

## FY/Q4 2018 – Conference Call

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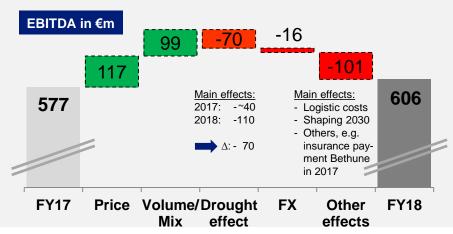
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### FY 2018: Revenues and EBITDA increased

### **Highlights**

- Higher potash prices
- Strongly improved Bethune volumes
- Productivity issues and weather-related stoppages in Germany
- Significantly more salt products shipped (+3mt), but freight cost headwind
- EBITDA and FCF improved
- Shaping 2030 accelerated

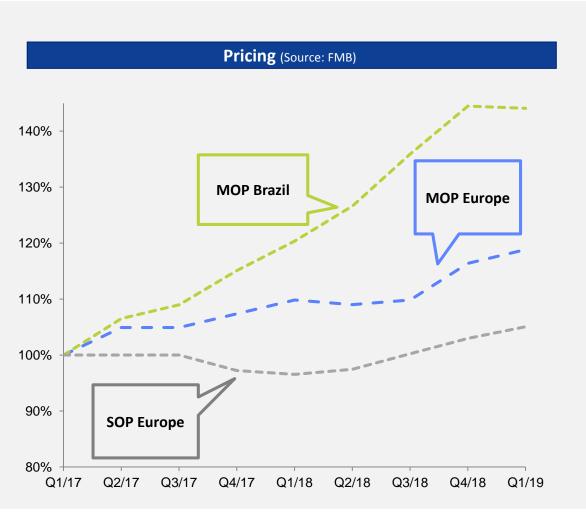


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€ million	FY17	FY18	YoY			
Revenues	3,627	4,039	+11%			
t/o Potash	1,704	1,973	+16%			
t/o Salt	1,762	1,891	+7%			
D&A	-306	-379	-24%			
EBITDA	577	606	+5%			
t/o Potash	269	359	+33%			
t/o Salt	325	275	-15%			
Adj. net profit	145	85	-41%			
Adj. EPS (€)	0.76	0.45	-41%			
DPS (€) 1)	0.35	0.25	-29%			
Operating cash flow	307	309	+1%			
Adj. FCF	-390	-206	+47%			
CapEx	811	443	-45%			
Net debt/EBITDA	7.2	7.3	-			

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### **Trading update potash**



- Global demand 2018 again slightly up to ~71mt KCl (2017: ~69mt)
- Sound demand holds across all regions
- Most producers were sold out into Q1/19
- MOP price momentum continued during Q4
- European MOP and Specialty prices have started to pick up but are still lagging behind
- K+S average selling price 2018:264 €/t (2017: 254 €/t)



### **Production issues - update**

#### Werra: Production output stabilized

- Challenges regarding lack of staff and machinery/equipment have been addressed and the product availability has already improved.
- Extraordinarily low nutrient content  $(K_2O)$  in Unterbreizbach: ongoing -> field of lower content to be crossed by end of 2019

#### **Neuhof:** Underperformance prevailed also in Q4/18

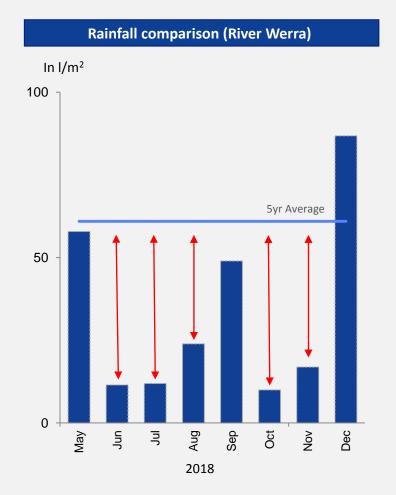
- Low roof stability in 1 of 3 mining areas reoccurred despite countermeasures installed in Q3
- For safety reasons, we stopped mining in that area and are working on two ways to continue: alternative direction of mining the affected area or reduction of the extraction chamber size
- We are working in other mining areas, but production in 2019 burdened by ~100kt Y-o-Y

#### **Bethune:** Production continuously improving

- Production in 2018: 1.4 million tons, EBITDA positive in 2018 (as guided)
- Caking remains an issue -> comprehensive package of countermeasures e.g. grinder pump to be installed in H1 2019; cooling equipment in H2/19
- Production guidance 2019 reiterated: 1.7 to 1.9 million tons



### **Extreme weather situation in Germany - implications**



#### Impact on K+S

Long-lasting severe drought in 2018 led to temporary shutdowns in Q3 and Q4:

Wintershall: 38 daysHattorf: 23 daysUnterbreizbach: 3 days

- Negative EBITDA impact of about € 110 million in 2018
- Basin capacities have been increased by> 10% to 600,000 cubic meters
- Water levels were low!
  - High logistics costs for remote disposal (old mines)
  - Inland shipping was also impacted
- In 2019, significantly higher storage capacity expected (400,000 cubic meters underground storage by summer)
- High probability to have no weather-related standstills in 2019

Source: Wetterkontor.de

2018

~6.0mt Germany

~1.4mt Bethune

Total: 7.5mt

PMP:

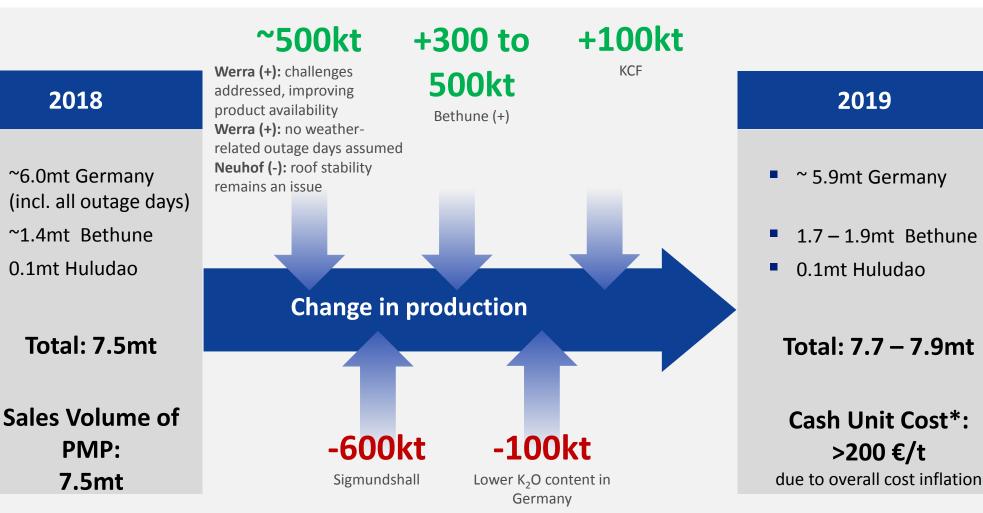
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### **Expected development of our potash production**

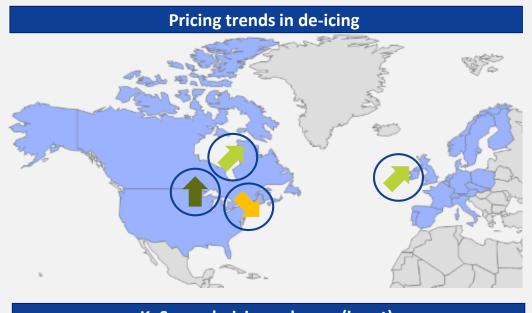


High-cost production to be replaced by low-cost volumes from Bethune

>200 €/t

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### **Trading Update Salt**



#### K+S non de-icing volumes (in mt)



#### De-icing

- Mixed picture in our winter regions
- Good pre-stocking in US Mid-West
- Highly competitive US East Coast
- Dec below average in terms of volumes, Jan/Feb more normal

#### Non de-icing

- Solid demand, gradually increasing sales volumes
- Logistics costs inflation to continue in 2019

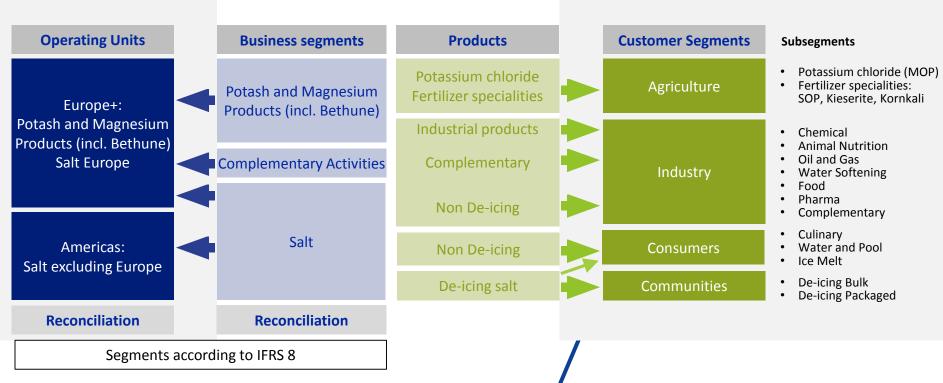
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### **New Reporting Structure**





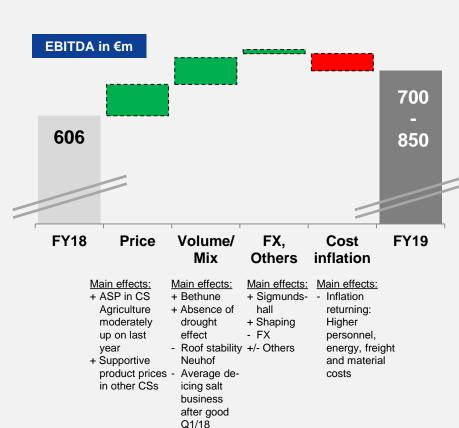
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### **Guidance 2019**



### K+S EBITDA 2019: **€ 700 to 850m** (2018: € 606m)



Developments in new reporting structure:

- Operating Unit Europe+ EBITDA significantly up (2018: € 443m)
  - Good market environment for fertilizers
  - Further increase of Bethune production
  - No weather-related stoppages assumed, but off-site disposal is still required
- Operating Unit Americas
  EBITDA about stable (2018: € 222m)
  - Start into de-icing salt business overall on long-term average
  - Assumption: avg. de-icing salt business for rest of the year
  - Overall supportive product prices might be compensated by cost inflation
- Adjusted free cash flow will improve significantly and turn positive in 2019
- Avg. spot rate EUR/USD 1.20 (2018: 1.18)



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## **Backup**



### **Housekeeping Items / Financial Calendar**

### **Additional information on Outlook FY 2019**

■ Tax rate: ~30%

■ Financial result: -120 to -130 million EUR

■ CapEx: ~600 million EUR

D&A (incl. Bethune): 380 to 400 million EUR

Reconciliation (EBITDA): -60 to -70 million EUR

Customer Segment Agriculture:

Sales volume: 6.9-7.2 mt

(2018: 6.8 mt)

ASP: moderately up

(2018: 255 €/t)

Customer Segment Communities:

Sales volume: 12.5-13.0 mt

(2018: 13.3 mt)

Financial Calendar	
Roadshow Frankfurt, Société Générale	15 March 2019
Goldman Sachs 8th Annual European Chemicals Conf., London	15 March 2019
Bankhaus Lampe Deutschlandkonferenz, Baden Baden	3 April 2019
Q1 2019 Earnings Release	14 May 2019
Annual General Meeting, Kassel	15 May 2019

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