

# Deutsche Rohstoff AG

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Annual Report

**RATING**  
**BUY**

**PRICE TARGET**  
**€ 43.00**

Return Potential 25.5%  
 Risk Rating High

## ALMONTY SURGE MORE THAN COMPENSATES FOR LOWER 2025 CAPEX

DRAG's annual report, published on 23 April, confirms the preliminary 2024 numbers published on 5 March. The Management Board is proposing a dividend of €2.00, 14% above our forecast and the 2023 dividend (both €1.75). The Supervisory Board has approved a €4m share buyback, the same amount as was bought back in 2024. At the closing share price on 2 May, €4m would enable DRAG to buy back 2.4% of the share capital. In April 2025, the oil price (West Texas Intermediate) averaged USD63.08/bbl compared with USD76.63/bbl in 2024. Management has reduced 2025 planned CAPEX from €100m-€110m to €90m-€100m and is now basing this year's sales and EBITDA guidance on an oil price of USD60/bbl (previously: USD75/bbl). DRAG's new 2025 CAPEX guidance and oil price assumption are respectively 9.5% and 20% below the previous numbers. Despite this, the midpoint of DRAG's new 2025 sales guidance is only 5.3% lower. This is because the 2025 gas price assumption (gas accounted for 24% of 2024 production) is now 50% higher and ca. one third of 2025 oil production is hedged at ca. USD70. In our model, a slight reduction in our valuation of DRAG's U.S. oil and gas activities is more than compensated for by the 17% rise in the share price of Almonty (in which DRAG has an 11% stake) since our most recent note of 14 April. In our valuation model, the after-tax value of the investment in Almonty now accounts for 19% of our estimate of DRAG's enterprise value. We maintain our Buy recommendation, but raise the price target to €43 (previously: €40).

**9.5% reduction in 2025 CAPEX plan due to dip in oil price** As we pointed out in our note of 14 April, the unconventional oil wells drilled by DRAG generate around 25% of their output during their first year of production and so near-term oil price prospects play a key role in drilling decisions. Against this background, we are not surprised that management has elected to reduce 2025 CAPEX guidance originally given at the time of the publication of the 2023 annual report in April 2024. (p.t.o.)

### FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS

	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue (€m)	165.4	196.7	235.4	182.3	187.7	188.0
Y-o-y growth	125.6%	18.9%	19.7%	-22.6%	3.0%	0.2%
EBITDA (€m)	139.1	158.3	167.6	125.0	128.3	127.3
EBITDA margin	84.1%	80.5%	71.2%	68.6%	68.4%	67.7%
Net income (€m)	60.8	65.2	50.2	23.0	28.6	27.8
EPS (diluted) (€)	12.15	13.02	10.26	4.69	5.84	5.68
DPS (€)	1.30	1.75	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
FCF (€m)	60.3	-21.5	-41.6	3.2	10.5	9.2
Net gearing	42.1%	42.2%	66.1%	67.8%	62.6%	58.7%
Liquid assets (€m)	54.2	82.2	19.7	12.1	12.6	11.8

### RISKS

Risks include negative movements in the oil price and other raw materials prices, dry well risk, mechanical failure, loss of key personnel.

### COMPANY PROFILE

Deutsche Rohstoff AG (DRAG) is a fast-growing oil and gas producer with 100% of its production in the United States. The investment in the tungsten miner, Almonty Industries Inc., now accounts for around 19% of our estimate of DRAG's enterprise value. DRAG is based in Mannheim, Germany.

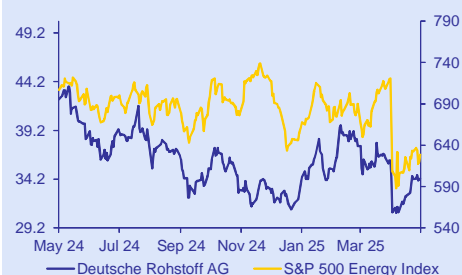
### MARKET DATA

As of 02 May 2025

Closing Price	€ 34.25
Shares outstanding	4.90m
Market Capitalisation	€ 167.68m
52-week Range	€ 30.75 / 43.70
Avg. Volume (12 Months)	7,937

Multiples	2024	2025E	2026E
P/E	3.4	7.4	5.9
EV/Sales	1.4	1.8	1.7
EV/EBITDA	1.9	2.6	2.5
Div. Yield	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%

### STOCK OVERVIEW



### COMPANY DATA

As of 31 Dec 2024

Liquid Assets	€ 19.71m
Current Assets	€ 68.97m
Intangible Assets	€ 25.07m
Total Assets	€ 552.46m
Current Liabilities	€ 40.17m
Shareholders' Equity	€ 231.18m

### SHAREHOLDERS

Management	10.0%
Institutional shareholders	19.0%
Free float	71.0%



In April 2024, management provided CAPEX, revenue and EBITDA guidance for 2025, as well as commodity price and exchange rate assumptions. This year, in view of recent commodity price and exchange rate volatility, management has only stated that it expects 2026 revenue and earnings to be in the range of the guidance published for 2025 (see figure 1 below). DRAG's new 2025 CAPEX guidance and oil price assumption are respectively 9.5% and 20% below the previous numbers. Despite this, the midpoint of new 2025 sales guidance is only 5.3% lower.

**Figure 1: DRAG 2025 and 2026 guidance and First Berlin forecasts**

€m	DRAG 23.04.24 base case	DRAG 23.04.25 base case	Δ	FBe* 14.04.25	FBe* 05.05.25	Δ	FBe 05.05.25 vs. DRAG base case 23.04.25
2025 volume (boepd)	n.a.	n.a.	-	13,805	13,456	-2.5%	-
2026 volume (boepd)	n.a.	n.a.	-	13,789	13,880	0.7%	-
2025 investments	100-110	90-100	-9.5%	105	96	-8.3%	1.3%
2026 investments	n.a.	n.a.	-	103	98	-4.8%	-
2025 revenue	180-200	170-190	-5.3%	189	182	-3.6%	1.3%
2026 revenue	n.a.	similar to 2025	-	187	188	0.4%	4.3%
2025 EBITDA	125-145	115-135	-7.4%	131	125	-4.6%	0.0%
2026 EBITDA	n.a.	similar to 2025	-	127	128	1.1%	2.7%
2025 oil price assumption (USD/bbl)	75.00	60.00	-20.0%	63.25	64.39	1.8%	7.3%
2026 oil price assumption (USD/bbl)	n.a.	n.a.	-	59.39	60.73	2.3%	-
2025 gas price assumption (USD/MMBtu)	2.00	3.00	50.0%	3.98	3.58	-10.1%	19.3%
2026 gas price assumption (USD/MMBtu)	n.a.	n.a.	-	4.15	4.00	-3.6%	-
2025 EURUSD exchange rate	0.89	0.91	-1.8%	0.90	0.90	-0.2%	-1.3%
2026 EURUSD exchange rate	n.a.	n.a.	-	0.88	0.88	0.1%	-

\* our forecasts based on current commodity futures strips and exchange rates

Source: DRAG; First Berlin Equity Research estimates

This is because the gas price assumption (gas accounted for 24% of 2024 production) is now 50% higher and because ca. one third of 2025 production is hedged at ca. USD70 (see figures 2 and 3 below). Our 2025 projections are towards the top end of guidance because the current commodity strips, on which our forecasts are based, show average 2025 oil and gas prices respectively 7.3% and 19.3% above DRAG's assumptions.

**Figure 2: DRAG's hedgebook as of 31 March 2025**

	Total	Q1 25	Q2 25	Q3 25	Q4 25	FY 25	Q1 26	Q2 26	Q3 26	Q4 26	FY 26
Oil volume in bbl	<b>1,180,600</b>	314,000	311,300	259,100	223,400	<b>1,107,800</b>	109,900	100,300	91,700	85,100	<b>387,000</b>
Price floor in USD/bbl	<b>68.90</b>	72.30	69.70	69.50	69.60	<b>70.37</b>	68.70	68.90	65.50	66.20	<b>67.44</b>
Gas volume in MMBtu	<b>2,825,678</b>	655,000	749,147	684,908	829,123	<b>2,918,178</b>	292,500	270,000			
Price floor in USD/MMBtu	<b>2.90</b>	3.00	3.10	2.90	3.00	<b>3.00</b>	2.30	2.3			

Source: DRAG

**Strong cashflow, bond top-up have reduced volume and cost of debt** DRAG finished 2024 with net debt of €157m. Gross debt of €177m was comprised of the €100m 2023/2028 7.5% coupon bond and €77m in reserves-based lending (interest rate: ca. 9%). Strong cashflow, boosted by the nine new wells which started production in Q4/24, enabled the company to pay back €23m of reserves-based lending and reduce net debt to €134m by end Q1/25. The strength of the EURUSD exchange rate, (1.14 in mid-April vs 1.04 at YE/24), and firm institutional demand for DRAG's bond, provided a good opportunity for the company to refinance its debt at a lower rate. On 17 April DRAG announced that it had topped up its 2023/2028 bond by €40m, at a price above par. The effective coupon on the incremental volume is below 7%. DRAG has used half the proceeds to reduce its reserves-based lending, which now stands at ca. €40m.



Figure 3: FBe DRAG hedge book gains/losses 2025E-2026E

	Q1/25E	Q2/25E	Q3/25E	Q4/25E	2025E	2026E
Av EURUSD	1.05	1.13	1.14	1.14	1.11	1.14
<b>Oil volume (BOE)</b>	<b>870,031</b>	<b>727,158</b>	<b>674,406</b>	<b>657,681</b>	<b>2,929,275</b>	<b>3,284,935</b>
% total	59.7%	59.2%	59.4%	60.2%	59.6%	64.8%
Hedged bbl	314,000	311,300	259,100	223,400	1,107,800	387,000
% hedged	36.1%	42.8%	38.4%	34.0%	37.8%	11.8%
Average hedging price (USD/bbl)	72.30	69.70	69.50	69.60	70.37	67.44
Unhedged bbl	556,031	415,858	415,306	434,281	1,821,475	2,897,935
Mkt price/NYMEX futures strip (USD/bbl)	71.46	63.41	61.87	60.81	64.39	60.73
Realised price before hedges (USD/bbl)	67.76	62.10	60.80	59.79	62.65	57.52
Gain/loss on hedges (USD/bbl)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Realised price after hedges (USD/bbl)</b>	<b>67.77</b>	<b>62.10</b>	<b>60.80</b>	<b>59.80</b>	<b>62.65</b>	<b>57.52</b>
<b>Realised price after hedges (€/bbl)</b>	<b>64.34</b>	<b>54.98</b>	<b>53.55</b>	<b>52.66</b>	<b>56.27</b>	<b>50.66</b>
hedge gain/loss (€ 000s)	249	1,733	1,741	1,729	5,950	2,288
hedge gain/loss (USD 000s)	263	1,957	1,977	1,963	6,625	2,599
<b>Gas volume (BOE)</b>	<b>369,112</b>	<b>319,455</b>	<b>296,296</b>	<b>279,455</b>	<b>1,264,318</b>	<b>1,187,982</b>
% total	25.3%	26.0%	26.1%	25.6%	25.7%	23.4%
Gas volume (MMBtu)	2,281,114	1,974,235	1,831,109	1,727,030	7,813,487	7,341,731
Hedged MMBtu	655,000	749,147	684,908	829,123	2,918,178	562,500
% hedged	28.7%	37.9%	37.4%	48.0%	37.3%	7.7%
Average hedging price (USD/MMBtu)	3.00	3.10	2.90	3.00	3.00	2.30
Unhedged MMBtu	1,626,114	1,225,088	1,146,201	897,907	4,895,309	6,779,231
Mkt price/NYMEX futures strip (USD/MMBtu)	3.65	3.33	3.42	3.91	3.58	4.00
Realised price before hedges (USD/MMBtu)	3.40	3.08	3.17	3.66	3.33	3.75
Gain/loss on hedges (USD/MMBtu)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Realised price after hedges (USD/MMBtu)</b>	<b>3.40</b>	<b>3.08</b>	<b>3.17</b>	<b>3.66</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>3.75</b>
<b>Realised price after hedges (€/MMBtu)</b>	<b>3.23</b>	<b>2.73</b>	<b>2.79</b>	<b>3.22</b>	<b>2.99</b>	<b>3.30</b>
hedge gain/loss (€)	-405	-153	-315	-665	-1,539	-843
hedge gain/loss (USD)	-427	-173	-358	-755	-1,684	-957
<b>Total hedge gain/loss (€ 000s)</b>	<b>-156</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>4,410</b>	<b>1,445</b>
<b>Total hedge gain/loss (USD 000s)</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>1,784</b>	<b>1,619</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>4,941</b>	<b>1,641</b>

Source: DRAG; First Berlin Equity Research estimates

Changes to our 2025 sales forecasts shown in figure 4 below are based on slightly lower volume projections which are not quite compensated for by an increase in the level of the oil price strip since our most recent note of 14 April. For 2026 and 2027 we assume that CAPEX close to the 2025 level will keep sales and EBITDA stable.

Figure 4: Changes to our forecasts

All figures in €m	2025E			2026E			2027E		
	New	Old	Δ	New	Old	Δ	New	Old	Δ
<b>Volume (boepd)</b>	<b>13,456</b>	<b>13,805</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>	<b>13,880</b>	<b>14,044</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>13,888</b>	<b>14,620</b>	<b>-5.0%</b>
Oil futures price (USD/bbl)	64.39	63.25	1.8%	60.73	59.39	2.3%	61.34	59.95	2.3%
Gas futures price (USD/MMBtu)	3.58	3.98	-10.1%	4.00	4.15	-3.5%	3.77	3.80	-0.7%
EUR/USD exchange rate	1.11	1.11	0.0%	1.14	1.14	0.0%	1.14	1.14	0.0%
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>182.3</b>	<b>189.5</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>	<b>187.7</b>	<b>186.8</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>188.0</b>	<b>193.1</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>125.0</b>	<b>131.0</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>	<b>128.3</b>	<b>127.0</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>127.3</b>	<b>129.1</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>
Dep. and amort.	77.2	79.2	-2.5%	78.1	79.0	-1.2%	78.1	82.2	-5.0%
<b>Op. income (EBIT)</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>50.3</b>	<b>48.0</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>5%</b>
Net financial result	-17.4	-14.4	n.a.	-12.4	-11.1	n.a.	-12.4	-11.1	n.a.
Pre-tax income (EBT)	30.4	37.4	-7.9%	37.9	36.8	6.8%	36.8	35.8	2.9%
Income taxes	-6.4	-7.8	n.a.	-8.0	-7.7	n.a.	-7.7	-7.5	n.a.
<b>Net before mins.</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>-7.9%</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>29.1</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
Minority interests	-1.1	-1.3	n.a.	-1.3	-1.3	n.a.	-1.3	-1.3	n.a.
<b>Net inc. after mins.</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>-7.9%</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>2.9%</b>
<b>EPS (€)</b>	<b>4.69</b>	<b>5.76</b>	<b>-18.6%</b>	<b>5.84</b>	<b>5.68</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>5.68</b>	<b>5.51</b>	<b>2.9%</b>

Source: First Berlin Equity Research estimates



Figure 5: Volume, P&amp;L and balance sheet evolution at DRAG 2020-2027

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
<b>Volume (boe)</b>	<b>1,542,074</b>	<b>2,589,273</b>	<b>3,501,826</b>	<b>4,658,130</b>	<b>5,387,817</b>	<b>4,911,386</b>	<b>5,066,053</b>	<b>5,069,267</b>
<b>boepd</b>	<b>4,213</b>	<b>7,094</b>	<b>9,594</b>	<b>12,762</b>	<b>14,721</b>	<b>13,456</b>	<b>13,880</b>	<b>13,888</b>
Δ %	-6.3%	67.9%	35.2%	33.0%	15.7%	-8.8%	3.1%	0.1%
Oil as % volume	45.7%	44.8%	53.2%	54.9%	60.2%	59.6%	64.8%	65.6%
<b>Oil price (USD/bbl)</b>	<b>39.24</b>	<b>68.13</b>	<b>94.90</b>	<b>77.58</b>	<b>76.63</b>	<b>64.39</b>	<b>60.73</b>	<b>61.34</b>
Δ %	-31.2%	73.6%	39.3%	-18.3%	-1.2%	-16.0%	-5.7%	1.0%
<b>Sales €000s</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>165.4</b>	<b>196.7</b>	<b>235.4</b>	<b>182.3</b>	<b>187.7</b>	<b>188.0</b>
Δ %	-6.3%	89.9%	125.6%	161.6%	109.9%	-22.6%	3.0%	0.2%
<b>EBITDA €000s</b>	<b>23.9</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>139.1</b>	<b>158.3</b>	<b>167.6</b>	<b>125.0</b>	<b>128.3</b>	<b>127.3</b>
margin (%)	62.0%	90.1%	84.1%	80.5%	71.2%	68.6%	68.4%	67.7%
<b>EPS (diluted) (€)</b>	<b>-3.13</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>12.15</b>	<b>13.02</b>	<b>10.26</b>	<b>4.69</b>	<b>5.84</b>	<b>5.68</b>
Δ %	n.a.	n.a.	142.7%	7.2%	-21.2%	-54.3%	24.5%	-2.8%
Net investment in PPE € 000s	-30.6	-40.2	-76.4	-160.5	-185.3	-96.3	-98.0	-98.0
Net debt €000s	105.6	93.9	55.7	79.1	157.0	167.9	167.4	168.2
Equity €000s	45.6	80.1	132.4	187.5	237.5	247.5	267.4	286.5
<b>Net gearing</b>	<b>231.6%</b>	<b>117.3%</b>	<b>42.1%</b>	<b>42.2%</b>	<b>66.1%</b>	<b>67.8%</b>	<b>62.6%</b>	<b>58.7%</b>

Source: DRAG; First Berlin Equity Research estimates

**Buy recommendation maintained, price target raised to €43 (previously: €40)** DRAG has an 11% shareholding in the Canada-listed tungsten miner, Almonty, as well as investments in the miner's promissory notes and convertible debentures. The Almonty share price has risen 17% since our most recent note of 14 April. In our valuation model (see figure 6 below), a slight reduction in our valuation of DRAG's U.S. oil and gas activities is cancelled out by a rise in the after-tax value of the investment in Almonty. The investment in Almonty now accounts for 19% of our estimate of DRAG's enterprise value. We maintain our Buy recommendation, but raise the price target to €43 (previously: €40).

Figure 6: Changes to our valuation model

€m	New	Old	Δ
<b>US oil and gas activities</b>	<b>296.3</b>	<b>300.2</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>
Almonty (11.0% equity stake plus promissory notes and convertible debentures)	69.5	51.8	34.3%
Ceritech (DRAG's stake: 72.46%)	0.9	0.9	3.1%
Unrealised income from investment portfolio	0.9	0.0	
<b>Total enterprise value</b>	<b>367.5</b>	<b>352.8</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
Cash and securities held in current assets	19.7	19.7	0.0%
Bonds	100.0	100.0	0.0%
Bank debt	76.7	76.7	0.0%
<b>Net debt</b>	<b>157.0</b>	<b>157.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Equity value</b>	<b>210.5</b>	<b>195.8</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
No. shares outstanding (m)	4.90	4.90	0.0%
<b>Equity value per share (€)</b>	<b>43.00</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>7.5%</b>

Source: First Berlin Equity Research estimates



## INCOME STATEMENT

All figures in € 000s	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>165,439</b>	<b>196,651</b>	<b>235,425</b>	<b>182,253</b>	<b>187,670</b>	<b>187,970</b>
Cost of materials	30,343	34,294	44,880	39,700	41,456	42,786
Personnel expenses	6,458	10,275	11,394	11,964	12,562	13,190
Net other operating income	10,449	6,176	-11,558	-5,568	-5,306	-4,654
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>139,088</b>	<b>158,258</b>	<b>167,593</b>	<b>125,022</b>	<b>128,346</b>	<b>127,340</b>
Depreciation and amortisation	47,656	63,619	88,981	77,194	78,077	78,126
<b>Operating income (EBIT)</b>	<b>91,431</b>	<b>94,639</b>	<b>78,612</b>	<b>47,827</b>	<b>50,270</b>	<b>49,214</b>
Net financial result	-5,493	-8,900	-12,047	-17,403	-12,400	-12,400
<b>Pre-tax income (EBT)</b>	<b>85,938</b>	<b>85,739</b>	<b>66,565</b>	<b>30,424</b>	<b>37,870</b>	<b>36,814</b>
Taxes	-19,752	-18,255	-13,870	-6,389	-7,953	-7,731
Profit before minorities	66,186	67,484	52,695	24,035	29,917	29,083
Minority interests	-5,420	-2,308	-2,479	-1,069	-1,330	-1,293
<b>Net income / loss</b>	<b>60,766</b>	<b>65,175</b>	<b>50,216</b>	<b>22,967</b>	<b>28,587</b>	<b>27,790</b>
<b>EPS (in €)</b>	<b>12.15</b>	<b>13.02</b>	<b>10.26</b>	<b>4.69</b>	<b>5.84</b>	<b>5.68</b>
<b>Ratios</b>						
EBITDA margin on revenues	84.1%	80.5%	71.2%	68.6%	68.4%	67.7%
EBIT margin on revenues	55.3%	48.1%	33.4%	26.2%	26.8%	26.2%
Net margin on revenues	36.7%	33.1%	21.3%	12.6%	15.2%	14.8%
Tax rate	23.0%	21.3%	20.8%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%
<b>Y-Y Growth</b>						
Revenues	125.6%	18.9%	19.7%	-22.6%	3.0%	0.2%
Operating income	180.6%	3.5%	-16.9%	-39.2%	5.1%	-2.1%
Net income/ loss	145.1%	7.3%	-23.0%	-54.3%	24.5%	-2.8%



## BALANCE SHEET

All figures in € 000s	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
<b>Assets</b>						
<b>Current assets, total</b>	<b>89,814</b>	<b>122,032</b>	<b>68,965</b>	<b>40,299</b>	<b>41,612</b>	<b>40,857</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	54,196	82,187	19,711	12,125	12,640	11,840
Inventories	130	1,521	656	435	448	449
Receivables	28,733	29,603	40,699	21,870	22,520	22,556
Prepayments	863	2,066	2,605	1,823	1,877	1,880
Other current assets	4,884	5,422	3,982	2,734	2,815	2,820
Deferred tax assets	1,008	1,233	1,312	1,312	1,312	1,312
<b>Non-current assets, total</b>	<b>260,512</b>	<b>371,733</b>	<b>483,498</b>	<b>502,572</b>	<b>522,526</b>	<b>542,430</b>
Intangible assets	33,652	23,148	25,070	23,914	22,758	21,602
Advanced payments	277	399	0	0	0	0
Advances to suppliers/ assets under construction	0	17,006	0	0	0	0
Producing oil plants	161,897	255,063	386,549	404,890	424,028	443,121
Exploration and evaluation	30,357	24,389	5,657	5,925	6,205	6,485
Plant and machinery	276	19,544	32,372	33,908	35,511	37,110
Other equipment	109	1,613	1,793	1,878	1,967	2,055
Equity investments	15,407	15,407	16,185	16,185	16,185	16,185
Loans to other investors	6,489	6,824	7,156	7,156	7,156	7,156
Securities classified as fixed assets	12,048	8,340	8,716	8,716	8,716	8,716
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>350,326</b>	<b>493,765</b>	<b>552,463</b>	<b>542,871</b>	<b>564,138</b>	<b>583,286</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity &amp; debt</b>						
<b>Current liabilities, total</b>	<b>49,865</b>	<b>104,850</b>	<b>40,174</b>	<b>23,889</b>	<b>24,599</b>	<b>164,639</b>
Bank debt	0	40,807	0	0	0	0
Bond debt	9,815	20,517	0	0	0	140,000
Accounts payable	11,376	26,551	14,414	11,117	11,448	11,466
Other current liabilities	28,674	16,975	25,760	12,772	13,152	13,173
<b>Long-term liabilities, total</b>	<b>100,077</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>176,732</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>180,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>
Bond debt	100,000	100,000	100,000	140,000	140,000	0
Bank debt	77	0	76,732	40,000	40,000	40,000
Other long term liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provisions	32,653	48,514	28,471	21,870	22,520	22,556
Minority interests	3,403	7,109	6,275	7,344	8,674	9,967
Shareholders' equity	128,962	180,372	231,183	240,140	258,717	276,496
<b>Consolidated equity</b>	<b>132,365</b>	<b>187,481</b>	<b>237,458</b>	<b>247,483</b>	<b>267,390</b>	<b>286,463</b>
Accruals and deferrals	174	83	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax liabilities	35,192	52,837	69,628	69,628	69,628	69,628
<b>Total consolidated equity and debt</b>	<b>350,326</b>	<b>493,765</b>	<b>552,463</b>	<b>542,871</b>	<b>564,138</b>	<b>583,286</b>
<b>Ratios</b>						
Current ratio (x)	1.80	1.16	1.72	1.69	1.69	0.25
Quick ratio (x)	1.80	1.15	1.70	1.67	1.67	0.25
Financial leverage	42.1%	42.2%	66.1%	67.8%	62.6%	58.7%
Book value per share (€)	25.78	36.04	46.19	49.05	52.85	56.48
Net cash (debt)	-55,696	-79,137	-157,021	-167,875	-167,360	-168,160
Return on equity (ROE)	62.3%	42.2%	24.8%	9.9%	11.6%	10.5%



## CASH FLOW STATEMENT

All figures in € 000s	2022A	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
<b>Net profit before minorities</b>	<b>66,186</b>	<b>67,484</b>	<b>52,695</b>	<b>24,035</b>	<b>29,917</b>	<b>29,083</b>
Writedowns/w riteups of fixed assets	39,790	63,384	88,038	77,194	78,077	78,126
Increase/decrease in provisions	18,882	-5	-11,753	0	0	0
Changes in working capital	2,527	-2,007	-11,988	-1,805	562	31
Gains/losses from disposal of fixed assets	-10,145	-14,388	1,620	0	0	0
Gains/losses from disposal of securities	1,868	-2,884	-456	0	0	0
Interest expenses/income	5,493	8,229	12,046	0	0	0
Income tax payments	17,863	17,420	16,713	0	0	0
Other	267	2,028	-3,276	0	0	0
<b>Operating cash flow</b>	<b>142,732</b>	<b>139,260</b>	<b>143,639</b>	<b>99,425</b>	<b>108,555</b>	<b>107,240</b>
Investment in property, plant equipment	-82,915	-198,443	-185,286	-96,269	-98,030	-98,030
Investment in intangible assets	-6,034	-295	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from disposal of tangible/intangible assets	6,490	37,933	0	0	0	0
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>60,273</b>	<b>-21,545</b>	<b>-41,647</b>	<b>3,156</b>	<b>10,525</b>	<b>9,210</b>
Management of short term financial assets, other	10,295	11,439	4,830	0	0	0
<b>Investing cash flow</b>	<b>-72,164</b>	<b>-149,366</b>	<b>-180,456</b>	<b>-96,269</b>	<b>-98,030</b>	<b>-98,030</b>
Equity financing	-16,173	1,967	-6,457	0	0	0
Debt financing	21,334	82,567	11,471	0	0	0
Debt repayment	-29,439	-30,322	0	3,268	0	0
Interest paid	-6,725	-7,939	-13,496	0	0	0
Dividends, share buybacks	-3,728	-6,712	-12,968	-14,010	-10,010	-10,010
Cash settlement of options	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Financing cash flow</b>	<b>-34,732</b>	<b>39,561</b>	<b>-21,450</b>	<b>-10,742</b>	<b>-10,010</b>	<b>-10,010</b>
Other	-5,132	-1,464	-3,336	0	0	0
<b>Change in cash and equivalents</b>	<b>30,704</b>	<b>27,991</b>	<b>-61,603</b>	<b>-7,586</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>-800</b>
FX/consolidation effects	0	0	-873	0	0	0
<b>Cash and current cash equivs., start of the year</b>	<b>23,492</b>	<b>54,196</b>	<b>82,187</b>	<b>19,711</b>	<b>12,125</b>	<b>12,640</b>
<b>Cash and current cash equivs., end of the year</b>	<b>54,196</b>	<b>82,187</b>	<b>19,711</b>	<b>12,125</b>	<b>12,640</b>	<b>11,840</b>
<b>EBITDA/share (in €)</b>	<b>27.80</b>	<b>31.62</b>	<b>33.48</b>	<b>25.54</b>	<b>26.22</b>	<b>26.01</b>
<b>Y-Y Growth</b>						
Operating cash flow	175.4%	-2.4%	3.1%	-30.8%	9.2%	-1.2%
Free cash flow	9528.3%	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	233.5%	-12.5%
EBITDA/share	108.5%	13.7%	5.9%	-23.7%	2.7%	-0.8%

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