



BW Offshore

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IN BW OFFSHORE LIMITED

BW Offshore Limited is a Bermuda limited liability company listed on Oslo Børs (the Oslo Stock Exchange).

BW Offshore Limited (hereinafter 'BW Offshore' or 'Company') and its activities are primarily governed by the Bermuda Companies Act, its Memorandum of Association and its Bye-laws. Certain aspects of the Company's activities are governed by Norwegian law pursuant to the Listing Agreement between the Oslo Stock Exchange and the Company. In particular, the Norwegian Securities Trading Act and the Norwegian Stock Exchange Regulations will generally apply.

1. Implementation and reporting on corporate governance

The Board of Directors (the 'Board') is of the opinion that the best interests of the Company, and its shareholders taken as a whole, are best served by the adoption of business policies and practices which are legal, compliant, ethical and open in relation to all dealings with customers, potential customers and other third parties. These policies are fair and in accordance with best market practice in relationships with employees and are also sensitive to reasonable expectations of public interest.

The Board therefore commits the Company to good corporate governance, and has adopted the most current version of the Norwegian Code of Practice for Corporate Governance dated 30 October 2014 (the 'Code'), prepared by the Norwegian Corporate Governance Board.

The Board shall provide an overall overview of the Company's corporate governance in the Company's annual report. The review shall include each individual point of the Code. If the Company does not fully comply with the Code, this shall be explained in the Company's annual report.

BW Offshore has implemented corporate values, ethical guidelines and guidelines for corporate social responsibility. These values and guidelines are described in BW Offshore's Code of Ethics and Business Conduct and internal policies.

2. The Business

In accordance with common practice for Bermuda incorporated companies, the Company's objects as set out in the Company's Memorandum of Association are wider and more extensive than recommended by the Code.

The Company's objectives and main strategies are described in the annual report.

3. Equity and Dividends

The Board continuously evaluates the Company's capital requirements to ensure that the Company's equity capital is at a level which is suitable in light of the Company's objectives, strategy and risk profile.

Pursuant to the Company's Bye-laws, the Board is authorised to declare dividend to the shareholders. The Board has drawn up a clear and predictable dividend policy approved by the Annual General Meeting on May 12, 2011. Full details of the dividend policy can be found on BW Offshore's website.

Pursuant to Bermuda law and common practice for Bermuda incorporated companies, the Board has wide powers to issue any authorised unissued shares in the Company on such terms and conditions as it may decide, and may exercise all powers

of the Company to purchase the Company's own shares. The powers of the Board to issue and purchase shares are neither limited to specific purposes nor to a specified period as recommended in the Code.

4. Equitable treatment of shareholders and transactions with close associates

The Company has one class of shares. Each share in the Company carries one vote, and all shares carry equal rights, including the right to participate in general meetings. All shareholders shall be treated on an equal basis, unless there is just cause for treating them differently.

Pursuant to Bermuda law and common practice for Bermuda incorporated companies, the shareholders of the Company do not have pre-emption rights in share issues unless otherwise resolved by the Company. Any decision to issue shares without pre-emption rights for existing shareholders shall be justified. In the event that BW Offshore issue shares without pre-emption rights of existing shareholders, the Board of Directors will explain the justification in the stock exchange announcement issued in connection with the increase in share capital.

Any transactions the Company carries out in its own shares shall be carried out either through the Oslo Stock Exchange or with reference to prevailing stock exchange prices if carried out in another way. If there is limited liquidity in the Company's shares, the Company shall consider other ways to ensure equal treatment of all shareholders.

In case of material transactions between the Company and a shareholder, a shareholder's parent company, director, officer, or persons closely related to any of these, the Board will obtain a valuation from an independent third party. Independent valuations shall also be obtained in respect of transactions between companies in the same group where any of the companies involved have minority shareholders.

Directors and officers of the Company and other leading personnel shall notify the Board if they directly or indirectly have a significant interest in a transaction carried out by the Company.

5. Freely negotiable shares

The Company's constituting documents do not impose any transfer restrictions on the Company's shares and the shares in the Company are freely transferable. However, the bye-laws include a right for the Board to decline to register the transfer of any share, and may direct the Registrar to decline (and the Registrar shall decline if so requested) to register the transfer of any interest in a share held through Verdipapirsentralen (VPS), where such transfer would, in the opinion of the Board, likely result in 50% or more of the aggregate issued and outstanding share capital of the Company, or shares of the Company to which are attached 50% or more of the votes attached to all issued and outstanding shares of the Company, being held or owned directly or indirectly by individuals or legal persons resident for tax purposes in Norway or, alternatively, such shares being effectively connected to a Norwegian business activity, or the Company otherwise being deemed a Controlled Foreign Company as

such term is defined pursuant to Norwegian tax legislation. The purpose of this provision is to avoid the Company being deemed a Controlled Foreign Company pursuant to Norwegian tax rules.

6. General meetings

The annual general meeting will normally take place on or before 31 May each year. The Board shall make efforts to ensure that as many shareholders as possible may exercise their voting rights in the Company's general meetings and that the general meetings are an effective forum for the views of shareholders and the Board. In order to facilitate this:

- the notice and the supporting documents and information on the resolutions to be considered at the general meeting shall be available on the Company's website no later than 21 calendar days prior to the date of the general meeting;
- the resolutions and supporting documentation, if any, shall be sufficiently detailed and comprehensive to allow shareholders to understand and form a view on matters that are to be considered at the meeting;
- the registration deadline, if any, for shareholders to participate at the general meeting shall be set as closely to the date of the general meeting as practically possible and permissible under the provision in the Bye-laws; and
- the Board and the person who chairs the general meeting shall ensure that the shareholders have the opportunity to vote separately on each candidate nominated for election to the Company's Board and committees (if applicable)

Registration is made in writing, per telefax or by e-mail. Shareholders who cannot be present at the general meeting must be given the opportunity to vote by proxy or to participate by using electronic means. The Company shall in this respect:

- provide information on the procedure for attending by proxy;
- nominate a person who will be available to vote on behalf of shareholders as their proxy; and
- prepare a proxy form, which shall, insofar as this is possible, be formulated in such a manner that the shareholder can vote on each item that is to be addressed and vote for each of the candidates that are nominated for election.

Pursuant to common practice for Bermuda incorporated companies, the Company's Bye-laws states that the general meeting shall be chaired by the chairman of the Board unless otherwise agreed by a majority of those shares represented at the meeting.

7. Nomination Committee

The Company shall have a Nomination Committee comprising such number of persons as determined by the Company's general meeting from time to time, and which members shall be appointed by a resolution of the general meeting, including the chairman of the committee. The general meeting shall determine the remuneration of the Nomination Committee and shall stipulate guidelines for the duties of the Nomination Committee.

The composition of the Nomination Committee should reflect a broad range of shareholder interests. The majority of the committee shall be independent of the Board and the executive personnel of the Company. At least one member of the Nomination Committee shall not be a member of the Board of Directors. The Nomination Committee shall not include the Company's chief executive officer or any other executive

personnel.

The Nomination Committee's primary duty is to propose candidates for election as members of the Board of Directors and to propose the remuneration to be paid to the members of the Board of Directors. The Nomination Committee shall justify its recommendations.

Any member of the Board of Directors who is also a member of the Nomination Committee may offer himself/herself for re-election to the Board of Directors. This deviation from the Code has been implemented to facilitate cooperation between the Nomination Committee and the Board, and continuity in the Board.

The Company shall provide information on the Nomination Committee and any deadlines for submitting proposals to the committee by shareholders.

8. The composition and independence of the Board

The Board shall consist of between five to ten directors and the general meeting may authorise the Board of Directors to fill any vacancy in the number of directors left unfilled. The directors are elected for a period of two years unless otherwise determined by the general meeting. Members of the Board may be re-elected. Only a minority of the directors participating in any decision can be domiciled or living in Norway. The same shall be reflected in the composition of the Board. The Board appoints the chairman amongst the elected Board members.

The composition of the Board shall ensure that it can act independently of any special interests. A majority of the shareholder-elected members of the Board must be independent of the Company's executive personnel and material business connections of the Company. In addition, at least two of the members of the Board must be independent of the Company's major shareholder(s). For the purposes of this Corporate Governance Policy, a major shareholder shall mean a shareholder that owns 10% or more of the Company's shares or votes, and independence shall entail that there are no circumstances or relations that may be expected to be able to influence independent assessments of the person in question.

The composition of the Board does not meet the recommended gender guidelines of the Code, but meets the Company's need for expertise and diversity. A short description of our directors and their respective areas of expertise are presented on the Company's website www.bwoffshore.com.

Members of the Board are welcome to own shares in the Company.

9 The work of the Board

The Board is ultimately responsible for the management of the Company and for supervising its day-to-day management. The duties and tasks of the Board are detailed in the Company's Bye-laws.

The Board shall produce an annual plan for its work, with particular emphasis on objectives, strategy and implementation. The Board shall issue instructions for its own work, as well as for the executive personnel, with particular emphasis on clear internal allocation of responsibilities and duties.

In order to conduct its work, the Board each year fixes in advance a number of regular scheduled meetings of the Board

for the following calendar year, although additional meetings may be called by the chairman. The directors shall normally meet in person, but if so allowed by the chairman, directors may participate in any meeting of the Board by means of telephone. Minutes in respect of the meetings of the Board of Directors are kept by the Company in Bermuda.

The Board shall provide details in the annual report of any Board committees appointed. The Board shall have an Audit Committee as a preparatory and advisory committee for the Board, and the entire Board shall not act as the Company's Audit Committee. In addition, the Board shall have a Remuneration Committee as a preparatory and advisory committee for the Board in order to ensure thorough and independent preparation of matters relating to compensation to the executive personnel.

The Board carries out an annual evaluation of its performance and expertise.

10. Risk management and internal control

The Board ensures that the Company has sound internal control procedures and systems to manage its exposure to risks related to the conduct of the Company's business, to support the quality of its financial reporting and to ensure compliance with laws and regulations. Such procedures and systems shall contribute to securing shareholders' investment and the Company's assets.

Management and internal control is based on Company-wide policies and internal guidelines in areas such as Finance and Accounting, HSE, Project Management, Operation, Technical and Business Development, in addition to implementation and follow-up of a risk assessment process. The Company's management system is central in the Company's internal control and ensures that the Company's vision, policies, goals and procedures are known and adhered to.

The Board shall carry out an annual review of the Company's most important areas of exposure to risk and its internal control arrangements and an annual supervisory plan for internal audit work is approved by the CEO, based on HSSEQ recommendations and risk assessments carried out.

The internal auditor position is independent from the line management and reports directly to the CEO. In addition to its own controlling bodies and external audit, the Company is subject to external supervision by DNV GL for classification in accordance with relevant ISO standards.

The Board's Audit Committee follows up internal control in connection with quarterly reviews of the Group's financial reporting in addition to two meetings in which internal control issues are addressed specifically. The chief financial officer, the Company's other relevant senior staff and representatives of the external auditor, attend the meetings of the Audit Committee.

The systems for risk management and internal control also encompass the Company's corporate values, ethical guidelines and guidelines for corporate social responsibility.

BW Offshore has established a Code of Conduct for the Company and its employees.

11. Remuneration of the Board of Directors

The general meeting decides the remuneration of the Board. The remuneration of the Board and its individual directors shall reflect the Board's responsibility, competence, use of resources and the complexity of the business activities.

The remuneration of the directors shall not be linked to the Company's performance and the directors do not receive profit related remuneration or share options or retirement benefits from the Company. Any remuneration in addition to normal fees to the directors is specifically stated in the annual report.

Directors or companies related to BW Offshore, shall not normally undertake special tasks for the Company in addition to the directorship. However, if they do so, the entire Board shall be informed, and the fee shall be approved by the Board.

12. Remuneration of the executive personnel

Remuneration of the executive personnel is reviewed annually. The work is carried out by the Remuneration Committee, which generally considers the executive personnel's performance and also gathers information from comparable companies before making its recommendation to the Board for approval. Such recommendation aims to ensure convergence of the financial interests of the executive personnel and the shareholders.

Any performance-related remuneration to executive personnel is subject to an absolute limit. The limit is approved by the Board of Directors based on a recommendation from the Remuneration Committee.

The Board approves any share option programs in the Company available to the employees of the Company and subsidiaries. The Company is not required by law to prepare guidelines for remuneration of the executive personnel. Detailed information of remuneration, loans, shareholding of the management and any share option programs can be found in the consolidated financial statements.

13. Information and communications

The Company is committed to provide information in a manner that contributes to establishing and maintaining confidence with important interest groups and stakeholders. The information shall be based upon transparency, openness and equal treatment of all shareholders. A precondition for the share value to reflect the underlying values in the Company is that all relevant information is disclosed to the market. Based on this, the Company will endeavour to keep the shareholders informed about profit developments, prospects and other relevant factors for their analysis of the Company's position and value. It is emphasised that the information is uniform and simultaneous.

A currently updated financial calendar with dates for important events, such as general meeting, publishing of interim annual reports, dates for payment of potential dividend etc. shall be accessible for the shareholders on www.oslobors.no and on the Company's website www.bwoffshore.com.

Public investor presentations are arranged in connection with submission of annual and quarterly results for the Company. The presentations are also accessible on the Company's website. Furthermore, continuous dialogue is held with, and presentations are given to, analysts and investors.

Information to the Company's shareholders shall be published on the Company's website at the same time that it is sent to the shareholders.

14. Take-overs

In the event of a take-over process, the Board shall ensure that the Company's shareholders are treated equally and that the Company's activities are not unnecessarily interrupted. The Board shall also ensure that the shareholders have sufficient information and time to assess the offer. In the event of a take-over process, the Board shall abide by the principles of the Code, and also ensure that the following take place:

- the Board shall ensure that the offer is made to all shareholders, and on the same terms;
- the Board shall not undertake any actions intended to give shareholders or others an unreasonable advantage at the expense of other shareholders or the Company;
- the Board shall strive to be completely open about the take-over situation;
- the Board shall not institute measures which have the intention of protecting the personal interests of its members at the expense of the interests of the shareholders; and
- the Board must be aware of the particular duty the Board carries for ensuring that the values and interests of the shareholders are safeguarded.

The Board shall not attempt to prevent or impede the take-over bid unless this has been decided by the shareholders in general meeting in accordance with applicable laws. The main underlying principles shall be that the Company's shares shall be kept freely transferable and that the Company shall not establish any mechanisms which can prevent or deter take-over offers unless this has been decided by the shareholders in general meeting in accordance with applicable law.

If an offer is made for a Company's shares, the Board shall issue a statement evaluating the offer and making a recommendation as to whether shareholders should or should not accept the offer. If the Board finds itself unable to give a recommendation to the shareholders on whether or not to accept the offer, it should explain the reasons for this. The Board's statement on a bid shall make it clear whether the views expressed are unanimous, and if this is not the case, it shall explain the reasons why specific members of the Board have excluded themselves from the statement.

The Board shall consider whether to obtain a valuation from an independent expert. If any member of the Board, or close associates of such member, or anyone who has recently held

a position but has ceased to hold such a position as a member of the Board, is either the bidder or has a particular personal interest in the bid, the Board shall obtain an independent valuation. This shall also apply if the bidder is a major shareholder (as defined in section 8 above). Any such valuation should either be enclosed with the Board's statement, or reproduced or referred to in the statement.

15. Auditor

The Company's auditor is appointed by the general meeting and shall hold office for the term resolved by the general meeting or until a successor is appointed. The auditor is responsible for the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the Company. The auditor shall annually present an audit plan to the Audit Committee and/or the Board.

The auditor's remuneration shall be fixed by the shareholders at the general meeting or in such manner as the general meeting may determine.

The auditor participates in the Audit Committee's review and discussion of the annual accounts and quarterly interim accounts. In these meetings, the Audit Committee is informed of the annual and quarterly accounts and issues of special interest to the auditor. Further, the auditor shall participate in meeting(s) of the Board that deal with the annual accounts. At these meetings the auditor should review any material changes in the Company's accounting principles, comment on any material estimated accounting figures and report all material matters on which there has been disagreement between the auditor and the management of the Company and/or the Audit Committee.

The auditor shall at least once a year present to the Board or the Audit Committee a review of the Company's internal control procedures, including identified weaknesses and proposals for improvement.

The Board shall hold a meeting with the auditor at least once a year at which no representative of the executive management is present

The Board shall specify the right of the Company's executive management to use the auditor for purposes other than auditing.

The auditor shall annually confirm his independence in writing to the Audit Committee. The Board shall give an account to the general meeting of the auditor's fee, including details of the fee paid for audit work and any fees paid for other specific assignments.