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YS calling for emergency package for oil and service industries.

The situation for our members in the oil and service industry, SAFE and Negotia, requires immediate action. YS supports the proposed deferred taxation achieved through direct acceptance of expenses. This will result in companies receiving a deduction for the entire investment costs, including generated capital within the year the investment is made.



Downsizing at the Valhall field. Photo: Aker BP

Since the corona hit us below the belt some weeks ago, the character of some parts of the Norwegian industry have changed. Our work environment is in standby mode and the oil industry appears to be full of uncertainties, with lower oil production and layoffs as a short-term solution. The industry has been hit directly by a global market crisis involving a declining demand for oil and related products. Even though no one precisely knows what kind of future we will face, Norway needs an oil industry that ensures the country to generate enough growth and to re-engage the wheels of industry.

We must have an oil industry that ensures both the necessary revenues in order to continue an acceptable Norwegian welfare state, and at the same time

to be a technological powerhouse towards an environmental green transition, commented Hilde-Marit Rysst, head of the Norwegian SAFE federation.

Before the corona virus hit us, the industry and the government have both stated that the oil & gas industry will be Norway's corner stone for the next 50 years or more. If exploration drilling is not maintained, as before the corona crisis, the consequence will be that Norway within a few years will face a rapid production decline on the Norwegian shelf, with fewer jobs and lower revenues to the state and municipalities.



"Today we are presenting proposals for a comprehensive package of measures to sustain activity in the oil and gas- and the supplier industry. We are proposing plans for temporary changes to the tax system in order to secure projects. In addition, we also propose a green environmental restructuring package,

mentioned Prime Minister Erna Solberg in a press brief. SAFE is satisfied the government presented deferred tax proposals, but is insisting such not to be without the preservation of jobs and employment. This should not become a blank check to the industry, but an opportunity to assure predictability and secure employment.

You can read more about this case on our website www.safe.no

SAFE sounding alarm about infection spreading on airplanes

After SAFE addressed the danger of infection spreading on airplanes, numerous concern messages were received. At ground level we need to maintain two meters distance. At 10,000 meters altitude, airplane passengers are sitting far to close next to each other. Union representative Egil Bjørgås, acting as deputy leader of SAFE Transocean, was one of those reacting after being contacted by his members.



Picture taken 21.04.20 on SK 4011 from Oslo to Stavanger Photo: private

"We took a Widerøe flight yesterday from Bergen to Kristiansund where a full plane was mixed with travelers from abroad who had to go into quarantine at a hotel for 14 days. Shouldn't we be better organized

then this? With most of us having been in quarantine at home continuously in preparation for our next offshore hitch. Putting us on a full plane with a lot of people who still have to go into quarantine.”



Egil Bjørgås, Deputy leader of Transocean
photo: Rebecca Bjerga

Hilde-Marit Rysst, leader of the SAFE federation, is asking the authorities to introduce measures to avoid infection spreading on planes. "Airlines have a key role in society and must be able to and provide the opportunity to ensure that these tasks are carried out in a safe manner taking care of passengers health. The authorities must facilitate the means and make sure it is possible for companies to execute such in a financially sound manner, she said.



Federation leader Hilde-Marit Rysst
Photo: Rebecca Bjerga

After Widerøe, the Norwegian Public Health authorities (FHI) and the ministry of Transport and Communications evaluated the situation, an aviation supervisor came with the following advice: One empty seat between all passengers who do not belong to the same household is enough distance onboard an aircraft. More about this case, including statements from elected officials and a video clip showing the situation inside the plane, can be seen and read about @ safe.no

1st of May Congratulation

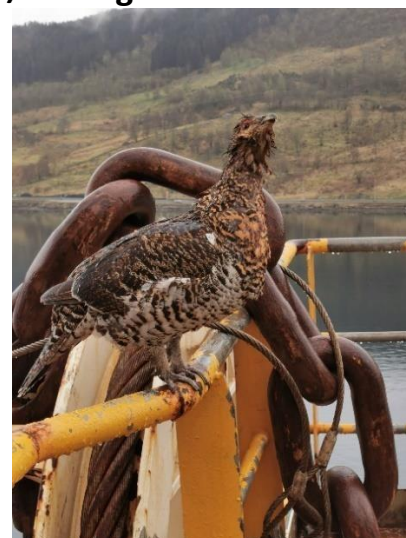


This is the international Labour day, celebrated in Norway since 1890. Traditionally it has been a day where the workers demonstrate their collective unity and strength. It always has been and will be an important day! In recent years, more and more people have used this day to polish their boat, do garden work or just enjoy the day off. This year there will be no 1st of May parade or festivities or marking events due to the corona situation. SAFE hopes Norway will anyhow recognize this important day, and perhaps more people will understand the importance of this message?

Often Norway is in a special position, even today in the corona crisis. Many things have been achieved through our day to day working life. In general, we have a fair and pleasant working environment, where everyone has access to employment with even wage levels and good working conditions with many organized union members. Needless to mention that this does not come by itself, but is the result of years of continuous struggle, dedication and volunteers putting in numerous dedicated spare time hours. Our elected representatives and safety delegates all contribute to further enhancement our working environment, all of them organized and engaged – 1st of May is the workers day, a historic day!

This day is still very important. The development of our country shall be managed in cooperation with the authorities and the employers. Standing as a collective united frontier is paramount and of decisive importance. We proudly raise our flag on May the 1st with some reflections. Follow tv and the media. Think of all those who have fought and still fight for us, now and in the future “to be part of the best working environment in the world”.

Ølen Rig visit



This celebrity visit snapshot was taken by Dag Harald Nilsen, SAFE club member in Transocean onboard the Leiv Eriksson located in Ølen area. The message of the bird in these times of crisis must have been something like “Sea and land, hand in hand, after this visit I shall make a nest and lay my eggs!” 😊

Important info:

SAFE Congress 2020 Reminds that the electoral committee wants input on candidates for the 2020 congress.

Send inn suggestions for candidates to:

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To club leaders/union board representatives and control committee

Remember to register for the club leader's meeting on our website www.safe.no separate note has been sent out.