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# **Q1 2012 Summary**

## **Key Messages:**

- Sales growth driven by Biopharmaceuticals and Life Science offsetting weaker performance in Consumer Health and Performance Materials
- Geographically, organic sales growth driven by Emerging Markets (4% organic sales growth) and North America (3% organic sales growth), whilst Europe shows a modest performance (-2%)
- Lower profitability compared to strong previous year quarter:
  - EBITDA pre of €675 million or 26.3% of sales
  - Net profit pre of €363 million down due to lower operational performance
- Transformation process continues and major efficiency measures announced
- Guidance for the Group: EBITDA pre for 2012 €2.8 billion €2.9 billion (incl. €50 million efficiency savings)

## **Q1 2012 The Group Financials**

- Total revenues up 3% to € 2.64 billion compared to € 2.56 billion in Q1 2011
- Gross profit decrease mainly due to negative capitalized manufacturing variances, higher start-up costs for Swiss biotech plant, and negative exchange rate effects
- EBIT of €311 million vs. €530 million in Q1 2011 due to lower operational result and including €30 million one-time costs whereas Q1 2011 included €95 million one-time
- Good free cash flow generation reflecting improved working capital; the decline vs. Q1 2011 is notably due to payments for the sale of Théramex and CropBioscience in the comparable quarter of last year
- Further gross debt reduction primarily due to repayment of €500 million bond. Also net debt is being reduced strongly by nearly € 500 million.
- EPS pre of €1.67 reflecting lower operational performance

## Q1 2012 Divisional Overview

### **Biopharmaceuticals**

- Revenues grow 5% to € 1.50 billion vs. € 1.43 billion in Q1 2011; sales growth of 5% reflects 4% organic growth and a positive effect of changes in Fx of 1%
- Fertility, Cardiometabolic Care and Endocrinology drive organic sales growth
- Geographically, Emerging Markets continue to be the main growth driver whereas Europe suffered from ongoing austerity measures
- Rebif organic sales growth of 2.7% benefits from U.S. price increases
- Erbitux organic sales growth of 1.3% reflects continued weakness in Japan
- EBITDA pre: at €394 million coming close to the previous year level of €401 million PETACC-8 phase III study of Erbitux as adjuvant treatment of stage III colon cancer shows no benefit at pre-specified interim analysis – results will be presented at upcoming international oncology meetings



### Consumer Health

- Sales decrease 7% to €108 million vs. €116 million in Q1 2011
- Organic sales decline of 8% mainly due to weaker performance in Europe and an one-time supply chain issue in France
- Ongoing effort to improve profitability reflected in a 12% reduction of SG&A costs due to tighter cost management
- EBITDA pre: €9 million vs. €11 million in Q1 2011

### Performance Materials

- Sales decline 5% to €386 million vs. €408 million in Q1 2011; compared to a very strong year-ago quarter, organic sales decreased 8%
- Liquid Crystals market share remains unchanged at close to 60%
- Gross profit negatively impacted by lower sales and negative product mix with lower PS-VA share vs. previous year
- Pigments & Cosmetics still below last year's first quarter due to lower sales in Europe. Xirallic shows an improvement vs. last quarter
- SG&A driven by divestment of CropBioscience in Q1 2011; eliminating this effect, SG&A down by €7 million
- EBITDA pre: €160 million, vs. an exceptionally high comparable base in 2011: €198 million.

## Life Science

- Sales grow 7% to €653 million compared to €608 million in Q1 2011; organic sales increased 3%; the division recorded a benefit of 2% from acquisitions and 2% from changes in foreign exchange rates
- Good performance from Lab Solutions and Process Solution despite the loss of the insulin contract
- SG&A increase driven by additional costs from acquired companies and investments in sales force, primarily in the US
- Higher R&D reflects investments notably in Process Solutions and effects from acquisitions
- EBITDA pre: €161 million vs. €158 million, in Q1 2011



# The Group Q1 2012 **Underlying Business Performance**

€m	Q1 2012	Q1 2011	Δ
Total Revenues Net Sales Royalty income	2,645 2,564 81	2,564 2,478 86	3% 4% -6%
Gross Profit as % of net sales	1,896 74.0	1,925 77.7	-2%
Marketing &Selling	-587	-590	-1%
Royalty and Comm. Exp.	-120	-111	8%
Administration	-136	-130	5%
Other Expenses / Income	-145	63	-330%
R&D	-382	-379	1%
Amortization	-216	-248	-13%
EBIT	311	530	-41%
EBITDA pre as % of net sales	675 26.3	737 29.7	-8%

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EBIT	311	530	-41%
Financial Result	-65	-68	-5%
Profit before Taxes	246	461	-47%
Income Tax Tax Rate (%)	-69 28.2	-117 25.4	-41%
Net Profit pre EPS pre (€)	363 1.67	415 1.91	-13% -13%