

Takk for alt*

BW counts the contributions of BW Gas veterans.

The following are excerpts from BW Group chairman Dr Sohmen's remarks at BW Gas' summer party held in Oslo on 10 June:

"Much has happened on the corporate, commercial and financial fronts since 2003 when my family became the largest shareholder of Bergesen dy ASA. The former Managing Director retired shortly after and Jan Håkon Pettersen took over the role in 2004.

Heading up the firm in these rather difficult times as Managing Director, Jan Håkon has not had an easy time. He had to drive the team. He had to act as clutch between shareholders, the Board, and staff members. He had to convince the Board of Directors of the need for certain measures, even when they were painful to implement. He had to keep motivating you, his colleagues, to accept efficiency drives, while making sure that the fleet's commercial success and its operations were properly safeguarded. Jan Håkon has always done so with gusto, with courage, and with honesty. In the process, I believe he has not only retained personal goodwill and respect – both inside the Company and outside – but has at all times been successful in protecting the image and the good name of BW Gas. For that, my family – as indeed all former shareholders – must be grateful.

Jan Håkon will step down as Managing Director at the end of the month, to be succeeded by Andreas, as already announced. But since Jan Håkon will become a member of the Company's Board of Directors, we will therefore

* "Thanks for everything" in Norwegian.



Jan Håkon Pettersen

continue to have access to his knowledge, to his connections, and to his advice for a while longer. This, I am sure, will benefit the Company and all those associated with it. I have been happy to work with Jan Håkon in the past, and look forward to continuing to do so in future, albeit on a slightly different basis. I thank Jan Håkon for his loyal, long, and skilful service since he joined Bergesen in 1992 as Director of Chartering. I am sure I can speak on all your behalf in wishing him continued success and enjoyment in life. On his side, I am convinced Jan Håkon will keep a close eye on what is happening in Bergehus for quite a while to come."

"Garup Meidell joined the Company in 1998 as Chief Financial Officer. Garup has been responsible for Finance and Accounting functions in Bergehus until last year when he assumed the title of Deputy Managing Director. He was closely involved during that period with several corporate and administrative changes. He has scrupulously protected the Company's interests, has ensured the BW Gas retained



Garup Meidell

good relations with its shareholders and creditors, has made sure that we stayed out of trouble in terms of meeting compliance requirements, and that the company has kept to the budget. Garup will leave the company towards the end of the month. May I also wish him all the very best in whatever he decides to do next. I hope that he and his family will continue to enjoy themselves, remain in good health and spirits, and will fondly remember the time Garup spent with Bergesen d.y. and BW Gas. I would like to thank him very much for his work for the Company during all these years."

"Last but not least, let me mention Nicholas Gleeson who is also leaving the Company. Nick has been with the Company for only about a year as CFO. I am sorry it could not be for longer because in that short time, we have come to value his professionalism and his constructive contribution to the Company's performance. Let me express my personal thanks to Nick, and wish him success and satisfaction in his next career stage." ●