



# **LANXESS – FY 2014 results**

A tough year, but solid foundation has been built

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# 2014: A successful year moving LANXESS forward in a tough business environment

# Moving ahead with building a strong foundation

- Capital increase provided financial headroom for restructuring; net financial debt reduced to below 2011 level
- Phase I of realignment program defined and implementation nearly complete
- Phase II on track, with first results achieved
- Phase III begun, update will be provided in the course of H2 2015
- Growth projects (Nd-PBR and EPDM) progress as planned without incidents
- Multiple conversations held with customers to strengthen relationships

This was achieved while performance improved on all fronts including safety

- **✓** Group EBITDA pre improved by 10%
- Net income increased significantly
- Positive free cash flow achieved
- Net financial debt reduced faster than expected
- MAQ\* improved by 28%, from 3.2 to 2.3

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## Phase I implementation well on track

Business & administration structure competitiveness

Operations competitiveness

Portfolio competitiveness and alliances

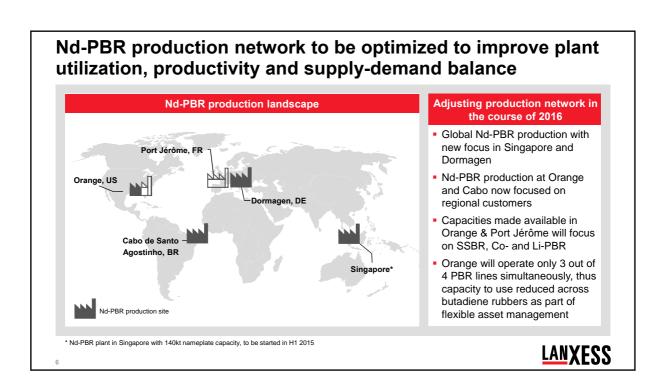
- Consolidation of business units with similar business models total reduced from 14 to 10
- Consolidation of group functions reduced from 16 to 12
- ~40% of senior management newly appointed
- Targeted reduction of ~1,000 positions almost completed
  - In Germany: ~500 reductions now contractually implemented
  - Outside Germany: Solutions for ~70% of ~500 affected employees found
  - Headcount reduction achieved through fair and responsible solutions
- ~€150 m savings annually will be achieved by the end of 2016

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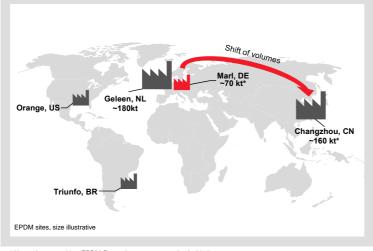
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<sup>\*</sup> MAQ: an internal metric assessing lost-time injuries for every million hours worked

# Phase II on track, with first results achieved Operations Competitiveness Operations Competitiveness Operations Competitiveness Operations Competitiveness Operations Competitiveness Operations Competitiveness And alliances Nanufacturing excellence initiative begun: Analysis of 2 pilot sites completed by end of March 2015; 10-15 more sites to be assessed in the course of 2015 Nd-PBR: Product flow optimization / asset reconfiguration by end of 2016 EPDM: Stop of production in Marl, Germany, intended by the end of 2015



# EPDM production network to be consolidated to improve supply-demand balance in an oversupplied market



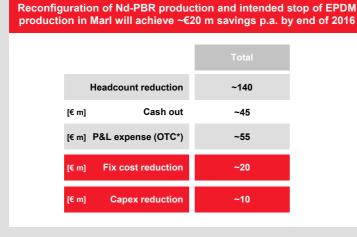
# LANXESS intends to stop Marl production by end of 2015

- Marl capacity of ~70 kt represents ~30% of LANXESS' European EPDM capacity
- Intended stop of production in Marl reduces global nameplate capacity addition of LANXESS in 2016 by ~45%
- Intention to shift production volumes to world scale plants in Changzhou (CN) and Geleen (NL), therefore limited loss of sales and contribution margin
- LANXESS retains competitive global asset base

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\* Nameplate capacities; EPDM Changzhou ramp up starting in 2015

Reconfiguration of Nd-PBR production and intended stop of EPDM production in Marl





\* One-time-costs including severance payments and write offs; thereof OTC cash out of  $\sim$ 645 m

# Phase III under way **Portfolio** competitiveness and alliances • First talks with potential partners for horizontal and vertical alliances initiated in 2014 Some talks have been aborted due to lack of win-win options for both parties Conversations with potential partners will take time Update on Phase III to be provided in the course of H2 2015 **LANXESS**

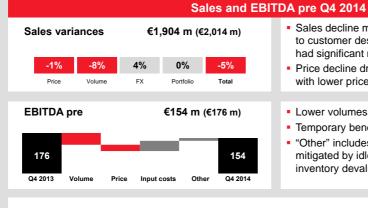
## FY 2014 financial overview: EBITDA and EPS improvement in a challenging environment

[€ m]	FY 2013	FY 2014	yoy in %
Sales	8,300	8,006	-3.5%
EBITDA pre except.	735	808	9.9%
margin	8.9%	10.1%	
EPS	-1.91	0.53	>100%
EPS pre <sup>1</sup>	1.37	1.98	44.5%
Capex	624	614	-1.6%
Free Cash Flow <sup>2</sup>	17	183	>100%
[€ m]	31.12.2013	31.12.2014	Δ%
Net financial debt	1,731	1,336	-22.8%
Net working capital	1,679	1,600	-4.7%
ROCE	5.8%	7.9%	
Employees	17,343	16,584	-4.4%

- Sales decline due to lower prices. Volume, currency and portfolio effects balanced on full year basis
- EBITDA and margin increase with better utilization and some savings contribution; selling price decline mainly on account of raw materials
- EPS 2014 burdened by realignment, EPS 2013 burdened by impairment
- Visible reduction of net financial debt despite high capex

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Net of exceptional items, using the local tax rate applicable where the expenses were incurred  $^{\rm 2}$  Operating cash flow minus capex

# Q4 2014: Lower volumes dominate – support from currency



- Sales decline mainly driven by lower volumes due to customer destocking; positive currency effects had significant mitigating impact
- Price decline driven by Performance Polymers, with lower prices reflecting lower input costs
- Lower volumes weigh on EBITDA pre
- Temporary benefit from lower raw material costs
- "Other" includes savings and positive FX effects, mitigated by idle and ramp-up costs as well as inventory devaluations (~€15 m)
- All regions with weaker sales on an operational basis

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Q4 2014: Marked by raw material driven destocking – though, Intermediates and Chemicals finished the year successfully



- customer destocking and maintenance; Q4' 13 with high basis
- Lower selling prices mainly due to lower raw material prices
- EBITDA pre burdened due to lower volumes, inventory devaluation and ramp-up costs, but supported by FX

[€ m	1	Q4'13	Q4'14
1	Sales EBITDA pre Margin	1,082 99 9%	984 60 6%



- Both BUs with lower volumes:
  - BU All due to lower aromatic network output (maintenance)
  - BU SGO due to reduced pharma activity
- Strong EBITDA pre and margin, with temporary support from lower raw material prices

[€ m]		Q4'13	Q4'14
1	Sales	418	397
	EBITDA pre	70	84
	Margin	17%	21%



- Lower volumes mainly in BUs RUC and RCH (due to pronounced customer destocking)
- Prices remained stable: price increases in BU RUC offset declines in BU LEA (chrome ore)
- Good EBITDA pre contribution with support from currency effects

[€ m	J	Q4 13	Q4 14
1	Sales EBITDA pre Margin	505 41 8%	513 44 9%

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# Broadly balanced positive and negative factors to consider for 2015 in all segments

## Performance Polymers

- Tire related business with some customer destocking in Q1
- No relief from price pressure expected due to new rubber capacities
- Engineering plastics business expected with good development in 2015
- Ramp-up of EPDM and Nd-PBR plant according to plan

slightly decreasing

## Advanced Intermediates

- BU All benefitting from strong intermediates platform with diversified end markets, in general enjoying good business momentum
- BU SGO with agro demand expected to grow at a slower pace, whilst business in pharma and fine chemicals (project-driven)
- Performance Chemicals
- For BU IPG, we expect another year of good demand development; driven by construction related business
- Improved outlook for leather chemicals business, however, persistent price pressure expected in chrome related products
- Stable development anticipated for additives overall, but some challenges for rubber additives in China







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# Chemicals

# Stable business development expected for 2015

## Customer industries and macroeconomic expectations for 2015

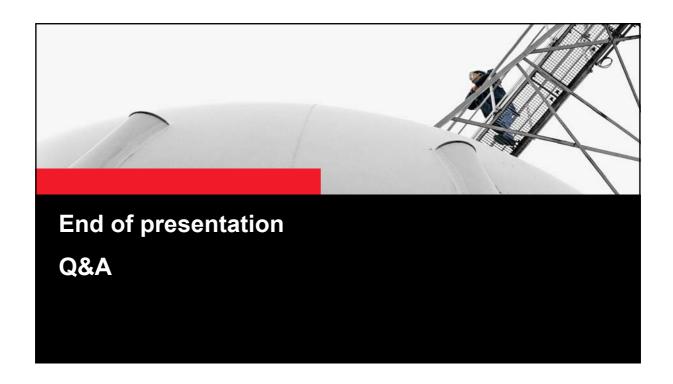
- Tire production expected to grow moderately, with expanding production in emerging markets, but decreasing production in EMEA
- Automobile sector to grow slightly more than in 2014, fueled by Asian demand
- Agrochemical demand expected to remain robust; but somewhat below mid-term trend forecasts
- Construction industry overall expected to experience slower growth in 2015 than in 2014; European recovery slower than anticipated – with growth in North America
- In light of diverging economic developments, US Dollar expected to continue to be strong

## **LANXESS expectations FY 2015**

- FY 2015 EBITDA pre expected around the comparable level of 2014\*
- Q1 2015 EBITDA pre expected above previous year between €210 230 m



\* Based on an exchange rate USD/EUR of 1.15



# Housekeeping items for consideration

## Additional financial expectations

■ Exceptional items 2015: ~€95 m from "Let's LANXESS again"

(Phase I and first results from Phase II)

Reconciliation 2015: underlying expenses at ~-€160 m EBITDA,

however additional hedging expenses of

~€100 m in 2015\*

Ramp-up cost EPDM China: ~€10 m Q1 2015
 Ramp-up cost Nd-PBR Singapore: ~€15 m in Q1 2015

■ Annual tax rate: ->30% in 2015

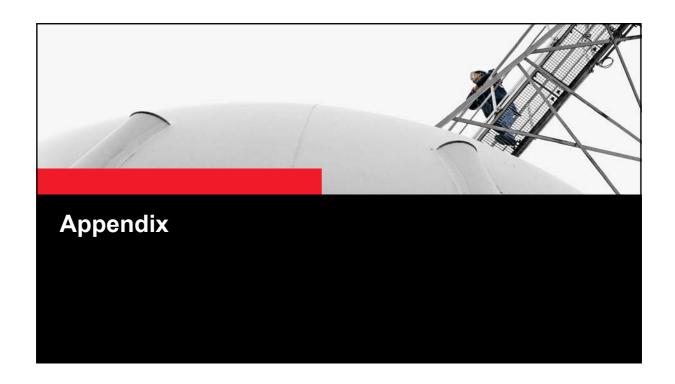
mid-term, after realignment: ~22-25%
 Hedging 2015: ~50% at 1.25 -1.40 USD/EUR
 Hedging 2016: ~30% at 1.15 -1.35 USD/EUR

Reminder: New business unit structure as of January 1, 2015



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# Agenda

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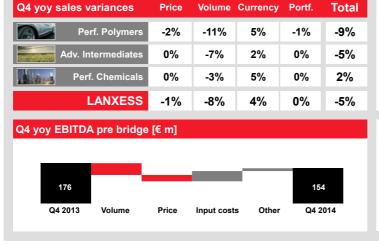
## Q4 2014 financial overview: Destocking and one-time effects weigh on quarterly performance

[€ m]	Q4 2013	Q4 2014	yoy in %
Sales	2,014	1,904	-5.5%
EBITDA pre except.	176	154	-12.5%
margin	8.7%	8.1%	
EPS	-2.45	-0.74	69.8%
EPS pre <sup>1</sup>	0.27	0.09	-66.7%
Capex	226	240	6.2%
Free Cash Flow <sup>2</sup>	104	169	62.5%
[€ m]	31.12.2013	31.12.2014	Δ%
Net financial debt	1,731	1,336	-22.8%
Net working capital	1,679	1,600	-4.7%
ROCE	5.8%	7.9%	
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- Sales decline on lower volumes across the group against high basis; positive FX effects partly mitigated by slightly lower prices
- EBITDA and margin lower mainly in light of lower volumes
- EPS burdened in 2013 by impairments; in 2014 by realignment program
- Capex in line with guidance
- Active working capital management in Q4

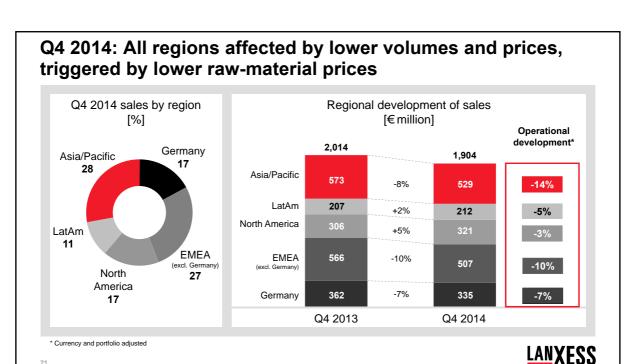
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## Q4 2014: Lower volumes in all segments, mainly due to customer destocking



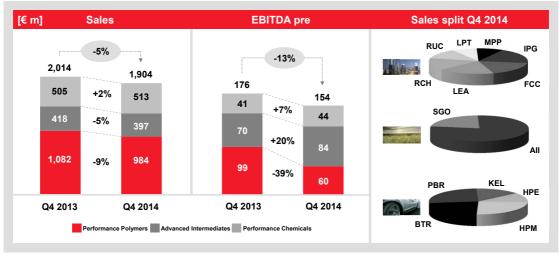
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Net of exceptionals, using the local tax rate applicable where the expenses were incurred <sup>2</sup> Operating cash flow minus capex



#### Q4 2014: A quarter marked by customer destocking and restructuring [€ m] Q4 2013 Q4 2014 yoy in % 2,014 (100%) 1,904 (100%) -5% Sales Sales down due to lower volumes (-8%) and prices (-1%) Cost of sales -1,654 (82%) -1,574 (83%)5% mitigated by positive FX effects -1% Selling -180 (9%)-182 (10%)G&A -71 (4%)-71 (4%)0% Lower R&D costs mainly due to R&D -52 (3%)31% -36 (2%)more focused R&D activities **EBIT** -262 (-13%) -62 (-3%)76% Q4 2014 with exceptional items -204 (-10%) -68 (-4%)67% from realignment program, Q4 **Net Income** 2013 burdened by impairment **EPS** -2.45 -0.74 70% (€257 m) EPS pre1 0.27 0.09 -67% EBITDA and margin reflect **EBITDA** 123 (6%)62 (3%)-50% lower volumes, respective idle thereof exceptionals -53 (3%)-92 (5%)-74% costs and inventory devaluation (~€15 m) -13% **EBITDA** pre exceptionals 176 (8.7%) 154 (8.1%) Lower volumes weigh on EBITDA and margin <sup>1</sup> Net of exceptional items, using the local tax rate applicable where the expenses were incurred **LANXESS**

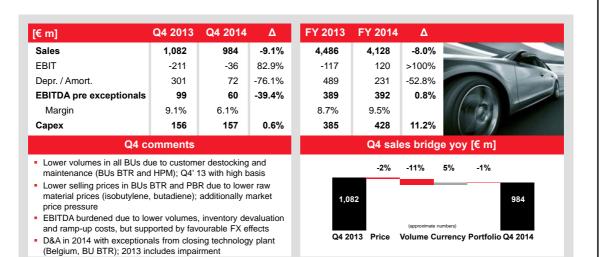
# Q4 2014: Advanced Intermediates and Performance Chemicals show positive EBITDA development



Total group sales and EBITDA pre figures include reconciliation

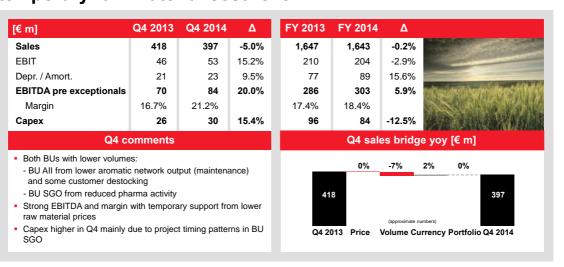
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# Performance Polymers: A challenging quarter

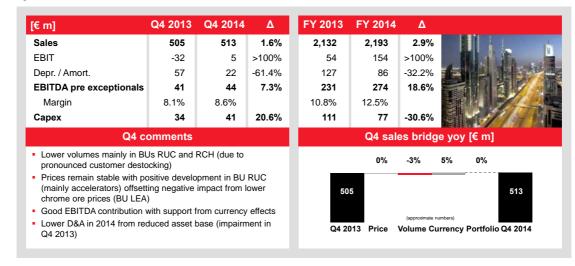


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# Advanced Intermediates: Good earnings supported by temporary raw material cost relief



Performance Chemicals: As expected, a solid and stable quarter



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# Q4 2014: Positive free cash flow despite high capex

[€ m]	Q4 2013	Q4 2014
Profit before tax	-301	-107
Depreciation & amortization	385	124
Gain from sale of assets	-1	-1
Result from investments (using equity method)	0	4
Financial (gains) losses	29	22
Cash tax payments/refunds	-3	-14
Changes in other assets and liabilities	55	-27
Operating cash flow before changes in WC	164	1
Changes in working capital	166	408
Operating cash flow	330	409
Investing cash flow	-178	-91
thereof capex	-226	-240
Financing cash flow	-99	-175

- Profit before tax burdened by impairment in 2013 and realignment in 2014
- D&A reflects impairment at year-end 2013
- Changes in other assets and liabilities reflect amongst others utilization of provisions
- Investing cash includes cash inflow from reduction of near cash assets
- Financing cash flow reflects early repayment of bank loans

Working capital reduction leads to positive free cash flow

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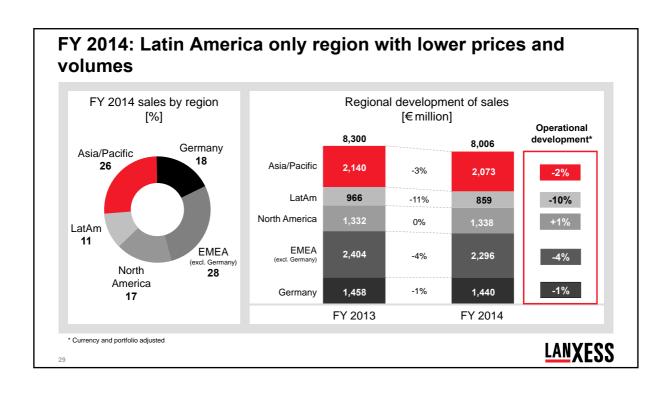
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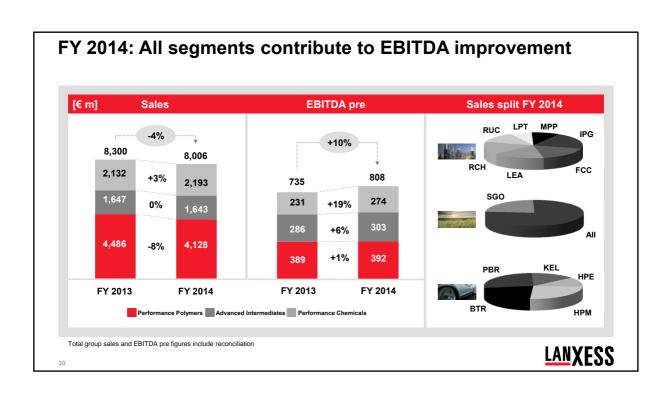
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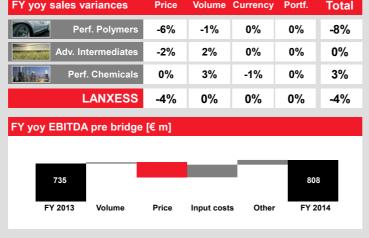
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#### FY 2014 with improved earnings: stable volumes and absence of one-time burdens FY yoy sales variances **Price Volume Currency** Portf. Total



- Sales decline due to lower
- Advanced Intermediates and Performance Chemicals with higher volumes
- Lower prices exceed relief in input costs
- "Other" includes positive impact from lower idle costs (better utilization), first savings achievements and absence of one time burdens

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## FY 2014: Increase in EBITDA due to better utilization and first savings from realignment program

[€ m]	FY 2	2013		FY 2	2014	yoy in %
Sales	8,300	(100%)		8,006	(100%)	-4%
Cost of sales	-6,752	(81%)		-6,418	(80%)	5%
Selling	-755	(9%)		-742	(9%)	2%
G&A	-301	(4%)		-278	(3%)	8%
R&D	-186	(2%)		-160	(2%)	14%
EBIT	-93	(-1%)		218	(3%)	>100%
Net Income	-159	(-2%)		47	(1%)	>100%
EPS	-1.91			0.53		>100%
EPS pre <sup>1</sup>	1.37			1.98		44%
EBITDA	624	(8%)		644	(8%)	3%
thereof exceptionals	-111	(1%)		-164	(2%)	48%
EBITDA pre exceptionals	735	(8.9%)		808	(10.1%)	10%
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- Sales decrease due to lower prices (-4%), while volumes, currency and portfolio unchanged (0%)
- Cost of sales decline disproportionally to sales due to a better utilization and lower one-time burdens
- Overhead cost line items show results of cost discipline and first savings achievements
- Net income and EPS burdened in 2013 by impairment at year

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¹ Net of exceptional items, using the local tax rate applicable where the expenses were incurred EBITDA pre relevant one-time burdens: -€45 m in 2014 (strike in Belgium, ramp-up EPDM in China and inventory devaluation) 32 vs -€50 m in 2013 (ramp-up Singapore, technology change EPDM and inventory devaluation)

# FY 2014: Positive free cash flow with support from working capital reduction

[€ m]	FY 2013	FY 2014
Profit before tax	-239	80
Depreciation & amortization	717	426
Gain from sale of assets	-2	-1
Result from investments (using equity method)	0	-2
Financial (gains) losses	111	75
Cash tax payments/refunds	-41	-31
Changes in other assets and liabilities	-15	103
Operating cash flow before changes in WC	531	650
Changes in working capital	110	147
Operating cash flow	641	797
Investing cash flow	-342	-587
thereof capex	-624	-614
Financing cash flow	-260	-222

- Profit before tax increased due to better business performance
- D&A decrease reflects impact of year-end 2013 impairment
- Changes in other assets and liabilities reflect pay-out for var. compensation in 2013; 2014 with liabilities for personnel
- Capex will be reduced from €614 m to ~€450 m in 2015
- Financing cash flow comprises €500 m bond repayment and funds from capital increase

Good cash flow in a challenging year

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# FY 2014: Clear success in de-leveraging balance sheet

[€ m]	Dec 2013	Dec 2014
Total assets	6,811	7,250
Equity	1,900	2,161
Equity ratio	28%	30%
Net financial debt	1,731	1,336
Near cash, cash & cash equivalents	533	518
Pension provisions	943	1,290
ROCE <sup>1</sup>	5.8%	7.9%
Net working capital	1,679	1,600
Net working capital/sales1	20%	20%
DIO (in days) <sup>2</sup>	71	79
DSO (in days) <sup>3</sup>	48	48

- Equity increased and equity ratio improved after capital increase in May 2014
- Net financial debt further reduced with active working capital management supported by lower raw material prices but burdened by currency
- Pension provisions increase with reduction of interest rates (mainly Germany)

Based on last twelve months for EBIT pre or sales
 Days of inventory outstanding calculated from quarterly COGS
 3 Days of sales outstanding calculated from quarterly sales

## **Balance sheet**

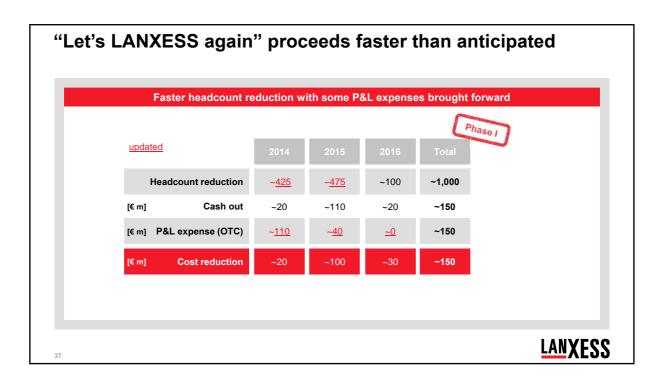
[€ m]	Dec'13	Jun'14	Dec'14		Dec'13	Jun'14	Dec'14
Non-current assets	3,592	3,717	4,101	Stockholders' equity	1,900	2,324	2,161
Intangible assets	323	319	320	Non-current liabilities	3,029	3,281	3,447
Property, plant & equipment	2,903	3,000	3,333	Pension & post empl. provis.	943	1,083	1,290
Equity investments	12	17	0	Other provisions	258	269	275
Other investments	13	13	13	Other financial liabilities	1,649	1,774	1,698
Other financial assets	11	13	11	Tax liabilities	49	39	25
Deferred taxes	254	283	380	Other liabilities	101	86	138
Other non-current assets	76	72	44	Deferred taxes	29	30	21
Current assets	3,219	3,479	3,149	Current liabilities	1,882	1,591	1,642
Inventories	1,299	1,477	1,384	Other provisions	355	387	350
Trade accounts receivable	1,070	1,152	1,015	Other financial liabilities	668	316	182
Other financial & current assets	317	280	232	Trade accounts payable	690	694	799
Near cash assets	106	269	100	Tax liabilities	21	60	44
Cash and cash equivalents	427	301	418	Other liabilities	148	134	267
Total assets	6,811	7,196	7,250	Total equity & liabilities	6,811	7,196	7,250

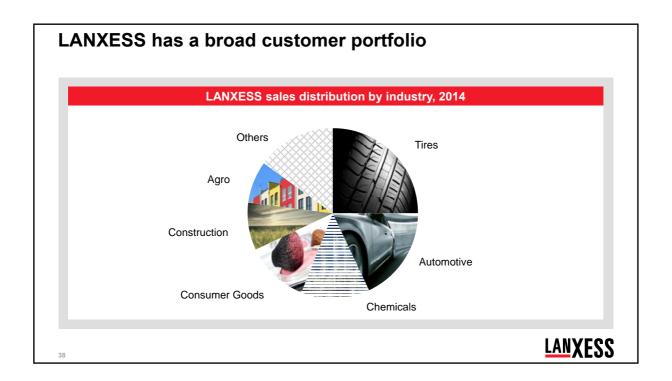
- Inventories and receivables comparable previous year's level
   Risen stockholders' equity reflects 10% capital increase in May 2014
   Other financial liabilities decreased, primarily after repayment of €500 m bond (7.75% coupon) in April 2014

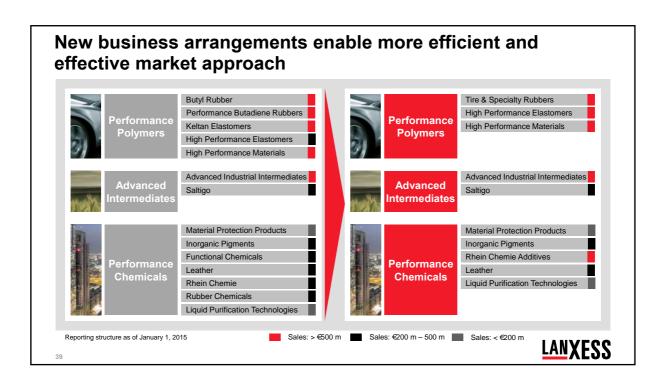
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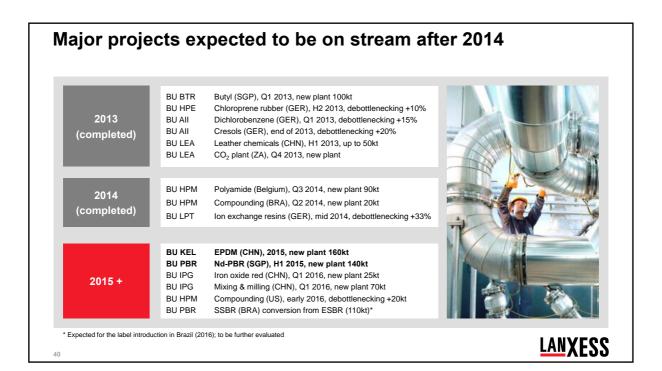
# Mechanism of currency and hedging effects

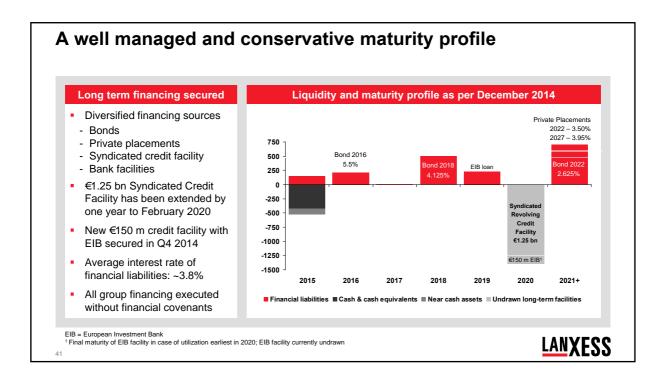
Impact of a strong USD in 2015 vs 2014							
P&L line item	Effect yoy	Remarks	Booked in:				
Sales	Strong USD favorable	Rule of thumb:	Business segments				
COGS	Strong USD unfavorable	→ ~€9 m EBITDA impact / * 1 cent change in USD/EUR)	Business segments				
Other operating ncome / expenses	Hedging for realized planned exposure at historical, unfavorable rates (3-year rolling hedging approach)		Reconciliation				
Financial result	Hedging for realized booked exposure	no material net impact					

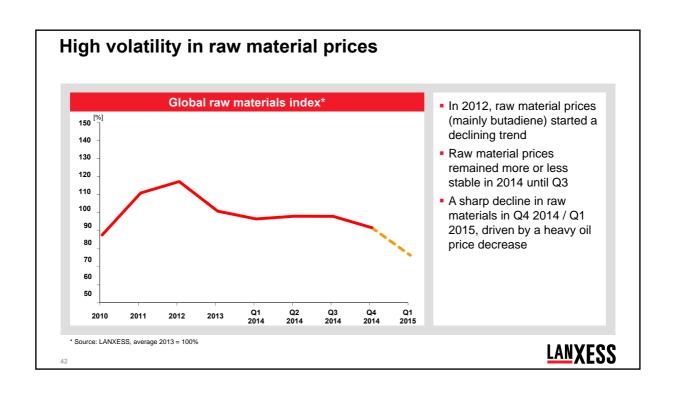






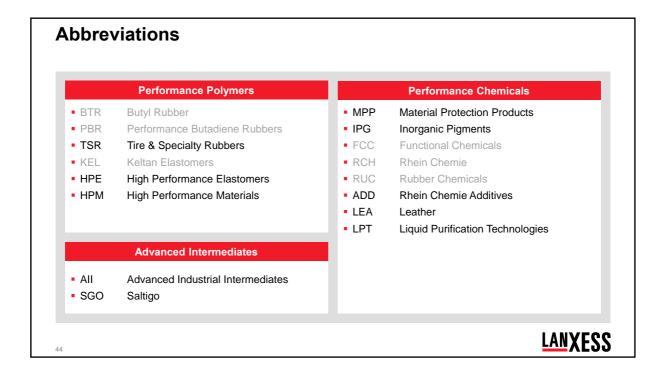






# Overview exceptional items Q4 and YTD

[€ m]	Q4 2013		Q4 2	Q4 2014 FY		013	FY:	2014
	Excep.	thereof D&A	Excep.	thereof D&A	Excep.	thereof D&A	Excep.	thereof D&A
Performance Polymers	244	235	43	19	252	235	61	20
Advanced Intermediates	3	0	8	0	-1	0	10	0
Performance Chemicals	45	29	17	0	85	35	34	0
Reconciliation	25	0	43	0	45	0	79	0
Total	317	264	111	19	381	270	184	20



## **Upcoming events 2015**

#### Active capital market communication

- Nomura Global Chemical Industry Leaders Conference Credit Suisse Stockholm Mining, Steel & Chemicals IR Day
- Q1 results 2015
- Annual Stockholders' Meeting 2015
- Deutsche Bank Annual Asia Conference 2015
- Berenberg European Conference USA
- Commerzbank European Corporate Day 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
- Q3 results 2015
- Morgan Stanley Global Chemicals Conference
- Bank of America Merrill Lynch German Corporate Days 2015
- Morgan Stanley Asia Pacific Summit

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