# The safest CHOICE in damage engineering




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*RECO Bygg og Skadeteknikk has witnessed impressive growth in recent years. With the help of a company-wide restructure, RECO has developed into one of the best operators within damage engineering. Managing Director Tore Kyvik explored the progress further, in an exclusive interview with Inside Sustainability. Report by Imogen Ward.*

IN 2019, following rapid growth, RECO Bygg og Skadeteknikk underwent pivotal changes that led to new opportunities for expansion.

"The company was growing very quickly, and we needed to restructure to accommodate that increase," Managing Director Tore Kyvik explained. "Now, for the first time since 2019, we are operating with a positive result."

Since the transition, RECO has continued to flourish, and as of 2023, has successfully doubled its annual turnover, reaching an impressive NOK400 million.

"One of the major catalysts for our growth was the successful signing of new contracts with two of the biggest insurance companies in Norway," said Mr Kyvik. "From that point on, we developed at a much faster pace and established our reputation as one of the big market players."

Now, the company is on a mission to replicate this success, with a plan to double its turnover by the end of 2028.

"Of course, this goal is very much dependant on future contracts," Mr Kyvik continued. "We know that there will be several contracts available in 2026, so we are trying to place ourselves in the best position to obtain these and meet our 2028 turnover targets."

## Solid foundations

RECO was established in 2004 by an impressive team who already had 20 years' experience behind them. Now, 20 years on, the company has shifted through several evolutions to become one of the best in the building and damage engineering sectors.

Currently, damage engineering accounts for the majority of RECO's contracts; however, the company also maintains a strong presence in several other areas.

"Around 80 to 90 per cent of our revenue comes from insurance companies in Norway who are requesting repair work following building damage," said Mr Kyvik. "The rest








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of our work comes from private and professional real estate companies, as well as tenants. We rebuild, reshape and tear down. We also renovate interiors: installing new doors, windows, kitchens and bathrooms."

## Ingenious investment

Moisture measurements are another important element of RECO's work. When a project involves water damage, an important step in the repair process includes ensuring the building is completely dry. On a standard site, moisture levels are normally monitored by an employee at several different stages. This is inefficient and relies heavily on estimations.

Keen to overcome this problem, RECO entered a new partnership in 2021, with sensor engineer TEK-Zence. Utilising the company's sensors and remote readers, RECO accurately measures moisture levels whilst also saving on time.



"TEK-Zence's software is excellent for surveying the drying process," Mr Kyvik explained. "Using this equipment, we can also work out how long it will take, allowing us to plan ahead. This makes the entire process a lot more efficient."

RECO saw this collaboration as an excellent opportunity to run pilot testing, further highlighting TEK-Zence's capabilities out in the field. Having seen how successful the system is, the two companies are now taking this one step further.

"We are currently testing sensors that are capable of identifying changes during the drying process," Mr Kyvik continued. "So, if there was another leak, or if the leak were to return, then the sensors would alert us to that development. This would allow us to react quickly and effectively, before further damage occurs."

## A green focus

Improving operational efficiency has also helped to improve RECO's environmental impact. With a strong commitment to working sustainably, this is just one of the changes that RECO is planning to implement.

Currently leasing its cars through Bank Norwegian, RECO leases each car for a period of four years. Once its current term has come to an end, the company intends to begin phasing out older models, which will have a direct impact on its emissions.