

Statoil: Recommendation from Statoil's nomination committee

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STAVANGER, NORWAY -- (Marketwire - Sep 7, 2012) - The nomination committee in [Statoil](#) (OSE:STL, NYSE:STO) recommends that the company's corporate assembly elects Børge Brende and Marjan Oudeman as new members of Statoil's board of directors. Furthermore, the nomination committee recommends board member Grace Reksten Skaugen as new deputy chair of Statoil's board of directors.

In the corporate assembly meeting 13 June 2012, Svein Rennemo was re-elected as chairman and Marit Arnstad as deputy chair, while Grace Reksten Skaugen, Roy Franklin, Jakob Stausholm, Lady Barbara Judge and Bjørn Tore Godal were re-elected as board members.

The nomination committee did at the same time inform of its intention to propose an expansion of the board of directors with one new board member. The work of the nomination committee was still ongoing at this time, and it was therefore informed that an additional election will be held as soon as possible.

In a stock exchange notification published 20 June 2012, information was given about board member Marit Arnstad's resignation from the board, effective immediately. On this basis, the nomination committee has worked to identify two candidates to the board, as well as a candidate to the role as the board's deputy chairman.

Børge Brende is a Norwegian citizen. He is a managing director and member of the managing board in World Economic Forum. Brende has extensive international and political experience, including as a former Norwegian cabinet minister of trade and industry (2004 - 2005) and a Norwegian cabinet minister of the environment (2001 - 2004). Brende has also been the secretary-general of Norwegian Red Cross and chair of the UN commission on sustainable development.

Marjan Oudeman is a Dutch citizen. She is a member of the executive committee in Akzo Nobel, the world's biggest producer of global paints and coatings and a leading producer of specialty chemicals, with operations in more than 80 countries. Oudeman has extensive operational and leadership experience in line management roles within the steel industry, as well as significant international business experience.

The election to Statoil's board of directors takes place in the company's corporate assembly Friday 14 September 2012. It is proposed that the election enters into effect from 15 September 2012 until the next ordinary election of shareholder-representatives to the board of directors in 2013.

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