

**Analyst's Conference Financial Year 2018/2019** 

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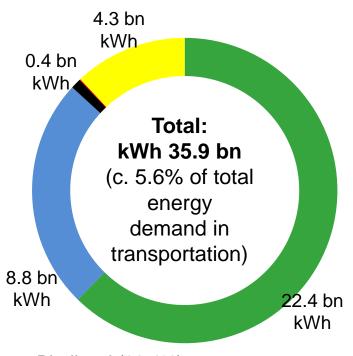
#### Legal environment in the EU year 2020

- 6% GHG savings is hard target
- No quota transfer from previous years
- Biofuel demand increases by at least 10%
- Ethanol deficit expected for EU
- Brexit?

#### Legal environment in Germany in year 2020

- GHG-quote increases by **50**% (from **4**% to **6**%)
- Biofuel demand will substantially increase
- E10 as standard fuel expected
- Announced climate package very positive
- Quota for advanced biofuels will increase

# Renewable energy in transportation in year 2018\*



- Biodiesel (62.4%)
- Bioethanol (24.5%)
- Bio-methane (1.1%)
- Plant oil (0.1%)
- Renewable energy (12.0%)

<sup>\*</sup> Source: AGEE-Statistik, 03/2019; https://www.iea.org/tcep/transport/biofuels/

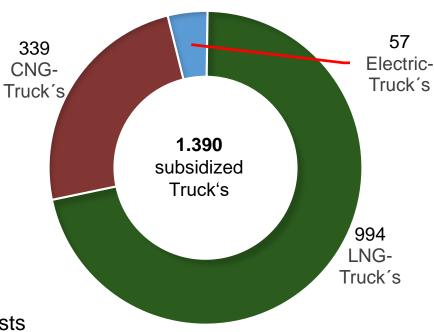


#### Germany: Market for natural gas trucks grows rapidly



- Toll exemption for gas trucks until 31st December 2020
- Toll exemption amounts to 50% of fuel costs
- LNG fuel is 40% cheaper compared to diesel
- 20% less fuel consumption than diesel

# SUBSIDY PROGRAMM OF THE GERMAN STATE FOR ENERGYEFFICIENT TRUCK'S Subsidized systems July 2018 to July 2019

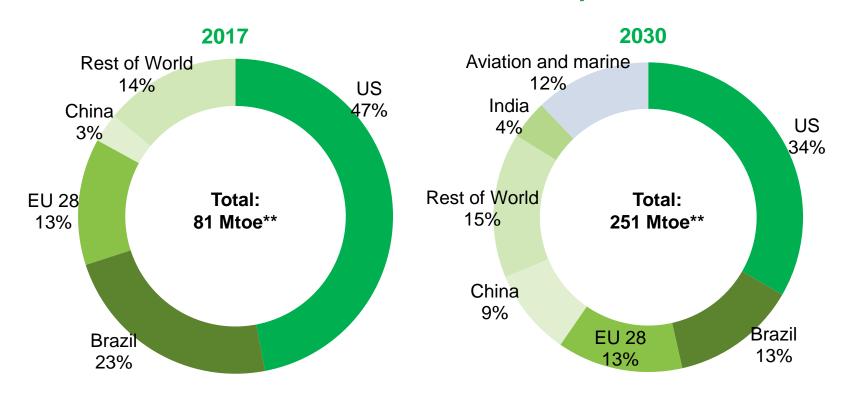


#### www.zukunft-erdgas.info

Source: BMVI-Förderprogramm "Energieeffiziente und/oder CO²-arme schwere Nutzfahrzeuge" (EEN) Stand 31.07.2019



#### Biofuel demand 2017 vs. Sustainable Development Scenario\*



"To keep pace with the Sustainable Development Scenario, transport biofuel consumption needs to increase in existing markets and new markets need to develop."\*

<sup>\*</sup> https://www.iea.org/tcep/transport/biofuels/

<sup>\*\*</sup> Mtoe: The tonne of oil equivalent (toe) is a unit of energy defined as the amount of energy released by burning one tonne of crude oil



#### Market environment USA

- Composition Biofuel Market
- Ethanol industry suffers massively from trade war
- Trump announces 'giant package' for 2020
- Biodiesel obligation increases by 20%
- cellulosic biofuel obligation increases by 30%

# Advanced biofuel 18% Biomass-based diesel 8% Cellulosic biofuel 1% Renewable fuel 73%

# Proposed and Final Renewable Fuel Volume Requirements for 2019-2021\*

in billion gallons**	2019	2020 Statutory Volumes	2020 Proposed Volumes	2021 Proposed Volumes
Cellulosic biofuel	0.42	10.50	0.54	n/a
Biomass-based diesel	2.10	>=1	n/a	2.43
Advanced biofuel	4.92	15.00	5,04	n/a
Renewable fuel	19.92	30.00	20.04	n/a

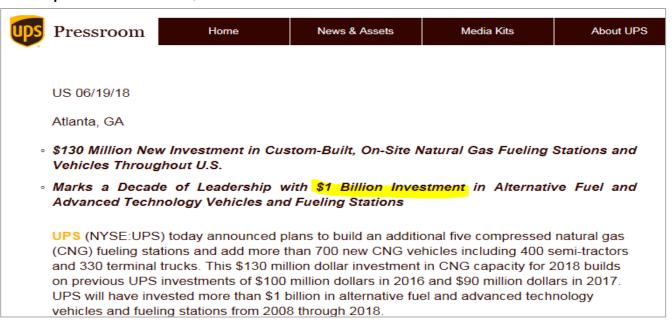
<sup>\*</sup> https://www.greencarcongress.com/2019/07/20190706-eparfs.html

<sup>\*\*</sup> All values are ethanol-equivalent on an energy content basis except for biodiesel which is biodiesel-equivalent



#### LCFS (THG-Quote) California (east coast)

- LCFS (Low Carbon Fuel Standard) comparable to German THG-quota
- California, Oregon, Washington, BC
- 10% GHG by 2020
- Weekly auction of CO2 certificates
- Current price USD 200,-/t CO2





#### **Status Canada / commissioning on 24 August 2019**





#### Status USA / RNG Nevada/lowa





#### **Status India**







<sup>\*</sup> under construction

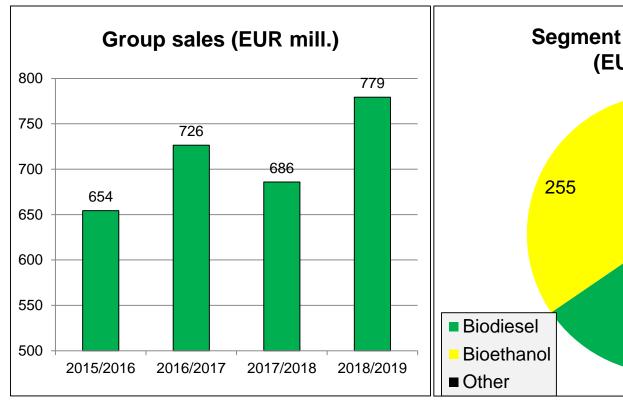


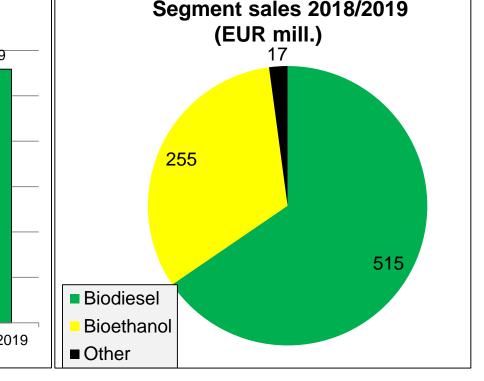


## 2. Business performance VERBIO Group



#### 2.1 Group sales revenues



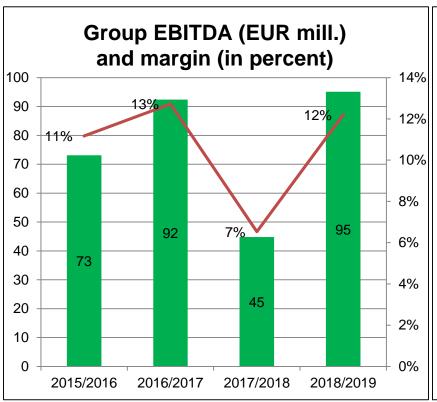


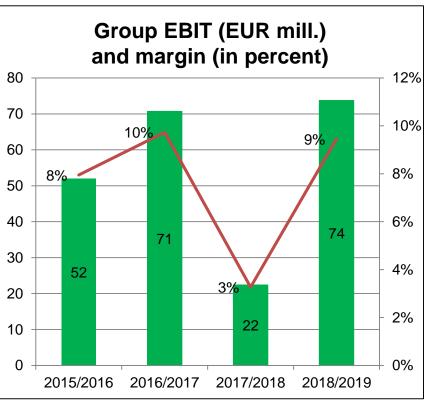
- Group sales revenue 2018/2019 includes income from biogene fuels trading totalling EUR 19.6 mill. (PY: EUR 18.2 mill.) which is used to optimise margins and logistics.
- Segment sales affected by the higher price levels for biofuels.
- Segment Other primarily represents sales revenues from transport and logistics services.

## 2. Business performance VERBIO Group



#### 2.2 Development EBITDA and EBIT





- EBITDA in 2018/2019 significantly up compared to the previous year as a result of increased biodiesel margins at the end of 2018 due to low water levels in the river Rhine.
- Repairs and maintenance EUR 11.7 mill. (PY: EUR 10.5 mill.) / effect on EBITDA.
- Depreciation 2018/2019 slightly down EUR 21.4 mill. (PY: EUR 22.4 mill.)

# 2. Business performance VERBIO Group



#### 2.3 Group overview

EUR mill.	2018/2019	2017/2018	change
Production (t)	721,126	722,511	-0.2%
Sales revenues	779.3	685.9	13.6%
EBITDA	95.1	44.8	112.3%
EBIT	73.7	22.4	229.0%
EPS (EUR/share)	0.84	0.24	250.0%
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Equity ratio (%)**	79.8	82.0	
Operating Cash Flow	44.3	11.1	EUR 33.2 mill.
Liquid funds*/**	74.2	90.5	EUR -16.3 mill.
Net financial assets*/**	64.2	90.1	EUR -25.9 mill.

<sup>\*</sup> incl. segregated accounts

<sup>\*\*</sup> end of FY





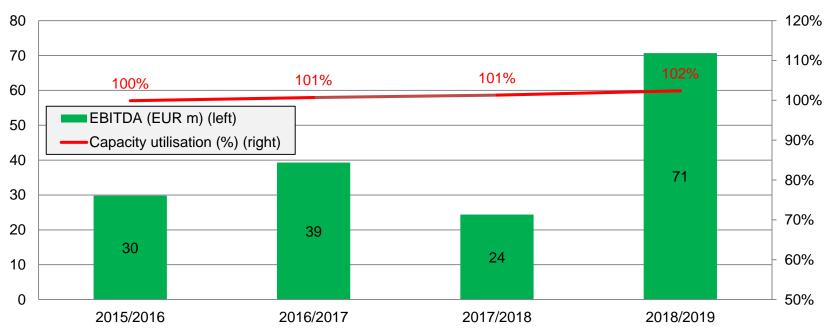
**Biodiesel** segment

# 3. Biodiesel segment



#### 3.1 EBITDA and capacity utilisation

#### Biodiesel EBITDA (EUR mill.) vs. Capacity utilisation (in %)



- Increase in EBITDA in the financial year 2018/2019 primarily due to increased capacity utilisation and higher production margins as a result of low water levels in the river Rhine.
- Expansion of sterol production in line with plan. Production commenced in Q1 2019/2020.

# 3. Biodiesel segment



#### 3.2 Segment overview

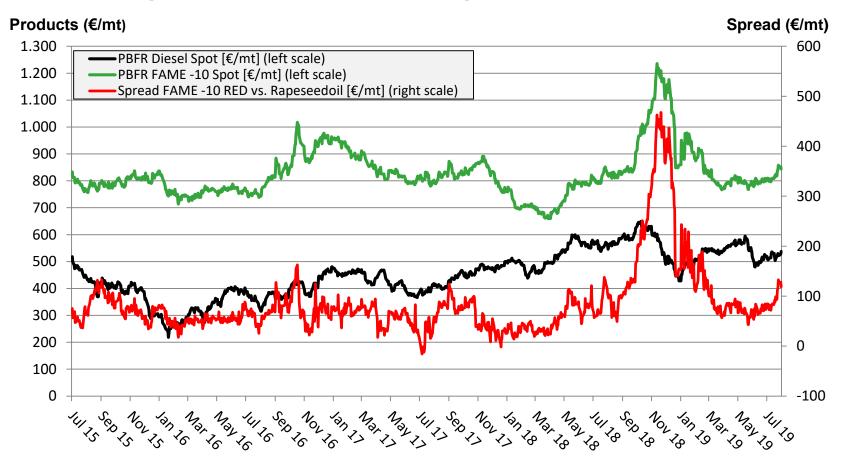
EUR mill.	2018/2019	2017/2018	change
Production (t)	481,280	476,211	1.1%
Utilisation (percent)	102.4	101.3	
Sales	514.5	456.8	12.6%
EBITDA	70.7	24.4	189.8%
EBIT	65.7	19.6	235.2%
Employees	158	113	45

- Further increase in production in 2018/2019 resulting in the highest annual production levels in the history of the Company.
- Increase in revenues driven by higher sales prices for biodiesel.
- Investments of EUR 27.9 mill. (PY: EUR 5.9 mill.), primarily for sterol capacity expansion.

## 3. Biodiesel segment



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



- Strong decline in biodiesel prices and margins since January 2019.
- Current margins correspond to average of previous years.



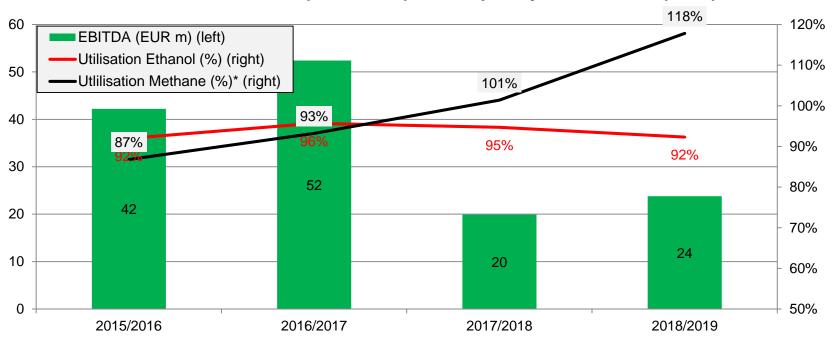


# 4. Bioethanol segment



#### 4.1 EBITDA and capacity utilisation

#### Bioethanol EBITDA (EUR mill.) vs. Capacity utilisation (in %)



- Increase in EBITDA in the financial year 2018/2019 due to a significant increase in biomethane production (+16 %) among other things
- Construction of the new bio refinery at the Pinnow location completed. Production has commenced.

# 4. Bioethanol segment



#### **4.2 Segment overview**

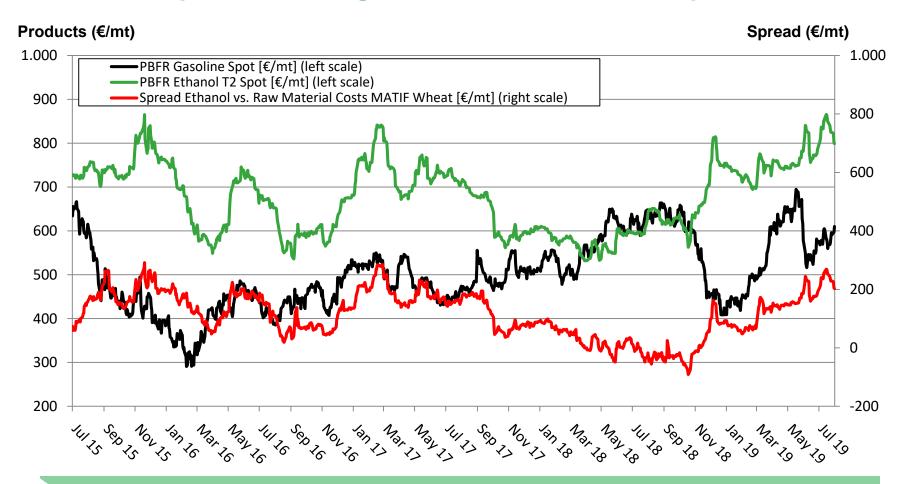
EUR mill.	2018/2019	2017/2018	change
Production (t)	239,846	246,300	-2.6%
Utilisation (percent)	92.3	94.7	
Production (GWh)	706.6	608.3	16.2%
Utilisation (percent)*	117.8	101.4	
Sales	254.7	219.1	16.2%
EBITDA	23.8	19.9	19.6%
EBIT	8.0	2.8	185.7%
Employees	332	260	72

- Market share was maintained. Good capacity utilisation.
- Investments of EUR 34.8 mill. (PY: EUR 18.5 mill.), primarily to optimise existing biomethane plants, to build the bio refinery Pinnow and biomethane plants in India and USA.

# 4. Bioethanol segment



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



- Production margins for bioethanol increased from the end of 2018. Wheat prices fall more sharply in relation to bioethanol.
- Increased competition in the European biofuels market led to first plant closures.





Outlook for the financial year 2019/2020

# 5. Outlook financial year 2019/2020



#### **Production capacity 2019/2020**

#### Capacity – year on year comparison

Biomethane

2018/2019: 600 GWh

2019/2020: **750 GWh** (+ 25 %)

⇒ Optimisation of existing plants and

⇒ Additional capacity at the Pinnow location

#### Biodiesel

2018/2019: **470.000** tonnes

2019/2020: **660.000** tonnes (+ 40.4 %)

⇒ Optimisation of existing plants and

⇒ Additional biodiesel capacity in Canada

# 5. Outlook financial year 2019/2020



#### **Business performance outlook**

#### Plant capacity utilisation:

Generally good capacity utilisation in the financial year 2019/2020 expected for all segments.

#### Market: Margins

Biodiesel: 1. HJ 2019/2020 good margins expected.

Bioethanol: 1. HJ 2019/2020 good margins expected.

#### CAPEX financial year 2019/2020:

Approx. EUR 80 Mio. primarily for foreign projects in straw biomethan, acquisition of biodiesel plant in Canada and efficiency improvements in the Biomethane / Biodiesel segments.

■ Proposed dividend of 20 cent/share for FY 2018/2019\*

#### Outlook FY 2019/2020:

EBITDA: around EUR 65 mill.

Slight net debt position at the end of the financial year 2019/2020

<sup>\*</sup> see additional information in the annual report 2018/2019



# Thank you for your attention!

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