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# 2023 Key Performance Indicators

## Q4 2023 Highlights

- Sales volume increased by +16% compared to 3Q 23 (Q3 was impacted by reduced production in July/August to allow de-stocking)
- Adj. EBITDA increased by +9% compared to 3Q 23 due to increased production/sales volumes, slightly offset by higher production costs
- EBITDA Netback Margin decreased compared to 3Q 23 as a result of higher production costs (primarily energy) and overhead costs.
- Free Cash Flow increased in line with Adj. EBITDA but FCF conversion reduced due to higher tax and phasing of capex into Q4

## FY 2023 Highlights

- Sales volume decreased by -3.1% compared to FY 22 as a result of reduced production in mid-2023 to allow de-stocking
- Full year Adj. EBITDA of \$751 million, exceeding previous guidance of \$730-735 million
- EBITDA netback margin maintained despite lower netback pricing in all regions in H2, partially offset by the decreasing energy costs
- Free Cash Flow and FCF conversion decreased due higher maintenance capex and higher tax payments including additional Turkish earthquake charges
- Net Leverage<sup>2</sup> increased slightly to 1.9x, within our 1.5 - 2.5x leverage target range, with YE 2023 cash position of over \$169 million

	Fourth Quarter		
	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	QoQ Change <sup>3</sup>
Sales volume (m mt)	1.17	1.39	+16%
Netback Revenue <sup>1</sup> (\$ m)	225	284	+27%
Adjusted EBITDA (\$ m)	137	149	+9%
Netback margin	61%	52%	(9) ppt
Free Cash Flow (\$ m)	95	100	+4%
FCF conversion	70%	67%	(3) ppt

	Full Year		
	2022	2023	YoY Change <sup>3</sup>
Sales volume (m mt)	5.06	4.91	(3.1)%
Netback Revenue <sup>1</sup> (\$ m)	1,433	1,258	(12)%
Adjusted EBITDA (\$ m)	839	751	(11)%
Netback margin	59%	60%	+1 ppt
Free Cash Flow (\$ m)	743	587	(21)%
FCF conversion	89%	78%	(11) ppt



# 2023: Progress, despite a challenging and changing market

**We delivered a resilient operating and financial performance despite the challenging and changing market environment**

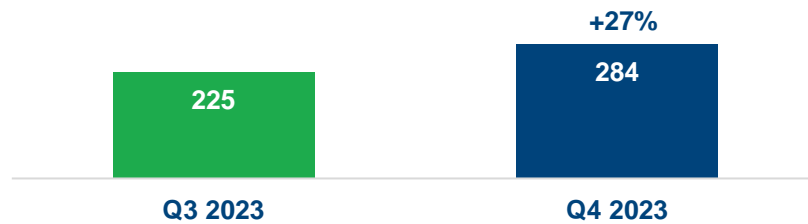
**Our structural cost advantage and our focus on operational efficiencies, customer relationships and logistics ensured we maintained margins against the backdrop of slowing demand, weaker pricing and increased competitive behaviour**

- **2023 challenging and changing market environment:** with a tight global market and robust pricing in H1, signs of loosening conditions started appearing in Q2, due to weaker demand in all markets, loosening supply-demand balances and increased competitive pressures.
- **Pricing significantly reduced in H2:** negatively impacting profitability per mt and leading to ad-hoc price renegotiation with a number of customers in all regions.
- **Safety is our number one priority:** in 2023 we started a three year “Safety Excellence journey” to elevate our safety practices to best-in-class.
- **CO2e emissions intensity<sup>1</sup> reduced 2.6%:** to 0.334kg CO2e per mt of soda ash, lower than any other soda ash producer globally.
- **Increased logistics flexibility and efficiency:** with the acquisition of a 60% controlling stake in our existing Derince port facility, as well as the opening our first European logistics hub in Terneuzen, Netherlands.
- **Sustainability leadership:** Awarded Platinum Medal by EcoVadis and an industry-leading corporate ESG assessment score of 14.7 (2022:16.1) by Morningstar Sustainalytics<sup>2</sup>, the lowest ESG risk rating in soda ash and No. 1 in the global commodity chemicals subsector (227 companies).
- **Growth:** permits received to increase production at Kazan Soda by 0.6 million mtpa, with first production expected in Q2 2026.
- **Senior management appointments:** to broaden and strengthen leadership team in key areas (Strategy & Risk, IT and HR).

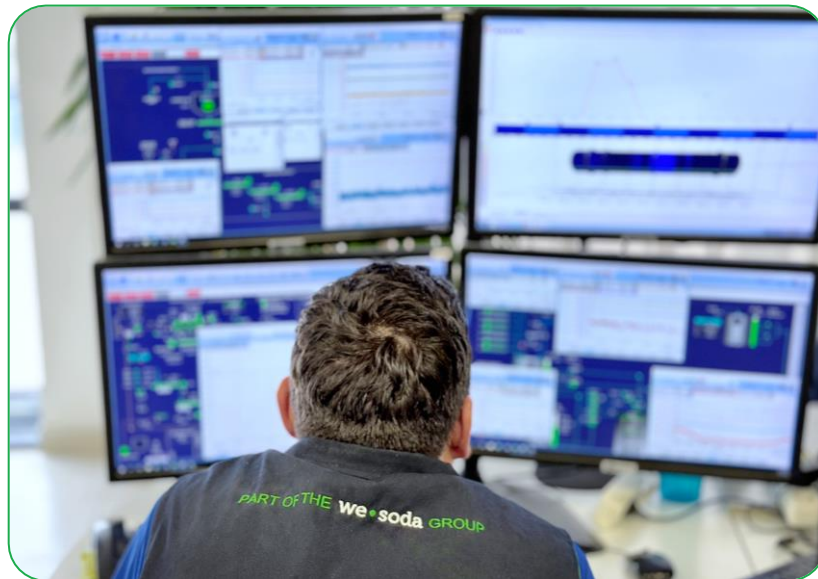
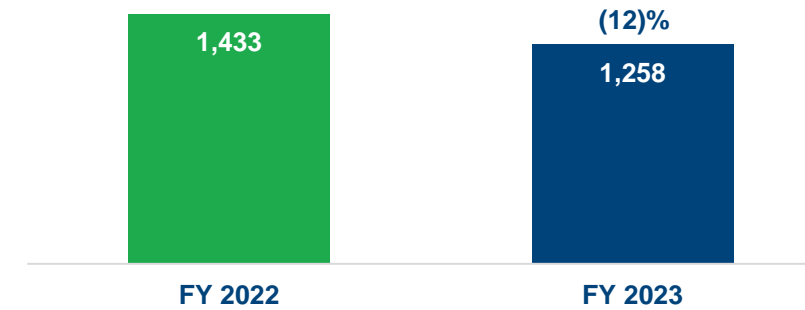
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# Netback Revenue<sup>1, 3</sup>

## Q4 2023 Netback Revenue<sup>1,2</sup> (\$ millions)



## FY 2023 Netback Revenue<sup>1,2</sup> (\$ millions)



Picture of a control room operator at Kazan Soda

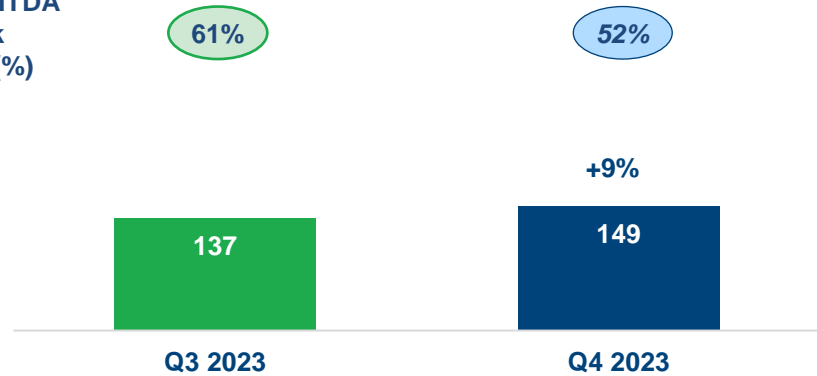
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- Robust soda ash pricing in H1 23, but weakened throughout H2 23
- Changes in Netback Revenue are in line with gross Revenues
- Driven by weaker demand in all regions, loosening supply-demand balances and increased competitive behaviour in H2
- Netback Revenues increased in Q4 mostly driven by higher production volumes and partially by timing differences in revenue recognition

# Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup>

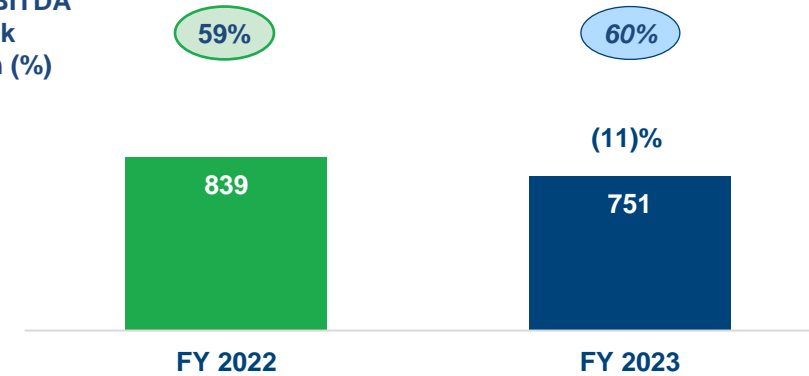
## Q4 Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1,2</sup> (\$ millions)

Adj. EBITDA  
netback  
margin(%)



## FY 23 Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1,2</sup> (\$ millions)

Adj. EBITDA  
netback  
margin (%)



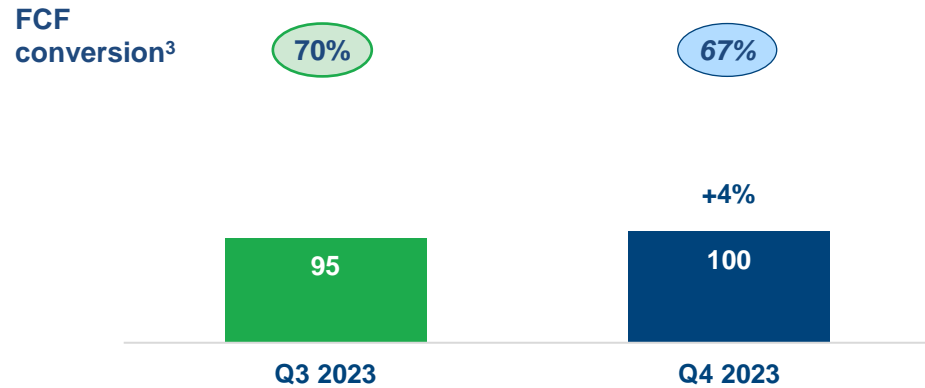
Picture of vessel being loaded at WE Soda port at Derince, Türkiye

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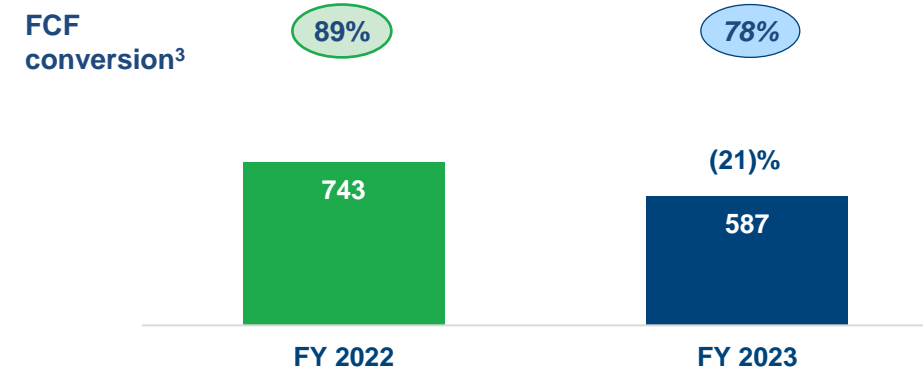
- **FY 2023 Adjusted EBITDA declined by 11% to \$751 million (2022: \$839 million)**
- Decline due to lower production volumes and lower netback margin in all regions in H2. In Q4, although volumes increased, Adj. EBITDA per mt decreased due to higher production costs (primarily energy) and overhead costs
- FY 2023 Adj. EBITDA per mt was \$153 (2022: \$166 per mt)
- Despite H2 weakness, FY 2023 EBITDA Netback Margin was maintained at 60% (2022: 59%) with lower netback pricing in H2 partially offset by decreasing energy costs

# Free Cash Flow<sup>1,2,4</sup>

## Q4 Free Cash Flow<sup>1,2,4</sup> (\$ millions)



## FY 23 Free Cash Flow<sup>1,2,4</sup> (\$ millions)



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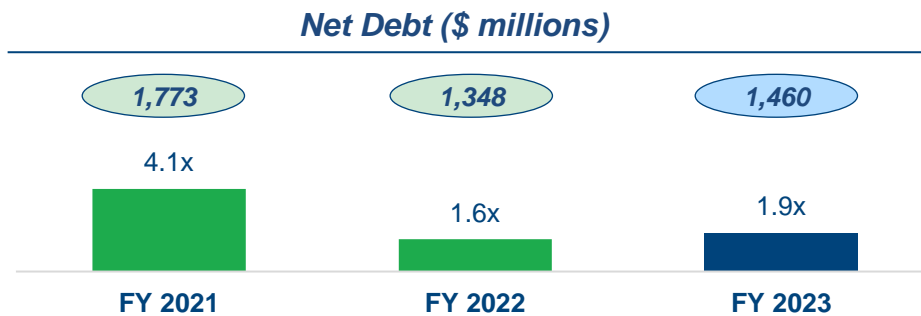
- **High FCF conversion<sup>3</sup> ratio maintained in FY 2023**
- FY 2023 Free Cash Flow impacted by higher maintenance capex on well sets and Kazan Soda CoGen facility, higher tax payments, including additional taxes levied as a result of the earthquake in Türkiye
- Q4 23 Free Cash Flow increased by 4% due to a stronger EBITDA performance, while FCF Conversion decreased to 67% (2023: 70%) due to higher tax and phasing of capex into Q4



Picture of Eti Soda and Kazan Soda Vice General Managers.

# Capital Structure & Leverage<sup>1</sup>

## Restricted Group<sup>3</sup> Net Debt & Net Leverage<sup>1</sup>



- **YE 2023 Net Debt maintained at a reasonable level of \$1.46 billion**
  - Leverage increased slightly to 1.9x, well within our 1.5 - 2.5x leverage target range

## Restricted Group<sup>2</sup> Capital Structure

	Debt (\$ millions)	YE 2023	Post-Issue (Feb-2024)
WE Soda	TLA	436	0
	RCF	159	104
	Bond	980	1,480
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>1,584</b>
Kazan Soda	Project finance	0	0
Eti Soda	WC facility	0	0
Ciner Enterprises	RCF	36	36
<b>Total borrowings</b>		<b>1,610</b>	<b>1,620</b>
<b>Lease liabilities</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Total gross debt</b>		<b>1,629</b>	<b>1,639</b>
<b>Cash</b>		<b>169</b>	<b>173</b>
<b>Restricted Cash</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Debt</b>		<b>1,460</b>	<b>1,466</b>
<b>Net Debt / Adj. EBITDA</b>		<b>1.9x</b>	<b>1.9x</b>

- **Simplified capital structure after successful completion of bond issuances**
  - All OpCo level debt and term loan bank debt eliminated with bond proceeds
  - No principal repayment until August 26, leading to improved free cashflows
  - Interest rate swap for full \$1,480 million from fixed rate to floating rate
  - RCF limit increased to \$475 million
  - Overall liquidity \$450 million
  - Credit ratings: Fitch BB- and S&P BB-
  - Healthy YE 2023 cash balance in excess of \$169 million



# 2024 Outlook<sup>1</sup>

**2024 is expected to remain challenging, driven by soft global demand and increased competitive pressures. Recovery not expected until late 2024 or 2025**

## FY 2024 Outlook<sup>1</sup>

- **FY '24 production & sales: 5.2 million mt (all volumes are contracted for sale).** Q1 '24 sales volumes on track at 1.3 million mt
- **Supply-demand balances:** expected to remain loose in H1, with improvement expected only in late '24 or '25, as global soda ash demand is supported by global economic recovery. Q1 '24 Europe and SAM demand was as expected, with some signs of modest improvement in parts of SE Asia
- **Netback price (\$ per mt):** impacted by weak soda ash demand in all regions, particularly from flat glass manufacturers, compounded by aggressive competitive behaviour. Q1 '24 saw highest netbacks from Europe. Modest average netback improvements expected during '24 (mainly driven by geographic sales mix and lower logistics costs). Some early signs of potential price increases from parts of SE Asia
- **FY '24 Adj EBITDA: expected to be within \$100 - 115 per mt range, consistent with 'trough' levels.** Q1 '24 performance consistent with the "lower half" of guidance, but MoM average Adj. EBITDA per mt improved during Q1 (mainly due to sales mix).

## Operational Focus Areas

- **Producing safe tonnes, driven by our "Safety Excellence Journey":** YTD 24 LTI<sup>2</sup> lost workdays reduced by >80% vs. 2023 avg.
- **Maintaining and monetising our sustainability advantage:** placed an additional 470 k mt of product into higher netback European markets (in FY '24 vs. '23), because our more sustainably produced product was preferred by EU customers
- **Optimising sales mix:** focus on core markets of Europe, Türkiye, SAM and MEA, with the most attractive netback pricing
- **Lowering logistics costs:** with new European logistics hub in Netherlands and fully owned port facilities in Türkiye, increasing netback pricing
- **Customer segmentation:** targeting customers with higher "value in use" and greater ability to pay a premium for more sustainably produced product
- **Driving value by creating a "sustainability currency"** with the development of ConnexSA, a block-chain based ecosystem delivering sustainability transparency end-to-end throughout the supply chain