Covestro IR Factsheet – Q1 2018



Financial Overview

- Stable core volumes of 1,275mt with EMLA -1.1% Y/Y, APAC +2.6% Y/Y and NAFTA -1.7% Y/Y
- Sales increased by 5.4% to €3.779bn; Volume -1.7% Y/Y; Price +14.3% Y/Y and FX -7.2% Y/Y
- EBITDA increased by 25.7% Y/Y to €1,063m driven by positive pricing delta (€390m despite higher raw material prices), yet slight volume decline (€-19m), FX headwind (€-70m) and higher costs (€-84m)
- EBIT increased by 31.8% Y/Y to €907m with stable D&A (€-156m)
- · Financial result improved Y/Y to €-28m mainly due to lower interest expenses
- Income tax rate of 26.5%, on level of prior-year quarter and inline with full-year guidance
- EPS increased by 40.3%, from €2.31 to €3.24 (Q1 2017 based on 202.5m shares, Q1 2018 based on 198.9m shares acc. to IFRS)
- FOCF increased by 72.5% Y/Y to €364m despite increased tax payments, higher working capital and capex
- Total net debt level stable at €1,480m; net financial debt further decreased by €96m to €187m despite cash outflow of €257m for the share buy-back

Polyurethanes

- Core volumes (in kt) decreased by -1.0% Y/Y, still constrained by product availability
- EBITDA increased by 36.1% Y/Y to €637m driven by positive pricing delta and helped by TDI fly-up

Polycarbonates

- Core volumes (in kt) increased by 2.7% Y/Y, on top of double-digit growth in prior-year quarter
- EBITDA increased by 30.6% Y/Y to €303m, driven by positive pricing delta and volume leverage

Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties

- Core volumes (in kt) decreased by -1.3% Y/Y, despite encouraging start versus high prior-year basis
- EBITDA decreased by -15.0% Y/Y versus restated figures, affected by a negative pricing delta

Macro Expectations 2018

- We assume an exchange rate of EUR/USD of around 1.20
- · We assume a similar macroeconomic environment as in 2017

Unchanged outlook 2018

- We expect core volume growth in the low- to mid-single-digit percentage range
- We anticipate FOCF significantly above the average of the last three years (€1,391m)
- We expect ROCE approaching the 2017 level (33.4%)

Additional Financial Expectations for 2018

- EBITDA Q2 2018: above the Q2 2017 level (€848m)
- EBITDA FY 2018: around previous year's level (€3,435m)
- Capex: €600-650m
- D&A: €600-620m
- Financial results: €-100 to -120m
- Group income tax rate: 25-27%

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	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	FY 2017	Q1 2018
	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million
Core volumes ('000 t) ²	1,275	1,233	1,265	1,183	4,956	1,275
Sales	3,586	3,498	3,532	3,522	14,138	3,779
PUR ¹	1,821	1,818	1,871	1,876	7,386	1,950
PCS	954	911	933	939	3,737	1,033
CAS ¹	637	604	557	529	2,327	592
Others / Consolidation	174	165	171	178	688	204
EBITDA	846	848	862	879	3,435	1,063
PUR ¹	468	549	550	612	2,179	637
PCS	232	197	211	213	853	303
CAS ¹	160	121	125	80	486	136
Others / Consolidation	-14	-19	-24	-26	-83	-13
DA	-158	-161	-157	-151	-627	-156
EBIT	688	687	705	728	2,808	907
PUR ¹	383	454	460	529	1,826	547
PCS	184	152	167	169	672	260
CAS ¹	136	101	103	56	396	113
Others / Consolidation	-15	-20	-25	-26	-86	-13
Financial result	-54	-34	-35	-27	-150	-28
EBT	634	653	670	701	2,658	879
Taxes	-165	-167	-177	-132	-641	-233
Minorities	1	2	2	3	8	2
Net income	468	484	491	566	2,009	644
EPS in acc. to IAS 33	2.31	2.39	2.43	2.80	9.93	3.24
Core volumes Y/Y ²	8.9%	-1.7%	2.6%	4.2%	3.4%	0.0%
PUR ¹	6.3%	-2.9%	4.1%	5.3%	3.1%	-1.0%
PCS	14.7%	0.7%	1.5%	3.7%	5.0%	2.7%
CAS ¹	10.8%	-0.2%	-3.1%	-1.0%	1.5%	-1.3%
Sales Y/Y	24.7%	17.0%	16.9%	16.7%	18.8%	5.4%
PUR ¹	35.2%	27.8%	29.8%	27.2%	29.9%	7.1%
PCS	21.4%	9.6%	10.0%	12.7%	13.3%	8.3%
CAS ¹	12.1%	2.2%	-3.3%	-3.3%	2.0%	-7.1%
Volume Y/Y	9.9%	0.6%	2.0%	4.6%	4.3%	-1.7%
PUR ¹	6.6%	-1.8%	2.5%	6.8%	3.5%	-2.8%
PCS	17.2%	2.5%	4.4%	5.2%	7.1%	0.2%
CAS ¹	11.3%	1.3%	-3.7%	-2.2%	1.8%	-2.2%
Price Y/Y	13.4%	15.3%	18.4%	17.4%	16.1%	14.3%
PUR ¹	27.1%	28.4%	31.1%	26.2%	28.2%	17.3%
PCS	2.9%	6.1%	9.4%	13.1%	8.0%	16.3%
CAS ¹	-0.8%	-0.1%	3.2%	3.1%	1.3%	1.0%
FX Y/Y	1.4%	1.1%	-3.5%	-5.3%	-1.6%	-7.2%
PUR ¹	1.5%	1.2%	-3.8%	-5.8%	-1.8%	-7.4%
PCS	1.3%	1.0%	-3.8%	-5.6%	-1.8%	-8.2%
CAS ¹	1.6%	1.0%	-2.8%	-4.2%	-1.1%	-5.9%
EBITDA Y/Y	66.5%	56.5%	50.2%	125.4%	70.6%	25.7%
PUR ¹	118.7%	140.8%	109.1%	247.7%	147.3%	36.1%
PCS	31.1%	3.1%	8.8%	50.0%	21.2%	30.6%
CAS ¹	15.1%	-14.8%	-8.1%	-3.6%	-2.8%	-15.0%
EBITDA margin	23.6%	24.2%	24.4%	25.0%	24.3%	28.1%
PUR ¹	25.7%	30.2%	29.4%	32.6%	29.5%	32.7%
PCS	24.3%	21.6%	22.6%	22.7%	22.8%	29.3%
CAS ¹	25.1%	20.0%	22.4%	15.1%	20.9%	23.0%
Tax rate	26.0%	25.6%	26.4%	18.8%	24.1%	26.5%
EPS Y/Y in acc. to IAS 33	156.7%	111.5%	89.8%	351.6%	152.7%	40.3%
Net financial debt	1,340	1,186	542	283	283	187
Provisions for pensions	1,144	1,180	1,208	1,187	1,187	1,293
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Operating cash flows FOCF	285 211	411 319	775 658	890 655	2,361 1,843	452 364
ROCE	n.a.	519 n.a.		655 n.a.	33.4%	

¹ All figures for 2017 restated to reflect the reclassification of the elastomers business from the Polyurethanes segment to the Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties segment as of January 1, 2018.

² Reference values as of 2017 recalculated effective March 31, 2018, based on the definition of core business.