

PRESS RELEASE 2019

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Fugro 2019: Continued margin improvement and positive cash flow

- Adjusted EBIT margin of Fugro's core business improved to 4.2% from 1.9% last year; driven by improved performance of the marine business, in particular in the fast growing offshore wind market.
- Modest revenue growth, on top of a very strong increase in the previous year, due to selective tendering, prioritising profitability and cash flow over revenue growth.
- Cash flow from operating activities after investing improved strongly to EUR 58.3 million.
- Strong backlog growth of 9.9%, driven by Europe-Africa and Middle East & India.
- Net result was positive excluding previously announced specific items, mainly related to Southern Star arbitration and impairment on Seabed Geosolutions (held for sale).
- Net debt/EBITDA improved to 1.9.
- Fugro announces a comprehensive refinancing of its capital structure to extend its maturity profile.
- Outlook 2020: Fugro will continue to deliver on its Path to Profitable Growth strategy, capturing market opportunities, driving margin improvement and sustained free cash flow.

Key figures (x EUR million) <i>from continuing operations unless otherwise indicated</i>	2019		2018 ²		H2 2019		H2 2018	
		pro-forma 2019 ¹			pro-forma H2 2019 ¹			
Revenue	1,631.3		1,552.8		834.5		818.7	
<i>comparable growth³</i>	<i>2.7%</i>		<i>18.3%</i>		<i>0.0%</i>		<i>19.8%</i>	
Adjusted EBITDA ⁴	184.9	150.6	120.4		101.6	84.0	73.4	
Adjusted EBIT ⁴	68.0	64.3	29.5		44.7	41.3	28.4	
Adjusted EBIT margin ⁴	4.2%	3.9%	1.9%		5.4%	5.0%	3.5%	
EBIT	25.6	21.9	23.8		8.8	5.4	24.6	
Net result ⁶	(39.6)	(32.1)	(38.9)		(22.0)	(20.3)	1.3	
Net result incl. discontinued operations ⁶	(108.5)	(102.3)	(51.1)		(22.5)	(22.1)	(10.6)	
Backlog next 12 months	1,011.1		902.2		1,011.1		902.2	
<i>comparable growth³</i>	<i>9.9%</i>		<i>10.0%</i>		<i>9.9%</i>		<i>10.0%</i>	
Cash flow operating activities after investing	58.3	34.2	(21.2)		92.7	81.5	19.5	
Cash flow operating activities after investing incl. disc. ops.	22.8	(2.9)	(33.4)		81.7	69.3	10.1	
Net debt/EBITDA ⁵	1.9		2.2		1.9		2.2	

¹ Excluding impact of implementation of IFRS 16

² Figures have been adjusted to reflect Seabed Geosolutions as held for sale (discontinued)

³ Corrected for currency effect and the divestment of the marine construction & installation activities in 2017

⁴ Adjusted for onerous contract provisions, restructuring cost, impairment losses, and costs related to the Southern Star arbitration

⁵ Covenant calculation includes Seabed Geosolutions

⁶ Attributable to the owners of the company

Mark Heine, CEO: "I am pleased to announce a second year of recovery with continued revenue growth and margin expansion and strongly improved free cash flow. Revenue growth of 2.7% was modest but came on top of a very strong increase last year and was impacted by our focus on profitability and cash flow.

The marine business performed significantly better, as a result of higher activity levels, better pricing and disciplined cost management, thus benefiting from operating leverage. We are involved in site characterisation projects for offshore wind farms, all over the world, which is a clear example of the role we play in the energy transition. In oil and gas, we benefit from a return to healthy levels of offshore investments, including deep water.

As guided, margins in our late cyclical marine asset integrity business improved considerably, as a result of the measures taken earlier and a gradually improving market.

While our land asset integrity business showed a modest improvement, the overall land performance was disappointing. This was due to a combination of a challenging geopolitical and macroeconomic environment in certain key markets, and some underperforming services in specific countries. Although the impact of the restructuring measures that are being implemented is not yet visible in our results, I am confident that these will lead to improvements during the coming quarters and structurally higher margins going forward.

We have become a much more resilient company. By now, around 50% of our revenue is generated in offshore wind, hydrography and infrastructure. In a rapidly changing world, there are ample opportunities for us to contribute to the safe, sustainable and efficient development and operation of our clients' assets.

Furthermore, the recently announced divestment of Global Marine is expected to bring the total proceeds from our non-core stake to around USD 73 million, of which the majority will contribute to cash flow in 2020. The proceeds will be utilised to reduce Fugro's debt position."

Performance review 2019

Comparable revenue of Fugro's core business increased by 2.7%. Comparable revenue growth in the marine business was strong at 5.7%, on top of the exceptionally strong increase last year. This growth was driven by site characterisation for offshore wind farms and hydrography, especially in Europe-Africa and Americas. Revenue of the land business was down due to specific circumstances in Hong Kong, certain countries in the Middle East and the UK, countries where Fugro traditionally does well.

Adjusted EBITDA amounted to EUR 184.9 million and showed a significant improvement, also excluding the EUR 34.3 million effect of the implementation of IFRS 16. Marine performed significantly better, benefitting from operating leverage as a result of higher activity levels, better pricing and disciplined cost management. Fugro is implementing restructuring measures to improve profitability of the land business.

Net result of the core business, adjusted for specific items of EUR 42.4 million, was positive. The specific items include the earlier announced EUR 24.1 million Southern Star arbitration outcome, related legal costs of EUR 5.9 million and various other items. Last year, the specific items amounted to EUR 5.7 million.

Net result from discontinued operations (predominantly Seabed Geosolutions) amounted to a loss of EUR 68.9 million. This was mostly related to a EUR 76.2 million impairment (of which EUR 61.4 million was in the first half year), execution issues on three projects in the first half year, and under-utilisation of one crew in the fourth quarter. In the fourth quarter, Fugro entered into an agreement to acquire CGG's 40% shareholding in Seabed and to terminate the Seabed joint venture agreement in exchange for a cash consideration of EUR 31.3 million to Fugro. A gain amounting to EUR 9.8 million was recorded as specific item in discontinued operations, while the remainder was accounted for in equity.

Cash flow from operating activities after investing from continuing operations of EUR 58.3 million includes EUR 24.1 million related to the implementation of IFRS 16 and excludes the EUR 31.3 million payment from CGG. Cash flow was positively impacted by improved profitability and disciplined working capital management, partially offset by higher capital expenditures.

Net debt at the end of 2019 including Seabed Geosolutions was EUR 666.3 million including EUR 163.0 million impact from the implementation of IFRS 16. Excluding the impact of IFRS 16, net debt remained stable at EUR 503.3 million compared to EUR 505.5 million at the end of 2018. Driven by the improvement in EBITDA, net debt/EBITDA improved to 1.9 at the end of 2019 compared to 2.2 at the end of 2018.

In January 2020, the sale of Global Marine, in which Fugro holds a 23.6% stake, was announced. The majority of Fugro's share of the net proceeds of approximately USD 73 million in total, is expected to be received in the first quarter of 2020. The proceeds will be utilised to reduce Fugro's debt position.

Refinancing

Fugro anticipates refinancing its capital structure. Further details are announced in today's press release 'Fugro announces a refinancing of its capital structure'.

The Foundation Continuity Fugro (*Stichting Continuïteit Fugro*) has agreed to terminate the call option agreements which provided the Foundation with a right to exercise a call option on preference shares in relation to Fugro's Curacao based subsidiaries, Fugro Consultants International N.V. and Fugro Finance International N.V. in certain specific circumstances. The termination is subject to the refinancing being completed. For more information on the call option arrangement Fugro refers to its annual report 2018, 'protective measures' on pages 68-69.

Review by business

Marine

Key figures, adjusted ¹ (x EUR million)	pro forma			pro forma		
	2019	2019 ²	2018	H2 2019	H2 019 ²	H2 2018
Revenue	1,171.6		1,085.9	608.7		582.8
<i>comparable growth³</i>	<i>5.7%</i>		<i>27.4%</i>	<i>2.5%</i>		<i>28.4%</i>
EBITDA	160.0	135.4	92.1	92.1	78.9	58.7
EBIT	66.5	63.7	19.5	46.5	43.4	22.2
EBIT margin	5.7%	5.4%	1.8%	7.6%	7.1%	3.8%
Backlog next 12 months	704.0		618.8	704.0		618.8
<i>comparable growth³</i>	<i>11.6%</i>		<i>13.6%</i>	<i>11.6%</i>		<i>13.6%</i>
Capital employed	869.1	872.3	852.5	869.1	872.3	852.5

¹ EBIT(DA) adjusted for specific items; previously called 'EBIT(DA) excluding exceptional items'

² Excluding impact of implementation of IFRS 16

³ Corrected for currency effect and the divestment of the marine construction & installation activities in 2017

- With 5.7%, revenue growth marine activity was strong, on top of the exceptionally strong increase last year, driven by site characterisation activities for offshore wind farms and hydrography, especially in Europe-Africa and Americas. Marine asset integrity revenue decreased slightly, despite good growth in three of the four regions, as a result of the rationalisation of the business line in Asia Pacific. Vessel utilisation was 72%, in line with last year's 73%, combined with an increase in seasonal charters.
- Higher activity levels, better pricing and disciplined cost management resulted in strongly improved margins. The rationalisation measures in the asset integrity business in Asia Pacific have paid off with margins improving from break-even to mid-single digit. In the comparable period last year, EBIT of marine included a one-off positive effect of EUR 5.1 million, mainly due to changing the Dutch pension to a defined contribution plan.
- The 12 month backlog is up, both in site characterisation and asset integrity.

Land

Key figures, adjusted ¹ (x EUR million)	pro forma			pro forma		
	2019	2019 ²	2018	H2 2019	H2 2019 ²	H2 2018
Revenue	459.7		466.9	225.7		235.9
<i>comparable growth³</i>	<i>(3.8%)</i>		<i>1.5%</i>	<i>(6.1%)</i>		<i>2.7%</i>
EBITDA	24.9	15.2	28.3	9.5	5.1	14.7
EBIT	1.5	0.6	10.0	(1.8)	(2.1)	6.2
EBIT margin	0.3%	0.1%	2.1%	(0.8%)	(0.9%)	2.6%
Backlog next 12 months	307.1		283.4	307.1		283.4
<i>comparable growth³</i>	<i>6.3%</i>		<i>2.7%</i>	<i>6.3%</i>		<i>2.7%</i>
Capital employed	227.8	228.1	219.9	227.8	228.1	219.9

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³ Corrected for currency effect

- Asset integrity revenues increased slightly, while site characterisation revenue was down, related to specific circumstances in Hong Kong, certain countries in the Middle East and the UK. Restructuring aimed at closing down underperforming activities also impacted revenues.
- Site characterisation margin was below last year in line with revenue development, whilst asset integrity results improved marginally to around break-even. To improve profitability, Fugro has stepped up restructuring efforts to address low margin services in a number of countries. In the comparable period last year, EBIT included a one-off positive effect of EUR 2.7 million, mainly due to changing the Dutch pension to a defined contribution plan.
- Site characterisation backlog is up strongly, while asset integrity shows a slight decline.

Review by region

Europe-Africa

Key figures, adjusted ¹ (x EUR million)	pro forma			pro forma		
	2019	2019 ²	2018	H2 2019	H2 2019 ²	H2 2018
Revenue	682.2		649.7	343.7		331.6
<i>comparable growth³</i>	<i>4.9%</i>		<i>15.2%</i>	<i>3.5%</i>		<i>13.4%</i>
EBIT	71.4	68.6	35.4	35.6	33.9	28.1
EBIT margin	10.5%	10.1%	5.4%	10.4%	9.9%	8.5%
Backlog next 12 months	386.3		297.1	386.3		297.1
<i>comparable growth³</i>	<i>27.2%</i>		<i>(1.7%)</i>	<i>27.2%</i>		<i>(1.7%)</i>

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- Revenue growth was fully driven by the marine activities, partially offset by a decline in land. Growth in marine mainly came from site characterisation, in particular for offshore wind farms, and to a lesser extent from asset integrity. Improved price levels in combination with an increase in activity levels contributed to this growth. The decline in land was mainly caused by delays in project awards and reduction on work scopes on certain key projects, particularly in the UK.
- Overall, the EBIT margin almost doubled compared to 2018, mainly contributed by marine, whilst land was in line with previous year despite lower activity levels. The improvement was particularly strong in marine site characterisation, benefitting from operating leverage, and improved pricing. Margin of marine asset integrity improved as well.
- Solid outlook in 2020 with double digit backlog growth across both land and marine.
- Significant recent project awards include a contract for geotechnical and geophysical survey in relation to the Pecan field offshore Ghana for Aker Energy, a geotechnical site investigation contract for a wind farm in the

North Sea, a nearshore site investigation for the Lynetteholmen megaproject in Copenhagen, and an onshore site investigation project for Linde Gas in East Russia.

Americas

Key figures, adjusted ¹ (x EUR million)	pro forma			pro forma		
	2019	2019 ²	2018	H2 2019	H2 2019 ²	H2 2018
Revenue	411.6		334.5	218.1		177.0
<i>comparable growth³</i>	17.9%		5.4%	18.7%		8.8%
EBIT	(11.4)	(11.6)	0.1	2.6	2.4	(2.4)
EBIT margin	(2.8%)	(2.8%)	0.0%	1.2%	1.1%	(1.4%)
Backlog next 12 months	272.0		284.9	272.0		284.9
<i>comparable growth³</i>	(6.4%)		40.2%	(6.4%)		40.2%

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³ Corrected for currency effect

- Revenue growth was particularly strong, driven by high offshore wind activity levels on the east coast of the US and the growth of land activities in the US and South America.
- Profitability was disappointing, especially in relation to the revenue growth. In marine, results were impacted by a difficult and loss-making start of the year, with delayed vessel maintenance and unforeseen repair costs, compounded by additional charter expenses. The second half of the year was marginally profitable, somewhat impacted by unforeseen vessel downtime. In land, overall profitability of projects was too low primarily due to an overrun on two site characterisation projects, and competitive bidding on infrastructure projects. For the full year, the land margin was flat.
- Backlog was down mainly in marine asset integrity and land site characterisation. The decline in marine asset integrity resulted from the expiration of a diving support contract in Brazil in the course of the year. The drop in land site characterisation is mainly caused by the delay of two large projects in California.
- Significant contract awards include geophysical surveys for the Atlantic Shores and Mayflower wind farms, an award from Exxon Mobil in Brazil for a geophysical study, a five year contract by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for hydrographic services and a contract with the Department of Transportation of the State of North Carolina relating to pavement and asset management surveys and advice.

Asia Pacific

Key figures, adjusted ¹ (x EUR million)	pro forma			pro forma		
	2019	2019 ²	2018	H2 2019	H2 2019 ²	H2 2018
Revenue	331.3		364.4	173.0		199.4
<i>comparable growth³</i>	(11.4%)		42.7%	(15.1%)		42.0%
EBIT	1.4	1.0	(18.9)	7.4	6.2	(3.1)
EBIT margin	0.4%	0.3%	(5.2%)	4.3%	3.6%	(1.6%)
Backlog next 12 months	219.5		217.2	219.5		217.2
<i>comparable growth³</i>	(0.3%)		(2.1%)	(0.3%)		(2.1%)

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- The revenue decline was largely the result of the rationalisation of the marine asset integrity business, which includes more selective tendering, reduced capacity with one vessel re-positioned to Europe-Africa and the early termination of the Southern Star vessel in the beginning of the year. Land site characterisation declined, predominantly as a result of a challenging Hong Kong market.
- The marine EBIT margin improved strongly and turned positive as a result of improved utilisation, selective tendering with better pricing and cost reduction measures. Land site characterisation margin was lower due to lower revenue in challenging market conditions. Land asset integrity margin showed a slight improvement.

- The backlog was flat with growth in land offset by a decline in marine. In marine, the decline is mainly the result of reduced vessel capacity in both business lines. In land, the backlog increased, driven amongst others by the Hong Kong airport third runway project and asset integrity wins in the power market.
- Significant recent contract awards include the land site characterisation contract for the Airport Authority Hong Kong. For land asset integrity, two Australian power contracts were secured.

Middle East & India

Key figures, adjusted ¹ (x EUR million)	pro forma			pro forma		
	2019	2019 ²	2018	H2 2019	H2 2019 ²	H2 2018
Revenue <i>comparable growth³</i>	206.1 (3.5%)		204.2 16.0%	99.5 (12.8%)		110.7 26.2%
EBIT	6.6	6.3	12.9	(1.0)	(1.2)	5.8
EBIT margin	3.2%	3.1%	6.3%	(1.0%)	(1.2%)	5.2%
Backlog next 12 months <i>comparable growth^{3d}</i>	133.3 27.2%		103.0 11.5%	133.3 27.2%		103.0 11.5%

¹ EBIT adjusted for specific items; previously called 'EBIT excluding exceptional items'

² Excluding impact of implementation of IFRS 16

³ Corrected for currency effect

- Revenue declined in marine site characterisation due to low utilisation of one of the vessels. Marine asset integrity revenue was up due to higher activity in positioning and construction support. Land site characterisation revenue was impacted by the ongoing restructuring measures in certain countries and challenging circumstances in core infrastructure markets.
- The margin was impacted by the revenue decline, in combination with some underperforming services in Oman, Qatar and UAE, which are being restructured. For the full year, the marine margin improved slightly, driven by site characterisation.
- The 12-months backlog increased significantly due to both marine and land awards, mainly in the UAE.
- Significant contract awards in the quarter include a sizeable survey contract, providing a fully turnkey solution involving all marine and nearshore services for a leading national oil company, and work under a long term Qatargas contract.

Held for sale: Seabed Geosolutions

Fugro's stake in Seabed Geosolutions is classified as 'held for sale' as per half year 2019 and therefore no longer part of Fugro's continuing operations.

Key figures, adjusted ¹ (x EUR million)	pro forma			pro forma		
	2019	2019 ²	2018	H2 2019	H2 2019 ²	H2 2018
Revenue <i>comparable growth³</i>	135.6 31.7%		97.2 35.7%	62.4 77.1%		33.9 140.0%
EBITDA	(10.9)	(12.8)	(2.6)	(0.6)	(2.2)	(12.3)
EBIT	(20.5)	(22.0)	(16.4)	(0.9)	(2.3)	(19.3)
EBIT margin	(15.1%)	(16.2%)	(16.9%)	(1.4%)	(3.7%)	(56.9%)
Backlog next 12 months <i>comparable growth³</i>	110.1 (22.7%)		139.3 27.9%	110.1 (22.7%)		139.3 27.9%
Capital employed	86.1		135.5	86.1		135.5

¹ EBIT(DA) adjusted for specific items; previously called 'EBIT(DA) excluding exceptional items'

² Excluding impact of implementation of IFRS 16

³ Corrected for currency effect

- Up to four crews were active during the year. The shallow water crew was working until July and has since been demobilised and the ocean bottom cables have been sold. The first Manta® crew was occupied on the Buzios survey in Brazil until early in the fourth quarter before being repositioned to the Gulf of Mexico where it started a new project in December. After two projects in the Gulf of Mexico, the Case Abyss crew

executed a project in West-Africa from August until November, and has since started on a new project in the Gulf of Mexico. The second Manta® crew, operating in partnership with Argas, started on the S-79 project in Saudi Arabia in July.

- As previously disclosed, in the first half of the year, EBIT was severely impacted by execution issues on three projects and the delayed start on the S-79 project. In the second half year, operational performance improved with good execution on projects in West-Africa and the Gulf of Mexico, though results were impacted by under-utilisation of the Case Abyss crew in the fourth quarter. All in all, results in the second half year were significantly better compared to both the second half of 2018 and the first half of 2019. Last year's second half results included a EUR 5.2 million positive one-off in relation to the sale of spare cables, while the second half of 2019 was positively impacted by around EUR 10 million as depreciation stopped as a result of 'held for sale' accounting.
- The decline in capital employed was mostly related to the non-cash impairment of EUR 76.2 million.
- In December 2019, Fugro entered into an agreement to acquire CGG's 40% shareholding in Seabed Geosolutions and to terminate the joint venture agreement effective as of December 30, 2019, in exchange for a cash consideration of USD 35.0 million, which was paid by CGG before year-end 2019.
- The pipeline of potential projects remains solid with significant tendering and leads in key markets. In October, Seabed was awarded a new Manta® node deep water project in Brazil, which is due to start in the second quarter of 2020. The S-79 project will continue until at least the first quarter of 2021.

Outlook

The outlook across Fugro's market segments is positive as offshore wind, oil and gas and infrastructure markets continue to grow. The offshore oil and gas market continues to grow despite geopolitical developments and concerns over reduced global economic growth. In the infrastructure market, Fugro expects continued growth, driven by population growth, urbanisation and ageing assets. The energy transition which is needed to reduce CO₂ emissions and mitigate climate change, is a strong driver for Fugro's services, particularly in the offshore wind market.

Outlook 2020: Fugro will continue to deliver on its Path to Profitable Growth strategy, capturing market opportunities, driving margin improvement and sustained free cash flow. Capex for continuing operations will be around EUR 90 million.

Press call and analyst meeting

Today at 7:30 CET, Fugro will host a news media call. At 12:00 CET, Fugro will host an analyst meeting in Hilton Amsterdam, Apollolaan 138 in Amsterdam which can be followed as video webcast via www.fugro.com.

For the full-year report 2019 containing more disclosures (incl financial statements), see <https://www.fugro.com/investors/results-and-publications/quarterly-results>

Financial calendar

26 February 2020	Publication annual report 2019
30 April 2020	Publication first quarter 2020 trading update Annual general meeting of shareholders
29 July 2020	Publication half-year 2020 results

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