

Annual General Meeting of Greenland Oil Spill Response



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For Greenland Oil Spill Response (GOSR), 2015 was a busy year with many activities although oil exploration activities were limited.

On 4 April 2016, GOSR held its annual general meeting. Despite the downward trends in the oil market, GOSR had a busy year. Revenue for 2015 amounted to DKK 4,645,801 compared to DKK 3,957,641 in 2014, and the post-tax loss from ordinary activities came to a loss of DKK 114,266 in 2015 compared to a loss of DKK 228,587 in 2014. Management finds the 2015 result satisfactory based on the activities of the year. At the annual general meeting, the members of the Company's Board of Directors were re-elected, and the Board is thus still made up of Steen Ove Hansen, Oddbjørg Varhaug Greiner and Hanne Berthels.

Training of oil spill responders

In 2015, the training of semi-volunteer oil spill responders was initiated and, by the end of June 2016, 16 persons are expected to have completed the GOSR oil spill responder training, which is based on internationally recognised standards. The 16 oil spill responders are private citizens of Nuuk and Aasiaat, the two towns in which GOSR's equipment is located.

The semi-volunteer response team makes it possible to ensure that GOSR's clients will see rapid deployment with local knowledge in connection with oil spill response activities.

Equipment testing

As a natural follow-through on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by GOSR and the British company OSRL Ltd. in 2014, the planning of a major joint equipment test and training event in Greenland for GOSR and OSRL was begun in the autumn of 2015. Tests of equipment received from OSRL and GOSR's equipment as well as joint training in Greenland were very successfully conducted in March 2016.

It is an objective of GOSR to continue its successful partnership with OSRL and other cooperation partners in future to ensure the best possible build-up of a response team and competences in the area of oil spill response in Greenland.

GOSR in EU-financed international consortium

International cooperation and knowledge sharing are extremely important to GOSR and its continued development. Already in the spring of 2015, GOSR and 12 other institutions therefore began working on an application for funding through the EU Horizon 2020 programme. The project *Integrated oil spill response actions and environmental effects – GRACE* is focused on developing, comparing and evaluating the effectiveness and environmental effects of different oil spill response methods in a cold climate. The project was approved in early 2016 and will run from early 2016 to early 2018. The budget totals EUR 5.28 million, of which GOSR's share in the project amounts to EUR 230,000, which will be used for purchase of testing equipment and for vessel leasing in Greenland.

Further information

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