

# NLMK Capital Markets Day

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## **TODAY'S SPEAKERS**



#### **HELMUT WIESER**

Independent Director



#### **OLEG BAGRIN**

*President and Chief Executive Officer* 



**GRIGORY FEDORISHIN** *Chief Financial Officer* 

## AGENDA

8:30	DELIVERING ON STRATEGY 2017	OLEG BAGRIN President and Chief Executive Officer
9:00	FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS	<b>GRIGORY FEDORISHIN</b> Chief Financial Officer
9:20	CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & CONCLUDING REMARKS	HELMUT WIESER Independent Director

9:30 Q&A



## DELIVERING ON STRATEGY 2017 Oleg Bagrin President and Chief Executive Officer

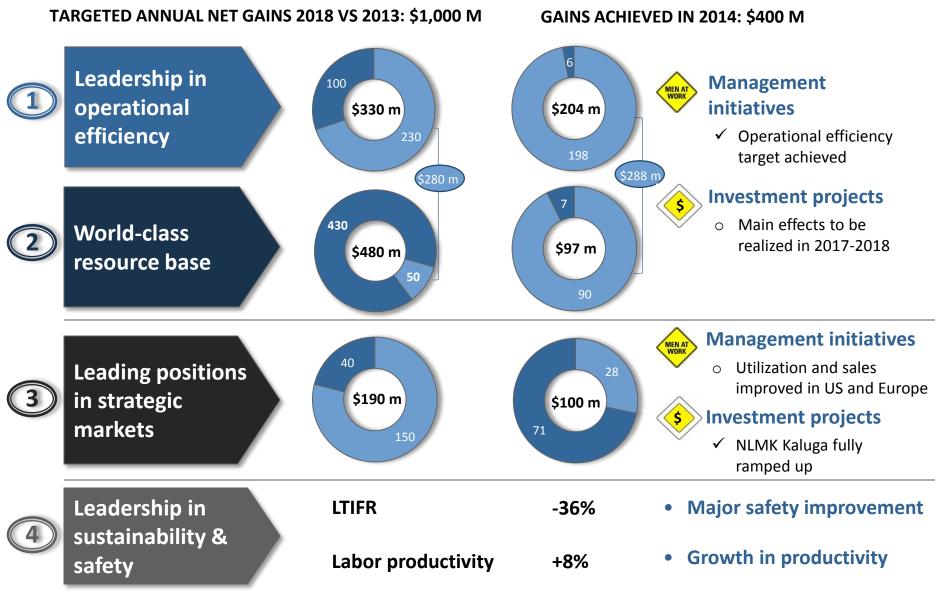


## **STRATEGY 2017: KEY TARGETS**

#### TARGETED ANNUAL NET GAINS IN 2018 VS 2013: \$1,000 M



## STRATEGY 2017: 40% OF TARGETED GAINS REALIZED IN 2014



Management initiatives



### TARGETED OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY GAINS ACHIEVED

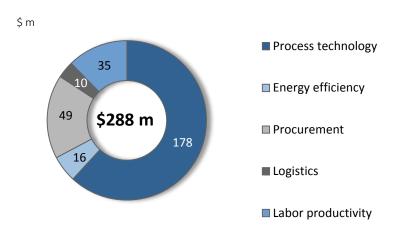
- Flat Products division is a home to NLMK Production System
  - Productivity gains: +200 k t of pig iron, +150 k t of steel, +150 k t of HRC production
  - Record steel output of 12.5 m t pa
  - $\circ$  -20 kg/t drop in coking coal consumption
  - +40% increase of recycled slag consumption
  - -50% drop in non-prime HRC
- Long products division gains momentum after the new facilities ramp up
  - $\circ~$  +30 k t of rebar production through productivity gains

#### Mining division delivers best ever operational results

- +1 m tpa of iron ore concentrate through productivity gains
- European and US divisions follow suit
  - -8% personnel optimization at NBH companies
  - $\circ~$  -70% drop in non-prime HRC in the US division



#### **2014 STRUCTURAL GAINS BY PROCESS\***



#### **2014 STRUCTURAL GAINS BY DIVISIONS\***

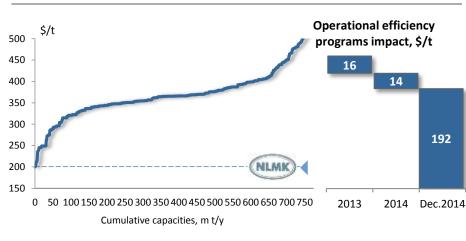


\* Compared to 2013 cost base, net of investment projects effects



### OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY IS MANAGED AS A PROCESS

- NLMK Production System is being rolled out across all divisions and production sites
- Efficiency programs structure has changed
  - Quick gains achieved
  - Number of projects increased to 1,300
  - o 2014 new gains comparable to 2013 level
- Further gains targeted
  - $\circ$   $\,$  More than \$100 m budgeted for 2015  $\,$
  - Active management of efficiency projects pipeline by regular review of all production sites and processes







#### NUMBER OF LIVE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY PROJECTS, 2013-2014



#### **CUMULATIVE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY GAINS**



\* World Steel Dynamics (WSD). For NLMK – consolidated slab cash cost Dec.2014

Continuous improvement culture should unlock further cost cutting potential



#### RATIONALIZATION OF THE EUROPEAN DIVISION CONTINUES

#### Restructuring in Europe in progress since 2009

- Full transition to re-rolling model, cost reduction through operational efficiency programs
- 2013: setup of NBH\* and a participation of the Belgium state company SOGEPA in the capital of NBH (20.5%)

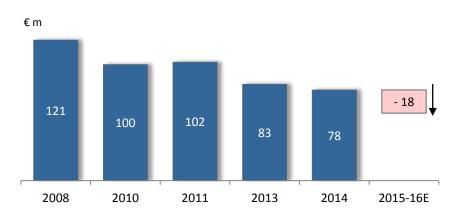
#### • Next step of NBH rationalization has started

- SOGEPA's equity stake up to 49% from 20.5%, SOGEPA's put options cancelled
- $\circ$  NLMK and SOGEPA made equity injection of €40 m
- 50% reduction of NLMK guarantees in favour of NBH under existing €500 m working capital line
- Further restructuring of EU Flat Products operations

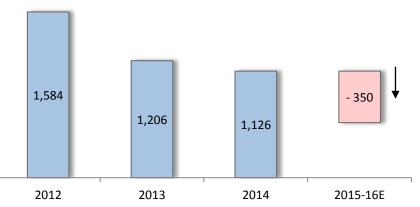
#### • Positive impact on NLMK European operations

- Structural EBITDA effect of €20 m
- EU Plate Products: zero or positive EBITDA 2015 expected
- $\circ~$  EU Flat Products: clear path to breakeven in 2017

#### EU FLAT PRODUCTS: FIXED COSTS EVOLUTION



#### EU FLAT PRODUCTS: HEADCOUNT EVOLUTION

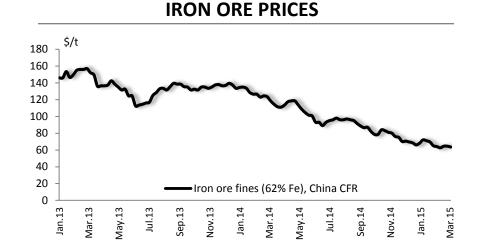


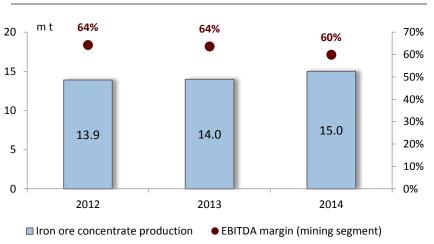
\* NLMK Belgium Holdings (NBH) comprises NLMK La Louvière (Belgium), NLMK Coating (France), NLMK Strasbourg (France), NLMK Clabecq (Belgium), NLMK Verona (Italy) and and a network of service centres. SOGEPA stands for Societe Wallonne de Gestion et de Participations S.A.

## **IRON ORE PROJECTS ENVIRONMENT**

World-class resource base

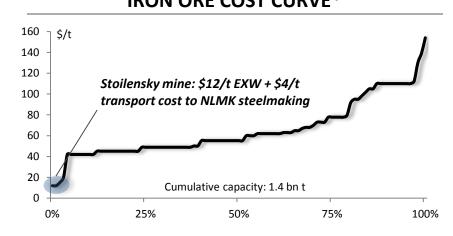
- Major episode of global iron ore market oversupply, leading to 50% price drop
- Stoilensky mine competitiveness remains intact
  - o One of the lowest cost mining operations globally
  - o 90% of costs in rubles
  - Productivity gains (+1.0 m tpa in 2014) drive down costs
  - Low maintenance capex (\$54 m in 2014)





#### MINING DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS

## IRON ORE COST CURVE\*



\* Bloomberg industries. Iron ore concentrate cash cost. Jan. 2015

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#### Stoilensky mine remains a platform for long term value creation

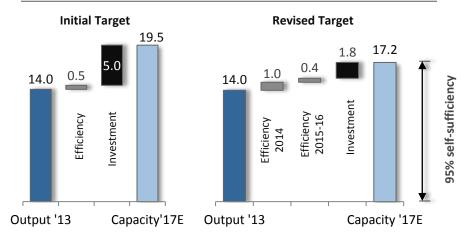


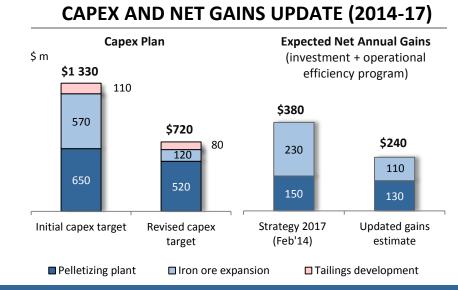
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#### Iron ore concentrate: more efficient growth

- Operational efficiency: +1.0 m tpa in 2014, +0.4 m tpa further potential
- Expansion project scaled down: debottlenecking of 1.8 m tpa vs. new 5.0 m tpa beneficiation facility
- Capex scaled down to \$120 m from \$570 m initially
- EBITDA impact (at \$60/t IO CFR China): \$110 m pa
- o Launch: 2017-18
- Pelletizing project well on track...
  - $\circ$  Capacity: 6 m tpa with an option to grow to 7.2 m tpa
  - Updated 2014-17 capex: \$520 m (incl. \$160 m in 2014)
  - Launch: mid-2016
- ...and remains efficient even in current pricing environment
  - Targeted EBITDA impact: \$130 m pa
- New targets for iron ore expansion
  - Self-sufficiency: 95%
  - 2014-17 capex: down from \$1,330 m to \$720 m (\$550 m in 2015-2017)
  - Net gains of \$240 m at current prices

#### IRON ORE CONCENTRATE CAPACITY, M TPA





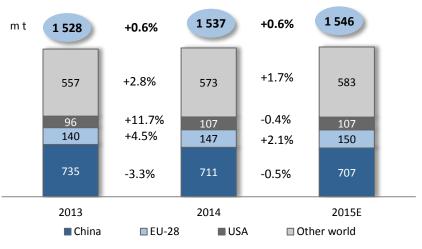
Large scale capacity expansion replaced with more efficient low capex growth

### STRATEGIC MARKETS ENVIRONMENT

#### International markets: global steel demand will grow by 0.6% in 2015

- NLMK core markets in the EU, MENA and the US continue to grow showing stable demand
- Russian market outlook
  - Steel demand to soften by 7% in 2015, imports will fall by up to 50%
  - Steel output is expected to decline 2% yoy, minor and long products producers most affected
  - o Sustainable demand in selected sectors:
    - Pipes consumption to grow +10-15%
    - Other infrastructure growth
    - Construction industry fundaments are in place, decline is cyclical, not structural

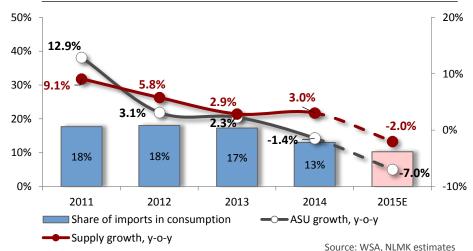
#### **GLOBAL MARKET: APPARENT STEEL USE**



Source: World Steel Association

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#### **RUSSIAN MARKET: SUPPLY AND DEMAND**



#### Recovery in developed markets, low growth in developing markets



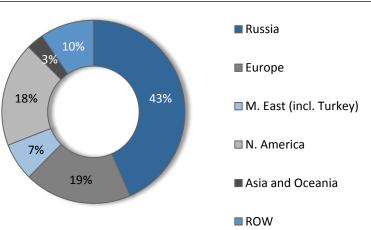
### DIVERSIFIED SALES AND BALANCED PRODUCT PORTFOLIO

#### • Flexible sales structure

- $\circ~$  Actively managed sales with exports share of 50-70%
- $\circ$   $\;$  Wide exports geography of more than 70 countries
- In Q1'15 exports increased to 65% from 53% in 2014

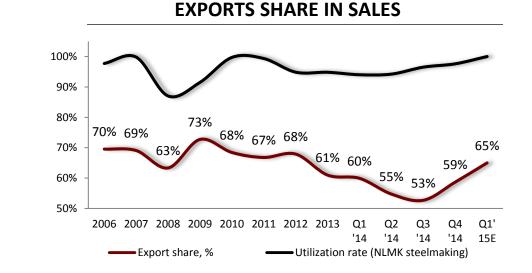
#### Diversified product mix

- o Russian market is strategic for downstream products
- Up to 75% of export sales are semi-finished steel not exposed to trade barriers
- o Half of export sales are to captive re-rolling operations



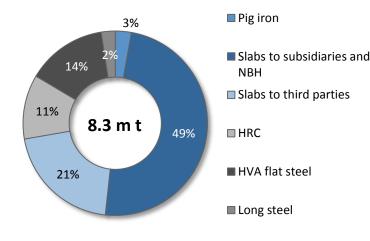
#### SALES STRUCTURE BY MARKETS, 2014

Leading positions in strategic markets



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#### **EXPORTS FROM RUSSIAN ASSETS, 2014**





#### IMPROVED UTILIZATION AND PRODUCT MIX IN STRATEGIC MARKETS

#### Benefiting from strong domestic demand in 2014

- Russian sales up 14% yoy capturing local price premium
- o NLMK Kaluga reached 100% capacity utilization

#### • Building exposure to attractive niches in Russia

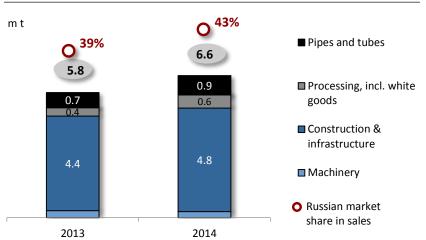
- Growing sales to pipe sector, including 800 kt of slabs supplied for LDP production in 2014
- $\circ~$  HDG facility upgrade in 2015: +0.12 m t

#### • European market: HVA products growth

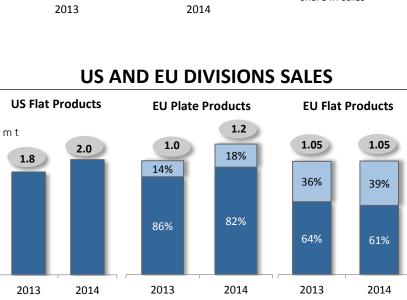
- EU Plate Products: 40% growth in Q&T plates sales
- EU Flat Products: 10% growth in sales to automotive

#### • Improved utilization in the growing US market

- US Flat Products sales up +11% yoy to 2.0 m t
- $\circ$   $\;$  NLMK US division benefits from increased protectionism
- Net gains from market strategy in 2014: \$100 m



#### Leading positions in strategic markets



Q&T / niche thick plates

Ordinary grades

#### SALES IN RUSSIA

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Flat steel

Automotive

Other industries



#### STRONG PROGRESS IN SAFETY AND SUSTAINABILITY

#### **Relentless focus on safe operating practices**

Russian operations LTIFR\* down by 36% to global best practice level

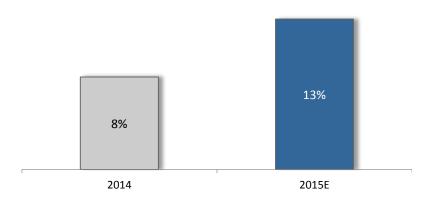
#### Further reduction of environmental footprint

- Specific air emissions reduced by 7% yoy to 20.3 kg/t Ο
- Off-gas treatment improved to a record 98.7% Ο

#### Labor productivity grew 8% across the Group

- Reengineering of business processes, implementing Ο best practices in HR
- Outsourcing of maintenance and auxiliary processes Ο

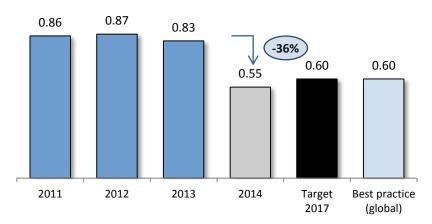
#### LABOR PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH VS 2013\*\*



\*\*Productivity calculated as steel output divided by the number of employees

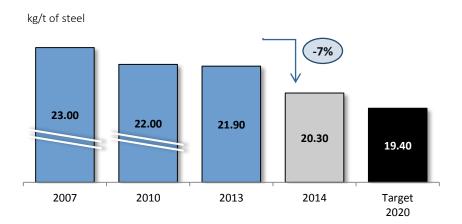


#### LTIFR\*, RUSSIAN ASSETS



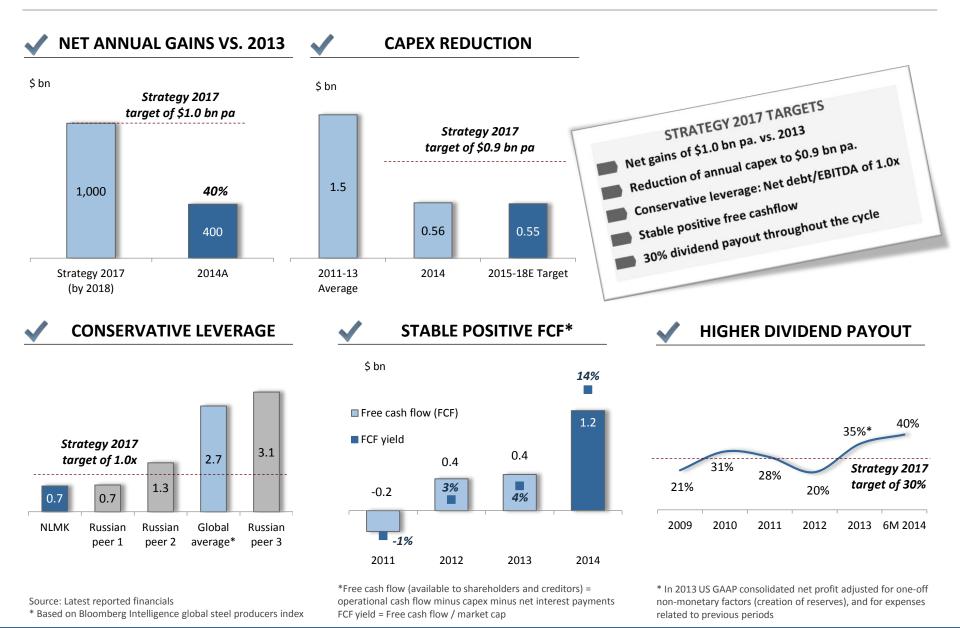
\* LTIFR – Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (per 1 mln man-hours worked). Russian assets include Russian Flat Products, Russian Long Products, Russian Mining

#### **AIR EMISSIONS, RUSSIAN ASSETS**



#### Sustainability and safety remains a priority

## **STRATEGY 2017: STRONG PROGRESS IN 2014**



Delivering solid returns to all NLMK shareholders remains a priority

## **CEO REMARKS**

- Management delivered good progress on strategy execution with \$400 m gains realized in 2014
- Future net gains target of \$1bn unchanged
- Increased contribution to come from operational efficiency projects as continuous improvement culture strengthens
- Iron ore expansion capex cut by c.50%, selfsufficiency target remains
- Balanced product mix and flexible sales to support utilization and top line
- Leading positions in sustainability and safety ensure long-term responsible growth





## FINANCIAL POLICY Grigory Fedorishin Chief Financial Officer



## **KEY 2014 NUMBERS**

#### All time record steel output in 2014: 15.9 m t (+3% yoy)

- o NLMK Kaluga ramp up
- >100% utilization of steelmaking at Lipetsk site
- Steel sales up 2% yoy to 15.1 m t

#### • FY'14 financial results

0	Revenue	\$10.4 bn (-5% yoy)
0	EBITDA	\$2.4 bn (+57% yoy)
0	EBITDA margin	23% (+9 p.p. yoy)
0	FCF	\$1.2 bn (+112% yoy)
0	Сарех	\$562 m (-26% yoy)

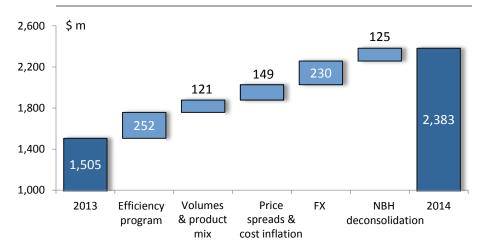
- Consecutive growth of EBITDA margin
- Deleveraging target achieved
  - Net debt \$1.6 bn (-41% yoy)
    Gross debt \$2.8 bn (-34% yoy)

0.67x

Net debt / LTM EBITDA



#### EBITDA BRIDGE, 2014/2013 \*

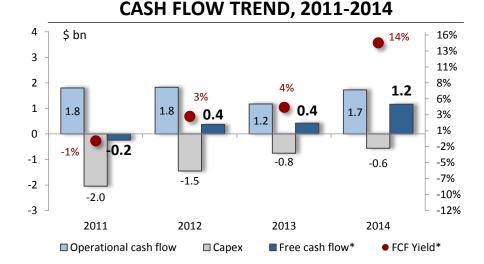


\* Does not include NBH results and \$36 m efficiency gains at NBH

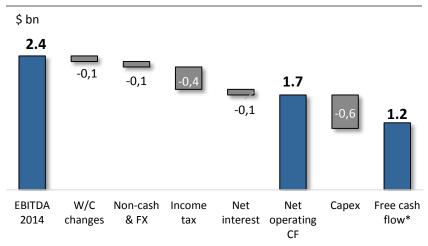
## **FREE CASH FLOW GROWTH**

#### Structural growth in business profitability

- >\$500 m of annual net gains from operational efficiency programs generated in 2013-2014
- o Forthcoming gains from investment projects
- Deleveraging completed
  - Net Debt / EBITDA of 0.67x below target of 1.0x
- Lower capital intensity of the business
  - o 2014 capex: \$0.56 bn
  - 2015-2018E average capex: \$0.55 bn
- Free cash flow becomes available to shareholders: capability to sustainably increase dividends



#### EBITDA TO FREE CASH FLOW BRIDGE, 2014



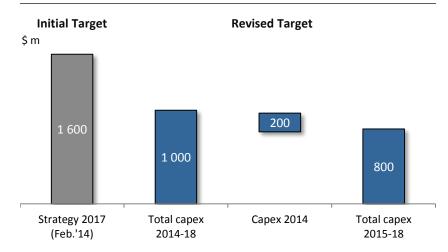
\* Free cash flow (available to shareholders and creditors) = operational cash flow minus capex minus net interest payments. FCF yield = Free cash flow / market cap

#### Strategy 2017 development capex scaled down

- $\circ~$  -\$0.6 bn: iron ore capex reduction
- +\$0.1 bn: new projects (IRR>35%) offset by ruble devaluation effect on capex
- $\circ~$  \$0.8 bn to invested in 2015-2018
- Mid-term total average annual capex of \$0.55 bn (down from \$0.9 bn)
  - $\,\circ\,$  \$0.2 bn pa. Strategy 2017 projects capex
  - \$0.25 bn pa. structural maintenance and environmental capex
  - \$0.1 bn pa. one-off BF and BOF capital repairs program of 2015-2018

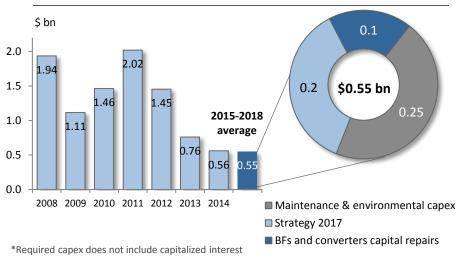
#### • Capex 2015E of \$600-700 m

- $\circ~$  \$0.25 bn active phase of pelletizing project
- 2014 capex carryovers



#### STRATEGY 2017 TOTAL REQUIRED CAPEX

#### ANNUAL CAPEX HISTORY AND PROJECTIONS



Lower capital intensity of the business

## **DELEVERAGING TARGET ACHIEVED**

#### Maintaining leverage at comfortable level

- Strategic target of Net debt / EBITDA of 1.0x achieved
- No plans for further deleveraging
- Efficient debt structure

#### Strong liquidity position

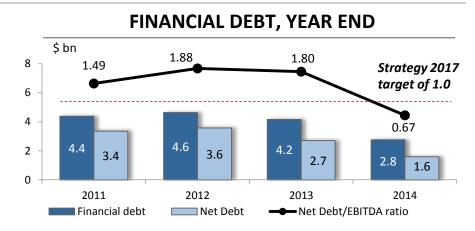
- \$1.1 bn of cash, 90% \$ or € denominated
- \$1.9 bn of committed credit lines, >50% from Russian state-owned banks
- Liquidity comfortably covers short-term debt

#### Modest level of short-term debt

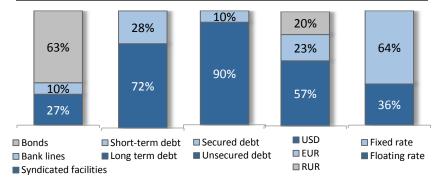
- $\circ$  \$0.25 bn of refinanced/rolled over debt
- \$0.5 bn to be covered by operational cash flow or refinanced

#### Commitment to investment grade rating

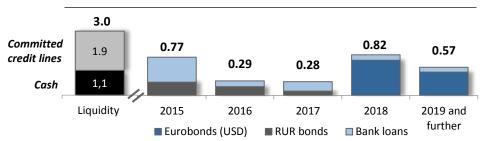
- Sovereign rating pressure
- In constant dialogue with major credit ratings agencies



#### FINANCIAL DEBT STRUCTURE, 2014



#### **DEBT STRUCTURE AND MATURITY, 2014**

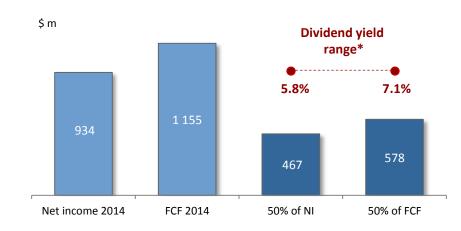


#### Strong financial position

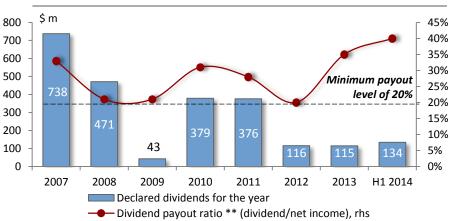
## **NEW DIVIDEND POLICY**

- Quarterly dividend payments
- Based on Net income (non-cash) and Free cash flow (cash) indicators
- Adjusts for leverage (Net debt/EBITDA)
- Net debt/EBITDA of 1.0x or less
  - Dividend payout in the range of 50% of Net income and 50% of Free cash flow
- Net debt/EBITDA exceeding 1.0x
  - Dividend payout in the range of 30% of Net income and 30% of Free cash flow

#### NEW DIVIDEND POLICY EXAMPLE



\*Dividend yield calculation is based on the average 2014 market cap



#### **DIVIDEND HISTORY**

\*\* In 2013 dividend payout amounted 35% of US GAAP consolidated net profit adjusted for one-off nonmonetary factors (creation of reserves), and for expenses related to previous periods

Targeting higher dividend payout going forward

## **CFO REMARKS**

- Cost control and operational efficiency to support profitability
- Conservative capex with high return hurdles
- No need for further deleveraging
- Structurally higher free cash flow available for shareholders
- New dividend policy to improve visibility of payments and to increase payout
- Generating superior shareholder returns remains top priority





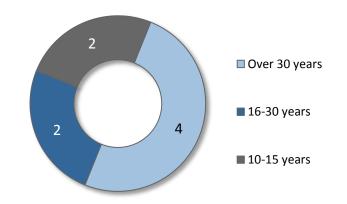


## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE Helmut Wieser Independent Director

## **COMMITMENT TO SOLID CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

- Experienced and involved Board
- Three independent directors
- Board committees meet on a regular basis
  - Strategic Planning Committee
  - Audit Committee
  - HR, Remuneration and Social Policies Committee
- Corporate governance is based on best practices
- Management is focused on governance
  - Internal controls and risk management set as a group function reporting to the Audit Committee
  - Corporate Secretary set as a group function
- One of the industry's most transparent companies
  - Top 10 in Best Financial Disclosure and Best Investor Relations in Europe and Russia
  - 2008-2014 awards include Institutional Investor and Extel Survey Awards for Best IR (Equity and Debt)
- New dividend policy demonstrates commitment to all shareholders

#### **DIRECTORS' EXPERIENCE IN METAL & MINING**



#### **ENGAGING WITH SHAREHOLDERS**

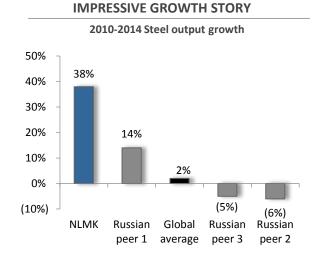


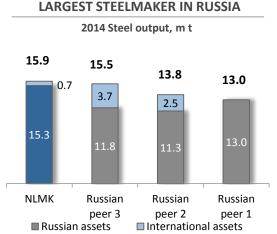


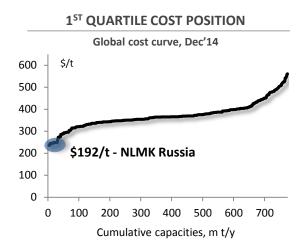




## LEADING POSITIONS TO TRANSLATE INTO SHAREHOLDERS RETURNS





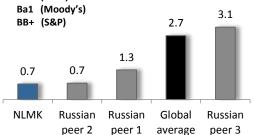


Source: WSD Dec'14 cost curve; consolidated slab cash cost at NLMK Russian Flat Products as of Dec'14

**TOP TIER PROFITABILITY** 2010-2014 EBITDA margin\* 21% 19% 16% 14% 13% Russian NLMK Russian Russian Global peer 2 peer 1 peer 3 average

#### CONSISTENTLY LOW LEVERAGE 12M 2014 Net debt / LTM EBITDA

BBB- (Fitch)

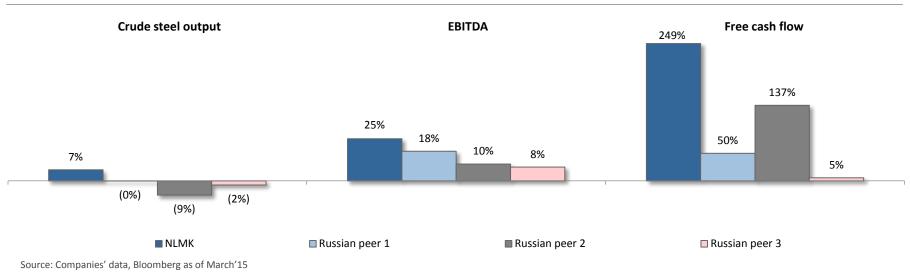


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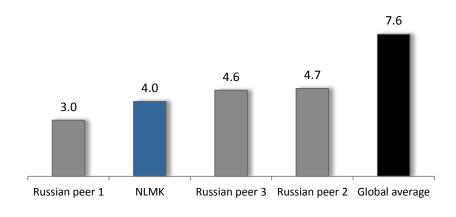
#### **GROWTH RATES 2014/2012**



#### MARKET CAPITALIZATION

EV/ EBITDA, MARCH 2015



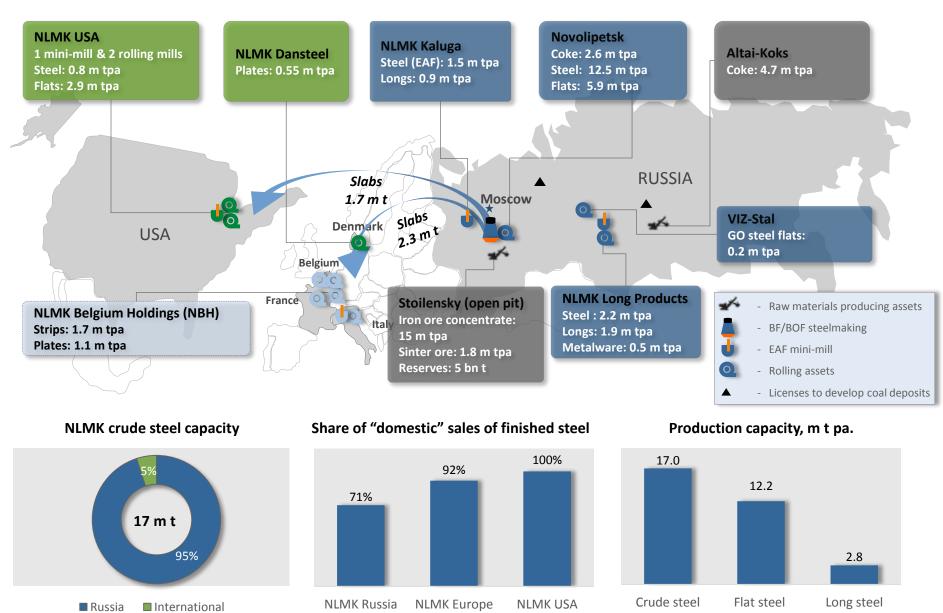




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## **BALANCED ASSET PORTFOLIO**

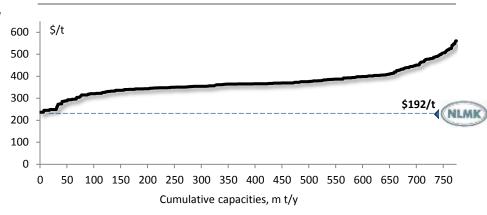


## NLMK CORE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

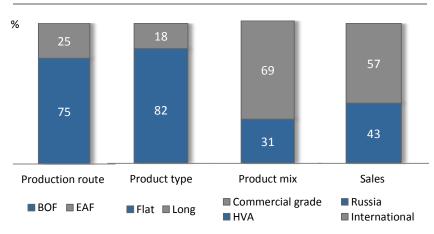
- The largest steelmaker in Russia with 1<sup>st</sup> quartile costs and one of the highest profitability globally
- Balanced and diversified production chain
  - All upstream assets and 95% of steelmaking capacity (75% BOF, 25% EAF) located in Russia
  - Self-sufficiency in raw materials: iron ore 100%, coke >100%, scrap 85%, energy 60%
  - 15 mln t pa. downstream facilities in Russia, EU and the US source crude steel from Russia

#### • One of the most diversified steelmakers globally

- Up to 100% of finished rolled products produced in Russia, EU and the US are sold locally
- Diversified product portfolio (flat 85%, long 15%) with over 35% of high value added
- Diversified customer base (from infrastructure to autos and energy) in more than 70 countries
- 100% utilization, 25 p.p. above industry average
- Low risk growth opportunities across the existing production platform
  - Scalable value chain: growth options in upstream, steelmaking and downstream
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Low capex due to organic/brownfield growth options  $\;$



#### \* World Steel Dynamics (WSD)



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#### **DECEMBER 2014 SLAB PRODUCTION COST\***

Note: 2014 sales, tonnes, excluding NBH



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