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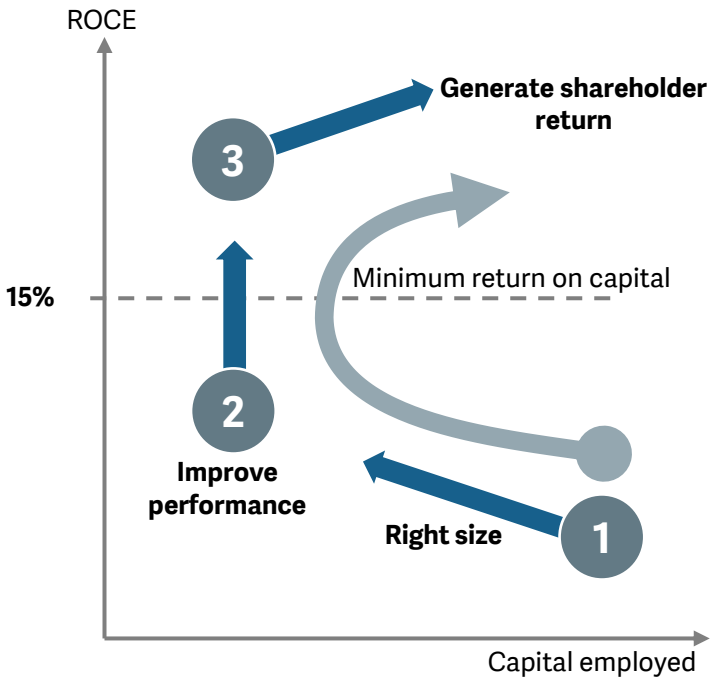
Transformation of SGL Group

Fully on track.
In achieving our strategic realignment



1. **Right size**
   Disposal* of underperforming businesses and businesses that no longer fit to the new SGL Group

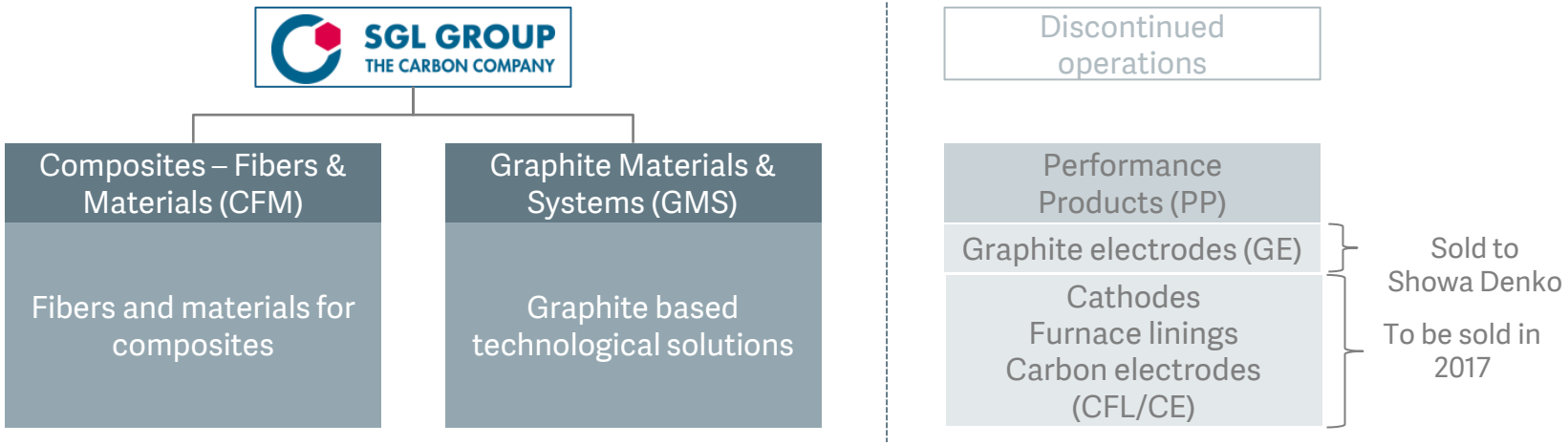
2. **Improve performance**
   Cost savings and organizational streamlining**, as well as strengthening of capital structure***

3. **Generate shareholder return with profitable growth**
   CFM: CFM 2020+
   GMS: Growth strategy 2020

*includes Rotorblades, HITCO, and former business unit Performance Products (PP); ** Cost savings programs SGL 2015, CORE as well as SGLX; ***planned redemption of a €250m corporate bond and a €240m convertible bond with proceeds from PP disposal and December 2016 capital increase

The transformation of SGL Group.

We are implementing the announced strategy



- ✓ The disposal of the PP/GE business enables the new SGL Group to **concentrate** its resources on the **growth areas CFM und GMS**
- ✓ Focus on CFM and GMS improves the balance between markets and industries, and thus **reduces volatility in our business**

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The new SGL Group

What is the new SGL Group?

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Material competence based on **carbon***

Commands **entire** carbon fiber and graphite **value chain**

High tech carbon fiber & graphite based **solutions**

Sales growth fueled by the **megatrends energy, mobility** and **digitization**

Earnings growth more than proportionate to sales growth

Servicing more than 35 industries with **lower volatility**

*Carbon refers to the chemical element - graphite and carbon fiber are forms of carbon

New SGL Group with focus on:
Mobility, energy supply and digitization

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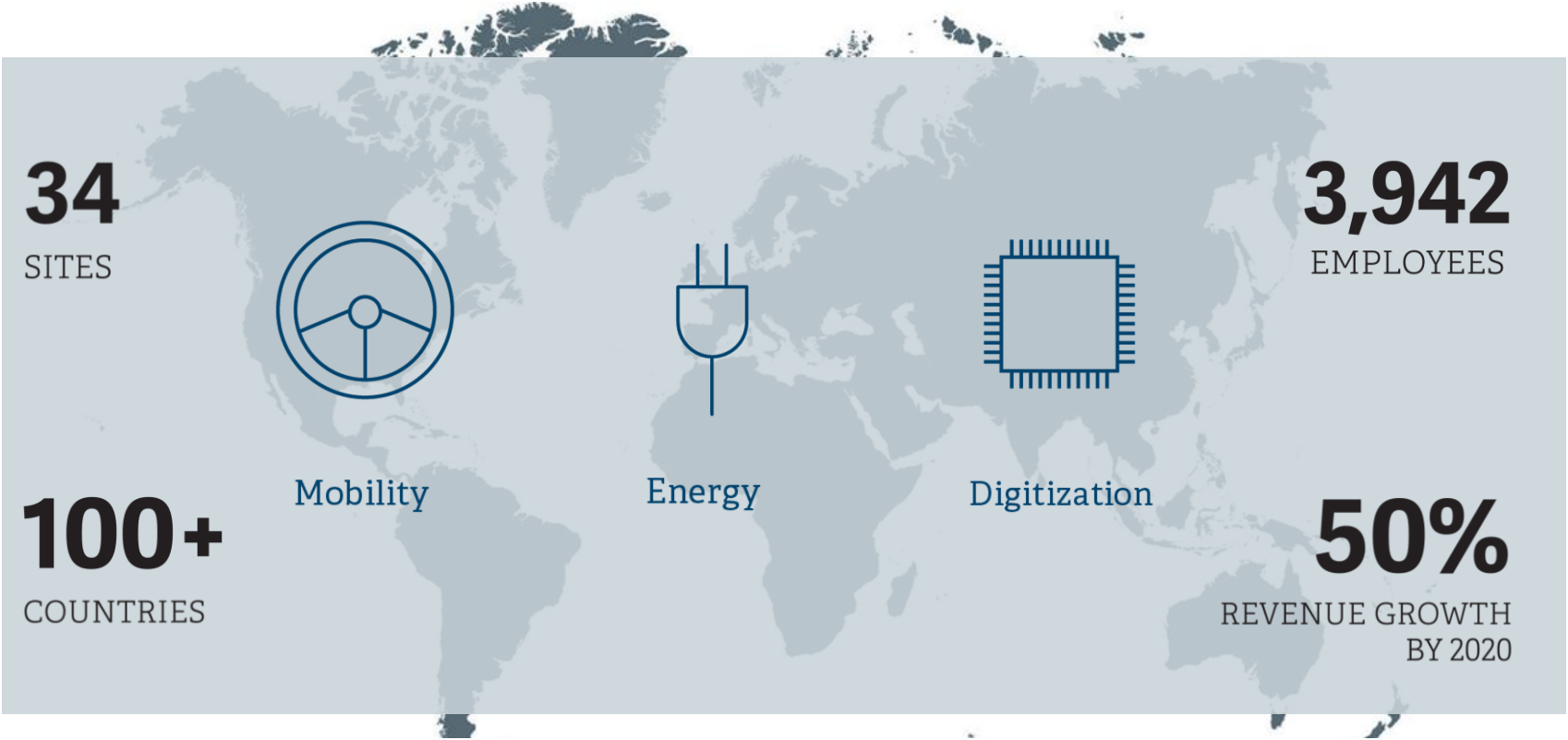

Growing with global megatrends.
Carbon based solutions

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		Market growth, CAGR 2015 - 2020		
		Energy 10 %[1]	Digitization 7 - 9 %[2]	Mobility 3 - 5 %[3]
SGL Growth	CFM 10 %[4]	Wind Pressure vessels	mobile 3C end devices	Automotive Aerospace Pressure vessels
	GMS 6 - 8 %[4]	Stationary energy storage Lithium-ion batteries	Lithium-ion batteries	
		Solar, LED Nuclear, Polysilicon Stationary energy storage Heat recovery etc.	LED Semiconductor Sapphire glass	Automotive

[1] Energy efficiency, storage and generation ;[2]CCeV, Technavio, GreenTech Media, Siemens; [3]CCeV, Yole Développement, Avicenne Energy, [4]own forecasts

New Group Market Segmentation. Reflects stronger orientation to customer and growth markets

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Market Segment						
Sales	**Mobility[1]**	**Energy[2]**	**Digitization[3]**	**Industrial Applications**	**Chemical**	**Textile Fibers**
2016	**20 %**	**22 %**	**4 %**	**27 %**	**15 %**	**12 %**
2015	18 %	20 %	4 %	27 %	17 %	14 %

[1]comprises automotive, aerospace and transport markets; [2]comprises battery, solar, wind and other energy markets; [3]comprises LED and semiconductor markets

Control over the entire value chain.
Tailor-made solutions for all customers

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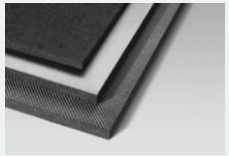
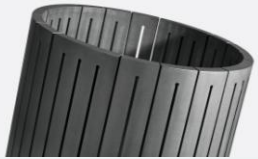
	Raw materials	Intermediate stages	Semi finished products	Solutions / components
CFM				
GMS				

Focus on **customer requirements**

Tailor-made **solutions**

Differentiation through **integration**

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The two business units

Composites – Fibers & Materials (CFM).
New market segmentation

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Market Segment					
Sales	**Automotive**	**Aerospace**	**Wind Energy**	**Industrial Applications**	**Textile Fibers**
2016	**29 %**	**7 %**	**15 %**	**21 %**	**28 %**
2015	28 %	4 %	15 %	20 %	33 %

CFM: Our solutions serve key markets.

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Unique integrated value chain

Fibers

Broad portfolio of high-performance products

- Acrylic Fibers
- Oxidized Fibers
- Carbon Fibers
- Yarns

Materials

Production technologies along the fiber value chain

- Woven Fabrics
- Non-crimped Fabrics
- Resins, Adhesives
- Braidings
- Preforms
- Prepregs
- Organo Sheets
- Wet Friction Materials

Components

Lightweight and Application Center (LAC)

In-house bridge between SGL products and customer applications in the development of fiber reinforced composite components

- Engineering solutions and manufacturing prototypes (e.g. CFRP Parts)

Markets

Graphite Materials & Systems (GMS).
New market segmentation

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Market Segment							
Sales	**Battery & other Energy**	**Solar**	**LED**	**Semi-conductor**	**Automotive & Transport**	**Chemical**	**Industrial Applications**
2016	**16 %**	**11 %**	**2 %**	**5 %**	**7 %**	**27 %**	**32 %**
2015	14 %	10 %	3 %	5 %	7 %	30 %	31 %

Why graphite ? Specialty graphite materials required where other materials fail

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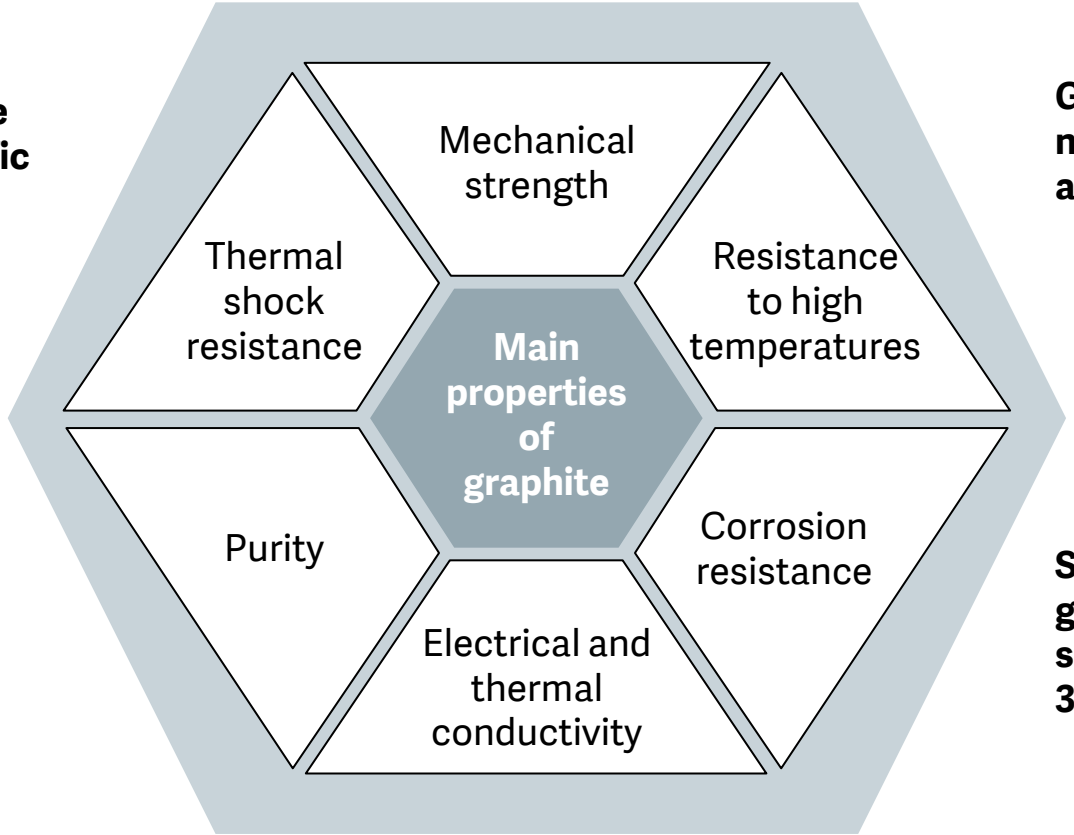
Properties can be tailored to specific requirements



Graphite is present in nearly every industrial application

SGL provides its graphite based solutions to more than 35 industries

GMS: Best solutions for our customers. We command the broadest graphite competence in the industry

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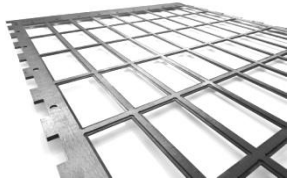
... in the Solar, Semiconductor and LED Industry

Meander heater for mono-silicon units

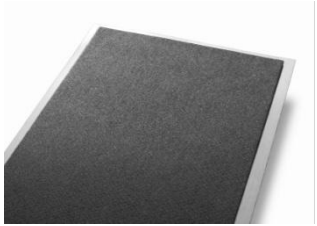
SiC[1] coated wafer carrier for LED[2]/semi-conductor production



C/C[3] carrier frame for solar wafers

... in the Battery and Energy Storage Industry

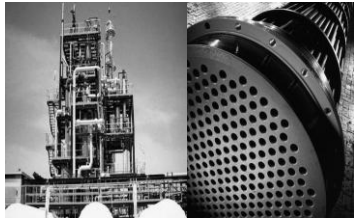
Anode material for lithium-ion batteries



Redox flow battery electrode consisting of battery felt and bipolar plate

... in the Chemical Industry

Systems & equipment (e.g. syntheses, heat exchangers)



Flexible graphite foil

Reinforced graphite sealing sheet

[1]Silicon Carbide; [2]Light-Emitting Diodes; [3]Carbon/carbon

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Financial targets

Financial targets confirmed. Completion of realignment will allow us to reach major targets

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Realignment

Sale of business unit PP
Cost reduction projects
Deleveraging

Positive free cash flow*

Positive net result

Net debt/EBITDA < 2.5**

Gearing ~ 0.5

Equity ratio > 30%

Profitable growth

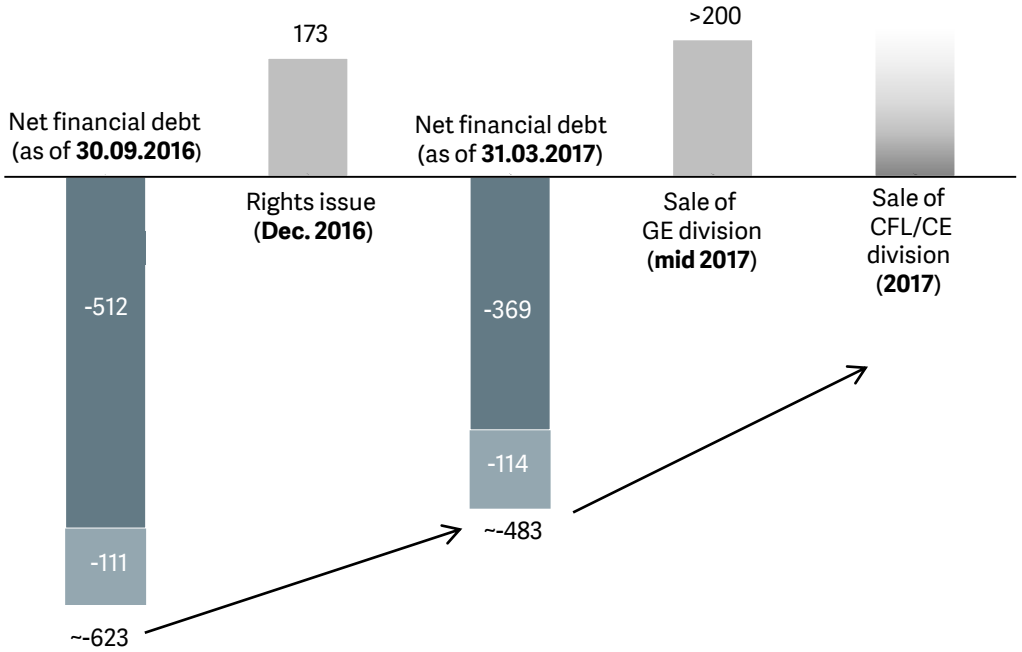
Focus on fast growing markets
Innovation leader in core markets
Partner of choice for innovative material solutions

€1.1 billion sales by 2020

ROCE ≥ 15%***

* Excluding disposal proceeds; ** Excluding pensions; *** ROCE defined as EBITDA/Capital employed

Clearly defined deleveraging building blocks.
We are fully committed to reducing leverage



All figures in € million

SGL Group net financial debt excl. SGL ACF

Net financial debt from proportional SGL ACF consolidation

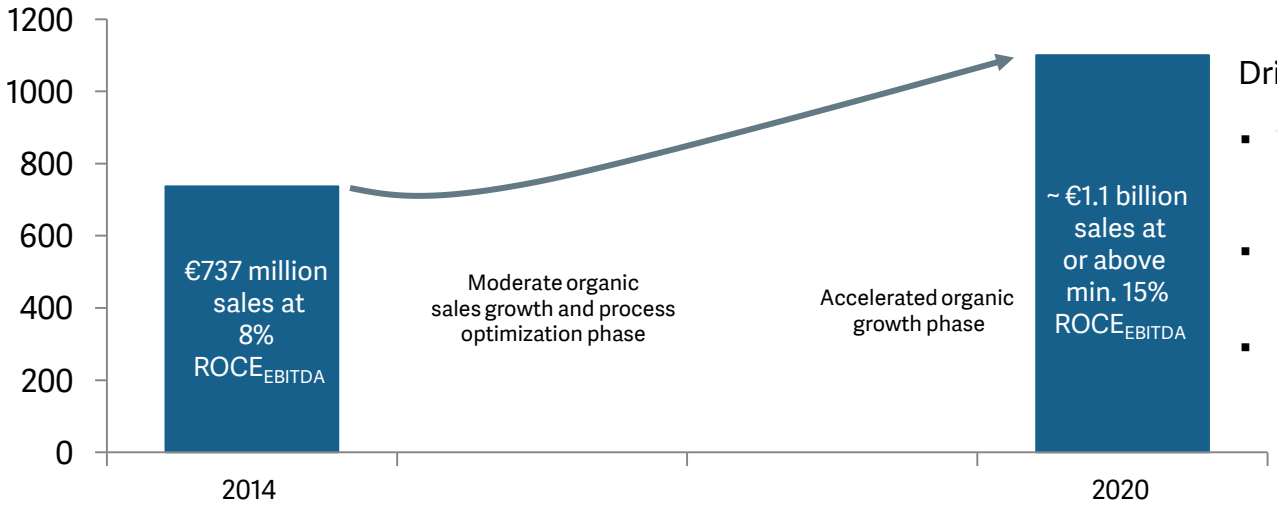
Key observations

- Significant deleveraging at end of 2016 due to rights issue
- Further deleveraging expected as a result of disposal of former PP businesses
- SGL ACF debt provided by BMW shareholder loans; SGL ACF profitable since 2015 and subsequently reducing its net financial debt from its own cash flow

Usage of proceeds

- Call of high yield bond: €250m, 4.875%, maturity in Jan 2021
- Repayment of convertible bond: €240m, 2.75%, maturity in Jan 2018

Target for GMS and CFM.
Profitable sales growth of 50%



Drivers for **ROCE** improvement:

- Top line growth (benefiting from Megatrends) leading to higher capacity utilization
- Increasing share of innovative products bearing higher margins
- Efficiency improvement programs driving down costs

Augmented by potential selective and accretive bolt on acquisitions to complement our portfolio in terms of region, technology, etc.

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Summary

The new SGL Group.

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Energy

Mobility

Digitization

High-tech growth company

Material expertise in carbon fiber and graphite

Providing **smart solutions** along the **entire value chain**

Above average growth potential in **high growth markets** serving the **megatrends energy**, **mobility**, and **digitization**

Exposure to >35 industries **reduces volatility**

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Outlook

Business Unit outlook 2017. CFM

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Composites – Fibers & Materials (CFM)

- Slight** increase in **sales**
  - Particularly driven by higher carbon fiber demand for **industrial applications**
  - Slight increase in sales also in market segments **automotive** and **textile fibers**
  - Partially to be offset by lower sales with **aerospace** market segment (higher level of invoicing in US aerospace materials in prior year)
  - Upside potential possible in **textile fiber** sales driven by oil based higher raw material costs – no EBIT impact
- **EBIT*** close to 2016 level
  - Positive impact of higher capacity utilization to be offset by ramp up of Lightweight and Application Center for new developments in automotive and aerospace applications and higher depreciation resulting from conversion of precursor line
  - As in prior year, the first quarter will be strongest in the course of the year (Q1/2017: high utilization rate will not continue over the course of the year; Q1/2016: effect from higher invoicing level in US aerospace materials)
- **Non-recurring effects**
  - Closure of Evanston sale on April 3, 2017 will lead to a negative earnings effect from attributable cumulative currency translation differences amounting to approx. €6 million as well as a cash inflow on book value level in the second quarter 2017

**"Slight" relates to variances up to 10%; "significant" relates to variances of more than 10%

*before non-recurring items

Business Unit outlook 2017. GMS and Corporate

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Graphite Materials & Systems (GMS)

- Slight** increase in **sales**
  - Growth in market segments **battery & other energy , LED**, **semiconductors,** and **industrial applications**
  - Market segment **solar** to significantly increase sales due to improved positioning and product portfolio (despite subdued market outlook for 2017)
  - Partially offset by market segment **chemicals** as capex in chemical industry expected to stay subdued
- Strong **EBIT*** improvement from higher capacity utilization and cost savings – getting very close, maybe even achieving our Group minimum $ROCE_{EBITDA}$ target of 15%

Corporate:

- Higher expenses due to non-recurrence of positive one-time effects in Q4 of prior year
- Like-for-like flat development - discontinuation of services to GE and CFL/CE to be compensated by CORE savings

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Group outlook 2017.
Improvement in all major KPIs expected

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- Full year **Group sales** to increase high single digit in percentage terms
- **Group recurring EBITDA* and EBIT*** to increase more than proportionately to sales due to expected volume increase and initial CORE savings
- **Net result – continuing operations** close to prior year level at a mid double digit million Euro loss
  - Prior year result included positive effect from sale of Evanston site
  - Higher net financing result in 2017 relating to planned early redemption of corporate bond (write-off of capitalized refinancing costs and acceleration fee)
- **Capex** to increase compared to prior year but at the most at D&A level
- **Discontinued operations** to improve significantly driven by
  - Operational improvement in CFL/CE (operational improvement in GE not reflected in P&L as expected cash losses already provisioned in 2016 at time of sale agreement to Showa Denko)
  - Non-recurrence of tax impact related to PP carve out and one-off effects in GE in prior year
- **Free cash flow** expected more or less break even in remaining 2017
- **Net debt** at end 2017 to be substantially reduced due to expected cash proceeds from sale of GE and potentially CFL/CE (depending on timing of transaction/closing)

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PP disposal

Transaction details of announced Graphite Electrodes sale.

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Transaction scope	▪ Transaction scope is the **entire GE business**, except for certain legacy assets[1] ▪ **GE business represents ~70% of Performance Product (PP) division** and **~28% of total SGL Group** (of 2015A sales)
Valuation & financial impact	▪ **Enterprise Value of €350 million** (cash and debt free) translates into expected **cash proceeds of at least €200 million** (after deduction of standard debt-like items such as pension and restructuring provisions) ▪ The sale resulted in **impairment charges of €18 million in 2016**, which are related to transaction costs and the continuation of the GE business until closing ▪ The **cash proceeds equal the book value** as of September 30, 2016. Thus, the transaction **does not trigger any write-downs** on the book value in the GE business
Terms & conditions	▪ **Closing expected in mid 2017** and mainly subject to merger clearance ▪ **Limited SGL Group guarantees towards buyer** for potential environmental liabilities ▪ Representation & warranty package is capped at low double digit millions

Successful disposal of the loss-making GE business is a major step forward with regard to our strategic realignment

(1) Griesheim, Lachute site, and Narni

Sale process of CFL/CE business ongoing.

Profitable business with leading market position

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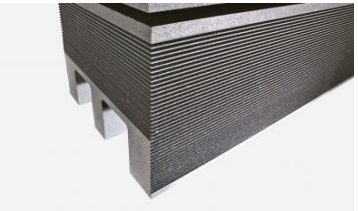
CFL/CE key highlights

- Strong end market dynamics supported by global mega trends – population growth, urbanization and further global industrialization
- Technological and innovation leadership – solution provider focused on customer value creation
- #1 Global #1 cathode supplier by deliveries[(1)] – A leading global player in furnace linings and carbon electrodes
- Highly cost competitive production facilities in Poland with high levels of utilization
- Strong and trusted relationships with customers on a global basis
- Highly experienced management team with proven track record in cost and performance leadership



Source: Company Information

(1) Bottom blocks; excluding supplies to Chinese market. Market share based on total delivery volumes of 150kmt (all cathode grades)

Update on PP disposal process.

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- Status of closing proceedings of **GE sale to Showa Denko**
  - Antitrust approval received from respective authorities in Germany, Japan, and Russia
  - Merger clearance process in US ongoing
  - Execution of step plan between signing and closing progressing as scheduled
  - We remain confident to close the transaction in mid 2017

- Status of **sales process of CFL/CE**
  - Detailed information package distributed to mid double digit number of interested parties
  - Low double digit number of indicative bids received until early May
  - Phase 2 of the divestment process* will be started soon with selected bidders
  - We continue to expect a signing in second half of 2017

*Includes management presentations, site visits and due diligence

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Carbon and Graphite.
Positioned along the entire value chain

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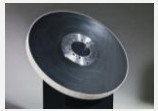
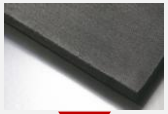
Customers

	Raw materials	Intermediate stages	Semi finished products	Solutions/ components
CFM	Acrylonitrile, Polyacrylonitrile (PAN)	Acrylic fibers, oxidized fibers, carbon fibers	Preforms, prepregs, multiaxial fabrics, braidings, textile products	Composite components, carbon ceramic brake discs, leaf springs
GMS	Cokes, pitches, natural graphites	Synthetic fine grain graphite blocks, expanded natural graphite	Machining, finishing, coatings (e. g. SiC), assembly	Heaters, anode materials for lithium-ion batteries, sealings, felts, process equipment and solutions




Customers

Control over the entire **value chain** enables product customization to customer requirements

Customers receive **tailor made solutions** from every step of the value chain

Forward integration in finishing technologies (GMS) and CFRP-components (CFM) including application know how are essential for **differentiation**

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CFM

CFM: Composite Specialist.
Solutions for future material mixes

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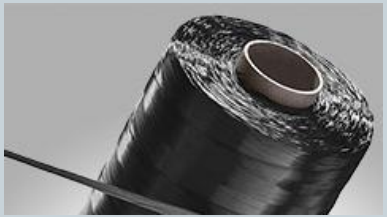
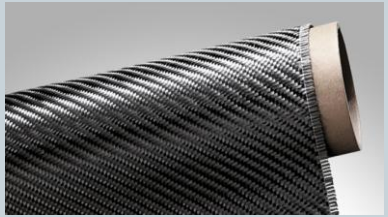
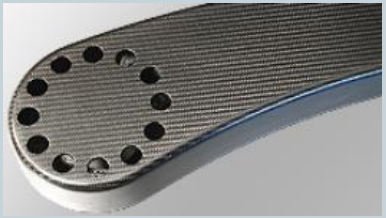
- CFM is an **innovation leader** for composites and possesses comprehensive competence for fibers, materials and applications.
- CFM's materials are stronger and lighter. They save energy where mass is in motion. As a **lightweight specialist**, CFM benefits from the **megatrends mobility and CO_2 reduction**.
- CFM of SGL Group is the only European company that covers the **entire carbon fiber value chain**. This allows us to control quality and costs.



CFM Example: Strong position in the automotive industry. Transfer existing know how industry wide

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- Automobile manufacturers have to design **lighter cars**, driven by global regulations limiting CO_2 emissions and the resulting trend towards alternative drive trains.
  - In Europe, car manufacturers could be required to reduce the average **CO_2 emissions** of their car fleet to below 75g/km until 2025 – this can only be done with lightweight construction.
  - The weight of hydrogen tanks or lithium ion batteries can be **offset with lighter materials**.
- CFM has an **innovation lead** of several years in lightweight technologies. Our competencies, which until now were dedicated to BMW Group, can now be offered to the entire industry.

Automotive

- **Extend offering of innovative fiber materials and composites** as showcased by the "Carbon Core" body of the new BMW 7 series where composites were used for the first time in **large scale automotive production**
- **Investment into the Lightweight and Applications Center in Meitingen (Germany),** e.g. for the simulation and production of prototypes and small scale series
- **New projects** with non-German car makers

CFM Example: Expansion into other industries.
Exploit material competence in aviation sector

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- CFM will transfer its lightweight competence from the automotive industry increasingly into the **aviation** sector with a new generation of **industrial carbon fibers**.
  - Our high tow carbon fibers provide better performance at the same high quality standard – at **lower production costs**.
  - The **surface of our carbon fibers bonds** exceptionally well with other composite materials.
- These materials show particular potential for **secondary structures** such as floor panels, cowlings, and landing gear doors.

Aviation

- **Dedicated development and marketing activities** for the aviation industry, particularly for commercial aircrafts
- **Serial delivery** to Airbus for its A350 model

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GMS: Development partner for our customers.
Graphite based solutions

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- GMS is the **development partner – "enabler" –** of our customers for graphite based advanced technological solutions.
- Offering products and solutions to **more than 35 industries**, the business unit is grounded on a broad base. GMS has **leading market positions** in many areas, providing stability.
- GMS benefits from the **megatrends energy supply and digitalization**. GMS will continue to widen its technological portfolio and capture new regions.




GMS Example: Energy supply as growth driver.
Reinforcement of leading position

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- Our graphite solutions are used in **energy applications**. We participate in the rising usage of new battery generations.
  - Our graphite anode materials are employed in **lithium-ion-batteries**, among others **for electric cars**. The market for alternative drive trains will grow strongly over the next years.
- GMS is a globally leading development partner for **the solar and photovoltaic industry**.
  - Our isostatic graphite is required in the value chain of the photovoltaic industry. Dynamic growth continues to be expected for this industry – approx. 12% for 2016.*

Energy

- Development of **next generation synthetic graphite anode materials -** higher storage capacity to increase range of electric cars
- Exploiting the **expanded isostatic graphite production center** (completed in 2014) in Bonn

*Source: IHS

GMS Example: Digitization and graphite.
LED and semiconductor industry drive demand

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- GMS specializes in **surface coating technologies**. These are required in equipment for manufacturing polysilicon, LEDs, and semiconductors.
  - Polysilicon demand for the semiconductor industry is expected to grow 11% per annum until 2017.*
  - Industry service provider „LED Insight" expects annual growth of 10% for the LED industry due to the strong demand for lighting applications.
- Due to increasing requirements regarding size, quality, and supplier reliability, GMS is a **dependable supplier of key components** for new generation polysilicon production equipment.

- **Close cooperation** with our customers in the further development of purified surface coatings for the LED and the semiconductor industries
- Expanding **coating technologies and capacities**
- **Strengthening regional and application competences**

*Sources: IHS, World Semiconductor Trade Statistics

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Latest Financials Q1/2017

Composites - Fibers & Materials. Strong sales growth partially raw material cost driven

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in € million	Q1/2017	Q1/2016
Sales revenue	93.6	82.3
EBITDA	13.3	12.7
$ROCE_{EBITDA}$ (in %)	10.6	10.7
EBIT	7.9	7.8
EBIT-Margin (in %)	8.4	9.5

- **Sales revenue** increased by 14% (no currency impact) due to
  - Higher sales in the market segments **industrial applications** (esp. carbon fibers for composites) and **textile fibers** (driven by higher oil based raw material prices with initial positive effect on selling prices)
  - Slightly higher sales in the market segments **automotive** and **wind energy**; sales in the market segment **aerospace** below high prior year level
- As expected, stable **EBIT** due to
  - Improved profitability esp. in market segment **industrial applications** due to higher utilization rates in our carbon fiber plants
  - Higher earnings in market segment **automotive** esp. as a result of higher profit contributions from our At-Equity investments Ceramic Brake Discs and Automotive Composites
  - Offset by
    - Lower earnings contributions from market segments **textile fibers** (time lag in fully passing over higher raw material costs) and **aerospace** (high base from last years higher invoicing in US materials business)
    - Higher expenses relating to the buildup of the **Lightweight and Application Center**

Graphite Materials & Systems. Stronger demand in nearly all market segments except chemicals

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in € million	Q1/2017	Q1/2016
Sales revenue	121.4	103.0
EBITDA*	14.1	12.4
$ROCE_{EBITDA}$ (in %)	12.9	13.0
EBIT*	8.5	7.0
EBIT-Margin* (in %)	7.0	6.8

- **Sales revenue** up 18 % (currency adjusted 17%)
  - Higher demand for graphite anode materials for lithium ion battery industry in the market segment **battery & other energy**
  - Improved sales in the market segments **solar**, **semiconductor**, **LED** as well as in **industrial applications**
  - Partially offset by weaker business in the market segment **chemicals** which continues to be impacted by low capex spending in the chemical industry
- Recurring **EBIT** increased by 21%
  - Significantly higher result in the market segment **battery & other energy**
  - Higher earnings contributions also from the market segments **LED**, **automotive & transport, solar**, and **industrial applications**
  - Partially offset by lower earnings contributions from the market segment **chemicals** due to lower business volume

* Before non-recurring charges of €0.0 million in Q1/2017 and €0.2 million in Q1/2016

Corporate. Lower expenses driven primarily by cost savings from project CORE

in € million	Q1/2017	Q1/2016
Sales revenue	1.3	2.2
EBITDA*	-5.4	-6.7
EBIT*	-6.8	-8.4

- Recurring **EBIT** improved by 19% due to
  - Cost savings as a result of project CORE (COrporate REstructuring)

- The name of the former reporting segment T&I and Corporate was simplified to Corporate.

*before non-recurring charges of €0.6 million in Q1/2017 and plus €0.4 million in Q1/2016

Group. Improvement driven by GMS, Corporate and discontinued operations.

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in € million	Q1/2017	Q1/2016
Sales revenue	216.3	187.5
EBITDA before non-recurring charges	**22.0**	**18.4**
$ROCE_{EBITDA}$ (in %)	8.6	8.5
EBIT before non-recurring charges	**9.6**	**6.4**
Non-recurring charges	-0.6	0.2
EBIT	9.0	6.6
Net financing result	-14.1	-15.3
Results from continuing operations before income taxes	-5.1	-8.7
Income tax expense and non controlling interests	-1.7	-7.9
Result from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	6.5	-9.8
Consolidated net result attributable to shareholders of parent company	**-0.3**	**-26.4**

- **Net financing result** includes accelerated write off of remaining capitalized refinancing costs relating to the €250 million corporate bond with 2021 maturity because we intend to redeem early the corporate bond following the closing of the GE sale to Showa Denko
- Improvement in **income tax expense** mainly driven by non-recurrence of write off of deferred tax assets in prior year period
- **Discontinued operations** achieved turnaround due to operational improvement in CFL/CE and non-recurrence of tax impact related to PP carve out and restructuring charges in GE in prior year period; current operational performance of GE not reflected in P&L as provisions were made in 2016 for expected cash losses until closing following disposal agreement with Showa Denko

Free cash flow.
Still negative but improved

in € million (continuing operations)	Q1/2017	Q1/2016
Cash flow from operating activities	-31.8	-45.1
Capital expenditures in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	-4.9	-4.2
Cash flow from other investing activities*	5.2	1.2
Free cash flow	-31.5	-48.1
Free cash flow from discontinued operations	0.7	-10.8

- **Cash flow from operating activities** improved by more than €13 million due to the higher result from continuing operations before taxes and a VAT repayment received in Q1/2017
- **Free cash flow from discontinued operations** reached break even mainly driven by an improvement of operating cash flows of former business unit PP only partially offset by cash flow from investing activities and includes the final installment of €9 million of the negative purchase price to the buyer of HITCO's aerostructures activities

*Dividends received, payments for capital contributions in investments accounted for At-Equity and other financial assets, proceeds from sale of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment

Balance sheet. Positive impact from PP disposals yet to come

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in € million	31.03.2017	31.12.2016
Equity ratio (in %)	18.0	17.5
Total liquidity (incl. discontinued operations)	297.4	333.0
Net financial debt	482.5	449.4
Gearing (net debt/equity)	1.42	1.35

- **Equity ratio** improved slightly to 18% mainly due to positive FX translation effects resulting from the stronger Polish zloty
- **Liquidity at end of Q1/2017 more than sufficient** to cover expected operational cash outflow in 2017 – with expected proceeds of more than €200 million at closing of the GE sale we intend to **exercise our call on the €250 million corporate bond**. Remaining cash and proceeds from sale of CFL/CE will be more than sufficient to **meet the January 2018 maturity of the convertible bond issued in 2012**
- Early repayment of the corporate bond will make **a further €100 million available under the syndicated loan** which could be used for the repayment of the convertible bond (in case the CFL/CE sale closes after the maturity date of the convertible bond)
- Higher **net financial debt** reflects mainly the reduced liquidity, resulting primarily from the buildup of working capital (decrease in trade payables and increase in trade receivables), and the final installment of €9 million of the negative purchase price to the buyer of HITCO's aerostructures activities

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