



LANXESS – Q1 2015 results

Transformation on track – a good start to the year

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Executive summary: A good and pleasing start to the year

Business improvement across the group in Q1



- All segments showed improved profitability and EBITDA pre, especially in Advanced Intermediates and Performance Chemicals
- Volumes stable across the group despite moderate customer destocking
- Group EBITDA pre up 12%; supported also by the strength of the US dollar
- Savings of Phase I in evidence, supporting earnings



- Realignment program “Let’s LANXESS again” proceeding as planned
- New world-scale plants for EPDM (China) and Nd-PBR (Singapore) started up smoothly

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Heavy capex cycle completed with the successful start-up of EPDM and Nd-PBR plants in Asia

EPDM in China – global footprint for LANXESS established

160kt p.a.
nameplate
capacity



First in-spec material produced, now starting approbation phase with customers

Supporting long-term growth of automotive industry, particularly in China

Nd-PBR in Singapore – close to our customers in key growth regions

140kt p.a.
nameplate
capacity



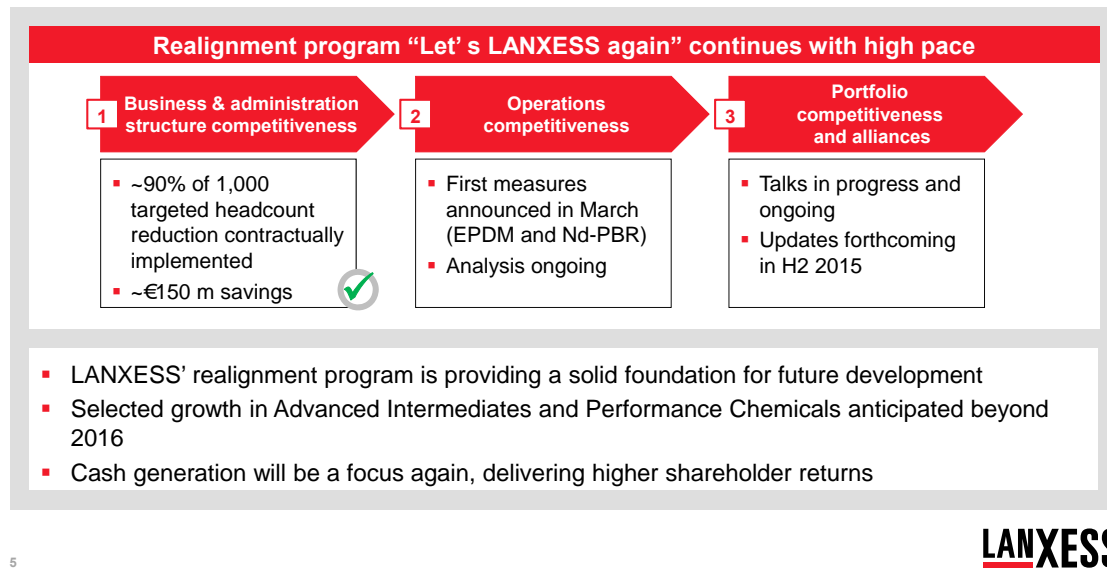
Serving the trend of sustainable mobility with Nd-PBR, a state-of-the-art synthetic rubber for fuel-efficient tires

Both plants will be ramped up gradually to avoid generating further supply pressures

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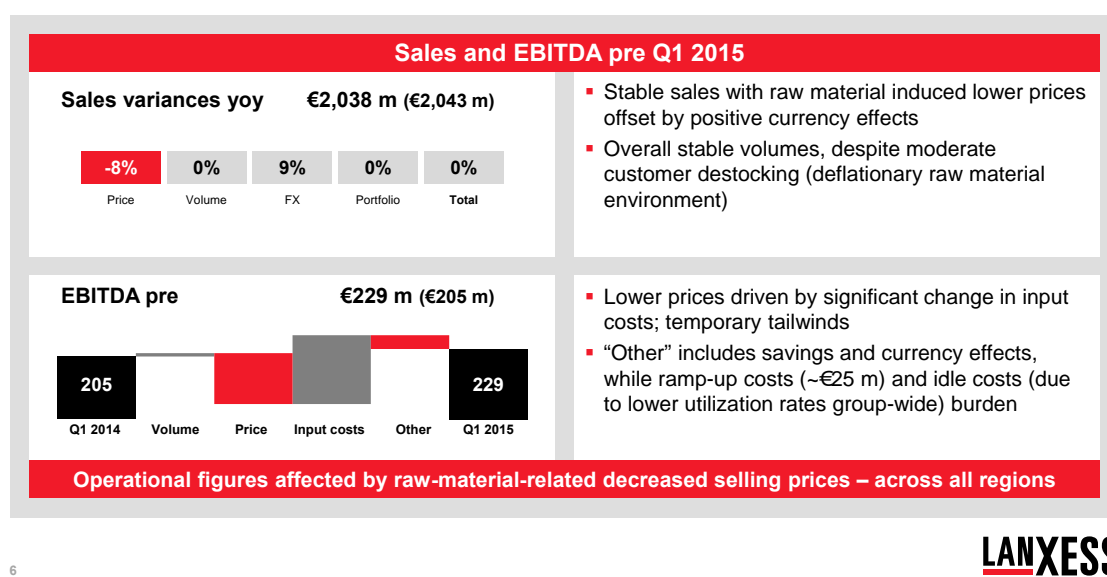
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Realignment program proceeding on schedule



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Q1 2015: Stable sales with improved earnings



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Q1 2015 financial overview: A good set of results

[€ m]	Q1 2014	Q1 2015	yoy in %
Sales	2,043	2,038	-0.2%
EBITDA pre except. margin	205 10.0%	229 11.2%	11.7%
EPS ¹	0.30	0.24	-20.0%
EPS pre ²	0.53	0.66	24.5%
Capex	108	56	-48.1%
Free Cash Flow ³	-99	-23	76.7%

[€ m]	31.12.2014	31.03.2015	Δ %
Net financial debt	1,336	1,396	4.5%
Net working capital	1,600	1,794	12.1%
ROCE	7.9%	8.0%	
Employees	16,584	16,347	-1.4%

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales steady, with lower prices offset by positive currency effects; volumes stable EBITDA improves due to savings, lower raw material prices exceeding reduced selling prices, and supportive currency effects Capex decreased following completion of large investments in Asia Net working capital increases due to currency and volumes (normal seasonal pattern)
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¹ Different number of shares: Q1 2014 ~83 m vs Q1 2015 ~92 m
² Net of exceptionals, using the local tax rate applicable where the expenses were incurred
³ Operating cash flow minus capex

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Q1 2015: All segments started the year successfully

Performance Polymers					Advanced Intermediates					Performance Chemicals				
Price	Volume	Currency	Portfolio	Total	Price	Volume	Currency	Portfolio	Total	Price	Volume	Currency	Portfolio	Total
-12%	-1%	+10%	-1%	-5%	-7%	+3%	+5%	0%	+1%	0%	-2%	+9%	0%	+7%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower prices across all BUs reflect lower raw material prices Lower volumes in BU HPE partly offset by positive volumes in BU HPM; tire-related business stable (BU TSR) EBITDA and margin increase due to currency effects and management of raw material price pass-through, despite burden from ramp-up costs (~€25 m) 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower prices, especially in BU All, reflect raw material price changes Higher volumes in both BUs: BU All across the broad variety of markets and BU SGO in agro chemicals EBITDA improved due to currency tailwinds and raw material price changes not yet fully reflected in top line 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prices remain stable with offsetting effects across the BUs Strong volume momentum in BUs IPG and LPT, while other BUs show a moderate start EBITDA improvement driven by BU IPG and BU ADD due to new market approach and better product mix; currency tailwinds support all BUs 				
[€ m]	Q1'14	Q1'15	[€ m]	Q1'14	Q1'15	[€ m]	Q1'14	Q1'15						
↑ Sales	1,063	1,015	↑ Sales	473	478	↑ Sales	496	533						
EBITDA pre	117	122	EBITDA pre	72	92	EBITDA pre	68	87						
Margin	11%	12%	Margin	15%	19%	Margin	14%	16%						

Restatement of 2014 due to re-organization of accelerators and antioxidants business from Performance Chemicals to Advanced Intermediates

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Environment remains challenging, but self-help and currency effects are providing support

Customer industries and macroeconomic expectations for 2015

- Tire production expected to grow somewhat less than in 2014, with expanded production in emerging markets and decreased production in EMEA. North America somewhat slower than expected.
- Automobile sector to grow slightly faster than in 2014, fuelled by Asian demand – China expected to post lower, normalized growth rates
- Agrochemical demand expected to grow slower than in 2014 but will remain robust
- Construction industry expected to grow less in 2015 than in 2014; in particular, Latin America and Asia/Pacific will post slower growth rates
- US dollar expected to remain strong

LANXESS increases guidance for 2015

- FY 2015 EBITDA pre expected between €820-860 m*



* Based on an exchange rate of 1.10 USD/EUR

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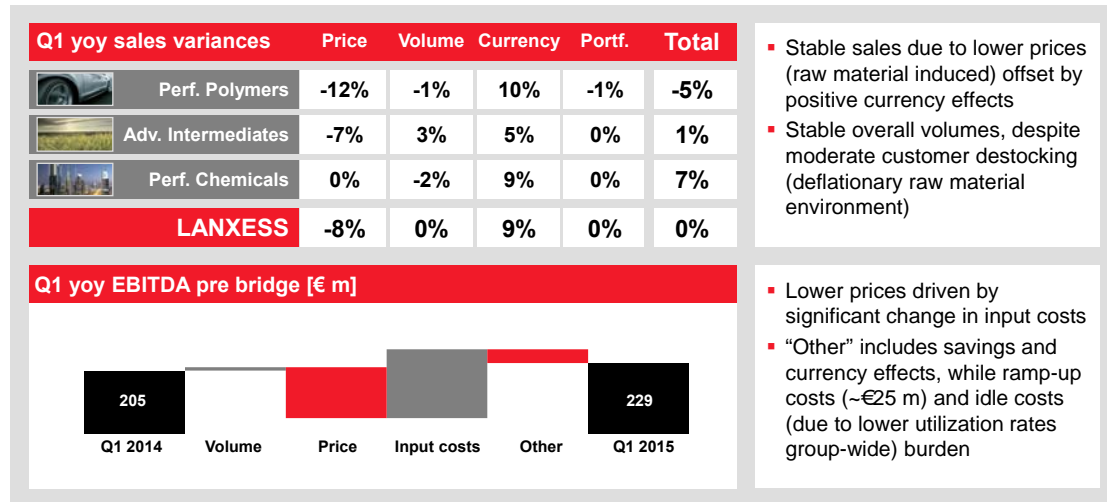
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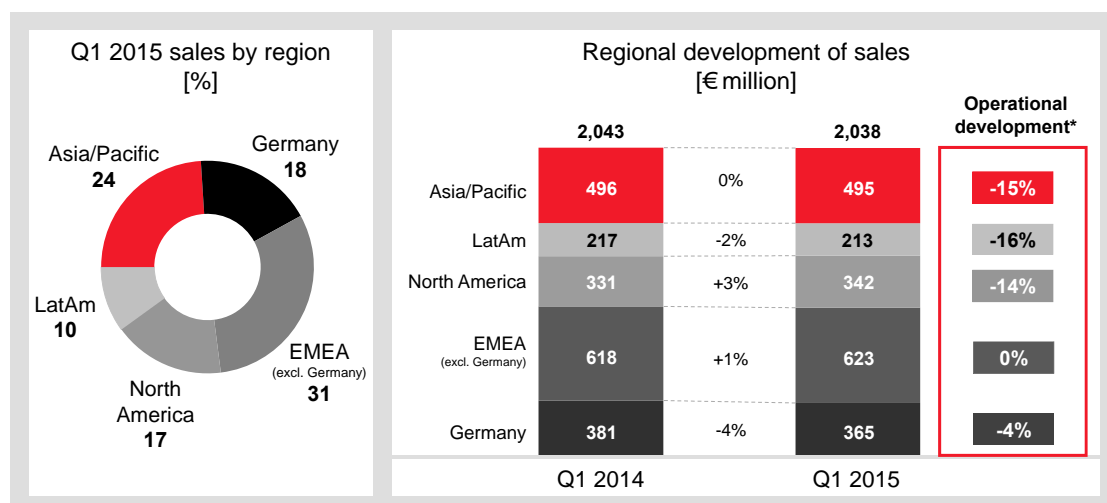
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Q1 2015: Operational figures affected by raw-material-related price decreases



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Q1 2015: Improvement in all key line items

[€ m]	Q1 2014	Q1 2015	yoy in %
Sales	2,043 (100%)	2,038 (100%)	0%
Cost of sales	-1,626 (80%)	-1,595 (78%)	2%
Selling	-186 (9%)	-183 (9%)	2%
G&A	-74 (4%)	-64 (3%)	14%
R&D	-45 (2%)	-32 (2%)	29%
EBIT	75 (4%)	63 (3%)	-16%
Net Income	25 (1%)	22 (1%)	-12%
EPS	0.30	0.24	-20%
EPS pre ¹	0.53	0.66	25%
EBITDA	178 (9%)	178 (9%)	0%
thereof exceptionals	-27 (1%)	-51 (3%)	-89%
EBITDA pre exceptionals	205 (10.0%)	229 (11.2%)	11.7%

Improved EBITDA pre supported by savings and positive currency effects, despite ramp-up costs

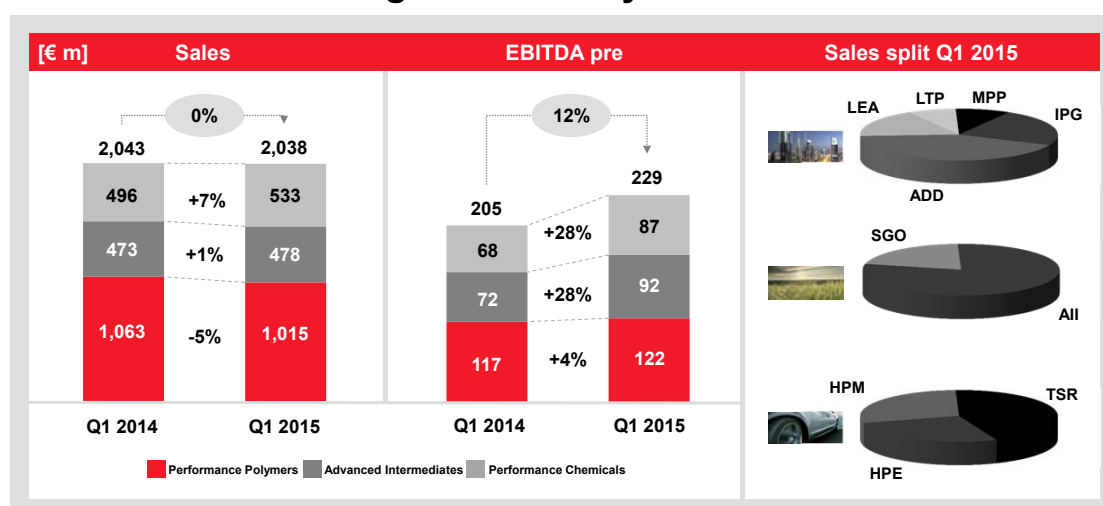
- Sales unchanged as lower prices (-8%) were offset by positive currency effects (+9%) at stable volumes (0%)
- COGS decreased on lower raw material prices, more than compensating for ramp-up cost of ~€25 m and currency effects
- Reported EBIT burdened by exceptional items (mainly the intended stop of EPDM production in Marl)
- Change in overhead costs reflects realignment efforts

¹ Net of exceptional items, using the local tax rate applicable where the expenses were incurred

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Q1 2015: Advanced Intermediates and Performance Chemicals with strong start to the year

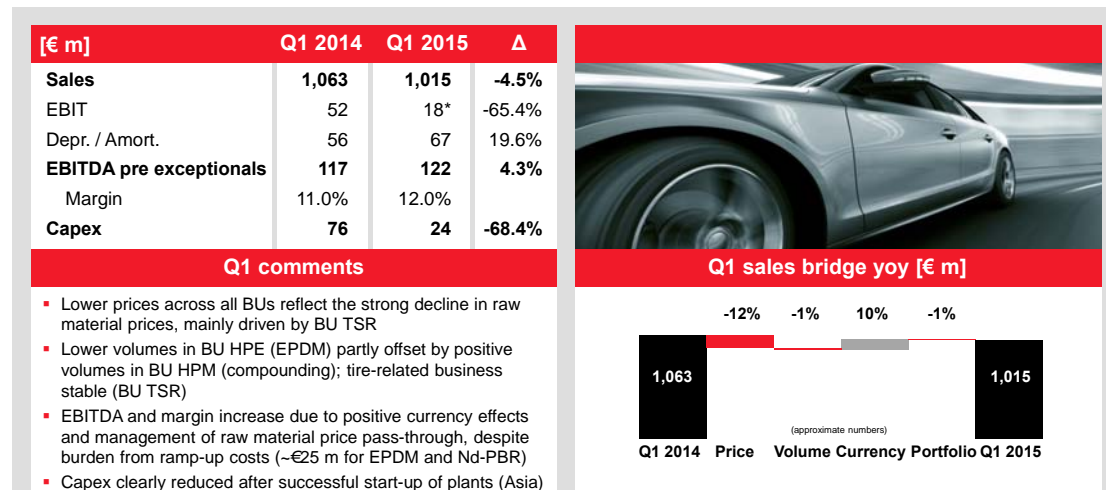


Total group sales and EBITDA pre figures include reconciliation
 Restatement of 2014 due to re-organization of accelerators and antioxidants business from Performance Chemicals to Advanced Intermediates

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Performance Polymers: Raw material price declines managed successfully – currency supports

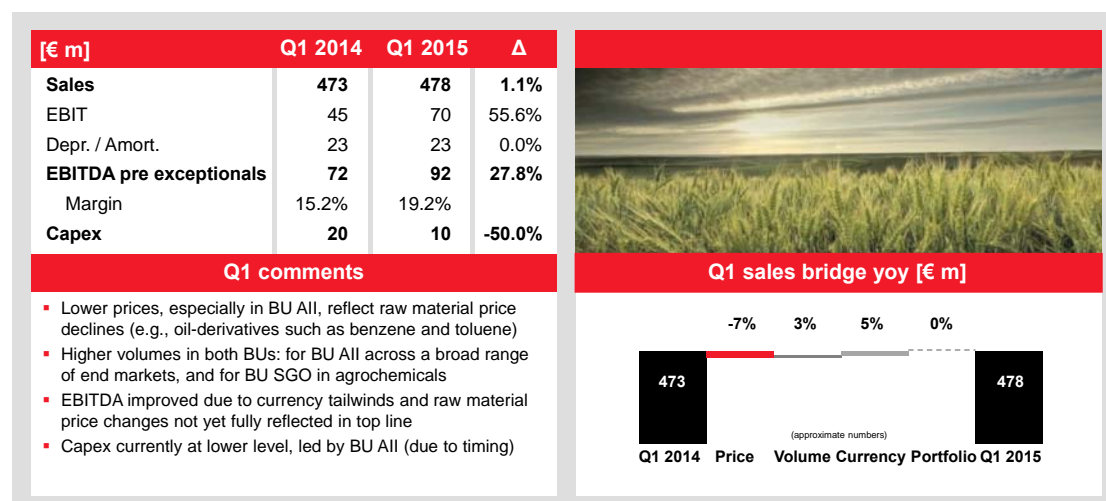


* Includes €46 m exceptional items in Q1 2015 compared to €9 m in Q1 2014

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Advanced Intermediates: A very strong quarter – raw material price tailwinds persist

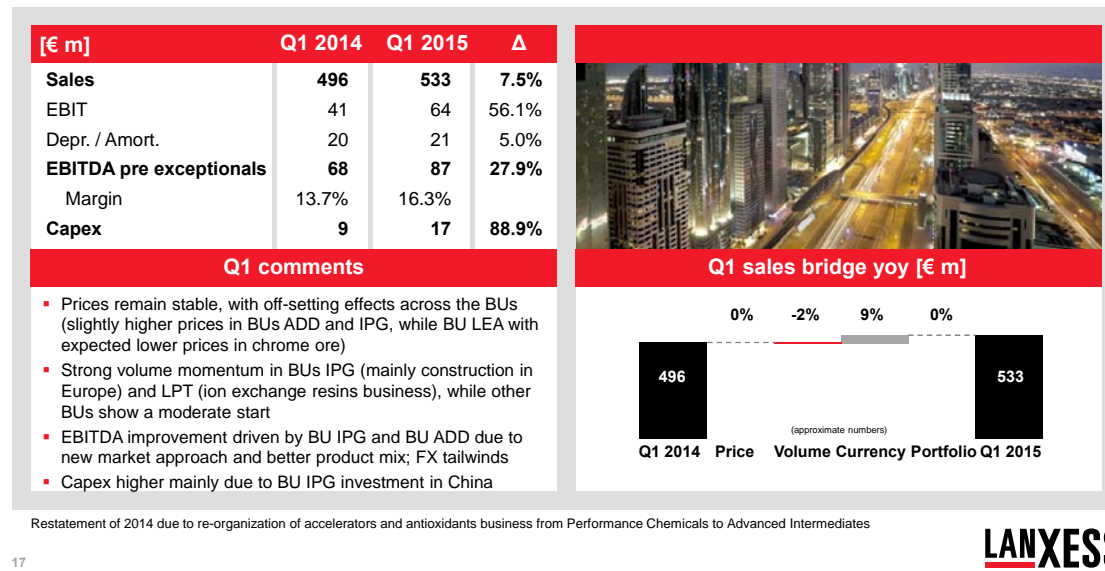


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Performance Chemicals: Strong earnings



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Q1 2015: Seasonal increase in working capital lower than in previous year

[€ m]	Q1 2014	Q1 2015
Profit before tax	38	34
Depreciation & amortization	103	115
Gain from sale of assets	0	0
Result from investments (using equity method)	-1	0
Financial (gains) losses	25	15
Cash tax payments/refunds	10	-5
Changes in other assets and liabilities	42	-6
Operating cash flow before changes in WC	217	153
Changes in working capital	-208	-120
Operating cash flow	9	33
Investing cash flow	-122	-61
thereof capex	-108	-56
Financing cash flow	89	-52

- Profit before tax comparable to previous year
- Changes in working capital reflect increased business activity at beginning of any year
- Capex significantly lower after completing growth projects in Asia (Nd-PBR and EPDM)
- Financing cash flow includes repayment of CNH500 m bond (~€70 m)

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Balance sheet remains solid

[€ m]	Dec 2014	Mar 2015
Total assets	7,250	7,678
Equity	2,161	2,065
Equity ratio	30%	27%
Net financial debt	1,336	1,396
Near cash, cash & cash equivalents	518	451
Pension provisions	1,290	1,535
ROCE¹	7.9%	8.0%
Net working capital	1,600	1,794
Net working capital/sales ¹	20%	22%
DIO (in days) ²	79	80
DSO (in days) ³	48	54

- Equity and -ratio burdened mainly by increase in pension provisions
- Pension provisions increased with further reduction of discount rates (especially in Germany)
- Net working capital increased following a normal business pattern in any year (volume driven) and due to currency effects
- DSO increase reflects stronger business activity in March '15 vs December '14

¹ Based on last twelve months for EBIT pre or sales

² Days of inventory outstanding calculated from quarterly COGS

³ Days of sales outstanding calculated from quarterly sales

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Balance sheet remains solid

[€ m]	Dec'14	Mar'15	Dec'14	Mar'15
Non-current assets	4,101	4,348	Stockholders' equity	2,161
Intangible assets	320	322	Non-current liabilities	3,447
Property, plant & equipment	3,333	3,468	Pension & post empl. provis.	1,290
Equity investments	0	0	Other provisions	275
Other investments	13	13	Other financial liabilities	1,698
Other financial assets	11	7	Tax liabilities	25
Deferred taxes	380	501	Other liabilities	138
Other non-current assets	44	37	Deferred taxes	21
Current assets	3,149	3,330	Current liabilities	1,642
Inventories	1,384	1,414	Other provisions	350
Trade accounts receivable	1,015	1,213	Other financial liabilities	182
Other financial & current assets	232	252	Trade accounts payable	799
Near cash assets	100	107	Tax liabilities	44
Cash and cash equivalents	418	344	Other liabilities	267
Total assets	7,250	7,678	Total equity & liabilities	7,250
				7,678

- Increase in inventories was volume-driven (normal business pattern) and assisted by currency effects, but was partly offset by lower raw material prices. Receivables increase due to higher sales at end of Q1 2015 vs year-end 2014
- Pension provisions increase due to further reduction of interest rates, especially in Germany

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Housekeeping items

Additional financial expectations

- Capex 2015: ~€450 m
- Capex 2016: €400-450 m
- D&A 2015: ~€420-440 m
- Exceptional items 2015: ~€95 m from "Let's LANXESS again" (Phase I and first measures from Phase II)
- Reconciliation 2015: underlying expenses of ~€160 m EBITDA, but additional hedging expenses of ~€125 m in 2015*
- Annual tax rate:
 - >30% in 2015
 - mid-term, after realignment: ~22-25%
- Hedging 2015: ~50% at 1.25-1.40 USD/EUR
- Hedging 2016: ~30% at 1.15-1.35 USD/EUR



* Based on an exchange rate of 1.10 USD/EUR

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Mechanism of currency and hedging effects

Impact of a strong US dollar in 2015 vs 2014

P&L line item	Effect yoy	Remarks	Booked in:
Sales	⊕ Strong USD favorable	<u>Rule of thumb:</u> (currency sensitivity of ~€9 m EBITDA impact / 1 cent change in USD/EUR)	Business segments
COGS	⊖ Strong USD unfavorable		Business segments
Other operating income/expenses	⊖ Hedging for realized planned exposure at historical, unfavorable rates (3-year rolling hedging approach)		Reconciliation
Financial result	○ Net of booked receivables and payables and respective hedging	no material net impact	

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“Let’s LANXESS again” progresses faster than anticipated

Faster headcount reduction, with some P&L expenses brought forward

Phase I

updated	2014	2015	2016	Total
Headcount reduction	~425	~475	~100	~1,000
[€ m] Cash out	~20	~110	~20	~150
[€ m] P&L expense (OTC)	~110	~40	~0	~150
[€ m] Cost reduction	~20	~100	~30	~150

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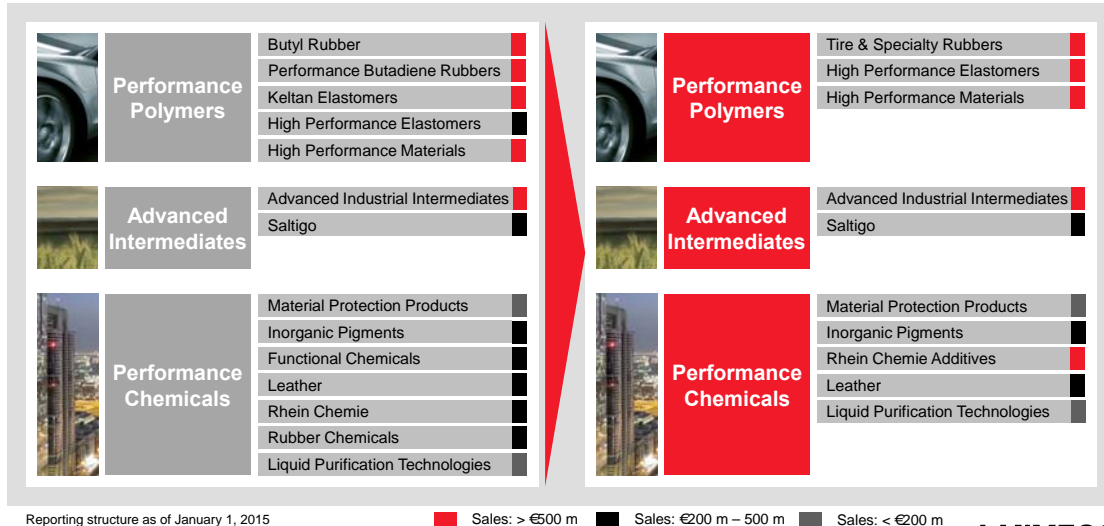
LANXESS has a broad customer portfolio



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New business arrangements enable more efficient and effective market approach



Reporting structure as of January 1, 2015

■ Sales: > €500 m

■ Sales: €200 m – 500 m

■ Sales: < €200 m

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Major projects completed

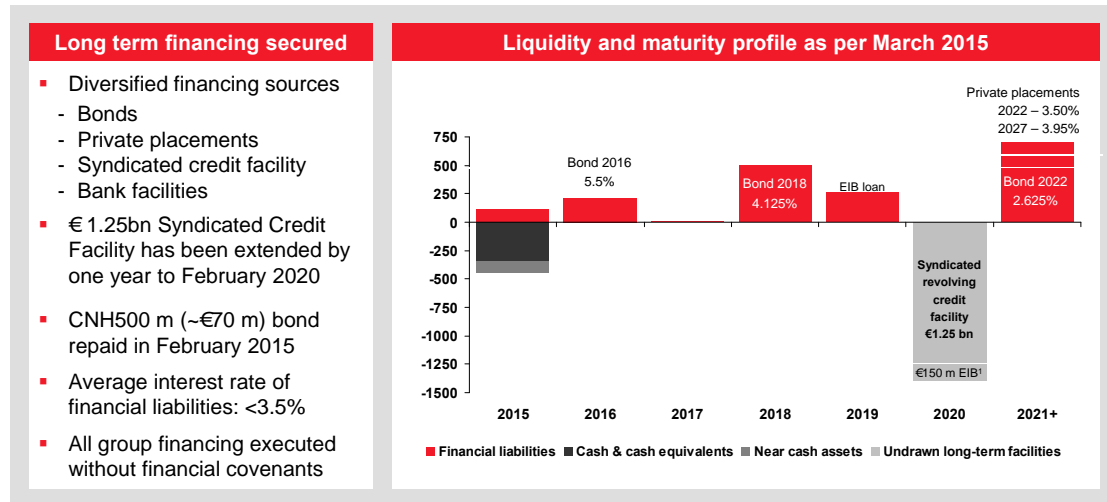
2013 (completed)	<p>BU BTR Butyl (SGP), Q1 2013, new plant 100kt</p> <p>BU HPE Chloroprene rubber (GER), H2 2013, debottlenecking +10%</p> <p>BU AII Dichlorobenzene (GER), Q1 2013, debottlenecking +15%</p> <p>BU AII Cresols (GER), end of 2013, debottlenecking +20%</p> <p>BU LEA Leather chemicals (CHN), H1 2013, up to 50kt</p> <p>BU LEA CO₂ plant (ZA), Q4 2013, new plant</p>	
2014 (completed)	<p>BU HPM Polyamide (Belgium), Q3 2014, new plant 90kt</p> <p>BU HPM Compounding (BRA), Q2 2014, new plant 20kt</p> <p>BU LPT Ion exchange resins (GER), mid 2014, debottlenecking +33%</p>	
2015 (completed)	<p>BU KEL EPDM (CHN), 2015, new plant 160kt</p> <p>BU PBR Nd-PBR (SGP), H1 2015, new plant 140kt</p>	
2015 +	<p>BU IPG Iron oxide red (CHN), Q1 2016, new plant 25kt</p> <p>BU IPG Mixing & milling (CHN), Q1 2016, new plant 70kt</p> <p>BU HPM Compounding (US), early 2016, debottlenecking +20kt</p> <p>BU PBR SSBR (BRA) conversion from ESBR (110kt)*</p>	

* Expected for the label introduction in Brazil (2016); to be further evaluated

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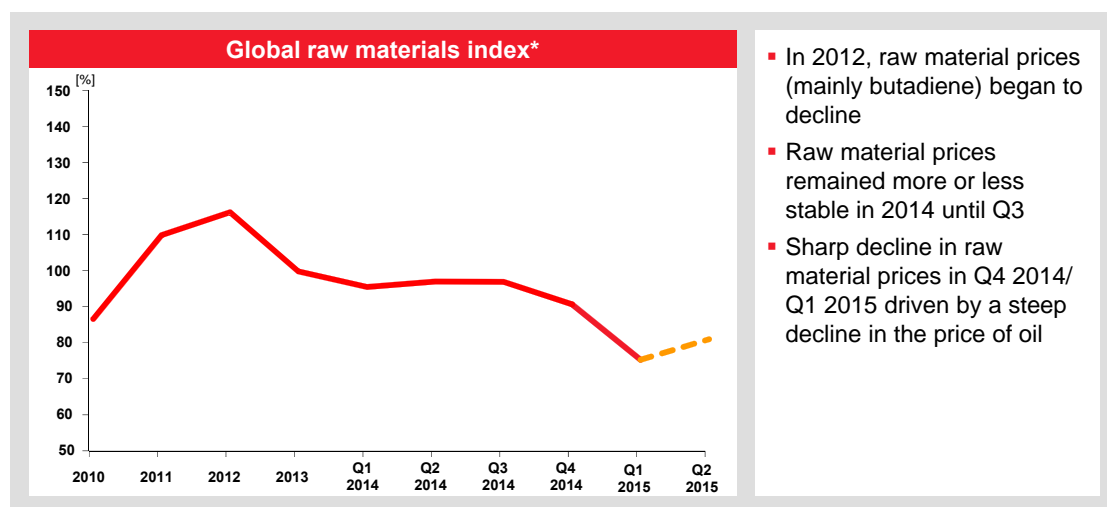
A well-managed and conservative maturity profile



EIB = European Investment Bank
 * Final maturity of EIB facility in case of utilization earliest in 2020; EIB facility currently undrawn



High volatility in raw material prices



* Source: LANXESS, average 2013 = 100%



Overview of exceptional items in Q1

[€ m]	Q1 2014		Q1 2015	
	Excep.	thereof D&A	Excep.	thereof D&A
Performance Polymers	9	0	46	9
Advanced Intermediates	4	0	-1	0
Performance Chemicals	7	0	2	0
Reconciliation	7	0	13	0
Total	27	0	60	9

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Abbreviations

Performance Polymers		Performance Chemicals	
▪ TSR	Tire & Specialty Rubbers	▪ MPP	Material Protection Products
▪ HPE	High Performance Elastomers	▪ IPG	Inorganic Pigments
▪ HPM	High Performance Materials	▪ ADD	Rhein Chemie Additives
		▪ LEA	Leather
		▪ LPT	Liquid Purification Technologies
Advanced Intermediates			
▪ All	Advanced Industrial Intermediates		
▪ SGO	Saltigo		

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Upcoming events 2015

Active capital market communication

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annual Stockholders' Meeting 2015 ▪ Deutsche Bank Annual Asia Conference 2015 ▪ Berenberg European Conference USA ▪ Deutsche Bank German, Swiss & Austrian Conference 2015 ▪ Credit Suisse Global Chemicals and Agriculture Conference 2015 ▪ Q2 results 2015 ▪ Jefferies Global Industrials Conference ▪ Capital Markets Day ▪ Berenberg & Goldman Sachs German Corporate Conference ▪ Baader Investment Conference ▪ Berenberg Specialty Chemicals & Food Ingredients Conference 2015 ▪ Q3 results 2015 ▪ Morgan Stanley Global Chemicals Conference ▪ Bank of America Merrill Lynch German Corporate Days 2015 ▪ Morgan Stanley Asia Pacific Summit | <p>May 13</p> <p>May 18/19</p> <p>May 20</p> <p>June 17</p> <p>June 23</p> <p>August 6</p> <p>August 11/12</p> <p>September 16/17</p> <p>September 21-23</p> <p>September 24</p> <p>September 30</p> <p>November 5</p> <p>November 10</p> <p>November 17</p> <p>November 18</p> | <p>Cologne</p> <p>Singapore</p> <p>Tarrytown (NY)</p> <p>Berlin</p> <p>London</p> <p>New York</p> <p>Cologne</p> <p>Munich</p> <p>Munich</p> <p>London</p> <p>Boston</p> <p>Singapore</p> <p>Singapore</p> |
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