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VERBIO Vereinigte BioEnergie AG

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**Market** conditions

## 1. Market conditions



### 1.1 Biofuels in Germany

#### **Greenhouse gas reduction quota in Germany**

- Quota increases from 3.5% to 4% in 2017 and further to 6% in 2020
- The higher the CO₂ reduction compared to the legally set fossil base value of 83.8 kg CO₂eq/gigajoule, the higher fulfilment of the quota.
- Calculations of GHG emissions from farming and production process are complicated and difficult to verify.
- No uniform international standard for calculation of GHG emissions defined.
- Linear increase in the GHG quota not approved by the BMU
- Introduction of an obligatory sub-quota for second generation biofuels from 2018
- BMF draft proposes extension of current tax benefits for natural gas (CNG) through to 2024.
  - We expect GHG reduction quota of biofuels to be further improved so that the market volume for biofuels will only increase slightly in 2017.
  - GHG quota of 6% set for 2020 (which means an increase by 50% against 2019) is impossible to be fulfilled without a binding sub-quota for advanced biofuels.

## **Market conditions**



## 1.2 VERBIO technology - advanced biofuel



VERBIO technology makes it possible: biomethane produced with 100% straw.

Four bales of straw are sufficient to run a car for one year.

- Ground-breaking and worldwide unique technology, advanced second generation biofuel
- Development of this innovative technology is supported by the EU's NER300 subsidy project
- Design the future: VERBIO Biofuel and **Technology**



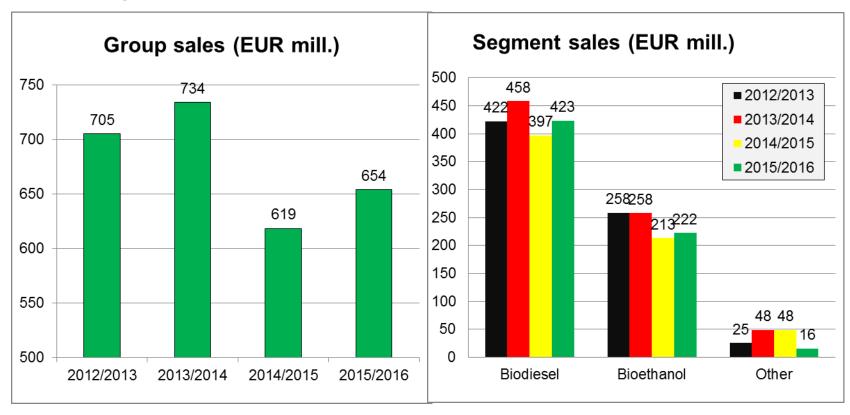


**Business performance VERBIO Group FY 2015/2016** 

## 2. Business performance VERBIO Group



#### 2.1 Group sales

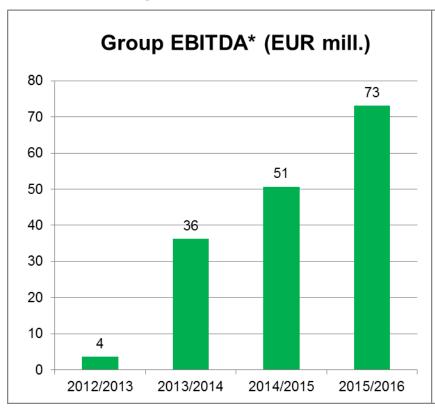


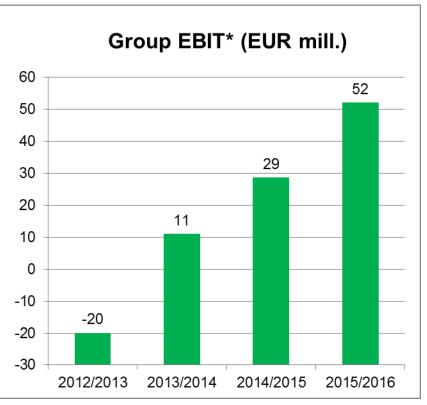
- Group sales in 2015/2016 include sales of merchandise (mostly biogenic fuels) of EUR 41 mill. (PY: EUR 22 mill.) for margin and logistic optimisation.
- Sales on the Other segment primarily include transport and logistics services of EUR 15.8 mill. (PY: EUR 15.8 mill.).

## 2. Business performance VERBIO Group



### 2.2 Development EBITDA and EBIT





- \* Extraordinary items; refer to Annual report 2012/2013
- EBITDA 2015/2016 increased by EUR 22.4 mill. compared to PY as a result of further optimisation measures and higher margins.
- EBIT 2015/2016 affected by lower depreciation. 2015/2016 EUR 21.0 mill. (PY: EUR 22.2 mill.).

## 2. Business performance VERBIO Group



### 2.3 Key financials

EUR mill.	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2015	change
Production (t)	688,362	690,970	-0.4%
Sales	654.3	618.5	5.8%
EBITDA	73.1	50.7	44.2%
EBIT	52.0	28.5	82.5%
EPS (EUR/share)*	0.77	0.43	79.1%
Equity ratio (%)	78.7	70.8	
Operating Cash Flow	76.3	46.6	EUR 29.7 mill.
Liquid funds	77.5	26.7	EUR 50.8 mill.
Net financial assets	65.6	7.8	EUR 57.8 mill.

<sup>\*</sup> EPS: affected by actual / deferred taxes 2015/2016 EUR -1.7 mill. (prev. EUR 2.1 mill.).



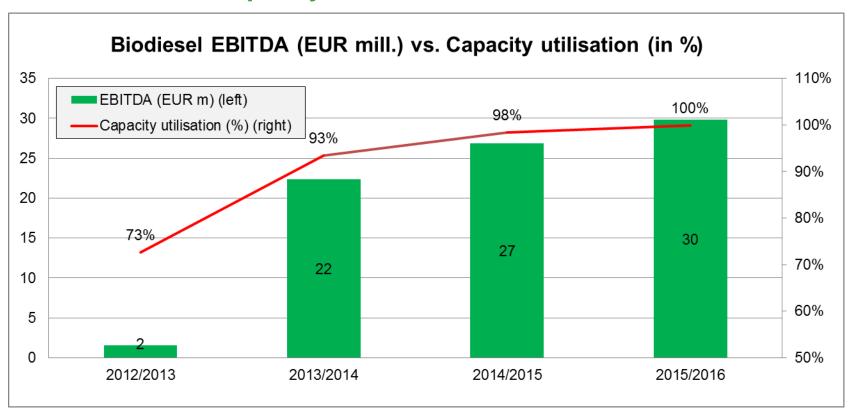


Biodiesel segment

## 3. Biodiesel segment



#### 3.1 EBITDA and capacity utilisation



- EBITDA increase in the financial year 2015/2016 primarily due to further efficiency improvements and the increased capacity utilisation levels
- Production capacity for sterols almost fully in use at the end of the financial year 2015/2016

## 3. Biodiesel segment



### 3.2 Key figures segment biodiesel

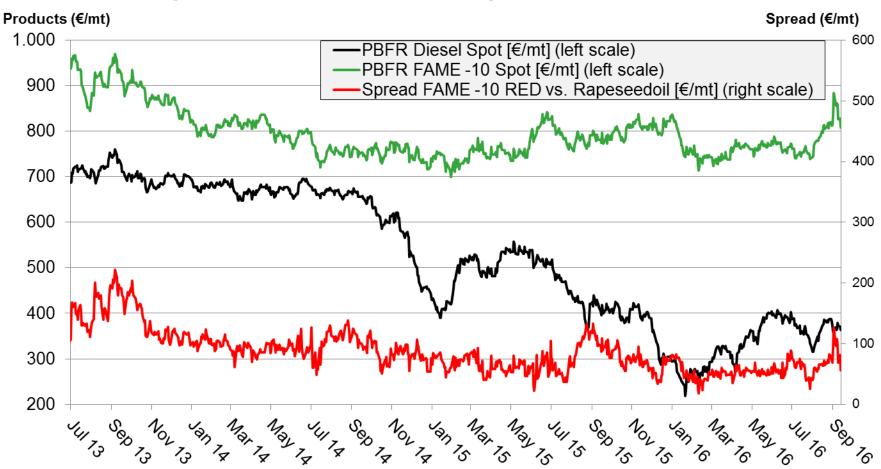
EUR mill.	2015/2016	2014/2015	change
Production (mt)	449,303	442,867	1.5%
Utilisation (percent)	99.9	98.4	
Sales	423.2	397.0	6.6%
Gross margin	48.3	43.6	10.8%
EBITDA	29.8	26.9	10.8%
EBIT	25.3	21.7	16.6%

- 2015/2016 saw the highest level of annual production in the Group's history
- Market share maintained. We continue to aim for high capacity utilisation levels
- Production capacity at the start of the financial year 2016/2017 increased to 470,000 tonnes annually p.a. (previously 450,000 tonnes) with a view to capacity optimisation
- Investments of EUR 4.4 mill. (PY: EUR 6.0 mill) primarily to complete the sterol plant at VERBIO Diesel Bitterfeld

## 3. Biodiesel segment



### 3.3 Market price trends biodiesel, rapeseed oil and diesel



- Production margin comparatively stable in the last two years.
- Low diesel prices have no effect on market margins.
- No significant changes in the production margins in the first half-year 2016/2017 expected.

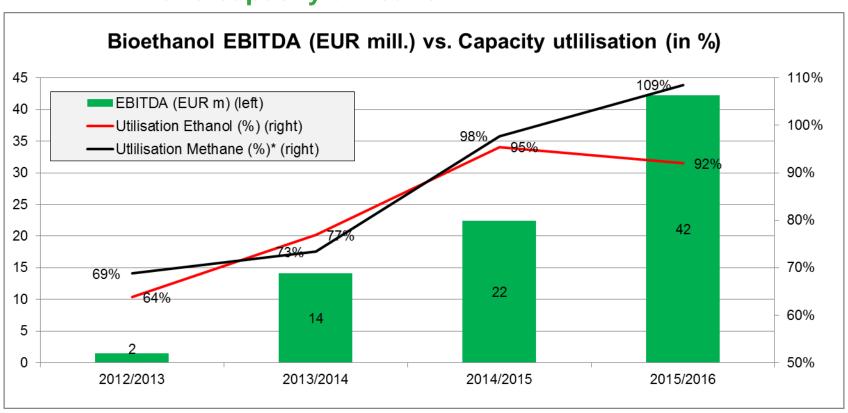




## 4. Bioethanol segment



### 4.1 EBITDA and capacity utilisation



<sup>\*</sup> Based on capacity of 480 GWh p.a.

- The increased EBITDA in the financial year 2015/2016 is primarily a result of increased efficiency, increased plant capacity utilisation of the bio-methane plant, and good margins
- The capacity utilisation for bioethanol was lower than in the previous year as a result of planned maintenance downtime at both locations

## 4. Bioethanol segment



### 4.2 Key figures segment bioethanol

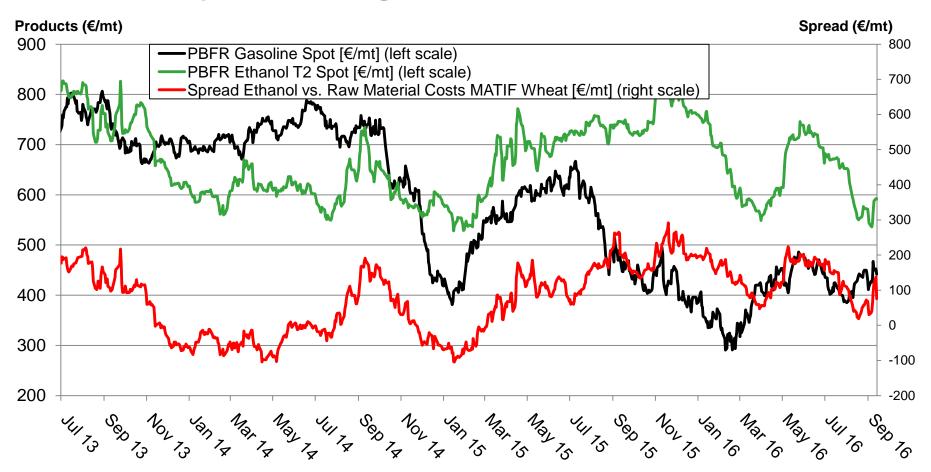
EUR mill.	2015/2016	2014/2015	change
Production (mt)	239,059	248,103	-3.6%
Utilisation (percent)	92.0	95.4	
Production (GWh)	520.9	469.2	11.0%
Utilisation (percent)	108.5	97.7	
Sales	222.1	212.9	4.3%
Gross margin	66.0	44.0	50.0%
EBITDA	42.2	22.4	88.4%
EBIT	26.2	6.3	315.9%

- Market share maintained. We continue to aim for high capacity utilisation levels
- Biomethane production capacity increased to 600 GWh p.a. (previously 480 GWh p.a.) at the start of the financial year 2016/2017 due to technical process improvements
- Investments of EUR 7.8 Mio. (PY: EUR 7.0 mill.), primarily for biomethane optimisation

## 4. Bioethanol segment



### 4.3 Market price trends - gasoline, bioethanol and wheat



- Production margins for Bioethanol remain volatile.
- Forecast of further margin developments cannot be estimated due to volatile Ethanol T2 prices.





Outlook FY 2016/2017

## 5. Outlook FY 2016/2017



#### **Outlook business performance**

#### Capacity utilisation:

Good capacity utilisation in all segments during 1st HY 2016/2017 expected.

#### Market margins:

Good and stable biodiesel margins expected. Uncertainty regarding bioethanol margins with regard to stable prices of raw materials against volatile market prices for bioethanol.

#### CAPEX FY 2016/2017:

Biodiesel: ca. EUR 3.5 mill. Expansion sterol plant at Bitterfeld and other

Bioethanol: ca. EUR 8.6 mill. Mainly optimisation / expanding bio-methane

production (excl. strategic investments)

#### Others:

Financial debt: repayment of ca. EUR 10.0 mill. planned

Dividend proposal of 15 cent/share for FY 2015/2016 made\*

#### ■ Outlook FY 2016/2017:

EBITDA: around EUR 55 mill.

Net cash: around EUR 88 mill. (end of FY)

<sup>\*</sup> see additional information in the annual report 2015/2016



# Thank you for your attention!

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## **Company information**



VERBIO is a leading independent manufacturer and supplier of biofuels to Germany and Europe.

It produces biodiesel, bioethanol and bio-methane on an industrial scale at three sites, making us a <u>one-stop shop</u> for all the biofuels in current use.

## Verbiodiesel Verbioethanol Verbiogas

- Approximately 488 employees
- Three production sites in Germany
- Market share in Germany > 20%
- Export markets are (but not limited to)
   Netherlands, Poland, Czech Republic
- World's biggest bio-methane producer

#### **General Information**

Stock Exchange: XETRA, Frankfurt

ISIN Code: DE000A0JL9W6

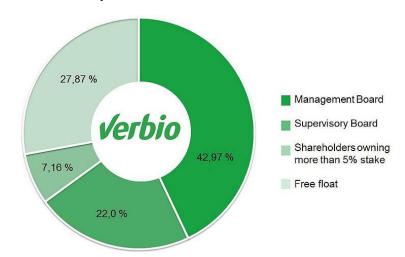
<u>Primary Index:</u> Prime All Share/ CDAX

TRBC Industry: Renewable Fuels

Average Turn Over: 135k shares p.d. XETRA

No. of Shares: 63m bearer shares

Market Cap: ca. EUR 350m



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