

# Q3'21 IFRS Results



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# **RAW MATERIAL PRICES – ROLLER COASTER RIDE IN Q3'21**

The pace of economic expansion in developed markets decelerated in Sep'21. Manufacturing in emerging markets is close to stagnation

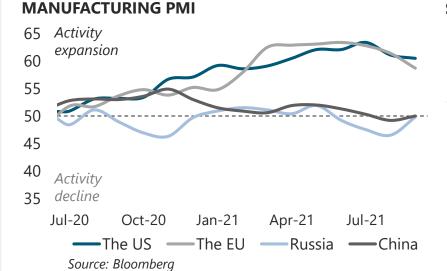
# Steel demand in Q3'21 was sequentially lower in most regions, except for the US

- China: seasonality and deceleration of property construction contributed to demand slowdown
- Russia: apparent consumption was lower qoq due to subdued dynamics in manufacturing and construction
- The EU: steel demand was seasonally weaker coupled with chip shortage impact on the automotive sector
- The US: consumption was supported by construction activities and manufacturing other than autos

# Iron ore quotes dropped amid Chinese steel output restrictions

Coking coal prices in China surged due to tight supply, Australian prices improved on ex-China restocking...

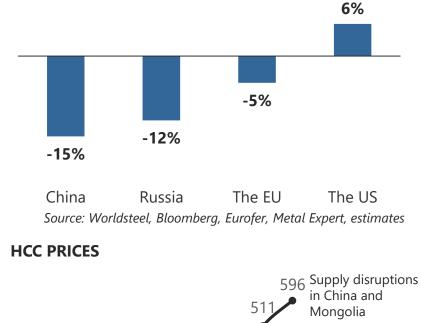
...Russian coal prices' growth was less pronounced



#### **IRON ORE AND SCRAP PRICE**



#### STEEL DEMAND IN KEY REGIONS, Q3'21, QoQ





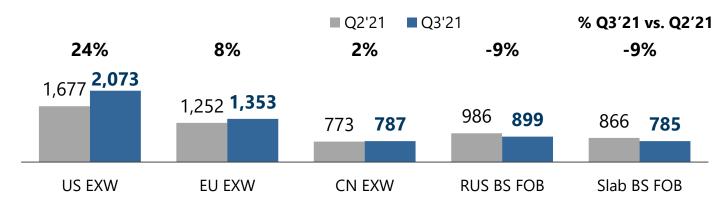
# MIXED PRICE TRENDS IN Q3'21 ACROSS DEVELOPED AND EMERGING MARKETS

### During Q3'21 regional steel prices exhibited divergent trends on the back of government stimulus and policy restrictions

- **The US:** steel prices growth outperforming other countries. Strong demand supported by fiscal stimulus persists, while crude steel output has recovered to pre-pandemic levels
- **The EU:** price increase was backed by improved manufacturing activity although there was seasonal downturn in August
- China: steel prices rose c.2% qoq. Seasonal decline in consumption was offset by government program to limit steel supply
- Russia: HRC and slab export prices fell c.9% qoq following demand deceleration in key export markets; local HRC prices were down 3% reflecting weaker activity in the manufacturing and auto sectors spurred by expectations of higher domestic supply / lower prices due to the introduction of export duties

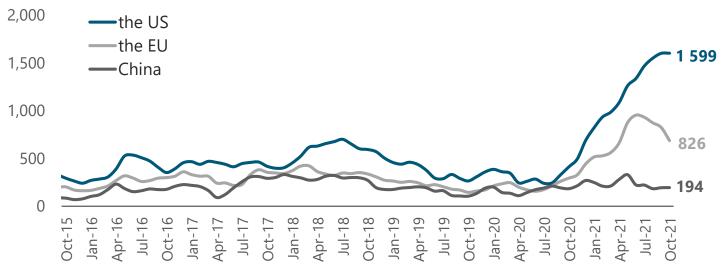
### Steel margins in the US and the EU remained elevated during Q3'21, while in October higher input costs (excluding energy) sent the EU gross margins 17% lower

#### HRC PRICES IN KEY REGIONS AND RUSSIAN EXPORT SLAB PRICES, \$/t



Source: Bloomberg, excl. VAT. Quoted prices can be different from NLMK's realized prices

#### **GROSS PROFIT PER TONNE OF HRC, \$/t**



Source: SBB, CRU; Gross profit calculated as domestic HRC price less key raw material costs (iron ore, coal, metallics, and ferroalloys)

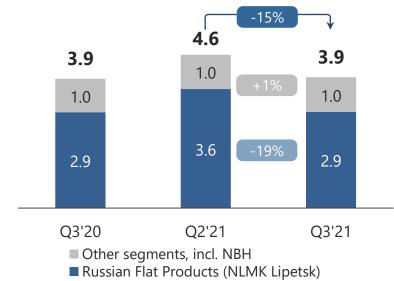
# LOWER SALES IN Q3'21 DUE TO A ONE-OFF STEEL OUTPUT LOSS

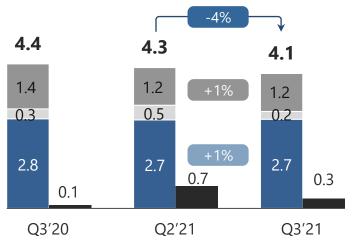
## Output decreased by 15% qoq to 3.9 m t ONE-OFF DECLINE IN STEEL OUTPUT AT THE LIPETSK SITE... ... LED TO LOWER SEMIS SALES TO CAPTIVE ASSETS

- (-) Incident in the oxygen supply infrastructure of the steelmaking production at the Lipetsk site (Aug'21) and the subsequent repair works
- (-) Planned BF and BOF overhauls

#### Shipments were down 4% qoq to 4.1 m t

- (-) Lower sales to NBH amid one-off steel output reduction
- (+) Higher shipments of semis to external customers mainly due to increased pig iron deliveries
- (+) Increased sales of finished products supported by stable final demand in key markets





Semis to external customers
Semis to NBH
Finished
Intragroup slab sales

#### Q3'21: SALES DOWN QOQ DUE TO A TEMPORARY PRODUCTION DECLINE AT THE RUSSIA FLAT DIVISION



# **STRATEGY 2022 – RESULTS SNAPSHOT**

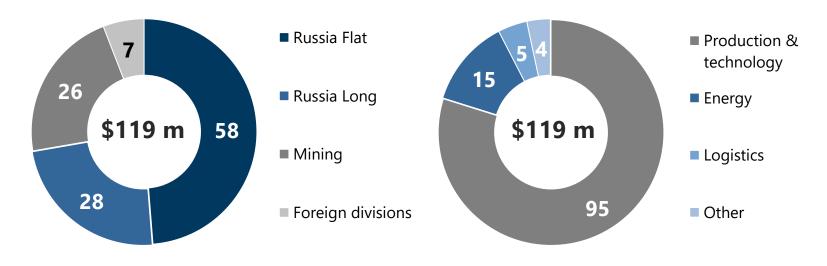
Effects of Strategy 2022 implementation totaled \$248 m in 9M'21 to 2020 base

**Operational efficiency programs contributed \$119 m driven by Russian Flat, Russian Long and Mining divisions** 

Investment projects delivered \$129 m\* due to the ramp-up of the new additional beneficiation section at Stoilensky (\$56 m) as well as steelmaking equipment upgrades at NLMK Lipetsk (\$101 m)



#### EBITDA GAINS FROM EFFICIENCY PROJECTS DURING 9M'21 TO 2020 BASE, BY AREA AND BY DIVISION, \$ m



\* Includes one-off negative effect related to the HSM modernization at La Louviere (adjustment for volumes lost during the period the mill was idled)

#### STRATEGY 2022 EFFECTS IN 9M'21, \$ m pa

# Q4'21 OUTLOOK

# MARKETS

**The US:** prices are expected to moderate due to anticipated increase in local supply as well as higher imports

**China:** local steel prices to gain strength as production cuts may have a stronger impact on the market compared to demand softening in the construction sector. Iron ore price reflects negative trend in Chinese steel output, while coal deficit on the domestic market pushed coking coal prices higher. However the unload of some Australian coal cargoes as well as intensified shipments from Mongolia could provide some relief **The EU:** prices to soften amid sluggish demand from the automotive sector due to ongoing deficit of semiconductors, while energy costs inflation could limit the downside

**Russia:** domestic prices show signs of recovery with multiple price hikes for November orders. Weak purchasing activity in Aug-Sep in anticipation of further price decline resulted in inventories reduction. Consequently, we expect active restocking on the Russian market in Q4'21

# **RESULTS OUTLOOK**

Crude steel production at NLMK Lipetsk to increase qoq with the completion of both scheduled maintenance works as well as August incident related repair works. As a result, full year output to be c. 10% higher yoy

Capital expenditures to reach \$1.2 bn in 2021, in line with the original guidance

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Shamil Kurmashov CFO

# Q3'21 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS: FOUR QUARTERS OF SEQUENTIAL GROWTH

Revenue increased by 10% qoq to \$4.6 bn due to higher steel prices

**EBITDA rose 11% qoq to \$2.3 bn on the back of widening price spreads** 

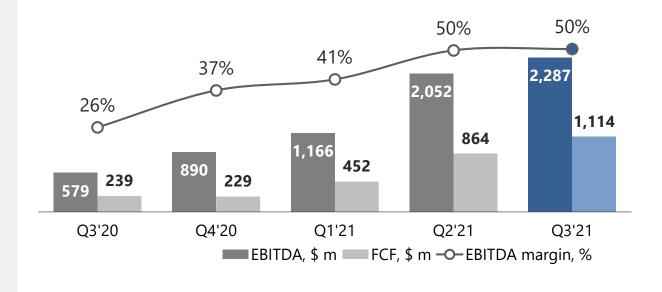
### **EBITDA margin stood at 50%**

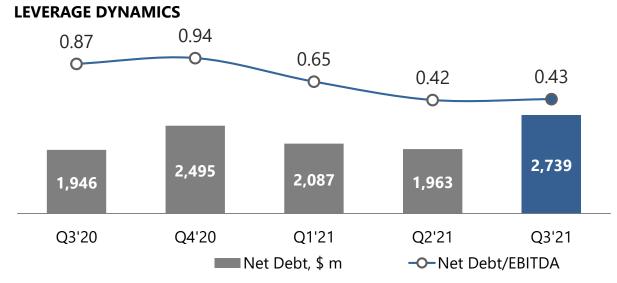
- Revenue: \$4,560 m (+10% qoq, 2x yoy)
- EBITDA: \$2,287 m (+11% qoq, 3.9x yoy)
- EBITDA margin: 50% (flat qoq, +24 p.p. yoy)
- FCF: \$1,114 m (+29% qoq; 4.7x yoy)

### Net debt-to-EBITDA\* reached 0.43x

 Net debt increased by 40% qoq to \$2.7 bn on dividend outflows and working capital buildup as a result of strong market conditions







\* For detailed information and calculations for this indicator please refer to the Appendix of NLMK Group Q3 2021 IFRS Financial Results press release

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# **EBITDA 11% HIGHER QOQ AMID PRICE SPREADS EXPANSION**

### **Russian Flat products: EBITDA softened to \$1,154 m**

- (-) Decrease in shipments one-off steel production loss
- (-) Export duties accrual
- (+) Investment projects gains

### Russian Long products: EBITDA was almost flat at \$158 m

- (+) Improved spreads
- (-) Lower billet shipments amid export duty introduction in Russia starting 1<sup>st</sup> Aug'21

## NLMK USA: EBITDA totaled \$354 m

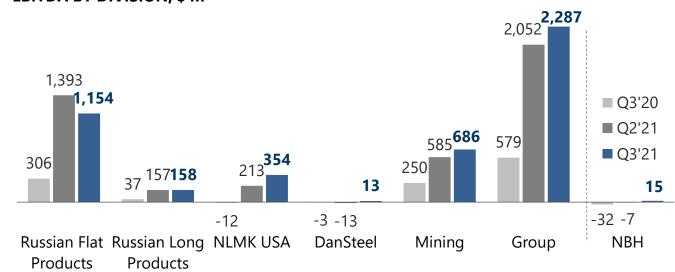
- (+) Growth in shipments
- (+) Improved spreads between rolled products and feedstock

# Mining: EBITDA increased to \$686 m

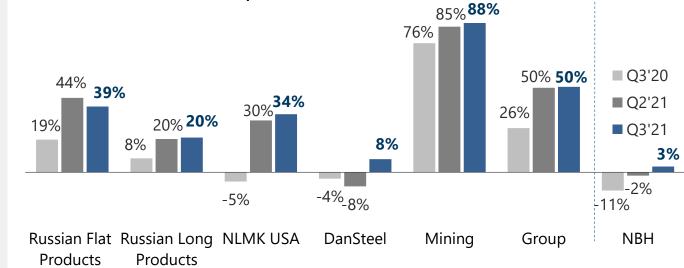
- (+) Higher iron ore prices

# Dansteel: EBITDA reached \$13 m supported by price spreads growth despite seasonally weaker sales

# NBH: EBITDA rose to \$15 m on higher price spreads and shipments



## EBITDA MARGIN BY DIVISION, %



### EBITDA BY DIVISION, \$ m

# Q3'21 FURTHER GROWTH OF FCF FOLLOWING SOLID PROFITABILITY

## Working capital build-up amounted to \$451 m

- (-) \$223 m increase in receivables
  - (-) advance payments for export duties (\$139 m)
  - (-) increase in accrued VAT refund as a result of lower steel prices coupled with higher raw materials prices (\$113 m)
  - (-) higher steel prices (\$116 m)
  - (+) advanced payments from clients (\$181 m)
- (-) \$262 inventories growth
  - (-) higher raw material prices (\$135 m)
  - (-) seasonal growth of scrap stocks (\$77 m)
- (+) \$50 increase in payables coking coal price increase

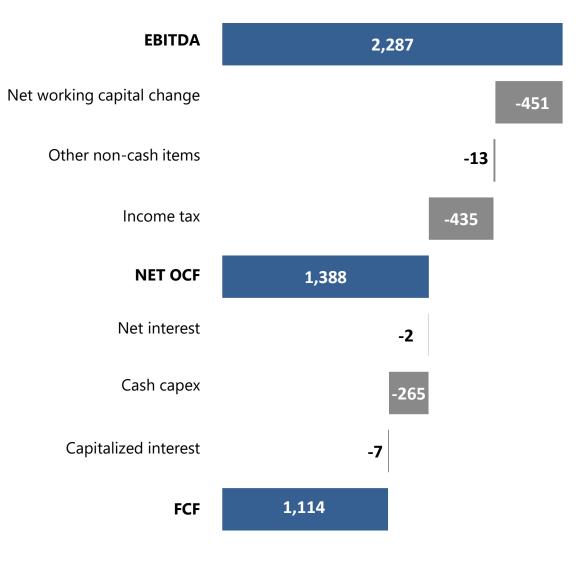
### Capex in Q3'21 declined to \$272 m (-24% qoq)

- High base effect of Q2'21
- Partial shift of investment load at NBH to Q3'21

### In 2021, capex to reach \$1.2 bn, in line with the original guidance

# FCF grew by 29% qoq to \$1,114 m due to higher EBITDA and capex reduction, which was partially offset by increase in working capital

### Q3'21 FCF BRIDGE, \$ m



# STRONG DEBT PORTFOLIO AND LIQUIDITY POSITION

## Total debt increased by 20% qoq to \$3.4 bn

### Net debt / 12M EBITDA stood at 0.43x

- Net debt up 40% qoq to \$2.7 bn
- Liquidity was at the \$0.7 bn level
- \$1.5 bn is available through undrawn credit lines

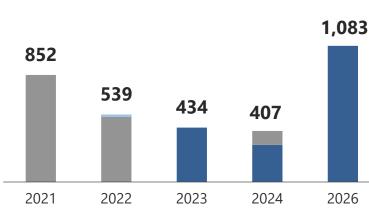
# Working capital lines maturing in Q4'21 – Q3'22 to be repaid of refinanced:

- 60% will be repaid
- 40% will be refinanced

### €600 m revolving credit facility (RCF) and €250 m ESG-rating-linked RCF will be used to refinance existing working capital lines

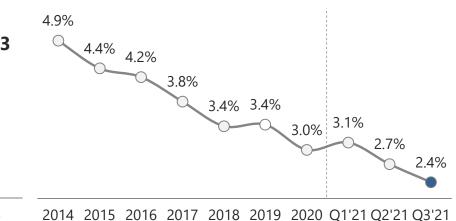
Average cost of debt declined to historically low level of 2.4%

#### DEBT\* MATURITY, \$ m



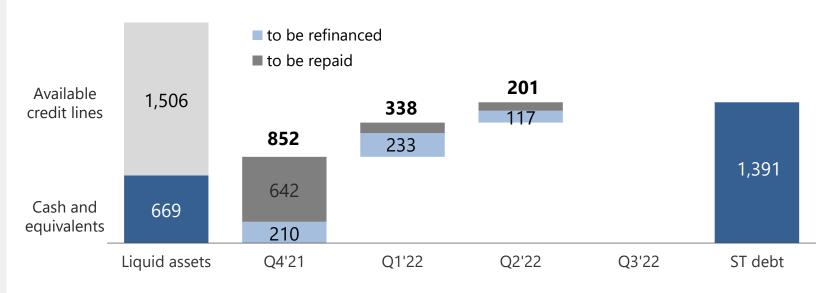
■ Working capital lines ■ ECA lines ■ Eurobonds

#### COST OF DEBT REMAINS LOW, %



\* Excluding interest payments

### LIQUIDITY AND SHORT-TERM DEBT, \$ m



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# Q3'21: RUSSIAN FLAT PRODUCTS

Steel output decreased by 19% qoq to 2.9 m t due to the incident in the steelmaking infrastructure at NLMK Lipetsk

Shipments decreased by 15% qoq to 3.0 m t

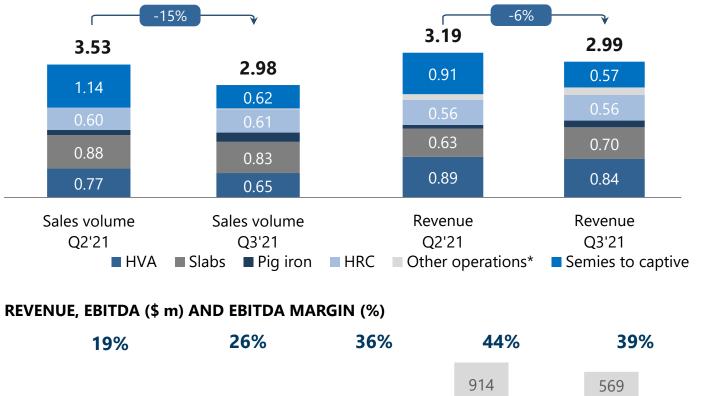
# Revenue fell 6% qoq to \$3.0 bn

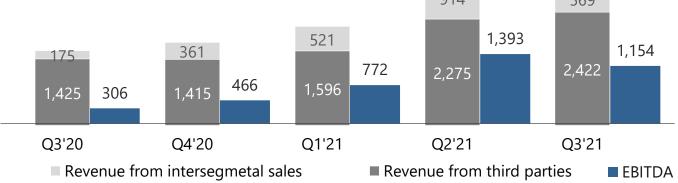
- (-) Lower sales volumes
- (+) Improved prices

## EBITDA was down 17% qoq to \$1.2 bn

- (-) Lower shipments
- (-) Export tariffs accrual
- (+) Investment projects gains

### STEEL SHIPMENTS (m t) AND REVENUE (\$ bn)





\*Revenue from the sale of other products and services, including pipes manufactured under the tolling scheme

# Q3'21: RUSSIAN LONG PRODUCTS

# Shipments decreased to 0.75 m t (-9% qoq)

- (-) Export tariffs introduction starting Aug 1, 2021
- (-) Construction activity slowdown

## Revenue went down by 9% qoq to \$0.78 bn

- (-) Lower shipments to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties
- (-) Lower scrap deliveries to the Lipetsk site and NLMK Kaluga

# EBITDA grew to \$158 m (+1% qoq)

- (-) Lower sales
- (+) Widened price spreads

#### -9% -9% 0.82 0.80 0.78 0.75 0.14 0.09 8:88 0.08 0.09 0.07 0.06 0.60 0.47 0.60 0.43 Sales volume Sales volume Revenue Revenue Q2'21 Q3'21 O2'21 O3'21

Billets

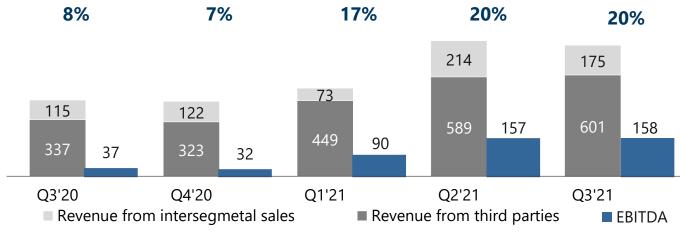
Scrap and other\*

Scrap to captive



Metalware

Long products



\* Revenue from the sale of scrap, other products (ex. by-products) and services

## STEEL SHIPMENTS (m t) AND REVENUE (\$ bn)

# **Q3'21: MINING**

Deliveries decreased by 6% qoq to 4.9 m t due to the incident in the steelmaking infrastructure at NLMK

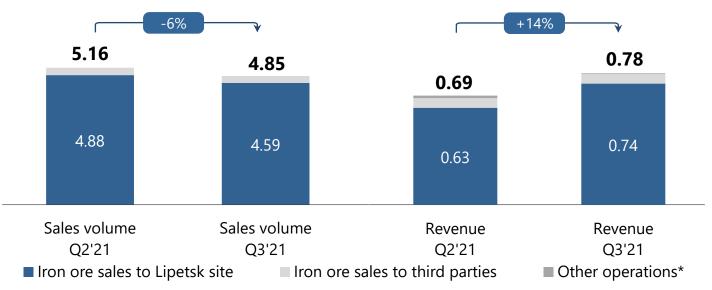
Production, however, rose by 1% qoq to 5.1 m t. Higher iron ore requirements at NLMK Lipetsk in Q4'21 following steel output recovery will help reduce accumulated inventories

Revenue increased by 14% qoq to \$0.78 bn supported by higher prices

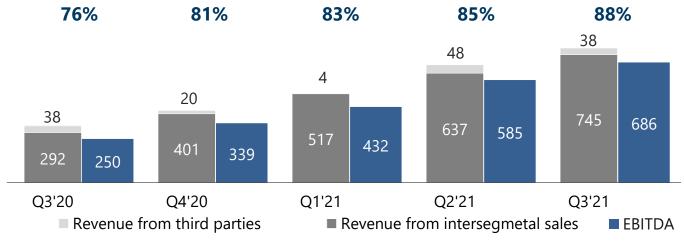
EBITDA grew 17% qoq to \$686 m

EBITDA margin rose to 88% (+3 p.p. qoq)

#### SHIPMENTS (m t) AND REVENUE (\$ bn)



#### **REVENUE, EBITDA (\$ m) AND EBITDA MARGIN (%)**



\* Other operations include limestone, dolomite and other sales

# Q3'21: NLMK USA

# Shipments rose to 0.59 m t (+17% qoq)

- (+) Strong domestic demand across the board
- (+) Government support of infrastructure projects

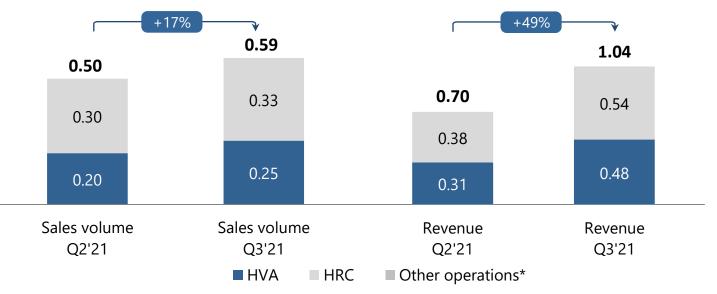
# Revenue grew by 49% qoq to \$1.04 bn

- (+) Increased prices
- (+) Shipments growth
- (+) Higher share of HVA products in the revenue mix

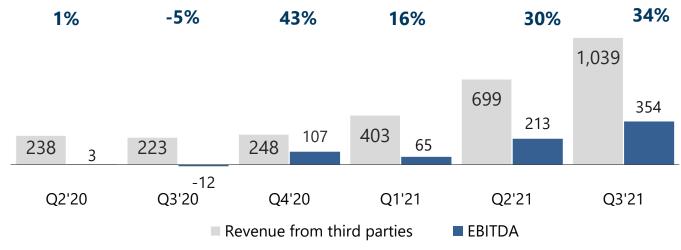
# EBITDA went up by 66% to \$354 m

- (+) Wider price spreads between slabs and flat steel products

### STEEL SHIPMENTS (m t) AND REVENUE (\$ bn)



### REVENUE, EBITDA (\$ m) AND EBITDA MARGIN (%)



\* Revenue from the sale of other products and services

# Q3'21: NLMK DANSTEEL

# Shipments declined by 20% qoq to 0.13 m t

- (-) Scheduled equipment maintenance
- (-) Seasonal demand slowdown

# Revenue increased to \$0.17 bn (+8% qoq)

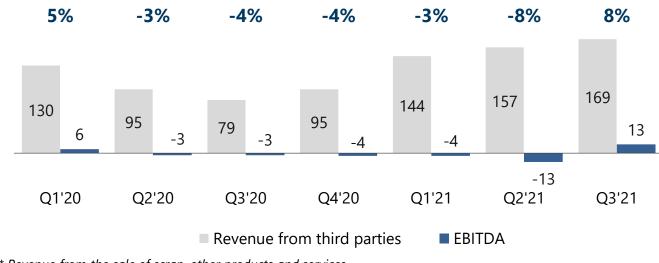
- (+) Increased prices
- (-) Lower shipments

# EBITDA turned positive reaching \$13 m (+\$26 m qoq)

- (+) Improved price spreads

### STEEL SHIPMENTS (m t) AND REVENUE (\$ bn)





# Q3'21: NBH

Shipments grew by 16% qoq to 0.38 m t following the completion of the first stage of hot strip mill (HSM) upgrade at NLMK La Louvière (Strategy 2022 project)

### Revenue grew by 26% to \$0.45 bn

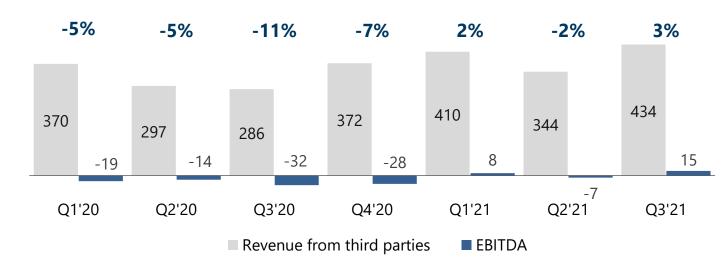
- (+) Higher shipments
- (+) Increased prices for finished products

EBITDA turned positive and reached \$15 m (+\$22 m qoq) on higher sales volumes and improved price spreads

#### STEEL SHIPMENTS (m t) AND REVENUE (\$ bn)



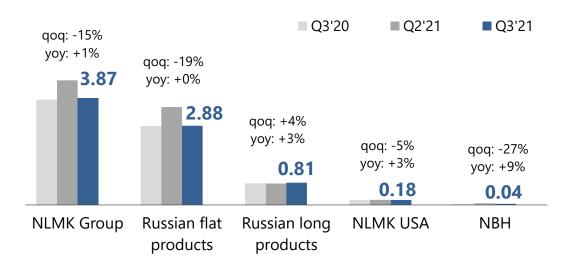
#### REVENUE, EBITDA (\$ m) AND EBITDA MARGIN (%)



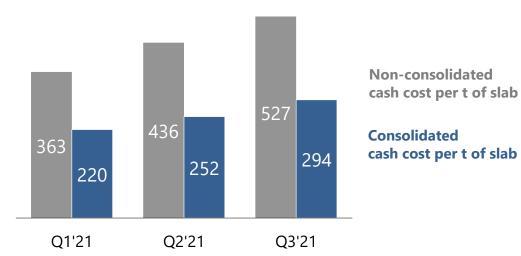


# Q3'21: NLMK OUTPUT, SHIPMENTS, SLAB CASH COSTS

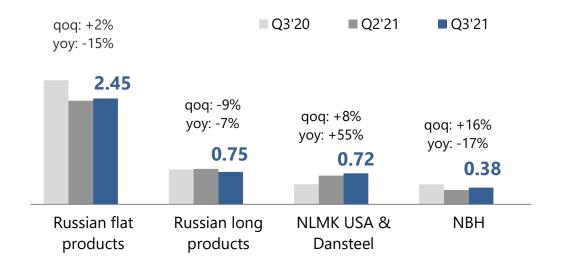
#### **STEEL PRODUCTION, m t**



#### NLMK RUSSIAN FLAT PRODUCTS - CASH COSTS OF SLABS, \$/t

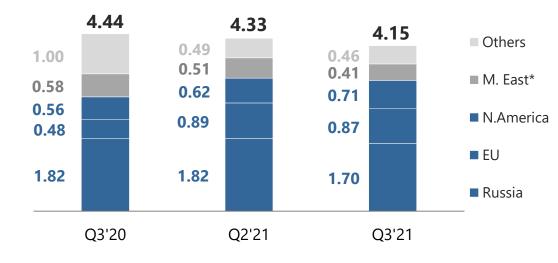


**GROUP SHIPMENTS TO EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS BY SEGMENT, m t** 

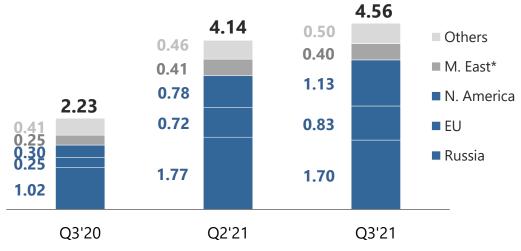


# SALES GEOGRAPHY AND PRODUCT MIX WITHOUT NBH

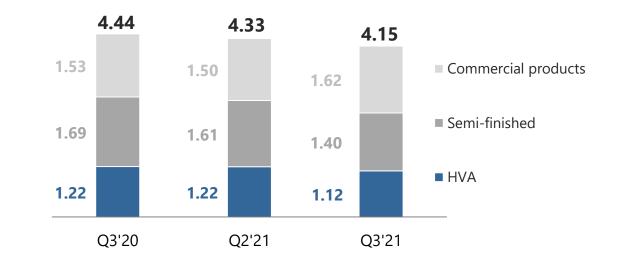
#### STEEL PRODUCT SALES BY REGION, m t



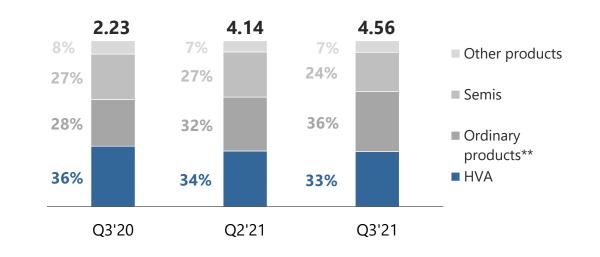
**REVENUE BY REGION, \$ bn** 



#### SALES STRUCTURE BY PRODUCT, m t



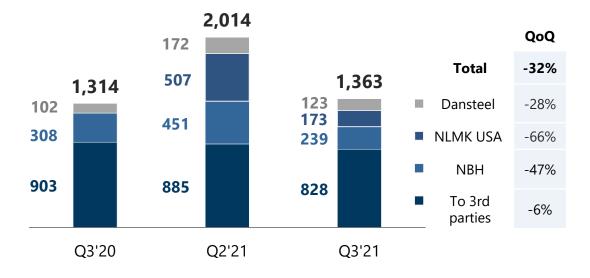
**REVENUE BY PRODUCT, \$ bn** 



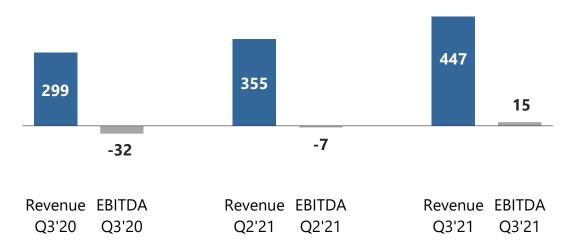
\* Incl. Turkey. \*\* HRC and Long products

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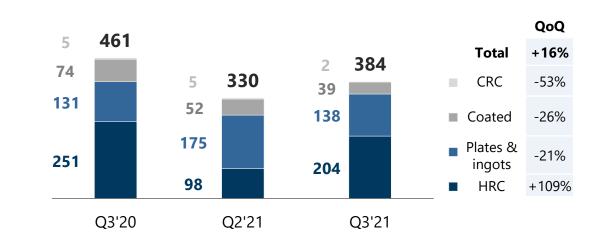
SLABS SALES FROM THE RUSSIAN FLAT PRODUCTS DIVISION, k t



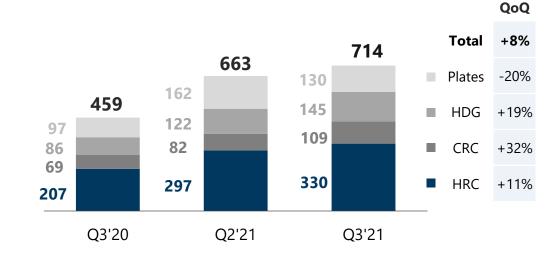
NBH FINANCIAL RESULTS, \$ m



NBH ROLLED PRODUCTS SALES, k t



#### NLMK USA AND NLMK DANSTEEL SALES, k t







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