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# Highlights – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2016



- Increased EBITA adj.<sup>1</sup> in all business areas
- Positive impact from currency
- Strong cash flow from operations
- Florida lignin investment approved
- A total dividend of NOK 3.50 proposed for 2016, including extraordinary dividend of NOK 1.75



## Highlights – full year 2016





- All-time high result
  - EBITA adj.<sup>1</sup> 747 mNOK (497 mNOK)
  - ROCE<sup>1</sup> 21.7% (15.6%)
  - Significant FX impact
- Progress in all business areas
  - Product mix in Speciality Cellulose
  - Sales growth in Fine Chemicals
  - Specialities volume in Performance Chemicals
  - Energy savings at the Sarpsborg biorefinery
- Commercial operation and EU grant in Exilva



## Dividend proposal for 2016

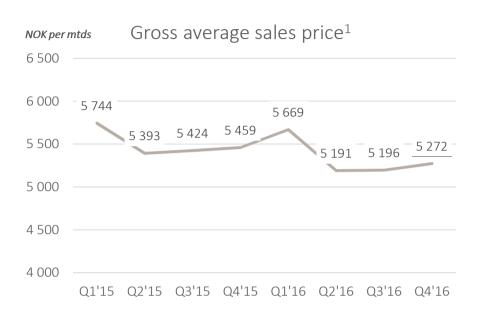


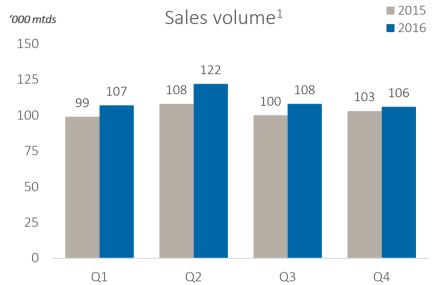


- Borregaard's dividend policy
  - To pay regular and progressive dividends reflecting the expected long-term earnings and cash flows of the Group
  - Annual dividend is targeted between 30% and 50% of net profit
- Dividend proposal by the Board of Directors
  - Ordinary dividend of NOK 1.75 per share
    - 17% increase from 2015 (NOK 1.50)
    - 32% of net earnings
  - Extraordinary dividend of NOK 1.75 per share, due to increased earnings and strong cash flow
- Total dividend payment of 349 mNOK



### Performance Chemicals markets – Q4



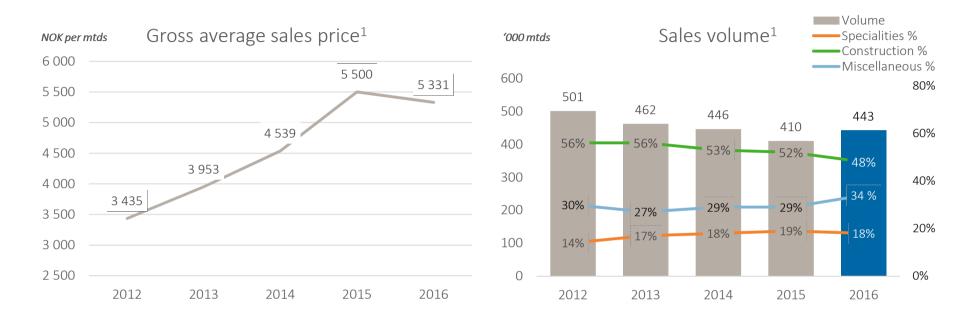


- Market conditions remain challenging
  - Reduced demand and strong price competition, especially in the construction sector
  - Slightly lower prices in sales currency
- Improved product mix from higher sales of specialities, especially to agrochemicals
- Sales volume increased by 3% due to the added Flambeau volume
- Lignin raw material supply in Spain resumed



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Average sales price and sales volume reflect 100% of sales and volume from the J/V in South Africa. Average sales price is calculated using actual FX rates, excluding hedging impact.

## Performance Chemicals markets – full year

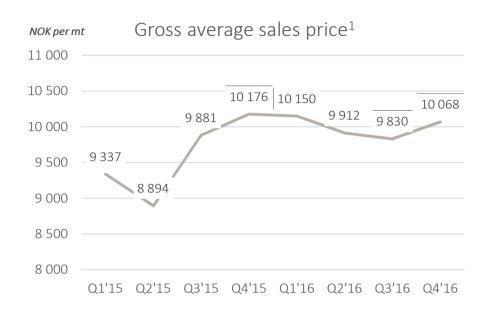


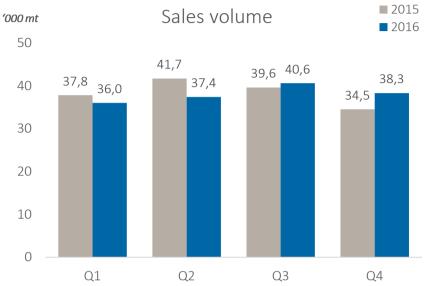
- Continued challenging market conditions in the construction and oil sectors
  - Slightly lower prices in sales currency (ex Flambeau business), mainly due to price pressure in Construction
  - Reallocation contributed to market optimisation and stable inventory levels
- Improved product mix
  - Specialities sales volume +4%
  - Strong growth in sales to agrochemicals and batteries
- 8% sales volume increase from the added Flambeau business
- Positive FX effects



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## Speciality Cellulose markets – Q4

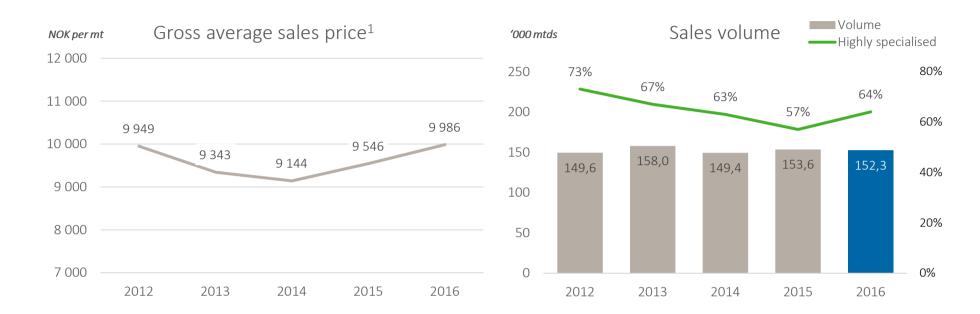




- Higher sales volume
- Average price in sales currency in line with Q4-15
  - Increased prices for textile cellulose



## Speciality Cellulose markets – full year

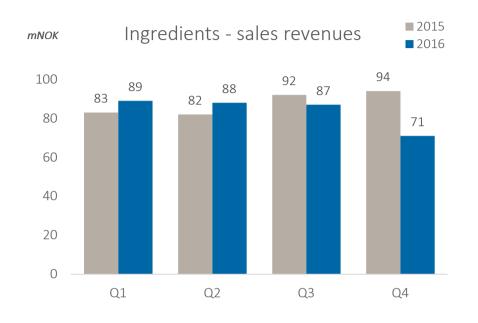


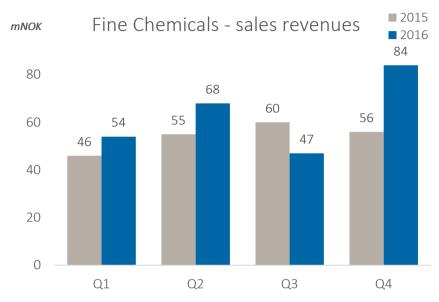
- Relatively stable (-1%) average price in sales currency vs 2015.
- Acetate segment affected by customer destocking, lower demand and continued excess capacity
- Continued growth in the ether segment, improvement within construction and coating applications
- Increasing demand and higher prices in the textile cellulose segment
- Producers of dissolving wood pulp benefitted from higher prices and lower availability of cotton and cotton linter pulp
- Positive FX effects



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## Ingredients and Fine Chemicals markets – Q4





- Ingredients
  - Lower sales volume, partly due to lower production output
  - Result improvement for the full year, mainly due to FX effects

- Fine Chemicals
  - High deliveries of and continued good growth for key products
  - Result improvement for the full year, mainly due to sales growth and FX effects



### Outlook

### Performance Chemicals

- Market conditions negatively affected by continued weak business climate with stronger competition and price pressure in important regions for construction products
- Efforts to reallocate lignin volumes will continue
- 2017 sales volume forecast to reflect added output in Spain and South Africa, but with limited impact on profitability
- In Q1-17, sales volume expected to be largely in line with Q1-16

### Speciality Cellulose

- Average cellulose price in sales currency expected to be 3-5% above the 2016 level
- Price uncertainty mainly related to textile cellulose
- Product mix forecast to improve from 2016
- In Q1-17, both total sales volume and sales of highly specialised grades expected to be higher than Q1-16

### Other Businesses

- No major changes expected in market conditions for Ingredients and Fine Chemicals
- In Q1-17, Exilva project costs, net of EU grant, expected to be below Q1-16
- Corporate costs will remain at largely the same level as in 2016
- Significant FX exposure, but delayed impact of FX rate fluctuations due to hedging policy

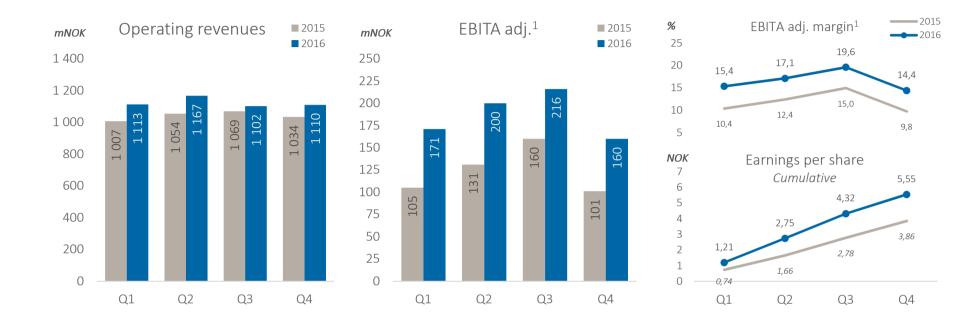




FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE Q4-16



## Borregaard key figures – Q4



- 7% revenues growth vs Q4-15
- Increased EBITA adj.¹ in all business areas
- Positive FX impact
- EPS at NOK 1.23 in Q4-16 (NOK 1.08)



## Borregaard key figures – full year



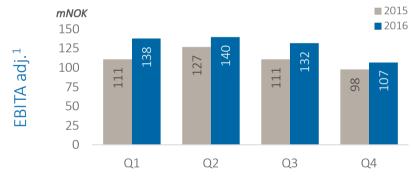
- Revenues up 8% vs 2015
- All-time high EBITA adj. <sup>1</sup> and ROCE<sup>1</sup>
  - Progress in all business areas, primarily due to FX effects
  - Product mix improved in Speciality Cellulose, growth for key products in Fine Chemicals and increased sales of Specialities for Performance Chemicals
  - Energy conservation measures and EU grant also contributed
- EPS at NOK 5.55 for 2016, a 44% increase from 2015



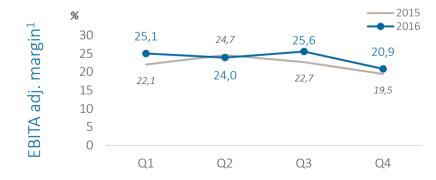
## Performance Chemicals key figures – Q4



- 2% revenue growth vs Q4-15
- 3% sales volume increase
- Positive FX impact
- Full year revenue growth 8%



- Improved product mix
- Slightly lower prices in sales currency
- Positive FX impact
- Full year EBITA adj.<sup>1</sup> 517 mNOK (447 mNOK)



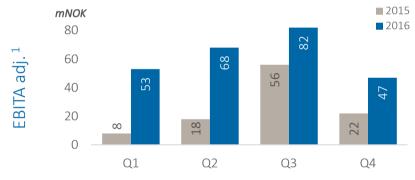
- EBITA adj. margin¹ above Q4-15
- Full year EBITA adj. margin<sup>1</sup> 23.9% (22.3%)



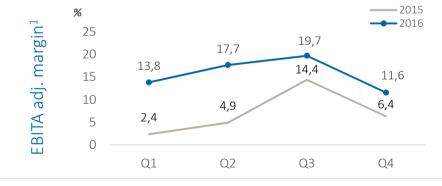
## Speciality Cellulose key figures – Q4



- 17% revenue growth vs Q4-15
- High sales volume
- Full year revenue growth 11%



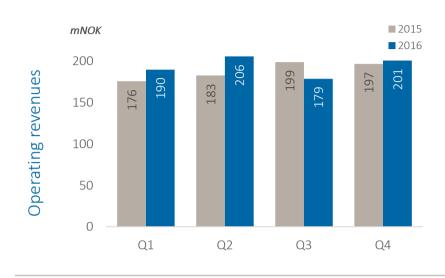
- Higher sales volume
- Average price in sales currency in line with Q4-15
- Stable costs
- Positive FX impact
- Full year EBITA adj. <sup>1</sup> 250 mNOK (104 mNOK)



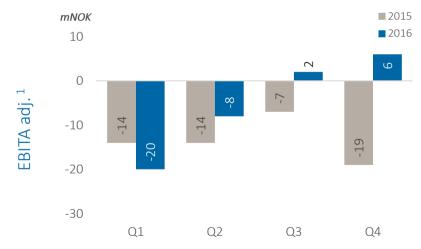
- Improved EBITA adj. margin<sup>1</sup>
- Full year EBITA adj. margin<sup>1</sup> 15.7% (7.2%)



### Other Businesses key figures – Q4



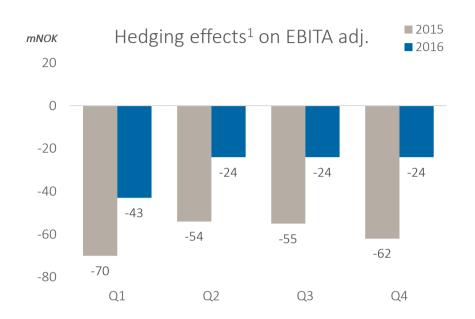
- Revenues 2% above Q4-15
- High deliveries in Fine Chemicals
- Lower sales in Ingredients
- Full year revenue growth 3%

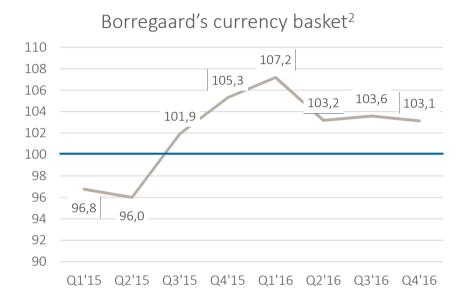


- Ingredients: Reduced sales volume, partly due to lower production. FX positive
- Fine Chemicals: High sales and positive FX impact
- Exilva net costs, including EU grant, below Q4-15
- Full year EBITA adj. <sup>1</sup> -20 mNOK (-54 mNOK)



### Currency impact





- Net FX EBITA adj. impact approx. 25mNOK vs Q4-15
  - Includes change in hedging effects and based on estimated currency exposure
  - Net FX EBITA adj. impact YTD approx. 230 mNOK
- Net FX EBITA adj. impact in 2017 estimated to be 10 mNOK vs 2016
  - Assuming rates as of 9 February (USD 8.31 and EUR 8.89) on expected currency exposure
  - Net FX EBITA adj. impact in Q1-17 estimated to be -5 mNOK vs Q1-16

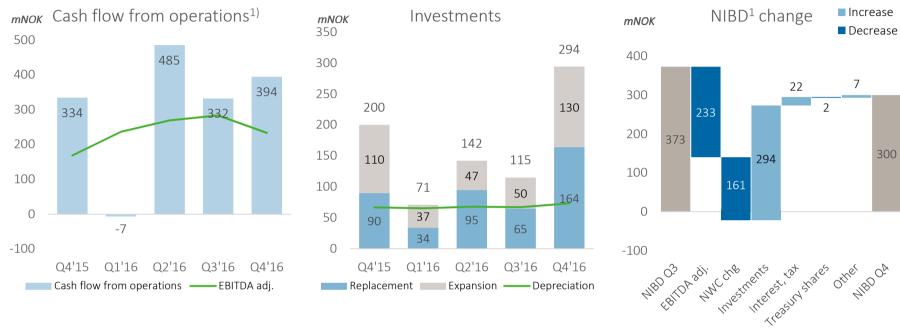
- USD 71% (approximately 214 mUSD)
- EUR 29% (approximately 78 mEUR)
- Other 0% (GBP, BRL, JPY, SEK, ZAR)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See appendix for currency hedging strategy, future hedges and hedging effects by segment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Currency basket based on Borregaard's net exposure in 2015 (=100)

## Cash flow, investments and NIBD



- Strong cash flow in Q4-16 from increased EBITDA adj. <sup>1</sup> and decrease in net working capital
  - Increase in accounts payable, mainly due to high investments, affected net working capital
- High investments in Q4-16 as expected
  - New wood-chip seasoning silos and maintenance stop affects replacement investments
  - Expansion investments<sup>1</sup> in Q4 mainly related to the LignoTech Florida and Exilva projects
- NIBD¹ decreased by 73 mNOK in Q4





- Per A Sørlie, President & CEO
- Per Bjarne Lyngstad, CFO



APPENDIX



# Borregaard – key figures

Amounts in NOK million	Q4-2016	Q4-2015	Change	YTD-2016	YTD-2015	Change
Operating revenues	1 110	1 034	7 %	4 492	4 164	8 %
EBITDA adj. <sup>1</sup>	233	168	39 %	1 021	758	35 %
EBITA adj.1	160	101	58 %	747	497	50 %
Amortisation intangible assets	-1	-1		-4	-1	
Other income and expenses <sup>1</sup>	0	37		13	37	
Operating profit (EBIT)	159	137	16 %	756	533	42 %
Financial items, net	-8	-7		-32	-27	
Profit before taxes	151	130	16 %	724	506	43 %
Income tax expenses	-28	-22		-171	-122	
Profit for the period	123	108	14 %	553	384	44 %
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests	0	0		-2	-2	
Profit attributable to owners of the parent	123	108		555	386	
Cash flow from operating activities (IFRS)	378	301		1 081	563	
Earnings per share	1,23	1,08	14 %	5,55	3,86	44 %
Adjusted EBITDA adj. Margin <sup>1</sup>	21,0 %	16,2 %		22,7%	18,2 %	
Adjusted EBITA adj. Margin <sup>1</sup>	14,4 %	9,8 %		16,6 %	11,9 %	



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Non-GAAP measure, see Appendix for definition.

# Operating revenues and EBITA adj. 1 per segment

#### Amounts in NOK million

Operating revenues	Q4-2016	Q4-2015	Change
Borregaard	1 110	1 034	7 %
Performance Chemicals	512	502	2 %
Speciality Cellulose	406	346	17 %
Other Businesses	201	197	2 %
Eliminations	-9	-11	

#### Amounts in NOK million

EBITA adj. 1	Q4-2016	Q4-2015	Change
Borregaard	160	101	58 %
Performance Chemicals	107	98	9 %
Speciality Cellulose	47	22	114 %
Other Businesses	6	-19	132 %

#### Amounts in NOK million

Operating revenues	YTD-2016	YTD-2015	Change
Borregaard	4 492	4 164	8 %
Performance Chemicals	2 161	2 008	8 %
Speciality Cellulose	1 590	1 436	11 %
Other Businesses	776	755	3 %
Eliminations	-35	-35	

#### Amounts in NOK million

EBITA adj. <sup>1</sup>	YTD-2016	YTD-2015	Change
Borregaard	747	497	50 %
Performance Chemicals	517	447	16 %
Speciality Cellulose	250	104	140 %
Other Businesses	-20	-54	63 %



## Cash flow

Amounts in NOK million	Q4-2016	Q4-2015	YTD-2016	YTD-2015
Amounts in NOK million				
Profit before taxes	151	130	724	506
Amortisation, depreciation and impairment charges	74	75	278	269
Change in net working capital, etc	161	122	170	-106
Dividend (share of profit) from JV	6	-12	-1	-14
Taxes paid	-14	-14	-90	-92
Cash flow from operating activities	378	301	1 081	563
Investments property, plant and equipment and intangible assets *	-294	-200	-622	-430
Other capital transactions	2	0	5	5
Cash flow from Investing activities	-292	-200	-617	-425
Dividends	0	0	-149	-124
Proceeds from exercise of share options	2	11	7	11
Buy-back of shares	0	-5	-10	-5
Gain/(loss) on hedges for net investments in subsidiaries	-32	-26	13	-76
Net paid to/from shareholders	-30	-20	-139	-194
Proceeds from interest-bearing liabilities	6	0	106	100
Repayment of interest-bearing liabilities	-202	-53	-309	-109
Change in interest-bearing receivables/other liabilities	3	4	-23	21
Change in net interest-bearing liablities	-193	-49	-226	12
Cash flow from financing activities	-223	-69	-365	-182
Change in cash and cash equivalents	-137	32	99	-44
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	385	125	169	168
Change in cash and cash equivalents	-137	32	99	-44
Currency effects cash and cash equivalents	17	12	-3	45
Cash and cash equivalents at the close of the period	265	169	265	169
* Investment by category				
Replacement Investments	164	90	358	246
Expansion investments <sup>1</sup>	130	110	264	184



## Balance sheet

Amounts in NOK million	31.12.2016	30.09.2016	31.12.2015
Assets:			
Intangible assets	125	123	137
Property, plant and equipment	2 471	2 243	2 122
Other assets	115	176	121
Investment in joint venture	121	118	106
Non-current assets	2 832	2 660	2 486
Inventories	626	660	676
Receivables	948	938	838
Cash and cash deposits	265	385	169
Current assets	1 839	1 983	1 683
Total assets	4 671	4 643	4 169
Equity and liabilities:			
Group equity	2 679	2 677	2 056
Non-controlling interests	34	4	5
Equity	2 713	2 681	2 061
Provisions and other liabilities	299	312	408
Interest-bearing liabilities	525	769	802
Non-current liabilities	824	1 081	1 210
Interest-bearing liabilities	61	9	9
Other current liabilities	1 073	872	889
Current liabilities	1 134	881	898
Equity and liabilities	4 671	4 643	4 169
Equity ratio <sup>1</sup> (%):	58,1 %	57,7 %	49,4 %



## Net financial items & net interest-bearing debt<sup>1</sup>

#### Amounts in NOK million

Net financial items	Q4-2016	Q4-2015	YTD-2016	YTD-2015
Net interest expenses	-4	-5	-19	-22
Currency gain/loss	2	-1	-7	-2
Other financial items, net	-6	-1	-6	-3
Net financial items	-8	-7	-32	-27

#### Amounts in NOK million

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Net interest-bearing debt <sup>1</sup> (NIBD)	31.12.2016	30.09.2016	31.12.2015
Non-current interest-bearing liabilities	525	769	802
Current interest-bearing liabilities	61	9	9
Non-current interest-bearing receivables	-21	-20	-18
Cash and cash deposits	-265	-385	-169
Net interest-bearing debt <sup>1</sup> (NIBD)	300	373	624



## Currency hedging strategy

Purpose is to delay effects of currency fluctuations and secure competitiveness

- Hedging based on expected <u>EBITA adj. impact</u><sup>1</sup>
  - Base hedge: 75%/50% on a rolling basis for 6/9 months for major currencies
  - Extended hedge: 75%/50% of the next 24/36 months if USD and EUR are above defined levels
     <u>EUR</u>; effective rate <u>above 8.50</u>
    - USD; gradually at effective rates between 7.50 and 8.50
  - Contracts<sup>2</sup>: 100% hedged
- Balance sheet exposure hedged 100%
- Net investments in subsidiaries hedged up to 90% of book value in major currencies

### Contracted FX hedges with EBITA adj. impact (as of 31.01.17)

	USD million	USD rate	EUR million	EUR rate
Q1-2017	37	7.97	19	8.78
Q2-2017	40	8.01	21	8.70
Q3-2017	40	8.04	21	8.89
Q4-2017	36	8.12	21	9.03
2017	153	8.04	82	8.85
2018	141	8.23	85	9.34
2019	88	8.33	58	9.60

### Hedging effects by segment

NOK million	Q4-16	Q4-15	YTD-16	YTD-15
Performance Chemicals	-6	-19	-32	-76
Speciality Cellulose	-13	-32	-59	-129
Other Businesses	-5	-11	-24	-36
Borregaard	-24	-62	-115	-241



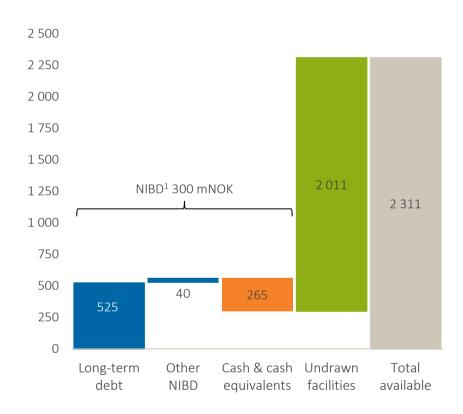
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Hedging done mainly in the Norwegian company

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Strict definitions for contracts applied for 100% hedging (mutually binding agreement in which price, currency, volume and time are defined)

## Debt, credit facilities and solidity

- Debt and overdraft facilities
  - Long-term credit facilities
    - 1,500 mNOK revolving credit facilities, maturity 2021
    - 200 mNOK 5-year bond issue, maturity 2019
    - 40 mEUR 10-year loan, maturity 2024
  - Overdraft facilities
    - 225 mNOK
- Solidity (covenants)
  - Equity ratio<sup>1</sup> 58.1% (> 25%)
  - Leverage ratio<sup>1</sup> LTM 0.29 (< 3.25)

# Debt and undrawn facilities 31.12.2016





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- Cash flow from operations:
  - Cash flow from operating activities (IFRS) + tax paid +/- net financial items +/- dividend (share of profit) from JV.
- EBITA adjusted (EBITA adj.)
  - Operating profit before amortisation and other income and expenses.
- EBITA adj. margin
  - EBITA adj. divided by operating revenues
- EBITDA adjusted (EBITDA adj.)
  - Operating profit before depreciation, amortisation and other income and expenses.
- Equity ratio
  - Equity (including non-controlling interests) divided by equity and liabilities.
- Expansion investments
  - Investments made in order to expand production capacity, produce new products or to improve the performance of existing products. Such investments include business acquisitions, pilot plants, capitalised R&D costs and new distribution set-ups.
- Other income and expenses
  - Non-recurring items or items related to other periods or to a discontinued business or activity. These items are not viewed as reliable indicators of future earnings based on the business areas' normal operations. These items will be included in the Group's operating profit.
- Leverage ratio
  - Net interest-bearing debt divided by last twelve months' (LTM) EBITDA adj.
- Net interest-bearing debt (NIBD)
  - Interest-bearing liabilities minus interest-bearing assets (see slide 26)
- Return on capital employed (ROCE)
  - Last twelve months' (LTM) EBITA adj. divided by average capital employed based on the ending balance of the last five quarters.
    Capital employed is defined by Borregaard as the total of net working capital, intangible assets, property, plant and equipment and investment in joint venture minus net pension liabilities.



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