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# Quarter on quarter improvement since Q3 despite weak zinc price environment

## Revenue €298 million

-7% yoy / +8% QoQ

- Lower zinc and alu prices
- + Favourable zinc treatment charges (TC)
- + Higher zinc hedging price

## Adjusted EBITDA €49 million

-3% yoy / +7% QoQ

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- + Higher zinc hedging price
- + Lower energy prices
- + Productivity and savings

## Operating cash flow €15 million

-27% yoy / -77% QoQ

- Lower earnings
- + Lower tax payments

### Growth



• Palmerton refurbishment: On track to capture growth in 2025



Guangdong: Monitoring market development; Cautiously progressing



Bernburg expansion: Moving forward with permits and commercial contracts

#### Outlook

- 2024 guidance of €195m to €235m EBITDA, +7% to +29% yoy (2023: €182m)
- Mid-term: Decarbonisation and EV trends driving mid-term growth

# **EBITDA**

Total Adjusted EBITDA at €49m in Q1 2024, QoQ improvement of 7%. However, still -3% yoy driven by lower zinc LME prices and aluminium metal margin partially compensated by favourable zinc TC, improved volumes & hedges, and lower energy prices

Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> Q1 2023 to Q1 2024



<sup>1</sup> Q1 2024: €24.6m reported Total EBIT + €20.7m D&A = €45.3m reported Total EBITDA + €3.3m adjustments = €48.6m adjusted Total EBITDA Q1 2023: €29.1m reported Total EBIT + €20.2m D&A = €49.3m reported Total EBITDA + €0.8m adjustments = €50.1m adjusted Total EBITDA

<sup>5</sup> Business Update - Post Q1 2024 Earnings

# Key volume drivers & impact on Befesa: Q1 2024

## Key volume drivers

% vs prior year

## Crude steel production<sup>1</sup>











Global

## Car sales<sup>1,2</sup>



## Befesa's volumes



- European Steel Dust plants at solid levels despite yoy lower crude steel production
- Aluminium salt slags volumes grew yoy mainly driven by Hanover back in operation



- EAF steel dust volumes solid yoy; operational performance improving gradually
- Average plant utilisation of around 70%



EAF steel dust throughput increased yoy; Plants running at normal levels



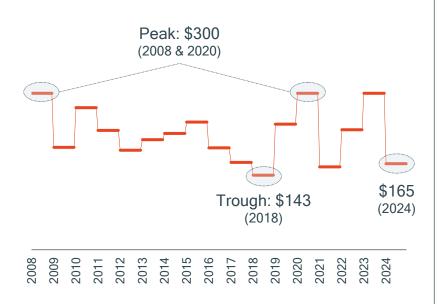
- EAF steel dust throughput affected by weak real estate
- Plant utilisation of around 60% in Jiangsu;
   Henan ramping up

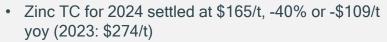
<sup>1 %</sup> yoy evolution of crude steel based on Q1 figures

<sup>2</sup> Production of new passenger cars for China; Registrations of new passenger cars for EU based on Q1 figures

Zinc TC settled at \$165/t for 2024 (vs \$274/t in 2023) will drive 2024 earnings; However, zinc LME price environment remains volatile

#### Zinc TC





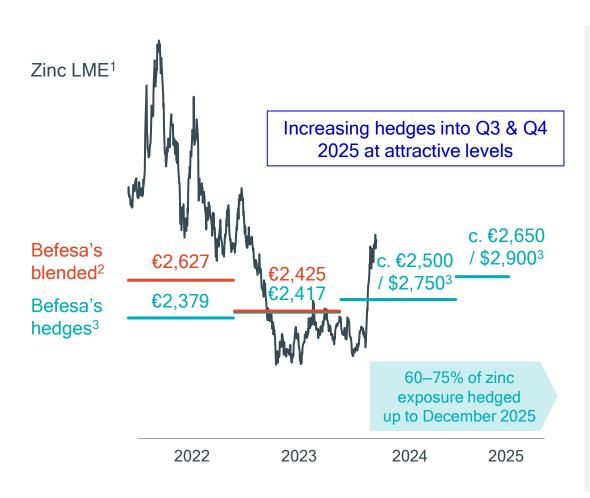
- Zinc TC as % of \$LME at 7% (Q1 2024), lower versus last 10/15-year average at around 10%
- Each \$10/t zinc TC variation impacts €2–2.5m
   FY EBITDA



- In 2023, zinc LME prices decreased by >50% from \$4,530/t peak (April'22) to \$2,224/t trough (May'23);
   One of the largest decreases in the last 15 years
- Zinc LME price environment has remained volatile since then, trading between \$2,300/t and \$2,600/t
- Each \$100/t zinc LME price variation impacts €7–8m FY EBITDA

<sup>1</sup> London Metal Exchange (LME) zinc daily cash settlement prices, US\$ per tonne

# Befesa expanding hedge book up to year end 2025 (1.5 years visibility) benefitting from rally in zinc LME



- Befesa's hedging strategy unchanged
  - 1–3 years forward
  - Targeting 60% to 75% of zinc equivalent volume
  - Befesa providing no collateral
- Befesa's hedging strategy has proven successful providing price visibility and lowering impact from zinc price volatility
- Befesa with 60–75% of its zinc exposure hedged up to December 2025
- For the unhedged portion:
   each \$100/t change in zinc
   LME price represents €7–8m
   impact on FY EBITDA

<sup>1</sup> London Metal Exchange (LME) zinc daily cash settlement prices

<sup>2</sup> Zinc blended prices are averages computed based on the monthly effective LME zinc and hedging prices weighted with the respective hedged and non-hedged volumes

<sup>3</sup> Assumes FX €/\$ of 1.10 for 2024, and 2025

# Coke price continued further normalisation in Q1; Gas & electricity prices stabilised around 2021 levels

## Befesa's energy price evolution by source



#### Coke

- Befesa's coke price continued further normalisation in Q1'24 to levels below the 2022 average price (-25% yoy; -3% vs Q4'23)
- However, Q1'24 price still >40% above 2019–2021 average price level

#### **Electricity**

 Electricity prices decreased further in Q1'24 (-28% yoy, -16% vs Q4'23) to around levels of 2020/2021

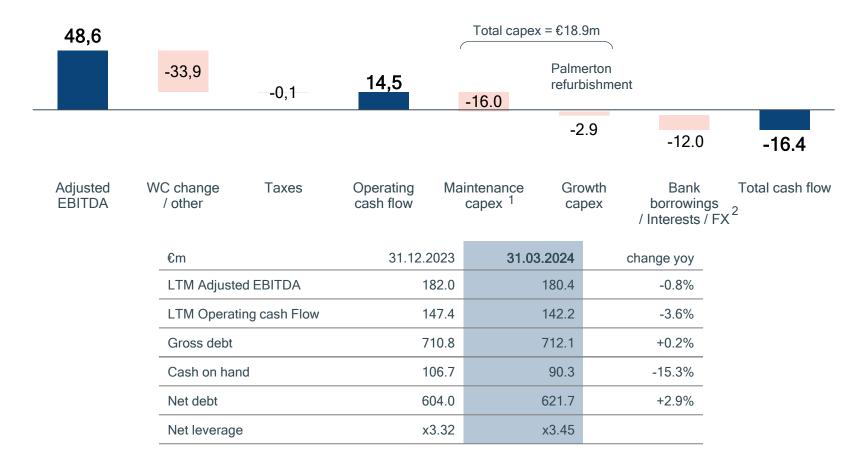
#### Gas

 Gas prices decreased further in Q1'24 (-42% yoy, -22% vs Q4'23) and stabilised around average levels of 2021

# Cash flow, net debt & leverage

Cash on hand at €90m providing >€150m liquidity; Net debt increased to €622m mainly explained by the decrease in cash balance; Net leverage of x3.45

Adjusted EBITDA to Total cash flow Q1 2024



<sup>1</sup> Includes investments required to maintain or replace assets as well as those related to productivity, compliance and IT

<sup>2</sup> Mainly includes cash bank inflows/outflows from bank borrowings and other liabilities, financial interests paid, and the effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash

# Guidance 2024

	Lower-end: €195m +€13m / +7% yoy	<b>Upper-end: €235m</b> +€53m / <b>+29% yoy</b>		
EBITDA	<ul> <li>Lower end: Zinc prices continue at Q1 average of c. \$2,450/t for the rest of the year;</li> <li>Zinc refining and China operations still at breakeven levels; Coke price recovering at slow pace; Aluminium metal margin depressed</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Upper end: Zinc prices increasing to \$2,600-\$2,700/t for the rest of the year;</li> <li>China momentum accelerates; Coke price reducing rapidly to Q1'22 levels</li> </ul>			
	Key EBITDA sensitivities:			
	+/- €100/t Zinc LME price +/- €100/t Aluminium FMB price	<b>Steel</b> +/-€7 to 8m -	Alu Salt Slags - +/-€1.5 to 2m	
Capex	<ul> <li>Total capex of c. €120-€140m:</li> <li>- €85-€95m growth (Palmerton refurbishment; Guangdong; Europe)</li> <li>- €35-€45m regular maintenance / US operational excellence / IT / Compliance</li> </ul>			
Cash flow, cash position and net leverage	<ul> <li>c€60m to -€50m total cash flow¹</li> <li>c. €45-55m cash position at year end</li> <li>Net leverage at around x3.5</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>c€5m to +€5m total cash flow¹</li> <li>c. €95-105m cash position at year end</li> <li>Net leverage at around x2.7</li> </ul>		

<sup>1</sup> Total cash flow after capex and dividend payout

# Positive mid-term outlook; balancing capex across markets with different dynamics



Favourable decarbonisation and EV macrotrends:

- Shift towards EAF steel mills will increase the generation of steel dust
- Transition to EV will drive higher aluminium demand



Globally balanced in core businesses



€110—€135m additional EBITDA

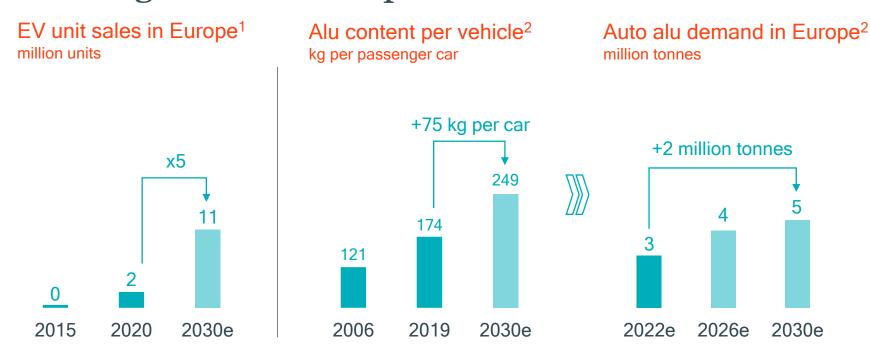


Low risks & high returns



Rigorous execution and monitoring timing

# Decarbonisation and EV driving aluminium market growth in Europe



- Decarbonisation trend drives transition to electric vehicles (EV)
- EV requiring higher aluminium content per car to achieve light-weight targets
- Driving higher aluminium demand in Europe and increased need for secondary aluminium and salt slags recycling capacity

<sup>1</sup> CRU (January 2022)

<sup>2</sup> Ducker (October 2022)

# Well defined growth roadmap in execution

Market fundamentals remain strong and favourably support Befesa's business model & growth plan



Decarbonisation trend will drive increase of EAF steel production in the key markets where Befesa operates



EV trend will drive demand for aluminium in Europe & the US as the auto industry looks for light-weight solutions

Befesa is adapting capex deployment to market dynamics

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### Indicative timing and status



H<sub>1</sub> 2025



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Timing confirmed:

Phase I: completed by H2 2024 Phase II: completed by H1 2025

### **Key financials**



- Capex: €60–€70 million
- EBITDA run-rate: €25–€30 million
- Payback: 2–3 years; IRR: >30%



# Growth opportunity in China is attractive and Befesa's plan is being adapted to current market challenges

## Challenging market environment in the short term

- Crude steel production in 2023 stable yoy
- EAF mills running at 55–60% versus BOF at 80-90%, due to real estate crisis → reducing steel dust generation



### EAF will grow in China



EAF penetration expected to grow to 20% by 2030

>60 Mt new EAF capacity announced / underway



**Environmental regulation** launched 2016/17

Getting stricter but following a two-step approach



Commercial office since 2008

Jiangsu started in 2021, Henan in 2023

## Befesa's growth plan in China remains attractive

Cautiously progressing in Guangdong province:

- €45–€50m capex deployment likely in 2024/25, subject to ongoing negotiations with local steelmakers
- €8–€12m EBITDA run-rate; 4–5 years payback; >20% IRR

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# Bernburg expansion: Moving forward with permits and commercial contracts







#### Plant overview

- Expand alu alloy production capacity at existing Bernburg plant from current 75 kt to 135 kt (+60 kt)
  - 2 rotary furnaces (and 2 holding furnaces)
- Total 2<sup>nd</sup> Alu capacity from 205 kt to 265 kt
- · 30 new direct jobs

### Indicative timing and status



2026

- Existing contract with Novelis signed in July 2023; Expansion contract to be signed in April 2024
- Working with German authorities to get permits; Targeting Q4 2024 to obtain final permits

2025: 12-month construction; 2026: 6-month ramp up



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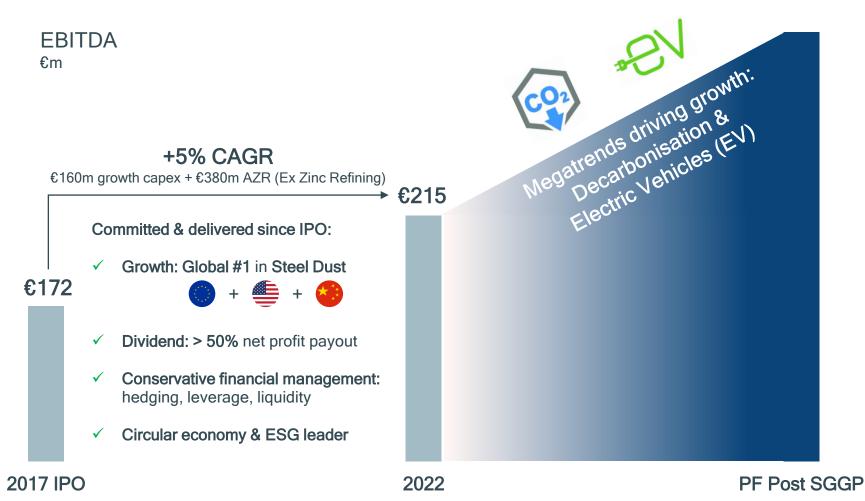
- Capex: c. €30m (100% self-funded)
- EBITDA run-rate: €5m to €6m (c. 20% margin)
- IRR: 16%; Payback: c. 5 years



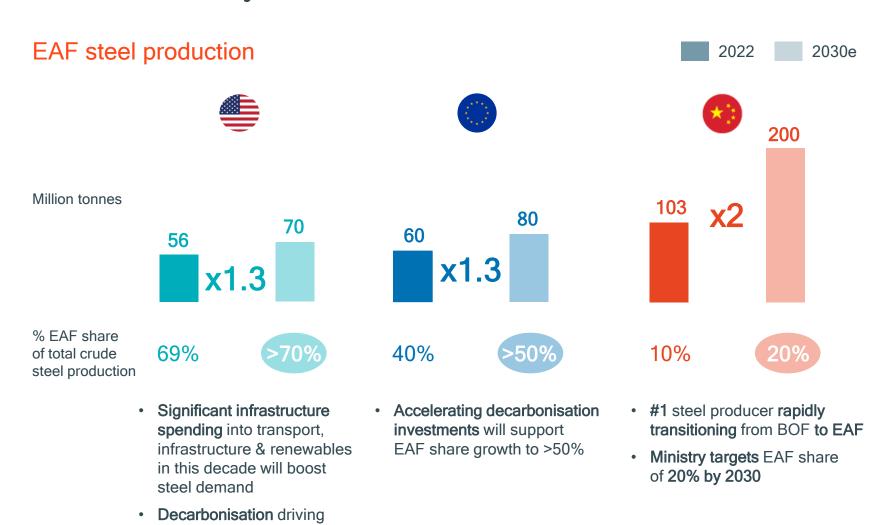
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Sustainable Global Growth Plan (SGGP), 2022-2027

# Proven track record since IPO; Megatrends driving growth over next 5 years



# Decarbonisation driving EAF steel production in Befesa's key markets



EAF share >70%

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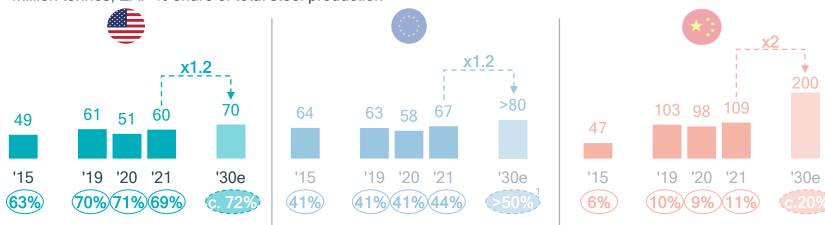
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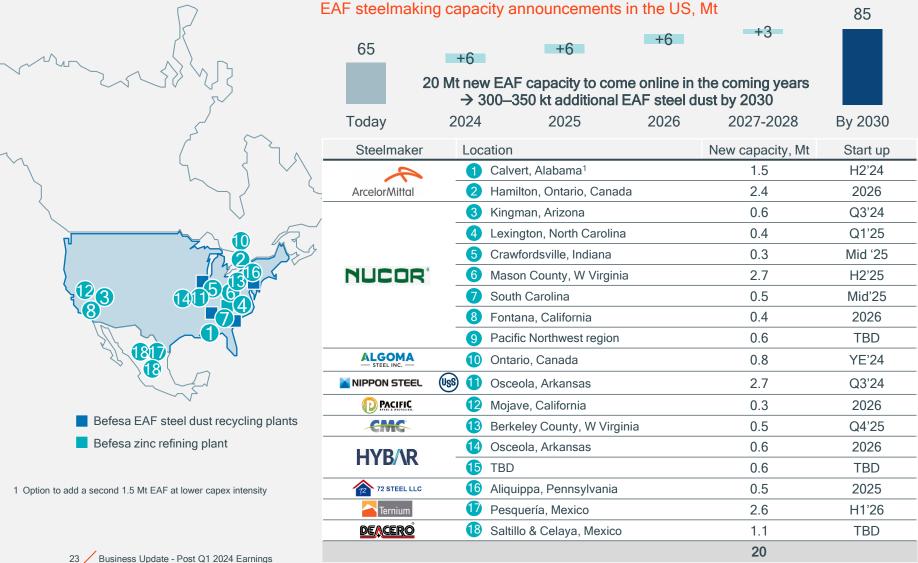
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1 Net Zero by 2050 (IEA, May 2021), Green Steel for Europe Consortium (June 2021)

# Decarbonisation capex in new EAF capacity on track; New announcements supported by US gov. funding programs



# SGGP – Steel Dust – US



EAFD generation in the US expected to increase >0.3 Mt by 2030; Befesa to fully utilise existing c. 620 kt annual installed capacity

## EAF steel production

million tonnes, EAF % of total crude steel output



\$1.2 T infrastructure plan driving higher steel volume and decarbonisation driving EAF share up

# EAFD generation million tonnes







## Befesa's expansion projects

- ✓ Acquisition of Zinc refining asset on 30 September 2022 for \$47m cash transaction.
- Executing capacity utilisation increase in 2023–26;
  - Targeting c. 200 kt incremental throughput to fully utilise existing c. 620 kt nameplate capacity
  - Refurbishing Palmerton site in 2023–24, to be ready for expected volume increase in '24–26 onwards
  - Efficiencies and refurbishment vital to achieve throughput, energy and CO<sub>2</sub> intensity improvements

c. €110–120m total investment; c. €35–45m total incremental EBITDA p.a.; Low-risk & high-return projects

share



# Turnaround of zinc refining plant on track; Expecting positive EBITDA in 2024









- #1 producer of "green zinc" (SHG zinc),
   100% from recycled materials (WOX)
- 141 kt SHG zinc total capacity
- Plant size can process up to 220 kt WOX from Befesa's recycling plants in the US

### Turnaround in a 3-step process



- High quality needed; Standard SHG specifications to avoid discounts from customers
- 2. Utilisation increase
  - Breakeven around 83–90%
- > 3. Cost reduction
  - Focus on reducing fixed cost

### **Key financials**

· Capex: €50 million

• EBITDA run-rate: €10–15 million (2023: breakeven; 2024: €0–5 million)

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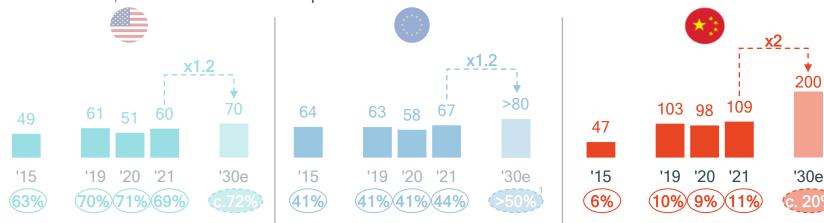


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# EAF projects	Chinese province	New EAF steel production capacity, Mt
2	1 Anhui	3.0
2	2 Fujian	2.1
1	3 Guangdong	8.0
9	4 Hebei	13.9
3	5 Henan	2.4
1	6 Heilongjiang	2.1
5	7 Hubei	4.5
1	8 Jilin	0.8
5	9 Jiangsu	6.0
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Sources: Internal analysis

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1	1	Liaoning	1.8	
3	12	Inner Mongolia	2.5	
1	13	Chongqing	4.0	
3	14	Shandong	3.0	
1	15	Shaanxi	1.1	
1	16	Shanxi	0.7	
1	1	Xinjiang	1.0	
1	18	Yunnan	2.0	
Total # ne	Total # new EAF projects in China: 43		>60 Mt EAF steel	

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c. 1 Mt EAFD

# SGGP – Steel Dust – China



EAFD generation in China expected to increase about 1.6 Mt by 2030 as it transitions from BOF to EAF; Befesa to add 3x 110 kt = 330 kt new capacity which will increase market share to 15–20%



## Befesa's expansion projects

- · Monitoring recovery from COVID in China ahead of next expansion projects
- Expanding into additional provinces; ✓ LOI signed at Guangdong
- Scale up existing plant sites and new province (Guangdong); Overall, 3x 110 kt = +330 kt
- Risk-averse: Debt, ring-fenced local financing; Equity, investment guaranteed by German Gov. (DIA)
- c. €115–125m total investment; c. €25–30m total incremental EBITDA p.a.; Cautious risk-averse approach



# Cautiously progressing in Guangdong province





Around 126 million people (2022), 10–15% of China



GDP: US\$1.9 T (2022), Top 10 global; 5% growth target for 2023; 5–6% p.a. growth (2020–2035e)



Largest auto production in China



Top 5 EAF steelmaking clusters in China, with 200–400 kt EAF dust p.a.



#### Plant overview

- 1 kiln with 110 kt EAF steel dust recycling capacity
- Option for expansion on site:
   2 additional kilns x 110 kt = +220 kt capacity

### Indicative timing and status



2025/26

✓ Investment agreement signed Q1 2023



- ✓ Land lot assigned Q1 2023
- > Levelling lot; Preparing basic engineering
- Long-term supply agreements ongoing Start of construction to be monitored during 2024

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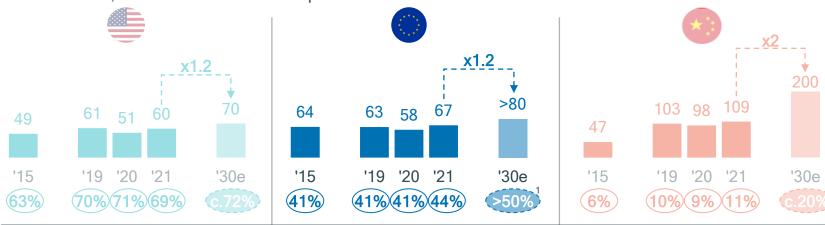
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million tonnes, EAF % share of total steel production



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Each tonne of steel through EAF vs. BOF → saves 1.5 t CO<sub>2</sub>, 1.4 t iron ore, 740 kg coal & 120 kg limestone<sup>3</sup>

- Approved \$1.2 T infrastructure plan requires more steel output, from '24/25 onwards; Plus, new announced EAF capacity driving EAF share >70%
- Shortage of zinc smelting

#### Befesa approach:

➤ c.40-50% market share in EAFD; Improving asset efficiency ahead of higher volume 2024/25 onwards → Load assets & maintain share

- Replacing BOF with EAF essential for steelmakers to achieve CO<sub>2</sub> targets; EAF share growing to >50%
- EV transition drives alu demand up & OEMs with preference for recycled alu

#### Befesa approach:

C. 40-50% market share in EAFD & Alu Salt Slags, and high-cap. utilisation;
 → Invest in new cap. & maintain share

- Government's masterplan demands doubling EAF share to c.20% by 2030<sup>2</sup>
- Regulation launched 2016/17;
   Befesa is 1<sup>st</sup> mover and market leader in largest & new EAFD market

#### Befesa approach:

Continue capacity expansion step by step, monitor recovery from COVID; Planning for 15-20% market share

+33

+18

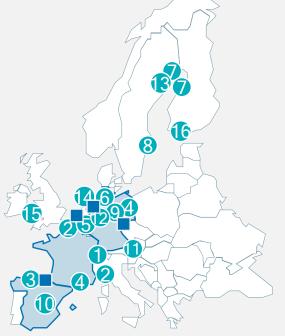
# Accelerating decarbonisation investments in Europe will support EAF share growing to >50% by 2030

EAF steelmaking capacity announcements in Europe, Mt



33 Mt new EAF capacity to come online in the coming years → > 500 kt additional EAF steel dust by 2030

Today 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028-2029 By 2030





roday	2024	2025	2020	20	127 2028-2029	By 2030
Steelmaker	Location	on			New capacity, Mt	Start up
	1 Bel	lval, Luxembou	rg		0.4	2025
	2 Ge	noa & Novi Lig	ure, Italy		2.5	H1'24
A	3 Gij	ón, Spain			1.1	H1'26
ArcelorMittal	4 Fos	s-sur-Mer & Du	nkirk, France		2.0	H1'27
	Gh	ent, Belgium			2.0	2030
	6 Bre	men & Eisenhi	üttenstadt, Ger		1.0	2030
CCAD	7 Lul	eå, Sweden; R	aahe, Finland		5.0	2030
SSAB	8 Ox	Oxelösund, Sweden			0.2	2030
SALZGITTERAG	9 Pei	Peine, Niedersachsen, Germany			1.9	'25–30
Hydnum Steel	10 Pu	Puertollano, Spain			1.5 <sup>1</sup>	2026
voestalpine	<b>1</b> Lin	Linz & Donawitz, Austria			2.5	H1'27
thyssenkrupp	12 Du	Duisburg, Germany			2.5	H1'27
H2 <b>green steel</b>	<b>13</b> Вос	Boden-Luleå, Sweden			5	2030
TATA STEEL	1 IJm	nuiden, The Net	herlands		TBD	2030
		Port Talbot, UK			3.0	2027
BLASTR Green Steel	16 Ink	lnkoo, Finland			2.5	TBD
					33	

# Adding new EAFD recycling capacity and WOX washing expansion



c. €105–115m total investment; c. €30–35m total incremental EBITDA p.a.; Low-risk & high-return projects



## New EAFD recycling plant

- Grow with EAFD addressable market and invest in a new 140–160 kt state-of-the-art EAFD plant
- Construction + ramp-up in 2025–26; Operational by 2026–27
- Low-risk and high-return project



## WOX washing expansion

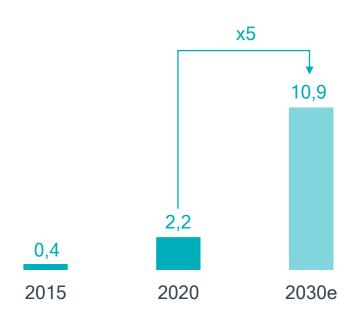
- Expand WOX washing capacity at Gravelines, France, in line with incremental European EAFD capacity
- Construction + ramp-up in 2025–26; Operational by 2026–27
- Investment required to enable EAFD capacity growth

# Aluminium Salt Slags Recycling Services – Decarbonisation trend drives transition to EV



Automotive industry switching from combustion to Electric Vehicles (EV)

EV unit sales in Europe<sup>1</sup>



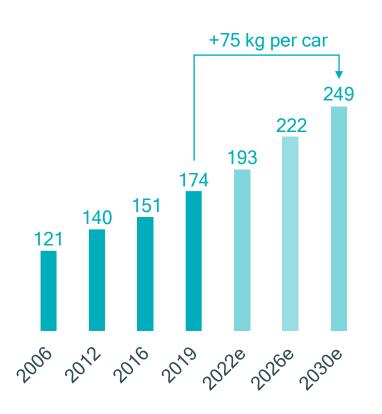
- EU approved plan to ban sales of vehicles with combustion engines (ICE) by 2035<sup>2</sup>
- EV unit sales forecasted to grow x5 from c. 2 million in 2020 to >10 million by 2030
- EV cars requiring light-weight construction, favouring aluminium demand

<sup>1</sup> CRU (January 2022)



# EV requiring higher aluminium content per car to achieve light-weight targets

# Average aluminium content per vehicle<sup>1</sup> net weight, kg per passenger car

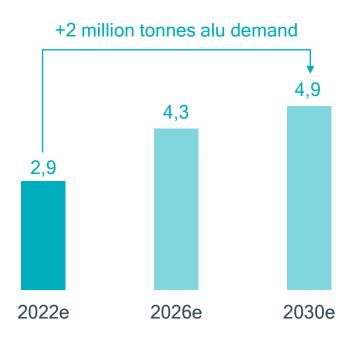


- Average aluminium content per vehicle (passenger cars) has steadily been increasing, from 121 kg/car in 2006 to 193 kg/car in 2022
- Growing and mandatory electrification requires light-weighting construction and drives growing demand for aluminium
- Aluminium content per vehicle expected to accelerate to 249 kg/car by 2030



# ... driving higher aluminium demand with increased needs for 2<sup>nd</sup> alu & salt slags recycling

## Aluminium demand from Auto in Europe<sup>1</sup> net weight, million tonnes



- Automotive aluminium demand will continue to grow to address light-weighting needs
- OEMs aim to reduce their carbon footprint through use of recycled metal
- Requiring increased production of secondary aluminium and salt slags recycling volumes
- Expecting incremental >300 kt salt slags generation in Europe by 2030
- Befesa's salt slags recycling market share is c. 45%; Adding recycling capacity to maintain leadership market share

<sup>1</sup> Aluminium demand from passenger cars and light commercial vehicles; Ducker (October 2022)
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## Expansion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Aluminium and New Salt Slags recycling plant

#### Expansion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Aluminium

- Expand 2<sup>nd</sup> aluminium production capacity by c. 90 kt at existing site (Bernburg) in line with expected volume
- Permits + construction + ramp-up: 2023–25;
   Operational by 2026
- Low-risk & medium-return project



#### New Salt Slags recycling plant

- Invest in a new c. 120 kt state-of-the-art salt slags recycling plant in line with incremental secondary aluminium capacity
- Permits + construction + ramp-up: 2023–26;
   Operational by 2026–27
- Low-risk & medium-return project

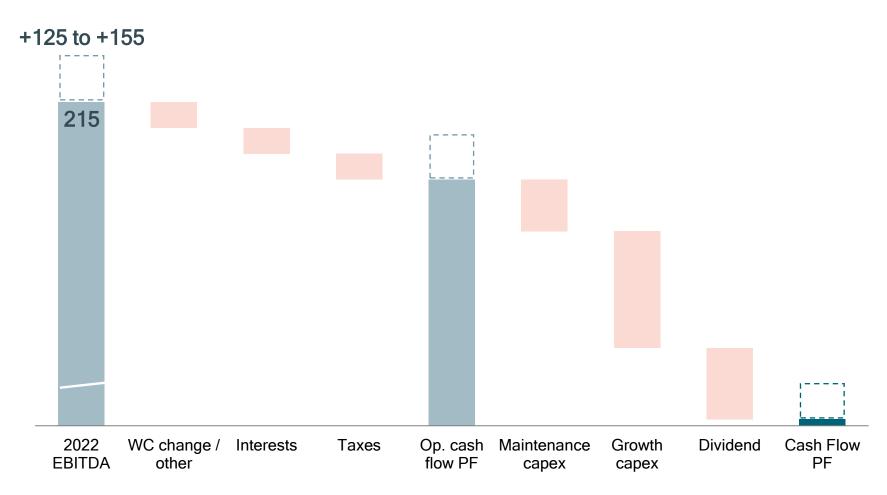


#### Befesa's expansion projects

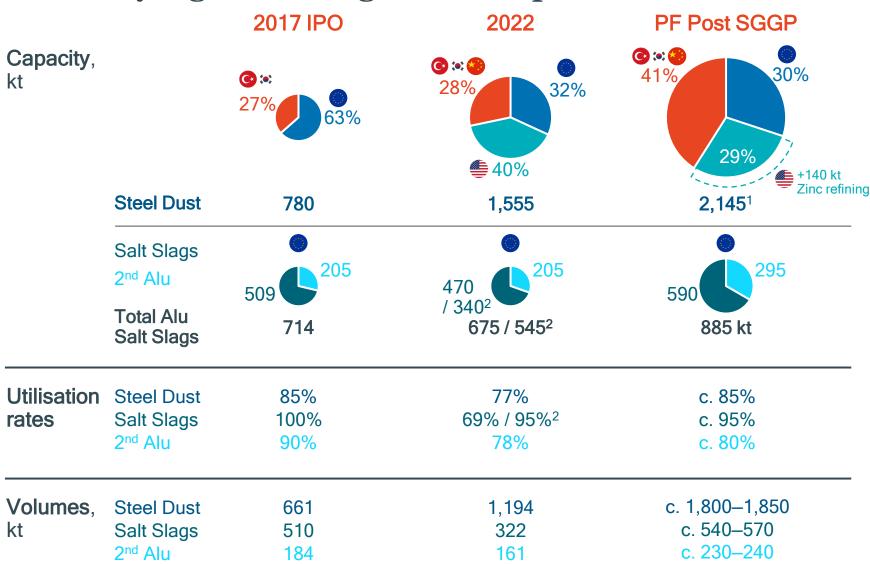
- Expansion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Aluminium will increase capacity from existing 205 kt to c. 295 kt
- New Salt Slags recycling plant will increase capacity from existing 450 kt to c. 570 kt
- c. €80–90m total investment; +€15–20m total incremental EBITDA p.a.; Low-risk & medium-return projects

# Befesa can self-fund SGGP while keeping leverage c. x2.5 and distributing dividends

EBITDA to Cash flow management walk Illustrative conceptual annual view within SGGP period, €m



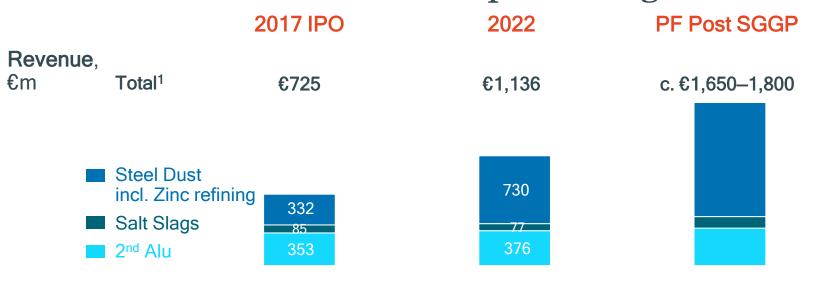
## Diversifying Befesa's global footprint ...

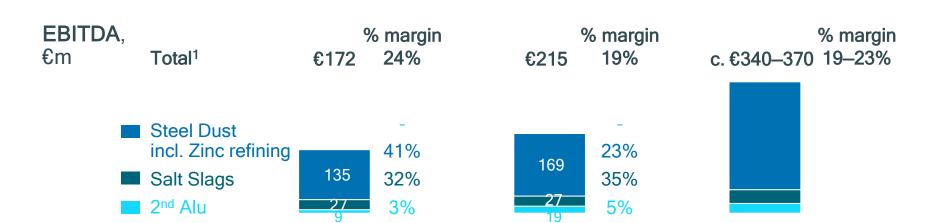


<sup>1 2.145</sup> kt Steel Dust capacity excludes 140 kt from Zinc Refining

<sup>2</sup> Normalised for 130 kt Hanover installed capacity due to plant shutdown in 2022

## ... core-business focus drives portfolio growth





<sup>1</sup> Total revenue after intersegment adjustments; Total adjusted EBITDA

## Committing to growth through the cycle



Strong financial backbone and high cash flow generation allows to self-fund SGGP



Targeting to continue **dividend** distribution at **40–50%** of net profit



Prudent risk and liquidity management;
Modular SGGP growth initiatives timing in control of Befesa

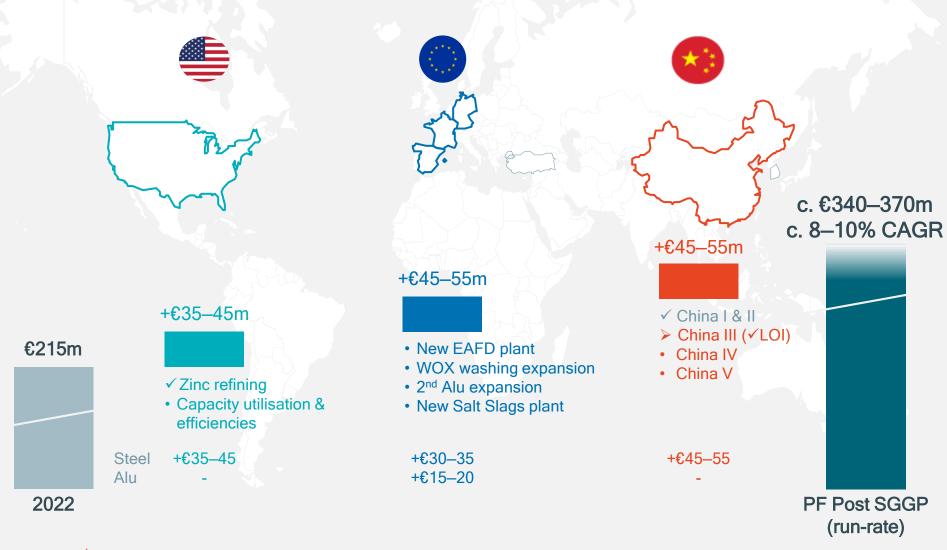


Investing in core businesses; Low risk and high returns, at 3–5 years payback and >20% IRR



Integrate SGGP into annual guidance & budget process

# Well defined growth roadmap driving €125—155m incremental EBITDA, 8—10% CAGR, globally balanced





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#### **EBITDA**

Total Adjusted EBITDA at €49m in Q1 2024, QoQ improvement of 7%. However, still -3% yoy driven by lower zinc LME prices and aluminium metal margin partially compensated by favourable zinc TC, improved volumes & hedges, and lower energy prices

Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> Q1 2023 to Q1 2024



<sup>1</sup> Q1 2024: €24.6m reported Total EBIT + €20.7m D&A = €45.3m reported Total EBITDA + €3.3m adjustments = €48.6m adjusted Total EBITDA Q1 2023: €29.1m reported Total EBIT + €20.2m D&A = €49.3m reported Total EBITDA + €0.8m adjustments = €50.1m adjusted Total EBITDA

#### Steel Dust Recycling Services

Adjusted EBITDA at €36m in Q1 2024, QoQ improvement of 12%. However, -3% yoy driven by lower zinc LME prices partially compensated by favourable zinc TC, improved volumes & hedges, and lower coke price



		Q1 2023	Q1 2024	yoy change
Revenue	€m	216.3	188.0	-13%
Adjusted EBITDA	€m	37.0	36.0	-3%
Adjusted EBITDA margin	%	17.1	19.2	
Steel dust throughput	Kt	287	303	+6%
Plant utilisation	%	69	71	
WOX sold	Kt	100	100	0%
Zinc LME	€/t	2,916	2,256	-23%
Zinc hedging	€/t	2,330	2,467	+6%
Zinc blended <sup>1</sup>	€/t	2,633	2,400	-9%
Zinc TC	\$/t	274	165	-40%

<sup>1</sup> Blended rate between hedged prices and average spot prices, weighted by the respective hedged and non-hedged volumes, reflecting the effective price to Befesa

## Aluminium Salt Slags Recycling Services

EBITDA at €13m in Q1 2024, QoQ improvement of 5%.

However, -8% yoy driven by lower aluminium metal margin partially compensated by improved volumes (Hanover) and lower energy prices



<sup>1</sup> Total revenue is after intersegment eliminations (Q1 2023: €10.6m; Q1 2024: €14.1m)

yoy

+5%

+3%

-8%

+50%

-60%

+35%

+2%

-1%

+31%

change

111.5

27.2

98.3

12.7

9.9

2.9

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95

44

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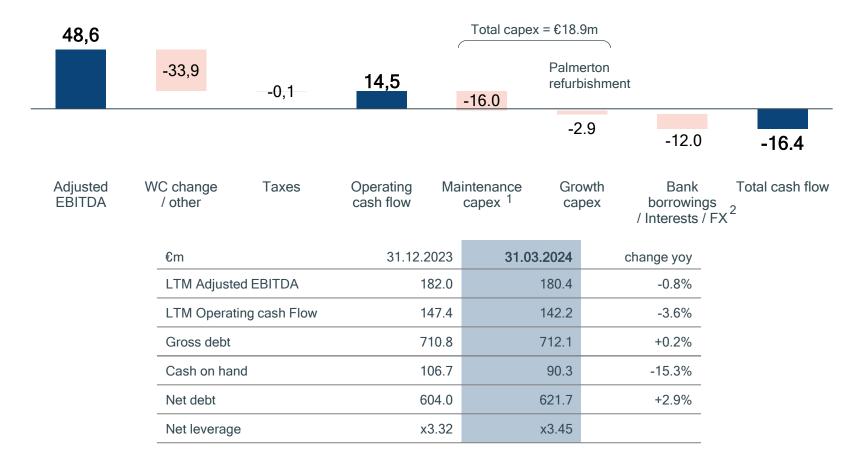
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<sup>2</sup> Aluminium scrap and foundry ingots aluminium pressure diecasting ingot DIN226/A380 European Metal Bulletin free market duty paid delivered works

## Cash flow, net debt & leverage

Cash on hand at €90m providing >€150m liquidity; Net debt increased to €622m mainly explained by the decrease in cash balance; Net leverage of x3.45

Adjusted EBITDA to Total cash flow Q1 2024



<sup>1</sup> Includes investments required to maintain or replace assets as well as those related to productivity, compliance and IT

<sup>2</sup> Mainly includes cash bank inflows/outflows from bank borrowings and other liabilities, financial interests paid, and the effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash



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#### Environmental services for the steel & alu industries



- 24 plants globally; c. 1,800 employees
- #1 globally in Steel Dust Recycling and #1 in Europe Alu Salt Slags Recycling Services
- €182m EBITDA in 2023; Earnings split: 74% Steel Dust / 26% Alu Salt Slags services
- Dividend proposal for 2023: €0.73/share
- 2017 IPO Frankfurt Stock Exchange → 2018 SDAX → 2021 MDAX



Growth

- 100% circular economy: Recycling around 1.9 Mt hazardous residues from secondary steel (EAF) and aluminium industries
- Extracting zinc, aluminium, salt and selling those back to the market preventing the use of virgin resources
- Producing iron oxide and aluminium oxide as useful industrial filler materials







2010 Turkey (😂) 2012 South Korea







2021 Steel Dust recycling assets (AZR); 2022 Zinc refining asset (AZP)

Market and customers growth:



Decarbonisation drives EAF vs. BOF with c. 1.5t CO<sub>2</sub> less per ton of steel



• EV drives alu demand: alu content per car growing, c. 120kg in '06 → c. 250kg '30



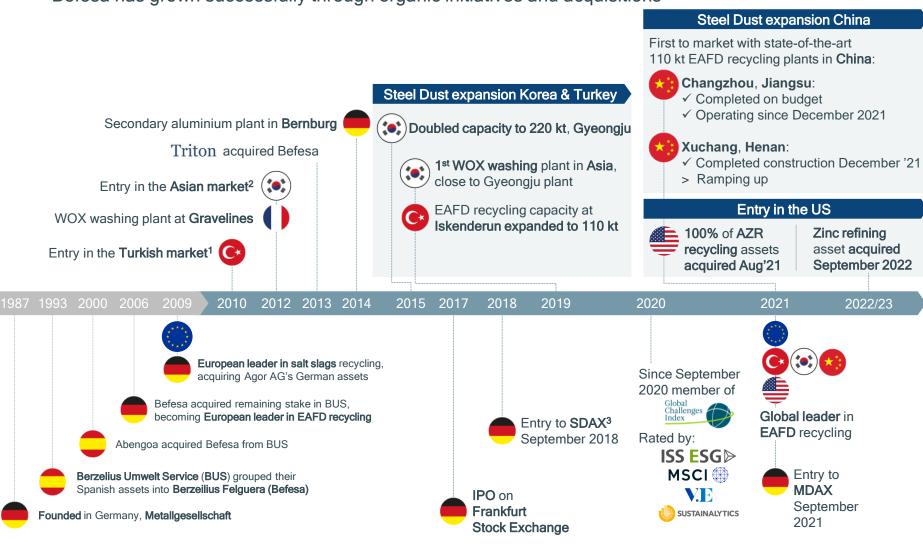
## Befesa at a glance

Global leader in Europe, the US and Asia in providing regulated critical hazardous waste recycling services to the steel and aluminium industries



#### Key milestones

Befesa has grown successfully through organic initiatives and acquisitions

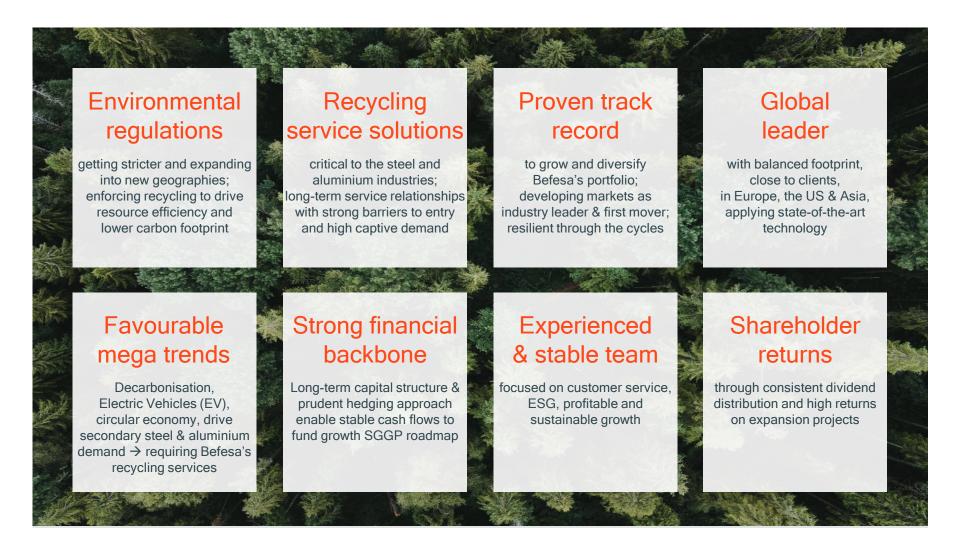


<sup>1</sup> Through 51/49 JV with Canadian Silvermet

<sup>2</sup> By acquiring subsequent stakes in the Korean Hankook

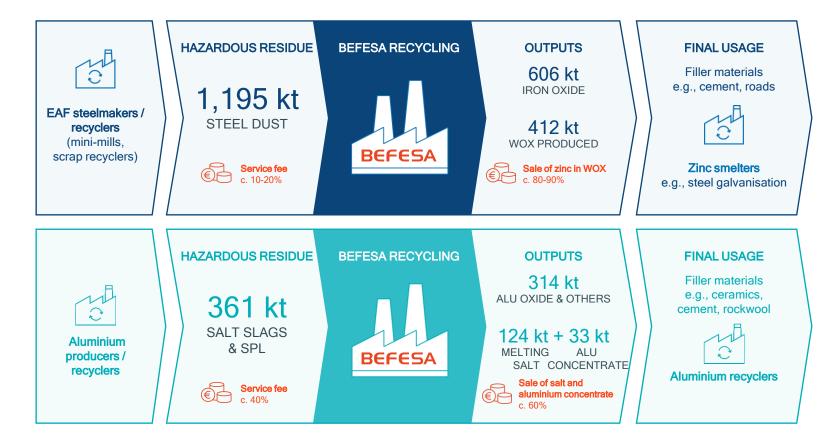
<sup>3</sup> Free-float at 100% after Triton's exit on 6 June 2019

## Leader in circular economy for >30 years



## Highly regulated and critical service model

Befesa is the leading environmental services partner in the circular economy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> steel and aluminium industry by recycling and avoiding the landfilling of around 1.9 Mt hazardous residues and recovering around 1.7 Mt of new valuable materials



All figures are of the year 2023

Value chains are simplified and only reflect Befesa's core business segments, i.e. Steel Dust and Aluminium Salt Slags:

<sup>-</sup> Within the Steel Dust Recycling segment Befesa manages a Stainless sub-segment (88 kt stainless-steel dust throughput) and the US zinc refining plant (115 kt SHG zinc output)

<sup>-</sup> Within the Aluminium Salt Slags Recycling segment Befesa manages a Secondary Aluminium sub-segment (168 kt secondary aluminium alloys produced)

## Proven resilience & growth through cycles

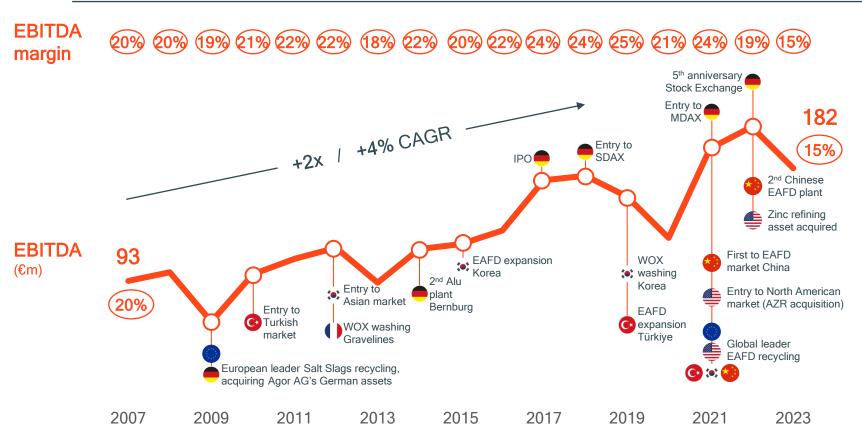
Attractive growth track record with proven margin resilience despite volatile environment, driven by a successful service-focused business model and prudent financial practices

Key macro events

Global financial crisis

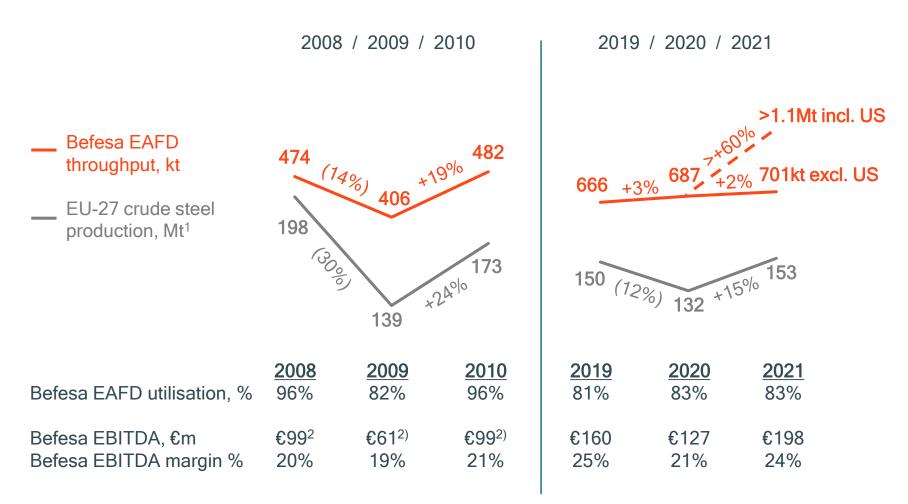
European debt crisis

COVID pandemic Global supply chain disruptions Energy crisis



## Befesa's resilience during latest crises

Befesa has demonstrated resilient volumes and capacity utilisation levels during the latest crises

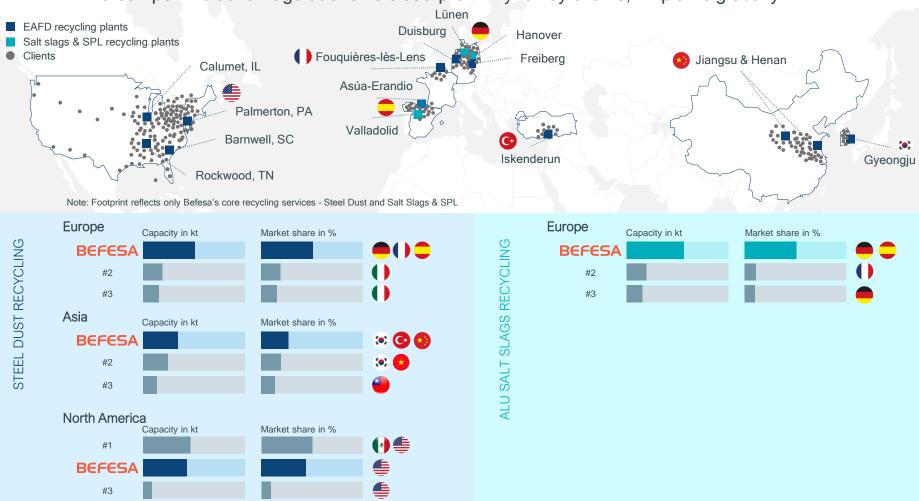


<sup>1</sup> worldsteel.org

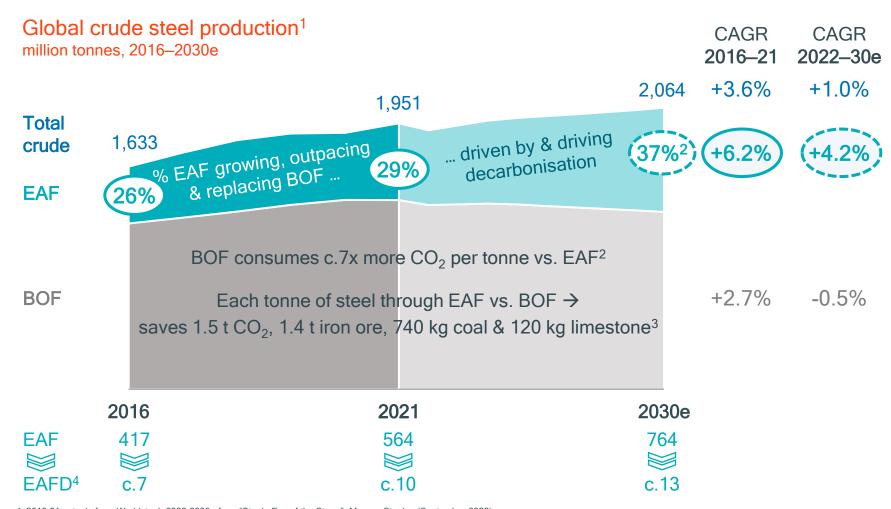
<sup>2</sup> Total EBITDĀ is the sum of Steel Dust & Aluminium Salt Slags segments proforma (PF) comparable to Befesa structure in '19/'20; Thus, it excludes divested IES, EPC and Concessions businesses 56 / Business Update - Post Q1 2024 Earnings

## Global leader in Europe, North America and Asia

Befesa is the global leader in steel dust and the European leader in salt slags recycling services with a competitive advantage due to its close-proximity to key clients; 24 plants globally



# Decarbonisation megatrend favouring and driving EAF steel growth



<sup>1 2016-21</sup> actuals from Worldsteel; 2022-2030e from "Steel - Eye of the Storm", Morgan Stanley (September 2022)

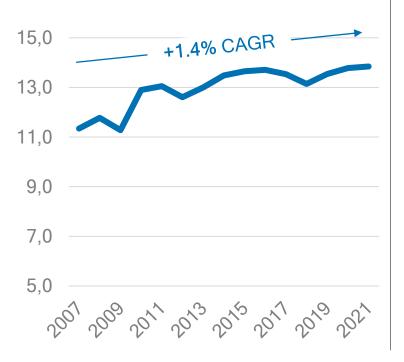
<sup>2 &</sup>quot;Net Zero by 2050: A Roadmap for the Global Energy Sector", IEA (May 2021); Green Steel for Europe Consortium (June 2021)

<sup>3</sup> Bank of America Research (November 2022)

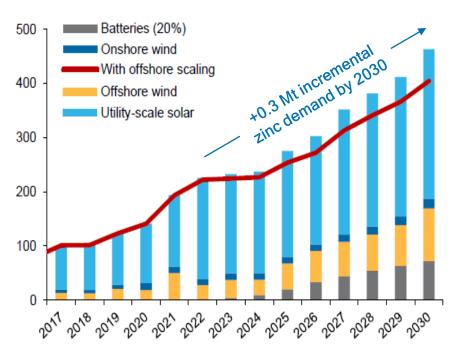
<sup>4</sup> Total EAFD addressable market based on the assumed mid-point 17.5kg EAFD generation per tonne of EAF steel output

#### Zinc global production grew at 1.4% CAGR over L15 years; Incremental demand from transition to renewable energy





Zinc annual demand from wind, solar & batteries<sup>2</sup> thousand tonnes

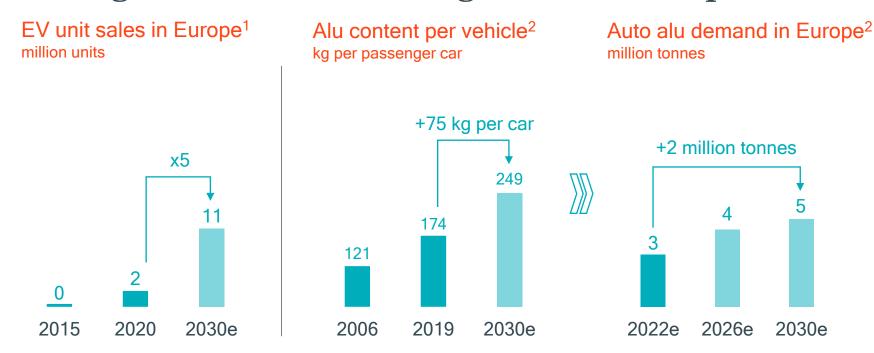


WOX, mixed with virgin zinc concentrates, preferred by smelters, is <5% of global zinc available; Befesa continues to be sold out

<sup>1</sup> International Lead & Zinc Study Group (ILZSG)

<sup>2 &</sup>quot;Commodities Outlook: The (super) cycle is dead, long live the cycle", Macquarie (October 2022)

## Decarbonisation and EV driving aluminium market growth in Europe



- **Decarbonisation** trend **drives** transition to Electric Vehicles (EV)
- EV requiring higher aluminium content per car to achieve light-weight targets
- ... driving higher aluminium demand in Europe and increased need for secondary aluminium and salt slags recycling capacity

<sup>1</sup> CRU (January 2022)

<sup>2</sup> Ducker (October 2022)

## Strong financial backbone

Long-term and efficient capital structure with no maturities up to July 2026

Prudent zinc hedging approach

Rigorous cash management

- → Resilient earnings and cash flows
- → Stable & high liquidity
- → Moderate leverage at c. x2.5

... to **self-fund** growth roadmap in the US, Europe and Asia

#### Experienced and stable management team

Senior management team delivering results through long-standing industry expertise, entrepreneurial spirit and focus on operational excellence as well as governance and compliance processes



Javier Molina Executive Chair



- Executive Chair since 2022
- Befesa CEO 2000-2022
- Leading Befesa for 22+ years
- CEO since 2022
- VP Steel Dust 2006-2022
- 22 years with Befesa

#### Key achievements / track record



Extensive experience in steel and aluminium recycling business, incl. managing through the cycle



Strong performance results through focus on operational excellence



Building strong business foundation of ESG, compliance and health & safety processes



Successful international expansion



Track record of successful acquisitions and turnarounds, e.g., BUS, Agor, Alcasa, Hankook, Silvermet, AZR, AZP



Experience in developing greenfield projects, e.g., Gravelines, South Korea, Bernburg, China



Rafael Pérez CFO



Federico Barredo
VP Aluminium
Salt Slags
Recycling Services

- CFO since 2023
- · 15+ years with Befesa



 Running Befesa's Aluminium Salt Slags business for >20 years



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## ESG highlights

#### Lost Time Injury Rate (LTIR)<sup>1</sup>

**0.45 LTIR** in 2023 (all time low)

**-18% yoy** (2022: 0.55)

**-92% vs baseline** (2015: 5.71)

#### ESG Ratings<sup>2</sup>

	31 March 2024			
ISS ESG ⊳	B / Prime			
SUSTAINALYTICS	#13 / 74			
V.E	#7 / 103			
MSCI	BBB			
arabesque s-ray	Top 5%			
S&P Global	Top 9%			

#### ESG Report 2023

The Befesa ESG Report 2023 will be issued in **June 2024** 

<sup>1</sup> Befesa's own employees and contractors

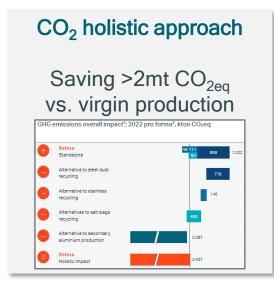
<sup>2</sup> Industry groups under which Befesa is ranked by the respective ESG rating companies: ISS ESG (Metals processing & production); Sustainalytics (Commercial services, subindustry facilities management); V.E (Business services); MSCI (Commercial services & supplies); arabesque-sray (Industrial services); S&P Global (Commercial & professional services)

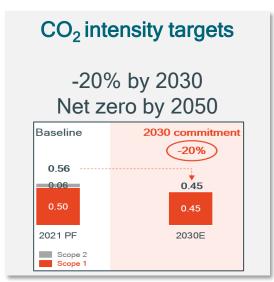
## ESG: Enhanced transparency and performance











# Sustainability Committee Reviews and monitors

Reviews and monitors sustainability strategy, policies, guidelines, plans and progress on a quarterly basis

## Sustainability at the core of Befesa

Befesa's operations have a direct net positive environmental impact as well as multiple positive indirect effects by enabling EAF steel and aluminium recycling

#### **BEFESA**

#### **Direct environmental benefits**



Avoidance of GHG emissions



Reducing landfill of hazardous residues



Recovery and production of new valuable materials



Best-in-class technology (BAT)

#### Indirect sustainability benefits



Circular economy pure player



Decarbonisation of steel and aluminium, and energy transition



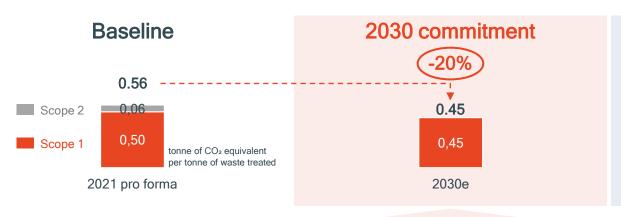
Natural resources depletion rate



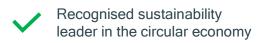
Growth ambition to increase recycling capacity

#### Climate action plan

Committing to a 20% GHG emissions intensity reduction by 2030 and aiming at net zero emission by 2050

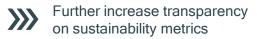


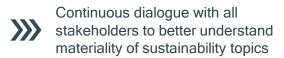








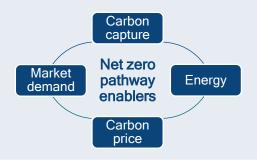






#### **Technology investment commitments**

- Substitution of coke with CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral reducing agent (biomass)
- · New technologies to recycle EAFD
- · Carbon capture on Waelz kiln
- Replacement of fuel by hydrogen
- · Energy generation from gas capture



## Selected ESG targets

#### **Environmental**

>2.4mt<sup>1</sup>

waste recycled by 2025

>1.8mt<sup>2</sup>

new materials recovered by 2025

ISO

ISO certification schedule (China & US)



-20% by 2030 net zero by 2050

#### Social

-50%<sup>3</sup>

**LTIR** by 2024

**B**Ezero

maintain zero fatalities



**full integration** across **US** business



boost initiatives for people with disabilities



HR digitalisation



continue **leadership training** programmes

3 Compared to 2019

#### Governance



improve CIS assessment rating until 2023

≥90%

admin employees trained in **compliance** each year



continue training for all employees



continue roll-out and ≥90% coverage by 2022



continue annual risk assessment

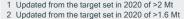


establish Sustainability Committee in 2022



women in Board 2022







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## Key financials Q1 2024 vs 2023

(€m, unless otherwise stated)

	Steel Dust	Salt Slags	Secondary Aluminium	Corporate & eliminations	Total Befesa
Revenue <sup>1</sup> yoy change	<b>188.0</b> -28.3 / -13.1%	<b>27.2</b> +6.4 / +30.6%	<b>98.3</b> +2.5 / +2.6%	<b>-15.2</b> -4.2 / -	<b>298.3</b> -23.7 / -7.3%
Reported EBITDA yoy change	<b>32.8</b> -4.2 / -11.5%	<b>9.9</b> +3.3 / +49.6%	<b>2.9</b> -4.4 / -60.4%	<b>-0.2</b> +1.3 / -	<b>45.3</b> -4.4 / -8.1%
Reported EBITDA margin % yoy change	<b>17.4%</b> +32 bps	<b>36.2%</b> +460 bps	<b>2.9%</b> -463 bps	-	<b>15.2%</b> -13 bps
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>2</sup> yoy change	<b>36.0</b> -1.0 / -2.7%	<b>9.9</b> +3.3 / +49.6%	<b>2.9</b> -4.4 / -60.4%	-	<b>48.6</b> -1.5 / -3.1%
Adjusted EBITDA margin % yoy change	<b>19.2%</b> +206 bps	<b>36.2%</b> +460 bps	<b>2.9%</b> -463 bps	-	16.3% +72 bps

<sup>1</sup> Total revenue in Aluminium Salt Slags Recycling Services amounted to €111.5m (Q1 2023: €106.0m) after intersegment eliminations of €14.1m (Q1 2023: €10.6m)

<sup>2</sup> Q1 2024: €24.6m reported Total EBIT + €20.7m D&A = €45.3m reported Total EBITDA + €3.3m adjustments = €48.6m adjusted Total EBITDA

## Multi-year trend – Key financials<sup>1</sup>

#### (€m, unless otherwise stated)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenue	667.4 <sup>2</sup>	720.1	647.9	604.3	821.6	1,136.0	1,180.6
Reported EBITDA	153.0	176.0	159.6	123.5	189.6	234.9	188.8
Reported EBITDA margin %	22.9% <sup>2</sup>	24.4%	24.6%	20.4%	23.1%	20.7%	16.0%
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>3</sup>	172.4	176.0	159.6	127.0	197.6	214.6	182.0
Adjusted EBITDA margin %	25.8% <sup>2</sup>	24.4%	24.6%	21.0%	24.0%	18.9%	15.4%
Net profit <sup>4</sup>	49.3	90.2	82.7	47.6	99.7	106.2	58.0
EPS⁵ (€)	1.02	2.65	2.43	1.40	2.68	2.66	1.45
Operating cash flow <sup>6</sup>	141.2	117.7	122.1	109.6	134.8	158.6	147.4
Cash position end of period	117.6	150.6	125.5	154.6	224.1	161.8	106.7
Net debt	406.4	376.8	416.9	393.6	470.6	549.0	604.0
Net leverage	x2.36	x2.14	x2.61	x3.10	x2.38	x2.56	x3.32

<sup>1</sup> Full year actual figures audited by external auditors

<sup>2 2017</sup> reported revenue amounted to €724.8m; Revenue of €667.4m is comparable after amendment IFRS 15 impacting non-operating revenue

<sup>3 2017</sup> EBITDA adjusted due to one-off non-recurrent items primarily related to the IPO; 2020 EBITDA adjusted for £3.5m for the UK Salt Slags plant closure; 2021 EBITDA adjusted for £14.0.m one-time AZR acquisition costs, and -£6.0m Hanover Salt Slags plant fire impact; 2022 EBITDA adjusted for -£20.3m, mainly driven by Zinc refining acquisition impacts; 2023 EBITDA adjusted for -£6.8m

<sup>4</sup> Net profit and total basic earnings/(losses) per share attributable to the ordinary equity holders of Befesa S.A.

<sup>5 2017</sup> EPS impacted by the conversion of the preferred shares carried out in Oct\*17 prior to the IPO; The weighted average number of ordinary shares used as the denominator in calculating total basic EPS in 2017 was 25,025 thousand shares vs. 34,067 thousand shares used in 2018-2020; 2021 EPS based on 37,285 weighted average thousand shares after the capital increase of 5,933 thousand new shares to partly fund the AZR acquisition; EPS in 2022 and 2023 based on 39,999 thousand outstanding shares

<sup>6</sup> Operating cash flow disclosed in the table are calculated as adjusted EBITDA +/- WC change - taxes paid; Operating cash flow figures reported in the Annual Reports of the corresponding years 2017 to 2023 included Interests paid in the calculation (2017: 691.5m; 2018: €103.8m; 2019: €102.5m; 2020: €92.5m; 2021: €117.9m; 2022: €137.3m; 2023: €117.3m)

## Operational data Q1 2024 vs 2023 -**Steel Dust Recycling Services**

	Q1 2023	Q1 2024	yoy change
EAF steel dust throughput (kt)	287.1	303.1	+16.0 / +5.6%
EAF steel dust avg. capacity utilisation (%)	68.8%	70.9%	+210 bps
Waelz oxide (WOX) sold (kt)	99.8	100.0	+0.2 / +0.2%
Zinc LME price (€/t)	2,916	2,256	-660 / -22.6%
Zinc hedging price (€/t)	2,330	2,467	+137 / +5.9%
Zinc blended price¹ (€/t)	2,633	2,400	-232 / -8.8%

<sup>1</sup> Blended rate between hedged prices and average spot prices, weighted by the respective hedged and non-hedged volumes, reflecting the effective price to Befesa

## Operational data Q1 2024 vs 2023 -Aluminium Salt Slags Recycling Services

	Q1 2023	Q1 2024	yoy change
Salt slags & SPL treated (kt)	82.3	111.3	+29.0 / +35.2%
Salt slags & SPL avg. capacity utilisation (%)	71.0%	95.2%	+2,420 bps
Aluminium alloys produced (kt)	43.7	44.3	+0.7 / +1.5%
Secondary alu avg. capacity utilisation (%)	86.4%	87.0%	+59 bps
Aluminium alloy FMB price¹ (€/t)	2,301	2,277	-24 / -1.0%

<sup>1</sup> Aluminium scrap and foundry ingots aluminium pressure diecasting ingot DIN226/A380 European Metal Bulletin free market duty paid delivered works

#### Multi-year trend – Operational data

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
EAF steel dust throughput (kt)	661.0	717.1	665.8	687.0	885.7	1,193.8	1,194.8
EAF steel dust average capacity utilisation (%)	84.7%	92.0%	80.7% / 90.1% <sup>1</sup>	83.2%	83.3%2	76.8%	69.5%
Waelz oxide (WOX) sold (kt)	217.8	240.9	217.6	239.2	291.0	407.4	399.1
Zinc LME price (€/t)	2,572	2,468	2,276	1,979	2,544	3,302	2,450
Zinc hedging price (€/t)	1,876	2,051	2,317	2,239	2,151	2,379	2,417
Zinc blended price³ (€/t)	2,160	2,168	2,280	2,136	2,275	2,627	2,425
Salt Slags & SPL treated (kt)	509.9	517.0	492.6	444.6	395.0	322.1	360.8
Salt Slags & SPL avg. cap. utilisation (%)	96.2%	97.5%	92.9%	83.9% / 86.9% <sup>4</sup>	84.0%	68.5% / 96.7% <sup>4</sup>	76.8%
Alu alloys produced (kt)	184.1	169.3	176.7	174.3	185.8	160.6	168.2
Secondary Alu average capacity utilisation (%)	89.8%	82.6% / 98.1% <sup>5</sup>	86.2% / 91.1% <sup>6</sup>	85.0%	90.6%	78.4%	82.1%
Aluminium alloy FMB price <sup>7</sup> (€/t)	1,766	1,715	1,397	1,424	2,112	2,438	2,188

<sup>1</sup> Installed capacity and corresponding utilisation rates in 2019 are normalised for the capacity upgrade in Turkey, from 65 kt to 110 kt (plant was shutdown from end of January to mid-August 2019)

<sup>2</sup> Installed capacity and corresponding utilisation rates in 2021 are proportional figures based on the actual number of days the China and the US plants (after acquisition) operated in the year

<sup>3</sup> Blended rate between hedged prices and average spot prices, weighted by the respective hedged and non-hedged volumes, reflecting the effective price to Befesa

<sup>4</sup> Installed capacity and corresponding utilisation rates in 2020 and following years is normalised for the UK plant closure occurred at year-end 2020; in 2022, it is normalised for the Hanover plant shutdown

<sup>5</sup> Installed capacity and corresponding utilisation rates in 2018 are normalised for the furnace upgrades in Bilbao (plant was shutdown three months, from 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June to 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September), as well as the Barcelona - phase I (plant was shutdown two months, from 4<sup>th</sup> week of August to 4<sup>th</sup> week of October)

<sup>6</sup> Installed capacity and corresponding utilisation rates in 2019 are normalised for the furnace upgrade in Barcelona - phase II (plant was shutdown three months, from mid-August to mid-November)

<sup>7</sup> Aluminium scrap and foundry ingots aluminium pressure diecasting ingot DIN226/A380 European Metal Bulletin free market duty paid delivered works

## Investor's agenda

#### Financial calendar

#### Next investor conferences

May / June 2024

Q3 2024

**Annual General Meeting** 20 June 2024

H1 2024 Interim Report & Conference Call 25 July 2024

Q3 2024 Statement & Conf. Call 31 October 2024

New York - Berenberg European Conference 2024 23 May - Berenberg

Kepler Cheuvreux ESG Conf. (virtual) 29 May - Kepler Cheuvreux

Boston - Stifel Cross Sector Insight Conf. 5 June - Stifel

Berenberg Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) Conference (virtual) 11 June - Berenberg

London - ODDO BHF London Forum 27 June - ODDO BHF

London - 4th Stifel London Industrials Conf. 4 & 5 September - Stifel

London - Citi's Growth Conference 2024 18 & 19 September - Citi

Munich - 13th Baader Investment Conf. 23-26 September - Baader

Stockholm - Berenberg Stockholm Seminar 17 September - Berenberg

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