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**FORM 6-K**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 205-49

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of December 2001  
Smedvig asa  
Finnestadveien 28, 4001 Stavanger, Norway

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Yes..... No..........

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunder duly authorized.

January 3, 2001

By .....

Smedvig asa  
  
Kjell Jacobsen  
Chief Executive Officer



# NEWS RELEASE

For immediate release

## **Smedvig's CEO resigns**

**Stavanger, Norway (December 24, 2001)** – The Chief Executive Officer of Smedvig asa, Christian Bull Eriksson, today announced his resignation. In consultation with the Board, it has been agreed that Mr. Bull Eriksson may leave the company immediately.

The Board has today appointed, for an indefinite period, the Managing Director of Smedvig's subsidiary *Smedvig Offshore*, Mr. Kjell E. Jacobsen, as acting CEO. Mr. Jacobsen has considerable experience from the offshore business and has managed Smedvig's activities on the Norwegian Continental Shelf during the last six years.

Christian Bull Eriksson is leaving a financially strong company, which delivered the best quarterly results ever posted by the company earlier this autumn.

The Board will immediately initiate the recruitment search for a new CEO.

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*Smedvig asa is an offshore drilling contractor headquartered in Stavanger, Norway. The company provides services within well construction and well services in the North Sea and South-East Asia. Smedvig's main activities are divided into mobile units, platform drilling and tender rigs. Smedvig has a fleet of four modern drilling rigs, one drillship and nine tender rigs. In addition, the company holds contracts for production drilling, well services and maintenance on fixed installations.*

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# Notification to the stock exchange

## West Navion resumes drilling operations for BP

*Stavanger, Norway, 7 December 2001* – The deepwater drillship West Navion has resumed drilling operations for BP west of Shetland. The temporary halt in operations was imposed following the helicopter accident on board the vessel 10 November. The final economic consequences of the halt are not yet known.

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## NOTIFICATION TO THE STOCK EXCHANGE

*Stavanger, Norway, December 7, 2001* - Today Smedvig asa has acquired 150,000 Smedvig Class B shares. This repurchase of shares is in accordance with the authorization given by the Annual General Meeting on April, 26, 2001. The shares have been bought on the Oslo Stock Exchange at a price of NOK 53.37 per share. The company's holding of stocks after the purchase is 693,250 class B shares.

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