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# Financial results for 2015

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### 2015 — executive summary

+46.4% EBITDA (Adj.) growth **22.9%** EBITDA (Adj.) margin +7.1 p.p. EBITDA (Adj.) margin growth

Continued optimisation activities and consistent execution of a strategy based on organic growth

Beneficial external environment

Significant decrease in financing costs









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## Beneficial external environment

Higher soda prices in Europe caused mainly by CIECH's successful contracts and a favourable market situation

#### Weaker PLN and RON increased export revenue



#### Lower energy and raw material

**prices** — beneficial contract with Kompania Węglowa, lower market prices of gas and coke



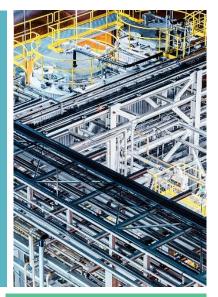


#### Sale of additional volumes of soda ash and dry salt from expanded installations

Entry onto new markets



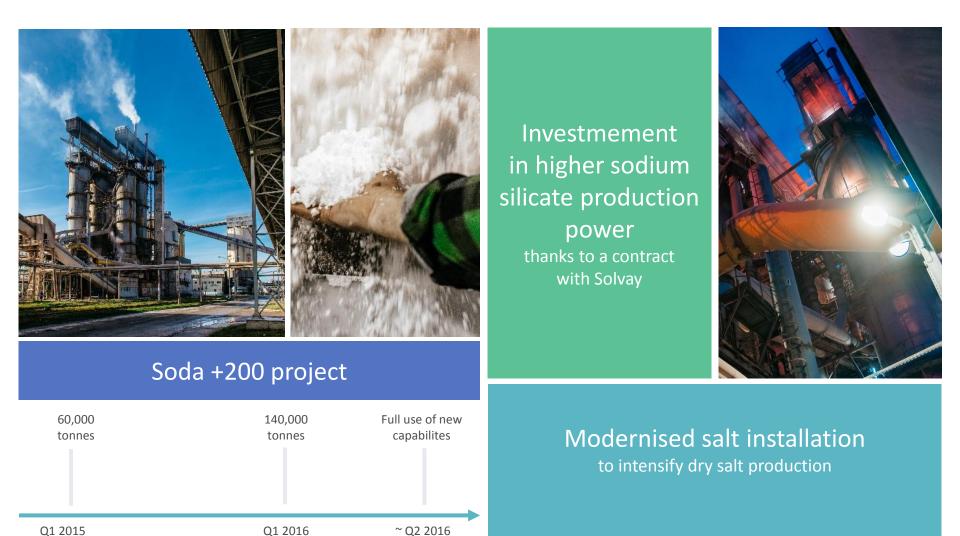






Optimisation of the CIECH Pianki portfolio focusing on the highest margin contracts

# Significant development investments





It was: 9.5% per year High yield bonds, revolving credit up to	Currently: <2% per year Dual currency loan in PLN and EUR (up to PLN 1.34 million) and revoluting loan (up to PLN 250 million)			
High yield bonds, revolving credit up to				
PLN 100 million, other loan agreements	million) and revolving loan (up to PLN 250 million)			
Debt amount*: PLN 1.2 billion	Debt amount**: PLN 1.6 billion			
Influence on Q4 2015 result				
Coupon costs: PLN /3 million	Floating rates based on WIBOR/EURIBOR plus margin, which depends on the net debt / EBITDA index			
Existing unamortized financing costs:				
PLN 25 million	CIRS and IRS transactions for the whole loan amount			
Moody's rating:	Standard & Poor's rating:			

Ba3 / positive perspective

Standard & Poor's rating: **BB- / stable perspective** 

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## Increase in profits and margins on all levels

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#### Soda trading (PLN 166 million)

[PLN million]	2015	2014	YoY	Q4 2015	Q4 2014	YoY
Revenue	3,273	↓ 3,244	0.9%	814	786	3.6%
Gross sales profit	874	681	28.3%	205	136	50.2%
Gross sales margin	26.7%	21.0%	5.7 p.p.	25.1%	17.3%	7.8 p.p.
EBIT	490	322	52.2%	109	91	20.0%
EBIT margin	15.0%	9.9%	5.1 p.p.	13.4%	11.6%	1.8 p.p.
EBITDA	708	526	34.4%	165	145	13.8%
EBITDA margin	21.6%	16.2%	5.4 p.p.	20.3%	18.5%	1.8 p.p.
Adjusted EBITDA	748	<b>5</b> 11	46.4%	169	95	77.9%
Adjusted EBITDA margin	22.9%	15.8%	7.1 p.p.	20.7%	12.1%	8.6 p.p.
Net result	346	166	108.0%	88	112	-21.3%
Net margin	10.6%	5.1%	5.5 p.p.	10.8%	14.2%	-3.4 p.p.

Soda trading (approx. PLN 6.5 million)

## Results vs. consensus

[PLN million]	Q4 2015 results	Q4 2015 consensus	Q4 forecasted range
Revenues	814	801	759.8–856.5
EBIT	109	127	117.0–139.1
EBIT margin	13.4%	15.8%	14.4%-17.6%
EBITDA	165	181	171.1–192.8
EBITDA margin	20.3%	22.5%	21.0%-24.4%
Adjusted EBITDA	169	181	171.1–192.8
Adjusted EBITDA margin	20.7%	22.5%	21.0%-24.4%
Net result	88	14	-12.1–57.1
Net margin	11.0%	1.8%	-1,4%–7,2%

## Stable revenue

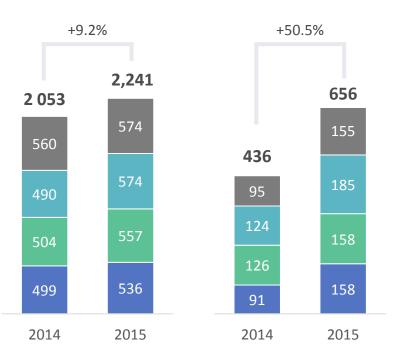


## EBITDA (Adj.) increase



*EBITDA* (*Adj.*) – *adjusted EBITDA* (see the appendix for one-off adjustments)

# Soda segment Revenue [PLN million] EBITDA (Adj.) [PLN million]



Share in total revenue (main products)	
Dense soda ash	38.7%
Light soda ash	13.3%
Salt	5.2%
Sodium bicarbonate	4.7%



#### **Positive:**

Higher soda prices on European markets, effective sales negotiations

Higher sales volume due to new production capabilities in Poland and Romania

Stronger USD and EUR, price competitiveness of European manufacturers compared to North American import

Lower prices of energy carriers (coal, gas) and fuels (coke, anthracite)

Increased soda production efficiency, lower energy and raw material consumption

#### Negative:

Lower demand for light soda among cleaning agent manufacturers

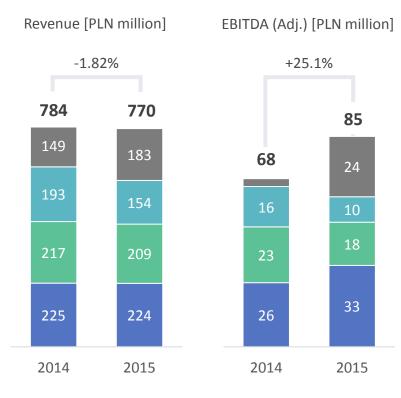
High supply and active competitors in the salt market

Lower electricity prices in Germany

Downturn in the Chinese soda market leading to a decrease in prices and greater activity of Chinese suppliers overseas, in markets where the Group operates

Production capabilities of the salt installation not utilised in full

## Organic segment



Share in total revenue (main products)	
Resins	10.5%
PUR foams	6.7%
Plant protection chemicals	5.9%



#### **Positive:**

Very low oil prices (lower by approx. 30% YoY) resulting in low raw material prices

Epoxy resins — an increase in the sales volume, improved results by selling specialist products (maintaining a favourable ratio between product prices and raw material prices)

Unsaturated polyester resins — expanding sales of profitable products (gel coats and top coats)

PUR foams — optimisation of the client portfolio by focusing on high margin clients

AGRO products — successful preseason sales

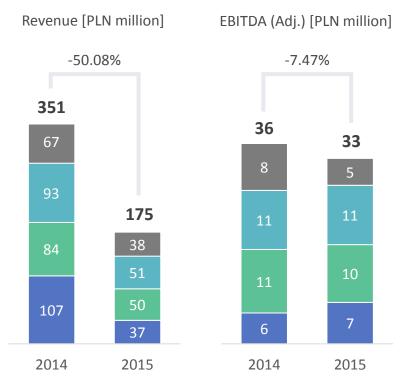
#### Negative:

AGRO products — unfavourable weather conditions, dynamic activities of new distributors, less purchases done by farmers

Epoxy resins and unsaturated polyester resins — a decrease in raw material prices resulting in pressure on prices, continuing oversupply (flow of cheap resins from the Far East)

Unsaturated polyester resins — a decrease in the sales volume, intensified price competition due to the low use of capabilities by competitors.

## Silicates and glass segment



Share in total revenue (main products)	
Glass blocks and packaging	2.6%
Sodium silicate cullets	1.6%
Sodium water glass	0.9%



#### **Positive:**

Packaging glass - good sales results

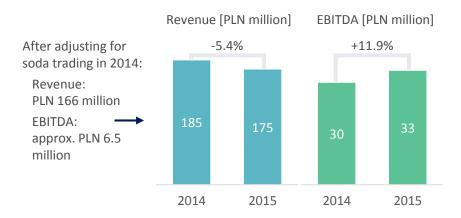
Improved production efficiency (lower gas consumption, lower number of production losses)

#### Negative:

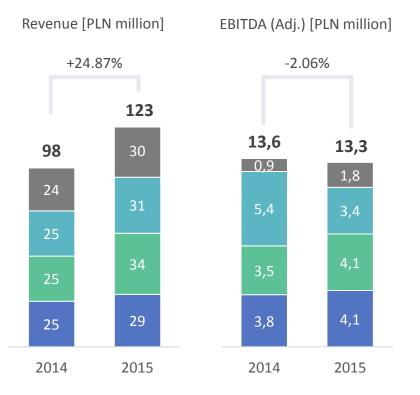
No trading sales of sulphur (supply contract with Grupa Azoty has ended)

Lower sales of potassium silicates

Higher competition on the domestic glass packaging market



## Transport segment





#### **Positive:**

Increase in transport and logistics services provided for external clients

Fine coal and coke deliveries for CIECH Soda Polska taken over from external contractors

Railway siding management in CIECH Sarzyna taken over from external contractors

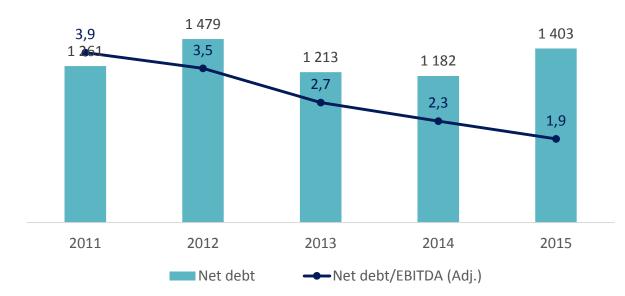
Successful intensification of restructuring activities

Taking over management of carriage for raw material purchases

#### **Negative:**

Development of transport activities hindered by maintenance works on Polish State Railway lines

Debt



The Group's debt is consistently decreasing. At the end of 2015, the ratio of net debt to EBITDA (Adj.) was 1.9. The Group's strategy is to lower the ratio to below 1 in 2019.

Debt ratio is lower than in December 2014 and equals 65.7%.

[PLN million]	2015	2014	YoY
Debt ratio	65.7%	69.3%	-3.6 p.p.
Long-term debt ratio	46.1%	45.9%	0.2 p.p.
Debt to equity ratio	191.5%	225.3%	-33.8 p.p.
Gross financial liabilities (PLN million)	1,605	1,232	30.3%
Net financial liabilities (PLN million)	1,403	1,183	18.6%



[PLN million]	2015	2014
EBITDA	708	526
Working capital	-97	96
Interest paid	-127	-114
Taxes paid	-21	-19
Other	-6	-46
Cash flow from operating activities	457	443
CAPEX	-504	-289
Other	18	5
Cash flow from investment activities	-486	-284
Free cash flow	-29	159
Debt financing	180	-153
Dividends	0	-60
Other	3	0
Cash flow from financial activities	183	-213
Total net flow	154	-54
Closing balance of cash	203	49

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## Market environment — challenges



Prices of energy sources



Macroeconomic context, including the economic situation in China

Soda market — supply and prices



## Further development of the soda segment

Sales of additional soda volumes from expanded installations

Entry to new markets

Optimisation of the salt products portfolio



# Higher quality of products and a focus on highly processed products



Higher share of dry salt in revenue, lower exposure to weather conditions



## Dynamic development of the organic segment



Developing the plant protection chemicals portfolio, including the ZIEMOVIT product line

Higher efficiency of AGRO sector in CIECH Sarzyna Expanding abroad focusing on most promising directions



Developing foams portfolio Focusing on high margin products

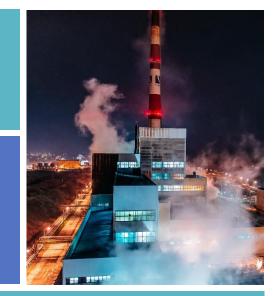
## Other investments and projects



Outlook for 2016

Increased innovation through new R&D projects

Continued construction of a fume treatment installation to remove nitrogen and sulphur oxides





Modernisation and expansion of the sodium silicate furnace

# Transport services for external clients



### VIECH vs. its competitors Why CIECH?

Innovative approach to business	Modernised plants	Diversification, also within segments
Extending the portfol consumer		Dynamic development of the organic segment and increasing its share in the Group's revenue

## Modern and diversified chemical group on a stable progress path

Stable increase in profits and margins since 2013 and potential for further effective growth in all segments

Financial backing from a strong dominant shareholder

#### Appendices

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[PLN thousand]	2015	2014
EBITDA	707,538	526,302
One-off events, including:	(40,884)	15,176
Impairment write-offs (a)	(2,119)	17,791
Cash items (b)	(1,143)	625
Non-cash items (excluding impairment write-offs) (c)	(37,622)	(3,239)
Adjusted EBITDA	748,422	511,126

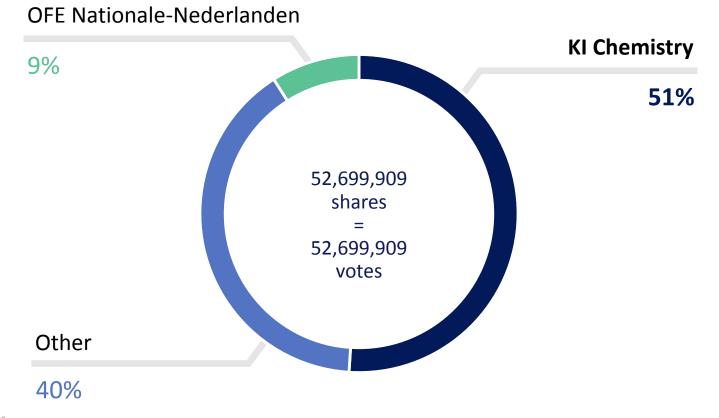
(a) Impairment write-offs refer to creating/reversing write-offs of assets.

(b) Cash items include, but are not limited to, profit/loss from the sale of fixed tangible assets and other items (including costs of abandoned activities, penalties and compensation received or paid).

(c) Non-cash items include, but are not limited to, fair value of investment properties, costs of liquidating inventory and fixed tangible assets, costs of suspended investments, environmental provisions, liability and compensation provisions, costs of unused production capabilities and other items (including extraordinary costs and other provisions).











Share and index values recalculated as appropriate



## CIECH group — business segments



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