

# FY2017 PRELIMINARY RESULTS

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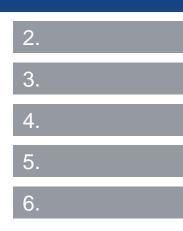
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1. Financial highlights



# FY2017 Highlights (preliminary figures)

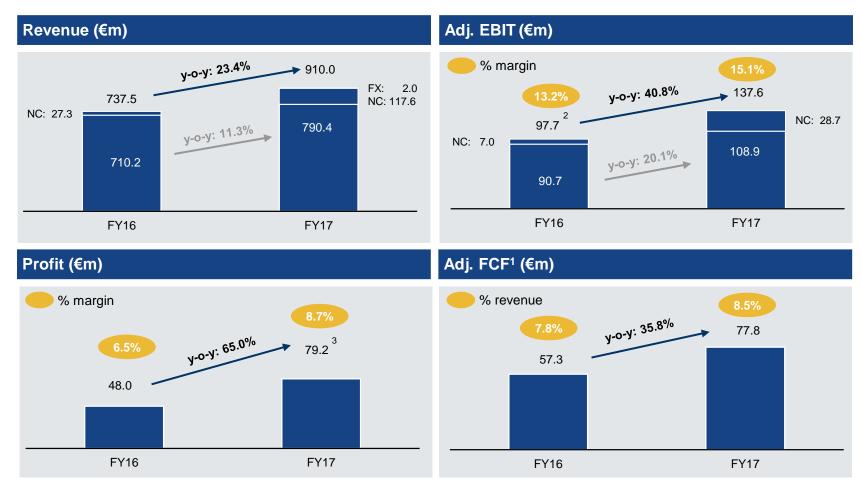
#### Fiscal year-end September

Revenue	<ul> <li>Revenue up by 23.4% to €910.0m (+€172.5m vs. FY16)</li> <li>Growth in all regions: Europe (+25.3%), NAFTA (+21.3%), as well as Asia / Pacific and RoW (+22.2%)</li> <li>Growth in Powerise (+24.5%), Capital Goods (+19.5%), as well as Gas Spring (+6.4%)</li> </ul>
Adj. EBIT	<ul> <li>Adj. EBIT<sup>1</sup> up by 40.8% to €137.6m (+€39.9m vs. FY16)</li> <li>Adj. EBIT margin at 15.1% (vs. FY16 margin of 13.2%)</li> </ul>
Profit	<ul> <li>Profit after tax up from €48.0m in FY16 to €79.2m in FY17 (+€31.2m vs. FY16)</li> <li>Profit margin at 8.7% (vs. FY16 margin of 6.5%)</li> <li>Earnings per share at €3.21 (FY16: €2.21)</li> </ul>
Net leverage ratio	<ul> <li>€50m early / voluntary repayment of senior loans in Q4 FY17 (repayment of €62.5m in 12M FY17)</li> <li>Net leverage ratio<sup>1</sup> at 1.5x (vs. 2.5x end FY2016)</li> <li>Net financial debt<sup>1</sup> at €274.4m</li> </ul>
Outlook	<ul> <li>&gt; FY2018 revenue guidance:</li> <li>&gt; organic and at constant fx rates vs. FY17 (i.e. at 1.10 \$/€) ~ 7.1% y-o-y growth</li> <li>&gt; assuming 1.15 \$/€, ~ €960m (~ 5.5% y-o-y change)</li> <li>&gt; FY2018 adj. EBIT margin guidance: ca. 15.5%</li> </ul>

#### Note:

<sup>1</sup> For definition/calculation of KPIs like adj. EBIT, net leverage ratio etc. refer to appendix and/or our financial reports under <u>www.ir.stabilus.com</u>. Numbers rounded to one decimal. Due to rounding, numbers presented may not add up precisely to the totals provided.

# Stabilus shows strong operating performance in FY2017 (y-o-y)



Note: **FX** = currency effect resulting from translation of NAFTA revenue (w/o NC) from USD to EUR. Avg. fx rate of 1.10\$/€ in FY17 versus 1.11\$/€ in FY16. **NC** = contribution of 'new companies' ACE, Hahn Gasfedern, Fabreeka / Tech Products (acquired in June 2016). <sup>1</sup> **Adj. FCF** = free cash flow before acquisitions. See appendix for further details. <sup>2</sup> Adjustments for pension interest charges in EBIT are discontinued from Q1 FY17 on, i.e. there is no adjustment for €0.8m pension interest in FY17. For comparison reasons, FY16 adj. EBIT was reduced in this presentation by €1.1m (FY16 pension interest). <sup>3</sup> FY17 net finance result comprised non-cash items: €22.1m gains from changes in carrying amounts of financial liabilities and €(16.5)m net foreign exchange loss.

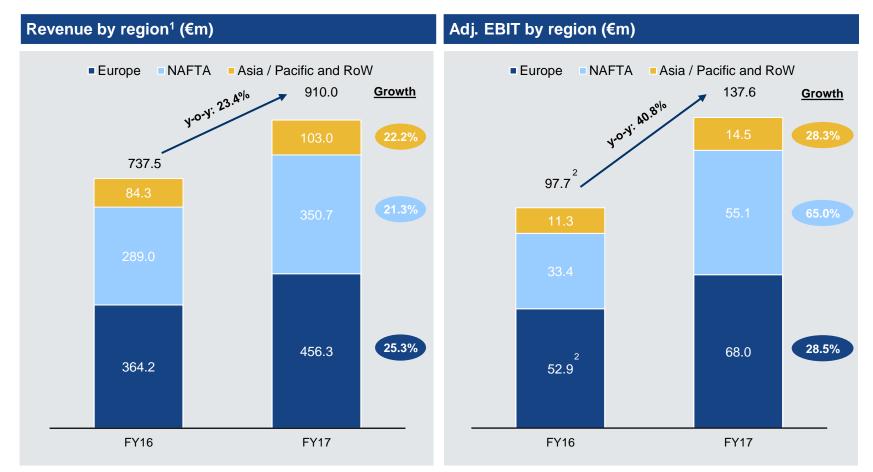


2. Results by region





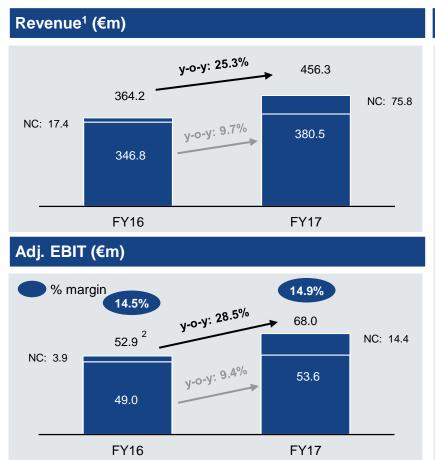
### FY2017 revenue and adj. EBIT growth – by region (y-o-y)



Note: Stabilus fiscal year-end is September. Numbers rounded to one decimal. Due to rounding, numbers presented may not add up precisely to the totals provided. <sup>1</sup> Billed-from view, without intersegment revenue.

<sup>2</sup> Adjustments for pension interest charges in EBIT are discontinued from Q1 FY17 on, i.e. there is no adjustment for €0.8m pension interest in FY17. For comparison reasons, FY16 adj. EBIT was reduced in this presentation by €1.1m (FY16 pension interest).

### Europe



#### Key highlights

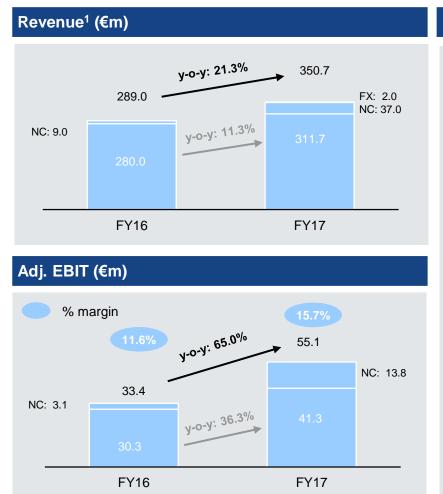
- Europe car production in FY17 at 22.0m units, i.e.
   +2.7% vs. FY16
- > Europe's revenue grew by 25.3% y/y
- Excluding the contribution of new companies, Europe's revenue increased by 9.7% and was primarily driven by our automotive business: Powerise revenue grew by 22.5% to €100.1m (FY16: €81.7m) and Gas Spring revenue grew by 7.7% to €150.2m (FY16: €139.4m)
- Adj. EBIT increased by 28.5% (9.4% not considering the June 2016 acquisition)
- Excluding the contribution of new companies,
   Europe's EBIT margin was stable at 14.1% vs. FY16

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<sup>1</sup> External revenue only. <sup>2</sup> Adjustments for pension interest charges in EBIT are discontinued from Q1 FY17 on, i.e. there is no adjustment for €0.8m pension interest in FY17. For comparison reasons, FY16 adj. EBIT was reduced here by €1.1m (FY16 pension interest).

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### NAFTA

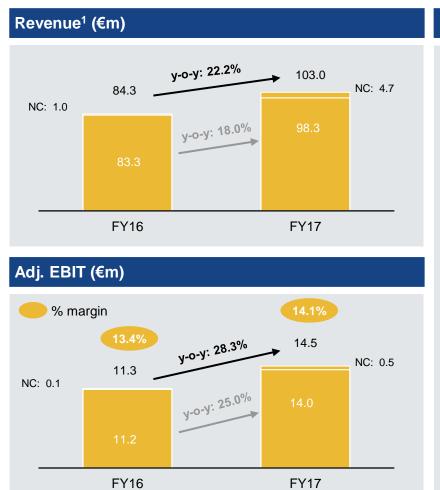


#### Key highlights

- NAFTA car production in FY17 at 17.4m units, i.e.
   -2.2% vs. FY16
- > NAFTA's revenue grew by 21.3%
- Excluding the contribution of new companies and \$/€ currency translation effect, NAFTA's revenue grew by 11.3% and was primarily driven by our Powerise business: NAFTA's Powerise revenue increased by 22.5% to €137.4m in FY17 (vs. €112.2m in FY16)
- Adj. EBIT increased by 65.0% (36.3% not considering NC): Excluding the contribution of new companies adj. EBIT margin increased from 10.8% to 13.2%, with previous year being impacted by higher provisioning

Note: Stabilus fiscal year-end is September. <sup>1</sup> External revenue only. FX = currency effect resulting from translation of NAFTA revenue (w/o NC) from USD to EUR. Avg. fx rate of 1.10\$/€ in FY17 versus 1.11\$/€ in FY16. NC = contribution of 'new companies' ACE, Hahn Gasfedern, Fabreeka / Tech Products (acquired in June 2016).

# Asia / Pacific and RoW



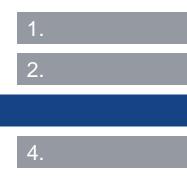
#### Key highlights

- Asia/Pacific and RoW car production in FY17 at 55.5m units, i.e. +6.5% vs. FY16 (China: +5.9%, Japan/Korea: +4.8%, South America: +17.2%)
- Asia/Pacific and RoW's revenue grew by 22.2%
- Excluding the contribution of new companies, Asia/Pacific and RoW's revenue increased by 18.0%, primarily driven by our automotive business: Gas Spring revenue grew by €8.7m to €81.4m (vs. 72.7m in FY16) and Powerise revenue by €4.4m to €5.8m (vs. €1.4m in FY16)
- Adj. EBIT increased by 28.3% (25% without new companies)

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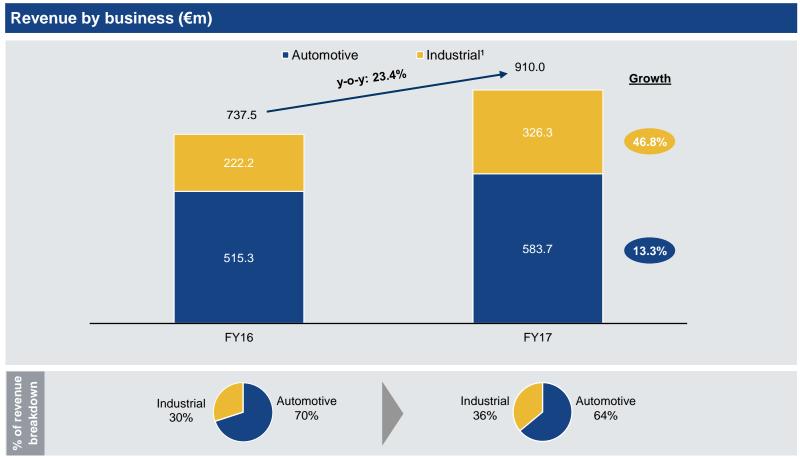


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3. Results by market

# FY2017 revenue growth – by market / business (y-o-y)

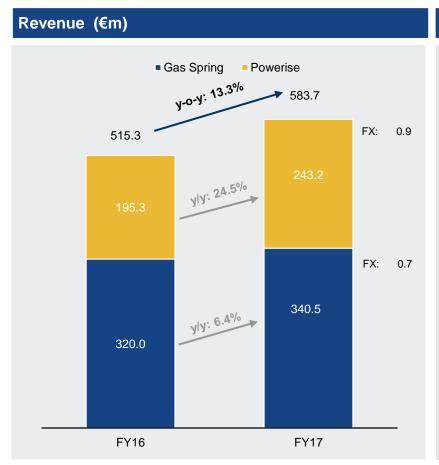


Note: Stabilus fiscal year-end is September.

<sup>1</sup> Industrial including Capital Goods, Vibration & Velocity Control and Commercial Furniture (former Swivel Chair) revenue.

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# FY2017 revenue growth – Automotive business (y-o-y)



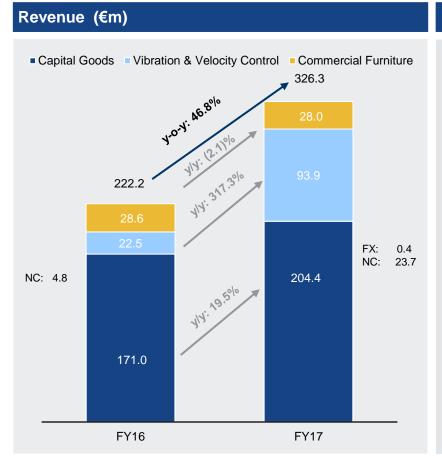
#### Key highlights

- Global car production in FY17 at 94.9m (FY16: 91.4m), i.e. +3.9% vs. previous fiscal year
- Automotive revenue increased by 13.3% (13.0% without \$/€ currency translation effect)
- Continuing consumer trend towards SUV's supports our overall automotive revenue development
- Automotive Gas Spring revenue increased by 6.4%
   (6.2% without \$/€ currency translation effect)
- > 24.5% growth (24.1% without \$/€ currency translation effect) in Powerise reflects production ramp-ups and new product launches across various OEMs in FY17

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# FY2017 revenue growth – Industrial business (y-o-y)



#### Key highlights

- Revenue contribution of new companies:
  - Hahn Gasfedern (part of Capital Goods unit):
     €4.8m in Q4 FY16 and €23.7m in FY17
  - ACE, Fabreeka / Tech Products (new business unit Vibration & Velocity Control): €22.5m in Q4 FY16 and €93.9m in FY17
- Growth in Capital Goods business at 19.5%, excluding contribution of Hahn Gasfedern as well as \$/€ currency translation effect at 8.5%
- Growth in the segments independent aftermarket, bus/truck/transportation, agricultural machinery, solar dampers, medical technology, equipment & machinery, automation/packaging and fluid power

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### Outlook

	FY2017 Preliminary	FY2018 Guidance
Revenue	€910.0m	~ €975m (@ 1.10 \$/€) ~ €960m (@ 1.15 \$/€)
% Growth	11.3% at constant avg. \$/€ rate and excl. NC 23.4% change	~ 7.1% at constant avg. \$/€ rate of 1.10 ~ 5.5% change
% Adj. EBIT margin	15.1%	~ 15.5%

#### Comments

- Revenue guidance for FY2018:
  - ~ 7.1% y-o-y growth at constant avg. \$/€ rate (vs. FY17) of 1.10 to approx. €975m
  - ~ 5.5% y-o-y change at current avg. \$/€ rate of 1.15 to approx. €960m
  - Decrease of US\$/€ avg. fx rate by 0.10 \$/€ leads to a revenue increase by approx. €30m and vice versa. E.g., 1.20 \$/€ → ~ 945m (~ 3.8% y/y), 1.10 \$/€ → ~ 975m (~ 7.1% y/y), 1.00 \$/€ → ~ €1,005m (~ 10.4% y/y)
- FY2018 adj. EBIT margin estimated at ca. 15.5%

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NC = contribution of 'new companies' ACE, Hahn Gasfedern, Fabreeka / Tech Products (acquired in June 2016) in Q4 FY16 and Q1-Q4 FY17.





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### STAR 2025 – Stabilus long-term strategy

VISION: In 2025 Stabilus is the leading motion control company.



### SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Stabilus strives to achieve an average sales increase of more than 6% p.a. through 2025.



#### GLOBALIZATION

Stabilus strives to achieve a balanced regional presence. We form a strong, global team.

# ONE STABILUS

Sustainable success depends on the performances of all of our employees. To this end, we want to form the strongest team possible.





#### EXCELLENCE

Stabilus strives for excellence in all of its procedures, manufacturing processes and products.



### INNOVATION

Stabilus is developing and practicing a strong culture of innovation. It is the foundation for long-term, successful growth.





6. Appendix

### Revenue by region and customer market (year ended Sept 30, 2017)

	FY2016 Actual	FY2017 Preliminary	Change	% change
Automotive Gas Spring	139.4	150.2	10.8	7.7%
Automotive Powerise	81.7	100.1	18.4	22.5%
Industrial / Capital Goods <sup>1</sup>	106.7	130.7	24.0	22.5%
Vibration & Velocity Control	12.6	52.2	39.6	>100.0%
Commercial Furniture (former Swivel Chair)	23.8	23.1	(0.7)	(2.9)%
Europe	364.2	456.3	92.1	25.3%
Automotive Gas Spring	108.0	108.8	0.8	0.7%
Automotive Powerise	112.2	137.4	25.2	22.5%
Industrial / Capital Goods	55.1	62.7	7.6	13.89
Vibration & Velocity Control	9.0	37.0	28.0	>100.09
Commercial Furniture (former Swivel Chair)	4.7	4.8	0.1	2.1%
NAFTA	289.0	350.7	61.7	21.3%
Automotive Gas Spring	72.7	81.4	8.7	12.09
Automotive Powerise	1.4	5.8	4.4	>100.09
Industrial / Capital Goods	9.2	11.0	1.8	19.69
Vibration & Velocity Control	1.0	4.7	3.7	>100.00
Commercial Furniture (former Swivel Chair)	0.1	0.1	-	0.00
Asia / Pacific and RoW	84.3	103.0	18.7	22.29
Fotal Automotive Gas Spring	320.0	340.5	20.5	6.49
Total Automotive Powerise	195.3	243.2	47.9	24.59
Fotal Industrial / Capital Goods <sup>1</sup>	171.0	204.4	33.4	19.59
Fotal Vibration & Velocity Control	22.5	93.9	71.4	>100.09
Total Commercial Furniture (former Swivel Chair)	28.6	28.0	(0.6)	(2.1)
tal	737.5	910.0	172.5	23.49

Note: <sup>1</sup> Acquisition effect: Industrial / Capital Goods revenue includes revenue of Hahn Gasfedern (acquired in June 2016): €4.8m in Q4 FY16 and €23.7m in Q1-Q4 FY17. Numbers rounded to one decimal. Due to rounding, numbers presented may not add up precisely to the totals provided.

### P&L overview (year ended September 30, 2017)

	FY2016 Actual	FY2017 Preliminary	Change	% chang
Revenue	737.5	910.0	172.5	23.49
COGS	(547.7)	(637.2)	(89.5)	16.39
Gross Profit	189.8	272.9	83.1	43.89
% margin	25.7%	30.0%		
R&D	(26.6)	(38.2)	(11.6)	43.69
S&M	(55.5)	(80.4)	(24.9)	44.9
G&A	(33.9)	(35.3)	(1.4)	4.1
Other income/expenses	2.8	(0.5)	(3.3)	<(100.0)
EBIT	76.6	118.4	41.8	54.6
% margin	10.4%	13.0%		
Adjustments <sup>1</sup>	21.0	19.2	(1.8)	(8.6)
Adj. EBIT <sup>1</sup>	97.7	137.6	39.9	40.8
% margin	13.2%	15.1%		

Total adjustments <sup>1</sup>		8.4 <b>19.2</b>
PPA adjustments (2010 PPA) PPA adjustments (2016 PPA) <sup>2</sup>	12.7 4.4	10.8 8.4
Advisory	3.9	-

Note: <sup>1</sup> Adjusted EBIT represents profit from operating activities (EBIT), adjusted for exceptional non-recurring items (e.g. restructuring or one-time advisory costs) and depreciation/amortization of fair value adjustments from purchase price allocations (PPA). Adjustments for pension interest charges in EBIT are discontinued from Q1 FY17 on, i.e. there is no adjustment for €0.8m pension interest in FY17. For comparison reasons, FY16 adj. EBIT was reduced here by €.1.1m (FY16 pension interest). <sup>2</sup> FY2016 PPA adjustment of €4.4m comprised €2.3m inventory step-up charge (one-time) and €2.1m D&A PPA.

### **Balance sheet overview**

	Sept 2016 Actual	Sept 2017 Preliminary	Change	% change
Property, plant and equipment	167.6	169.7	2.1	1.3%
Goodwill	197.5	194.2	(3.3)	(1.7)%
Other intangible assets	295.8	268.9	(26.9)	(9.1)%
Inventories	74.7	85.3	10.6	14.2%
Trade receivables	97.6	105.1	7.5	7.7%
Other assets	29.2	38.7	9.5	32.5%
Cash	75.0	68.1	(6.9)	(9.2)%
otal assets	937.4	930.0	(7.4)	(0.8)%
Equity incl. minorities	262.9	336.4	73.5	28.0%
Debt (incl. accrued interest)	401.1	322.0	(79.1)	(19.7)%
Pension plans and similar obligations	58.7	53.2	(5.5)	(9.4)%
Deferred tax liabilities	60.6	60.0	(0.6)	(1.0)%
Trade accounts payable	80.4	79.1	(1.3)	(1.6)%
Other liabilities	73.7	79.3	5.6	7.6%
otal equity and liabilities	937.4	930.0	(7.4)	(0.8)%

#### Note:

<sup>1</sup> Net leverage ratio = net financial debt / adj. EBITDA LTM. Net financial debt defined as principal amount of senior facilities less cash: (€455m - €50m - €62.5m) - €68.1m = €274.4m. Adj. EBITDA LTM = last-twelve-month adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. Refer also to our financial reports at www.ir.stabilus.com for further details.

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### Cash flow overview and free cash flow (year ended Sept 30, 2017)

Cash Flow Statement (€m)					
	FY2016 Actual	FY2017 Preliminary	Change	% change	
Cash flow from operating activities	110.4	121.9	11.5	10.4%	
Cash flow from investing activities <sup>2</sup>	(348.8)	(44.1)	304.7	(87.4)%	
Cash flow from financing activities <sup>3</sup>	276.1	(83.7)	(359.8)	<(100.0)%	
Net increase / (decrease) in cash	37.7	(5.9)	(43.6)	<(100.0)%	
Effect of movements in exchange rates	(2.1)	(1.0)	1.1	(52.4)%	
Cash as of beginning of the period	39.5	75.0	35.5	89.9%	
Cash as of end of the period	75.0	68.1	(6.9)	(9.2)%	

#### Free Cash Flow (€m)

	FY2016 Actual (a)	FY2016 Adjusted¹ (b)	FY2017 Preliminary (c)		% change [(c)-(b)] / (b)
Cash flow from operating activities	110.4	110.4	121.9	11.5	10.4%
Cash flow from investing activities <sup>2</sup>	(348.8)	(53.1)	(44.1)	9.0	(16.9)%
Free cash flow	(238.4)	57.3	77.8	20.5	35.8%

#### Note:

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted = excluding effects from the acquisition of ACE, Hahn Gasfedern, Fabreeka / Tech Products and refinancing of senior facilities. No adjustment for transaction cost payments.

<sup>2</sup> FY16 cash outflow for investing activities of €348.8m comprised cash outflow for the acquisition of ACE, Hahn Gasfedern, Fabreeka / Tech Products of €295.7m, incl. proceeds from currency hedging (=€302.5m-€6.8m). Adjusted for acquisition effect, FY16 cash outflow for investing activities amounted to €53.1m.

<sup>3</sup> FY16 cash flow from financing activities of €276.1m comprised cash inflow from refinancing of senior facilities and capital increase of €296.6m (=€455m+€115m-€115m-€50m-€267.5m+€159.1m). Adjusted for refinancing effect, FY16 cash outflow for financing activities amounted to €20.5m. FY17 cash flow from financing activities of €83.5m comprised €12.4m dividend payments and €62.5m payments for redemption of senior facilities.

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