## RESEARCH UPDATE

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Market Statistics
Price
52 week Range
Daily Vol (3-mo. average) Market Cap (M):
Enterprise Value (M):
Shares Outstanding: (M)
Foat (M)

| $€$ | 3.02 |
| ---: | ---: |
| $€ 2.04$ | $-€ 5.46$ |
|  | 78,120 |
| $€$ | 150.6 |
| $€$ | 413.3 |
|  | 49.9 |
|  | 20.1 |


| Financial Summary |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash (M) |  |  |  |  | $€$ | 111.0 |
| Cash/Share |  |  |  |  | $€$ | 2.22 |
| Debt (M) |  |  |  |  | $€$ | 368.1 |
| Equity (M) |  |  |  |  | $€$ | 141.1 |
| Equity/Share |  |  |  |  | $€$ | 2.83 |
| FYE: DEC |  | 2023 |  | 2024E |  | 2025E |
| (in €) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev | $€$ | 608.49 | $€$ | 619.49 | $€$ | 663.07 |
| Chng \% |  | -12.7\% |  | 1.8\% |  | 7.0\% |
| EBITDA | $€$ | 56.24 | $€$ | 76.68 | $€$ | 92.28 |
| Net Income | € | (14.05) | $€$ | 0.51 | $€$ | 12.21 |
| EPS | $€$ | (0.27) | $€$ | 0.01 | $€$ | 0.24 |
| EV/Revenue |  | 0.7x |  | $0.7 x$ |  | 0.6x |
| EV/EBITDA |  | 7.3x |  | 5.4x |  | 4.5x |
| P/E |  | -0.2x |  | nm |  | 0.2x |



## COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Aquafil Group is a pioneer of the circular economy and a leading manufacturer of synthetic fibers and polymers, including Nylon 6, Nylon 6.6 and Dryarn®. Aquafil's commitment to continuous research and development has set the standard for quality and product innovation worldwide and led to the discovery of ECONYL® nylon, a revolutionary nylon made of $100 \%$ waste and is $100 \%$ regenerable. Today, Aquafil is recognized as a sustainability leader, a stalwart example of the circular economy and an innovator dedicated to researching closedloop systems for the synthetic fiber and polymer industry.

## AQUAFIL (BIT: ECNL) (OTCQX: ECNLF)

## Aquafil reports 4Q23 results

In 4Q23 Aquafil continued to experience the short-term headwinds associated with the high unit value of inventories, leading to a $€ 24.0 \mathrm{M}$ negative impact for FY23. We do not expect that the high-cost inventory will be an issue in FY24 as the Company has worked diligently to right size its balance sheet. Subsequent to the end of the quarter, ECNL received a covenant holiday from its lenders due to this weakness. In response ECNL has done a modest reorganization that involves exiting high-cost operations, while retaining capacity, to save $\sim € 10.0 \mathrm{M}$ over the next 12 months. The anticipated inventory correction along with the expected volume increase and cost savings leads us to believe that the Company will see margin expansion in the coming year, giving us the confidence to look through the short-term headwinds when valuing ECNL.

Quarterly results: ECNL reported revenue, adj EBITDA, and adj EPS of $\$ 130.9 \mathrm{M}, \quad \$ 10.5 \mathrm{M}$, and (\$0.18), respectively. This compares to our/consensus estimates of $\$ 146.3 \mathrm{M} / \$ 145.9 \mathrm{M}, ~ \$ 10.4 \mathrm{M} / \$ 10.1 \mathrm{M}$, and ( $\$ 0.11$ )/(\$0.12), respectively. Revenue were impacted by both lower selling prices, different mix, and lower volumes. This resulted in a year over year revenue decline of $16.0 \%$. The Company was negatively impacted by high unit cost of inventory in the year and the quarter. We anticipate that the average cost per unit of inventory mismatch will not be an issue in FY24. EBTIDA margin was $8.3 \%$ in the quarter, down from $13.5 \%$ in 4Q22. We expect that the Company will see growing revenues as volumes and mix improve.

Outlook remains positive: The Company, having recently completed its business plan, sees a lot of optimism out to 2025. To get ahead of these challenges ECNL is focusing on cost cutting initiatives and has acquired a covenant holiday from lenders for the remainder of FY24. Recently, ECNL completed the start-up activities for its Engineered Plastics project in EMEA, which we believe will help drive growth in the future. Notably the Company is still generating strong cash flows as Capex spend is expected to decrease significantly in FY24. The combination of reorganization, increasing volumes, and strong cash flows is expected to allow ECNL to focus on debt repayments and cash generation going forward.

ECONYL® Expansion on Track: The Company reported another quarter of strong ECONYL® contributions to revenues at $49.6 \%$ for FY23. This is an increase of 610bps from $43.8 \%$ seen in the same period of FY22. This increase is due to selling price changes. This level of ECONYL® contribution to revenue is in-line with management's expectations and is expected to remain a positive addition to the financials.

Valuation: For our DCF analysis we assume a terminal growth rate of 2.0\%. Our DCF analysis relies on a range of discount rates between $10.25 \%$ and $10.75 \%$ with a midpoint of $10.50 \%$. This arrives at a valuation range of $€ 3.72$ to $€ 4.53$ with a mid-point of $€ 4.10$.

## SUMMARY

Exhibit 1: Quarterly Results vs. Model

| 4Q23 Results (in 000 's, except EPS) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Reported | Model | Notes |
| Revenues | € 130.9 | € 146.3 |  |
|  |  |  | Weaker than expected volumes drove the revenue miss |
| Cost of sales | 61.5 | 78.3 |  |
| Gross profit | 69.5 | 68.0 |  |
| GPM | 53.1\% | 46.5\% | GPM was well above our expectations |
| Service Cost | 30.9 | 31.9 |  |
| Labor Costs | 30.8 | 30.8 |  |
| Other Costs | 12.2 | 12.1 |  |
| Operating Exp | 73.9 | 74.8 |  |
| Op Inc - adjusted | (4.5) | (6.8) |  |
| OPM | -3.4\% | -4.6\% | OPM slightly outpaced our expectations |
| EBITDA - adjusted | 10.5 | 10.4 | Strong GPM was the primary driver to EBITDA margin b6 |
| EBITDA margin | 8.0\% | 7.1\% |  |
| Net inc- adjusted | $€(8.8)$ | $€ \quad(5.4)$ |  |
| EPS - adjusted | € (0.18) | € (0.11) |  |

## Margins

The Company is engaged in the production, reprocessing, and sale of polyamide 6 fibers and polymers on a global basis and covers the entire value chain in the form of vertical integration.

The Company's overall margin is impacted by sales mix as well as the sale of ECONYL products which have higher margins. The sustained demand for the Company's product \& industry practice allows the Company to reprice and transfer the higher cost to consumers and protect its margins. As a result, the Company commands a higher margin as compared to its listed peers.

For 4Q23 the Company had gross margins of $53.1 \%$, down from $54.4 \%$ in 4Q22. This was primarily attributed to the higher carrying cost of inventory. This was slightly buoyed by the increase in ECONYL revenues making up 49.6\% of revenues up 540bps year over year. The Company also saw EBITDA margins of $8.3 \%$, down from $13.5 \%$ last year.

## VALUATION SUMMARY

Aquafil is an industrial pioneer in producing raw material for Nylon 6 production from waste. The Company has made significant capital investments, improving the industrial efficiency in their existing plants, strengthening their production capacities, and improving operating margins. Aquafil has a strong global exposure with 19 production plants in eight countries across Asia, Europe, and North America. The Company is strategically partnered with high profile brands like Patagonia, Gucci, and Prada, among others, who share the same circular vision and goals for sustainability.

To help frame our valuation we use a combination of comparative analysis and discounted cash flow analysis.

Comparative Analysis
(all figures in M , expect per share information)

| Company Name | Symbol Price (1) |  | Mrkt Cap | EV | EV/Sales (2) |  |  | EV/EBITDA |  |  | P/E |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $2023$ |  | 2024E | 2025E | 2023 | 2024E 2025E |  | 2023 | 2024E | 2025E |
| Lenzing Aktiengesellschaft | LNZ | $€ 29.60$ |  | € 1,143.15 | € 3,184.75 | 1.3 x | 1.2 x | 1.2 x | 10.7x | 8.3 x | $6.4 x$ | -0.1x | -2.8x | 0.4 x |
| EMS-CHEMIE HOLDING AG | EMSN | $€ 675.87$ | € 15,202.87 | $€ 15,009.87$ | $6.9 x$ | $6.7 x$ | 6.3 x | 27.9x | 25.5x | 22.5x | 1.5x | 1.5 x | 1.3 x |
| Interface, Inc. | TILE | $€ 13.73$ | $€ 870.69$ | $€ 1,275.64$ | 1.0x | 1.0x | 1.0x | 8.7x | 7.8x | 7.3x | 0.3 x | 0.2 x | 0.2x |
|  |  |  |  | Average | 3.1x | 3.0x | 2.8x | 15.7x | 13.9x | 12.1x | 0.6x | -0.4x | 0.7x |
|  |  |  |  | Median | 1.3x | 1.2x | 1.2x | 10.7x | 8.3x | 7.3x | 0.3x | 0.2x | 0.4x |
| Aquafil S.p.A. | ECNL | $€ 3.02$ | $€ 150.57$ | $€ 413.33$ | 0.7 x | 0.7 x | 0.6x | 8.7x | 5.4x | 4.8x | -0.1x | nm | 0.4 x |

(1) Previous day's closing price
(2) Estimates are from Capital IQ

Source: Company reports, CapitallQ, Stonegate Capital Partners
Based on our F24 estimates, Aquafil is trading at a 4.8 x EV/EBITDA multiple vs. the median comp at 7.3 x . Given the comps, coupled with historical trading ranges, we believe using an EV/EBITDA range of 6.0 x to 7.0 x with a mid-point of $6.5 x$ is reasonable to account for the Company's slightly smaller size vs comps. Applying this range to our F24 estimate, we arrive at a valuation range of $€ 4.09$ to $€ 5.63$, with a midpoint at $€ 4.86$.

| EV/EBITDA |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2024 E | 6.00x | 6.50x | 7.00x |
| Adj EBITDA | 76.9 | 76.9 | 76.9 |
| TEV | 461.5 | 500.0 | 538.5 |
| Cash | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 |
| Debt | 368.1 | 368.1 | 368.1 |
| Mrkt Cap | 204.4 | 242.9 | 281.3 |
| S/O | 49.9 | 49.9 | 49.9 |
| Price | € 4.09 | € 4.86 | € 5.63 |

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Sensitivity Analysis:

|  |  | Terminal Growth Rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1.50\% |  | 1.75\% |  | 2.00\% |  | 2.25\% |  | 2.50\% |  |
|  | 10.00\% | € | 4.40 | $€$ | 4.54 | $€$ | 4.69 | $€$ | 4.84 | $€$ | 5.01 |
|  | 10.25\% | $€$ | 4.12 | € | 4.25 | € | 4.39 | € | 4.53 | $€$ | 4.69 |
|  | 10.50\% | $€$ | 3.86 | € | 3.98 | € | 4.10 | $€$ | 4.24 | $€$ | 4.38 |
|  | 10.75\% | $€$ | 3.61 | $€$ | 3.72 | € | 3.84 | € | 3.96 |  | 4.09 |
|  | 11.00\% | $€$ | 3.37 | $€$ | 3.47 | € | 3.58 | € | 3.70 |  | 3.82 |

## Business Overview

Aquafil Group engages in the production, reprocessing, and sale of polyamide 6 fibers and polymers across the globe. The Company offers bulk continuous filament or synthetic yarns for the textile flooring sector, where the finished product can be used in hotels, airports, offices, residential buildings, and the automotive market. It also offers nylon textile filaments to the apparel and fashion markets. The Company's EP (engineered plastics and polymers) business manufactures and sells polymers, that are primarily used for applications in injection molding, extrusion, and CNC production. Typical end products include plastic molded accessories for the fashion industry and designer furniture industries.

The Company was founded in 1965 and is headquartered in Arco, Italy.
In October of 2022 the Company commenced trading on the OTCQX under the symbol ECNLF.
Exhibit 2: Aquafil Global Operation


Source: Company Reports

## ECONYL® AND THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

The Company is a pioneer in the circular economy and invented the ECONYL® regeneration system, an innovative and sustainable process that can create new products from waste. Through this production system, the Company transforms nylon waste, such as abandoned fishing nets, old carpets, or textile production scraps, into new sustainable fiber and polymers, which has the same qualitative characteristics as traditional nylon. Importantly, the ECONYL® regeneration system gives new life to waste materials that would otherwise be sent to landfills or incineration.

Aquafil believes it was one of the first companies in Italy to adopt a "Life Cycle Thinking" approach that considers a holistic view of a product and evaluates its environmental impact from "cradle to grave." Through this analysis of the nylon value chain, the Company discovered the most negative impact to the planet came from the raw material extraction phase.

This discovery led Aquafil to design a circular economy for the nylon product value chain by removing the reliance on fossil resources.

Aquafil adheres to 5 guiding ideas:
Rethinking Products in a Circular perspective: Rethinking products from a circular viewpoint through enhancing current value chains, investigating, and developing new ones, and putting an ecocentric design strategy into practice.

Protecting the Environment: By reducing its environmental effect and paving a sustainable future for an industry that has historically been accountable for landfill waste, water pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions, the Company can protect the environment.

Caring for the Wellbeing of Individuals: By promoting the development, security, and welfare of employees.

Sharing Responsibilities Throughout the Value Chains: Dividing up duties along the value chains while working with clients and vendors to simulate sector-wide transformation.

Supporting the Local Communities: Supporting neighborhood communities by advancing equality, prosperity, and environmentally responsible development.

Exhibit 3: Aquafil's "Life Cycle Thinking" Approach


Source: Company Reports

## ESG Focus

Aquafil believes in a future with sustainability and Environment as the core of the economic growth driven by the responsibility to transform the world for the better. They have adopted the SDGs (Social Development Goals) which help them act towards achieving their ESG goal.

Environment: The Company is conscious of the impact of all their processes on the planet, from the choice of material to the sale location. Its investment in designing a closed loop nylon, that diverts waste from landfills, forges a path of sustainability for the entire industry. Further the Company was the first ranked company in the "Textiles' subindustry according to Morningstar Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating.

Social: To strengthen its commitment to upholding workers' and human rights, Aquafil has identified the international standard SA8000:2014 as a tool in its pursuit of sustainability. This standard takes into consideration workers' rights, workplace conditions and the presence of an effective management system. In this context, the Company has started a project in Aquafil S.p.A.'s Italian headquarter offices with the goal of gradually expanding the certification for this standard to additional offices.

The Group actively promotes adherence to the standard and its guiding principles every day, not just within its own organization but also among supply chain stakeholders.

## Ideas the Company Promotes Under the Standard:

- Quality Education
- Gender Equality
- Affordable and clean energy
- Sustainable cities and communities

Governance: The Company displays high standards for corporate governance with a detailed and defined framework for protecting the rights of all stakeholders. The Company has defined its compensation policy, accounting and auditing methods, selection for leadership and executive compensation to best safeguard the interests of its shareholders.

## Product Overview

Aquafil manufactures and sells three types of yarn that include: (1) flooring yarns, (2) clothing yarns, and (3) polyamide 6 or nylon 6 for the engineering plastics sector.

Exhibit 4: Product Lines at a Glance


Polymers


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## Flooring Yarns (BCF Products)

Aquafil was originally founded to manufacture flooring yarn. The product line represents a key source of revenue for the Company with about $73.5 \%$ of FY22 total sales.

Over time, Aquafil has become a leading carpet yarn manufacturer across different market segments. These include:
$\checkmark$ Contract - hotels, offices, and public spaces
$\checkmark$ Automotive - auto carpets, molded floors/mats, and upholstery
$\checkmark$ Residential - wall-to-wall and broadloom for living
$\checkmark$ Rugs
$\checkmark$ Transportation - textile floorings for trains, airplanes, ferries
$\checkmark$ Special applications - ropes, filters, mattresses, sponges
Aquafil is recognized as a leading player in the Bulk Continuous Filament (BCF Product) sector globally. In fact, it is a market leader in Europe and rest of the world.

Exhibit 5: Flooring Yarn Products


Source: Company reports

The Group has R\&D and Design Carpet Centers distributed throughout its main markets that include Italy, USA, and China. At these centers, there are a wide variety of color-based technical solutions that allow Aquafil to customize solutions to meet specific customer needs. The Company handles almost 20,000 types of products in these centers.

Additionally, the Company's ECONYL® carpet yarn comprises almost 200 solution dyed colors, along with the ability to make tailor-made color solutions as well.

## Textile Yarns (NTF Products)

Aquafil's NTF or Nylon Textile Filaments represent about $18.6 \%$ of FY23 total sales. The Company has recently expanded this operation that targets the clothing sector. This group also produces synthetic recycled polyamide 6 fibers under its ECONYL® brand. This regenerated nylon is the sustainable solution for brands that seek to reduce their environmental footprint of their products.

The ECONYL® yarn is made from nylon waste and is $100 \%$ regenerated and regenerable, offering the same quality and performance as traditional Nylon 6. Thus, the ECONYL® yarn represents a closed-loop circular economy process to deliver a sustainable solution.

The Group also produces Dryarn $®$, which is a polypropylene microfiber used to make underwear, hosiery, and sports, fashion, and leisurewear. The Dyrarn® guarantees high-performance of the products even under extreme conditions. Garments produced with it are extremely flexible, practical, and comfortable to wear. Additional characteristics include lightweight, insulating, and breathable.

Exhibit 6: Aquafil Fibers in Clothing Apparel and Accessories


Source: Company Websites

## Polymers (EP Products)

The Company's EP (engineered plastics and polymers) business represents about 7.9\% of FY23 total sales. This segment manufactures and sells polymers, including ECONYL®, that are primarily used for applications in injection molding, extrusion, and CNC production. Typical end products include plastic molded accessories (i.e. sunglass frames) for the fashion and designer furniture industries (i.e. chairs).

Aquafil's polymers have unique characteristics that make them attractive to end customers, which include:

- High mechanical strength, stiffness, hardness, and toughness
- Good fatigue resistance
- High mechanical damping ability
- Good sliding properties
- Excellent wear resistance
- Good electrical insulating properties
- Good workability


## Engineering

The Group also operates in the plants engineering sector through its Berlin based engineering company, Aquafil Engineering GMBH., that specializes in the design and supply of industrial chemical equipment and plants.

## BUSINESS STRATEGY

Recently, Aquafil has defined its "Brand Manifesto", to help shape the strategic future and growth of the company. It incorporates the Company's history, its values, its ambitions, and its vision and mission. As such Aquafil's Brand Manifesto is a compass that guides its business decision, that algin its strategy to sustainability principles. It helps stakeholders, employees, investors, clients, suppliers, and communities understand who Aquafil is and where it is going.
Supporting this strategic direction is Aquafil's business model, which centers on using proprietary technology with continuous R\&D innovation, manufacturing, and operational excellence, all focused on high-end segments and sustainability solutions.
As part of its strategic direction, Aquafil has identified important targets for 2025 as illustrated below.
Exhibit 7: Aquafil's Model


Source: Company Reports

Exhibit 8: Aquafil Targets for 2025

> TARGETS AT 2025: 60\% Of Revenues Generated By Fibers From Econyl $^{\oplus}$ Branded Products ² 35,000 Tons Of Post-consumer Waste Collected Annually Water Consumption Reduced By 30\% Compared To 2018

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## Risks

General Economic Conditions - Aquafil's business is levered to consumer and business demand. Any changes in the macroeconomic environment that negatively impact these sectors of the economy could adversely affect Aquafil's results.

Raw Material Volatility - Rising inflationary prices, and/or increases in raw material prices and energy prices, may have a negative impact on the Company's cost of manufacturing.

Highly Competitive Business - Due to the competitive nature of the textile industry, it is not guaranteed that Aquafil maintains its current strong market share. Some of Aquafil's competitors may have greater operating flexibility, that would allow them to respond better or more quickly to industry changes.

## DISCOUNTED CASH FLOW

| Aquafil S.p.A. <br> Discounted Cash Flow Model <br> (in \$M, except per share) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Estimates: | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024E | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E | 2028E | 2029E | 2030E | 2031E | 2032E | 2033E | Value |
| Revenue | 574.3 | 697.1 | 580.7 | 612.9 | 650.5 | 670.0 | 693.5 | 721.2 | 753.6 | 791.3 | 834.9 | 880.8 | 929.2 |  |
| Opearting Income | 21.5 | 37.6 | (8.9) | 18.8 | 26.3 | 23.5 | 27.7 | 32.5 | 37.7 | 43.5 | 50.1 | 52.8 | 55.8 |  |
| Less: Taxes (benefit) | 3.9 | 7.7 | (0.1) | 0.2 | 2.6 | 5.9 | 6.9 | 8.1 | 9.4 | 10.9 | 12.5 | 13.2 | 13.9 |  |
| NOPAT | 17.5 | 29.8 | (8.7) | 18.6 | 23.7 | 17.6 | 20.8 | 24.3 | 28.3 | 32.6 | 37.6 | 39.6 | 41.8 |  |
| Plus: Depreciation \& Amortization | 45.0 | 126.9 | 125.0 | 123.0 | 125.7 | 81.7 | 62.4 | 46.9 | 37.7 | 39.6 | 41.7 | 44.0 | 46.5 |  |
| Plus: Changes in WC | (75.4) | 35.7 | (33.6) | (12.3) | (13.0) | (13.4) | (13.9) | (14.4) | (15.1) | (15.8) | (16.7) | (17.6) | (18.6) |  |
| Less: Capex | (40.2) | (38.6) | (33.2) | (27.6) | (26.0) | (24.1) | (22.2) | (21.6) | (21.9) | (22.2) | (21.7) | (22.0) | (23.2) |  |
| Free Cash Flow | (53.1) | 153.8 | 49.5 | 101.7 | 110.3 | 61.8 | 47.2 | 35.2 | 29.0 | 34.2 | 40.9 | 44.0 | 46.5 | 557.5 |
| Discount period - months |  |  |  | 12 | 24 | 36 | 48 | 60 | 72 | 84 | 96 | 108 | 120 |  |
| Discount period - years |  |  |  | 1.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 8.0 | 9.0 | 10.0 |  |
| Discount factor |  |  |  | 0.90 | 0.82 | 0.74 | 0.67 | 0.61 | 0.55 | 0.50 | 0.45 | 0.41 | 0.37 |  |
| PV of FCF |  |  |  | 92.1 | 90.4 | 45.8 | 31.6 | 21.3 | 15.9 | 17.0 | 18.4 | 17.9 | 17.1 | 205.4 |
| Growth rate assumptions: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue |  | 21.4\% | -16.7\% | 5.5\% | 6.1\% | 3.0\% | 3.5\% | 4.0\% | 4.5\% | 5.0\% | 5.5\% | 5.5\% | 5.5\% |  |
| Operating Income |  | 74.9\% | -123.6\% | -312.8\% | 39.5\% | -10.8\% | 18.3\% | 17.0\% | 16.1\% | 15.5\% | 15.1\% | 5.5\% | 5.5\% |  |
| EBITDA |  | 147.5\% | -29.3\% | 22.1\% | 7.2\% | -30.8\% | -14.3\% | -12.0\% | -5.0\% | 10.3\% | 10.5\% | 5.5\% | 5.5\% |  |
| Free Cash Flow |  | -389.6\% | -67.8\% | 105.4\% | 8.4\% | -44.0\% | -23.7\% | -25.4\% | -17.5\% | 18.0\% | 19.5\% | 7.7\% | 5.5\% |  |
| Margin assumptions: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operating Income | 3.7\% | 5.4\% | -1.5\% | 3.1\% | 4.0\% | 3.5\% | 4.0\% | 4.5\% | 5.0\% | 5.5\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% | 6.0\% |  |
| D\&A as a \% of sales | 7.8\% | 18.2\% | 21.5\% | 20.1\% | 19.3\% | 12.2\% | 9.0\% | 6.5\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% |  |
| EBITDA | 11.6\% | 23.6\% | 20.0\% | 23.1\% | 23.4\% | 15.7\% | 13.0\% | 11.0\% | 10.0\% | 10.5\% | 11.0\% | 11.0\% | 11.0\% |  |
| Taxes | 18.3\% | 20.5\% | 1.6\% | 1.2\% | 9.9\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% |  |
| Changes in WC | -13.1\% | 5.1\% | -2.0\% | -2.0\% | -2.0\% | -2.0\% | -2.0\% | -2.0\% | -2.0\% | -2.0\% | -2.0\% | -2.0\% | -2.0\% |  |
| Capex as a \% of sales | -7.0\% | -5.5\% | -5.0\% | -4.5\% | -4.0\% | -3.6\% | -3.2\% | -3.0\% | -2.9\% | -2.8\% | -2.6\% | -2.5\% | -2.5\% |  |
| Valuation: |  |  |  |  |  | Sensitivity Analysis: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shares outstanding | 49.9 |  |  |  |  | Terminal Growth Rates |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PV of FCF | 367.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1.50\% | 1.75\% | 2.00\% | 2.25\% | 2.50\% |  |  |
| PV of Terminal Value | 205.4 |  |  |  |  |  | 10.00\% | € 4.40 | $€ 4.54$ | € 4.69 | € 4.84 | $€ 5.01$ |  |  |
| Enterprise Value | 573.0 |  |  |  |  |  | 10.25\% | € 4.12 | € 4.25 | € 4.39 | € 4.53 | $€ 4.69$ |  |  |
| less: Net Debt | 368.1 |  |  |  |  |  | 10.50\% | € 3.86 | € 3.98 | € 4.10 | € 4.24 | $€ 4.38$ |  |  |
| Estimated Total Value: | 204.9 |  |  |  |  |  | 10.75\% | € 3.61 | € 3.72 | $€ 3.84$ | € 3.96 | € 4.09 |  |  |
| Est Equity Value/share: | $\epsilon 4.10$ |  |  |  |  |  | 11.00\% | $€ 3.37$ | $€ 3.47$ | $€ 3.58$ | $€ 3.70$ | € 3.82 |  |  |
| Price | $€ 3.02$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Source: Company Reports; Stonegate Capital Markets

## BALANCE SHEET

| Aquafil Consolidated Balance Sheets ( $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{(000 s)}$ Fiscal Year: December |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ASSETS | FY2020 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1 } \\ \text { Mar-21 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q2 } \\ \text { Jun-21 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { Sep-21 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q4 } \\ \text { Dec-21 } \end{gathered}$ | FY 2021 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1 } \\ \text { Mar-22 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q2 } \\ \text { Jun-22 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { Sep-22 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q4 } \\ \text { Dec-22 } \end{gathered}$ | FY2022 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1 } \\ \text { Mar-22 } \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\text { Jun-22 }}{\text { Q2 }}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { Sep- } 22 \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\text { Dec-22 }}{\text { Q4 }}$ | FY2022 |
| Intangibles | 23.6 | 23.8 | 23.3 | 23.5 | 23.6 | 23.6 | 23.3 | 22.1 | 22.5 | 21.6 | 21.6 | 20.9 | 20.8 | 20.3 | 19.1 | 19.1 |
| Goodw ill | 13.6 | 14.2 | 14.0 | 14.4 | 14.7 | 14.7 | 15.0 | 16.1 | 17.1 | 15.6 | 15.6 | 15.3 | 15.4 | 15.8 | 15.1 | 15.1 |
| PP\&E | 229.5 | 229.1 | 226.5 | 230.0 | 240.5 | 240.5 | 243.8 | 247.9 | 251.4 | 247.5 | 247.5 | 244.0 | 243.8 | 243.0 | 251.6 | 251.6 |
| Financial assets | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Investments | - | - | - |  | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| Other assets | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | - | - | - |
| Deferred tax | 14.6 | 14.4 | 11.8 | 12.4 | 12.3 | 12.3 | 13.3 | 13.5 | 14.6 | 11.5 | 11.5 | 9.9 | 11.3 | 12.2 | 18.5 | 18.5 |
| Total Non-Current Assets | 283.2 | 283.9 | 278.0 | 282.5 | 293.4 | 293.4 | 298.9 | 301.9 | 307.8 | 298.5 | 298.5 | 292.1 | 293.5 | 293.0 | 305.9 | 305.9 |
| Inventories | 150.9 | 150.3 | 154.4 | 165.6 | 177.2 | 177.2 | 204.2 | 237.9 | 261.6 | 260.8 | 260.8 | 242.7 | 218.0 | 196.4 | 189.5 | 189.5 |
| Receivables | 22.0 | 29.1 | 31.0 | 29.6 | 31.2 | 31.2 | 38.1 | 41.4 | 41.9 | 28.6 | 28.6 | 35.8 | 27.2 | 27.8 | 26.2 | 26.2 |
| Financial assets | 0.8 | 0.8 | 8.4 | 4.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 10.0 | 10.0 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 5.7 | 5.7 |
| Tax receivables | 1.8 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Other assets | 12.0 | 13.8 | 17.0 | 12.8 | 12.9 | 12.9 | 14.4 | 12.7 | 18.0 | 15.9 | 15.9 | 16.1 | 16.1 | 16.4 | 14.6 | 14.6 |
| Cash \& cash equivalents | 209.0 | 187.4 | 165.9 | 163.7 | 152.7 | 152.7 | 142.6 | 136.9 | 136.6 | 110.7 | 110.7 | 122.8 | 111.0 | 121.7 | 157.7 | 157.7 |
| Total Assets | 679.7 | 667.1 | 655.2 | 659.2 | 668.7 | 668.7 | 698.8 | 735.7 | 771.1 | 725.0 | 725.0 | 716.3 | 672.8 | 663.3 | 701.2 | 701.2 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Share capital | 49.7 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 49.7 | 49.7 |
| Reserves | 76.6 | 77.2 | 83.9 | 88.7 | 91.7 | 91.7 | 105.3 | 106.3 | 115.4 | 96.5 | 96.5 | 121.1 | 103.6 | 108.5 | 101.4 | 101.4 |
| Group net results | 0.6 | 11.7 | 8.9 | 14.3 | 10.7 | 10.7 | 9.1 | 17.7 | 26.1 | 29.2 | 29.2 | 3.3 | (4.1) | (17.1) | (25.8) | (25.8) |
| Total Parent Net Equity | 126.9 | 138.7 | 142.5 | 152.7 | 152.1 | 152.1 | 164.1 | 173.7 | 191.2 | 175.4 | 175.4 | 174.1 | 149.2 | 141.1 | 125.3 | 125.3 |
| Minority interest | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total Consolidated Equity | 126.9 | 138.7 | 142.5 | 152.7 | 152.1 | 152.1 | 164.1 | 173.7 | 191.2 | 175.4 | 175.4 | 174.1 | 149.2 | 141.1 | 125.3 |  |
| Employee benefits | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 5.1 | 5.1 |
| Financial liabilities | 352.6 | 315.6 | 294.7 | 265.2 | 263.4 | 263.4 | 275.2 | 262.4 | 293.2 | 285.4 | 285.4 | 286.7 | 275.4 | 294.0 | 308.7 | 308.7 |
| Provisions for risks and charges | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 11.8 | 12.1 | 9.8 | 10.5 | 11.2 | 11.2 | 11.8 | 12.7 | 13.5 | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 13.3 | 13.3 |
| Other liabilities | 11.8 | 11.5 | 11.1 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.4 | 9.8 | 9.4 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 7.9 | 7.3 | 6.5 | 5.9 | 5.9 |
| Total Non-Current Liabilities | 383.6 | 346.8 | 323.1 | 293.9 | 293.2 | 293.2 | 305.1 | 291.8 | 322.9 | 310.7 | 310.7 | 310.2 | 298.0 | 315.4 | 334.7 | 334.7 |
| Financial liabilities | 76.0 | 80.9 | 64.2 | 86.3 | 69.4 | 69.4 | 69.7 | 80.9 | 79.5 | 83.1 | 83.1 | 88.6 | 92.8 | 97.5 | 103.2 | 103.2 |
| Current tax payables | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Trade payables | 69.2 | 75.9 | 97.2 | 99.7 | 126.6 | 126.6 | 132.0 | 157.7 | 147.8 | 126.8 | 126.8 | 113.4 | 105.0 | 84.1 | 116.0 | 116.0 |
| Other liabilties | 22.8 | 23.6 | 26.6 | 25.1 | 25.6 | 25.6 | 25.3 | 28.5 | 26.4 | 25.2 | 25.2 | 26.8 | 25.3 | 23.7 | 20.8 | 20.8 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 169.2 | 181.7 | 189.5 | 212.6 | 223.3 | 223.3 | 229.5 | 270.2 | 257.0 | 238.8 | 238.8 | 231.9 | 225.6 | 206.7 | 241.2 | 241.2 |
| Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity | 679.7 | 667.1 | 655.2 | 659.2 | 668.7 | 668.7 | 698.8 | 735.7 | 771.1 | 724.9 | 724.9 | 716.3 | 672.8 | 663.3 | 701.2 | 576.0 |
| Liquidity |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current Ratio | 2.3 x | 2.1x | 2.0x | 1.8x | 1.7 x | 1.7 x | 1.7 x | 1.6x | 1.8 x | 1.8 x | 1.8x | 1.8 x | 1.7 x | 1.8 x | 1.6x | 1.6 x |
| Quick Ratio | 1.5x | 1.3 x | 1.2 x | 1.0x | 0.9x | 0.9x | 0.9x | 0.7x | 0.8x | 0.7x | $0.7 \times$ | 0.8x | 0.7x | 0.8x | 0.9x | 0.9x |
| Working Capital | € 227.3 | € 201.5 ¢ | € 187.7 ¢ | € 164.0 ¢ | $€ 151.9$ | € 151.9 | $€ 170.4 €$ | € 163.6 ¢ | € 206.3 | ¢ 187.7 | € 187.7 | $€ 192.3$ ¢ | ¢ 153.8 | E 163.6 | ¢ 154.1 | $\epsilon \quad 154.1$ |
| Leverage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net Debt to Equity | 173.0\% | 286.0\% | 135.4\% | 123.0\% | 118.5\% | 118.5\% | 123.3\% | 118.8\% | 123.4\% | 147.0\% | 147.0\% | 145.0\% | 172.3\% | 191.2\% | 203.0\% | 203.0\% |
| Net Debt to Capital | 63.4\% | 60.1\% | 57.5\% | 55.2\% | 54.2\% | 54.2\% | 55.2\% | 54.3\% | 55.2\% | 59.5\% | 59.5\% | 59.2\% | 63.3\% | 65.7\% | 67.0\% | 67.0\% |
| Capital Usage-Annualized |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A/R Turns |  | 5.1 x | 4.9x | 4.8 x | 4.9x | 21.6 x | 5.0x | 4.6 x | 4.4x | 4.5x | 4.5 x | 5.3x | 4.7x | 4.9x | 4.8x | 4.8x |
| Days Sales Outstanding |  | 71.0 | 75.2 | 75.5 | 73.8 | 16.9 | 73.4 | 80.2 | 82.2 | 81.0 | 81.0x | 69.3 | 78.5 | 75.1 | 75.3 | 75.3x |
| A/P Turnover |  | 0.9x | 0.8x | 0.7x | 0.7 x | 2.9x | 0.6x | 0.6x | 0.6x | 0.5x | 0.5x | 0.7x | 0.7x | 0.8x | 0.6 x | 0.6x |
| Days Payable Outstanding |  | 421.9 | 434.4 | 491.8 | 550.0 | 125.9 | 600.6 | 662.5 | 640.2 | 692.4 | 692.4 x | 533.4 | 519.3 | 484.6 | 594.3 | 594.3x |

## INCOME STATEMENT

| Aquafil <br> Consolidated Statements of Income (in €000s, except per share amounts) Fiscal Year: December |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1 } \\ \text { Mar-23 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q2 } \\ \text { Jun-23 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { Sep-23 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q4 } \\ \text { Dec-23 } \end{gathered}$ | FY 2023 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1 E } \\ \text { Mar-24 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q2 E } \\ \text { Jun-24 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 E } \\ \text { Sep-24 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q4 E } \\ \text { Dec-24 } \end{gathered}$ | FY 2024E | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1 E } \\ \text { Mar-25 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q2 E } \\ \text { Jun-25 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 E } \\ \text { Sep-25 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q4 E } \\ \text { Dec-25 } \end{gathered}$ | FY 2025E |
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|  | FY 2020 | FY 2021 | FY 2022 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenues | $\begin{array}{r}\text { ¢ } 436.6 \\ 10.3 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 669.7 <br> 4.6 | $\begin{array}{r}\text { ¢ } 684.1 \\ 13.0 \\ \hline 6971\end{array}$ | ¢ 166.8 2.7 | € 144.3 | € 131.1 2.6 | € 129.6 | 571.8 <br> 8.9 | € 151.8 | € 158.7 | € $\begin{array}{r}154.7 \\ 1.3\end{array}$ | € 142.5 |  | ¢ 160.9 1.4 | € 169.8 | € 166.3 | € 148.2 | 645.3 <br> 5.2 |
| Total Revenues | 446.9 | 574.3 | 697.1 | 169.5 | 146.5 | 133.7 | 130.9 | 580.7 | 153.2 | 159.8 | 156.0 | 143.9 | 612.9 | 162.3 | 171.0 | 167.6 | 149.6 | 650.5 |
| Operating Expenses: Cost of raw materials | 209.8 | 283.6 | 317.8 | 82.2 | 76.8 | 71.2 | 61.5 | 291.6 | 74.3 | 75.8 | 73.6 | 67.9 | 291.6 | 77.1 | 81.0 | 79.5 | 70.3 | 307.9 |
| Gross Profit | 237.0 | 290.7 | 379.3 | 87.4 | 69.8 | 62.5 | 69.5 | 289.1 | 78.9 | 84.1 | 82.4 | 76.0 | 321.3 | 85.2 | 89.9 | 88.2 | 79.3 | 342.6 |
| Gross Margin \% | 53.0\% | 50.6\% | 54.4\% | 51.5\% | 47.6\% | 46.7\% | 53.1\% | 49.8\% | 51.5\% | 52.6\% | 52.8\% | 52.8\% | 52.4\% | 52.5\% | 52.6\% | 52.6\% | 53.0\% | 52.7\% |
| Service costs | 86.1 | 112.6 | 168.5 | 36.2 | 31.6 | 28.1 | 30.9 | 126.9 | 32.9 | 34.0 | 33.1 | 32.1 | 132.1 | 34.9 | 37.1 | 36.9 | 34.4 | 143.3 |
| Labor costs | 101.9 | 114.2 | 126.9 | 32.0 | 31.0 | 31.2 | 30.8 | 125.0 | 31.0 | 31.0 | 31.2 | 29.8 | 123.0 | 31.5 | 31.5 | 31.8 | 30.9 | 125.7 |
| Other operating costs | 4.4 | 3.4 | 4.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 3.6 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 3.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 3.7 |
| D\&A | 43.6 | 45.0 | 47.9 | 11.8 | 12.5 | 11.7 | 13.7 | 49.6 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 50.0 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 12.5 | 50.0 |
| Provisions \& w rite downs | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | (0.0) | 0.0 | (0.8) | (0.7) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Recovery/(w rite dow n) of financial assets | 0.3 | (0.1) | (0.0) | 0.1 | - | (0.1) | ) | 0.0 | - |  |  | - | - |  |  |  | - | - |
| Internal w ork capitalized | (5.8) | (6.1) | (5.7) | (1.5) | (2.3) | (1.0) | (1.6) | (6.3) | (1.6) | (1.6) | (1.6) | (1.6) | (6.3) | (1.6) | (1.6) | (1.6) | (1.6) | (6.3) |
| Total Operating Expenses | 231.1 | 269.2 | 341.7 | 79.7 | 73.7 | 71.0 | 73.9 | 298.2 | 75.8 | 76.9 | 76.1 | 73.7 | 302.5 | 78.2 | 80.4 | 80.5 | 77.2 | 316.3 |
| Operating Income | 5.9 | 21.5 | 37.6 | 8.0 | (3.9) | (8.5) | (4.5) | (8.9) | 3.1 | 7.2 | 6.3 | 2.2 | 18.8 | 7.0 | 9.5 | 7.7 | 2.1 | 26.3 |
| Operating Margin \% | 1.3\% | 3.7\% | 5.4\% | 4.7\% | -2.6\% | -6.4\% | -3.4\% | -1.5\% | 2.0\% | 4.5\% | 4.0\% | 1.6\% | 3.1\% | 4.3\% | 5.5\% | 4.6\% | 1.4\% | 4.0\% |
| Interest \& Investment income | 0.4 | 0.9 | 4.6 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | - | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| Interest expense | (8.0) | (7.6) | (8.4) | (3.3) | (4.2) | 0.3 | (7.1) | (14.4) | (4.6) | (4.6) | (4.6) | (4.6) | (18.4) | (4.1) | (4.1) | (4.1) | (4.1) | (16.4) |
| Other gains/loses | 1.8 | (0.2) | 3.1 | (0.2) | 1.2 | (4.7) | 0.5 | (3.2) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.4) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.4) |
| Profit Before Taxes | 0.1 | 14.6 | 36.9 | 4.6 | (6.7) | (12.8) | (11.1) | (26.0) | (1.4) | 2.7 | 1.8 | (2.2) | 0.9 | 3.0 | 5.5 | 3.7 | (1.8) | 10.4 |
| EBIT Margin \% | 0.0\% | 2.5\% | 5.3\% | 2.7\% | -4.6\% | -9.6\% | -8.5\% | -4.5\% | -0.9\% | 1.7\% | 1.2\% | -1.6\% | 0.2\% | 1.8\% | 3.2\% | 2.2\% | -1.2\% | 1.6\% |
| Provision for Income Tax | (0.5) | 3.9 | 7.7 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.1 | (2.3) | (0.1) | (0.3) | 0.7 | 0.5 | (0.6) | 0.2 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 0.9 | (0.5) | 2.6 |
| Net Income | 0.6 | 10.7 | 29.2 | 3.3 | (7.4) | (12.9) | (8.8) | (25.8) | (1.0) | 2.0 | 1.4 | (1.7) | 0.7 | 2.2 | 4.1 | 2.8 | (1.4) | 7.8 |
| Basic EPS |  |  |  |  |  | $\epsilon(0.26)$ ' $\epsilon$ | $\epsilon(0.18)$ | $\epsilon \quad(0.52)$ |  |  | € 0.03 | $\epsilon(0.03)$ | $€ \quad 0.01$ |  | € 0.08 | $€ \quad 0.06$ | $\epsilon(0.03)$ | $€ 0.15$ |
| Diltued EPS | € 0.01 | € 0.21 | $€ \quad 0.57$ | € 0.07 | $\epsilon(0.15)$ | $\epsilon(0.26){ }^{\top} \epsilon$ | $\epsilon(0.18)$ | $\epsilon(0.52)$ | $\epsilon(0.02)$ | $\epsilon \quad 0.04$ | $\epsilon \quad 0.03$ | $\epsilon(0.03)$ | $\epsilon \quad 0.01$ | $€ \quad 0.04$ | € 0.08 | $\epsilon 0.06$ | $\epsilon(0.03)$ | $\epsilon 0.15$ |
| WTD Shares Out - Basic | 51.0 | 50.9 | 51.1 | 49.9 | 49.9 | 49.9 | 49.9 | 49.9 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.1 | 50.1 | 50.1 | 50.1 | 50.1 | 50.2 |
| WTD Shares Out - Diluted | 51.0 | 50.9 | 51.1 | 49.9 | 49.9 | 49.9 | 49.9 | 49.9 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 50.1 | 50.1 | 50.1 | 50.1 | 50.1 | 50.2 |
| EBitda | € 58.4 | $\epsilon 72.1$ | € 92.3 | € 21.6 | $€ \quad 9.8$ | € $5.7 €$ | € 10.5 | $\epsilon 47.6$ | € 17.6 | € 21.7 | € 20.8 | € 16.8 | € 76.9 | € 22.0 | € 24.5 | € 22.7 | € 17.2 | € 86.4 |
| Margin Analysis |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross Margin | 53.0\% | 50.6\% | 54.4\% | 51.5\% | 47.6\% | 46.7\% | 53.1\% | 49.8\% | 51.5\% | 52.6\% | 52.8\% | 52.8\% | 52.4\% | 52.5\% | 52.6\% | 52.6\% | 53.0\% | 52.7\% |
| Operating Margin | 1.3\% | 3.7\% | 5.4\% | 4.7\% | -2.6\% | -6.4\% | -3.4\% | -1.5\% | 2.0\% | 4.5\% | 4.0\% | 1.6\% | 3.1\% | 4.3\% | 5.5\% | 4.6\% | 1.4\% | 4.0\% |
| EBIDA Margin | 13.1\% | 12.5\% | 13.2\% | 12.7\% | 6.7\% | 4.2\% | 8.0\% | 8.2\% | 11.5\% | 13.6\% | 13.3\% | 11.7\% | 12.6\% | 13.5\% | 14.3\% | 13.6\% | 11.5\% | 13.3\% |
| Pre-Tax Margin | 0.0\% | 2.5\% | 5.3\% | 2.7\% | -4.6\% | -9.6\% | -8.5\% | -4.5\% | -0.9\% | 1.7\% | 1.2\% | -1.6\% | 0.2\% | 1.8\% | 3.2\% | 2.2\% | -1.2\% | 1.6\% |
| Net Income Margin | 0.1\% | 1.9\% | 4.2\% | 1.9\% | -5.1\% | -9.7\% | -6.7\% | -4.5\% | -0.7\% | 1.3\% | 0.9\% | -1.2\% | 0.1\% | 1.4\% | 2.4\% | 1.7\% | -0.9\% | 1.2\% |
| Tax Rate | -654.4\% | 26.9\% | 20.9\% | 29.1\% | -10.5\% | -0.9\% | 20.9\% | 0.6\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% | 25.0\% |
| Growth Rate $\mathbf{Y / Y}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Revenue |  | 28.5\% | 21.4\% | -1.7\% | -19.0\% | -27.7\% | -17.5\% | -16.7\% | -9.7\% | 9.1\% | 16.7\% | 9.9\% | 5.5\% | 6.0\% | 7.0\% | 7.4\% | 4.0\% | 6.1\% |
| Total cost of revenues |  | 16.5\% | 26.9\% | -2.1\% | -17.4\% | -21.2\% | -8.9\% | -12.7\% | -4.9\% | 4.4\% | 7.2\% | -0.3\% | 1.4\% | 3.2\% | 4.6\% | 5.8\% | 4.6\% | 4.6\% |
| Operating Income |  | 262.3\% | 74.9\% | -35.9\% | -132.1\% | -208.2\% | -186.6\% | -123.6\% | -61.1\% | -285.3\% | -174.2\% | -150.3\% | -312.8\% | 124.2\% | 32.0\% | 22.1\% | -4.7\% | 39.5\% |
| Pre-Tax Income |  | 18386.1\% | 152.5\% | -61.0\% | -155.0\% | -244.7\% | -385.8\% | -170.5\% | -129.6\% | -140.3\% | -114.3\% | -79.9\% | -103.6\% | -317.2\% | 103.3\% | 103.7\% | -17.7\% | 1023.3\% |
| Net Income |  | 1690.3\% | 173.2\% | -63.9\% | -186.8\% | -252.8\% | -391.4\% | -188.7\% | -131.3\% | -127.3\% | -110.6\% | -80.9\% | -102.7\% | -317.2\% | 103.3\% | 103.7\% | -17.7\% | 1023.3\% |

Source: Company Reports, Stonegate Capital Partners estimates

## Cash Flow Statement

| Aquafil <br> Consolidated Cash Flow Statements (€000s) Fiscal Year: December |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| CASHFLOW | FY2020 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1 } \\ \text { Mar-21 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Qun}_{\mathrm{L}}^{21} \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { Sep-21 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { O4 } \\ \text { Dec-21 } \end{gathered}$ |  | FY 2021 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1 } \\ \text { Mar-22 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q2 } \\ \text { Jun-22 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { Sep-22 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q4 } \\ \text { Dec-22 } \end{gathered}$ |  | FY 2022 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q1 } \\ \text { Mar-22 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q2 } \\ \text { Jun-22 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { Sep-22 } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q4 } \\ \text { Dec-22 } \end{gathered}$ |  | FY 2022 |
| Operating Activites |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Profit of the year | 0.6 |  | 3.5 |  | 8.9 |  | 14.3 |  | 10.7 |  | 10.7 |  | 9.1 |  | 17.7 |  | 26.1 |  | 29.2 |  | 29.2 |  | 3.3 |  | (4.1) |  | (17.1) |  | (25.8) | (25.8) |
| Income Taxes | (0.5) |  | 1.2 |  | 2.1 |  | 3.7 |  | 3.9 |  | 3.9 |  | 2.8 |  | 6.5 |  | 6.8 |  | 7.7 |  | 7.7 |  | 1.4 |  | 2.1 |  | 2.2 |  | (0.1) | (0.1) |
| Investment Income and Charges |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0.1 |  | 0.1 |  | (0.0) |  | (0.0) |  |  |  |  |  | (0.1) |  | (0.1) | (0.1) |
| Financial Income | (0.4) |  | (0.1) |  | (0.5) |  | (0.7) |  | (0.9) |  | (0.9) |  | (1.7) |  | (3.0) |  | (4.6) |  | (4.9) |  | (4.9) |  | (0.1) |  | (0.3) |  | (0.6) |  | (1.0) | (1.0) |
| Financial Charges | 8.0 |  | 2.0 |  | 3.8 |  | 5.7 |  | 7.6 |  | 7.6 |  | 1.9 |  | 3.9 |  | 6.0 |  | 8.4 |  | 8.4 |  | 3.3 |  | 7.5 |  | 11.9 |  | 19.0 | 19.0 |
| Exchange gain/losses | (1.8) |  | (0.4) |  | (0.3) |  | (0.6) |  | 0.2 |  | 0.2 |  | 0.4 |  | (0.5) |  | (2.1) |  | (2.8) |  | (2.8) |  | 0.2 |  | (1.0) |  | (0.7) |  | (0.8) | (0.8) |
| Asset disposal gain/losses | (0.2) |  | (0.0) |  | (0.1) |  | (0.1) |  | (0.2) |  | (0.2) |  | (0.1) |  | (0.1) |  | (0.1) |  | (0.2) |  | (0.2) |  | (0.1) |  | (0.2) |  | (0.2) |  | (0.2) | (0.2) |
| Provision \& Write- dow ns | 0.6 |  | 0.1 |  | 0.1 |  | 0.1 |  | 0.3 |  | 0.3 |  | 0.0 |  | (0.2) |  | (0.2) |  | 0.2 |  | 0.2 |  | (0.1) |  | (0.1) |  | (0.1) |  | (1.0) | (1.0) |
| Write-dow ns of financial assets (receivables) | 0.3 |  |  |  | (0.1) |  | (0.1) |  | (0.1) |  | (0.1) |  | (0.0) |  | (0.0) |  | 0.0 |  | (0.0) |  | (0.0) |  | (0.1) |  | (0.1) |  | (0.1) |  |  |  |
| Amortisation, depreciation \& write-dow ns of tangible and intangible assets | 43.6 |  | 11.3 |  | 23.3 |  | 33.4 |  | 45.0 |  | 45.0 |  | 10.9 |  | 23.8 |  | 36.0 |  | 47.9 |  | 47.9 |  | 11.8 |  | 24.3 |  | 36.0 |  | 49.6 | 49.6 |
| Net Variation Non- Monetary increase IFRS16 |  |  | (0.5) |  | (2.2) |  | (2.8) |  | - |  |  |  | - |  | - |  |  |  | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash Flow from operating activities before working capital changes | € 50.3 | $\epsilon$ | 17.1 | $\epsilon$ | 35.2 | $\epsilon$ | 52.9 | $\epsilon$ | 66.4 | $\epsilon$ | 66.4 | $\epsilon$ | 23.3 | $\epsilon$ | 48.0 | $\epsilon$ | 68.1 | $\epsilon$ | 85.4 | € | 85.4 | $\epsilon$ | 19.6 |  | 28.0 |  | 31.2 |  | 39.6 | 39.6 |
| Decrease/(Increase) in Inventories | 34.2 |  | 0.6 |  | (3.4) |  | (14.7) |  | (26.3) |  | (26.3) |  | (27.0) |  | (60.6) |  | (84.3) |  | (83.5) |  | (83.5) |  | 18.1 |  | 42.8 |  | 64.4 |  | 71.3 | 71.3 |
| Increase/ (Decrease) in trade payables | (6.9) |  | 6.7 |  | 28.0 |  | 30.5 |  | 57.4 |  | 57.4 |  | 5.4 |  | 31.1 |  | 21.2 |  | 0.2 |  | 0.2 |  | (13.5) |  | (21.8) |  | (42.7) |  | (10.8) | (10.8) |
| Decrease/(hcrease) in trade receivables | 2.6 |  | (7.1) |  | (8.9) |  | (7.5) |  | (9.1) |  | (9.1) |  | (6.9) |  | (10.2) |  | (10.7) |  | 2.7 |  | 2.7 |  | (7.2) |  | 1.5 |  | 0.8 |  | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| Changes to assets and liabilities | (7.5) |  | 1.1 |  | 0.8 |  | 3.5 |  | 8.1 |  | 8.1 |  | (2.7) |  | 3.0 |  | 2.3 |  | (4.2) |  | (4.2) |  | (0.4) |  | (4.6) |  | (5.1) |  | (7.8) | (7.8) |
| Net paid financial charges | (7.6) |  | (2.0) |  | (3.3) |  | (5.0) |  | (6.6) |  | (6.6) |  | (0.2) |  | (0.9) |  | (1.4) |  | (8.0) |  | (8.0) |  | (3.2) |  | (6.6) |  | (10.4) |  | (15.3) | (15.3) |
| Income taxes paid | (0.3) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (0.2) |  | (0.2) |  | (0.1) |  | 0.9 |  | (1.1) |  | (3.8) |  | (3.8) |  | (2.3) |  | (5.6) |  | (7.5) |  | (9.6) | (9.6) |
| Utilisation of provisions | (0.9) |  | (0.3) |  | (0.5) |  | (0.5) |  | (0.6) |  | (0.6) |  | (0.2) |  | (1.3) |  | (1.3) |  | (2.0) |  | (2.0) |  | (0.7) |  | (1.0) |  | (1.5) |  | (1.0) | (1.0) |
| Cash flow generated/(absorbed) from operating Activites (A) | $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \quad 63.8$ | $\epsilon$ | 16.3 | $\epsilon$ | 47.9 | $\epsilon$ | 59.1 | $\epsilon$ | 89.0 | $\epsilon$ | 89.0 | $\epsilon$ | (8.4) | $\epsilon$ | 10.0 | $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ | (7.2) | $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ | (13.1) | $\epsilon$ | (13.1) | $\epsilon$ | 10.4 |  | 32.7 |  | 29.2 |  | 69.6 | 69.6 |
| Investing Activites |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Investments in tangible assets | (21.9) |  | (5.0) |  | (11.9) |  | (20.5) |  | (34.6) |  | (34.6) |  | (7.2) |  | (15.9) |  | (24.6) |  | (34.9) |  | (34.9) |  | (7.9) |  | (16.3) |  | (22.3) |  | (29.2) | (29.2) |
| Disposal of tangible assets | 1.1 |  | 0.0 |  | 0.2 |  | 0.3 |  | 0.4 |  | 0.4 |  | 0.1 |  | 1.1 |  | 0.4 |  | 0.4 |  | 0.4 |  | 0.3 |  | 0.5 |  | 0.4 |  | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Investment in intangible assets | (6.0) |  | (0.9) |  | (2.2) |  | (3.6) |  | (5.0) |  | (5.0) |  | (0.6) |  | (1.3) |  | (3.2) |  | (4.2) |  | (4.2) |  | (0.8) |  | (2.5) |  | (3.8) |  | (4.6) | (4.6) |
| Disposal of intangble assets | 0.1 |  | - |  | 0.0 |  | 0.0 |  | 0.0 |  | 0.0 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 0.1 |  | 0.1 |  | - |  |  |  | - |  | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Business combinations | (2.8) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - |  | - |  | (0.1) |  | (0.1) |  |  |  |  |  | - |  |  |  |
| Dividends receivaed | 0 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  |  |  | - |  | 0.1 |  | 0.1 |  | 0.2 |  | 0.2 |  | - |  | (02) |  | 0.1 |  | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Investments in financial assets | (0.0) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (1.0) |  | (1.0) |  |  |  | (0.1) |  | (0.2) |  | (0.2) |  | (0.2) |  |  |  | (0.2) |  | (0.2) |  | (0.2) | (0.2) |
| Cash flow generated by Investing Activites (B) | $\epsilon \quad(29.4)$ | $\epsilon$ | (5.8) | $\epsilon$ | (13.9) | $\epsilon$ | (23.9) | $\epsilon$ | (40.2) | $\epsilon$ | (40.2) | $\epsilon$ | (7.7) | $\epsilon$ | (16.1) | $\epsilon$ | (27.4) | $\epsilon$ | (38.6) | $\epsilon$ | (38.6) | $\epsilon$ | (8.3) |  | (18.4) |  | (25.7) |  | (33.2) | (33.2) |
| Financing Activites |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Draw dow n non-current bank loans and borrow ings | 105.0 |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | 30.0 |  | 30.0 |  | 20.0 |  | 31.0 |  | 79.0 |  | 94.0 |  | 94.0 |  | 15.0 |  | 35.0 |  | 75.0 |  | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Repayment non-current bank loans and borrow ings | (12.5) |  | (30.6) |  | (67.2) |  | (73.3) |  | (123.5) |  | (123.5) |  | (10.9) |  | (25.3) |  | (42.5) |  | (53.2) |  | (53.2) |  | (11.9) |  | (35.8) |  | (51.6) |  | (72.0) | (72.0) |
| Net changes in current and non-current financial assets and liabilites | (4.8) |  | (1.4) |  | (10.0) |  | (7.2) |  | (2.3) |  | (2.3) |  | 2.4 |  | 1.4 |  | (0.4) |  | (9.8) |  | (9.8) |  | 8.2 |  | 3.5 |  | 1.8 |  | (4.8) | (4.8) |
| Non- monetary change | (3.5) |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | (6.8) |  | (6.8) |  | (4.0) |  | (6.2) |  | $\stackrel{(7.0)}{ }$ |  | (9.7) |  | (9.7) |  | ${ }^{(0.6)}$ |  | (4.1) |  | ${ }_{(12.1)}$ |  | - | - |
| Distribution of Dividends | - |  |  |  | - |  |  |  |  |  | 25) |  | - |  | (6.0) |  | (6.0) |  | (6.0) |  | (6.0) |  | (0.0) |  | (12.0) |  | (12.0) |  | (12.0) | (12.0) |
| Acquisition of treasury shares |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (2.5) |  | (2.5) |  | (1.6) |  | (4.3) |  | (4.4) |  | (5.5) |  | (5.5) |  | (0.6) |  | (0.6) |  | (0.6) |  | (0.6) | (0.6) |
| Cash flow generated/(absorbed) by financing Activites (c) | $\boldsymbol{6} \quad 84.2$ <br> $6 \quad 110$ | $\epsilon$ | (32.0) | $\epsilon$ | (77.1) | $\epsilon$ | (80.5) | $\epsilon$ | (105.1) | $\epsilon$ | (105.1) | $\epsilon$ | 6.0 | $\epsilon$ | (9.5) | $\epsilon$ | 18.7 | $\epsilon$ | 9.8 | $\epsilon$ | 9.8 | $\epsilon$ | 10.0 | $\epsilon$ | (14.0) | $\epsilon$ | 7.6 | $\epsilon$ | 10.6 | 10.6 |
| Net Cash flow in the year | $\epsilon$ 118.6 <br>   | $\epsilon$ | (21.6) | $\epsilon$ | (43.1) | $\epsilon$ | (45.3) | $\epsilon$ | (56.3) | $\epsilon$ | (56.3) | $\epsilon$ | (10.1) | $\epsilon$ | (15.6) | $\epsilon$ | (16.0) | $\epsilon$ | (42.0) | $\epsilon$ | (42.0) | $\epsilon$ | 12.1 | $\epsilon$ | 0.3 | $\epsilon$ | 11.0 | $\epsilon$ | 47.0 | 47.0 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Beginning Cash balance |  |  | 209.0 |  | 209.0 |  | 209.0 |  | 209.0 |  | 209.0 |  | 152.7 |  | 152.7 |  | 152.7 |  | 152.7 |  | 152.7 |  | 110.7 |  | 110.7 |  | 110.7 |  | 110.7 | 110.7 |
| Ending Cash balance |  |  | 187.4 |  | 165.9 |  | 163.7 |  | 152.7 |  | 152.7 |  | 142.6 |  | 137.1 |  | 136.6 |  | 110.7 |  | 110.7 |  | 122.8 |  | 111.0 |  | 121.7 |  | 157.7 | 157.7 |

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