

SDSD: FIRST QUARTER 2022 FINANCIAL RESULTS

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(Limassol, 12 May 2022) S.D. Standard ETC Plc (Standard ETC, OSE:SDSD) reported a net profit after tax of USD 8.2 million in the first quarter of 2022, up from negative USD 2 million in the same quarter last year, of which USD 7.8 million are related to the investment. After the quarter end, Standard ETC completed an investment of USD 10 million in Dolphin Drilling Holdings Limited (Dolphin Drilling)

“Standard ETC had a strong value development in the investment portfolio during the first quarter and we are comfortable with these developments and for our Platform Supply Vessels operations. The rates and activity in the offshore market are picking up. We continuously evaluate our investments, and have the flexibility to pursue other investments opportunities that may arise, “ says Martin Nes, Chairman of the Board of Standard ETC.

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Standard ETC is an investment entity and shall not consolidate its subsidiaries. Consequently, the company measures its investments in Platform Supply Vessels (PSVs) based on fair value estimates from reputable independent valuers. For the first quarter the two remaining large size PSV's have been valued at USD 10.3 million due to the sale of the comparable vessel Standard Princess for USD 10.3 million in fourth quarter of 2021. Revenues and EBITDA from chartering out the vessels are not consolidated into, nor reflected in the financial statements. The investment portfolio are valued at market value.

From operating the PSVs the group had an underlying positive adjusted EBITDA¹ in the first quarter 2022 of USD 0.4 million (Q1 21 USD (0.1) million). The utilization of the large-sized PSV's was 92 % in the quarter (Q1 21: 96%).

In May 2022, Standard ETC announced the investment of USD 10 million, corresponding to an ownership of 25%, in Dolphin Drilling. Dolphin Drilling owns and operate three 5th and 6th generation of energy efficient moored semi-submersible rigs and employs ~350 people. Dolphin Drilling has recently been re-structured and has no interest bearing debt. Standard ETC has an option to invest additional USD 5million, bringing the total ownership up to 32.5%.

“The energy market is going through a transition phase. Combined with a massive underinvestment in the oil service and exploration segment over the last decade, this will, in our opinion, lay a solid foundation for increased rig-and vessel activity going forward. The current market provides opportunities for debt-free contractors with high quality assets, and we look forward to work with the Dolphin team to realize the potential of their current fleet and future rig management operations,” Nes concludes.

At the end of the first quarter 2022, Standard ETC held shares in Weatherford International Plc and other investments for USD 46 million, classified as financial assets held for trading.

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¹ Excluding non-recurring cost and dry dock, special survey, maintenance and repair



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S.D. Standard ETC is an investment company founded in 2010. The company holds a focused investment portfolio and a fleet of Platform Supply Vessels (PSVs). S.D. Standard ETC is headquartered in Cyprus and is listed on Oslo Stock Exchange with the ticker code SDSD.

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