Variance operating income	313
- Non-consolidated investees - Interest income and other - Depreciation and amortization	10 - (10)
Variance adjusted EBITDA	313

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Production per field – Q1 2005

Boe/day (oil including NGL and condensate)	Q1 2004	Q1 2005	Hydro share percent	Hydro production
Grane	110 000	164 000	38	62 254
Oseberg	185 000	165 000	34	56 008
Snorre	224 000	130 000	17.65	22 974
Ekofisk	373 000	366 000	6.65	24 365
Oseberg South	76 000	69 000	34	23 420
Gullfaks inclu. Sat	269 000	252 000	9	22 717
Åsgard	246 000	210 000	9.6	20 198
Troll C	163 000	144 000	9.78	14 122
Troll B	168 000	124 000	9.78	12 088
Oseberg East	31 000	23 000	34	7 653
Norne	141 000	104 000	8.1	8 390
Visund	36 000	35 000	20,3	7 044
Fram	58 000	37 000	25	9 224
Sleipner Area	123 000	80 000	8.85/9.4/10	7 625
Tordis	70 000	52 000	13.28	6 844
Vigdis	80 000	56 000	13.28	7 437
Brage	28 000	26 000	20	5 258
Girasol	200 000	194 000	10	19 432
Terra Nova	144 000	108 000	15	16 232
Hibernia	191 000	206 000	5	10 278
Kharyaga	17 000	16 000	40	6 220
Other				35 964
Oil				405 747
Gas				178 301
Total production				584 048

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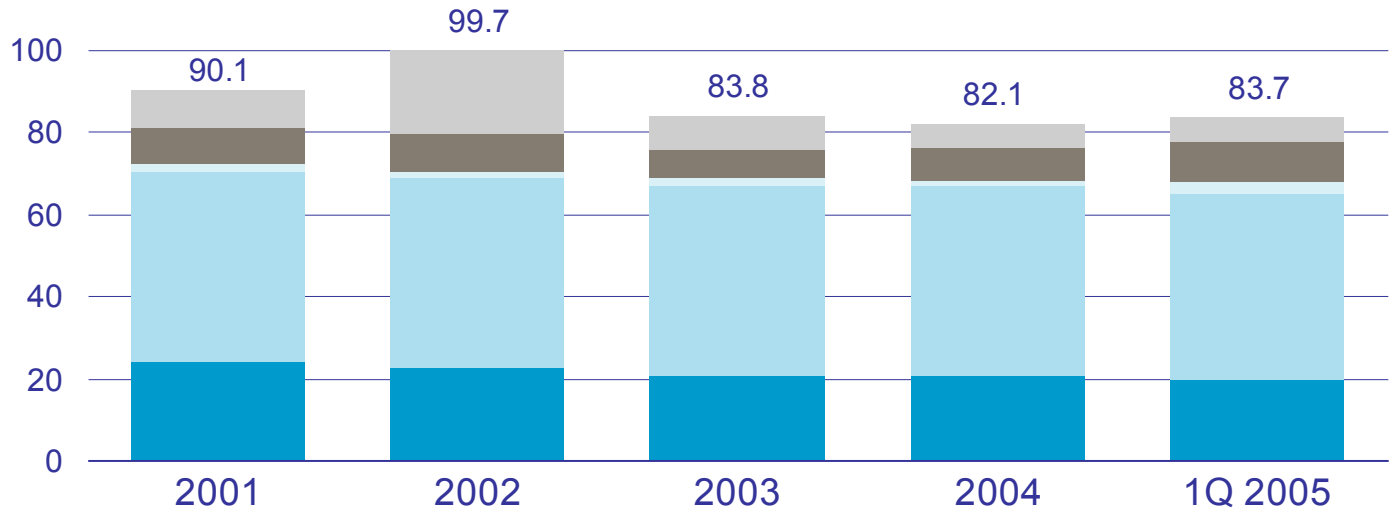
Operating costs per barrel

NOK/boe



	2001	2002	2003	2004	1Q 2005
Exploration	9.1	20.3	8.1	6.0	5.9
Net transportation *	8.5	9.0	6.8	8.3	9.7
Other cost/income	2.0	1.4	1.8	0.7	3.1
Deprec. and aband.	46.4	46.4	46.4	46.4	45.4
Production cost	24.1	22.6	20.7	20.7	19.6
Total	90.1	99.7	83.8	82.1	83.7
Million boe produced	**154**	**175**	**194**	**209**	**53**

* Hydro's net cost as owner and user of transportation and processing

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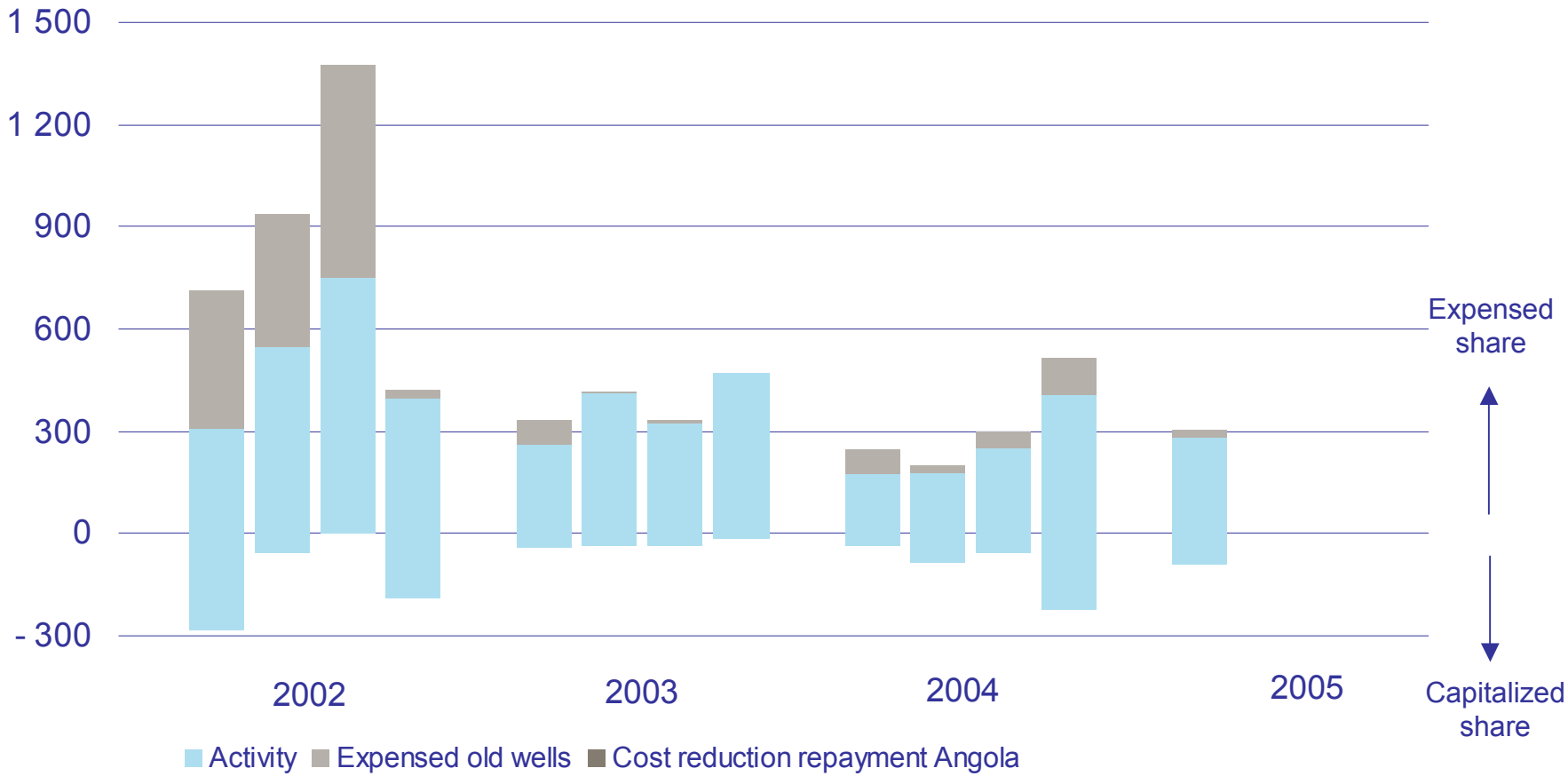
Exploration activity and costs

NOK million



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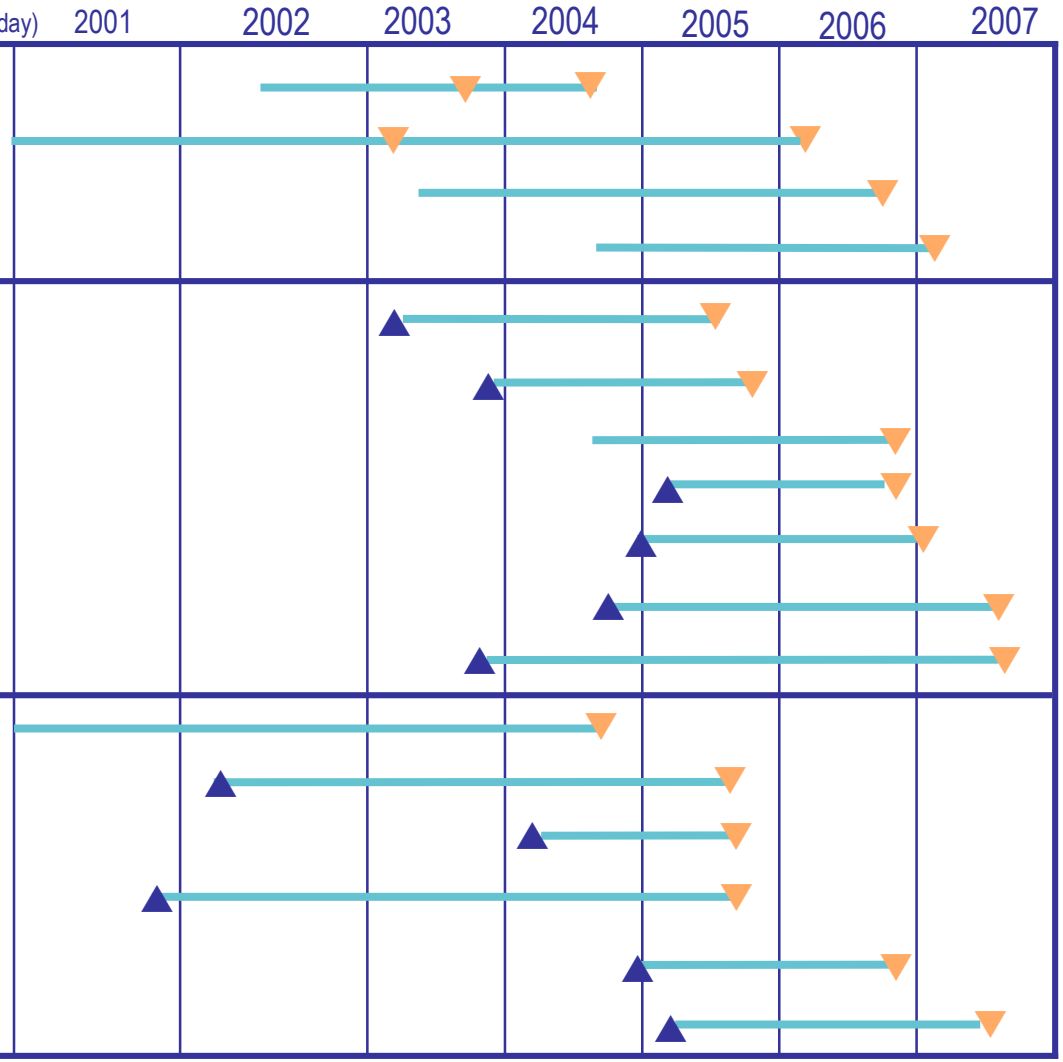
New fields on stream 2005 – 2007

	Field	Hydro Plateau (boe/day)
International	Murzuq	5000
	Kharyaga	10 000
	Dalia	22 000
	Rosa	13 000
Operator NCS	Oseberg South J	6 000
	Oseberg Vestflanken	14 000
	Oseberg East Drilling solution	6 500
	Fram Øst	11 000
	Vilje	9 000
	Njord gas phase	7 500
	Ormen Lange	70 000
Non-operator NCS	Kvitebjørn	25 000
	Visund gas phase	18 000
	Urd (Norne satellites)	7 000
	Kristin	32 000
	Rimfaks/Skinfaks IOR satellite project	3 000
	Volve	6 000



Development ▲ PDO submittal ▼ Start production

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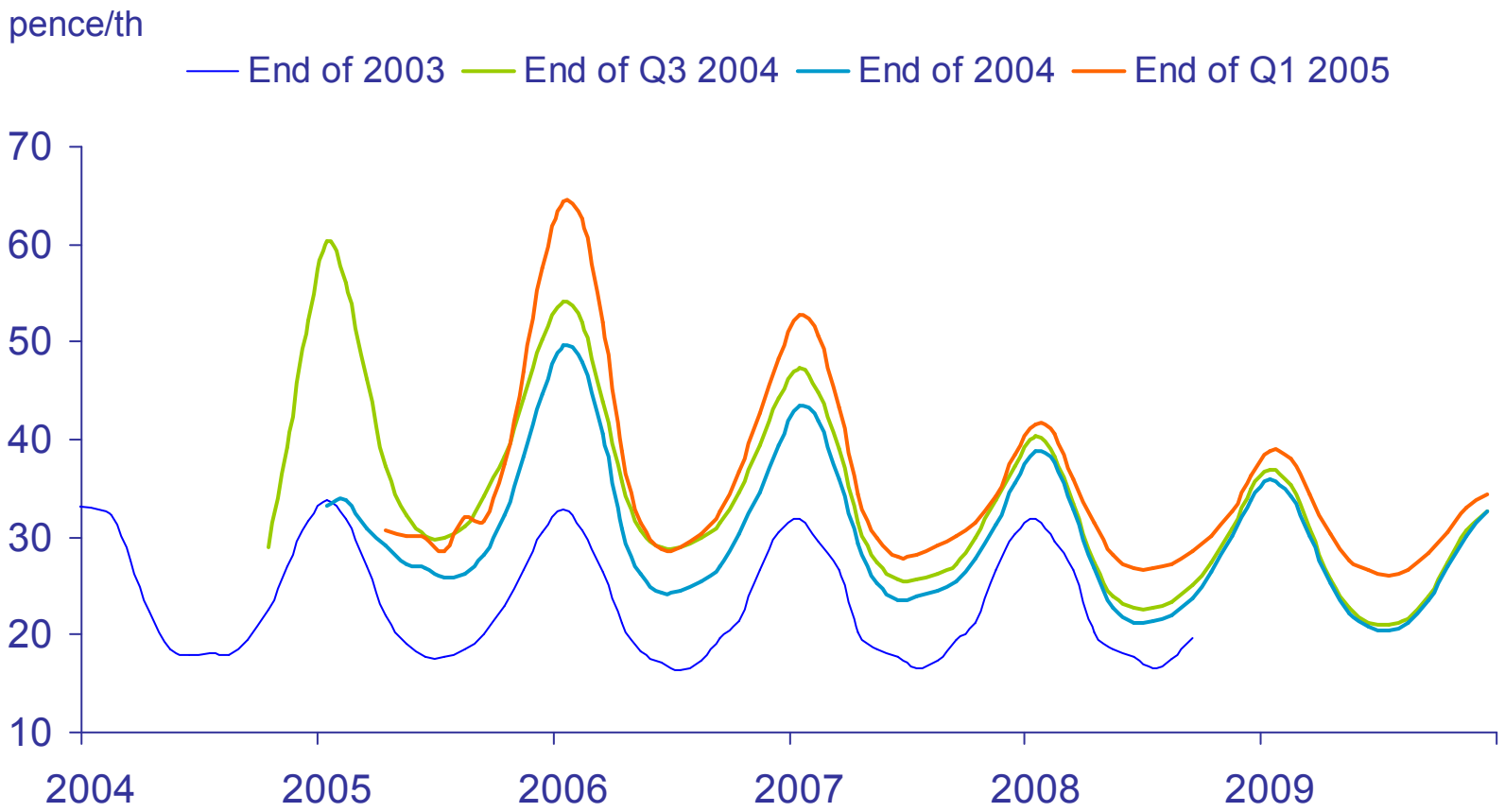
UK gas prices – NBP forward curves



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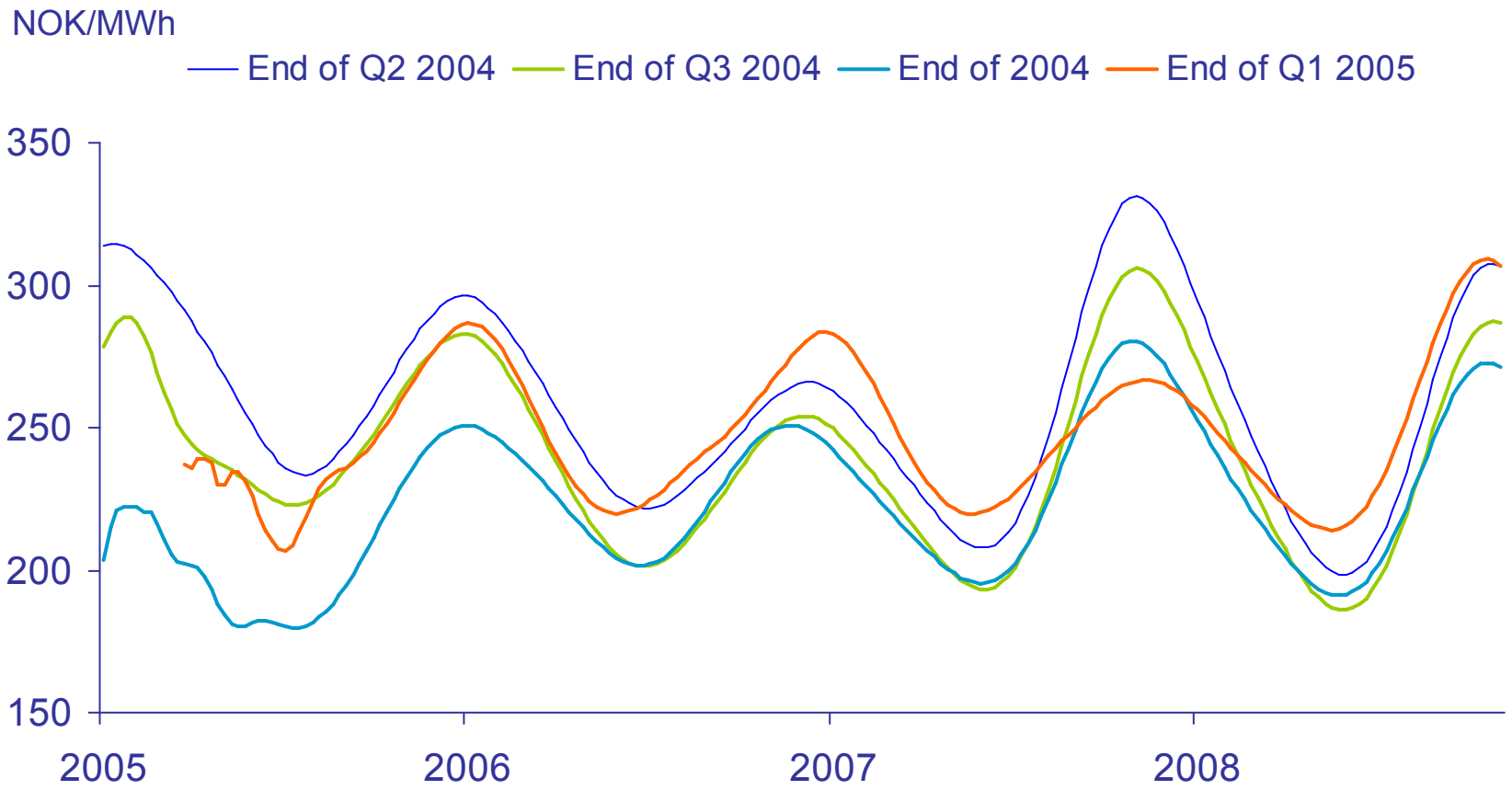
Nordic power market – forward curves



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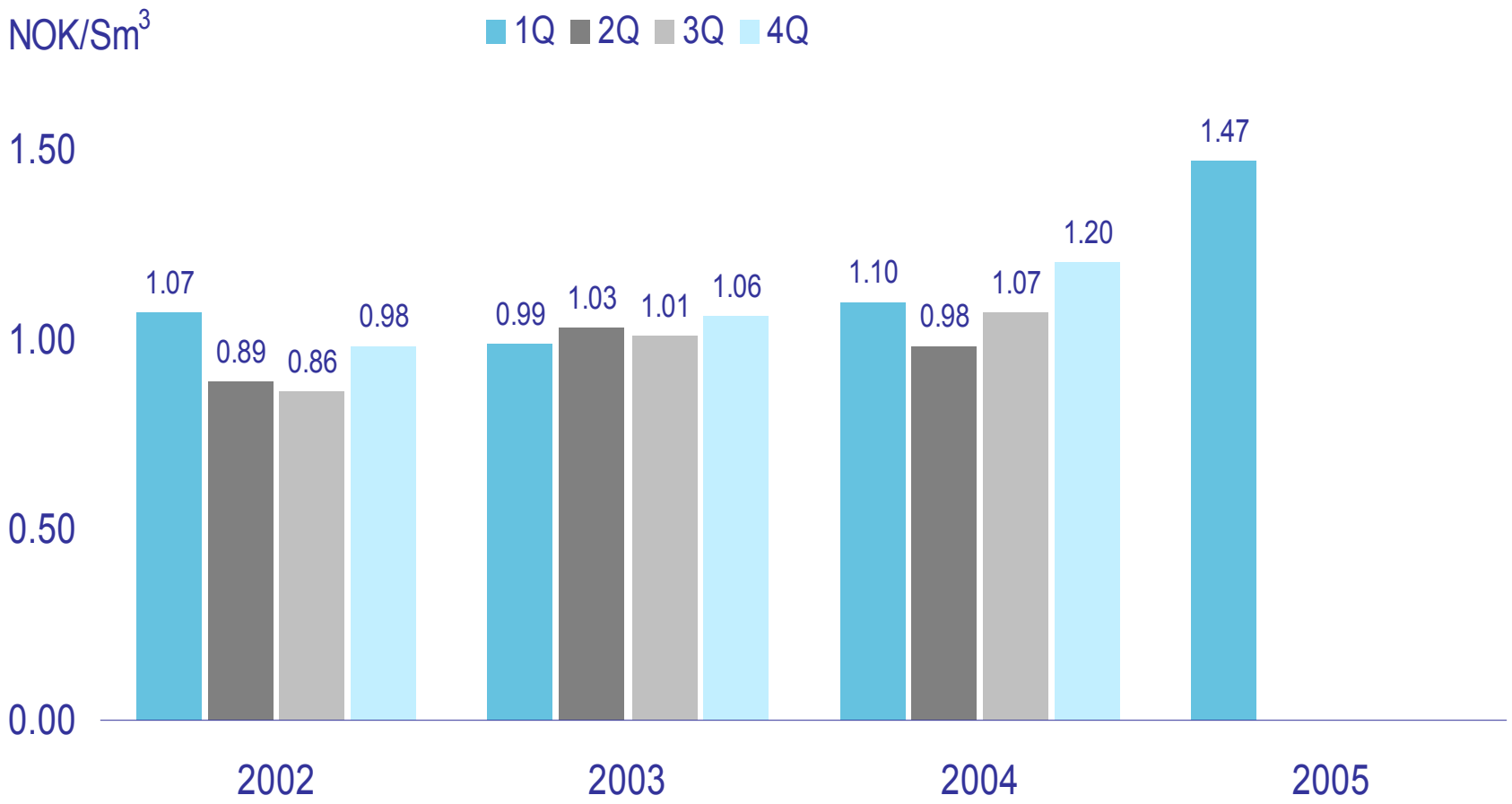
Average Realized Gas Prices



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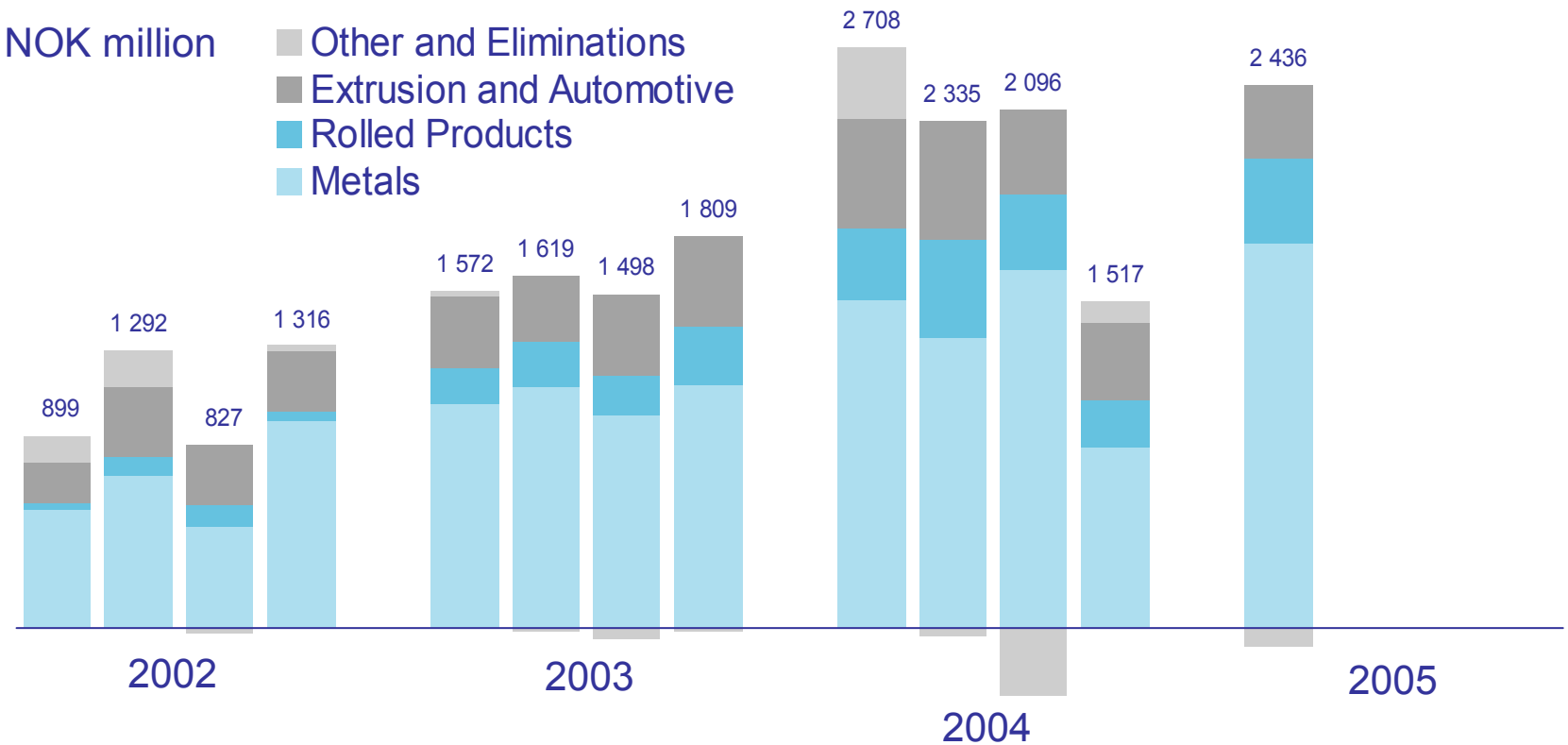
Aluminium

Adjusted EBITDA



Accumulated

2002	2003	2004	2005
4 334	**6 498**	**8 656**	**2 436**

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Variance analysis Aluminium

NOK million	1st quarter
2005 2004	2 436 2 708
Variance adjusted EBITDA	(272)
- Margin - Volume - Fixed costs - Depreciation - Infrequent items - Trading and hedging - Unrealized LME effects - Other	(100) (150) 530 60 (155) (50) (435) 10
Variance operating income	(288)
- Non-consolidated investees - Interest income and other - Depreciation and amortization	82 3 (69)
Variance adjusted EBITDA	(272)

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Variance analysis Metals

NOK million	1st quarter
2005 2004	1 789 1 473
Variance adjusted EBITDA	316
- Margin - Volume - Fixed costs - Depreciation - Infrequent items - Trading & price hedging	30 110 155 30 (5) (50)
Variance operating income	271
- Non-consolidated investees - Interest income and other - Depreciation and amortization	84 (3) (36)
Variance adjusted EBITDA	316

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Variance analysis Rolled Products

NOK million	1st quarter
2005 2004	395 335
Variance adjusted EBITDA	60
- Margin - Volume - Fixed costs - Depreciation - Infrequent items - Other	(125) (10) 185 20 5 5
Variance operating income	82
- Non-consolidated investees - Interest income and other - Depreciation and amortization	(5) 5 (22)
Variance adjusted EBITDA	60

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Variance analysis Extrusion and Automotive

NOK million	1st quarter
2005 2004	343 568
Variance adjusted EBITDA	(225)
- Margin - Volume - Fixed costs - Depreciation - Infrequent items - Other	(20) (250) 190 10 (155) 5
Variance operating income	(218)
- Non-consolidated investees - Interest income and other - Depreciation and amortization	3 1 (11)
Variance adjusted EBITDA	(225)

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Aluminium – operational data

Volumes and prices	Q1 2005	Q4 2004	Q3 2004	Q2 2004	Q1 2004	Q4 2003	Q3 2003
Primary production (1 000 tonnes) *	444	446	441	418	415	388	381
Total metal products sales excluding trading (1 000 tonnes)	702	639	648	676	688	483	506
LME realized (USD/tonne) including hedges	1 793	1 691	1 677	1 657	1 528	1 488	1 445
USD/NOK realized including hedges **	6.58	6.65	7.04	7.10	7.13	7.10	7.33
LME realized (USD/tonne) excluding hedges	1 812	1 707	1 691	1 669	1 530	1 452	1 405
USD/NOK realized excluding hedges **	6.35	6.61	6.87	6.89	6.90	7.11	7.21
Rolled Products external shipment (1 000 tonnes)	239	231	234	235	240	211	225
Extrusion and Automotive external revenues (NOK million)	7 235	6 649	6 752	7 193	6 969	6 200	5 914
Extrusion order intake (indexed, 1996=100)	154	137	153	177	171	148	144

* Full consolidation of Slovalco from 2004

** Difference between realized exchange rate and spot rate at the transaction date is reported as currency gain/loss and not included in EBITDA (except currency hedges where hedge accounting is applied)

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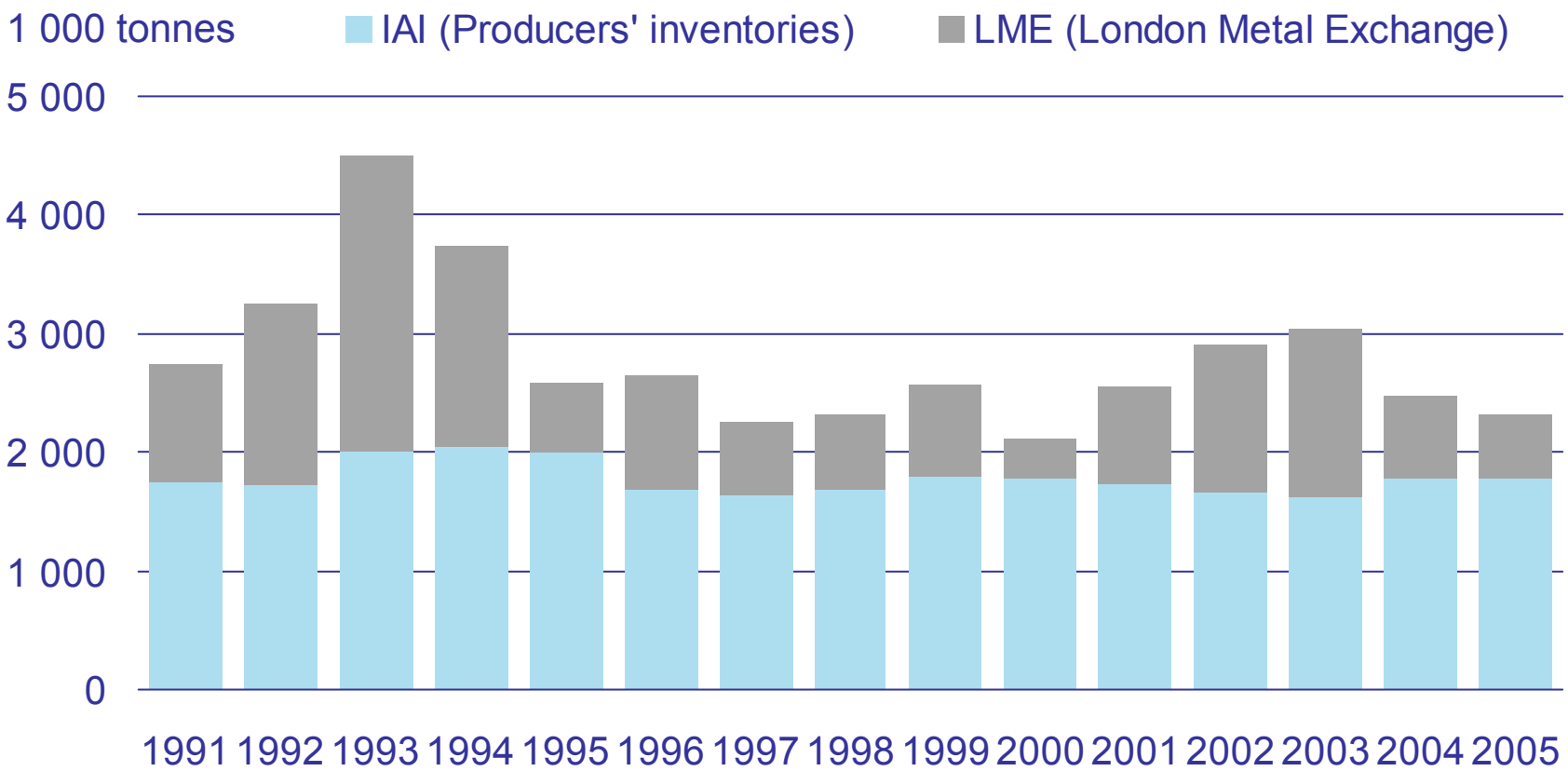
Inventories – primary aluminium



Sources: IAI and LME.

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Variance analysis Polymers

NOK million	1st quarter
2005 2004	326 211
Variance adjusted EBITDA	115
- Margin - Volume - Fixed costs - Depreciation	145 (40) 15 -
Variance operating income	121
- Non-consolidated investees - Interest income and other - Depreciation and amortization	(10) 3 1
Variance adjusted EBITDA	115

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