

Energiekontor AG

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H1 figures

RATING PRICE TARGET

BUY € 23.70

Return Potential 59.6% Risk Rating High

H1 RESULTS CONFIRM ADVANTAGES OF THE BUSINESS MODEL

Energiekontor reported H1 EBIT ahead of our forecast and only slightly below the previous year's level. Energiekontor's business model combines the volatile project business with the steady power production business. Thanks to improved wind conditions the latter contributed significantly to group EBIT in H1/18. Management reiterated guidance (lower EBT than in the previous year). Energiekontor recently received approval for a large (up to 48 MW) Scottish wind farm. This supports our view that business will pick up significantly next year. We stick to our full-year forecast and confirm our Buy rating and €23.70 price target.

Solid H1 EBIT despite lower sales Revenues declined 20% to €32.9m due to lower project sales. Total output amounted to €58.7m (FBe: €55.5m). This is a 29% decline y/y and reflects the subdued German project business following the introduction of the poorly designed tender procedures in 2017. EBIT came in at €12.4m (FBe: €6.4m, H1/17: €13.2m). Despite the stong decline in revenues and total output, EBIT was only 6% below the previous year's value, which underlines the strength of Energiekontor's business model. Group EBIT benefited from a very strong contribution from the Power Production segment which largely compensated for the weaker Project Development segment EBIT. Due to lower interest and similar expenses (€7.7m vs. €8.8m in H1/17), EBT was slightly up (€4.7m versus €4.4m in H1/17, +6% y/y). Net income edged higher to €3.4m from €3.2m in H1/17 resulting in slightly higher EPS of €0.23 (H1/17: €0.22).

Guidance reiterated Management confirmed full-year guidance (EBT below the 2017 level of €16.7m). Given the better than expected H1 figures we see Energiekontor well on track to reach our full-year EBT forecast of €9.3m. Management expects a return to the growth path in 2019E due to a well-filled international project pipeline and the company's progress in realising projects based only on power purchase agreements (PPA), i.e. without government subsidies. The recent approval of a large (up to 48 MW) Scottish... (p.t.o.)

FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018E | 2019E | 2020E |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Total output (€m) | 210.14 | 166.75 | 202.08 | 147.67 | 281.89 | 338.04 |
| Y-o-y growth | 31.0% | -20.6% | 21.2% | -26.9% | 90.9% | 19.9% |
| EBIT (€m) | 49.67 | 53.75 | 32.89 | 26.28 | 47.07 | 56.38 |
| EBIT margin | 23.6% | 32.2% | 16.3% | 17.8% | 16.7% | 16.7% |
| Net income (€m) | 20.91 | 25.34 | 11.89 | 6.49 | 18.90 | 21.81 |
| EPS (diluted) (€) | 1.43 | 1.74 | 0.82 | 0.44 | 1.30 | 1.50 |
| DPS (€) | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.60 | 0.50 | 0.70 | 0.70 |
| FCF (€m) | 51.22 | 85.99 | -29.27 | 40.82 | -74.26 | -52.93 |
| Net gearing | 330.0% | 146.9% | 220.0% | 200.9% | 308.6% | 367.2% |
| Liquid assets (€m) | 103.96 | 118.53 | 69.00 | 124.52 | 115.11 | 103.15 |

RISKS

Main risks include changes in the regulatory support for wind energy, tender results, project development risks, wind farm operation risks, and low stock liquidity.

COMPANY PROFILE

Energiekontor is a wind and solar project developer and an operator of a large portfolio of own wind farms and solar parks (269 MW). The company is active in onshore wind and solar project development in Germany, the UK, the US, France, and the Netherlands. Energiekontor is headquartered in Bremen, Germany.

| MARKET DATA | As of 04 Sep 2018 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Closing Price | € 14.85 |
| Shares outstanding | 14.58m |
| Market Capitalisation | € 216.44m |
| 52-week Range | € 13.45 / 17.41 |
| Ava. Volume (12 Months) | 9 648 |

| Multiples | 2017 | 2018E | 2019E |
|------------|------|-------|-------|
| P/E | 18.3 | 33.5 | 11.5 |
| EV/Sales | 1.8 | 2.5 | 1.3 |
| EV/EBIT | 11.2 | 14.0 | 7.8 |
| Div. Yield | 4.0% | 3.4% | 4.7% |

STOCK OVERVIEW



| COMPANY DATA | As of 30 Jun 2018 |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Liquid Assets | € 66.20m |
| Current Assets | € 157.72m |
| Intangible Assets | € 0.02m |
| Total Assets | € 356.92m |
| Current Liabilities | € 62.16m |
| Shareholders' Equity | € 65.21m |

SHAREHOLDERS

| Dr Bodo Wilkens | 25.7% |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Günter Lammers | 25.6% |
| Internat. Kapitalanlageges. | 5.1% |
| Free Float | 43.7% |

...wind farm indicates that Energiekontor's strategy will pay off in 2019E. We therefore

Figure 1: Reported figures versus forecasts

| All figures in €m | H1-18A | H1-18E | Delta | H1-17A | Delta |
|--------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| Total output | 58.67 | 55.51 | 5.7% | 82.40 | -28.8% |
| EBIT | 12.35 | 6.44 | 91.8% | 13.17 | -6.2% |
| margin | 21.1% | 11.6% | | 16.0% | |
| Net income | 3.37 | -1.32 | - | 3.18 | 5.8% |
| margin | 5.7% | -2.4% | | 3.9% | |
| EPS in € (diluted) | 0.23 | -0.09 | - | 0.22 | 4.5% |

anticipate a strong pick-up in business activity next year and maintain our 2019E forecast.

Source: First Berlin Equity Research, Energiekontor AG

Power Production segment with strong EBIT contribution Total segment output increased by almost 22% y/y to €29.5m (FBe: €26.7m) due to better wind conditions and increased capacity. At the end of H1, total capacity amounted to 269 MW (H1/17: 238 MW, +13%). In H1, Energiekontor added its first solar park (Garzau-Garzin, 10 MW) to the portfolio. Segment EBITDA climbed 32% y/y to €22.5m. The EBITDA margin (EBITDA / total output) increased more than 6 PP from 70.0% to 76.2%. Segment depreciation was up €1.0m at €9.1m. Segment EBIT thus rose from €8.9m to €3.4m (+50% y/y, FBe: €10.2m). The EBIT margin increased from 36.8% to 45.5% (see figure 2). The high EBIT contribution of the Power Production segment resulted in the solid group EBIT and shows how well fluctuations in the project business can be balanced by the steady power production.

Figure 2: Reported segment figures versus forecasts

| All figures in €m | H1-18A | H1-18E | Delta | H1-17A | Delta |
|------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| Projects | | | | | |
| Total output | 27.46 | 26.79 | 2.5% | 56.27 | -51.2% |
| EBIT | -2.52 | -5.27 | - | 2.81 | - |
| margin | -9.2% | -19.7% | | 5.0% | |
| Power Production | | | | | |
| Total output | 29.53 | 26.72 | 10.5% | 24.29 | 21.6% |
| EBIT | 13.45 | 10.24 | 31.3% | 8.95 | 50.3% |
| margin | 45.5% | 38.3% | | 36.8% | |
| Operation & Innovation | | | | | |
| Total output | 2.82 | 3.00 | -6.0% | 2.89 | -2.5% |
| EBIT | 1.42 | 1.47 | -3.3% | 1.41 | 0.8% |
| margin | 50.4% | 49.0% | | 48.7% | |
| Consolidation | | | | | |
| Total output | -1.14 | -1.00 | - | -1.05 | - |
| EBIT | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | - |
| margin | - | - | | - | |
| Group | | | | | |
| Total output | 58.67 | 55.51 | 5.7% | 82.40 | -28.8% |
| EBIT | 12.35 | 6.44 | 91.8% | 13.17 | -6.2% |
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Source: First Berlin Equity Research, Energiekontor AG

Project Development segment coping well with lower activity Given that sales fell from €15.3m to just €1.4m and total output from €56.3m to €27.5m (-51% y/y), the operating loss of €-2.5m (H1/17: €+2.8m) was moderate (FB: €-5.3m). As interest and similar expenses

Operation & Innovation in line with estimates Energiekontor's smallest segment remained largely stable y/y. The segment generated total output of €2.8m (H1/17: €2.9m) and, as in H1/17, contributed €1.4m to group EBIT.

were lower (€1.9m vs. €3.3m in H1/17), EBT declined from €-0.5m to €-4.4m (see figure 2).

Stable balance sheet The balance sheet total declined slightly from €362m at the end of 2017 to €357m at the end of June (see figure 3). Equity amounted to €65.2m vs. €70.2m at the end of 2017 (-7%). The equity ratio was slightly down at 18.3% versus 19.4% at the end of 2017. Financial liabilities increased from €234m to €249m. The cash position including securities declined from €79m to €74m. Net debt thus rose from €155m to €175m. Property, plant and equipment (mainly wind and solar farms) remained largely stable at €193m. Inventory rose from €47m at the end of 2017 to €65mat the end of H1. This is a clear sign that construction activity will pick up in H2.

Figure 3: Selected balance sheet items

| in €m | H1 /18 | 2017 | delta |
|--|--------|--------|-------|
| Inventory | 65.25 | 47.00 | 39% |
| Cash and cash equivalents incl. securities | 74.31 | 79.16 | -6% |
| Equity | 65.21 | 70.23 | -7% |
| Equity ratio | 18.3% | 19.4% | - |
| Financial debt (long-term) | 204.85 | 209.46 | -2% |
| Financial debt (short-term) | 44.00 | 24.73 | 78% |
| Net debt (incl. securities) | 174.54 | 155.03 | 13% |
| Net gearing | 268% | 221% | - |
| Balance sheet total | 356.92 | 361.35 | -1% |

Source: First Berlin Equity Research, Energiekontor AG

Operating cash flow only slightly negative Operating cash flow amounted to €-3.1m due mainly to increased inventory (€-18.2m). Free cash flow was €-10.6m due to CAPEX of €7.5m. Cash flow from investment activities totalled €-5.5m. Cash flow from financing activities was €5.9m as the cash inflow from additional current external funds (€19.3m) topped cash outflows for dividends (€8.7m) and net repayment of non-current financial liabilities (€4.6m). Net cash outflow amounted to 2.7m.

UK/Scottish wind market will be an important growth driver in 2019E Energiekontor currently has five approved UK projects with a total capacity of up to ca. 78 MW, some of which look set to be commissioned in 2019. The recent planning permission for a large (up to 48 MW) Scottish wind farm is a great success for the company, and Energiekontor is in advanced PPA negotiations with a major international company. We expect construction start in 2019E. Like the Withernwick II wind farm, which is already under construction in England, the Scottish wind farm is to be realised without state subsidies. Further wind farms, almost all in Scotland, with a total capacity of more than 200 MW are in the development process. The UK project pipeline including secured sites totals ca. 900 MW.

German onshore wind market declined by 29% in H1/18 In H1, gross capacity addition amounted to 1,626 MW (H1/17: 2,281 MW, -29% y/y). The number of turbines erected fell from 790 to 497 y/y. The introduction of tenders in 2017 capping annual capacity additions to 2,800 MW has thus resulted in the expected market decline.

Whereas the tenders in 2017 showed a strong decline in the average awarded value from 5.71 €ct/kWh to 4.28 €ct/kWh and then to 3.82 €ct/kWh, the pricing trend completely reversed in 2018. Average pricing increased from 4.73 €ct/kWh in February to 5.73 €ct/kWh in May to 6.16 €ct/kWh in August. We see two reasons for the trend reversal.

- 1) Since 2018, only approved projects can participate in the tenders. In 2017, citizens' energy societies could participate in the tenders without a project approval. Since 2018, this exemption has been abolished as almost all projects were awarded to citizens' energy societies in 2017. Competition has thus declined significantly. Whereas the first tender in 2018 was slightly oversubscribed, the May tender was undersubscribed and the August tender was de facto undersubscribed as only 667 MW were allowed to participate (tender volume: 670 MW).
- 2) In H1/18, the number of new approvals was low.

Figure 4: Results of the onshore wind tenders in 2017 and 2018

| | May-17 | Aug-17 | Nov-17 | Feb-18 | May-18 | Aug-18 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Tendered volume (MW) | 800 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 700 | 670 | 670 |
| Cap in grid expansion area (MW) | 258 | 322 | 431 | 197 | 232 | 314 |
| Number of offers | 256 | 281 | 210 | 132 | 111 | 91 |
| Offered volume (MW) | 2,137 | 2,927 | 2,591 | 989 | 604 | 709 |
| Awarded projects | 70 | 67 | 61 | 83 | 111 | 86 |
| Awarded volume (MW) | 807 | 1,013 | 1,000 | 709 | 604 | 667 |
| Highest permissible value (€ct/kWh) | 7.00 | 7.00 | 7.00 | 6.30 | 6.30 | 6.30 |
| Average volume-weighted awarded value (€ct/kWh) | 5.71 | 4.28 | 3.82 | 4.73 | 5.73 | 6.16 |
| Lowest awarded value (€ct/kWh) | 4.20 | 3.50 | 2.20 | 3.80 | 4.65 | 4.00 |
| Highest awarded value (€ct/kWh) | 5.78 | 4.29 | 3.82 | 5.28 | 6.28 | 6.30 |

Source: First Berlin Equity Research, Bundesnetzagentur

Average tender prices are currently at the highest level since the introduction of the tender system and offer sufficient margin for project developers. However, approval processes have been slow in H1 and the approval numbers and volumes have been low.

UK onshore wind market collapsed – but will see a revival In the UK, Energiekontor's second important market, installation almost came to a standstill. According to WindEurope, a mere 13 MW were connected to the grid in H1 compared to 1,195 MW in H1/17. The UK market has been suffering from the end of subsidies for onshore wind. But frequently excellent wind conditions offer attractive business opportunities in a purely competitive market. We therefore believe that the UK market will see a revival in coming years.

Power purchase agreements (PPA) are gaining traction Recently closed PPAs between operators of onshore wind farms and large mostly industrial consumers (Norway: Green Investment Group – Norsk Hydro, Black Rock Real Assets – Alcoa; Poland: VSB Energie Odnawialne Polska – Mercedes Benz; UK: Energiekontor – unnamed leading British consumer goods brand) show that PPAs are gaining momentum on more and more markets. In 2017 there was a 130% increase in the volume of wind capacity contracted through PPAs. In the last five years, more than 3.4 GW of wind capacity have been contracted through PPA deals in Europe.

Forecasts for 2018E & 2019E confirmed Following the better than expected H1 results we remain confident that Energiekontor will reach our 2018E forecasts (see figure 5 overleaf) despite the current challenging business environment in Germany. The recent planning permission for a large (up to 48 MW) Scottish wind farm supports our view that the UK wind market will return Energiekontor to a growth trajectory in 2019E.

Figure 5: Sales, EBIT and EBT forecasts for 2018E

| Segment (figures in €m) | Sales | EBIT | EBT |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| Project Development | 61.67 | 1.45 | -3.67 |
| Power Production | 56.87 | 21.75 | 9.86 |
| Operation & Innovation | 6.08 | 3.08 | 3.08 |
| Consolidation | -2.43 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Group | 122.19 | 26.28 | 9.27 |

Buy rating confirmed at unchanged price target An updated sum of the parts valuation still yields a €23.70 price target. We confirm our Buy rating.



VALUATION MODEL

We value Energiekontor based on a sum of the parts analysis. Each of Energiekontor's segments, Project Development, Power Production, and Operations & Maintenance is valued separately based on a DCF model.

Sum of the parts valuation

| SotP valuation | Fair value in €m | Fair value per share in € | old |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Project Development | 148.08 | 10.16 | 10.23 |
| Power Production | 151.72 | 10.41 | 10.39 |
| Operations & Innovation | 45.27 | 3.11 | 3.05 |
| Sum of the parts | 345.07 | 23.67 | 23.67 |

DCF model for Project Development segment

| DCF valuation model | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| All figures in EUR '000 | 2018E | 2019E | 2020E | 2021E | 2022E | 2023E | 2024E | 2025E |
| Net sales | 61,672 | 141,372 | 165,240 | 171,249 | 177,165 | 182,963 | 188,618 | 194,105 |
| NOPLAT | 1,452 | 15,114 | 18,719 | 15,001 | 14,893 | 15,110 | 15,302 | 15,134 |
| + depreciation & amortisation | 45 | 40 | 51 | 74 | 82 | 89 | 93 | 97 |
| Net operating cash flow | 1,497 | 15,153 | 18,770 | 15,075 | 14,975 | 15,199 | 15,396 | 15,232 |
| - total investments (CAPEX and WC) | 28,044 | -28,809 | -7,608 | -3,682 | -2,501 | -2,470 | -2,428 | -2,376 |
| Capital expenditures | -31 | -71 | -83 | -86 | -89 | -91 | -94 | -97 |
| Working capital | 28,075 | -28,738 | -7,525 | -3,596 | -2,413 | -2,378 | -2,334 | -2,279 |
| Free cash flows (FCF) | 29,541 | -13,655 | 11,163 | 11,393 | 12,474 | 12,729 | 12,968 | 12,856 |
| PV of FCF's | 28,580 | -11,990 | 8,894 | 8,238 | 8,187 | 7,582 | 7,009 | 6,306 |

| All figures in thousands | |
|---|---------|
| PV of FCFs in explicit period (2018E-2030E) | 85,920 |
| PV of FCFs in terminal period | 38,040 |
| Enterprise value (EV) | 123,959 |
| + Net cash / - net debt | 24,120 |
| + Investments / minority interests | 0 |
| Shareholder value | 148,079 |
| Number of shares (diluted) | 14,578 |
| Fair value per share in EUR | 10.16 |

| WACC | 10.2% |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Cost of equity | 13.0% |
| Pre-tax cost of debt | 8.5% |
| Tax rate | 30.0% |
| After-tax cost of debt | 6.0% |
| Share of equity capital | 60.0% |
| Share of debt capital | 40.0% |
| | |
| Fair value per share in EUR | 10.16 |

| | Terminal growth rate | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | 0.5% | 1.0% | 1.5% | 2.0% | 2.5% | 3.0% | 3.5% | | | | |
| 6.2% | 15.51 | 15.89 | 16.35 | 16.92 | 17.65 | 18.61 | 19.92 | | | | |
| 7.2% | 13.52 | 13.73 | 13.98 | 14.28 | 14.64 | 15.09 | 15.66 | | | | |
| 8.2% | 12.05 | 12.17 | 12.32 | 12.48 | 12.67 | 12.90 | 13.18 | | | | |
| 9.2% | 10.92 | 10.99 | 11.07 | 11.16 | 11.27 | 11.39 | 11.54 | | | | |
| 10.2% | 10.02 | 10.06 | 10.11 | 10.16 | 10.22 | 10.28 | 10.36 | | | | |
| 11.2% | 9.29 | 9.31 | 9.33 | 9.36 | 9.39 | 9.43 | 9.47 | | | | |
| 12.2% | 8.68 | 8.69 | 8.70 | 8.72 | 8.73 | 8.75 | 8.77 | | | | |
| 13.2% | 8.17 | 8.17 | 8.18 | 8.18 | 8.19 | 8.20 | 8.20 | | | | |
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 $[\]ensuremath{^*}$ for layout purposes the model shows numbers only to 2025, but runs until 2030



WACC

DCF model for Power Production segment

| DCF valuation model | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| All figures in EUR '000 | 2018E | 2019E | 2020E | 2021E | 2022E | 2023E | 2024E | 2025E |
| Net sales | 56,868 | 62,320 | 75,357 | 85,136 | 84,936 | 84,736 | 84,536 | 84,336 |
| NOPLAT | 18,796 | 21,464 | 25,569 | 27,650 | 27,336 | 26,991 | 26,676 | 26,357 |
| + depreciation & amortisation | 19,248 | 20,035 | 25,984 | 31,105 | 31,105 | 31,105 | 31,105 | 31,105 |
| Net operating cash flow | 38,045 | 41,499 | 51,554 | 58,755 | 58,441 | 58,096 | 57,781 | 57,462 |
| - total investments (CAPEX and WC) | -28,857 | -104,485 | -118,272 | -33,409 | -31,058 | -31,058 | -31,058 | -31,058 |
| Capital expenditures | -27,200 | -103,200 | -115,200 | -31,105 | -31,105 | -31,105 | -31,105 | -31,105 |
| Working capital | -1,657 | -1,285 | -3,072 | -2,304 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 |
| Free cash flows (FCF) | 9,187 | -62,986 | -66,718 | 25,346 | 27,383 | 27,038 | 26,723 | 26,404 |
| PV of FCF's | 9,056 | -59,518 | -60,432 | 22,009 | 22,795 | 21,577 | 20,442 | 19,363 |

| All figures in thousands | |
|---|----------|
| PV of FCFs in explicit period (2018E-2030E) | 79,742 |
| PV of FCFs in terminal period | 248,995 |
| Enterprise value (EV) | 328,737 |
| + Net cash / - net debt | -177,017 |
| + Investments / minority interests | 0 |
| Shareholder value | 151,720 |
| Number of shares (diluted) | 14,578 |
| Fair value per share in EUR | 10.41 |

| WACC | 4.3% |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Cost of equity | 7.0% |
| Pre-tax cost of debt | 5.2% |
| Tax rate | 30.0% |
| After-tax cost of debt | 3.6% |
| Share of equity capital | 20.0% |
| Share of debt capital | 80.0% |
| Fair value per share in EUR | 10.41 |

| | Terminal growth rate | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | -0.6% | -0.4% | -0.2% | 0.0% | 0.2% | 0.4% | 0.6% | | | | |
| 3.6% | 13.30 | 14.28 | 15.35 | 16.55 | 17.89 | 19.40 | 21.11 | | | | |
| 3.8% | 11.46 | 12.30 | 13.22 | 14.24 | 15.37 | 16.63 | 18.05 | | | | |
| 4.1% | 9.81 | 10.54 | 11.33 | 12.21 | 13.17 | 14.24 | 15.43 | | | | |
| 4.3% | 8.33 | 8.96 | 9.65 | 10.41 | 11.24 | 12.15 | 13.16 | | | | |
| 4.6% | 6.99 | 7.55 | 8.15 | 8.81 | 9.52 | 10.31 | 11.17 | | | | |
| 4.8% | 5.77 | 6.27 | 6.79 | 7.37 | 7.99 | 8.67 | 9.41 | | | | |
| 5.1% | 4.67 | 5.10 | 5.57 | 6.07 | 6.62 | 7.21 | 7.85 | | | | |

 $^{^{\}ast}$ for layout purposes the model shows numbers only to 2025, but runs until 2030

DCF model for Operation & Innovation segment

| DCF valuation model | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| All figures in EUR '000 | 2018E | 2019E | 2020E | 2021E | 2022E | 2023E | 2024E | 2025E |
| Net sales | 6,078 | 6,686 | 7,689 | 8,661 | 9,653 | 10,644 | 11,612 | 12,530 |
| NOPLAT | 2,153 | 2,389 | 2,744 | 3,033 | 3,346 | 3,653 | 3,944 | 4,213 |
| + depreciation & amortisation | 0 | 4 | 9 | 14 | 21 | 27 | 35 | 43 |
| Net operating cash flow | 2,153 | 2,393 | 2,753 | 3,047 | 3,367 | 3,680 | 3,979 | 4,256 |
| - total investments (CAPEX and WC) | -4 | -9 | -127 | -257 | -244 | -263 | -278 | -290 |
| Capital expenditures | -61 | -67 | -77 | -87 | -97 | -106 | -116 | -125 |
| Working capital | 57 | 58 | -50 | -171 | -147 | -156 | -162 | -165 |
| Free cash flows (FCF) | 2,149 | 2,384 | 2,626 | 2,790 | 3,123 | 3,418 | 3,701 | 3,966 |
| PV of FCF's | 2,080 | 2,098 | 2,100 | 2,028 | 2,064 | 2,054 | 2,021 | 1,969 |

| All figures in thousands | |
|---|--------|
| PV of FCFs in explicit period (2018E-2030E) | 24,886 |
| PV of FCFs in terminal period | 18,714 |
| Enterprise value (EV) | 43,600 |
| + Net cash / - net debt | 1,668 |
| + Investments / minority interests | 0 |
| Shareholder value | 45,268 |
| Number of shares (diluted) | 14,578 |
| Fair value per share in EUR | 3.11 |

| 10.0% |
|--------|
| 10.0% |
| 6.0% |
| 30.0% |
| 4.2% |
| 100.0% |
| 0.0% |
| 3.11 |
| |

| | Terminal growth rate | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|--|--|--|--|
| | 0.5% | 1.0% | 1.5% | 2.0% | 2.5% | 3.0% | 3.5% | | | | |
| 6.0% | 5.25 | 5.54 | 5.89 | 6.32 | 6.88 | 7.63 | 8.67 | | | | |
| 7.0% | 4.39 | 4.57 | 4.78 | 5.03 | 5.34 | 5.72 | 6.21 | | | | |
| 8.0% | 3.76 | 3.88 | 4.01 | 4.17 | 4.36 | 4.58 | 4.85 | | | | |
| 9.0% | 3.29 | 3.37 | 3.46 | 3.56 | 3.68 | 3.82 | 3.98 | | | | |
| 10.0% | 2.92 | 2.97 | 3.03 | 3.11 | 3.18 | 3.28 | 3.38 | | | | |
| 11.0% | 2.62 | 2.66 | 2.70 | 2.75 | 2.81 | 2.87 | 2.94 | | | | |
| 12.0% | 2.37 | 2.40 | 2.44 | 2.47 | 2.51 | 2.56 | 2.60 | | | | |
| 13.0% | 2.17 | 2.19 | 2.22 | 2.24 | 2.27 | 2.30 | 2.34 | | | | |
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 $^{^{\}ast}$ for layout purposes the model shows numbers only to 2025, but runs until 2030



INCOME STATEMENT

| All figures in EUR '000 | 2014A | 2015A | 2016A | 2017A | 2018E | 2019E | 2020E |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenues | 153,280 | 191,329 | 201,764 | 149,865 | 122,186 | 207,704 | 245,210 |
| Change in inventory & own work | 7,172 | 18,808 | -35,015 | 52,211 | 25,484 | 74,184 | 92,826 |
| Total output | 160,452 | 210,137 | 166,749 | 202,076 | 147,670 | 281,888 | 338,036 |
| Cost of goods sold | 82,431 | 116,590 | 70,523 | 127,923 | 72,021 | 178,090 | 213,190 |
| Gross profit | 78,021 | 93,547 | 96,226 | 74,153 | 75,649 | 103,797 | 124,846 |
| Personnel costs | 10,043 | 10,476 | 10,922 | 11,830 | 12,033 | 13,501 | 15,637 |
| Other operating expenses | 16,646 | 18,553 | 17,719 | 18,475 | 19,999 | 24,969 | 28,962 |
| Other operating income | 3,569 | 1,574 | 4,481 | 5,746 | 1,959 | 1,819 | 2,176 |
| EBITDA | 54,901 | 66,092 | 72,066 | 49,593 | 45,574 | 67,146 | 82,423 |
| Depreciation | 14,183 | 16,424 | 18,316 | 16,704 | 19,294 | 20,080 | 26,045 |
| Operating income (EBIT) | 40,718 | 49,668 | 53,750 | 32,889 | 26,281 | 47,067 | 56,378 |
| Net financial result | -18,962 | -20,006 | -18,253 | -16,224 | -17,015 | -20,064 | -25,226 |
| Non-operating expenses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pre-tax income (EBT) | 21,756 | 29,662 | 35,497 | 16,666 | 9,266 | 27,002 | 31,152 |
| Income taxes | 7,623 | 8,751 | 10,162 | 4,778 | 2,780 | 8,101 | 9,345 |
| Minority interests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net income / loss | 14,133 | 20,911 | 25,335 | 11,888 | 6,486 | 18,902 | 21,806 |
| Diluted EPS (in €) | 0.96 | 1.43 | 1.74 | 0.82 | 0.44 | 1.30 | 1.50 |
| Ratios | | | | | | | |
| Gross margin on total output | 48.6% | 44.5% | 57.7% | 36.7% | 51.2% | 36.8% | 36.9% |
| EBITDA margin on total output | 34.2% | 31.5% | 43.2% | 24.5% | 30.9% | 23.8% | 24.4% |
| EBIT margin on total output | 25.4% | 23.6% | 32.2% | 16.3% | 17.8% | 16.7% | 16.7% |
| Net margin on total output | 8.8% | 10.0% | 15.2% | 5.9% | 4.4% | 6.7% | 6.5% |
| Tax rate | 35.0% | 29.5% | 28.6% | 28.7% | 30.0% | 30.0% | 30.0% |
| Expenses as % of total output | | | | | | | |
| Personnel costs | 6.3% | 5.0% | 6.5% | 5.9% | 8.1% | 4.8% | 4.6% |
| Depreciation | 8.8% | 7.8% | 11.0% | 8.3% | 13.1% | 7.1% | 7.7% |
| Other operating expenses | 10.4% | 8.8% | 10.6% | 9.1% | 13.5% | 8.9% | 8.6% |
| Y-Y Growth | | | | | | | |
| Total output | -1.4% | 31.0% | -20.6% | 21.2% | -26.9% | 90.9% | 19.9% |
| EBIT | 19.3% | 22.0% | 8.2% | -38.8% | -20.1% | 79.1% | 19.8% |
| Net income/ loss | 4.3% | 48.0% | 21.2% | -53.1% | -45.4% | 191.4% | 15.4% |



BALANCE SHEET

| All figures in EUR '000 | 2014A | 2015A | 2016A | 2017A | 2018E | 2019E | 2020E |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Assets | | | | | | | |
| Current assets, total | 159,888 | 166,855 | 181,759 | 160,607 | 185,327 | 209,509 | 209,037 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 81,594 | 103,957 | 118,528 | 69,002 | 124,524 | 115,115 | 103,154 |
| Short-term investments | 39 | 10,278 | 10,305 | 10,159 | 10,159 | 10,159 | 10,159 |
| Receivables | 23,781 | 16,932 | 17,469 | 26,216 | 22,097 | 30,451 | 36,180 |
| Inventories | 50,858 | 32,871 | 34,272 | 47,006 | 20,321 | 45,559 | 51,318 |
| Other current assets | 3,616 | 2,817 | 1,185 | 8,225 | 8,225 | 8,225 | 8,225 |
| Non-current assets, total | 195,310 | 232,263 | 179,592 | 200,606 | 208,604 | 291,862 | 381,177 |
| Property, plant & equipment | 187,241 | 223,789 | 171,747 | 194,558 | 202,556 | 285,814 | 375,129 |
| Goodwill & other intangibles | 37 | 23 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Other assets | 8,032 | 8,451 | 7,834 | 6,047 | 6,047 | 6,047 | 6,047 |
| Total assets | 355,198 | 399,118 | 361,351 | 361,213 | 393,931 | 501,371 | 590,213 |
| Shareholders' equity & debt | | | | | | | |
| Current liabilities, total | 45,266 | 76,163 | 83,551 | 57,200 | 60,520 | 77,063 | 77,904 |
| Short-term financial debt | 19,166 | 31,871 | 45,735 | 24,728 | 35,000 | 45,000 | 45,000 |
| Accounts payable | 5,947 | 4,480 | 6,241 | 8,383 | 2,893 | 6,520 | 7,361 |
| Current provisions | 11,342 | 16,282 | 12,656 | 14,660 | 14,660 | 14,660 | 14,660 |
| Other current liabilities | 8,811 | 23,530 | 18,919 | 9,429 | 7,967 | 10,883 | 10,883 |
| Long-term liabilities, total | 269,777 | 272,495 | 208,323 | 233,781 | 263,981 | 346,181 | 422,581 |
| Long-term financial debt | 249,136 | 248,899 | 185,175 | 208,961 | 239,161 | 321,361 | 397,761 |
| Deferred revenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other liabilities | 20,641 | 23,596 | 23,148 | 24,820 | 24,820 | 24,820 | 24,820 |
| Minority interests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Shareholders' equity | 40,155 | 50,460 | 69,477 | 70,232 | 69,430 | 78,127 | 89,728 |
| Share capital | 14,653 | 14,653 | 14,653 | 14,578 | 14,578 | 14,578 | 14,578 |
| Capital reserve | 40,293 | 40,308 | 40,323 | 40,428 | 40,428 | 40,428 | 40,428 |
| Other reserves | -7,388 | -8,751 | -3,125 | -2,441 | -2,441 | -2,441 | -2,441 |
| Treasury stock | -4 | -41 | -61 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 |
| Loss carryforward / retained earnings | 10,112 | 16,421 | 30,164 | 39,717 | 38,914 | 47,611 | 59,213 |
| Total consolidated equity and debt | 355,198 | 399,118 | 361,351 | 361,213 | 393,931 | 501,371 | 590,213 |
| Total concentration equity and dept | | | | 001,210 | | | |
| Ratios | | | | | | | |
| Current ratio (x) | 3.53 | 2.19 | 2.18 | 2.81 | 3.06 | 2.72 | 2.68 |
| Quick ratio (x) | 2.41 | 1.76 | 1.77 | 1.99 | 2.73 | 2.13 | 2.02 |
| Net debt | 186,669 | 166,535 | 102,077 | 154,528 | 139,478 | 241,087 | 329,448 |
| Net gearing | 465% | 330% | 147% | 220% | 201% | 309% | 367% |
| Book value per share (in €) | 2.74 | 3.45 | 4.76 | 4.82 | 4.76 | 5.36 | 6.15 |
| Financial debt/EBITDA (x) | 4.9 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 4.7 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| Equity ratio | 11.3% | 12.6% | 19.2% | 19.4% | 17.6% | 15.6% | 15.2% |
| Return on equity (ROE) | 35.2% | 41.4% | 36.5% | 16.9% | 9.3% | 24.2% | 24.3% |
| Return on investment (ROI) | 4.0% | 5.2% | 7.0% | 3.3% | 1.6% | 3.8% | 3.7% |
| Return on assets (ROA) | 9.6% | 10.4% | 12.1% | 7.8% | 6.0% | 7.8% | 8.0% |
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| Return on capital employed (ROCE) | 16.3% | 20.4% | 24.7% | 14.8% | 10.9% | 16.3% | 14.3% |
| Return on capital employed (ROCE) Days sales outstanding (DSO) | 56.6 | 32.3 | 31.6 | 63.8 | 66.0 | 53.5 | 53.9 |
| Return on capital employed (ROCE) | | | | | | | |



CASH FLOW STATEMENT

| All figures in EUR '000 | 2014A | 2015A | 2016A | 2017A | 2018E | 2019E | 2020E |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|----------|
| EBIT | 40,718 | 49,668 | 53,750 | 32,889 | 26,281 | 47,067 | 56,378 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 12,463 | 16,424 | 18,316 | 16,704 | 19,294 | 20,080 | 26,045 |
| EBITDA | 53,181 | 66,092 | 72,066 | 49,593 | 45,574 | 67,146 | 82,423 |
| Changes in working capital | 6,445 | 28,824 | 24,732 | -28,182 | 25,313 | -29,964 | -10,647 |
| Other adjustments | -3,848 | -3,490 | -3,927 | -16,973 | -2,780 | -8,101 | -9,345 |
| Operating cash flow | 55,778 | 91,426 | 92,871 | 4,438 | 68,107 | 29,081 | 62,430 |
| CAPEX | -20,149 | -40,205 | -6,885 | -33,707 | -27,292 | -103,338 | -115,360 |
| Investments in intangibles | -12 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Free cash flow | 35,617 | 51,221 | 85,986 | -29,269 | 40,816 | -74,256 | -52,930 |
| Acquisitions and disposals, net | 5,062 | 300 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other investments | 307 | -11,143 | -1,327 | -2,277 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash flow from investing | -14,792 | -51,048 | -8,212 | -35,984 | -27,292 | -103,338 | -115,360 |
| Debt financing, net | -3,708 | 11,574 | -36,444 | 5,266 | 40,472 | 92,200 | 76,400 |
| Equity financing, net | 0 | 0 | -278 | -251 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dividends paid | -7,331 | -8,781 | -11,682 | -11,670 | -8,751 | -7,289 | -10,205 |
| Other financing | -18,129 | -18,759 | -23,041 | -13,992 | -17,015 | -20,064 | -25,226 |
| Cash flow from financing | -29,168 | -15,967 | -71,444 | -20,646 | 14,707 | 64,847 | 40,969 |
| Forex & other effects | -1,636 | -2,048 | 1,357 | 2,666 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net cash flows | 10,181 | 22,363 | 14,571 | -49,526 | 55,522 | -9,410 | -11,961 |
| Cash, start of the year | 71,413 | 81,594 | 103,957 | 118,528 | 69,002 | 124,524 | 115,115 |
| Cash, end of the year | 81,594 | 103,957 | 118,528 | 69,002 | 124,524 | 115,115 | 103,154 |
| EBITDA/share (in €) | 3.74 | 4.52 | 4.94 | 3.40 | 3.13 | 4.61 | 5.65 |
| Operating cash flow/share (in €) | 3.80 | 6.25 | 6.36 | 0.30 | 4.67 | 1.99 | 4.28 |
| Y-Y Growth | | | | | | | |
| Operating cash flow | 204.9% | 63.9% | 1.6% | -95.2% | 1434.5% | -57.3% | 114.7% |
| Free cash flow | n.m. | 43.8% | 67.9% | n.m. | n.m. | n.m. | n.m. |
| EBITDA/share | 19.1% | 20.6% | 9.3% | -31.1% | -8.1% | 47.3% | 22.8% |
| Operating cash flow/share | 205.7% | 64.2% | 1.8% | -95.2% | 1435.2% | -57.3% | 114.7% |



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|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
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| 223 | \downarrow | \downarrow | \downarrow | ↓ |
| 24 | 22 November 2017 | €14.17 | Buy | €24.80 |
| 25 | 20 April 2018 | €13.65 | Buy | €23.50 |
| 26 | 18 May 2018 | €15.25 | Buy | €23.70 |
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|---|--|---------------|------------------|--|
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| Buy | An expected favourable price trend of: | > 25% | > 15% | |
| Add | An expected favourable price trend of: | 0% to 25% | 0% to 15% | |
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