

EQT Infrastructure acquires Molslinjen, Denmark's largest passenger ferry company

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- EQT Infrastructure acquires Molslinjen, a critical part of Denmark's domestic transport network, linking major population centers and creating connectivity between regions as well as connecting several important islands to the mainland

- Molslinjen contributes to increased economic activity and social development as an enabler of movement of passengers and goods across its network of "floating bridges"

- EQT Infrastructure will support Molslinjen's continued sustainability agenda through investments in the decarbonization of the ferry fleet and the acceleration of the transition to renewable fuel sources

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 10, 2020 - EQT is pleased to announce that EQT Infrastructure has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Molslinjen A/S ("Molslinjen" or "the Company") from a group of shareholders led by Polaris.

Molslinjen is headquartered in Aarhus, Denmark and was established in 1963 as a single route operator creating a short connection between Jutland and Zealand, thereby also a connection between the country's two largest cities. Since then, the Company has grown into Denmark's largest passenger ferry company with over 700 employees and 15 vessels serving over eight million passengers per year across nine routes, including connections to Sweden and Germany. Molslinjen generated revenues of around 1.5 billion in 2019.

Operating in a country of many islands, Molslinjen is a critical part of Denmark's transportation infrastructure. Its routes form a network of "floating bridges" that link Denmark's major population centers and connect several important islands with the mainland. As an enabler of movement of passengers and goods, Molslinjen contributes to Denmark's local and regional economic activity and social development.

Molslinjen's long-term development is supported by strong secular trends, such as a steady population growth, increased urbanization, climate consciousness, and increasing domestic travel. The Company is well-positioned to capitalize on this growth with its state-of-the-art ferry fleet, serving the most important travel corridors in the country.

Over the past decade, Molslinjen has reduced the CO2 emission per transported kg with over 60 percent. In the years ahead, the Company will continue to invest in increased decarbonization of its ferry fleet and reduction of fossil fuel dependence. EQT Infrastructure is committed to supporting the Company's transition to electrified ferries on selected routes and introducing renewable fuel sources for larger vessels. Moreover, EQT Infrastructure will focus on customer service improvements, refitting of the vessel layout, increased departure frequency and higher passenger capacity on popular routes.

Daniel Pérez, Partner at EQT Partners: "We have followed Molslinjen closely for years and are tremendously impressed by its transformation into an indispensable element of the Danish transport infrastructure, under the leadership of Carsten Jensen and his management team. The next development phase of Molslinjen will be defined by the Company's ambitious sustainability agenda and continued investments in electrification and renewable fuel sources. In parallel, we also believe that there is a need to further build on Molslinjen's successful inorganic growth strategy. Taken together, these investments will further future-proof the Company, and we look forward to embarking on this journey together with Carsten and the management team."

Carsten Jensen, CEO of Molslinjen, said: "We are excited to team up with EQT Infrastructure, they are a highly strategic partner who will bring both the industry expertise and financial muscles to support Molslinjen's green development plans. We look forward to setting sail towards the next chapter in our growth journey together with EQT."

The transaction is subject to customary conditions and approvals and is expected to close in early 2021.

EQT was advised by Danske Bank and DC Advisory (M&A / Financing), Accura (Legal), EY (Financial and Tax), McKinsey & Company (Strategy).

(Commercial) and Arup (Technical).

With this transaction, EQT Infrastructure V is expected to be 20-25 percent invested (including closed and/or signed and announced public offers, if applicable, and less any expected syndication) based on its target fund size, and subject to regulatory approvals.

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About Molslinjen

Molslinjen is Denmark's largest passenger ferry company with over 700 employees and 15 vessels serving over eight million people per year across nine routes, including connections to Sweden and Germany. Molslinjen generated revenues of DKK 1.9 billion in 2019. In cooperation with Herning Turist, Molslinjen is operating busses under the brand Kombardo B on direct busroutes to/from Copenhagen - Aarhus, Aalborg, Randers, Holstebro, Herning, Silkeborg and Rønne.

More info: www.molslinjen.dk

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