

Global Castings A/S

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CVR no. 35 48 61 86

Annual report for 2017

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The company

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Registered office: Lem
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Financial year: 01.01 - 31.12

Executive Board

Stefan Brandt, CEO
Michael Engelen, CFO
Peter Christian Pallishøj, COO

Board Of Directors

Jürgen Max Leuze, chairman
Stefan Christof Leuze
Thomas Rudolf Johannes Robl

Auditors

Beierholm
Statsautoriseret Revisionspartnerselskab

Parent company

Global Castings GmbH & Co. KG, Germany

Subsidiaries

Global Castings Holding A/S, Lem
Global Castings Lem A/S, Lem
Global Castings Guldsmedshyttan AB, Sweden
Global Castings Kristiansand AS, Norway
Global Castings Magdeburg GmbH, Germany
Global Castings Germany GmbH, Germany
Global Castings Stade GmbH, Germany
Global Castings (Xuzhou) Co. Ltd., China
Global Castings (Tianjin) Co, Ltd., China

We have on this day presented the annual report for the financial year 01.01.17 - 31.12.17 for Global Castings A/S.

The annual report is presented in accordance with Danish Financial Statements Act.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the the company's assets, liabilities and financial position as at 31.12.17 and of the results of the the company's activities for the financial year 01.01.17 - 31.12.17.

We believe that the management's review includes a fair review of the matters dealt with in the management's review.

The annual report is submitted for adoption by the general meeting.

Lem, May 31, 2018

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Chairman

Stefan Christof Leuze

Thomas Rudolf Johannes Robl

To the Shareholder of Global Castings A/S**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Global Castings A/S for the financial year 01.01.17 - 31.12.17, which comprise the income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity and notes, inclusive of accounting policies. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Danish Financial Statements Act

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the company's assets, liabilities and financial position at 31.12.17 and of the results of the company's operations for the financial year 01.01.17 - 31.12.17 in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark. Our responsibilities under those standards and requirements are further described in the "Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements" section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Statement regarding the management's review

Management is responsible for management's review.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover management's review, and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read management's review and, in doing so, consider whether management's review is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Moreover, it is our responsibility to consider whether management's review provides the information required under the Danish Financial Statements Act.

Based on the work we have performed, we conclude that management's review is in accordance with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Danish Financial Statements Acts. We did not identify any material misstatement of management's review.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

The Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act. Furthermore the Management is responsible for the internal control as the Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and contents of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that gives a true and fair view.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Soeborg, Copenhagen, May 31, 2018

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Primary activities

The company's activities comprise in being the ultimate parent company in the Global Castings group

Development in activities and financial affairs

The income statement for the period 01.01.17 - 31.12.17 shows a profit/loss of DKK'000 33,664 against DKK'000 20,274 for the period 01.01.16 - 31.12.16. The balance sheet shows equity of DKK'000 702,408.

Outlook

For 2018, the global capacity additions forecast looks positive with especially increasing capacity additions in China in 2018 after a 22% drop in 2017 according to MAKE. This will influence market demand for wind turbines positively. In this environment, Global Castings expects to increase its total sales and revenue, mainly driven by increasing sales of new products. Product innovation is generally now being paramount to the wind turbine industry. Turbine OEMs are under pressure to launch new turbine models faster and more frequently than in the past due to the increasing focus on LCOE and the grow-ing demand from the wind park developers for larger next-generation turbine models. Global Castings has started the group-wide Gale Force improvement program to anticipate and manage the future changes in a fast-paced environment. Overall, Global Cast-ings expects an increase of its EBITDA in 2018.

For the long-term future, from 2018 to 2027, the market research institute MAKE expects a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of the global grid connected wind energy ca-pacity of more than 8%; the annual capacity additions shall amount to 65 GW on average over the next 10 years. Global Castings intends to participate in this growth, which will be supported by the broadening of the customer account portfolio, the existing global footprint, the current expansions of own production capacity and the market tendency to larger wind turbines with higher casting intensity per MW. Cost-out expectations of the customers shall be met by continuous improvement and efficiency increases.

Special risks

Global Castings' business is exposed to several internal and external risks and uncertainties, among which the following:

- All wind turbine producers are facing an increased competition and wind parks are more often awarded by means of auctions. The resulting price pressure on wind turbines leads to cost-out measures requests from wind turbine producers towards their suppliers, like Global Castings.
- The world-wide wind turbine business is supported by subsidies, tax holidays and other public benefits and regulations, and thereby exposed to political and other changes in that area. The demand for wind turbines and subsequently for Global Castings' products can be significantly influenced by fluctuations in the public and political support.
- The US market is one of the largest markets for wind turbines in the Western world and big castings are often imported from China and other countries. A change of the energy or trade policy of the US government can have a significant impact on the wind turbine business and Global Castings' sales to the US.
- Vestas is still the main customer of Global Castings with a share in Global Castings' revenue of more than 90%.

Global Castings manages these and other risks and uncertainties by several measures, among which (a) the utilization of Global Castings' global footprint in Europe and Asia and unique position as an integrated casting-, machining- and surface treatment provider to optimise market supply between the different continents, (b) continuous improvement activities at all facilities in order to increase efficiency and reduce the own cost basis, in particular with the new Gale Force program (c) broadening the customer base by expanding the business with new customers in order to achieve a more balanced customer portfolio and to reduce dependency and (d) closely monitoring the relevant markets and political situations in order to act and adjust proactively and quickly.

Global Castings maintains a pragmatic and efficient information and risk management system. The ERP system and IT platforms have been expanded and will be further developed during the coming years. Internal control measures are in place in all facilities and will be integrated into the existing ERP-system where possible.

Corporate social responsibility

Global Castings A/S has ethical rules regarding employees and external business partners. Global Castings A/S respect the companies social responsibility (CSR) and support the principles for human rights, labour rights, the environment, anti-corruptions etc. according

to the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights Global Castings A/S truly believes in "safety first".

Target figure for the underrepresented gender

Target figures for the Board of Directors

At present, the company has no female board member, which is unchanged compared to last year. The Board of Directors has set a target figure of 33% for the underrepresented gender on the Board of Directors, corresponding to 1 out of 3 board members. The Board of Directors aims to achieve the target figure before the end of 2020.

Income statement

Note	2017 DKK '000	2016 DKK '000
Gross loss	-397	-243
1 Income from equity investments in group enterprises	34.009	20.505
Financial income	0	1
Financial expenses	-1	-55
Profit/loss before tax	33.611	20.208
Tax on profit or loss for the year	53	66
Profit/loss for the year	33.664	20.274
 Proposed appropriation account		
Reserve for net revaluation according to the equity method	34.009	20.505
Extraordinary dividend for the financial year	74.395	297.564
Retained earnings	-74.740	-297.795
Total	33.664	20.274

ASSETS		31.12.17	31.12.16
Note		DKK '000	DKK '000
2	Equity investments in group enterprises	593.795	644.571
	Total investments	593.795	644.571
	Total non-current assets	593.795	644.571
	Receivables from group enterprises	108.706	127.962
	Deferred tax asset	119	66
	Income tax receivable	0	4.129
3	Total receivables	108.825	132.157
	Total current assets	108.825	132.157
	Total assets	702.620	776.728
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
	Share capital	1.000	1.000
	Reserve for net revaluation according to the equity method	365.596	591.072
	Retained earnings	335.812	183.352
	Total equity	702.408	775.424
	Other payables	212	1.304
	Total short-term payables	212	1.304
	Total payables	212	1.304
	Total equity and liabilities	702.620	776.728
4	Related parties		

Statement of changes in equity

Figures in DKK '000	Share capital	Reserve for net revaluation according to the equity method	Retained earnings	Total equity
Statement of changes in equity for 01.01.16 - 31.12.16				
Balance pr. 01.01.16	1.000	650.764	428.648	1.080.412
Foreign currency translation adjustment of foreign enterprises	0	-27.697	0	-27.697
Distributed dividend from group enterprises	0	-52.500	52.500	0
Extraordinary dividend paid	0	0	-297.564	-297.564
Net profit/loss for the year	0	20.505	-232	20.273
Balance as at 31.12.16	1.000	591.072	183.352	775.424
Statement of changes in equity for 01.01.17 - 31.12.17				
Balance pr. 01.01.17	1.000	591.072	183.352	775.424
Foreign currency translation adjustment of foreign enterprises	0	-32.285	0	-32.285
Decided dividend from group enterprises	0	-227.200	227.200	0
Extraordinary dividend paid	0	0	-74.395	-74.395
Net profit/loss for the year	0	34.009	-345	33.664
Balance as at 31.12.17	1.000	365.596	335.812	702.408

	2017 DKK '000	2016 DKK '000
1. Income from equity investments in group enterprises		
Income from equity investments in group enterprises	34.009	20.505
Total	34.009	20.505

2. Equity investments in group enterprises

Figures in DKK '000	Equity invest- ments in group enterprises
Cost pr. 01.01.17	1.000
Cost as at 31.12.17	1.000
Revaluations pr. 01.01.17	643.571
Foreign currency translation adjustment of foreign enterprises	-32.285
Net profit/loss from equity investments	34.009
Dividend relating to equity investments	-52.500
Revaluations as at 31.12.17	592.795
Carrying amount as at 31.12.17	593.795
Name and Registered office:	Ownership interest
Group enterprises:	
Global Castings Holding A/S, Lem	100%
Global Castings Lem A/S, Lem	100%
Global Castings Guldsmedshyttan AB, Sweden	100%
Global Castings Kristiansand AS, Norway	100%
Global Castings Magdeburg GmbH, Germany	100%
Global Castings Germany GmbH, Germany	100%
Global Castings Stade GmbH, Germany	51%
Global Castings (Xuzhou) Co. Ltd., China	100%
Global Castings (Tianjin) Co, Ltd., China	100%

3. Receivables

Receivables which fall due for payment more than 1 year after the end of the financial year	0	127.962
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4. Related parties

Controlling influence:	Basis of influence
Global Castings GmbH & Co. KG, Germany	Parent company
VTC Industriebeteiligungen GmbH & Co. KG, Germany	Ultimate parent company

The company is included in the consolidated financial statements of the parent VTC Industriebeteiligungen GmbH & Co. KG, Germany.

5. Accounting policies

GENERAL

The annual report is presented in accordance with the provisions of the Danish Financial Statements Act (*Årsregnskabsloven*) for enterprises in reporting class B with application of provisions for a higher reporting class.

The accounting policies have been applied consistently with previous years.

In accordance with section 112 of the Danish Financial Statements Act, the company has not prepared consolidated financial statements. The company is a subsidiary of VTC Industriebeteiligungen GmbH & Co. KG, Germany, business registration number HBR188600, which prepares consolidated financial statements.

Basis of recognition and measurement

Income is recognised in the income statement as earned, including value adjustments of financial assets and liabilities. All expenses, including depreciation, amortisation, impairment losses and write-downs, are also recognised in the income statement.

5. Accounting policies - continued -

Assets are recognised in the balance sheet when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the company, and the value of such assets can be measured reliably. Liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow from the company, and the value of such liabilities can be measured reliably. On initial recognition, assets and liabilities are measured at cost. Subsequently, assets and liabilities are measured as described for each item below.

On recognition and measurement, account is taken of foreseeable losses and risks arising before the date at which the annual report is presented and proving or disproving matters arising on or before the balance sheet date.

CURRENCY

The annual report is presented in Danish kroner (DKK).

On initial recognition, transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the exchange rates applicable at the transaction date. Exchange rate differences between the exchange rate applicable at the transaction date and the exchange rate at the date of payment are recognised in the income statement as a financial item. Receivables, payables and other monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the exchange rates applicable at the balance sheet date. The difference between the exchange rate applicable at the balance sheet date and at the date at which the receivable or payable arose or was recognised in the latest annual report is recognised under financial income or expenses in the income statement. Fixed assets and other non-monetary assets acquired in foreign currencies are translated using historical exchange rates.

On recognition of foreign subsidiaries which are independent entities, the income statements are translated at the exchange rates applicable at the transaction date or approximate average exchange rates. The balance sheet items are translated using the exchange rates applicable at the balance sheet date. Foreign currency translation adjustments arising from the translation of equity at the beginning of the year using the exchange rates applicable at the balance sheet date and from the translation of income statements from average exchange rates to the exchange rates applicable at the balance sheet date are recognised directly in equity.

Translation adjustments of intercompany balances with independent foreign subsidiaries, measured using the equity method and where the balance is considered to be part of the overall investment, are recognised directly in equity. On the divestment of foreign entities, accumulated exchange differences are recognised in the income statement.

5. Accounting policies - continued -**INCOME STATEMENT****Gross loss**

Gross loss comprises other external expenses.

Other external expenses

Other external expenses comprise costs relating to distribution, sales and advertising and administration, premises and bad debts to the extent that these do not exceed normal write-downs.

Income from equity investments in group enterprises

For equity investments in subsidiaries, measured using the equity method, the share of the enterprises' profit or loss is recognised in the income statement after elimination of unrealised intercompany profits and losses and less any goodwill amortisation and impairment losses.

Income from equity investments in subsidiaries comprises gains and losses on the sale of equity investments.

Other net financials

Interest income and interest expenses, foreign exchange gains and losses on transactions denominated in foreign currencies etc. are recognised in other net financials.

Tax on profit/loss for the year

The current and deferred tax for the year is recognised in the income statement as tax on the profit/loss for the year with the portion attributable to the profit/loss for the year, and directly in equity with the portion attributable to amounts recognised directly in equity.

The company is jointly taxed with Danish consolidated enterprises. The parent is the administration company for the joint taxation and thus settles all income tax payments with the tax authorities.

In connection with the settlement of joint taxation contributions, the current Danish income tax is allocated between the jointly taxed enterprises in proportion to their taxable incomes.

5. Accounting policies - continued -

This means that enterprises with a tax loss receive joint taxation contributions from enterprises which have been able to use this loss to reduce their own taxable profit.

BALANCE SHEET**Equity investments in group enterprises**

Equity investments in subsidiaries are recognised and measured according to the equity method, meaning that these equity investments are measured at the proportionate share of the enterprises' equity value, determined according to the accounting policies of the parent, adjusted for the remaining value of positive or negative goodwill and gains and losses on transactions with the enterprises in question.

Gains or losses on the divestment of subsidiaries are determined as the difference between the divestment consideration and the carrying amount of net assets at the time of sale, including non-amortised goodwill, as well as the expected costs of divestment or discontinuation. Gains and losses are recognised in the income statement under income from equity investments.

The proportionate share of the equity value of subsidiaries is determined according to the accounting policies of the enterprise, which are stated in the other sections and also comprise the following:

Business combinations

Newly acquired or newly founded enterprises are recognised as from the date of acquisition and the date of foundation, respectively. The date of acquisition is the date at which control of the enterprise is obtained. Divested or discontinued enterprises are recognised until the date of divestment or discontinuation. The date of discontinuation is the date at which control of the enterprise passes to a third party.

Revenue

Income from the sale of goods is recognised in the income statement if delivery has taken place and the risk has passed to the buyer before the end of the financial year and where the selling price can be determined reliably and is expected to be paid. Revenue is measured at fair value and is determined exclusive of VAT and other taxes collected on behalf of third parties and less discounts.

Costs of raw materials and consumables

Costs of raw materials and consumables comprise raw materials and consumables used for the year as well as any changes in inventories, including any inventory wastage.

5. Accounting policies - continued -

Depreciation, amortisation and impairment losses

The amortisation and depreciation of intangible assets aim at systematic depreciation and amortisation over the expected useful lives of the assets. Assets are depreciated/amortised according to the straight-line method based on the following expected useful lives and residual values; Acquired rights, 5 years, Property, 25 years Plant, machinery and equipment, 3 to 10 years.

Impairment losses on fixed assets

The carrying amount of fixed assets which are not measured at fair value is assessed annually for indications of impairment over and above what is reflected in depreciation/amortisation.

Inventories

Inventories are measured at cost calculated according to the FIFO principle. Inventories are written down to the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Impairment losses on fixed assets

The carrying amount of fixed assets which are not measured at fair value is assessed annually for indications of impairment over and above what is reflected in depreciation/amortisation.

If the company's realised return on an asset or a group of assets is lower than expected, this is considered an indication of impairment.

If there are indications of impairment, an impairment test is conducted of individual assets or groups of assets.

The assets or groups of assets are impaired to the lower of recoverable amount and carrying amount.

The higher of net selling price and value in use is used as the recoverable amount. The value in use is determined as the present value of expected net cash flows from the use of the asset or group of assets as well as expected net cash flows from the sale of the asset or group of assets after the expiry of their useful lives.

Impairment losses are reversed when the reasons for the impairment no longer exist.

Receivables

Receivables are measured at amortised cost, which usually corresponds to the nominal value, less write-downs for bad debts.

5. Accounting policies - continued -

Write-downs for bad debts are determined based on an individual assessment of each receivable if there is no objective evidence of individual impairment of a receivable.

Equity

The net revaluation of equity investments in subsidiaries is recognised in the net revaluation reserve in equity according to the equity method to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds the cost. Dividends from subsidiaries which are expected to be adopted before adoption of the annual report for Global Castings A/S are not tied up in the revaluation reserve.

Current and deferred tax

Current tax payable and receivable is recognised in the balance sheet as tax computed on the basis of the taxable income for the year, adjusted for tax paid on account.

Joint taxation contributions payable and receivable are recognised as income tax under receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

Deferred tax liabilities and tax assets are recognised on the basis of all temporary differences between the carrying amounts and tax bases of assets and liabilities. However, deferred tax is not recognised on temporary differences relating to goodwill which is non-amortisable for tax purposes and other items where temporary differences, except for acquisitions, have arisen at the date of acquisition without affecting the net profit or loss for the year or the taxable income. In cases where the tax value can be determined according to different taxation rules, deferred tax is measured on the basis of management's intended use of the asset or settlement of the liability.

Deferred tax assets are recognised, following an assessment, at the expected realisable value through offsetting against deferred tax liabilities or elimination in tax on future earnings.

Deferred tax is measured on the basis of the tax rules and at the tax rates which, according to the legislation in force at the balance sheet date, will be applicable when the deferred tax is expected to crystallise as current tax.

Payables

Short-term payables are measured at amortised cost, normally corresponding to the nominal value of such payables.