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Raviv Zoller | President and CEO

August 14, 2024



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This report for the second quarter of 2024 should be read in conjunction with the Annual Report of 2023 and our current reports on Form 6-K for the results for the quarters ended June 30, 2024, and March 31, 2024, filed on August 14, 2024, and May 9, 2024, respectively, including the description of events occurring subsequent to the date of the statement of financial position, as filed with the U.S. SEC.



Second quarter of 2024

Delivered continuing improvement

- Sales of \$1,752M – second quarter of consecutive improvement
- Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ of \$377M – increased for third consecutive quarter, with margin of 22%
- Adjusted diluted EPS⁽¹⁾ of \$0.10
- Quarterly dividend of ~\$0.05 per share
- Specialties-driven segments delivered third quarter of consecutive growth and YoY improvement in EBITDA⁽¹⁾
- Fertilizer prices stabilized during the quarter
- Maintained focus on efficiency efforts and cash generation

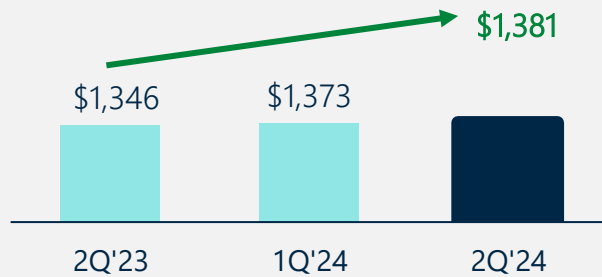
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Key financial highlights

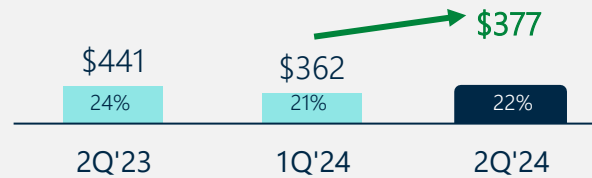
Specialties-driven sales

US\$M



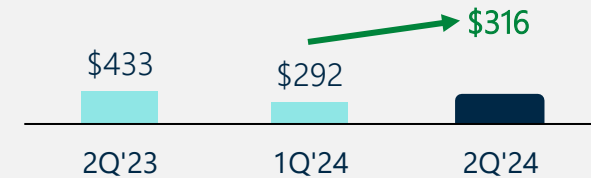
Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾

US\$M



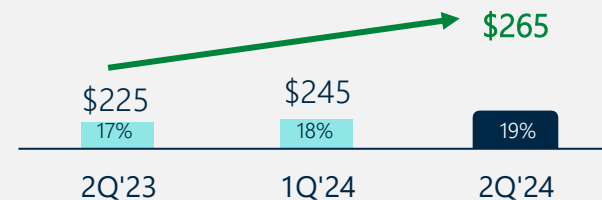
Operating cash flow

US\$M



Specialties-driven EBITDA⁽¹⁾

US\$M



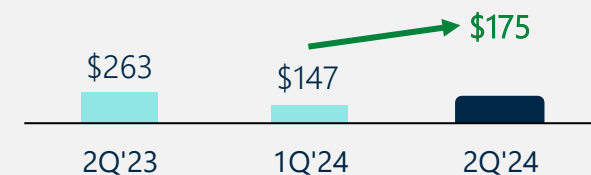
Adjusted diluted EPS⁽¹⁾

US\$



Free cash flow^(1,2)

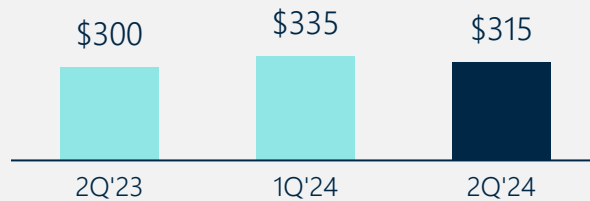
US\$M



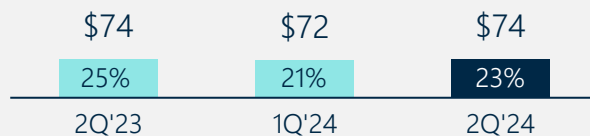
(1) Adjusted EBITDA and margin, specialties-driven EBITDA, adjusted diluted EPS and free cash flow are non-GAAP financial measures; see reconciliation tables in appendix. (2) In 2Q'24, a reclassification of interest received as cash used in investing activities and interest paid as cash used in financing activities (instead of as cash provided by operating activities) resulted in a slight shift to historical data. Note: Specialties-driven sales and EBITDA includes Industrial Products, Phosphate Solutions and Growing Solutions; see appendix for additional details. In 2024, ICL moved its Prolactal business from Phosphate Solutions to Other. As a result, historical segment data has been restated.

Industrial Products

Sales US\$M



EBITDA US\$M



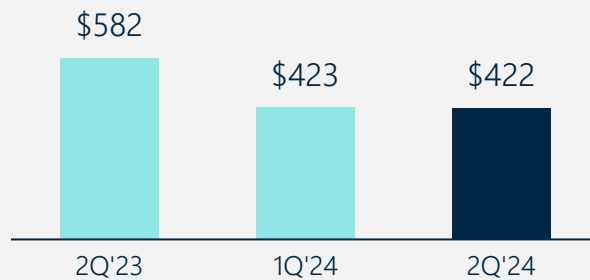
Key developments

- Third quarter of sequential EBITDA growth
- Increased utilization and cost savings
- Growth of market share in flame retardants and elemental bromine
- Lower sales of clear brine fluids, due to weather and planning considerations
- Expanding Specialty Minerals product launches, including FruitMag in China

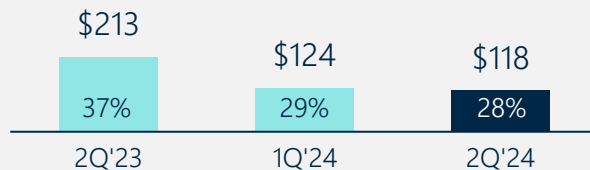
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Potash

Sales US\$M



EBITDA US\$M



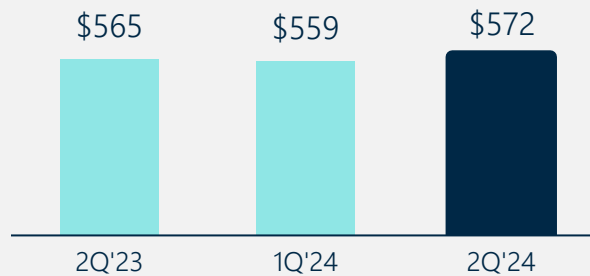
Key developments

- Total sales volume of 1,153 kmt versus 1,261 kmt in 2Q'23 and 1,084 kmt in 1Q'24
- Improved potash production in Spain, driving lower cost per ton YoY
- Full-year 2024 cost savings efforts on track
- Average potash CIF price per ton of \$300 – down vs. \$403 in 2Q'23 and \$324 in 1Q'24

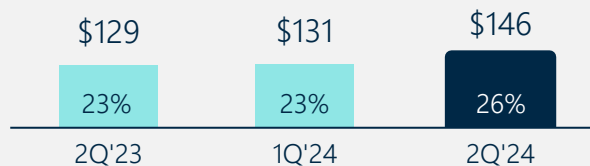
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Phosphate Solutions

Sales US\$M



EBITDA US\$M



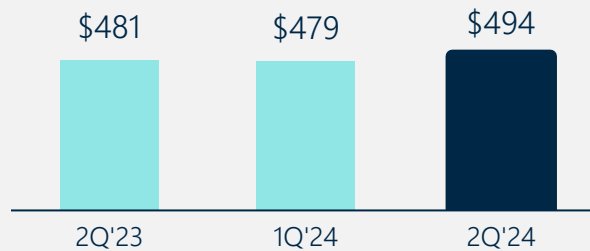
Key developments

- Strong quarter with YoY and QoQ growth in sales, with margin expansion
- Delivered double-digit YoY growth in alternative dairy-based beverages
- Expanded production capacity in China, to meet growing demand for food specialty solutions
- Increased battery materials market share, due to growing global adoption of LFP
- Customer IQ Center expected online by year-end, and aligning ESS CAPEX spend with customer needs

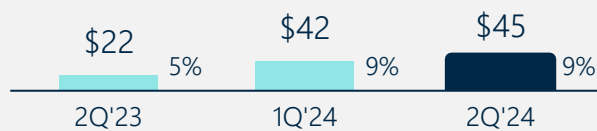
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Growing Solutions

Sales US\$M



EBITDA US\$M



Key developments

- Strong quarter with YoY and QoQ improvement in sales and EBITDA
- Launched innovative new products to meet specific growing regions' needs
- Increased market share in key markets of Brazil, China and India
- Expanded specialty plant nutrition footprint in North America, with acquisition of Custom Ag Formulators

Note: Segment EBITDA and margin are non-GAAP financial measures; please see appendix for additional details.

Quarterly highlights

Focused on sustainable growth

- Delivered third quarter of sequential EBITDA improvement
- Increasing specialties market share in key regions
- Acquired Custom Ag Formulators in North America
- Added food phosphate capacity in China
- Leveraging expertise to become global leader in battery materials technology
- Driving cash generation and efficiency efforts
- Rated best place to work in Israel, Brazil and St. Louis





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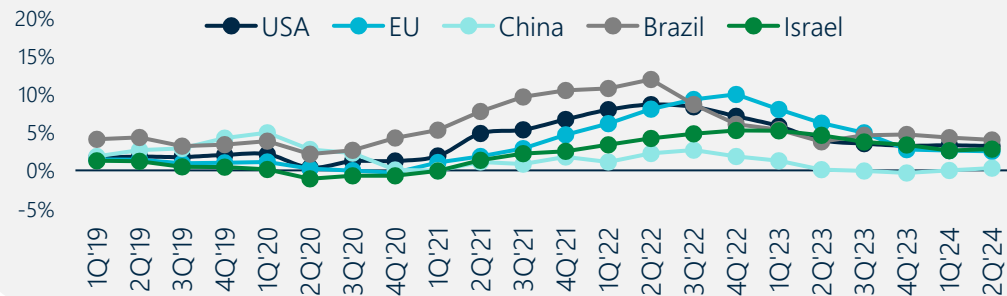
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Key market metrics | macro indicators

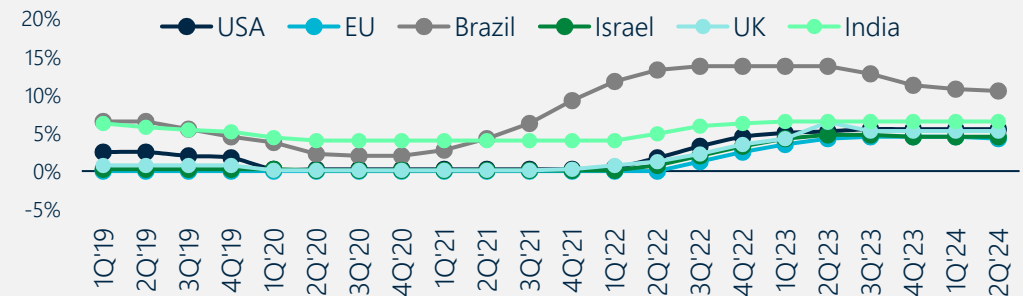
Inflation – generally stable

Rate



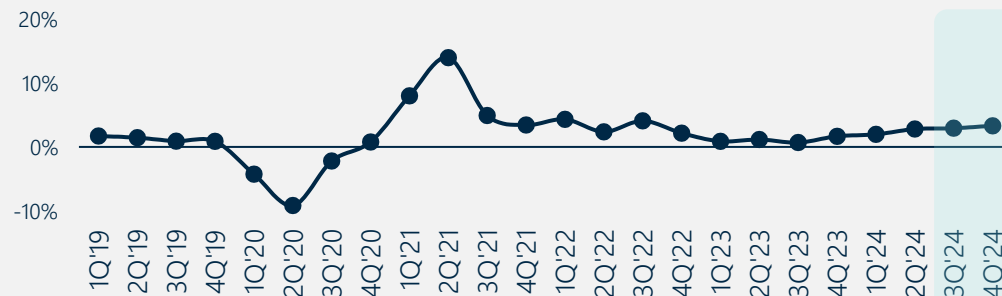
Interest rates – elevated but steady

Percentage



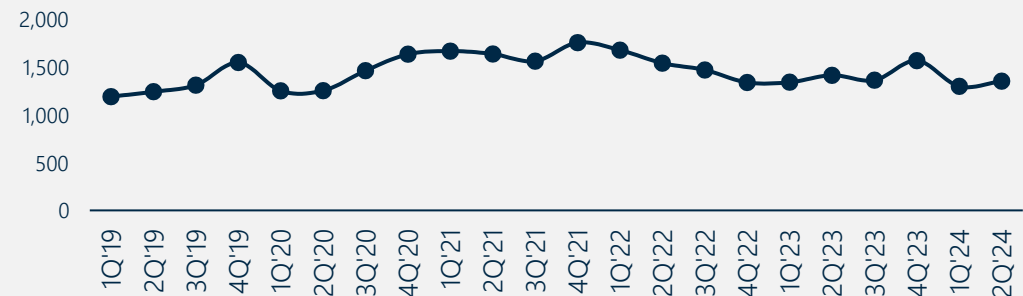
Global industrial production – gradually improving

YoY change



U.S. housing starts – moderating

in thousands



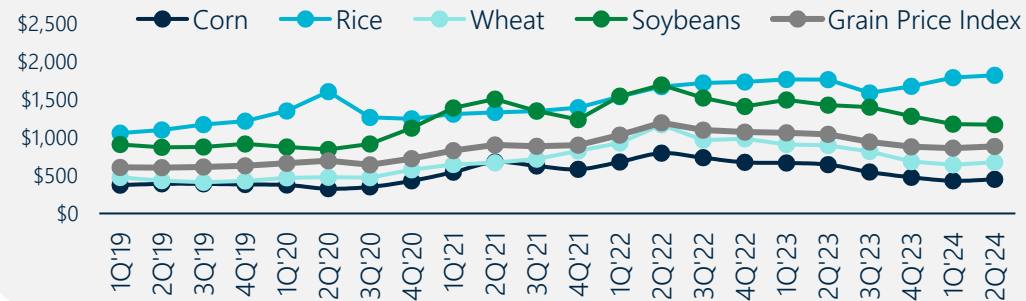
Sources: Inflation – Bloomberg, as of 6.30.24. Interest rates – Global-rates.com, as of 7.17.24. Global industrial production – CRU, as of June 2024. U.S. housing starts – Bloomberg, as of 7.17.24.

Key market metrics | fertilizers



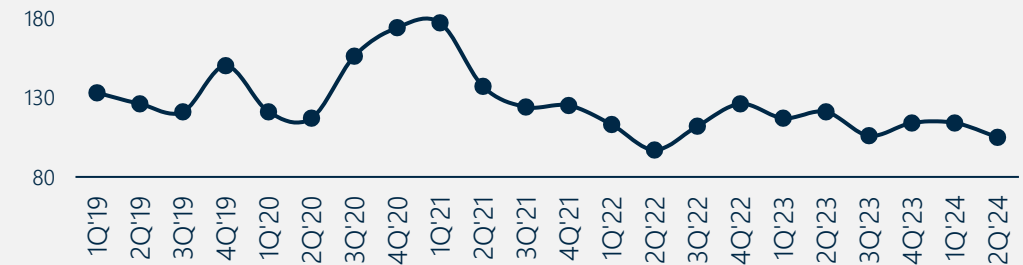
Grain Price Index – stabilizing

US\$/bushel



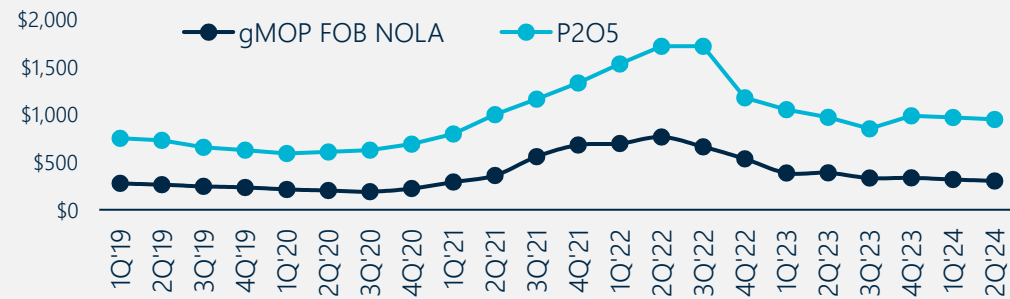
Farmer sentiment – moderating

Index



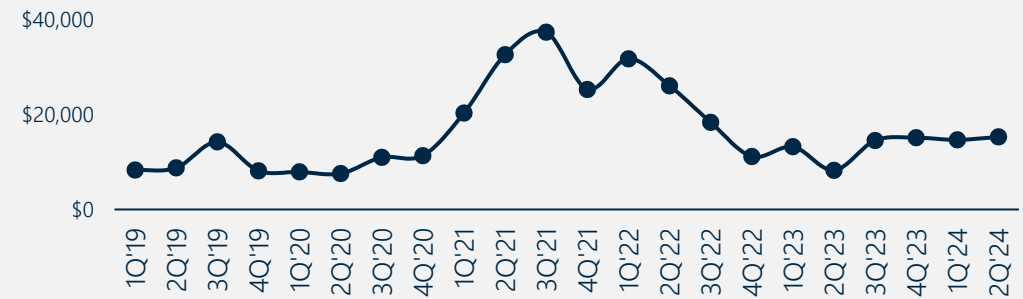
Commodity fertilizers – stabilizing

US\$



Supramax Timecharter Average – remaining elevated

US\$/day



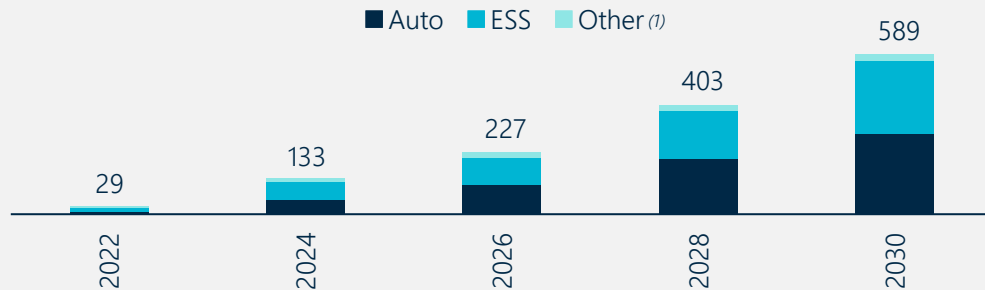
Sources: Grain Price Index – CRU, as of 6.30.24 Farmer sentiment – Purdue/CME Ag Economy Barometer, as of 6.30.24. gMOP (US\$/st) and phosphoric acid (US\$/ton) – CRU, as of 7.11.24. Supramax – Hudson Shipping, as of 6.28.24.

Key market metrics | energy storage and EVs



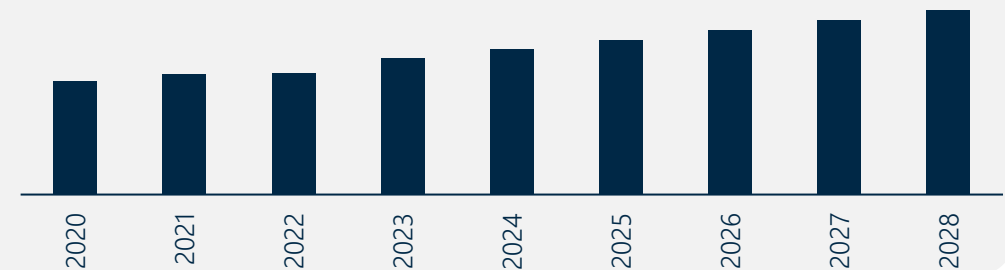
North American LFP CAM demand

'000s mt



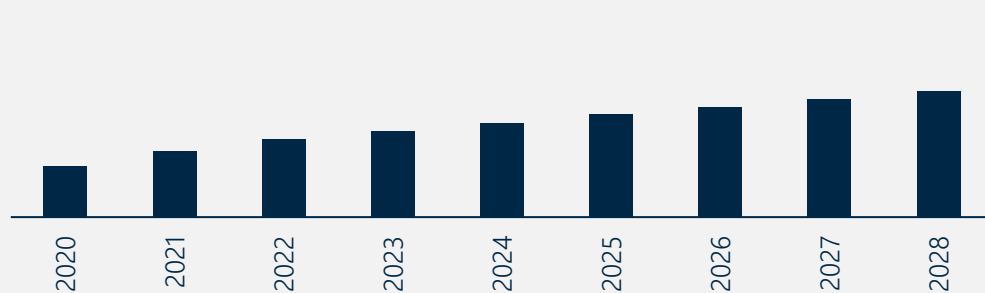
WPA demand

'000s mt P2O5



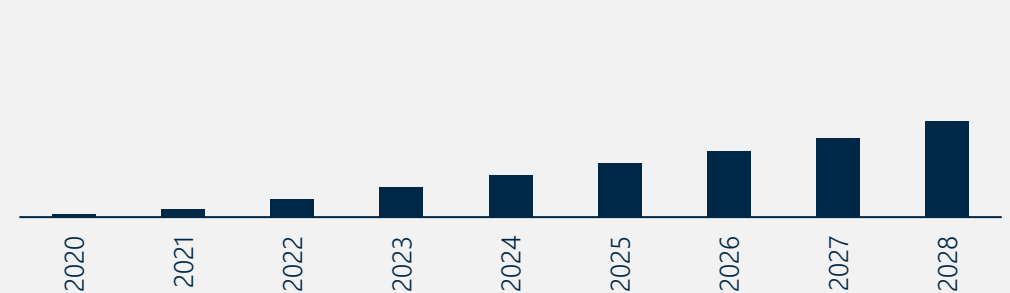
Technical MAP demand

'000s mt



Global LFP phosphate demand

'000s mt P2O5

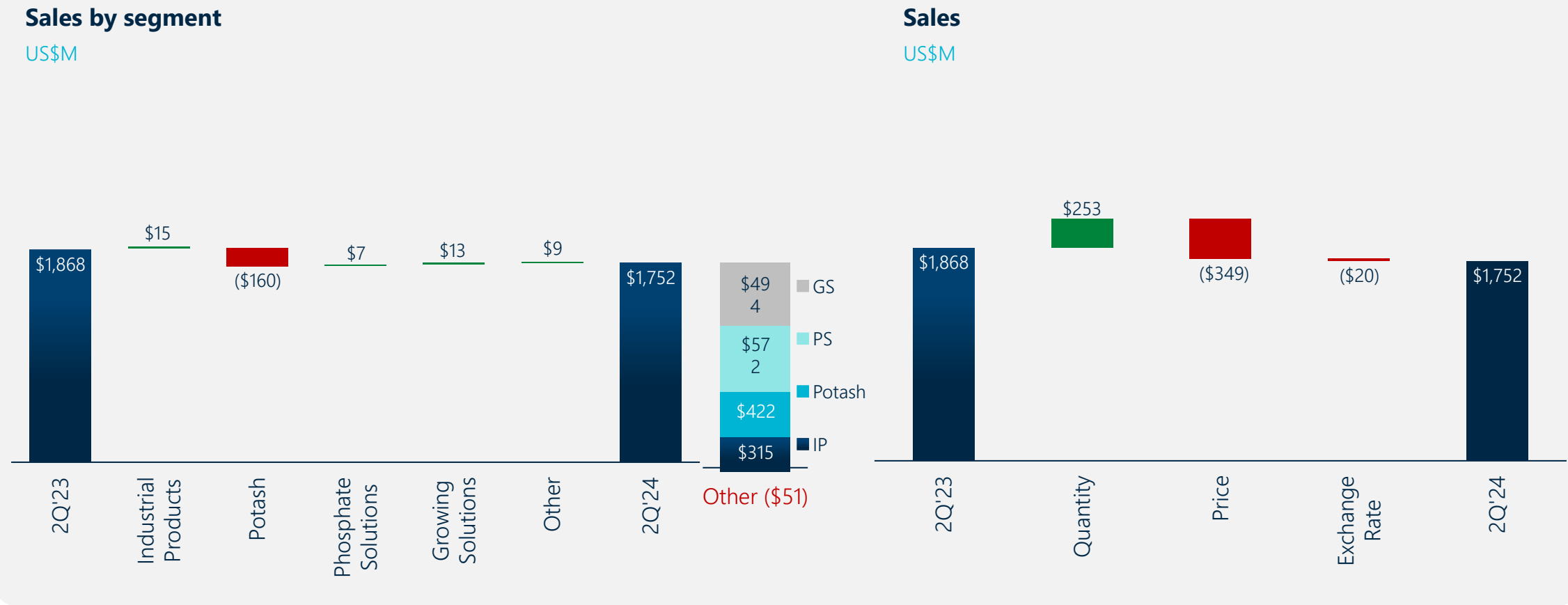


(1) Includes eShips, consumer electronics, low-speed electric vehicles (LSEV), electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL), and two-wheelers.

Sources: NA LFP CAM demand – IHS, SMM, WoodMac, interviews with market participants, and Roland Berger, as of December 2023. Phosphate demand for battery sector – CRU, 2024 forecast. 

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Sales bridge



Notes: Numbers rounded to closest million; Other includes intercompany eliminations.

Second quarter 2024

Profit bridge



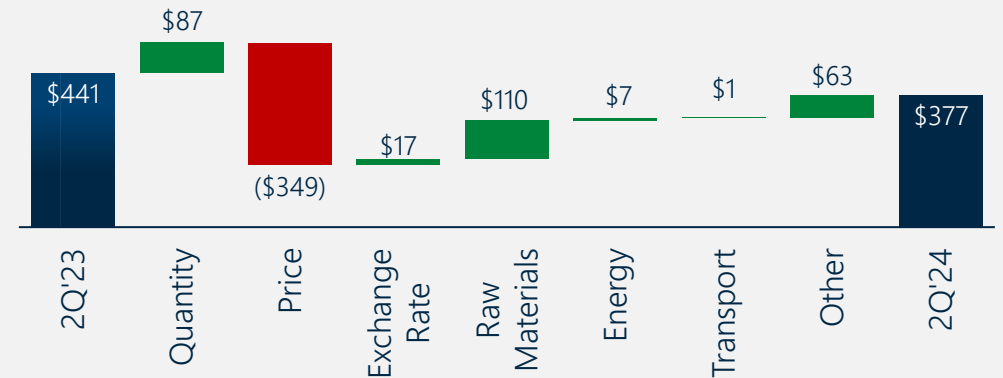
Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ by segment

US\$M



Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾

US\$M



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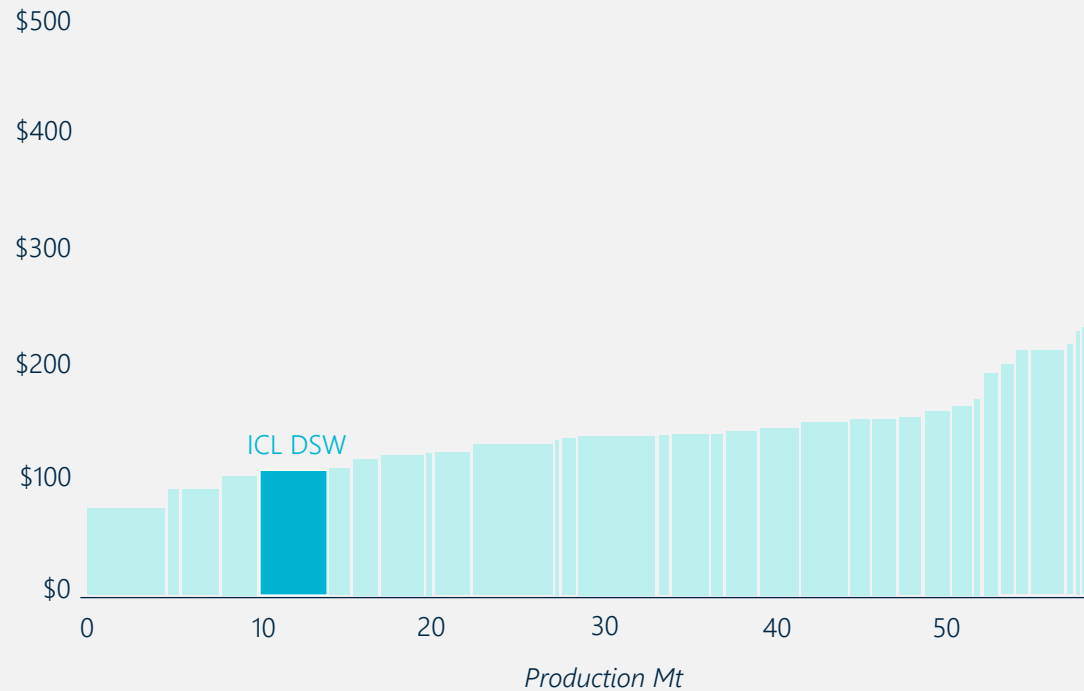
Potash costs and prices

Leading positions



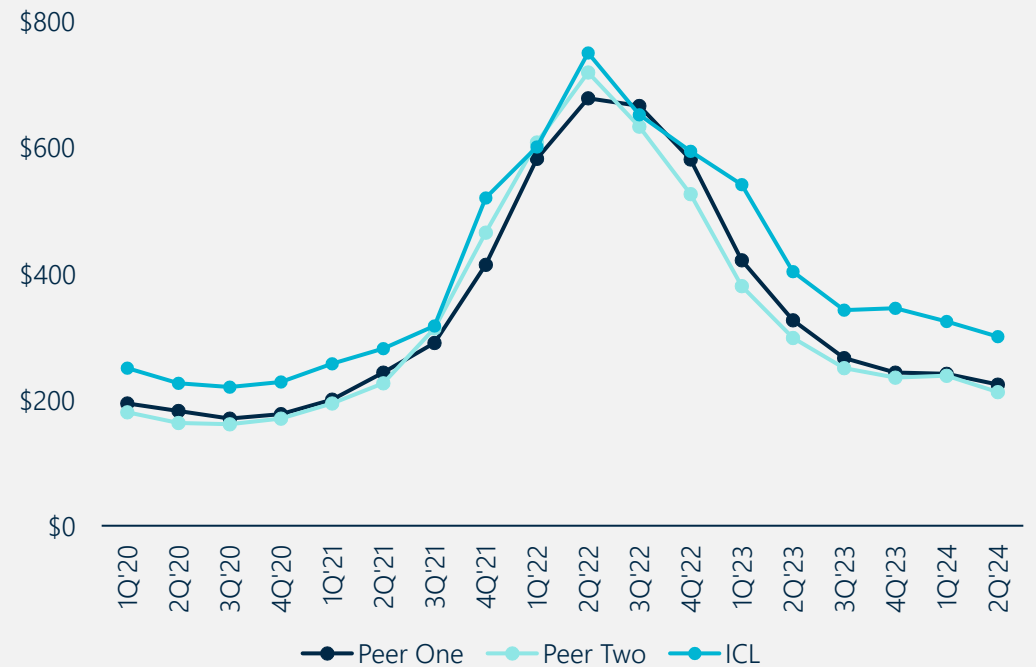
MOP industry cost curve

Cash costs US\$/t, excluding royalties, FOB load port



Potash ASP

US\$



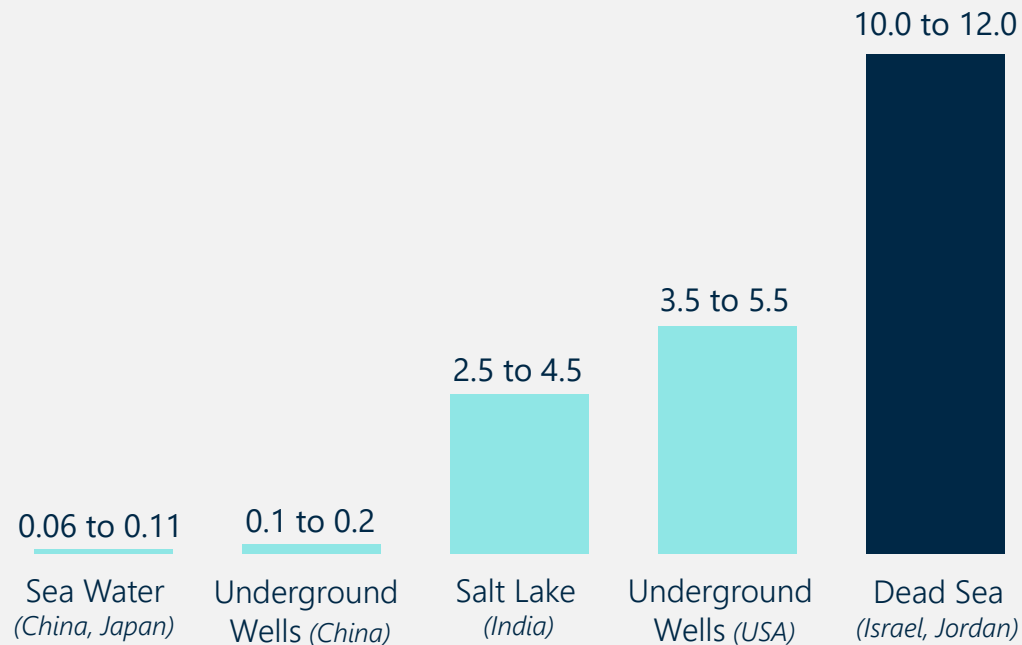
Sources: Cost curve – data shown for 2023 and used with permission of CRU International Ltd. 2024, all rights reserved. Potash peers' ASP from company reports, as of 8.7.24.

Bromine quality and costs

Leading positions

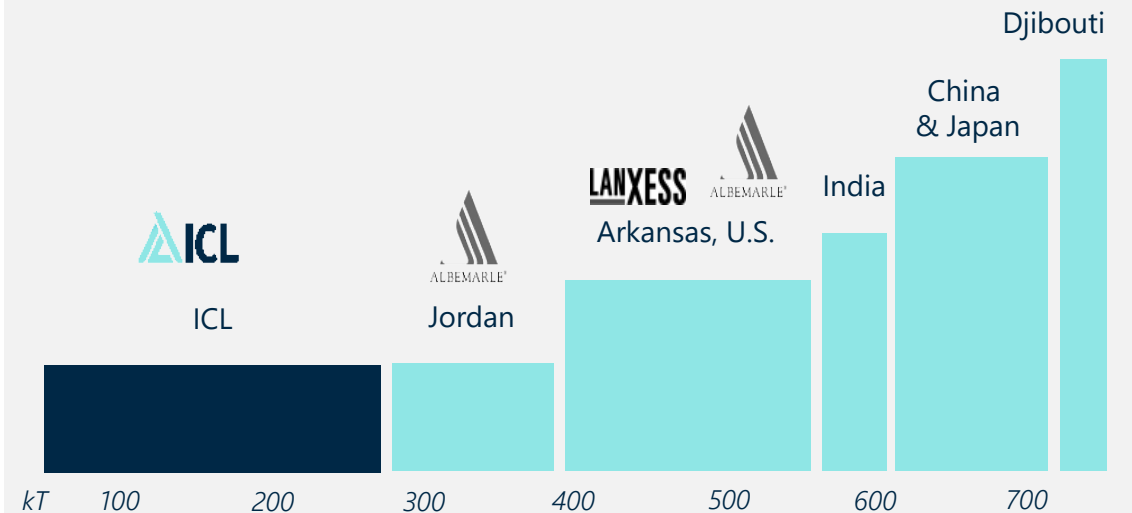
Bromine concentration

g/L



Bromine industry cost curve

Relative production cost



Sources: Right graph – Weizmann Institute of Science; left graph – internal calculations.

Diversified approach to growth

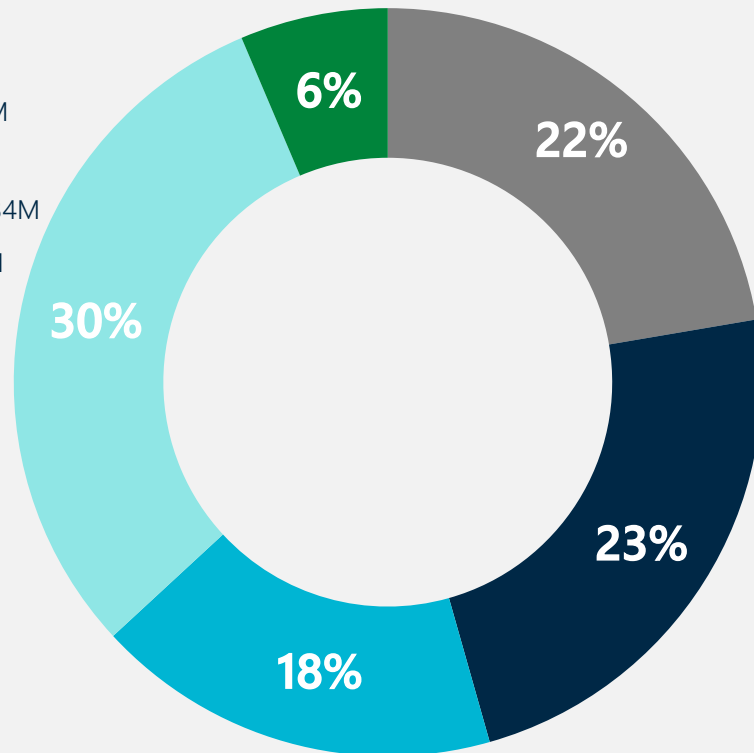
Driving global specialties transformation



2Q'24 sales by region

US\$

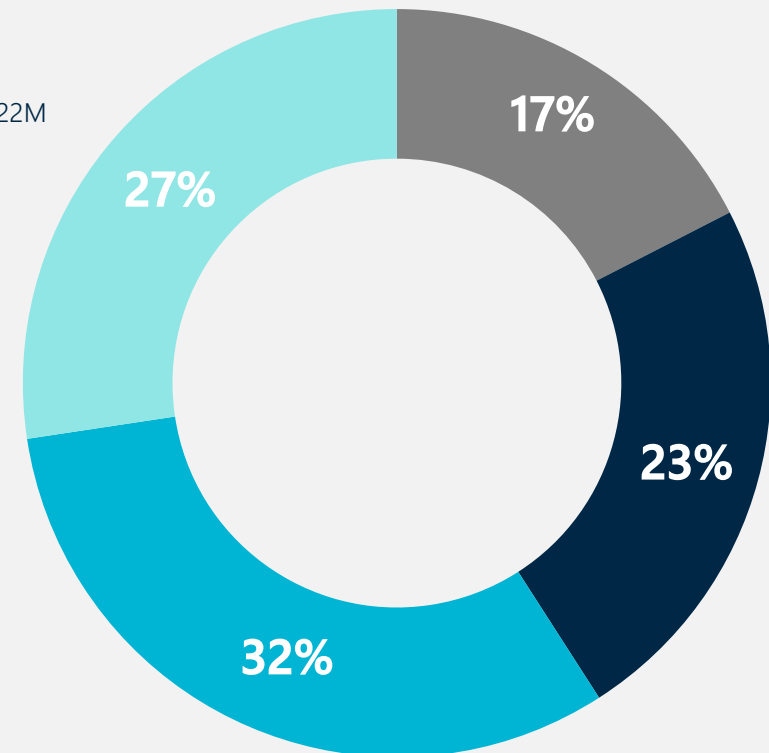
- SA \$391M
- Asia \$408M
- NA \$307M
- Europe \$534M
- RoW \$112M



2Q'24 sales by business

US\$

- IP \$315M
- Potash \$422M
- PS \$572M
- GS \$494M



Note: Sales by business exclude other activities and reconciliation of (\$51M).

Financial highlights

Second quarter 2024

Benefitting from
increasing specialties
market share

Savings and efficiency
efforts on target

Continued focus on
cash generation

Available resources
of \$1.7B

Net debt to adjusted
EBITDA⁽¹⁾ of 1.3

Quarterly dividend
distribution of \$63M,
for 4.6% yield

Note: Available cash resources as of 6.30.24 and comprised of cash and deposits, unutilized revolving credit facility, and unutilized securitization. Dividend yield shown on TTM basis. (1) Net debt to adjusted EBITDA (as of 6.30.24) is a non-GAAP financial measures; please see appendix for additional details.

Raising guidance

Full year 2024

Specialties-driven EBITDA⁽¹⁾ of \$0.8B to \$1.0B, up from \$0.7B to \$0.9B

No change in potash sales volumes

Expected tax rate of approximately ~28%

(1) Specialties-driven EBITDA includes Industrial Products, Phosphate Solutions and Growing Solutions and is a non-GAAP measure; please see appendix for additional details.



Thank you

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Appendix

Second Quarter 2024



Calculation of segment EBITDA

Second quarter of 2024

Industrial Products <i>US\$M</i>	2Q'24	1Q'24	2Q'23
Segment sales	\$315	\$335	\$300
Segment operating income	\$60	\$59	\$60
Segment operating margin	19%	18%	20%
Depreciation and amortization	\$14	\$13	\$14
Segment EBITDA	\$74	\$72	\$74
Segment EBITDA margin	23%	21%	25%

Phosphate Solutions ⁽²⁾ <i>US\$M</i>	2Q'24	1Q'24	2Q'23
Segment sales	\$572	\$559	\$565
Segment operating income	\$93	\$84	\$73
Segment operating margin	16%	15%	13%
Depreciation and amortization	\$53	\$47	\$56
Segment EBITDA	\$146	\$131	\$129
Segment EBITDA margin	26%	23%	23%

Potash ⁽¹⁾ <i>US\$M</i>	2Q'24	1Q'24	2Q'23
Segment sales	\$422	\$423	\$582
Segment operating income	\$60	\$62	\$167
Segment operating margin	14%	15%	29%
Depreciation and amortization	\$58	\$62	\$46
Segment EBITDA	\$118	\$124	\$213
Segment EBITDA margin	28%	29%	37%

Growing Solutions <i>US\$M</i>	2Q'24	1Q'24	2Q'23
Segment sales	\$494	\$479	\$481
Segment operating income	\$25	\$23	\$4
Segment operating margin	5%	5%	1%
Depreciation and amortization	\$20	\$19	\$18
Segment EBITDA	\$45	\$42	\$22
Segment EBITDA margin	9%	9%	5%

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Segment results analysis

Second quarter of 2024

Segment Sales US\$M	Industrial Products	Potash ⁽¹⁾	Phosphate Solutions ⁽²⁾	Growing Solutions
2Q'23	\$300	\$582	\$565	\$481
Quantity	\$90	\$5	\$79	\$70
Price	(\$74)	(\$164)	(\$66)	(\$45)
Exchange rates	(\$1)	(\$1)	(\$6)	(\$12)
2Q'24	\$315	\$422	\$572	\$494

Segment EBITDA US\$M	Industrial Products	Potash ⁽¹⁾	Phosphate Solutions ⁽²⁾	Growing Solutions
2Q'23	\$74	\$213	\$129	\$22
Quantity	\$39	(\$13)	\$29	\$25
Price	(\$74)	(\$164)	(\$66)	(\$45)
Exchange rates	\$5	\$6	\$6	(\$2)
Raw materials	(\$2)	\$1	\$49	\$59
Energy	\$2	\$3	-	\$3
Transportation	\$2	\$2	\$1	(\$4)
Operating and other expenses	\$28	\$70	(\$2)	(\$13)
2Q'24	\$74	\$118	\$146	\$45

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Reconciliation tables

Calculation of adjustments for second quarter of 2024

Adjusted EBITDA <i>US\$M</i>	2Q'24	1Q'24	2Q'23
Net income	\$130	\$126	\$167
Financing expenses, net	\$33	\$35	\$49
Taxes on income	\$48	\$42	\$84
Less: Share in earnings of equity-accounted investees	-	-	-
Operating income	\$211	\$203	\$300
Depreciation and amortization	\$152	\$147	\$141
Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	\$14	\$12	-
Adjusted EBITDA	\$377	\$362	\$441

Free cash flow <i>US\$M⁽²⁾</i>	2Q'24	1Q'24	2Q'23
Cash flow from operations	\$316	\$292	\$433
Additions to PP&E, intangible assets and dividends from equity-accounted investees ⁽³⁾	(\$141)	(\$145)	(\$170)
Free cash flow	\$175	\$147	\$263

Adjusted NI and diluted EPS <i>US\$M, ex. per share</i>	2Q'24	1Q'24	2Q'23
Net income, attributable	\$115	\$109	\$163
Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	\$14	\$12	-
Total tax adjustments	(\$3)	(\$3)	-
Adjusted net income, attributable	\$126	\$118	\$163
Weighted-average number of diluted ordinary shares outstanding <i>in millions</i>	1,290	1,290	1,291
Adjusted diluted EPS	\$0.10	\$0.09	\$0.13

Net debt to adjusted EBITDA⁽⁴⁾ <i>US\$M</i>	2Q'24
Net debt	\$1,854
Adjusted EBITDA	\$1,388
Net debt to adjusted EBITDA	1.3

Note: Numbers may not add, due to rounding and set-offs. (1) See detailed reconciliation table – adjustments to reported operating and net income (non-GAAP) – in corresponding quarters' earnings release. (2) In 2Q'24, a reclassification of interest received as cash used in investing activities and interest paid as cash used in financing activities (instead of as cash provided by operating activities) resulted in a slight shift to historical figures. (3) Also includes proceeds from sale of property, plants and equipment (PP&E). (4) Net debt to adjusted EBITDA ratio is calculated by dividing net debt, without securitization, by past four quarters adjusted EBITDA.

Guidance and non-GAAP financial measures

Guidance: The company only provides guidance on a non-GAAP basis. The company does not provide a reconciliation of forward-looking adjusted EBITDA (non-GAAP) to GAAP net income (loss), due to the inherent difficulty in forecasting, and quantifying certain amounts that are necessary for such reconciliation, in particular, because special items such as restructuring, litigation, and other matters, used to calculate projected net income (loss) vary dramatically based on actual events, the company is not able to forecast on a GAAP basis with reasonable certainty all deductions needed in order to provide a GAAP calculation of projected net income (loss) at this time. The amount of these deductions may be material, and therefore could result in projected GAAP net income (loss) being materially less than projected adjusted EBITDA (non-GAAP). The guidance speaks only as of the date hereof. The company undertakes no obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this news release or to reflect actual outcomes, unless required by law. The company provides guidance for specialties-driven EBITDA, which includes Industrial Products, Growing Solutions and Phosphate Solutions, as the Phosphate Solutions business is now predominantly specialties focused. For the Potash business, the company is providing sales volume guidance. The company believes this information provides greater transparency, as these new metrics are less impacted by fertilizer commodity prices, given the extreme volatility in recent years.

Non-GAAP financial measures: The company discloses in this quarterly report non-IFRS financial measures titled adjusted operating income, adjusted net income attributable to the company's shareholders, diluted adjusted earnings per share, and adjusted EBITDA. Management uses adjusted operating income, adjusted net income attributable to the company's shareholders, diluted adjusted earnings per share, free cash flow and adjusted EBITDA to facilitate operating performance comparisons from period to period. The company calculates adjusted operating income by adjusting operating income to add certain items, as set forth in the reconciliation table under "Adjustments to reported operating, and net income (non-GAAP)" in the appendix. Certain of these items may recur. The company calculates adjusted net income attributable to the company's shareholders by adjusting net income attributable to the company's shareholders to add certain items, as set forth in the reconciliation table under "Adjustments to reported operating, and net income (non-GAAP)" in the appendix, excluding the total tax impact of such adjustments. The company calculates diluted adjusted earnings per share by dividing adjusted net income by the weighted-average number of diluted ordinary shares outstanding. Free cash flow is calculated as cash flow from operations less any additions to PP&E, intangible assets, and dividends from equity-accounted investees. Adjusted EBITDA is calculated as net income before financing expenses, net, taxes on income, share in earnings of equity-accounted investees, depreciation and amortization, and certain adjustments presented in the reconciliation table under "Consolidated adjusted EBITDA, and diluted adjusted earnings per share for the periods of activity" in the appendix, which were adjusted for in calculating the adjusted operating income.

You should not view adjusted operating income, adjusted net income attributable to the company's shareholders, diluted adjusted earnings per share or adjusted EBITDA as a substitute for operating income or net income attributable to the company's shareholders determined in accordance with IFRS, and you should note that the company's definitions of adjusted operating income, adjusted net income attributable to the company's shareholders, diluted adjusted earnings per share, and adjusted EBITDA may differ from those used by other companies. Additionally, other companies may use other measures to evaluate their performance, which may reduce the usefulness of the company's non-IFRS financial measures as tools for comparison. However, the company believes adjusted operating income, adjusted net income attributable to the company's shareholders, diluted adjusted earnings per share, and adjusted EBITDA provide useful information to both management, and investors by excluding certain items that management believes are not indicative of ongoing operations. Management uses these non-IFRS measures to evaluate the company's business strategies and management performance. The company believes these non-IFRS measures provide useful information to investors because they improve the comparability of financial results between periods and provide for greater transparency of key measures used to evaluate performance.

The company presents a discussion in the period-to-period comparisons of the primary drivers of change in the company's results of operations. This discussion is based in part on management's best estimates of the impact of the main trends on the company's businesses. The company has based the following discussion on its financial statements. You should read such discussion together with the company's financial statements.