

# Conference Call 1st guarter 2022/23

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### **Highlights**



#### Market and political environment

- Framework markets and politics
- Development of market volume and prices

#### Development of CropEnergies Group

- Increased production compared to previous year
- CropEnergies acquires stake in LXP Group
- Financials 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2022/23
  - Revenues and earnings increased significantly
  - Outlook for FY 2022/23 increased





### **Politics: Demand for less biofuels**



#### **Discussion ongoing**

#### Parts of the German federal government still strive for less biofuels

• There is still no agreed position from the federal government

#### Discussion at political level falls short

- Sustainability of biofuels questioned despite comprehensive legal framework – 100 % of biofuels certified sustainable
- Ignoring that biofuels have no significant influence on agricultural prices
- Disregards the integrated production of food, feed, and biofuels

#### **European ethanol**

- Security of supply
- Climate protection: reduces GHG emissions
- Reduces dependence on imports (protein & crude oil)
- Affordable fuel





# More climate protection for Europe



### **Review of the "Renewable Energies Directive" moves forward**

#### Revision of the "Renewable Energies Directive" (RED-III) - transport sector

- GHG reduction of 13% by 2030 (to replace energy quota of 14%)
- Biofuels from arable crops: Share 2020 plus 1%, within the 7% limit
- Extensive elimination of multiple credits
- Assessment: Higher GHG target needed and no one-sided focus on e-mobility

#### Status and next steps

- Council: Agreement on general approach on 27 June 2022
  - Aligned with Commission proposal for the most part
  - But: Energetic target and multiple counting for certain fuels to be reintroduced
- European Parliament: Negotiations continue plenary vote expected in September 2022
- Trialogue negotiations of Parliament, Council and Commission as of autumn 2022

Super E10 in the EU & UK 20 million t less CO<sub>2</sub> possible





# **EU: New CO<sub>2</sub> targets for cars**



#### Extensive ban on new vehicles with combustion engines planned

# EU member states advocate an extensive ban on new vehicles with internal combustion engines from 2035 onwards

- Proposal: 100% less CO<sub>2</sub> tailpipe emissions from cars and vans until 2035
- No meachanisms accounting for the contribution of renewable fuels

#### Assessment

- Clear violation of the principle of technology openness and neutrality
- Only tailpipe emissions are taken into account life cycle emissions of vehicles without local emissions e.g. BEVs, are completely ignored
- Other technologies and fuel options are still required for a long time to reach climate targets in transport and to meet individual mobility needs
- Final agreement between Parliament and Council still pending, but technology-neutral regulation not to be expected





### Market development

### Volumes

#### Ethanol market in the EU27 & UK in 2022 (in million m<sup>3</sup>)

- Consumption: 9.0 + 2% (6.2 fuel | 2.8 non-fuel)
- Production: 7.7 -2% (5.4 fuel | 2.3 non-fuel) •
- 2022 slight increase in fuel ethanol sales expected
- Non-fuel ethanol expected to remain stable
- Outlook: Further increase in fuel ethanol expected in 2023

#### Super E10 continues to gain ground in Europe

- E10 No. 1 petrol in many European countries
- Sales growth in particular in France, Sweden, and UK
- E10 sales in Germany also increasing, e.g. April 2022
  - Consumption: up by 45% yoy
  - Market share increases to 23 (17)%





EU27 & UK: ethanol sales [1,000 m<sup>3</sup>]





### Market development

### **Ethanol prices and feedstock market**

#### European ethanol price<sup>\*</sup> at high level in course of first quarter

- Price increase since end of February
- Average ethanol price € 1,157 (590) /m<sup>3</sup>
- Triggered by general price hike for commodities in the wake of the Ukrainian war

#### Feedstock market 2022/23

- Grain prices in first quarter<sup>\*\*</sup>: € 393 (225) /t
- EU grain harvest: 294 (293) Mt exceeds consumption of 258 (260) Mt
- IGC expects slight decline in 2022/23 with 2,251 Mt\*\*\*
- Strong rise in grain prices triggered by war in Ukraine
- Recently somewhat declining prices due to approaching harvest









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### **Gas prices**

### Europe

#### Gas price quotations at a high level

- High uncertainties due to Russian invasion of Ukraine and resulting sanctions
- Imports through Nord Stream 1 have been decreased by Gazprom – free capacities of other pipelines not used to fulfill contractual obligations
- Gas storages have reached average levels
- LNG imports to Europe on high levels so far
- Freeport LNG terminal, which accounts for 20% of the US LNG exports, has been damaged and will most likely not be in operation for the next months
- European gas producers (e. g. Norway) are increasing production









# **CropEnergies**

#### **Innovation from Biomass**

#### For our future:

#### Sustainability and climate neutrality

- in its traditional core business of mobility with sustainable and climate-friendly fuels
- in a completely new business area based on ethanol derivatives as an alternative to fossil raw materials
- with biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> as the raw material of the future and as capital for the company's further development
- to serve a clear growth market with protein products for the food and animal feed industry and to deepen the value chain







# **CropEnergies acquires stake in LXP Group**

#### Next step in strategic realignment

#### CropEnergies secured approx. 20% of the biotech startup

#### Access to innovative technology for 2<sup>nd</sup> generation feedstocks

- Patented process mild digestion of cellulosic and hemicellulosic biomass like forest and wood residues or straw for advanced biofuels and biobased chemicals
- In addition, high-purity, natural lignin for e.g., 3D printer ink, carbon fibers or phenolic resins
- Technology can also be integrated into existing biorefineries
- LXP Group GmbH plans to build a pilot plant using 15,000 t of biomass in 2022/2023



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### **Overview 1st quarter 2022/23**



- Ethanol production
- Revenues
- EBITDA
- Operating profit
- Net earnings

281 (235) ,000 m<sup>3</sup> + 19% € 399 (214) million + 86%

- € 97.8 (25.5) million + € 72 million € 87.2 (15.1) million + € 72 million € 64.9 (10.1) million + € 55 million
- Net financial assets (vs. 28.02.2022)

€ 332 (230) million + € 102 million

Note: Figures in parentheses relate to the corresponding prior-year period.



# **Operating profit**



(in € million)	Q1 2022/23	Q1 2021/22	Δ
Revenues	398.9	214.1	+ 86%
Overall performance	396.3	210.5	+ 88%
Cost of materials*	-277.1	-163.0	- 70%
Spread (gross)	119.2	47.5	> + 100%
in % of overall performance	30.1%	22.6%	
Further operating expenses/income*	-21.4	-22.0	+ 3%
EBITDA*	97.8	25.5	> + 100%
Margin	21.8%	7.0%	-
Depreciation*	-10.6	-10.4	- 2%
Operating profit	87.2	15.1	> + 100%

\*without restructuring costs and special items

- Significant increase in sales prices and quantities for both ethanol and proteins
- Raw material and energy costs benefit from early price hedging





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• EPS increased to € 0.74 (0.12)

\*based on 87.2 million time-weighted shares

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### **Net earnings**

(in € million)	Q1 2022/23	_	Q1 2021/22	Δ
Operating profit	87.2		15.1	> + 100%
Restructuring costs / special items	0.0		0.0	-
At-equity result	0.1		-0.1	-
Income from operations	87.2		15.0	> + 100%
Financial result	0.5		-0.9	-
Earnings before income taxes	87.7		14.1	> + 100%
Taxes on income	-22.8		-3.9	
Net earnings for the period	64.9		10.1	> + 100%
Earnings per share (in €)*	0.74		0.12	> + 100%

Unrealised currency effects included in financial result



Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 21/22 21/22 21/22 21/22 22/23



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### Cash flow



(in € million)	Q1 2022/23	Q1 2021/22	Δ
Cash flow	73.4	21.2	+ 52.2
Change in net working capital	35.1	12.9	+ 22.2
Net cash flow from operating activities	108.5	34.1	+ 74.4
Investments in property, plant et al.	-4.2	-4.5	+ 0.3
Investements in financial assets	-1.1	0.0	- 1.1
Increase in financial receivables	-126.7	-18.1	- 108.6
Payments into current financial investments	0.0	0.0	+ 0.0
Cash flow from investing activities	-132.0	-22.6	- 109.4
Cash flow from financing activities	9.7	-1.4	+ 11.1
Changes in exchange rates / consolidation basis	-0.2	0.0	- 0.2
Change in cash and cash equivalents	-13.9	10.1	- 24.0
	31/05/2022	31/05/2021	Δ
Net financial assets	331.6	182.6	+ 149.0

#### Cash flow (+) / Investments\* (-) [M€] \*in PPE 100 80 73 60 40 21 20 0 -5 -4 -20 Q1 Q1 21/22 22/23 Net financial assets [M€] 500 400 332 300 237 230 183 200 159 100 0 31/05/21 108/21 30/11/21 28/02/22 31/05/22

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• Significant increase in net financial assets

### Outlook 2022/23

- Outlook increased as insider information publication according to section 17 MAR on 15 June 2022
- Assumptions
  - Normalization of mobility behavior
  - Impact of the Ukraine war on sales, energy and raw material markets is difficult to assess
  - Sufficient energy and raw materials will be available for the production
  - Declaration of gas emergency plan alert in Germany will not have significant negative impact on prices
  - EU member states will essentially maintain their blending targets for biofuels
- Revenues between € 1.45 to € 1.55 (previously expected: € 1.35 to € 1.45; previous year: € 1.08) billion
- EBITDA in a range of € 205 to € 255 (previously expected: € 145 to € 195; previous year: € 169) million
- Operating profit between € 165 and € 215 (previously expected: € 105 to € 155; previous year: € 127) million









#### **Financial Calender**

6 July 2022:	Statement for the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2022/23	<u>Contakt</u>
12 July 2022:	Annual General Meeting 2022 (virtual)	CropEnergies AG
12 October 2022:	Report for the 1 <sup>st</sup> half of 2022/23	Maximilianstraße 10
11 January 2023:	Statement for the 1st-3rd quarter of 2022/23	68165 Mannheim
24 May 2023:	Annual report and press and analysts' conference FY 2022/23	www.cropenergies.com

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