

# LANXESS Q1 2016 Financial Summary for Investors and Analysts

#### Summary Q1 2016

- A good start to the year
- LANXESS acquires Chemours Clean and Disinfect specialties business
- ARLANXEO strategic alliance established for synthetic rubber business on April 1, 2016
- Persistently challenging competitive situation for synthetic rubber
- Sales decline by 5.8% against the prior-year quarter, primarily due to the adjustment of selling prices reflecting lower raw material costs
- Volumes up yoy across all segments
- Some customers pre-buying due to rising raw material prices
- High capacity utilization, sound cost structure and exchange rate movements have positive effect on sales and earnings
- EBITDA pre increased by 14.4% to €262 m (Q1 2015: €229 m)
- EBITDA margin pre at 13.6% after 11.2% in the prior-year quarter
- Net income of €53 m against €22 m in the prior-year quarter
- Guidance for 2016 raised: EBITDA pre between €900 m and €950 m

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#### **Overview Financials**

#### Q1 2016 Financial overview:

- A strong quarter resulting from volume growth and cost relief
- Sales decreased due to lower selling prices (-8%) partly offset by higher volumes (+2%)
- EBITDA pre increased by ~14% due to higher volumes and the absence of one-time costs (Q1 2015 was burdened by ~€25 m ramp-up costs for new rubber plants in Asia)
- Net financial debt stable (€1,216 m vs. €1,211 m at year end 2015)
- Number of employees increased due to status change of external contractors to internal employees

#### Q1 2016 Balance sheet:

- Balance sheet solid
- Equity ratio (32%) remains strong
- Net financial debt stable despite increase in working capital; ~€1.2 bn of cash received on April 1, 2016
- Pension provisions increased due to interest rate adjustments in Germany (from 3.0% to 2.5%)
- Net working capital increased, following normal yearly pattern; lower payables burden additionally

#### Q1 2016 Cash flow statement:

- Increase in working capital weighs on cash flow
- Swing in changes in other assets and liabilities mainly driven by FX effects from intercompany financing and recognition of bonus schemes
- Changes in working capital driven by higher receivables (higher sales in March 2016 vs. December 2015) and lower payables
- Investing cash flow includes cash-in from disposal of near cash assets
- Financing cash flow reflects early repayment of financial liabilities (early repayment of outstanding EIB tranche in January 2016)



#### **Q1 2016 Business Overview**

#### **Advanced Intermediates**

- Strong volume contributions and proven resilience
- Sales deviation yoy: Price -8%, Volume +5%, Currency 0%, Portfolio 0% (approximate numbers)
- Volume growth in both business units driven by good demand across various end markets
- Higher volumes lead to higher capacity utilization rates
- Lower selling prices due to lower raw material prices, tailwinds from lower raw material costs in Q1 2015 did not continue
- EBITDA pre of €89 m (Q1 2015: €92 m) with strong margins (19%)
- D&A increases due to write-backs at the end of 2015, resulting in higher asset base

#### **Performance Chemicals**

- A diversified business benefits from improved utilization
- Sales deviation yoy: Price -2%, Volume +1%, Currency 0%, Portfolio 0% (approximate numbers)
- Selling prices almost unchanged amid volatile raw material prices
- Volume increase driven by BUs MPP, LPT and IPG
- Improved profitability in BU LEA due to better utilization
- Support from currency effects, especially in emerging markets
- Higher volumes leading to higher utilization
- Slightly lower volumes in BU ADD due to a distributor change
- EBITDA pre (€98 m vs. €87 m in Q1 2015) advanced through improved utilization; EBITDA pre margin of 18.4%

#### **High Performance Materials**

- Major performance improvement resulting from continuing shift to highvalue-added business
- Sales deviation yoy: Price -8%, Volume +1%, Currency 0%, Portfolio 0% (approximate numbers)
- Lower selling prices driven by lower raw material costs
- Good volume development: Product stream shifted towards polyamides and compounds with resulting reduced caprolactam exposure
- Balanced capacity model starts to pay off
- EBITDA pre (€38 m vs. €25 m in Q1 2015) improvement driven by downstream development into compounding business with strong backward integration

#### **ARLANXEO**

- A well-managed quarter in a persistently challenging market environment
- Sales deviation yoy: Price -14%, Volume +1%, Currency +1%, Portfolio 0% (approximate numbers)
- Good volume development in butyl and Nd-PBR, while volumes in other rubbers declined
- Lower selling prices driven by lower raw material prices and margin pressures
- Support from emerging market currencies and US dollar
- Supplier force majeure unresolved; expected to weigh down ARLANXEO in Q2 and Q3
- EBITDA pre rose to €113 m (Q1 2015: €97 m) due to absence of one-time costs (~€25 m for Asia plants)

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#### Outlook 2016:

- FY 2016 EBITDA pre expected between €900 950 m due to a good first quarter
- Macroeconomic outlook largely unchanged

#### **Segment Outlook**

#### Advanced Intermediates:

- Segment to perform above prior year
- Highly diversified mix of customer industries
- Agro customer industry to remain soft

#### Performance Chemicals:

- Segment to perform above prior year
- Two flagship businesses (IPG and ADD) to benefit from new capacities and newly established business platforms

#### High Performance Materials:

- Engineering plastics with strong projected development
- Growth to be driven by various end applications
- Europe and North America expected to be robust

#### ARLANXEO:

- Macroeconomic weakness in emerging markets
- Margin pressures expected to increase in the second half of the year, largely resulting from new rubber capacity in the market

## Housekeeping items for consideration Additional financial expectations

Capex 2016: ~€450 m

Operational D&A 2016: ~€450-460 m

Reconciliation 2016: underlying expenses of ~-€150 m EBITDA,

additionally hedging expenses of ~-€90 m in

FY 2016 (at USD/EUR of 1.10)

Annual tax rate: - 2016: around 2015 level

- mid-term: 30-35% (for New LANXESS)

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#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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#### Financial Overview Q1 2016

in € million	LANXESS			Perf. Polym	ers		Advanced I	ntermed.		Performan	ce Chem.		Others/ Co	ns.	
	Q1/2015	Q1/2016	Chg. in %	Q1/2015	Q1/2016	Chg. in %	Q1/2015	Q1/2016	Chg. in %	Q1/2015	Q1/2016	Chg. in %	Q1/2015	Q1/2016	Chg. in %
Sales	2.038	1.920	-6%	1.015	913	-10%	478	463	-3%	533	533	0%	12	11	-8%
Price*			-8,2%			-11,8%			-8,1%			-1,5%			0,0%
Volume*	_		1,9%			0,9%			4,8%			1,3%			-8,3%
Currency*	_		0,5%			0,9%			0,2%			0,2%			0,0%
Portfolio*	_		0,0%			0,0%			0,0%			0,0%			0,0%
EBIT	63	131	>100%	18	84	>100%	70	64	-9%	64	76	19%	-89	-93	-4%
Deprec. & amortizat.	115	120	4%	67	67	0%	23	25	9%	21	22	5%	4	6	50%
EBITDA	178	251	41%	85	151	78%	93	89	-4%	85	98	15%	-85	-87	-2%
exceptionals in EBITDA	51	11	-78%	37	0	-100%	-1	0	n.m.	2	0	-100%	13	11	-15%
EBITDA pre excep.	229	262	14%	122	151	24%	92	89	-3%	87	98	13%	-72	-76	-6%
normalized D&A	106	120	13%	58	67	16%	23	25	9%	21	22	5%	4	6	50%
EBIT pre excep.	123	142	15%	64	84	31%	69	64	-7%	66	76	15%	-76	-82	-8%
exceptionals in EBIT	60	11	-82%	46	0	-100%	-1	0	n.m.	2	0	-100%	13	11	-15%
Capex	56	49	-13%	24	21	-13%	10	9	-10%	17	16	-6%	5	3	-40%
Net financial debt**	— 1.211	1.216	0%											· ——	

<sup>\*</sup> approximate numbers

<sup>\*\*</sup>previous year value as per Dec. 31



#### **Income Statement Q1 2016**

in € million	Q1/2015	Q1/2016	Chg. in %
Sales	2.038	1.920	-6%
Cost of sales	-1.595	-1.459	9%
Gross profit	443	461	4%
Selling expenses	-183	-194	-6%
Research and development expenses	-32	-30	6%
General administration expenses	-64	-72	-13%
Other operating income	23	44	91%
Other operating expenses	-124	-78	37%
Operating result (EBIT)	63	131	>100%
Income from investments accounted for using the equity method Interest income Interest expense Other financial income and expense Financial result	0 1 -16 -14 -29	0 1 -18 -20 -37	n.m. 0% -13% -43% -28%
Income before income taxes	34	94	>100%
Income taxes		-41	<-100%
Income after income taxes	21	53	>100%
of which attributable to non-controlling interests	-1	0	n.m.
Net income (attributable to LANXESS AG stockholders)	22	53	>100%
EPS (in €)	0,24	0,58	>100%
EPS pre exceptionals (in €)	0,66	0,67	2%
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#### Abbreviations:

**ADD Rhein Chemie Additives** 

All Advanced Industrial Intermediates

**HPE** High Performance Elastomers

**HPM** High-Performance Materials

**IPG** Inorganic Pigments

**LEA** Leather

LPT Liquid Purification Technologies

MPP Material Protection Products

SGO Saltigo

TSR Tire & Specialty Rubbers

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