



### LANXESS – committed to sustainable chemistry

**ESG Equity Story** 

**Investor Relations** 

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## LANXESS as part of the chemical industry enables the transformation towards a sustainable society



#### **New Mobility**



#### **Renewable Energy**



#### **Water Treatment**



#### **Circular Economy**



Chemicals for battery production enable GHG-reduced solutions such as e-mobility

High-end materials such as lubricants support sustainable energy generation

Ion exchange resins can purify water providing drinking water and helping wastewater treatment

Recycling enables the recovery of molecules, reduces waste and makes re-use possible

# Sustainability is a business case and drives our economic and strategic success



#### We drive sustainable solutions...

Societal needs which we can and want to fulfill, e.g.

- Need for clean drinking water for a growing world population
- Disinfection to prevent the spread of diseases
- Additives to increase product life and thus reduce waste



#### ... and see clear financial benefits

- Energy-efficient production: Cost saving potential by determination in addressing areas of sustainability risks
- Acceptance and reputation: Strategic investment decisions by shifting into "tomorrow's markets" with growth and innovation potentials
- Better, integrated decision-making: Position ourselves with a foresighted business strategy and thereby secure our financial base

#### Sustainability commitment as our license to operate



# We offer extensive transparency on our commitment to sustainability



#### We commit to several initiatives and frameworks



















#### We offer transparency on where we stand complying with standards and regulations













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# We have defined clear targets and objectives for the sustainability areas we consider most important



CLIMATE

- ➤ Climate neutral by 2040 for Scope 1 & 2: -80% CO₂e emissions by 2030 versus 2004
- Net zero by 2050 for Scope 3: -60% CO₂e emissions by 2030 versus 2015

**WATER** 

➤ Reduction of absolute water withdrawal at water risk sites by 9% until end of 2028

**PRODUCTS** 

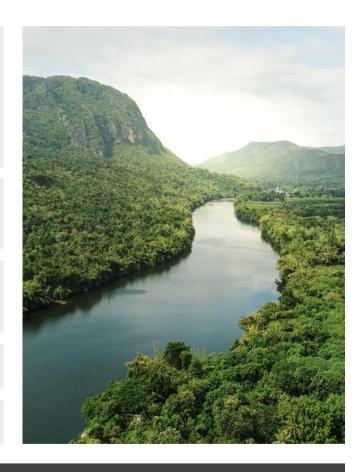
➤ Phase out of 2021/2023 roadmap products by 2026, innovate and substitute by 2030

**SAFETY** 

➤ Aiming for zero accidents

**DIVERSITY** 

➤ Proportion of women in management¹ at 30% in 2030



Ambition: LANXESS, a leading, resilient, and sustainable company

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Management refers to all managerial employees below the Board of management



### **Climate strategy**



### We are enroute towards climate neutrality

#### **Scope 1 & 2**

#### Climate Neutral 2040

CLIMATE 2040

#### Scope 3

Net Zero Value Chain

**NET ZERO\VALUE CHAIN** 

### Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from our own production and purchased energy (Scope 1 and 2)

- I. Realize major impact projects for climate protection
- II. Decouple emissions and growth
- III. Pursue technological innovations

#### Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from our value chain (Scope 3)

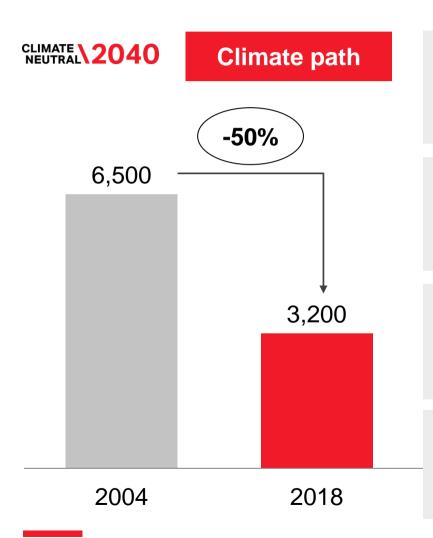
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- II. Transition to green logistics
- III. Increasingly offer low-carbon and climate-neutral products



Near-term (2030) and net zero targets approved to be on 1.5-degree climate path by SBTi<sup>1</sup>

# We have a long track record of climate protection projects – significant reduction already since 2004





#### Nitrious oxide reduction plant in Krefeld-Uerdingen, Germany

- Reduction by 1,500 kt CO<sub>2</sub>e/year
- Awarded several times

#### Co-generation plant in Porto Feliz, Brazil

- Degree of efficiency of up to 90 percent
- Powered by biomass, thus CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral

#### Steam network in Antwerp, Belgium

 Highly efficient due to joint energy use by numerous partners in the port of Antwerp

#### Portfolio optimization

Focus on low-emission specialty chemicals



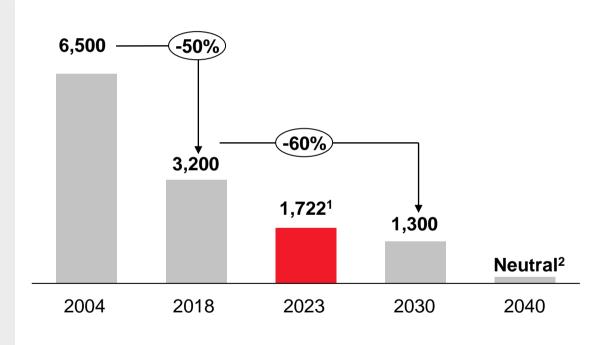
### Our projects to reduce Scope 1 and 2 emissions are on track



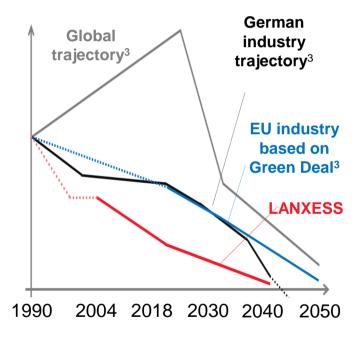
CLIMATE 2040

#### Our path to climate neutrality

- 1 Realize major impact projects
- Decouple emissions & growth
- 3 Pursue technological innovations



We are ahead of EU regulation



in thousand metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e Scope 1 and 2 emissions

Scope 1 and 2 emissions

#### We are on track to achieve target set for 2030

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Only continuing operations. 2023 figure distorted by very low utilization. | <sup>2</sup> Climate neutral: Less than 220k tons of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents (e) per year. These will be reduced through compensation measures. | <sup>3</sup> Estimation based on AGORA Energiewende



### Our transition to CO<sub>2</sub> neutral production in India is far advanced



CLIMATE 2040



#### **Major impact project (example)**



- Terminate use of coal-based energy sources at our sites and switch to biomass and renewable energies
- Total investment of EUR 10-15 million

**Emissions at Indian sites (base year: 2018)** 





Total target for emissions Reduction: ~ 150 kt CO<sub>2</sub>e / year



### We will fully transition to green electricity supply in the next decade



CLIMATE 2040



#### **Major impact project (example)**



- Full supply contract with ENGIE concluded for German and Belgian sites with a volume of 1,400 GWh
- More than half is green electricity from wind and solar parks (17 wind farms and 4 solar parks in Germany)
- Supply to Bergkamen, Bitterfeld, Brunsbüttel,
   Mannheim and Antwerp sites

Total emission reduction starting in 2023 Reduction: ~ 33 kt CO<sub>2</sub>e / year





# Recent acquisitions and investments are in line with climate neutral strategy



CLIMATE 2040



#### **Decouple emissions and growth**

#### **Organic growth**

 Resulting CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions increase of annual volume growth must be compensated by innovations and technologies

#### **Acquisitions**

- All potential targets are analyzed with regards to their CO<sub>2</sub>e balance
- Businesses are only acquired if emissions fit in our climate neutral strategy; our recent acquisitions of Emerald Kalama Chemical and IFF's Microbial Control business are aligned with this strategy





## Various smaller projects for emission reduction successfully in place



CLIMATE 2040



#### Pursue technological innovations (examples)

Rethink and adapt energy and CO<sub>2</sub> intensive chemical processes

**Digitalization in Leverkusen** 

New program enabling the live simulation of production processes for phosphorus chemicals plant allowing us to reduce steam consumption

Reduction: ~ 4,000 t / year

Leverage "Verbund" structures for more integrated solutions

**Steam plant network in Antwerp** 

Commissioning of a steam plant network in partnership with other chemicals companies reducing energy costs and CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions

Reduction: ~ 10,000 t / year

Emphasis on CO<sub>2</sub> intensity as criterion in the R&D process

Priority for CO<sub>2</sub> projects





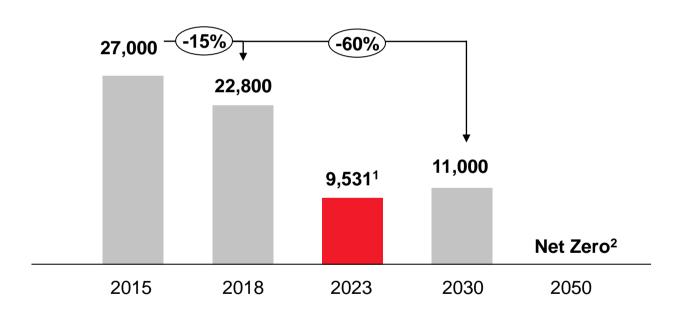
# We aim to reduce and ultimately neutralize our Scope 3 value chain emissions



**NET ZERO\VALUE CHAIN** 

#### Our path to Net Zero

- 1 Use of sustainable raw materials
- 2 Transition to green logistics
- 3 Increasingly offer low-carbon and climate-neutral products



in thousand metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e Scope 3 emissions

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Only continuing operations. 2023 figure distorted by very low utilization.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Net zero" will be achieved by a combination of positive and negative emissions during the life-cycle. Final 10% of emissions will be reduced by compensation measures.

# Sustainable raw materials are the key to climate neutrality in the value chain



**NET ZERO\VALUE CHAIN** 



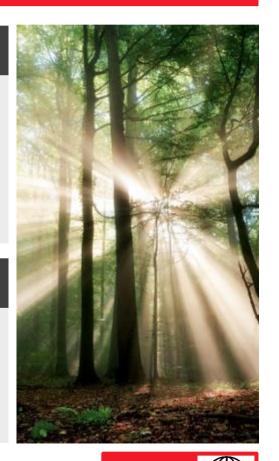
#### Use of sustainable raw materials

#### LANXESS and TotalEnergies cooperate on sustainable styrene

- Biocircular styrene based on tall oil derived from a tree resin
- LANXESS uses the styrene to produce sustainable ion exchange resins, e.g., used in treatment of wastewater and chemical process flows
- Sustainable origin is certified in accordance with ISCC<sup>1</sup> PLUS standard

#### LANXESS and Covestro cooperate to produce more sustainable raw materials

- LANXESS sources chlorine, caustic soda and hydrogen from the ISCC PLUS-certified sites of Covestro in Leverkusen and Krefeld-Uerdingen
- Covestro uses electricity with certificates of origin from hydropower for electrolysis





### We make our logistics "greener" by using lowemission transport options

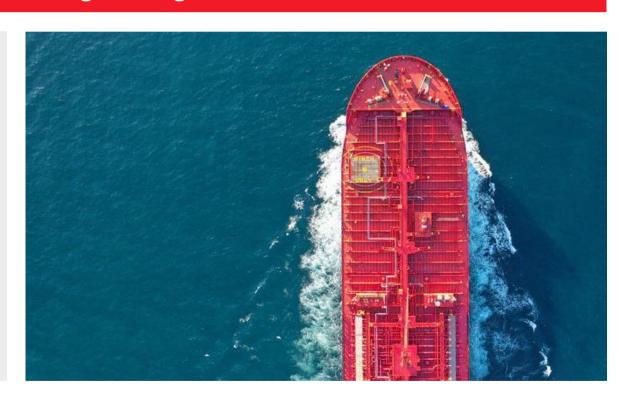


**NET ZERO\VALUE CHAIN** 



#### **Transition to green logistics**

- Increase transportation asset utilization
- Optimize freight transport modes
- Reduce freight transport demand
- Utilize "green ships"
- Improve fleet partner energy efficiency



Reducing emissions from logistics is a small but still important lever



# We strive for a sustainable, climate-neutral product portfolio without compromising product performance



**NET ZERO\VALUE CHAIN** 



Increasingly offer low-carbon and climate-neutral products (examples)





- First sustainable ion exchange resin used in water filter cartridges
- Resins are based on biocircular acrylonitrile resulting in a sustainable raw material share of more than 90%
- Production in compliance with certified ISCC Plus standards



- Is used in resins and polyurethane applications
- TMP Scopeblue is based on more than 50% circular Butyraldehyd as a raw material (ISCC Plus certified)
- Sustainable drop-in for existing formulations without compromising performance





### Sustainable products

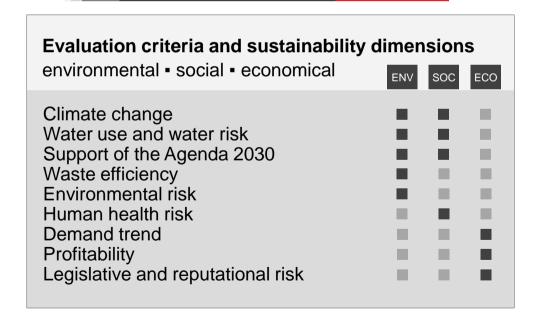


# Our product classification system identifies the share of sustainable products in our portfolio



The share of sustainable products is increasing

#### **LANXESS Product Sustainability Monitor**



Energizer 30% of sales

Outstanding sustainability performance

Very low to low environmental impact

Contribution to at least one SDG

Performer 53% of sales State-of-the-art sustainable products

Fulfill or exceed sustainability requirements

Low to medium environmental impact

Transitioner 6% of sales

 Not (yet) fulfill all LANXESS sustainability requirements

Active steering and improvement processes

Roadmap 2024/2026

9% of sales

 End-products<sup>1</sup> with sustainability concerns containing >0.1% critical substances

Managed in roadmap processes until 2026

Phase-out

Roadmap products from 2021/2023 either with substitution by 2030 or phase-out by 2026



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Not considered as chemical end-products are chemical intermediates sold to chemical-industry customers.

# We support our customers in reaching their climate goals



#### **Life Cycle Assessments**

- Systematic analysis of input and output streams over the entire lifespan of our products
- Assessment according to ISO 14040/44

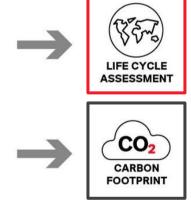
#### **Product Carbon Footprints**

- Engine that automatically calculates the carbon footprint for LANXESS' products
- Calculates the emissions generated according to the cradle-to-gate approach
- Method certified by TÜV Rheinland in accordance with the ISO 14067

#### How does this work?



### MAKING IMPACTS TRANSPARENT



Product Carbon Footprint and Life Cycle Assessments support our customers to make the right choices on their path to climate neutrality and better environmental performance.



# Example to fighting climate change: LEWATIT® adsorber enable direct air capture of CO<sub>2</sub>

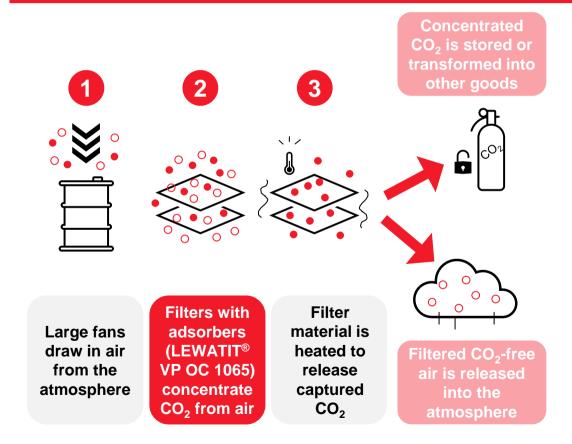


#### LANXESS product used for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction

- Recent studies propose that GHG emission savings are not sufficient to fight climate change
- Additional measures need to be taken to reduce the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> which is already in the atmosphere

LEWATIT® VP OC 1065 adsorber facilitates the CO<sub>2</sub> removal from air via direct air capture

#### How does direct air capture work?







### Water and waste



# We have a clear strategy for sustainable water management



#### **LANXESS Water Program**

- 2023 target of "15% absolute reduction of water withdrawal until 2023 at water risk sites" reached
- New ambitious targets have been set

- Global target: To reduce annual water consumption by 2% despite organic growth
- Local targets: Reduction of absolute water withdrawal at LANXESS water risk<sup>1</sup> and water stress<sup>2</sup> sites by a total of 9% until 2028
- Implementing WASH Pledge measures until 2028 (WASH4WORK)



CDP honored our efforts in water security again with an A- rating in 2023





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Water risk sites: Nagda and Jhagadia (both India), Latina (Italy) and Qingdao (China)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Water stress sites (without water risk sites): East Hanover, Laval, Liyang, Merlo, Perth Amboy, Porto Feliz

### We efficiently use our integrated production structures to reduce waste streams



#### **LANXESS Waste Management**

- We strive to avoid hazardous & non-hazardous waste
- Integrated production sites enable us to re-use many residues and by-products in neighboring plants (own and other chemicals companies)

#### **Examples for efficient use of waste streams**

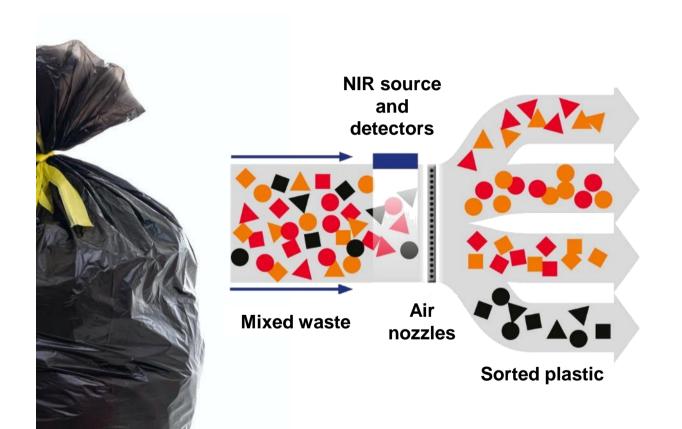
- Internal use: In Leverkusen, ammonia water, a byproduct from our BU LPT, used as a raw material by the neighboring hydrate plant run by our BU AII instead of fresh ammonia
- External use: In Uerdingen, our BU AII passes on glutaric acid – a by-product of adipic acid production – to a partner for their production





## Example for waste reduction: Pigment solution ensures sorting of black plastics for recycling





#### LANXESS product facilitates recycling

- Black plastics are largely colored with carbon black which is not detectable in sorting machines
- LANXESS black pigment BAYFERROX®
   303 T makes black plastic detectable by machines, thereby improving recycling results

Reliable sorting of black plastics can be realized, and thermal decomposition avoided



# Conserving biodiversity is an essential pillar of our pledge to promote sustainability



Responsibility along the value chain



Safe & Sustainable sites



Sustainable products



- We strive for circular & sustainable sourcing
- Raw materials that we procure should be in line with recognized standards of sustainability
- Endeavour to avoid non-hazardous and hazardous emissions in soil, air and water
- Clear commitment and targets for water withdrawal, use and limitation of water pollution
- Clear climate strategy

- Improvement of sustainability performance of our product portfolio as integral aspect of product responsibility
- Product Sustainability Monitor used to categorize our product portfolio and identify share of sustainable products and those with improvement potential

- Climate change and water-related issues (water withdrawal, use & pollution) as the primary drivers of the potential environmental and biodiversity impact of the chemical industry
- We have already established commitments, strategies, and specific targets for both topics



### **Working at LANXESS**



### We have a strong commitment towards diversity and inclusion



#### Success driven by personal commitment of each and every employee



- Further increase proportion of women in...
- DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

- Management<sup>1</sup> to 30% by 2030
   Currently at: 26.1%
- 1st level below Board of Management to 25% by 2027
   Currently at: 23.1%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> level below Board of Management to 28% by 2027
   Currently at: 28.4%
- Have at least 30% female and 40% non-German participants in corporate talent programs

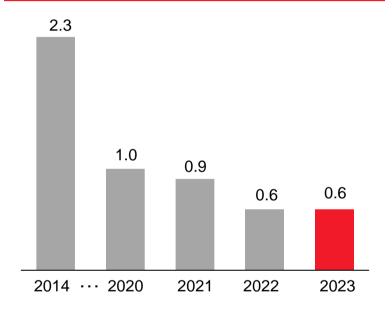
We are on track with achieving our targets and plan to further foster diversity and inclusion



### We view social principles as major drivers for sustainable success



#### **Ambition: Avoid all accidents**



LTIFR<sup>1</sup>: Accident rate per million hours worked; starting 2023 only continuing operations

#### Social principles are more than diversity indicators

- Commitment to ILO<sup>2</sup> convention and its principles for work
- We set the target to reduce LTIFR in 2025 by more than 50% versus 2014
- Initiatives fostering occupational health and safety, e.g., platform with various offers around health and prevention measures
- Fair compensation and comprehensive benefits, e.g., (child-)care, maternity/ paternity leave, pension, transition into retirement and for different insurances
- Comprehensive concepts for employee qualification, e.g., reflected in high ratio of apprentices hired after completing the training
- Close and regular collaboration with works' councils and labor unions

#### Our social principles are embedded in our Performance Culture





### Governance approach



### Our governance structure starting with the Supervisory Board ensures strategic oversight



#### **Supervisory Board**

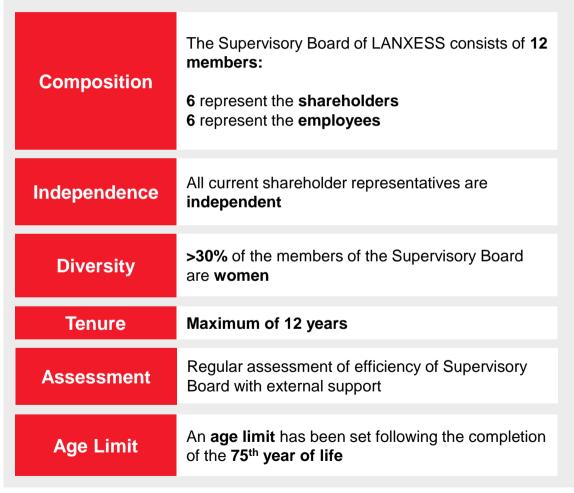
- Competence profile
- Sustainability embedded in yearly strategy review

#### **Committees**

- Sustainability (CEO)
- Risk (CFO)
- Investment
- Digitalization

#### Compensation

- Long-Term Stock Plan
- Sustainability
   Performance Plan
- Short-term incentive incl. non-financial target





### **Broad Competence profile to ensure specialist knowledge and experience**

Chemical industry, international management, corporate governance/compliance, strategy, M&A, production, marketing & sale of chemical products, raw material procurement, energy & services, HR/codetermination, investor relations, corporate financing, accounting and auditing, risk management, IT/digitalization and ESG



# CEO-led committee structure guarantees effective sustainability management



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#### **Sustainability Committee**

Matthias Zachert (CEO)

Entire board reviews and tracks sustainability performance and aligns on targets and action plans quarterly

#### **Sub-Committees**

Climate and Energy

Health, Safety and Environment

Value Chain Circularity & Product Stewardship

Social and Governance

Stakeholder expectations & reporting standards

**Hubert Fink** 

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Frederique van Baarle

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Oliver Stratmann

- Embedded in our Corporate Policy, Code of Conduct and Integrated Management Systems
- Close collaboration between Board of Management and Supervisory Board



# Balanced compensation for Board of Management – significant share based on sustainability & safety targets



#### **Supervisory Board**

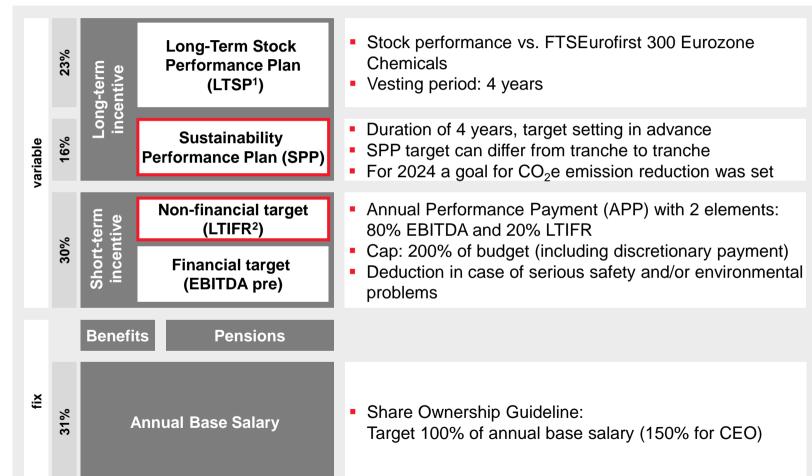
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<sup>✓ &</sup>quot;Claw-back":

Right to

withhold or

reclaim

granted

variable

compensation

- ✓ Total compensation is capped<sup>3</sup>
- ✓ Discretionary payment is limited to 20% of total APP





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### Leading ESG rating providers honor our performance





2<sup>nd</sup> highest category for 3<sup>rd</sup> time Convincing climate strategy and efforts to reduce water use





Prime status since 2020 Top 10%





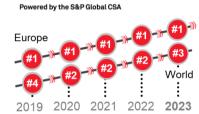
Rating



In total, 7 times on Climate A list (among top 2%), 5th time in a row 2<sup>nd</sup> time A- rating for water disclosure







Top 10% in DJSI World (13th year) DJSI Europe (7th year) Sustainability Yearbook member

#### We are rewarded for our efforts on sustainability that go beyond the must-haves











# Our activities account only for minor CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions, hence only minor taxonomy-eligibility



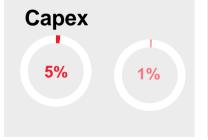
#### **EU Taxonomy as one element of the EU's Green Deal**

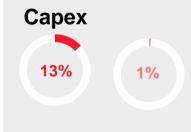
- For alignment with EU Taxonomy, assessment of<sup>1</sup>:
  - Substantial contribution to one of six environmental objectives (so far, only "climate change mitigation" & "climate change adaptation" determined)
  - While doing no significant harm (DNSH) to any of the other objectives
- Taxonomy focuses on 93% of European Scope 1 CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions; all other activities without material CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions currently labeled as taxonomy-non-eligible
- Positive signal: Our minor share of taxonomy eligible activities was reduced even further through the carve-out of our HPM business unit into the joint venture with Advent

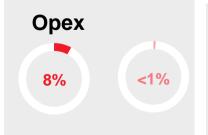
















# We have also embedded sustainability targets in our financing strategy

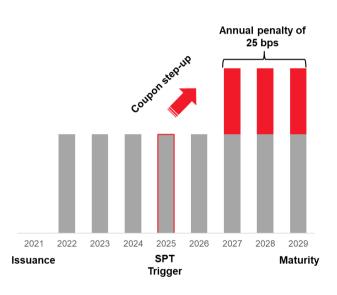


#### Sustainable revolving credit facility

- In 2019, consortium of 12 banks agreed upon parameters
- Volume of €1 bn
- Interest rate terms linked to two parameters:
  - Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
     (Scope 1)
  - Increase in the proportion of women in management

#### **Sustainability-linked bonds (SLB)**

- Successful placement of two sustainability-linked bonds within our SLB financing framework
- Interest rate of bonds linked to reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- If the target is missed, the interest rate will increase by 25 bps p.a. for subsequent interest periods until maturity
- Example bond 2021: €600 m, tenor: 8 years, coupon: 0.625 %



Maturity profile of 2021 SLB

Innovative sustainable financing concepts will enable us to achieve better financing conditions





#### On course for a more sustainable environment

Sustainability at the core of our strategy:

- ✓ Overarching targets
- ✓ Anchored in management remuneration
- ✓ Sustainability-linked financing
- ✓ Supporting a sustainable economy with activities and products



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- Sustainability Website
- Annual Report 2023
- Articles of Association
- Business Partner Code of Conduct
- Code of Conduct
- Compensation Report 2023
- Corporate Policy
- ESG Data Factsheet (KPI overview)

- ESG Background Papers on:
  - Climate
  - Water
  - Working at LXS
  - Value Chain Circularity
  - Product Portfolio
- Position on Human Rights
- Political Activities
- Political Positions
- Taxation Policy

# LANXESS Energizing Chemistry

# The taxonomy climate criteria (1 & 2) cover activities responsible for 93% GHG emissions in the EU



#### **Activities**

#### Definition

#### **Industry perspective**

#### **Enabling activities**

e.g., Construction of solar photovoltaic technology

Activities which are needed to become climate neutral

- In general, only the last value-chain step covered
- Chemicals <u>not</u> considered by definition

#### **Transformational activities**

e.g., Manufacturing of plastics and of bulk chemicals

Activities which need to transform because they have high GHG emissions today

- Transformation pathways ("alignment"):
  - Chemicals: Technology (Capex)
  - Plastics: Raw material change (no Capex)

All activities <u>not</u> covered by taxonomy criteria 1 & 2

e.g., Manufacturing of specialty chemicals

Activities which in total do not have high GHG emissions today

 Activities should be considered as "aligned" per se

