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### **New focus**

- Complete sale of OU Americas
- Comprehensive realignment and restructuring of K+S
- Noticeable cost reduction
- Advanced efficiency and productivity measures
- Future-oriented solutions in the environmental sector
- Sustainable positive free cash flow contribution from all sites

The new K+S: lean and performanceoriented with a solid financial base

#### **Complete Sale OU Americas**



#### Unique position in the salt market

- Leading brands with high emotional customer loyalty
- Established customeroriented network with 28 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

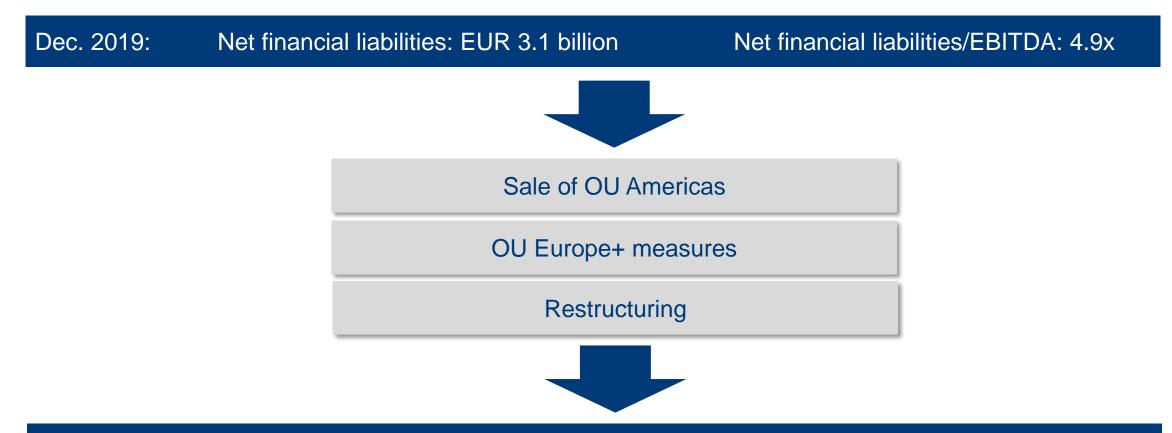
- Broad portfolio of interested parties
- Initial talks held
- Investment banks mandated
- Signing expected in 2020

## **Restructuring and crystallizing values**



- Bethune is an integral part of the company's future
   asset sale currently not planned
- Restructuring of administrative functions
- Focus on the core business by selling non-core activities (e.g. Sale of Baltic Train or K+S Entsorgung Schweiz)
- Future-oriented solutions in the environmental sector
- Capital expenditure under review
- Sustained positive free cash flows at all German production sites

## **K+S: Focus remains on strengthening the balance sheet**



#### End of 2021

- Reduction of net financial liabilities by significantly more than € 2 billion
- Stable cross over rating targeted



#### Most important work done



Increased product quality in Bethune



Avoided shutdowns caused by wastewater



Generated significant positive free cash flow



Leveraged synergies of EUR >100 million

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## Deterioration of conditions in the second half of the year



Sluggish demand for potassium chloride overseas



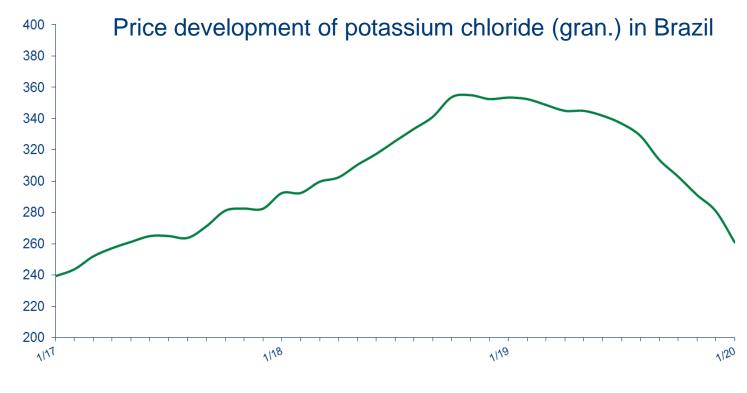
Production cutbacks in the entire potash industry



Winter below expectations

## **Difficult business environment for potassium chloride**

#### USD/t



Source: Argus Media FMB

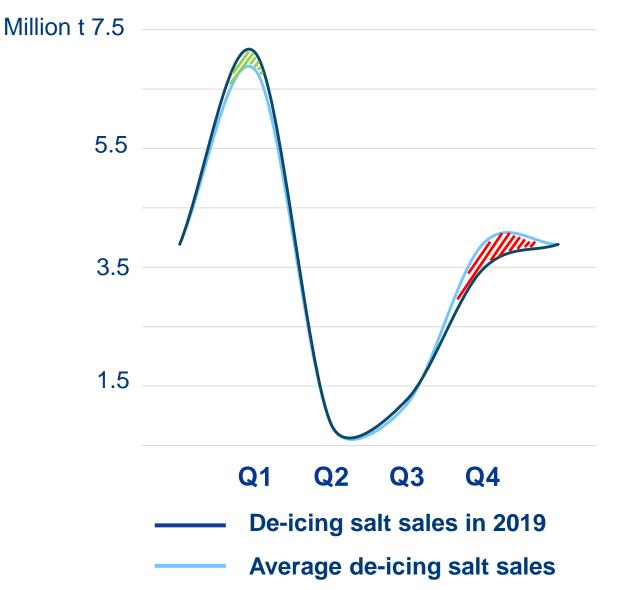
#### H1 2019

 Good global demand for potassium chloride despite unfavorable weather conditions; almost stable price level after significant increases in the course of 2018

#### H2 2019

- Persistent geopolitical turbulence
- Temporary import stop in China
- Subdued overseas demand for potassium chloride and, as a result, price decreases
- Own production cuts of 0.6 million tonnes, potash industry 3-4 million tonnes

#### Winter above average in Q1, below average in Q4



- Normal winter: Sales of de-icing salt between 12.5 and 13.0 million tonnes
- 2019: Sales of 12.7 million tonnes
- Winter business in Q1 above average; in Q4, however, below normal year (mainly Europe)
- EBITDA effect: about EUR -10 million in Q4 2019 compared to our estimate in November



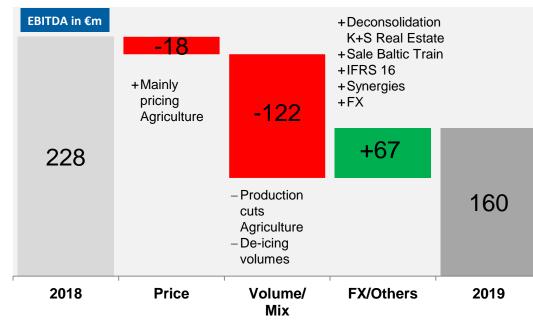
## **Financial figures 2019**

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### Q4 and FY/2019 at a glance

#### Highlights

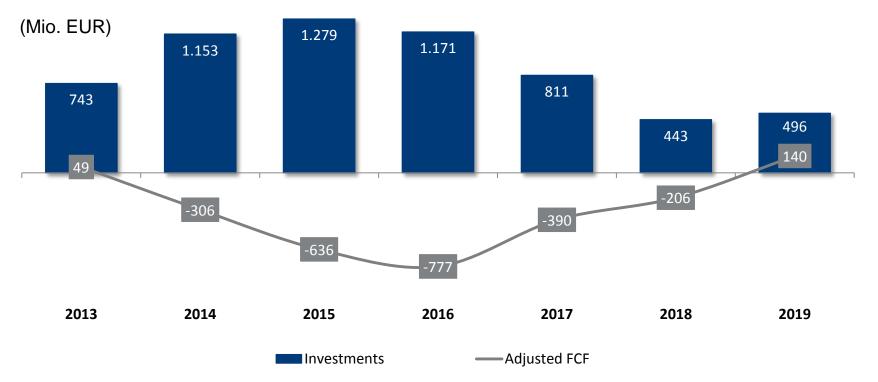
- Q4/19 **EBITDA** down to € 160m (2018: € 228m)
- FCF plus € 83m from € -147m to € -64m in 2019
- NFD/EBITDA with 4.9x improved (31/12/18: 5.3x)
- Dividend proposal 0.15ct per share



#### **Financials**

€ million	Q4/18	Q4/19	%	FY/18	FY/19	%
Revenues	1,217	1,024	-16	4,039	4,071	+1
t/o Europe+	783	596	-20	2,585	2,536	-2
t/o Americas	433	427	+13	1,451	1,532	+6
D&A	103	103	-14	379	432	+14
EBITDA	228	160	-30	606	640	+6
t/o Europe+	166	64	-61	443	437	-1
t/o Americas	75	83	+11	230	230	-
Adj. net profit	72	9	-	85	78	-8
Adj. EPS (€)	0,38	0,05	_	0,45	0.41	-9
Operating cash flow	33	130	-	309	640	-
Adj. FCF	-147	-64	-	-206	140	-
CapEx	165	183	+11	443	493	+11
NFD/EBITDA (LTM)	-	-	-	5,3x	4,9x	-

## **Clearly positive free cash flow generated**



- Construction of the new Bethune potash plant from 2011 to 2017
- Around EUR 1 billion environmental investment over the last 8 years
- 2019: High capex discipline and improved working capital management lead to clearly positive free cash flow

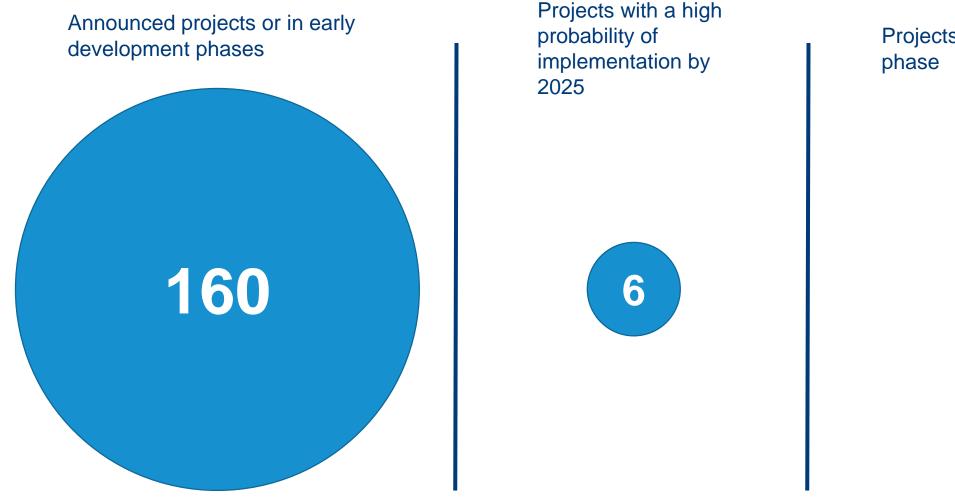
#### Promise of positive free cash flow from October 2017 fulfilled!

## **Current market assessment**



## **Between plan and reality**

Classification of potash projects announced since 2006 (Greenfield)

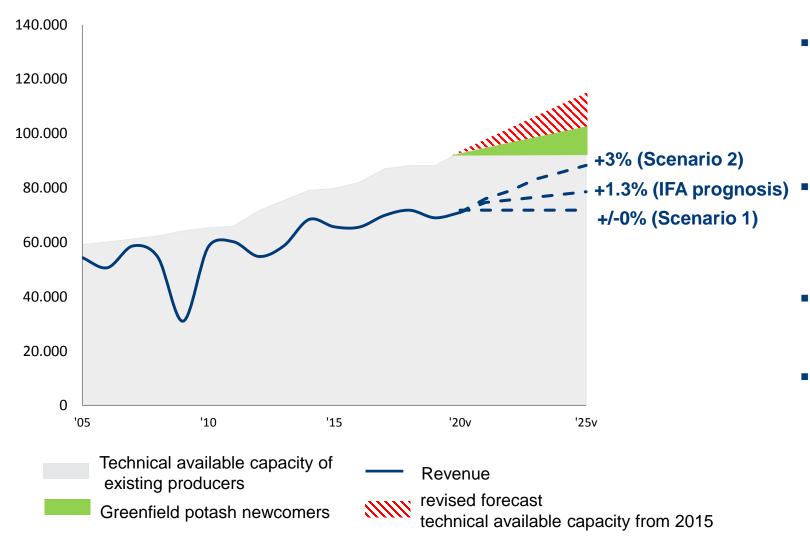


Projects in ramp-up phase

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## What is behind the greatly feared oversupply?

#### thousand tonnes



Source: IFA, K+S; including potassium sulfate and potash varieties with a lower K2O content of about 5 million tonnes eff.

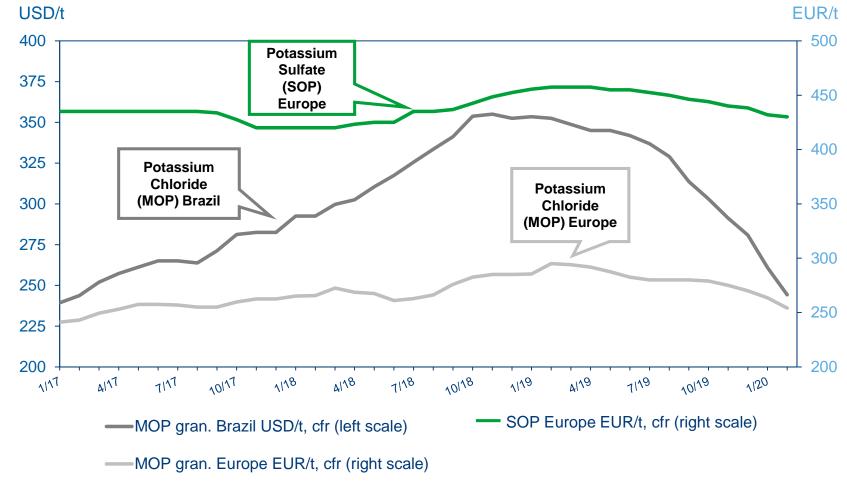
- Only 5 years ago, the technically available capacity in 2025 was estimated to be 12 million tonnes higher than today
- Even now, greenfield projects by potash newcomers will still account for a significant share of the total until 2025
- Non-utilization of capacity by existing producers not taken into account
- Global capacity load should level off at the long-term average by 2025

#### **Good conditions for the fertilizing season 2020**



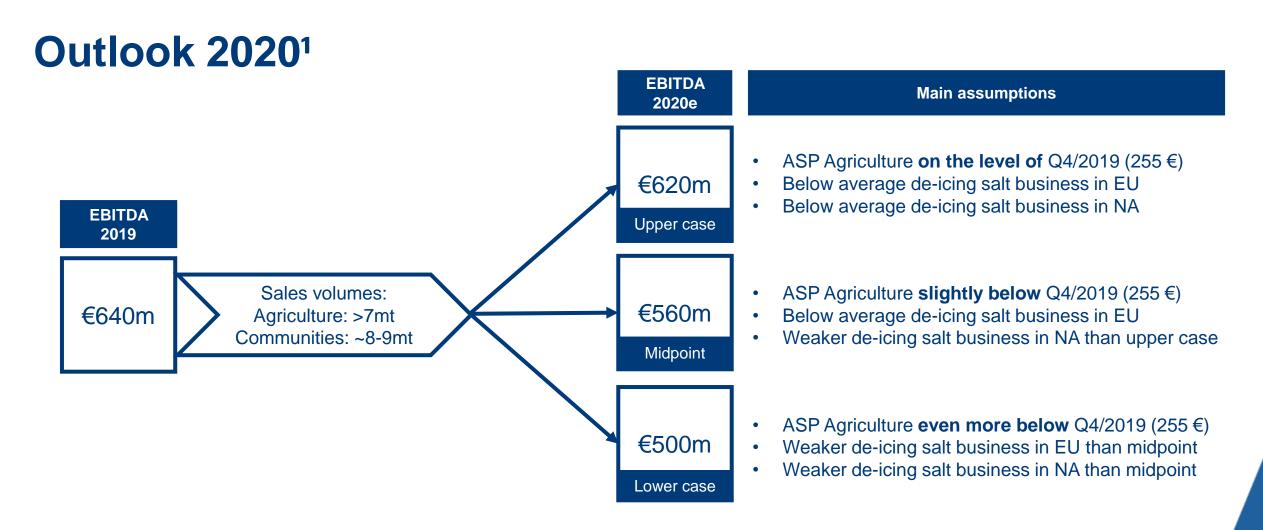
- Demand for cereals increases and fertilization remains essential to increase yields
- Grain prices remain at an attractive level and should lead to an expansion of acreage in North America and Brazil in 2020
- Agricultural sector largely in good financial condition
- Reduction of stocks and positive purchase incentives for fertilizers in 2020

## Stable speciality and regional diversification pays off



Quelle: FMB Argus Potash

- Our unique German deposits enable a broad product portfolio in the customer segment agriculture
- Higher value specialty products (SOP) significantly more stable than potassium chloride
- Domestic market Europe significantly more stable



- Stable earnings for Industry and Consumer segment expected
- Positive Shaping effects should slightly overcompensate for cost inflation
- We expect free cash flow to break more or less even at the midpoint of the EBITDA range

## **Summary**

- Reduction of net debt by significantly more than € 2 billion by the end of 2021
- Solid financial basis for sustainable growth
- Lean and performance-oriented producer of fertilizers
- Prerequisite for global growth and expansion of the profitable specialty business
  - Fertigation
  - Pharmaceutical and industrial products
  - Growth markets Africa and Asia

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Additional information on	Outlook FY 2020		
<ul> <li>Tax rate:</li> <li>Financial result:</li> <li>CapEx:</li> <li>D&amp;A:</li> <li>Reconciliation (EBITDA):</li> </ul>	~30% ~€-130 Significantly up ~€450m €-60m to €-80m	Customer segme	.0mt (2019: 6.3mt)
Financial Calendar			
Roadshow, Frankfurt	13 March 2020		
Goldman Sachs Annual European Chemicals Conference, London			13 March 2020
Bankhaus Lampe Deutschlandkonferenz, Baden Baden			25 March 2020
Börsentag, Munich	28 March 2020		

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