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# Successful year 2021 – Attractive prospects

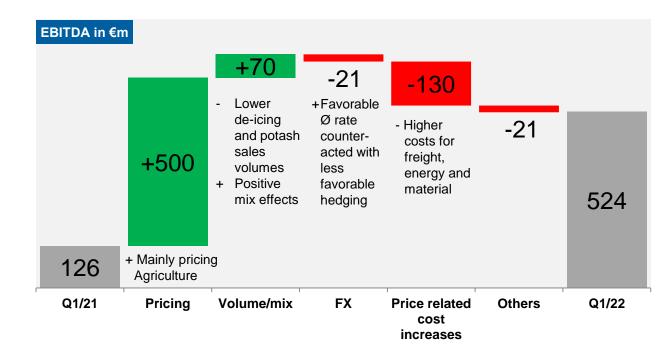


\*excluding the forecasted one-off gain of around €200 million from REKS

## Q1/22 EBITDA more than quadrupled YoY

#### **Highlights**

- Q1/22 EBITDA increased to €524m (Q1/21: €126m)
- COVID-19: Minor efficiency losses on the previous year's Q1 level
- Adj. net profit increased to €313m (Q1/21: €49m; without reversal of impairment losses on assets in the amount of €180m)

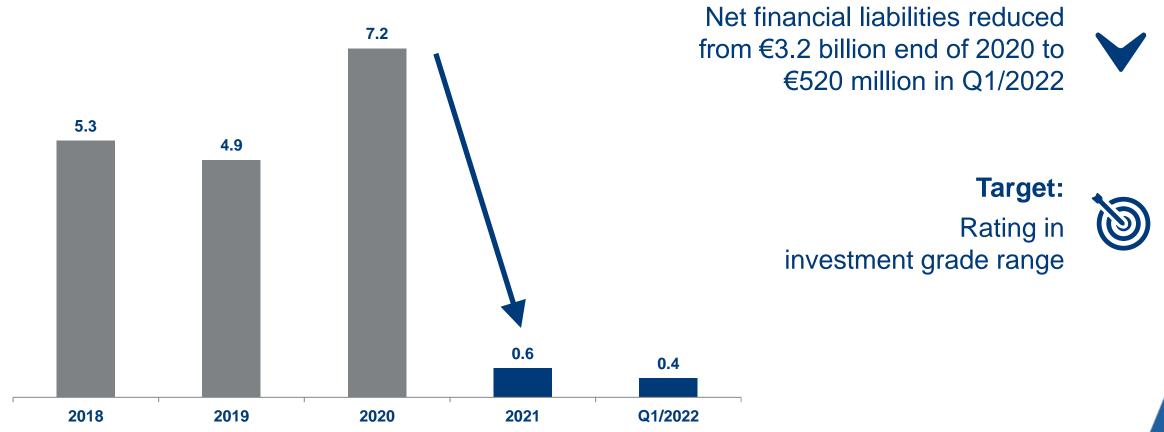


#### Financials (continuing operations)

€ million	Q1/2021	Q1/2022	%
Revenues	733	1,212	+65
t/o Agriculture	469	944	> +100
t/o Industry+	264	268	+2
Scheduled D&A	65	101	+56
EBITDA	126	524	> +100
Adj. net profit; excluding impairment effects	49	313	> +100
Adj. EPS (€); excluding impairment effects	0.26	1.63	> +100
ROCE (%); excluding impairment effects	-33	16	_
Operating cash flow	82	254	> +100
Adj. FCF; excluding one-off effects ( $CO_2$ , factoring)	-15	291	_
Adj. FCF	-15	103	-
Сарех	48	49	+2
NFD/EBITDA (LTM)	8.3x	0.4x	-95

# **Debt significantly reduced**

Net financial liabilities / EBITDA (x times)



Years 2018 – 2020 including discontinued operations.



# **Rating Upgrade:**

Standard & Poor's upgraded K+S by **two notches** from B+ (stable) to **BB (stable)** 

## Trading update: Industry+



### **De-icing salt business**

Slightly below-average Q1 after weather-related strong performance in Q1/2021



#### **Pharmaceutical industry**

Price- and volume-related increase



#### **Food industry**

Price- and volume-related increase



### **Chemical industry**

Strong performance in Q1



#### **Consumer products**

 Except for weather-related lower de-icing salt, strong performance as in the prior-year quarter due to high home consumption

# Market Environment and Outlook

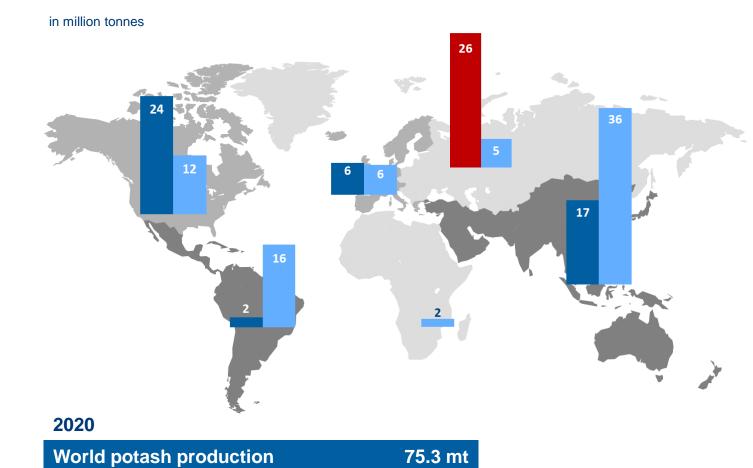


# Attractive market environment

- Potash prices in Brazil more than quadrupled; Europe also records significant increase
- High demand for fertilizers with supply at full capacity

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## Substantial restraints of global potash supply



- Russia and Belarus <u>each</u> account for 16% of global potash production
- Most projects for capacity expansion came from Russian potash producers
- 28% of global wheat exports come from Russia and Ukraine

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Sources: IFA 2021, K+S Basis: Year 2020 – incl. Potassium sulphate and low-grade potash

77.3 mt

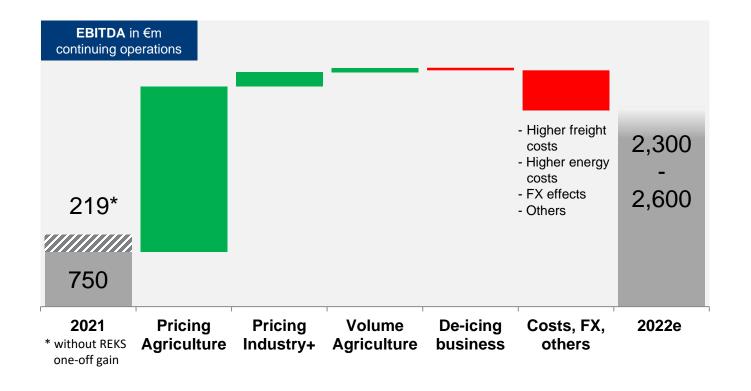
World potash sales volume



## **Continued positive environment**

- Yield prospects for farmers remain attractive
- Continued very good demand for potash expected
- Increase in global potash supply hardly possible in the short term
- Sanctions against Belarus already limit global potash supply, extent of sanctions against Russia and their impact uncertain

## 2022 EBITDA outlook raised to €2.3 to €2.6 billion



- Strong increase in average price in Agriculture product portfolio
- Cost increases for energy, logistics, and materials to be significantly exceeded
- Capex of a good €400 million (2021: €334 million)
- Assuming that there are no production restrictions in Germany due to bottlenecks in the availability of natural gas.



FCF expected to range from €1 billion to €1.2 billion without one-off effect of around €230 million for the repayment of factoring and purchase of CO<sub>2</sub>-certificates. (2021: €93 million; including €89 million attributable to REKS transaction)



# European energy supply

- Price secured for more than 90% of natural gas demand 2022
- Prices secured for more than 70% of natural gas demand in 2023 and 2024
- Like all industrial companies in Germany, we are dependent on the reliable supply of natural gas
- Canadian site Bethune independent of natural gas availability in Europe, German Wintershall plant of the Werra site runs with waste incineration plant



# Planned use of additional liquidity

- Repayment of factoring
- Purchase of CO<sub>2</sub> certificates for the years 2026 onwards already completed
- Dividend payment for the 2021 financial year
- Repayment of bond due in June 2022
- Accelerated Bethune ramp-up
- Investment in optimizing our existing business
- Building a crisis-proof balance sheet and liquidity position

## **Guiding principles of strategy and management focus**



#### **Financial ambition**

- Earn cost of capital over a 5-year cycle
- At the same time, an EBITDA margin of > 20% is aimed for over this cycle
- From 2023, positive free cash flow even in the event of temporarily low potash prices

## **Optimize the existing**



#### Agriculture

- Increase of marketing in USA ex Bethune
- Increase of trading business in Middle East, China and India
- Improved leveraging of local sales network



#### Industrie+

- Focus on potash product groups for industrial product sales
- Capacity expansion of high-purity salts
- Optimization of de-icing salt setup



#### **Supply Chain**

- Warehouse and network optimization for European salt logistics
- Optimization of warehousing
- Optimization of infrastructure utilization

EBITDA impact: around €30 million p.a. from 2023

## **Clear focus of our sites**



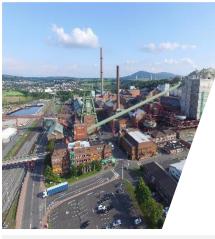
#### Bethune

- Long-term ramp-up to up to four million tonnes of capacity
- Improvement of cost position
- Increase in granulated products



#### Zielitz

- Improvement of the cost position
- Optimization of maintenance
- Increase in energy efficiency
- Increase in KaliSel production capacity



#### Werra

- Optimization of product mix & production volumes
- Optimization of maintenance
- Increase in energy efficiency
- Increase in granulation capacity for potassium sulfate



#### **Neuhof-Ellers**

- Improvement of the mineral content through AI
- Increase of the granulating capacity of kieserite

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#### EBITDA impact: around €50 million p.a. from 2023

## **Optimize the existing – site strategies**



### **Bethune**

- 2022 expense budget has been increased by €50 million
- Additional capex proactively target
  - short-term acceleration as well as
  - Ionger-term ramp-up
- Hiring process for more than 70 additional people for the further ramp-up project mainly in the field of engineering, IT and operations has started
- The ramp-up project will not only increase production and reduce production costs, but improve environmental and sustainable impact



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## Housekeeping items / Financial calendar

#### Additional information on 2022 FY outlook – continuing operations

Tax rate:	30%
Cash interest:	~ €-50m (2021: €-126m)
CapEx:	a good €400m (2021: €334m)
D&A:	~ €400m

Financial calendar	
Société Générale, The Nice Conference, Nice – IR	May 24, 2022
dbAccess Conference, Frankfurt – CEO	May 25, 2022
Credit Suisse Chemicals and Agriculture Conference, London – CEO	June 8, 2022
Baader Helvea Chemical Roadshow, North America – IR	June 27 – July 1, 2022

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