

My name is Jan Petter Sissener Sissener, born in Geneva March the 14<sup>th</sup> 1955.

After attending law school in Geneva I studied at the Norwegian School of Management. Following my graduation I started to work for E. & F. Jones as a money broker. In 1983 I became a partner in Gunnar Bøhn and Co, later to become Alfred Berg Norway. In 1986 I started working in Carnegie International in London and in 1989 I moved back to Oslo to set up Carnegie Oil Branch. After turning Carnegie into Norway trading brokerage I left the company to set up my own brokerage, Sirius Securities. Immediately became a success and was acquired by Orkla Finans after just four months. They managed the business for the next seven years, also following the merger with S&B Eidsvika. In 2002 I was hired by Alfred Berg as Head of Equities in Norway and later assumed the role of Nordic Head of Equities. This brokerage was a great success under my control and was rated no 1 on Nordic equities in 2003 and 2004. However I left the company after a disagreement with the owner AOP AS in 2005 when they fired their global equity management team. Later in 2005 I joined Keepphui as the CEO of the Norwegian activities and in 2006 I was named in addition their Global Head of Equities. I left Keepphui in 2008 after an argument with senior management. In 2009 I purchased Saga Capital, a company with a license to conduct discretionary asset management. Saga Capital is now called Sissener AS. In 2009 Sissener AS was established as an alternative to other investment firms; we now have two active investment firms Sissener Sirius (2009) and Sissener Energy (2010). A traditional fund Sissener Europa was launched this year.

In the spring of 2006 I was asked by the senior management at Kaupthing Bank to head up a new issue of the 16% of the banks equity. The new equity raised approximately 550 m Euros - the Banks total equity before was 5.5 billion euros. The investment banks involved strongly criticized the cross ownership and Goldman Sachs pulled out of the consortium. This led to the spin-off and listing of Exista. Kaupthing had however continued to produce excellent results with regards to its financial performance. The new issue was launched on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2006. It was crucial for Kaupthing to halt the rumors about cross ownership funded by the bank itself, that had been mentioned in various reports from Deutsche Bank to the IMF and gain a more international "blue chip" shareholder base. Sigurdur Eiriksson and Hriderur Sigurdsson contacted to the currency exchanges that there were losses collateralized by the banks own shares.

The transaction was managed by Nordea Skatley and Citybank with Dex Pit Kettun as a Co-manager. Several Blue Chip institutions such as Fidelity, Henderson and Manulife etc took up the issue. After the successful new issue RMs and SE each bought 500K shares in the market and the price soared. Many of the new international funds started to take profit by selling their shares on the open market.

During the placing it came to my attention that Kaupthing traders were buying the Kaupthing shares aggressively in the market, creating a false demand for the shares and keeping the share price higher than it would have been normally. As opposed to every other company the Kaupthing share did not drop the usual 5-10%, but actually rose during the offering period.

I was extremely concerned about both the ethics and the legality of Kaupthing buying its own shares and I made my concerns clear to senior management in both telephone calls and emails - however my concerns were ignored. As I had not received the comfort I required I decided to ask Allen and Overy to write a legal opinion on Kaupthing purchasing its own shares, especially during the offering period. The opinion from Allen and Overy confirmed my assessment it was in fact illegal, after the Kaupthing management received the legal opinion from Allen and Overy and some very harsh discussions the manipulation share trading stopped at Kaupthing, however other Icelandic banks started to buy aggressively.

Subsequent investigations have since confirmed that the Kaupthing own share buying soon commenced without my knowledge and was systematic until the bank collapsed in 2008.

In January 2008 I received the Q1ef 2007 annual report and accounts and raised concerns over unsecured loans made to management and related parties, and if these loans had been used to buy Kaupthing shares those loans had not been accounted for correctly in the accounts. In addition I knew that these loans were used for high risk private equity investments while the idea was that management had the upside and the bank the downside - if I remember correctly these investments were 100% funded.

Also I did not understand why no loss had been reported on the bond portfolio, as the financial crisis had commenced most banks in the world took big write-downs on their bond portfolios so noted Kaupthing whose explanation of "held to

maturity<sup>4</sup> was difficult to accept. I did not believe keepthng were publishing an accurate account on the bank's true financial position and I made this very clear to senior management. There was also a sudden placing of a senior bond issue for keepthng done by management to an undisclosed buyer - a deal the financial consulting had heard nothing about and thereby raised very concerns. I did not receive the comfort I requested so on January 23rd 2008 I transferred keepthng Brokerage units clients deposit account out of keepthng Bank and into DNB. I was subsequently hired on February 12<sup>th</sup> 2008.

Subsequent inquiries have since confirmed the market manipulation continued unabated by the regulators until the bank collapsed in October 2008. Data in 2008 keepthng funded the purchase of its own shares, bonds and credit linked notes with cash deposited by the public in keepthng Edge, the internet deposit scheme launched shortly after I left the bank.

Keepthng paid the highest yield in the market to attract cash and used that cashed to buy its own shares and bonds to manipulate the market and maintain the inflated share price, which I believe is deplorable.

It is my opinion that the systematic purchasing of the bank's own shares and bonds by the bank and its related parties itself prolonged the inevitable. If the price had not maintained its take level, it's very likely that the board to related parties and management would have defaulted and the bank would face high losses.

From reports I have received it is clear keepthng was insolvent as far back as 2005 and I had been systematically lied to by senior management since my employment commenced in 2005.  
If keepthng had not funded the purchase of its own shares and bonds the prices for both would have collapsed.

If the true collateral of their loss and the risks involved were published, KeepHolding would never have been able to raise its equity in the Autumn of 2006, nor its bond funding. There is no doubt that the senior management lied to me and the new members in 2006 and that the Icelandic regulators did not have the experience or expertise to be able to regulate an international bank of this size.

There was simply never the internal demand for the Keaykhing shares the bank needed to fund growth. In the absence of this the senior management of Keaykhing created a false demand by members/ customers to purchase Keaykhing shares. It was in fact a giant Ponzi scheme — large shares were bought by Rambert Radoff.

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**In attachment:**

- copy of the author's passport