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**Guidance FY24 increased.** The strong demand and the current geopolitical uncertainties have pushed the WTI oil price up by more than 20% YTD to currently over USD 86. In addition, the productivity of Deutsche Rohstoff's wells in Wyoming is developing very favorably and production in the first quarter was 14% higher than planned. Based on the strong oil price development and the high productivity of the Wyoming wells, the company has expanded its drilling programme and now plans to invest between EUR 145m and EUR 165m in FY24 compared to the previous guidance of EUR 110m. Accordingly, the Company has increased its FY24 guidance. The base case revenue midpoint has been increased by c.19% and the EBITDA midpoint by c.24%, while the optimistic case has been increased by roughly similar proportions:

|                   |           |           | WTI       | Gas         |         |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| Year              | Revenue   | EBITDA    | (USD/BBL) | (USD/MMBtu) | EUR/USD |
| 2024 base old     | 175 - 195 | 130 - 145 | 75,00     | 3,00        | 1,12    |
| 2024 base         | 210 - 230 | 160 - 180 | 75,00     | 2,00        | 1,12    |
| 2024 optimist old | 190-210   | 150 - 165 | 85,00     | 3,00        | 1,12    |
| 2024 optimist     | 235 - 255 | 180 - 200 | 85,00     | 3,00        | 1,12    |
| eAR               | 223       | 172       |           |             |         |

**Hedging position managed.** For 2024 and 2025, the company has now hedged 1.8m barrels of oil at around USD 75. This compares with around 2.0m reported on 5th March, so some of the hedges have matured and Deutsche Rohstoff has only selectively added new hedges. Current futures prices may not look too attractive to sellers at the moment, as the market is in a fairly steep backwardation, i.e. futures prices are well below spot prices (for example, the December 25 contract is priced at USD 73.45, compared to the spot price of USD 86.17, see chart on the next page).

**Upgrading estimates, PT up, BUY**. Deutsche Rohstoff is employing more capital, which is very sensible as the available returns currently are well above capital costs. We upgrade our estimates and come to a new price target of EUR 56.70 (old: EUR 52.00), based on DCF and supported by a discount to peers of more than 50% on EV/EBITDA and P/E. We reiterate our BUY rating.

| Deutsche Rohstoff AG | 2020   | 2021  | 2022   | 2023P | 2024E | 2025E  |
|----------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| Sales                | 38.7   | 73.3  | 165.4  | 196.6 | 223.5 | 194.1  |
| Growth yoy           | -6.1%  | 89.5% | 125.6% | 18.8% | 13.7% | -13.1% |
| EBITDA               | 23.9   | 66.1  | 139.1  | 158.2 | 172.1 | 140.0  |
| EBIT                 | -16.1  | 32.6  | 91.4   | 93.1  | 113.4 | 89.1   |
| Net profit           | -15.5  | 24.8  | 60.8   | 65.1  | 76.5  | 57.7   |
| Net debt (net cash)  | 105.6  | 93.9  | 55.7   | 79.3  | 125.3 | 102.8  |
| Net debt/EBITDA      | 4.4x   | 1.4x  | 0.4x   | 0.5x  | 0.7x  | 0.7x   |
| EPS reported         | -3.13  | 5.01  | 12.15  | 13.01 | 15.28 | 11.53  |
| DPS                  | 0.00   | 0.60  | 1.30   | 1.61  | 1.62  | 1.48   |
| Dividend yield       | 0.0%   | 1.5%  | 3.3%   | 4.1%  | 4.1%  | 3.8%   |
| Gross profit margin  | 70.0%  | 75.3% | 81.6%  | 82.5% | 85.5% | 81.1%  |
| EBITDA margin        | 61.9%  | 90.1% | 84.1%  | 80.5% | 77.0% | 72.1%  |
| EBIT margin          | -41.7% | 44.4% | 55.3%  | 47.3% | 50.7% | 45.9%  |
| ROCE                 | -8.2%  | 13.9% | 33.3%  | 22.9% | 24.4% | 17.3%  |
| EV/Sales             | 7.8x   | 4.0x  | 1.5x   | 1.4x  | 1.4x  | 1.5x   |
| EV/EBITDA            | 12.6x  | 4.4x  | 1.8x   | 1.7x  | 1.9x  | 2.1x   |
| EV/EBIT              | -18.7x | 8.9x  | 2.8x   | 3.0x  | 2.8x  | 3.4x   |
| PER                  | -12.5x | 7.8x  | 3.2x   | 3.0x  | 2.6x  | 3.4x   |

Source: Company data, mwb research



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| High/low 52 weeks | 39.80 / 25.70 |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Price/Book Ratio  | 1.5x          |
|                   |               |
| Ticker / Symbols  |               |
| ISIN              | DE000A0XYG76  |
| WKN               | A0XYG7        |
| Bloomberg         | DR0:GR        |

#### Changes in estimates

|       |     | Sales | EBIT  | EPS   |
|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| 2023P | old | 196.6 | 93.1  | 13.01 |
|       | ∆   | 0.0%  | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
| 2024E | old | 183.0 | 89.1  | 11.53 |
|       | ∆   | 22.1% | 27.2% | 32.5% |
| 2025E | old | 158.1 | 77.6  | 9.74  |
|       | ∆   | 22.8% | 14.9% | 18.3% |

#### Key share data

| Number of shares: (in m pcs)   | 5.00  |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Book value per share: (in EUR) | 25.78 |
| Ø trading vol.: (12 months)    | 7,309 |

#### Major shareholders

| Management and Sup. Board | 10.0% |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Free Float                | 90.0% |

#### **Company description**

Deutsche Rohstoff identifies, develops and sells attractive natural resource assets in North America, Australia and Europe. The focus is on the development of oil and gas reserves in the USA. Metals such as tungsten, lithium and gold complete the portfolio.

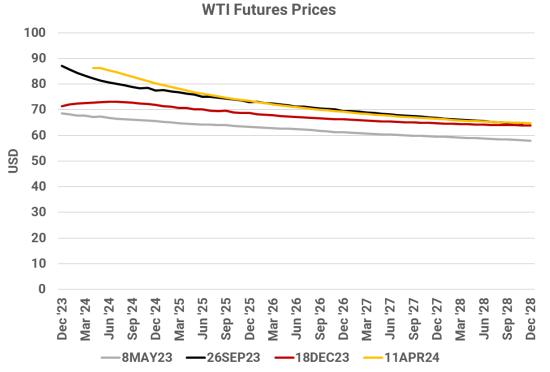




| P&L data           | Q1 2022 | Q2 2022 | Q3 2022 | Q4 2022 | Q1 2023 | Q2 2023 | Q3 2023 | Q4 2023 |
|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Sales              | 28.1    | 44.2    | 46.0    | 47.2    | 42.7    | 32.5    | 57.5    | 64.0    |
| yoy growth in %    | 56.7%   | 111.4%  | 219.7%  | 134.7%  | 52.0%   | -26.4%  | 25.0%   | 35.4%   |
| Gross profit       | 23.4    | 36.7    | 38.2    | 36.7    | 34.3    | 26.2    | 47.4    | 54.3    |
| Gross margin in %  | 83.3%   | 83.2%   | 83.1%   | 77.7%   | 80.4%   | 80.7%   | 82.4%   | 84.8%   |
| EBITDA             | 25.2    | 38.8    | 38.3    | 36.8    | 32.3    | 23.7    | 45.6    | 56.5    |
| EBITDA margin in % | 89.8%   | 87.8%   | 83.4%   | 77.8%   | 75.7%   | 73.0%   | 79.4%   | 88.3%   |
| EBIT               | 17.0    | 26.0    | 26.3    | 22.1    | 20.6    | 12.0    | 25.7    | 34.8    |
| EBIT margin in %   | 60.6%   | 58.9%   | 57.2%   | 46.9%   | 48.3%   | 36.8%   | 44.7%   | 54.4%   |
| EBT                | 15.1    | 25.0    | 24.9    | 20.9    | 19.2    | 10.8    | 23.5    | 30.0    |
| taxes paid         | 2.8     | 4.8     | 4.8     | 7.3     | 4.6     | 3.2     | 2.4     | 8.2     |
| tax rate in %      | 18.3%   | 19.3%   | 19.3%   | 35.1%   | 23.8%   | 29.6%   | 10.0%   | 27.3%   |
| net profit         | 11.9    | 17.8    | 17.9    | 13.2    | 14.3    | 7.6     | 21.4    | 21.8    |
| yoy growth in %    | 7.8%    | 222.7%  | 367.0%  | 197.8%  | 20.4%   | -57.1%  | 19.5%   | 64.9%   |
| EPS                | 2.36    | 3.56    | 3.58    | 2.64    | 2.86    | 1.52    | 4.28    | 4.35    |

#### The following table displays the quarterly performance of Deutsche Rohstoff AG:

Source: Company data; mwb research

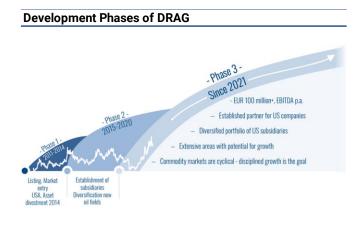


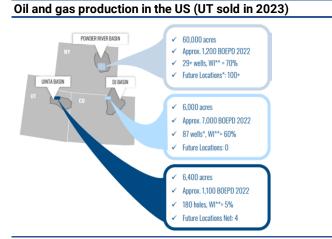
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### Investment case in six charts





#### **Reserves Highlights 2024**

+**27%** <sup>y-e-y</sup> Discounted Cash Flow of producing reserves

## +**10%**

Discounted Cash Flow of proven reserves

#### Proved developed reserves (NYMEX 31 Dec 23)<sup>1</sup>

Cash Flow: 467.5 Mio. USD

#### **Proved Reserves**

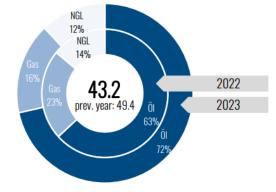
Cash Flow: 686.6 Mio. USD Discounted Cash Flow: 385.9 Mio. USD

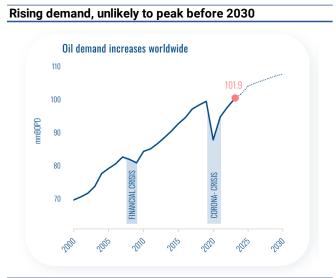
**Discounted Cash Flow:** 

313.4 Mio. USD

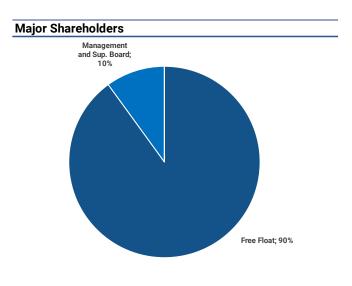
#### **Reserve values by Category**

### Reserves by product in million BOE<sup>4</sup>





Source: Deutsche Rohstoff, mwb research



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### SWOT analysis

#### Strengths

- Experienced and successful management
- Massive oil reserves and cash flows in Wyoming
- Strong technical expertise
- Strategic partnerships

#### Weaknesses

- Volatile commodity prices
- Limited financial resources and visibility in capital markets

#### Opportunities

- High population growth and low demand per capita for oil in developing countries
- Russian sanctions lead to more US oil and gas exports
- Benefit from tungsten demand through investment of nearly EUR 30m in tungsten producer Almonty Industries
- Early-stage activities in battery minerals like lithium

#### Threats

- Volatile oil and gas prices
- Oil exploration and production, transport accidents
- Cost inflation (materials, personnel, financing)
- Volatile EUR/USD exchange rate
- Risks in junior mining investments where metals can't be economically extracted





### Valuation

#### **DCF Model**

The DCF model results in a fair value of EUR 56.71 per share:

**Top-line growth**: We expect Deutsche Rohstoff AG to grow revenues at a CAGR of - 0.5% between 2023P and 2030E. The long-term growth rate is set at -15.0%.

ROCE. Returns on capital are developing from 22.9% in 2023P to 12.5% in 2030E.

**WACC**. Starting point is a historical equity beta of 0.54. Unleverering and correcting for mean reversion yields an asset beta of 1.09. Combined with a risk-free rate of 3.0% and an equity risk premium of 6.0% this yields cost of equity of 12.0%. With pre-tax cost of borrowing at 7.5%, a tax rate of 25.0% and target debt/equity of 0.5 this results in a long-term WACC of 9.9%.

| DCF (EURm)<br>(except per share data and beta) | 2023P  | 2024E  | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E | 2028E | 2029E | 2030E | Terminal<br>value |
|--|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| NOPAT  | 72.7   | 87.8   | 69.0  | 74.9  | 75.5  | 77.0  | 78.8  | 76.9  |                   |
| Depreciation & amortization                    | 65.1   | 58.7   | 50.9  | 49.1  | 48.9  | 49.4  | 50.3  | 49.2  |                   |
| Change in working capital                      | -7.1   | -10.1  | 4.3   | -10.1 | -0.2  | -0.3  | -0.3  | 0.3   |                   |
| Chg. in long-term provisions                   | 15.7   | -4.3   | -5.8  | -1.2  | 0.0   | 0.6   | 0.7   | -3.0  |                   |
| Capex  | -199.9 | -159.5 | -77.1 | -76.9 | -76.9 | -77.0 | -77.1 | -49.0 |                   |
| Cash flow                                      | -53.5  | -27.4  | 41.3  | 35.8  | 47.3  | 49.6  | 52.3  | 74.4  | 254.2             |
| Present value                                  | -55.0  | -25.5  | 35.0  | 27.5  | 32.9  | 31.3  | 30.0  | 38.6  | 135.0             |
| WACC   | 10.2%  | 10.2%  | 10.2% | 10.2% | 10.2% | 10.2% | 10.2% | 10.2% | 9.9%              |

| DCF per share derived from        |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|
|                                   |       |
| Total present value               | 249.8 |
| Mid-year adj. total present value | 262.2 |
| Net debt / cash at start of year  | 11.7  |
| Financial assets                  | 34.2  |
| Provisions and off b/s debt       | 1.0   |
| Equity value                      | 283.7 |
| No. of shares outstanding         | 5.0   |
|                                   |       |
| Discounted cash flow / share      | 56.71 |
| upside/(downside)                 | 44.7% |

| Share price | 39.20 |
|-------------|-------|
|             |       |

#### Sensitivity analysis DCF

| DCF avg. growth and earnings assumptions<br>Planning horizon avg. revenue growth (2023P-2030E) | -0.5%  |
|--|--------|
|  | 01010  |
| Terminal value growth (2030E - infinity)   | -15.0% |
| Terminal year ROCE   | 12.5%  |
| Terminal year WACC   | 9.9%   |

| Terminal WACC derived from           |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Cost of borrowing (before taxes)     | 7.5%  |
| Long-term tax rate                   | 25.0% |
| Equity beta                          | 0.54  |
| Unlevered beta (industry or company) | 1.09  |
| Target debt / equity                 | 0.5   |
| Relevered beta                       | 1.50  |
| Risk-free rate                       | 3.0%  |
| Equity risk premium                  | 6.0%  |
| Cost of equity                       | 12.0% |

|                              |       | Long term g | growth |        |        |       | Share of present value |       |
|------------------------------|-------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| Q                            |       | -25.0%      | -20.0% | -15.0% | -10.0% | -5.0% |                        |       |
| Change in WACC<br>(%-points) | 2.0%  | 40.6        | 44.2   | 49.0   | 56.1   | 67.3  | 2023P-2026E            | -7.2% |
| in V<br>oint:                | 1.0%  | 43.3        | 47.2   | 52.7   | 60.7   | 73.8  | 2027E-2030E            | 53.2% |
| ge i<br>°-pc                 | 0.0%  | 46.2        | 50.6   | 56.7   | 65.9   | 81.3  | terminal value         | 54.1% |
| nar<br>(%)                   | -1.0% | 49.3        | 54.2   | 61.1   | 71.7   | 90.0  |                        |       |
| 5                            | -2.0% | 52.7        | 58.2   | 66.0   | 78.3   | 100.1 |                        |       |

Source: mwb research

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#### FCF Yield Model

Due to the fact that companies rarely bear sufficient resemblance to peers in terms of geographical exposure, size or competitive strength and in order to adjust for the pitfalls of weak long-term visibility, an Adjusted Free Cash Flow analysis (Adjusted FCF) has been conducted.

### The adjusted Free Cash Flow Yield results in a fair value between EUR 144.85 per share based on 2023P and EUR 164.98 per share on 2027E estimates.

The main driver of this model is the level of return available to a controlling investor, influenced by the cost of that investors' capital (opportunity costs) and the purchase price – in this case the enterprise value of the company. Here, the adjusted FCF yield is used as a proxy for the required return and is defined as EBITDA less minority interest, taxes and investments required to maintain existing assets (maintenance capex).

| FCF yield in EURm          | 2023P      | 2024E   | 2025E  | 2026E   | 2027E   |
|----------------------------|------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| EBITDA                     | 158.2      | 172.1   | 140.0  | 145.9   | 146.3   |
| - Maintenance capex        | 63.5       | 56.9    | 48.8   | 46.8    | 46.4    |
| - Minorities               | 0.0        | 0.8     | 0.6    | 0.6     | 0.6     |
| - tax expenses             | 18.3       | 21.7    | 16.3   | 18.0    | 18.2    |
| = Adjusted FCF             | 76.5       | 92.8    | 74.3   | 80.4    | 81.1    |
|                            |            |         | -      |         |         |
| Actual Market Cap          | 196.1      | 196.1   | 196.1  | 196.1   | 196.1   |
| + Net debt (cash)          | 79.3       | 125.3   | 102.8  | 85.1    | 56.4    |
| + Pension provisions       | 1.2        | 1.4     | 1.2    | 1.2     | 1.2     |
| + Off B/S financing        | 0.0        | 0.0     | 0.0    | 0.0     | 0.0     |
| - Financial assets         | 34.2       | 34.2    | 34.2   | 34.2    | 34.2    |
| - Acc. dividend payments   | 6.5        | 14.6    | 22.7   | 30.1    | 38.0    |
| EV Reconciliations         | 39.8       | 77.9    | 47.1   | 21.9    | -14.7   |
| = Actual EV'               | 235.9      | 274.0   | 243.3  | 218.1   | 181.5   |
|                            |            |         |        |         |         |
| Adjusted FCF yield         | 32.4%      | 33.9%   | 30.5%  | 36.9%   | 44.7%   |
| base hurdle rate           | 6.0%       | 6.0%    | 6.0%   | 6.0%    | 6.0%    |
| ESG adjustment             | -4.0%      | -4.0%   | -4.0%  | -4.0%   | -4.0%   |
| adjusted hurdle rate       | 10.0%      | 10.0%   | 10.0%  | 10.0%   | 10.0%   |
| Fair EV                    | 764.5      | 928.1   | 742.5  | 803.9   | 810.8   |
| - EV Reconciliations       | 39.8       | 77.9    | 47.1   | 21.9    | -14.7   |
| Fair Market Cap            | 724.7      | 850.2   | 695.4  | 781.9   | 825.5   |
| No. of shares (million)    | 5.0        | 5.0     | 5.0    | 5.0     | 5.0     |
| Fair value per share in EU |            | 169.92  | 138.99 | 156.27  | 164.98  |
| Premium (-) / discount (+  |            | 333.5%  | 254.6% | 298.7%  | 320.9%  |
|                            | ) 200.0%   | 000.070 | 204.0% | 270.770 | 020.970 |
| Sensitivity analysis FV    |            |         |        |         |         |
|                            | 100.0      | 010 0   | 17/ 1  | 100 4   |         |
|                            | 183.0      | 216.3   | 176.1  | 196.4   | 205.5   |
|                            | .0% 161.8  | 190.5   | 155.5  | 174.1   | 183.0   |
|                            | .0% 144.8  | 169.9   | 139.0  | 156.3   | 165.0   |
| rate 11                    | .0% 131.0  | 153.1   | 125.5  | 141.7   | 150.2   |
| 12                         | 2.0% 119.4 | 139.0   | 114.3  | 129.5   | 138.0   |

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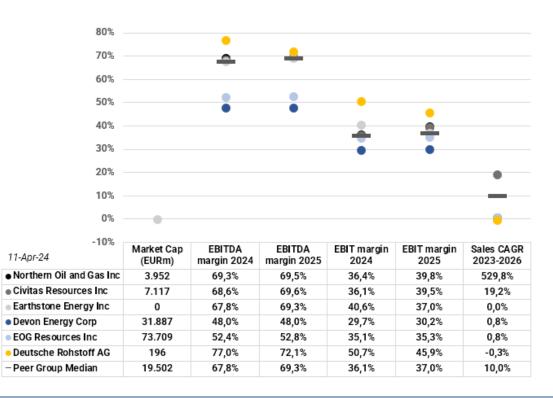
Simply put, the model assumes that investors require companies to generate a minimum return on the investor's purchase price. The required after-tax return equals the model's hurdle rate of 6.0%. Anything less suggests the stock is expensive; anything more suggests the stock is cheap. **ESG adjustments might be** applicable. A high score indicates high awareness for environmental, social or governance issues and thus might lower the overall risk an investment in the company might carry. A low score on the contrary might increase the risk of an investment and might therefore trigger a higher required hurdle rate.



#### Peer group analysis

A peer group or comparable company ("comps") analysis is a methodology that calculates a company's relative value – how much it should be worth based on how it compares to other similar companies. Given that **Deutsche Rohstoff AG** differs quite significantly in terms of size, focus, financial health and growth trajectory, we regard our peer group analysis merely as a support for other valuation methods. The peer group of Deutsche Rohstoff AG consists of the stocks displayed in the chart below. As of 11 April 2024 the median market cap of the peer group was EUR 19,501.9m, compared to EUR 196.1m for Deutsche Rohstoff AG. In the period under review, the peer group was less profitable than Deutsche Rohstoff AG. The expectations for sales growth are higher for the peer group than for Deutsche Rohstoff AG.

#### Peer Group – Key data



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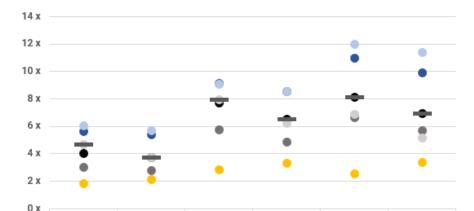




Comparable company analysis operates under the assumption that similar companies will have similar valuation multiples. We use the following multiples: EV/EBITDA 2024, EV/EBITDA 2025, EV/EBIT 2024, EV/EBIT 2025, P/E 2024 and P/E 2025.

### Applying these to Deutsche Rohstoff AG results in a range of fair values from EUR 80.10 to EUR 155.80.

#### Peer Group – Multiples and valuation



| 11-Apr-24                                    | EV/EBITDA<br>2024 | EV/EBITDA<br>2025 | EV/EBIT 2024 | EV/EBIT 2025 | P/E 2024 | P/E 2025 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| <ul> <li>Northern Oil and Gas Inc</li> </ul> | 4,1x              | 3,8x              | 7,7x         | 6,6x         | 8,2x     | 6,9x     |
| Civitas Resources Inc                        | 3,0x              | 2,8x              | 5,8x         | 4,9x         | 6,7x     | 5,7x     |
| Earthstone Energy Inc                        | 4,7x              | 3,7x              | 8,0x         | 6,2x         | 6,9x     | 5,2x     |
| Devon Energy Corp                            | 5,7x              | 5,4x              | 9,2x         | 8,6x         | 11,0x    | 9,9x     |
| EOG Resources Inc                            | 6,1x              | 5,7x              | 9,1x         | 8,6x         | 12,0x    | 11,4x    |
| Deutsche Rohstoff AG                         | 1,9x              | 2,1x              | 2,8x         | 3,4x         | 2,6x     | 3,4x     |
| - Peer Group Median                          | 4,7x              | 3,8x              | 8,0x         | 6,6x         | 8,2x     | 6,9x     |
| Fair Value (EUR)                             | 135,73            | 80,16             | 155,80       | 91,78        | 124,86   | 80,10    |

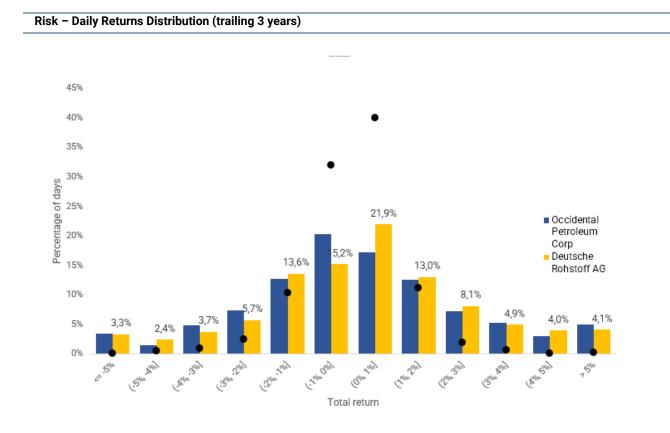
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### Risk

The chart displays the **distribution of daily returns of Deutsche Rohstoff AG** over the last 3 years, compared to the same distribution for Occidental Petroleum Corp. We have also included the distribution for the index DAX. The distribution gives a better understanding of risk than measures like volatility, which assume that log returns are normally distributed. In reality, they are skewed (down moves are larger) and have fat tails (large moves occur more often than predicted). Also, volatility treats up and down moves the same, while investors are more worried about down moves. For Deutsche Rohstoff AG, the worst day during the past 3 years was 26/11/2021 with a share price decline of -14.1%. The best day was 16/09/2021 when the share price increased by 10.5%.

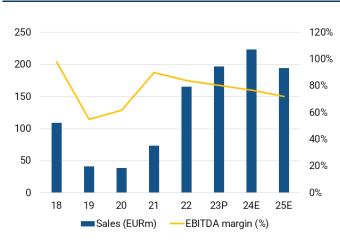


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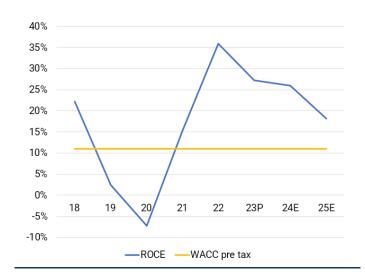
### Financials in six charts



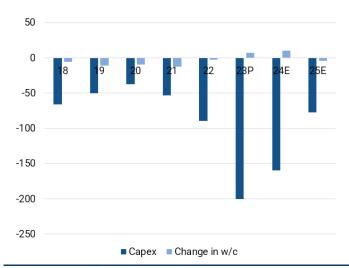
#### Sales vs. EBITDA margin development



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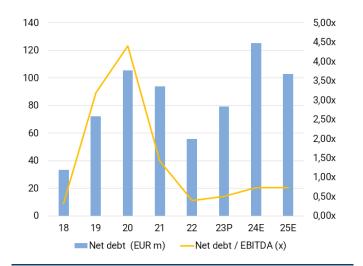


#### Capex & chgn in w/c requirements in EURm

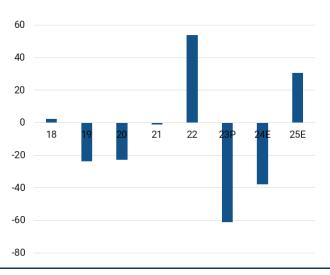


#### Net debt and net debt/EBITDA

EPS, DPS in EUR & yoy EPS growth



### Free Cash Flow in EURm





### Financials

| Profit and loss (EURm)                             | 2020  | 2021  | 2022   | 2023P | 2024E | 2025E  |
|--|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| Net sales  | 38.7  | 73.3  | 165.4  | 196.6 | 223.5 | 194.1  |
| Sales growth                                       | -6.1% | 89.5% | 125.6% | 18.8% | 13.7% | -13.1% |
| Change in finished goods and work-in-process       | 0.0   | -0.0  | -0.0   | -0.1  | -0.1  | -0.1   |
| Total sales  | 38.7  | 73.3  | 165.4  | 196.5 | 223.4 | 194.1  |
| Material expenses                                  | 11.6  | 18.1  | 30.4   | 34.3  | 32.3  | 36.6   |
| Gross profit                                       | 27.1  | 55.2  | 135.0  | 162.2 | 191.1 | 157.5  |
| Other operating income                             | 7.7   | 23.0  | 25.9   | 20.7  | 0.0   | 0.0    |
| Personnel expenses                                 | 3.6   | 5.1   | 6.5    | 7.9   | 10.1  | 9.7    |
| Other operating expenses                           | 7.2   | 7.0   | 15.3   | 16.9  | 8.9   | 7.8    |
| EBITDA   | 23.9  | 66.1  | 139.1  | 158.2 | 172.1 | 140.0  |
| Depreciation                                       | 31.5  | 30.3  | 42.2   | 63.5  | 56.9  | 48.8   |
| EBITA  | -7.5  | 35.7  | 96.9   | 94.7  | 115.2 | 91.2   |
| Amortisation of goodwill and intangible assets     | 8.6   | 3.2   | 5.5    | 1.6   | 1.8   | 2.1    |
| EBIT   | -16.1 | 32.6  | 91.4   | 93.1  | 113.4 | 89.1   |
| Financial result                                   | -6.4  | -5.5  | -5.5   | -9.7  | -14.5 | -14.5  |
| Recurring pretax income from continuing operations | -22.5 | 27.1  | 85.9   | 83.4  | 98.9  | 74.6   |
| Extraordinary income/loss                          | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    |
| Earnings before taxes                              | -22.5 | 27.1  | 85.9   | 83.4  | 98.9  | 74.6   |
| Taxes  | -6.4  | 0.7   | 19.8   | 18.3  | 21.7  | 16.3   |
| Net income from continuing operations              | -16.1 | 26.4  | 66.2   | 65.1  | 77.2  | 58.3   |
| Result from discontinued operations (net of tax)   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    |
| Net income   | -16.1 | 26.4  | 66.2   | 65.1  | 77.2  | 58.3   |
| Minority interest                                  | 0.6   | 1.6   | 5.4    | 0.0   | -0.8  | -0.6   |
| Net profit (reported)                              | -15.5 | 24.8  | 60.8   | 65.1  | 76.5  | 57.7   |
| Average number of shares                           | 4.95  | 4.95  | 5.00   | 5.00  | 5.00  | 5.00   |
| EPS reported                                       | -3.13 | 5.01  | 12.15  | 13.01 | 15.28 | 11.53  |

| Profit and loss (common size)                      | 2020 | 2021        | 2022 | 2023P | 2024E | 2025E       |
|--|------|-------------|------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Net sales  | 100% | 100%        | 100% | 100%  | 100%  | 100%        |
| Change in finished goods and work-in-process       | 0%   | -0%         | -0%  | -0%   | -0%   | -0%         |
| Total sales  | 100% | 100%        | 100% | 100%  | 100%  | 100%        |
| Material expenses                                  | 30%  | 25%         | 18%  | 17%   | 14%   | 19%         |
| Gross profit                                       | 70%  | 75%         | 82%  | 83%   | 86%   | 81%         |
| Other operating income                             | 20%  | 31%         | 16%  | 11%   | 0%    | 0%          |
| Personnel expenses                                 | 9%   | 7%          | 4%   | 4%    | 5%    | 5%          |
| Other operating expenses                           | 19%  | 10%         | 9%   | 9%    | 4%    | 4%          |
| EBITDA   | 62%  | <b>90</b> % | 84%  | 80%   | 77%   | 72%         |
| Depreciation                                       | 81%  | 41%         | 25%  | 32%   | 25%   | 25%         |
| EBITA  | -19% | 49%         | 59%  | 48%   | 52%   | 47%         |
| Amortisation of goodwill and intangible assets     | 22%  | 4%          | 3%   | 1%    | 1%    | 1%          |
| EBIT   | -42% | 44%         | 55%  | 47%   | 51%   | <b>46</b> % |
| Financial result                                   | -17% | -8%         | -3%  | -5%   | -6%   | -7%         |
| Recurring pretax income from continuing operations | -58% | 37%         | 52%  | 42%   | 44%   | 38%         |
| Extraordinary income/loss                          | 0%   | 0%          | 0%   | 0%    | 0%    | 0%          |
| Earnings before taxes                              | -58% | 37%         | 52%  | 42%   | 44%   | 38%         |
| Taxes  | -17% | 1%          | 12%  | 9%    | 10%   | 8%          |
| Net income from continuing operations              | -42% | 36%         | 40%  | 33%   | 35%   | 30%         |
| Result from discontinued operations (net of tax)   | 0%   | 0%          | 0%   | 0%    | 0%    | 0%          |
| Net income   | -42% | 36%         | 40%  | 33%   | 35%   | 30%         |
| Minority interest                                  | 2%   | 2%          | 3%   | 0%    | -0%   | -0%         |
| Net profit (reported)                              | -40% | 34%         | 37%  | 33%   | 34%   | 30%         |



| Balance sheet (EURm)                                      | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023P | 2024E | 2025 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Intangible assets (excl. Goodwill)                        | 20.6  | 28.6  | 32.5  | 36.8  | 41.6  | 45.4 |
| Goodwill  | 1.3   | 1.3   | 1.2   | 1.2   | 1.2   | 1.:  |
| Property, plant and equipment                             | 112.8 | 149.1 | 192.6 | 279.2 | 375.1 | 397. |
| Financial assets  | 37.2  | 35.1  | 34.2  | 34.2  | 34.2  | 34.3 |
| FIXED ASSETS  | 171.8 | 214.0 | 260.5 | 351.3 | 452.1 | 478. |
| Inventories   | 0.2   | 0.2   | 0.1   | 0.2   | 0.2   | 0.2  |
| Accounts receivable                                       | 3.5   | 16.8  | 28.6  | 32.3  | 36.7  | 31.  |
| Other current assets                                      | 0.0   | 1.1   | 5.0   | 5.0   | 5.0   | 5.   |
| Liquid assets   | 22.8  | 23.5  | 54.2  | 88.7  | 34.7  | 62.  |
| Deferred taxes  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.0   | 1.   |
| Deferred charges and prepaid expenses                     | 8.4   | 9.4   | 0.9   | 1.0   | 1.1   | 1.   |
| CURRENT ASSETS  | 34.9  | 51.0  | 89.8  | 128.1 | 78.7  | 101  |
| TOTAL ASSETS  | 206.7 | 265.0 | 350.3 | 479.5 | 530.8 | 579. |
| SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY                                       | 39.4  | 72.7  | 129.0 | 187.6 | 256.7 | 306. |
| MINORITY INTEREST   | 6.2   | 7.4   | 3.4   | 3.4   | 3.4   | 3    |
| Long-term debt  | 114.4 | 97.8  | 109.8 | 120.0 | 130.0 | 135  |
| Provisions for pensions and similar obligations           | 0.0   | 0.0   | 1.0   | 1.2   | 1.4   | 1    |
| Other provisions  | 22.5  | 36.8  | 31.6  | 47.2  | 42.7  | 37   |
| Non-current liabilities                                   | 136.9 | 134.6 | 142.5 | 168.4 | 174.1 | 173  |
| short-term liabilities to banks                           | 14.0  | 19.6  | 0.1   | 48.0  | 30.0  | 30   |
| Accounts payable  | 2.9   | 20.8  | 11.4  | 14.1  | 13.3  | 15   |
| Advance payments received on orders                       | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0    |
| Other liabilities (incl. from lease and rental contracts) | -7.9  | -8.1  | 28.7  | 22.6  | 17.9  | 15   |
| Deferred taxes  | 15.2  | 18.0  | 35.2  | 35.2  | 35.2  | 35   |
| Deferred income   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.2   | 0.2   | 0.2   | 0    |
| Current liabilities                                       | 24.2  | 50.3  | 75.5  | 120.1 | 96.6  | 96   |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY                 | 206.7 | 265.0 | 350.3 | 479.5 | 530.8 | 579. |

| Balance sheet (common size)                               | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023P | 2024E | 2025E |
|---|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Intangible assets (excl. Goodwill)                        | 10%  | 11%  | 9%   | 8%    | 8%    | 8%    |
| Goodwill  | 1%   | 0%   | 0%   | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| Property, plant and equipment                             | 55%  | 56%  | 55%  | 58%   | 71%   | 69%   |
| Financial assets  | 18%  | 13%  | 10%  | 7%    | 6%    | 6%    |
| FIXED ASSETS  | 83%  | 81%  | 74%  | 73%   | 85%   | 83%   |
| Inventories   | 0%   | 0%   | 0%   | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| Accounts receivable                                       | 2%   | 6%   | 8%   | 7%    | 7%    | 6%    |
| Other current assets                                      | 0%   | 0%   | 1%   | 1%    | 1%    | 1%    |
| Liquid assets   | 11%  | 9%   | 15%  | 19%   | 7%    | 11%   |
| Deferred taxes  | 0%   | 0%   | 0%   | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| Deferred charges and prepaid expenses                     | 4%   | 4%   | 0%   | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| CURRENT ASSETS  | 17%  | 19%  | 26%  | 27%   | 15%   | 17%   |
| TOTAL ASSETS  | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  |
| SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY                                       | 19%  | 27%  | 37%  | 39%   | 48%   | 53%   |
| MINORITY INTEREST   | 3%   | 3%   | 1%   | 1%    | 1%    | 1%    |
| Long-term debt  | 55%  | 37%  | 31%  | 25%   | 24%   | 23%   |
| Provisions for pensions and similar obligations           | 0%   | 0%   | 0%   | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| Other provisions  | 11%  | 14%  | 9%   | 10%   | 8%    | 6%    |
| Non-current liabilities                                   | 66%  | 51%  | 41%  | 35%   | 33%   | 30%   |
| short-term liabilities to banks                           | 7%   | 7%   | 0%   | 10%   | 6%    | 5%    |
| Accounts payable  | 1%   | 8%   | 3%   | 3%    | 3%    | 3%    |
| Advance payments received on orders                       | 0%   | 0%   | 0%   | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| Other liabilities (incl. from lease and rental contracts) | -4%  | -3%  | 8%   | 5%    | 3%    | 3%    |
| Deferred taxes  | 7%   | 7%   | 10%  | 7%    | 7%    | 6%    |
| Deferred income   | 0%   | 0%   | 0%   | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| Current liabilities                                       | 12%  | 19%  | 22%  | 25%   | 18%   | 17%   |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY                 | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100%  | 100%  | 100%  |



| Cash flow statement (EURm)                      | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023P  | 2024E  | 2025E |
|---|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| Net profit/loss                                 | -16.1 | 26.4  | 66.2  | 65.1   | 77.2   | 58.3  |
| Depreciation of fixed assets (incl. leases)     | 37.7  | 32.8  | 39.8  | 63.5   | 56.9   | 48.8  |
| Amortisation of goodwill                        | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| Amortisation of intangible assets               | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 1.6    | 1.8    | 2.1   |
| Others  | -16.7 | -19.8 | 34.2  | 15.7   | -4.3   | -5.8  |
| Cash flow from operations before changes in w/c | 4.9   | 39.4  | 140.2 | 145.9  | 131.6  | 103.4 |
| Increase/decrease in inventory                  | 0.0   | 0.0   | -3.3  | -0.0   | 0.0    | -0.0  |
| Increase/decrease in accounts receivable        | 0.0   | 0.0   | -3.3  | -3.7   | -4.4   | 4.8   |
| Increase/decrease in accounts payable           | -2.2  | 19.4  | 9.2   | 2.7    | -0.8   | 1.8   |
| Increase/decrease in other w/c positions        | 11.3  | -7.0  | 0.0   | -6.2   | -4.8   | -2.2  |
| Increase/decrease in working capital            | 9.1   | 12.4  | 2.5   | -7.1   | -10.1  | 4.3   |
| Cash flow from operating activities             | 14.0  | 51.8  | 142.7 | 138.8  | 121.5  | 107.7 |
| CAPEX   | -36.8 | -52.8 | -88.9 | -199.9 | -159.5 | -77.1 |
| Payments for acquisitions                       | 0.0   | 0.0   | -3.7  | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| Financial investments                           | -12.0 | 21.9  | 14.0  | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| Income from asset disposals                     | 0.1   | 1.6   | 6.5   | 44.0   | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| Cash flow from investing activities             | -48.7 | -29.3 | -72.2 | -155.9 | -159.5 | -77.1 |
| Cash flow before financing                      | -34.7 | 22.5  | 70.6  | -17.1  | -37.9  | 30.6  |
| Increase/decrease in debt position              | -9.3  | -12.7 | -8.1  | 58.1   | -8.0   | 5.0   |
| Purchase of own shares                          | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| Capital measures                                | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.9   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| Dividends paid                                  | -0.5  | 0.0   | -2.7  | -6.5   | -8.1   | -8.1  |
| Others  | -7.2  | -7.6  | -23.2 | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash        | -0.6  | 0.6   | -0.0  | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   |
| Cash flow from financing activities             | -17.7 | -19.7 | -34.7 | 51.6   | -16.1  | -3.1  |
| Increase/decrease in liquid assets              | -52.4 | 2.8   | 35.8  | 34.5   | -54.0  | 27.5  |
| Liquid assets at end of period                  | 8.2   | 11.6  | 47.4  | 81.9   | 27.9   | 55.4  |
| Source: Company data: mwb research              | •     |       |       |        |        |       |

Source: Company data; mwb research

| Regional sales split (EURm) | 2020 | 2021 | 2022  | 2023P | 2024E | 2025E |
|-----------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Domestic                    | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Europe (ex domestic)        | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| The Americas                | 38.7 | 73.3 | 165.4 | 196.6 | 223.5 | 194.1 |
| Asia                        | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Rest of World               | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Total sales                 | 38.7 | 73.3 | 165.4 | 196.6 | 223.5 | 194.1 |

| Regional sales split (common size) | 2020   | 2021   | 2022   | 2023P  | 2024E  | 2025E  |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Domestic                           | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| Europe (ex domestic)               | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| The Americas                       | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Asia                               | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| Rest of World                      | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| Total sales                        | 100%   | 100%   | 100%   | 100%   | 100%   | 100%   |





| Ratios                      | 2020   | 2021   | 2022   | 2023P  | 2024E  | 2025E  |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Per share data              |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Earnings per share reported | -3.13  | 5.01   | 12.15  | 13.01  | 15.28  | 11.53  |
| Cash flow per share         | 2.82   | 10.46  | 28.53  | 15.05  | 12.93  | 11.77  |
| Book value per share        | 7.96   | 14.68  | 25.78  | 37.49  | 51.31  | 61.33  |
| Dividend per share          | 0.00   | 0.60   | 1.30   | 1.61   | 1.62   | 1.48   |
| Valuation                   |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| P/E                         | -12.5x | 7.8x   | 3.2x   | 3.0x   | 2.6x   | 3.4x   |
| P/CF                        | 13.9x  | 3.7x   | 1.4x   | 2.6x   | 3.0x   | 3.3x   |
| P/BV                        | 4.9x   | 2.7x   | 1.5x   | 1.0x   | 0.8x   | 0.6x   |
| Dividend yield (%)          | 0.0%   | 1.5%   | 3.3%   | 4.1%   | 4.1%   | 3.8%   |
| FCF yield (%)               | 7.2%   | 26.7%  | 72.8%  | 38.4%  | 33.0%  | 30.0%  |
| EV/Sales                    | 7.8x   | 4.0x   | 1.5x   | 1.4x   | 1.4x   | 1.5x   |
| EV/EBITDA                   | 12.6x  | 4.4x   | 1.8x   | 1.7x   | 1.9x   | 2.1x   |
| EV/EBIT                     | -18.7x | 8.9x   | 2.8x   | 3.0x   | 2.8x   | 3.4x   |
| Income statement (EURm)     |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Sales                       | 38.7   | 73.3   | 165.4  | 196.6  | 223.5  | 194.1  |
| yoy chg in %                | -6.1%  | 89.5%  | 125.6% | 18.8%  | 13.7%  | -13.1% |
| Gross profit                | 27.1   | 55.2   | 135.0  | 162.2  | 191.1  | 157.5  |
| Gross margin in %           | 70.0%  | 75.3%  | 81.6%  | 82.5%  | 85.5%  | 81.1%  |
| EBITDA                      | 23.9   | 66.1   | 139.1  | 158.2  | 172.1  | 140.0  |
| EBITDA margin in %          | 61.9%  | 90.1%  | 84.1%  | 80.5%  | 77.0%  | 72.1%  |
| EBIT                        | -16.1  | 32.6   | 91.4   | 93.1   | 113.4  | 89.1   |
| EBIT margin in %            | -41.7% | 44.4%  | 55.3%  | 47.3%  | 50.7%  | 45.9%  |
| Net profit                  | -15.5  | 24.8   | 60.8   | 65.1   | 76.5   | 57.7   |
| Cash flow statement (EURm)  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| CF from operations          | 14.0   | 51.8   | 142.7  | 138.8  | 121.5  | 107.7  |
| Сарех                       | -36.8  | -52.8  | -88.9  | -199.9 | -159.5 | -77.1  |
| Maintenance Capex           | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 63.5   | 56.9   | 48.8   |
| Free cash flow              | -22.9  | -1.0   | 53.8   | -61.1  | -37.9  | 30.6   |
| Balance sheet (EURm)        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Intangible assets           | 21.9   | 29.8   | 33.7   | 37.9   | 42.8   | 46.5   |
| Tangible assets             | 112.8  | 149.1  | 192.6  | 279.2  | 375.1  | 397.6  |
| Shareholders' equity        | 39.4   | 72.7   | 129.0  | 187.6  | 256.7  | 306.9  |
| Pension provisions          | 0.0    | 0.0    | 1.0    | 1.2    | 1.4    | 1.2    |
| Liabilities and provisions  | 150.9  | 154.2  | 142.5  | 216.4  | 204.1  | 203.3  |
| Net financial debt          | 105.6  | 93.9   | 55.7   | 79.3   | 125.3  | 102.8  |
| w/c requirements            | 0.8    | -3.8   | 17.4   | 18.4   | 23.6   | 17.0   |
| Ratios                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| ROE                         | -40.8% | 36.2%  | 51.3%  | 34.7%  | 30.1%  | 19.0%  |
| ROCE                        | -8.2%  | 13.9%  | 33.3%  | 22.9%  | 24.4%  | 17.3%  |
| Net gearing                 | 267.8% | 129.1% | 43.2%  | 42.3%  | 48.8%  | 33.5%  |
| Net debt / EBITDA           | 4.4x   | 1.4x   | 0.4x   | 0.5x   | 0.7x   | 0.7x   |



## Conflicts of interest

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