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Region Norway



Potential service providers

Your local guide when venturing north

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General introduction

The Mid-Helgeland region (Rana, Hemnes, Nesna and Lurøy municipality) has a wide range of service providers in many different areas. There is in total more than 3000 companies, of which many provide services crucial for running a good business.

Both primary business - like fishing, farming and mining, and secondary industry businesses like refining and service providers has long and solid history in the region. In the last decades offshore activities linked to oil and gas has also been blooming. During the last 130 years other businesses supporting the above have developed and grown in the region. Both international, national, and local companies have established themselves, grown and diversified in the region, and you will find both generalist and highly specialised companies represented locally. The services offered from today's players are characterized by high skills, professionalism, and service mindedness. The purpose of this overview is not to give you a comprehensive list of all the players you can find here in Mid-Helgeland. Neither is the list a prioritisation of the best players in each field. But we do want to show you that you CAN find almost any kind of support or service that you need locally. In addition several of the companies mentioned are able to provide additional services than those mentioned by us.

Look no further – the help is next door!

Engineering consultants

Quite a few of the larger engineering companies have established a branch in the region. In addition you will find quite a few consultants in different specialised areas. Some of the larger entrepreneurs also have their own engineering departments and can follow your project from idea to delivered solution.

Norconsult, **Multiconsult** and **Asplan Viak** all have offices in Rana. They also cooperate well with the other parts of their organisation, so even if they can cover most questions locally, they can easily bring in special competence from other parts of their national organisations.

Architects

In addition to some of the larger national architects being represented, you will find quite a few local architects that are especially good at combining the practical need for your business with a local "touch". Several internationally renowned design-firms have found their way back to Helgeland.

Tanken Architecture is located in Hemnes, but will cover any part of Helgeland. The same goes for the architect **Stein Hamre**, located in Rana, and **Valrygg Arkitektur AS**, located on Handnessøya, a small island just outside Nesna.

Take a look at some of the buildings they have designed and see for yourself. There is a big chance that you can find the service and style you need just around the corner.

Local building entrepreneurs

For larger projects the national and international entrepreneurs are normally willing in to travel quite far to build for you.

Nevertheless there is a basis of local entrepreneurs that can take on small or large projects at competitive prices. Please be sure to check out some of these companies in your process. In Rana you will among others find **Momek Civil**, **MBA Entrepreneur** and **Tre & Betong**. All ready to give you an offer for your complete building.

Moving south to Hemnes you could get in touch with **Totalbygg** or **KOMAS**, or **Entrepnor** if you are looking for help with any sort of sewage or drainage -new or old. In Hemnes you will also find **Bleikvassli Gruber**, a company specializing in tunnel maintenance and construction of hydroelectric powerplants.

Out on the coast **Nesna Maskinentreprenør** can help you with your ground-works.

Building Materials

There is a number of retailers and wholesalers offering all sorts of building materials in the region.

But whereas most building materials can be transported over long distances, concrete for casting must be made locally. **Helgeland Ferdigbetong** and **Solid Betong** in Rana are ready to supply concrete all over Helgeland. With a large fleet of trucks, they can effectively reach up to 30 meters high and 50 meters out from the parking place, making the casting job very effective.

Ventilation

With a market ranging from large industrial installations to private housing you will most likely be able to find competitive suppliers for ventilation locally. Not only with regards to size, but also with regards to challenging exhaust-gases or handling of dangerous components in a - sometimes - tough climate. Both for new projects and for renovation or upgrading of existing facilities.

Of the larger companies it is worth checking out **Haaland**, **GK Inneklima** and **Caverion**, all located in Rana. The first one part of the Haaland Group in Rana, the latter two local branches of national companies.

Electro / Installation

No project is finished till all the electrical installations are wired and properly connected. You will find the help you need locally, whether it is low-, mid- or high voltage. Use a local company, and they will be able to come back on short notice if your needs are changing, or you need an update.

There is a wide selection from small to big companies in the region. **Haaland** is one of the bigger, with close to 200 co-workers. **Haneseth** specializes in high voltage and support to hydroelectric powerplants. They are also very skilled on especially Siemens-equipment. **Caverion** has a local branch in Mo, and **Botn Elektro** is a local company with long tradition.

In Nesna you will find local representatives from both **SINUS** and **Haaland** that can support you. In Korgen you should check out **IP Electro** for help.

Mechanical services

A/S Norsk Jernverk – the iron mill that was in operation from 1955 till the early 1990-ies - created the basis for building up a diversified mechanical industry in the region. The industrial park in Rana and the other industries in the area has led to a wide range of small and big mechanical businesses that each have their own specialities in addition to general support. Whatever requirements for size, strength, material, accuracy, or certification you might have, there is a supplier locally that can support you. Ranging from small parts with accuracy in microns, or ships or platforms of several hundred tons there are someone who can help you.

IMTAS can help you with engineering, design, and production of projects towards construction, aquaculture, renewable energy and process industry.

MOMEK can deliver service, maintenance, and production of industrial equipment. A wide variety of disciplines and services. A true one-stop-shop for technical support.

ALTIMO can cut almost anything with high precision with water and **GLØR** or **IMO** can weld it together.

If you need maintenance on a ship, oilrig or other large vessels **WESTCON** in Nesna is ready to offer their services, either in their dry dock or on their deep sea port.

In nearby cities of Mosjøen and Sandnessjøen you will also find industry with similar needs, and the offshore activities along the Helgeland coast is also keeping the mechanical industry on their toes.

Maintenance Suppliers

Maintaining your equipment well and securing high availability and performance is a key to good results. Your job is to be best at your core activities. You may want others to support you with their key competences in other areas.

In Helgeland we have multiple companies that can support you with maintenance and surrounding processes, so that you can use all your energy at what you do best – your core activities.

MOMEK Services, **Caverion** and **Haneseth Energi** are all highly skilled and trustworthy. They compete and complete each on many areas of maintenance.

Automation

With the relative high cost of labour in Norway, automation is a key element in running a competitive business. Several companies in the region are highly competent in this area and can help you gain a competitive advantage.

You will find both internationally renowned partners, and local companies with highly specialized skills in several areas.

Goodtech acquired the local company Avanti Engineering a few years ago. They are very good on automation, MES and SCADA. They have activity both in Rana and in Nesna, and are flexible, quick and agile.

Siemens has one of their larger offices in Norway located in Rana. Their highly skilled engineers can give you full support on your Siemens systems and components. A hidden gem in the industrial park.

Haneseth Energi, a local branch of the Haneseth Group, offers services on electromechanical installation, and are especially skilled on operating and maintaining smaller hydroelectric power-plants.

Analysis and testing

You have received your raw-material, or you have made your product. Sometimes you want or need to have a 3rd party verifying that the raw materials are as pure as the supplier claims. Or maybe you want someone to vouch for that your product is as strong and durable as you say. There are highly competent and certified companies that can offer these services, adding credibility to your business.

Nemko Norlab, previously SINTEF Norlab is located in the Mo Industrial Park, but offers their services all over Helgeland. They offer a wide range of sampling and analyses, both chemical, biological or EHS-related, and have a very competent staff.

Testpartner can do tests for you without destroying the sample. Their expertise in non destructive testing is well renowned. Main office in Sandnessjøen, but a very skilled branch in Rana.

Special technical retail companies

On a regular basis you will need access to spare and ware-parts. If you do want to keep to high and costly stock yourself, it is good to have trusted partners that can supply you standardized parts on short notice. In the region you will find several suppliers that keep a wide range of the parts you need to keep your business in operation, and most are more than willing to adapt to your special needs.

Ahlsell, Tess and Tools offer a wide range of PPE, tool, and components.

Hydroscand specialises in pneumatic and hydraulic equipment.

Momentum will supply you with SKF-bearings, drive belts and pulleys.

Solar specialises in electrical components and installation material.

And there are more....

Logistic and transportation

For centuries we have handles flow of goods to, through and from the region.

You will need raw materials inn, and you will need to get your product to your customer.

The sea, with ice-free ports, the railway with 5-6 freight-trains daily and E-roads both North South and East-West give secure and cost-effective transportation routes.

Several small existing airports in the area, and new large airport under construction in Rana secures quick transport for the urgent needs.

To deal with the practicalities around transport and shipping, there are several players that are happy to help you.

Meyership has a more than 150 year history of transportation and shipping. Anything from fresh salmon to dangerous goods, by sea, train, truck or air.

Rana Industri Terminal will secure loading and unloading of goods in the Industrial park in Rana. Also handles container transport within the industrial park.

Nesna Terminalen can secure all transport to and from Nesna.

Finneid Transport covers road transport within Norway and Scandinavia. Any kind of goods, also sensitive and temperature controlled.

Anroby Varetaxi can handle quick deliveries of small amount within the region.

Sea-farming support

The region has extensive activity within sea-farming. The clean ocean with good flow of water and oxygen offers perfect conditions for breeding salmon and other types of fish. This industry needs skilled and high-quality services, and they find many of their partners locally.

Especially **Goodtech** and **Pharmaq Fishtec** has been successful with their equipment for fish vaccination. These are very complex machines that solve the task in a fascinating way.

Book keeping and auditing

If you choose to outsource your book-keeping you will find plenty of companies that can help you with this. Both small, local companies to branches of the well-known national and international companies are to be found.

Sparebank1 Regnskapshuset and **FJECO Regnskap** are solid local companies, and **PWC** also has a local office.

The same goes for auditing, where you can choose from a wide menu from **BDO**, **PWC**, **KPMG** and a few local ones also.

Legal and lawyers

In need of legal advice? Look no further. Highly skilled and competent lawyers and legal partners can support you both with setting up your contracts and agreements in a good way or help you if you have the need for support in case of any disagreement.

Advokathuset Helgeland and **Nord Advokatfirma** has a wide range of experts, whereas the newly established branch of **Grette** focus especially on sea-farming.

Bank and Finance

You will find branches of the major national banks and the strong local bank in Helgeland. Or maybe you are looking for a partner interested in investing in your company?

Helgeland Invest is a local investment company with a heavy portfolio within industry and sea food.

Sparebank1 Helgeland is the traditional local savings bank that has grown over the years and joined forces with the Sparebank1 association in all of Norway. They are the strong local alternative.

DNB and **Handelsbanken** are national banks with local branches.

IT-support

Computers of today - though getting more and more user friendly – do sometimes need a helping hand. Or maybe you need to set up a complete network in your new office, with WIFI, servers, switches, printers, firewall and sky-based storage. There are several local and national companies present that can offer their services to you in this field.

Braathe and **iTeam** has had well established support services in Rana for many years. Recently **ATEA** also has decided to establish a branch locally, so chances are good that you can get all the IT-support you need.

Design and PR-material

Need help to create you company's visual platform? State-of-the-art combined with a local touch? Several small and mid-size companies are ready to make you company visible to the public. Banners, posters, webpages, video-presentations or give-aways! Or maybe a new logo on your company car, or a complete re-branding?

ID Reklame and **Sirkel Reklame** in Rana can help you to improve your visibility in Rana. If you need video material, you could check out **Se Nor**.

In Hemnes **Hilde Sletten Grafiske** and **Frida Design** are local companies that can support you.

Office supplies

Why spend time running around for coffee, pencils and other office supplies when you can have this delivered to you. There are partners in Helgeland that can cover you need from complete office furniture, copy-machines, IT-support and paper and pens.

Inventum RTD is a local company in the Industry-park that can support you.

Lindbak and **Norengros** also has offices in Rana, and can deliver almost whatever you heart desires.

Cleaning agencies

Cleaning of offices, production areas and working clothes? Several companies are ready to give you an offer.

KVIKK and **ISS Facility Services** are two companies with long tradition in this field. **Momaidd** and **Søstrene Renhold** are newer challengers, also delivering competitive services.

Clima and **Heymat** specialises in functional and beautiful mats for your entrance and keeps them clean for you. Heymat is a locally founded company, but has gained international success, and is now branching out both in Norway, Europe Asia and in US!! Check them out!!

Hotels and accommodation

In Rana there are several good hotels and possibilities for accommodation. **Scandic Meyergården** and **Helma Hotel** being the two biggest hotels with complete service, but there are several small and reasonable alternatives.

In Hemnes **Huset Motel** is centrally located in Korgen, next to E6.

In Nesna you can rent a room or a cabin next to the harbour from **Topcamp Havblikk**, very close to the centre.

In Lurøy Municipality there are several opportunities, both on the different islands and on the mainland. On Lurøy island you find **Doktorgården** and **Rådhusplassen Overnatting**, where you can rent a room with self-service. On Tonnes you can stay at **Oscarbrygga**, and out at Lovund you find the spectacular **Lovund Hotel**, with full service.

Office facilities

When setting up a business proximity to the new company is a great advantage. Hence comes the need for some sort of office facilities.

In Rana this can normally be rented in the Industrial park, in cooperation with Kunnskapsparken, or they can advice you about what is available at the moment from several of the property developers in town. **Eiendomsselskapet Ranheim** is one such developer that has offices available for rent in Mo.

VÆXT Rana offers an short term rent of office-facilities in a pulsating environment, with all necessities included. You can mix with other entrepreneurs and make useful connections.

In Nesna **Nesna Eiendom** has some facilities for rent, and at times **Nord Universitet** has offices available for new companies.

On Lovund in Lurøy there are both offices for rent and the possibility to make a “workation” in a combined studio/office. Nearby you will also find the **Kystinkubatoren**, that can advice on setting up your business. Contact **Vigner Olaisen** for more info.

Canteen and catering

Securing a good lunch for the employees in the canteen or catering for a meeting or function. There are many restaurants and cafeterias offering take-away, but if you look for someone running your canteen we recommend talking to **Aga's Kantinedrift & Catering**. They run several canteens in the Industry Park in Rana, and has a steady flow of satisfied customers.

Event management

Teambuilding with your co-workers, or maybe you want to give your customers and business partners an experience for life? Something to celebrate, or a special event to mark a release of a new product? Big or small, there are several players that can help you set the frame in a good way, matching your need and occasion.

Hi North and **Visit Helgeland** can help you plan both adrenaline-filled activities, or a relaxing tour in a beautiful sunset. The nature in Helgeland is really worth exploring.

Scandic Meyergården can set the frame for a magnificent celebration or function for you and your company.

They are all ready to make your occasion memorable.

Nearby suppliers in the region

In our presentation we have focused on what services you can find locally in Mid-Helgeland – next door, so to say. In addition, there are several companies that can act as sub-suppliers to your business,

or that might be interested in your product. We would be more than happy to guide you in such respect. But there are also highly competent companies if you add another hour of drive and include whole Helgeland. If wished we can advise on good service and support providers both in Mosjøen, Sandnessjøen and Bodø. You should be able to cover most of your needs locally in Helgeland.