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Large Faroe interest for the Norwegian ONS conference

Yet another oil conference/exhibition is upon us. This time it is in Norway and it will be held approximately at the same time as Statoil is to drill deep into the Faroe subsoil. The ONS conference and exhibition is a reoccurring every second year event held in Stavanger. Many Faroese have been to the ONS conference over the years, but the Faroes have not held a stand for some years. This now seems all set to change. After a successful participation at Offshore Europe in Aberdeen last autumn, it has been decided to take a stand at ONS in Stavanger this year. The event will be tabled under the heading Promote the Faroe Islands lead by the Foreign office, who are in charge of the Faroe participation. Another sector of the Faroes government will lend a helping hand and this will be the division; Invest in the Faroes under the Ministry for Trade & Industry. To date app. twelve companies, institutions and municipalities have requested participation, but there is room for more, says Ms Margretha Jacobsen, who is handling the participation aspect. Mr Ólavur í Geil Guttesen will be in charge and coordinate much of the practical work at the stand. The Faroe participants to date are; Atlantic Airways, Thor, Supply Service, Tórshavnar Havn, Runavíkar Havn, Atlantic Supply Base, Statoil, Atlantic Petroleum, Vónin, Pam Offshore and Jarðfeingi. FOIB, the Faroe Oil Industry Group, will also participate and will handle the media aspect in general. ONS will be held over the period from the 28th of August to the 30th of August. The Faroe participants will travel by charter plane on the 27th of August and return home again on the 31st of August. Again this year, there will be a special event on the harbour at Stavanger, which the Tórshavn Town Council and the Runavíkar Town Council will organise. Both the Faroe town councils are friendship towns with Stavanger and the Faroe sloop Westward HO will be docked in Stavanger. As

has been done previously, a large tent will be erected on the quayside, where people will be entertained with song and dance. The Faroe Government Cabinet Minister for the Trade and Industry ministry will also be present at ONS. Picture The Faroese minister of Oil and Energy at the Offshore Europe Conferance in Aberdeen last year. He will also join the Faroese stand at ONS in Stavanger this autum.