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# Elementis plc Interim Results

Six months ended 30 June 2014



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### **Interim Results**

\$ millions	H1 2014	H1 2013	change
Revenue	400.0	388.2	+3%
Operating profit	76.8	72.8	+5%
Operating margin	19%	19%	
Profit before tax	72.4	67.5	+7%
Diluted EPS	12.7c	11.3c	+12%
Net cash/(debt)	5.0	(8.5)	
Interim dividend	2.70c	2.57c	+5%
Basic EPS	12.8c	11.5c	+11%



### Highlights

#### Specialty Products – sales up 4%

- North America coatings up 5%
- Asia Pacific coatings up 6%
- Personal Care up 21%
- Operating margin stable at 20%

#### Chromium

Optimising product mix to produce stable earnings and cash flow

Net balance sheet cash position

Interim dividend increased by 5%





\$ millions	H1 2014	H1 2013
Sales	103.2	103.4
Operating profit	27.7	25.3
Operating margin	27%	24%

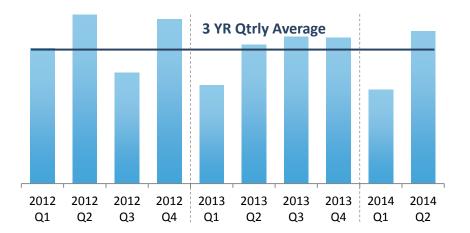
#### Resilient financial performance

- Margins improved by enhanced product mix
- Q1 volumes impacted by US weather



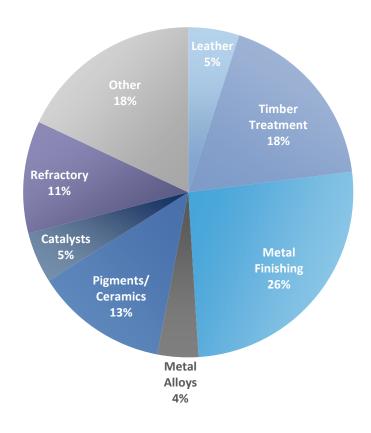
### Chromium – Flexing the Model

#### Sales Volumes



- First half volumes consistent with previous year
- Margins benefited from robust demand in refractory and timber treatment markets

#### Markets







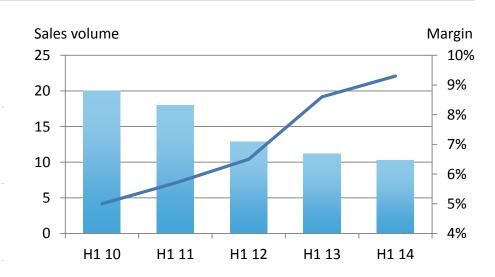
#### **Surfactants**

\$ millions	H1 2014	H1 2013
Sales	34.2	33.8
Operating profit	3.2	2.9
Operating margin	9%	9%

Surfactants volumes reduced and margins improved as product mix is optimised

Successfully transitioning Delden facility to higher value coatings additives

Strategy provides significant capacity to support Specialty Products' growth

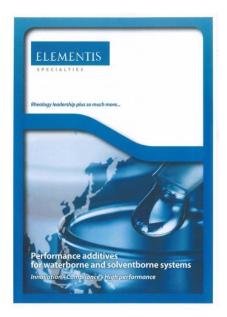






### **Specialty Products**

\$ millions	H1 2014	H1 2013
Sales	268.5	257.7
Operating profit	52.6	51.6
Operating margin	20%	20%

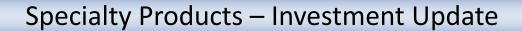


Broad based growth platform reduced the impact of Q1 US weather issues

#### Sales up 4%

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- North America coatings up 5%





#### NA Acrylic thickener facility

- Phase 1 (CVS/NiSats) completed and customer sales progressing well
- Phase 2 (acrylics and dispersants) to be completed by end of this year
- Completed facility will support ~ \$30m of high value, IP protected additives sales

#### Watercryl (Brazil)

- Coatings additives volumes increased by 14%
- Gaining traction in other Latin American countries
- Provides a strong regional base for personal care and oilfield

#### Hi-Mar (US)

- Technology being successfully transferred
- New defoamer sales in Europe, supplied from Delden





New oilfield headquarters and additional resources located in Houston, Texas

Slow start to the year but underlying trends still very positive:

- US energy cost advantage will continue to drive demand
- Canadian energy sector has received \$40bn of investments from China
- China intensifying shale development in Sichuan province
  - Organising local resources under new global management team
- Brazil continues to make progress in offshore exploration and development
- Mexico expanding activities with foreign oil service companies





#### Geographic expansion

Additional resources in Asia Pacific and Latin America driving sales
 Brazil +58% | Argentina +151% | China +36% | India +107% | South Korea +21%

#### Customer alignment – uniquely positioned

- Multi-nationals
  - Strong existing relationships
    - · Global yet nimble, highly customised approach
  - Further enhanced by
    - Expanded innovative product portfolio
    - Leveraging global manufacturing platform
- Regional players
  - Essential to have dedicated local resources
  - Ready to use/proven technologies make them successful with less technical resource



### Specialty Products – Innovation Driven Growth

#### Bentone Gel® OLV-V

Natural oil based hectorite gel for babycare products

#### Hair care products

- Uni-Embase range vegetable based wax successfully introduced into the Brazilian market
- Meadowquat® conditioning product for India

#### Rheoluxe® range

- Polymeric thickener with wide range of applications
- Highly valued non-temperature dependent rheology properties

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\$ millions	H1 2014	H1 2013
Tax charge	13.5	15.3
Tax rate	18.7%	22.7%
Cash tax rate	10%	12%

Tax rate lower due to one-time items in 2013 and geographic mix

Estimated tax rate for full year 2014 is approximately 19%

Cash tax rate remaining low but likely to increase going forward

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### **Capital Spending**

\$ millions	H1 2014	H1 2013
New plants	5.5	5.8
Maintenance & productivity	4.6	2.9
Total Specialty Products	10.1	8.7
Maintenance & productivity	6.1	4.7
Total Chromium	6.1	4.7
Other	1.5	3.3
Group total	17.7	16.7
Depreciation	12.5	11.5

New plant spending in Specialty Products – mostly New Martinsville

Excluding growth spending, capex is in line with depreciation



### **Operating Cash Flow**

\$ millions	H1 2014	H1 2013
EBITDA	89.3	84.3
Working capital	(25.9)	(20.2)
Capital expenditure	(17.7)	(16.7)
Other	(0.7)	(0.7)
Operating cash flow	45.0	46.7

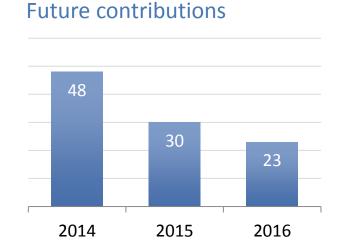
Working capital outflows are consistent with seasonal trading patterns and higher sales

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#### **Retirement Plans**

\$ millions	H1 2014	H1 2013	FY 14 Est.
Net deficit	78.0	93.5	
Deficit contributions			
UK plan - one time	15.3	-	15.3
- annual	12.7	9.2	26.4
US/other	2.6	1.8	6.7
	30.6	11.0	48.4



IAS 19 deficits continue to come down

2014 contributions include a one-time payment to the UK scheme

Contributions will decline after 2014 – positive impact on future free cash flow

Next UK triennial valuation - 30 September 2014

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### **Cash Flow**

\$ millions	H1 2014	H1 2013
Operating cash flow	45.0	46.7
Pensions	(30.6)	(11.0)
Interest, tax, other	(6.8)	(7.5)
Dividend - Final	(25.3)	(24.3)
- Special	(27.1)	(22.0)
Acquisitions	(4.1)	(32.8)
Currency	(0.2)	(1.6)
Net cash flow	(49.1)	(52.5)
Net balance sheet cash/(debt)	5.0	(8.5)

Net cash flow similar to previous year





	2014 Interim	2013 Interim
Per share	2.70c	2.57c

Interim dividend increased by 5%

Dividend policy remains unchanged

- Full year ordinary dividend of approximately one third of 2014 EPS
- Special dividend payment based on 50% of net cash position at end of 2014



### Summary

### Chromium

Sustainable, predictable earnings and cash flow

### **Specialty Products**

Significant growth opportunities, attractive margins

#### Cash Generative Business Model

Anticipate year end net cash position

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## Thank you

