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# **Analyst Call**

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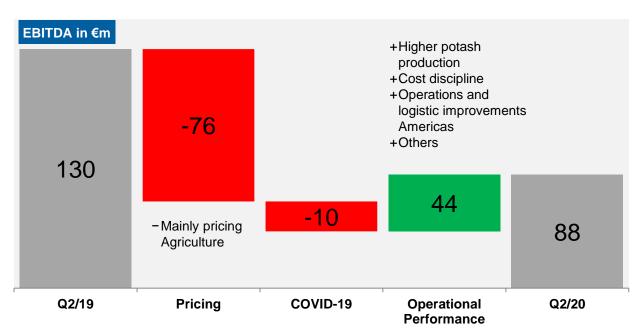
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## Solid Q2/20 EBITDA despite difficult market environment

### **Highlights**

- Q2/20 **EBITDA** down to €88m (Q2/19: €130m)
- **Adj. FCF** €-43m in Q2/20
- COVID-19: Minor efficiency losses due to protective measures and short shutdowns of small sites

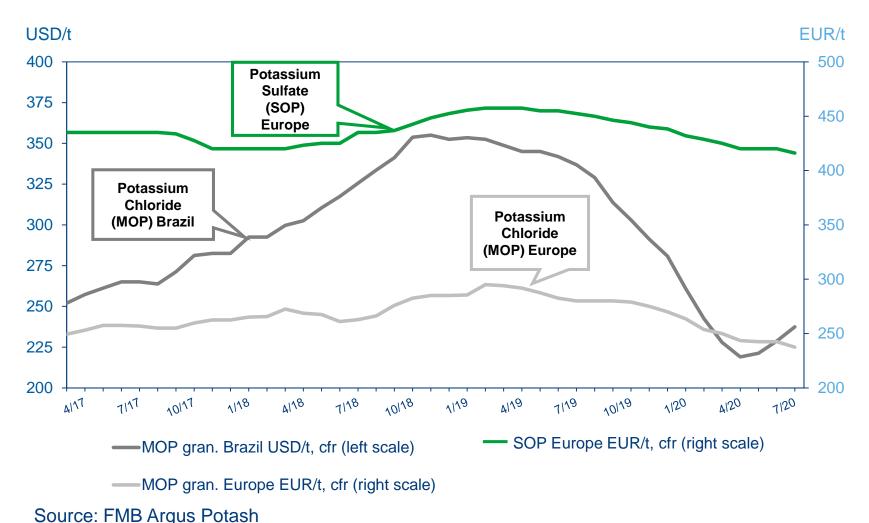


#### **Financials**

€ million	Q2/2019	Q2/2020	%
Revenues	878	840	-4
t/o Europe+	627	588	-6
t/o Americas	251	251	_
D&A	104	118	+13
EBITDA	130	88	-32
t/o Europe+	128	69	-46
t/o Americas	14	38	_
Adj. net profit	3	-31	_
Adj. EPS (€)	0.01	-0.16	_
Operating cash flow	193	68	-65
Adj. FCF	102	-43	_
CapEx	93	119	+28
NFD/EBITDA (LTM)	4.4x	5.6x	_

## **Customer Segment Agriculture**

Stable specialty business and regional diversification paying-off



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- After signed contracts in China and India, product flow restarted into these markets
- Prices have bottomed out in Brazil on the back of very strong demand despite strong supply
- Still weak demand in SEA

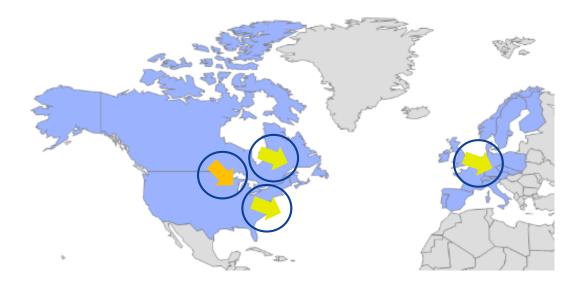
#### **Outlook**

- Price recovery in Brazil expected to continue
- This also alleviates pressure from European market

## **Trading update: Communities**



#### **Pricing trends for next biddings**



#### Q2/20 update:

Sales volume ~30% below previous year.

#### **Outlook:**

- High customer inventory levels
- However, multi-year contracts help us prevent stronger price declines
- Some contracts in higher price regions (e.g. Canada) already settled end of 2019
- For Q4/20 we expect prices to decline slightly to moderately YOY across all regions
- Expected sales volumes ~ 8 million tonnes for 2020
   (Ø-year: 12.5 13.0 million tonnes)

# **Current Trading Customer Segments Industry + Consumers**

### Industry



- Broad portfolio of potash/salt products supplying a broad variety of industries
- Examples:
  - Food salt for hotels and restaurants or chemical salt for the automotive industry as well as Oil & Gas salt negatively affected by COVID-19
  - Pharma salt and other sub segments showing positive trends

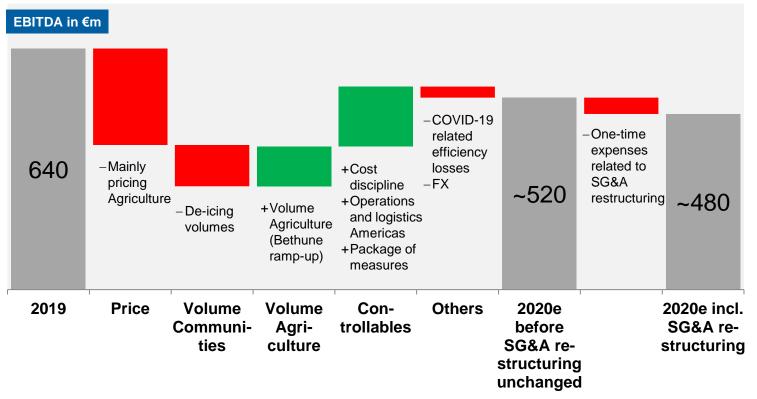
#### **Consumers**



- Good progress in the rollout of the German premium table salt brand Saldoro®
- Strong performance in the Americas, with stable or growing volumes across categories
- Strong demand for water softening and pool salt

## Outlook 2020 confirmed<sup>1</sup>

No effects from sale of OU Americas included



#### **Main assumptions**

- FY/20 Agriculture ASP expected to be slightly above Q2/20 level (€231/t)
- FY/20 Agriculture sales volume expected to be >7mt (2019: 6.3 mt)
- FY/20 Communities sales volume of 8 mt (normal year 12.5-13.0 mt); normal winter conditions in Q4
- COVID-19-related efficiency losses included for the remainder of the year; larger unforeseeable effects not assumed (e.g. shutdown)

We expect free cash flow to be at break even

## Complete sale OU Americas on schedule



#### Unique position in the salt market

- Leading brands with high emotional customer loyalty
- Established customeroriented network with 29 locations in North America and cost-effective production in South America
- Revenues: EUR 1.5 billion (2019)
- EBITDA: EUR 230 million (2019)
- Stable cash flows

- Sale process is proceeding according to plan so far despite current conditions with regards to Covid-19
- Strong overall performance in H1 2020 despite mild winter mainly due to strong cost discipline, operational improvements, and optimal use of logistic network
- Signing expected in 2020

## K+S realignment is making progress



#### **Target**

Main target: all sites free cash flow positive even with a low potash price or weak winter business

 One important step is the development of a new organization based on an SG&A cost budget of EUR 140 million (EUR 60 million less than in 2019)



#### **Approach**

- One administrative level, less hierarchical levels
- Change from matrix to functional organization
- Elimination of dual functions
- Talks with labor representatives started
- Implementation by 01 January 2021

# We are making progress with the measures that are in our hands

Realignment of the "New K+S" has started



# Q&A

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## Housekeeping items / Financial calendar

#### Additional information on FY 2020 outlook

■ Tax rate: ~30%

Financial result: ~€-140m-€-150m

■ CapEx: significantly up

■ D&A: ~€450m

Reconciliation (EBITDA): €-60m to €-80m

Financial calendar	
Kepler Cheuvreux Virtual Roadshow, Frankfurt	14 Aug 2020
Berenberg Virtual Roadshow, London	18 Aug 2020
Bankhaus Lampe Deutschlandkonferenz Virtual	18 Aug 2020
Commerzbank Corporate Conference 2020	01 Sep 2020

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