

# Investor and analyst factsheet

	2014	2013	2013/	4Q′14	4Q′13	4Q'14/
	in €m	In €m	<i>2014</i>	In €m	In €m	4Q′13
Sales	5,952	6,098	(2.4)%	1,431	1,411	+1.4%
Prices	(2.4)%			(0.8)%		
Volumes	+1.0%			(2.2)%		
FX	(0.3)%			3.8%		
Portfolio	(0.7)%			0.7%		
EBITDA	784	902	(13.1)%	162	<b>162</b>	-
High Performance Materials	284	316	(10.1)%	<i>59</i>	68	(13.2)%
Industrial Specialties	300	340	(11.8)%	72	48	+50.0%
Coating Solutions	245	292	(16.1)%	39	52	(25.0)%
Corporate	(45)	(46)		(8)	(6)	
EBITDA margin	13.2%	<b>14.8%</b>		11.3%	11.5%	
Depreciation and amortization	(337)	(314)	+7.3%	(92)	(81)	+13.6%
Recurring EBIT	447	588	(24.0)%	70	81	-13.6%
NR items	(83)	(205)		(8)	(28)	
Equity in income of affiliates	1	5	(80.0)%	1	0	-
Financial results	(74)	(55)	+34.5%	(30)	(15)	+100%
Income taxes	(120)	(161)	(25.5)%	(8)	(15)	(46.7)%
Net income – Group share	167	168	(0.6)%	23	21	+9.5%
Adjusted net income	239	368	(35.1)%	20	46	-56.5%
Adjusted EPS (€)	3.62	5.67	(36.2)%	0.28	0.71	(60.6)%
Capital Expenditures	470	481	(2.3)%	160	<b>210</b>	-23.8%
Working capital (12/31)	958	908	+5.5%			
WC as % of sales <sup>1</sup> (12/31)	<b>16.1%</b>	<b>14.9%</b>				
Net debt (12/31)	154	923				
Gearing <sup>2</sup> (12/31)	4%	<b>39%</b>				

# FULL YEAR 2014 GROUP PERFORMANCE

- Sales 1.4% down at constant scope of business and exchange rate
  - +2.3% organic volume growth<sup>3</sup>
    - Supported by Industrial Specialties and High Performance Materials
    - Benefits from strong position in North America (35% of Group sales)
  - o -2.4% prices
    - Mostly unfavourable market conditions in Fluorogases and high basis of comparison of 2013 in polyamide 12
    - Limited impact of lower oil-based raw material prices at year-end
  - -0.7% scope of business
    - Change in the consolidation method used for certain companies
    - Divestment of coating resins companies in South Africa
    - Acquisition of a stake in Sunke in acrylics in China

# • €784m EBITDA

- o 13.2% EBITDA margin, solid in a volatile and challenging environment
- Reflecting challenging market conditions in fluorogases and acrylic monomers and high basis of comparison of 2013 in polyamide 12
- Overall good performance of other product lines, up +8.5% on 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> At Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>: working capital divided by annual sales

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Calculated as net financial debt divided by shareholders' equity

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Excluding the impact of the shutdown of Chauny (Fr) site effective 1Q'14



#### FULL YEAR 2014 PERFORMANCE BY SEGMENT

	<b>2014</b> in €m	<b>2013</b> in €m	2014/ 2013	Prices	Volumes	FX	Portfolio
Sales	5,952	6,098	(2.4)%	(2.4)%	+1.0%	(0.3)%	(0.7)%
High Performance Materials	1,826	1,842	(0.9)%	(2.4)%	+2.0%	(0.5)%	-
Industrial Specialties	1,972	1,993	(1.1)%	(3.8)%	+3.6%	(0.1)%	(0.6)%
Coating Solutions	2,131	2,224	(4.2)%	(1.2)%	(1.4)%	(0.3)%	(1.2)%
EBITDA	784	902	(13.1)%				
High Performance Materials	284	316	(10.1)%				
Industrial Specialties	300	340	(11.8)%				
Coating Solutions	245	292	(16.1)%				
EBITDA margin	13.2%	14.8%					
High Performance Materials	15.6%	17.2%					
Industrial Specialties	15.2%	17.1%					
Coating Solutions	11.5%	13.1%					
Recurring EBIT	447	588	(24.0)%				
High Performance Materials	175	212	(17.5)%				
Industrial Specialties	172	225	(23.6)%				
Coating Solutions	147	<i>199</i>	(26.1)%				

#### **HIGH PERFORMANCE MATERIALS**

- Results affected by performance of polyamides which reflects the high basis of comparison of 2013 and specific unfavourable factors in polyamide 12
- Technical Polymers:
  - $\circ~$  Stable market conditions in polyamide 12 since 2Q'14 but high basis of comparison of 2013 and specific impact of the Mont plant 10-year turnaround in 2Q'14
  - Good performance of polyamide 11
  - o Strong new business momentum in PVDF
- Filtration and Adsorption: solid performance year on year supported by good momentum in molecular sieves
- Organic Peroxides: sustained volume growth supported by strong position in the US and in Asia

#### **INDUSTRIAL SPECIALTIES**

- Performance down on challenging market conditions in fluorogases
- Thiochemicals:
  - Good performance supported by growth in oil & gas and animal nutrition
    - Malaysian platform on stream since beginning 2015
- Fluorogases:
  - o Disappointing year
  - Lower prices and unfavourable product mix
  - Market conditions stabilized since mid-2014
- PMMA:
  - Favourable market conditions
    - Good demand in automotive, especially in North America
    - Tight supply/demand
  - Conditions expected to normalize in 2015
- Hydrogen Peroxide: contrasted performance by region

#### **COATING SOLUTIONS**

- Following a strong start to the year, performance impacted by lower unit margins in acrylic monomers in 2H'14 following the start-up of new production capacities in China
- Acrylics:
  - Unit margins from close to mid-cycle beginning of 2014 down to low-cycle at year end
    - Expected to remain at cyclical low throughout 2015



- o Destocking at year end by customers in superabsorbents
- o Benefits from shutdown of Chauny, France
- Coating Resins:
  - Soft demand in decorative paints in Europe
  - o Benefits from product mix and cost optimization
  - Divestment of Coating Resins in South Africa
  - Coatex: good performance overall
- Sartomer: challenge from Asian imports based on cheaper feedstock

#### **CASH FLOW AND NET DEBT AT END OF DECEMBER 2014**

#### **CASH FLOW**

(in €m)	2014	Comments
EBITDA	784	
Working capital variation*	(29)	
Taxes	(120)	
Cost of debt	(56)	
Recurring capex	(346)	5.8% of sales
Others	(28)	
Recurring cash flow	205	
Non recurring items in operating and investing cash flow	(60)	Restructuring expenses + cash-out of provisions relating to the divestment of vinyl activities
Non recurring capex	(124)	Mainly thiochemicals in Malaysia: Arkema's largest industrial project
Free cash flow	21	
Impact of portfolio management	(184)	Mainly acquisition of a stake in Sunke in acrylics in China
Net cash flow	(163)	

\* Variation in working capital and fixed asset payables excluding non-recurring items

# **BALANCE SHEET**

	31 Dec 2014	31 Dec 2013
Net debt	154	923
Shareholders' equity	3,573	2,349
Net provisions for pensions and other employee benefits*	455	356
Other net provisions*	296	342
Non current assets	3,607	3,162
Working capital	958	908
Capital employed	4,565**	4,070

(\*) Provisions net of non-current assets

(\*\*) Including Sunke's assets and Thiochemicals plant in Malaysia

- Net debt level temporarily lowered by €700 million hybrid bond and €350 million share capital increase aimed at financing Bostik acquisition (closed on 2 February 2015)
- 0.2x net debt/EBITDA
- 4% gearing
- Net provisions include:
  - €348 million pensions (€264 million end 2013) on lower discount rates
  - €55 million restructuring (€50 million end 2013)
  - o €125 million environment (€122 million end 2013)



# DIVIDEND

- Dividend maintained at €1.85 per share
  - Despite lower adjusted net income
  - Despite a higher number of shares outstanding following the share capital increase completed in December 2014
  - o In line with annoucement made in September 2014
- +3% up compared to 2013 after adjustement to take account of the share capital increase finalized in December 2014
- Confirms dividend as a key component of shareholder return
- Reflects confidence in long-term outlook
- 3.4% dividend yield (based on share price at year end)

#### **PRIORITIES FOR 2015**

- Integrate Bostik as a key component of Arkema Group and deliver expected profit growth
- Ramp up the Thiochemicals platform in Malaysia
- Optimize performance of Sunke in acrylics in China in current challenging market conditions
- Sustain growth from innovation
  - Step up in composite materials and PEKK production
  - Leverage Chinese R&D center in Changshu
- Implement operational excellence program
  - Safety positioned as a top priority
  - Continue to roll out the global SAP "Ambition" program to optimize the Group supply chain
  - Further globalization of goods and services purchasing
  - First steps to restore profitability of Fluorogases
- New projects under review

#### **OUTLOOK**

- 2015 macro-economic assumptions
  - Market conditions expected to remain volatile and contrasted with different dynamics depending on geographic regions and product lines
  - FX rates (mainly US\$/€) should make a positive contribution and offset low-cycle unit margins in acrylic monomers and more normalized market conditions in PMMA
- Main drivers of 2015
  - o 11 months consolidation of Bostik
  - New Thiochemicals platform in Malaysia
  - o Stake in Sunke in acrylics in China
  - o Implement actions to gradually improve fluorogases
  - In 1Q'15, still limited contribution from Thiochemicals in Malaysia and from Sunke
- With these drivers which will support the growth of the Group in 2015, Arkema confirms its mid- and long-term targets



# **PROJECTS ANNOUNCED SINCE 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2015**

- M&A
  - Closing of the acquisition of Bostik, the world's n°3 in adhesives which reported €1,533 million sales and €158 million EBITDA in 2014. Financing of this operation successfully completed in January 2015 with a €700 million bond issue with a 1.5% coupon complementing a hybrid bond issue and a share capital increase finalized in 2014
  - Extension until January 2016 of the period for Arkema to exercise its call option to increase its share in Sunke in acrylics in China and access a total of 320 kt/year acrylic acid
  - Acquisition of Oxido an Italian company specialized in the formulation of organic peroxides which achieves around €20 million of sales
- Organic growth
  - o Successful start-up of the Thiochemicals plant in Malaysia
- **Project<sup>4</sup> to close down coating resins production in Villers-Saint-Paul, France**

# **IMPACT OF CHANGES TO ACCOUNTING STANDARDS**

- IFRIC 21 "Levies" adopted by the European Union in June 2014.
- Came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 with retroactive effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014.
- Pursuant to this text, Arkema now accounts in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter for the whole of certain taxes previously evenly spread between the four quarters of the year.
- Impact of this interpretation neutral on the EBITDA and the net income Group share published for 2014.
- However, impact on the EBITDA of each 2014 quarter as follows: -€12 million in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and some +€4 million in each of the following three quarters.
- The detailed impact by quarter and by segment for 2014 is given in the annex to the FY2014 results press release.
- In 2015, the application of IFRIC 21 will have, by quarter, a similar effect to that recorded in 2014, but will be neutral on the year as a whole

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Project subject to the information-consultation of works councils in France



# 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2014 PERFORMANCE

	<b>4Q'14</b> In €m	<b>4Q′13</b> In €m	4Q'14/ 4Q'13	Prices	Volumes	FX	Portfolio
Sales	1,431	1,411	+1.4%	(0.8)%	(2.2)%	+3.8%	+0.7%
High Performance Materials	444	466	(4.7)%				
Industrial Specialties	491	453	+8.4%				
Coating Solutions	489	486	+0.6%				
EBITDA	162	162	-				
High Performance Materials	59	68	(13.2)%				
Industrial Specialties	72	48	+50.0%				
Coating Solutions	39	52	(25.0)%				
EBITDA margin	11.3%	11.5%					
High Performance Materials	13.3%	14.6%					
Industrial Specialties	14.7%	10.6%					
Coating Solutions	8.0%	10.7%					
Recurring EBIT	70	81	(13.6)%				
High Performance Materials	29	41	(29.3)%				
Industrial Specialties	38	19	+100.0%				
Coating Solutions	12	28	(57.1)%				

# **HIGH PERFORMANCE MATERIALS**

- Filtration and Adsorption: different seasonality than in 2013 in the oil & gas market
- Polyamide 12: high basis of comparison of 4Q'13 but stable market conditions since 2Q'14
- Organic Peroxides: good volumes

#### **INDUSTRIAL SPECIALTIES**

- Thiochemicals: particularly high performance
- PMMA: tight supply & demand balance and strong automotive demand, especially in the US
- Fluorogases: now stabilized at a low point

# **COATING SOLUTIONS**

- Acrylics monomers: weak performance with unit margins now at low cycle and destocking in superabsorbents
- Acrylic downstream: overall stable performance with benefits from new applications