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### **INCREASED VOLATILITY IN RAW MATERIAL PRICES**

In Q4'21 business activity in developing and developed markets was expanding, however in the latter at a slightly slower rate towards the end of the year

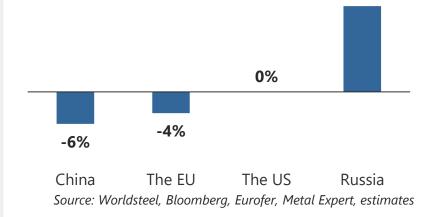
#### Q4'21 steel demand was mixed across key regions

- **China:** steel consumption was subdued by slowdown of property sector and shortage of available energy sources
- The EU: demand for steel lost steam with the stocks replenishment in Q3'21 and weak demand from the auto sector
- The US: steel demand stood at a healthy level capped by consumers' anticipation of further decline in prices
- Russia: demand growth was mainly attributable to restocking and sustainable consumption from end-consumers

#### Q4'21 raw material markets cooled down

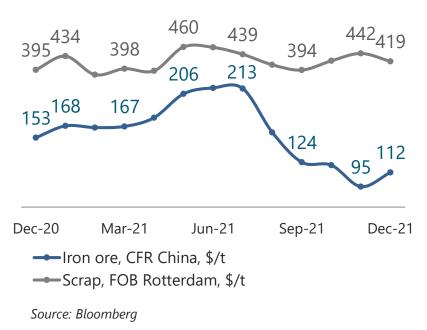
- **Iron ore** prices retreated QoQ while improving in Dec supported by limited supply from Brazil amid rainy season
- **Coking coal** prices in Australia softened in late Q4'21 following the seaborne market oversupply due to the ramp up of Chinese domestic production

#### STEEL DEMAND IN KEY REGIONS, Q4'21, QoQ

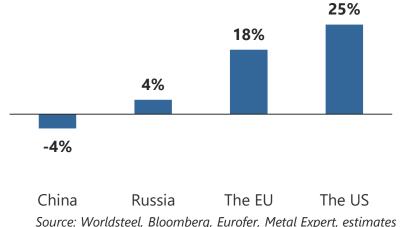


16%

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



#### STEEL DEMAND IN KEY REGIONS, 2021, YoY



Source: Worldsteel, Bloomberg, Eurofer, Metal Expert, estimates

#### **HCC PRICES**



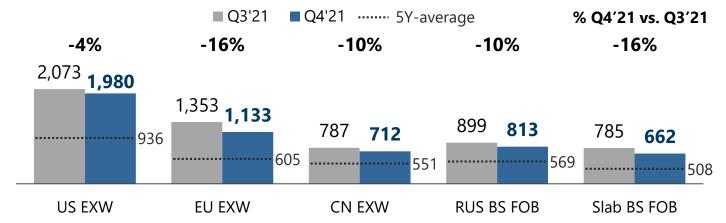
### GLOBAL STEEL PRICES ARE NORMALIZING BUT ARE ABOVE MID-CYCLE

# Steel prices levelled off during Q4'21, albeit remaining twice as high vs 5Y averages in developed markets and 30-40% higher in developing countries

- The US: steel quotes softened amid consumers expectations of further price reduction, as well as a result of increased imports
- The EU: steel prices normalized amid sufficient consumer stocks accumulated in the previous quarter
- China: prices eased due to the demand slowdown
- Russia: HRC and slab export prices moderated amid deceleration of demand in Turkey following depreciation of Turkish lira and seasonally weak buying activity in the EU

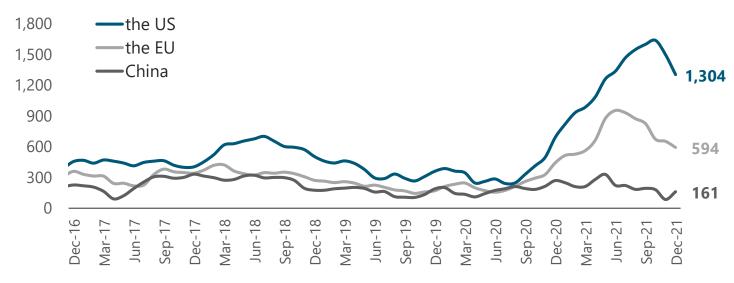
Steel margins in the US and the EU continued to slide from the mid-2021 peak levels

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

### SALES GREW WITH THE LIPETSK SITE OUTPUT RECOVERY

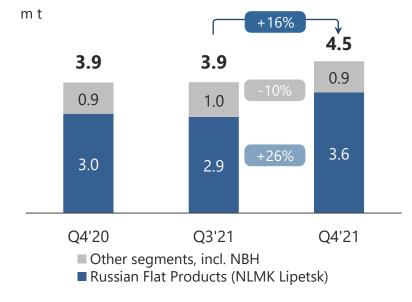
#### Output increased by 16% qoq to 4.5 m t

- (+) Completion of repair works in the steelmaking operations oxygen supply infrastructure at the Lipetsk site in August 2021
- (-) Scheduled repairs of steelmaking equipment at Russia Long Products

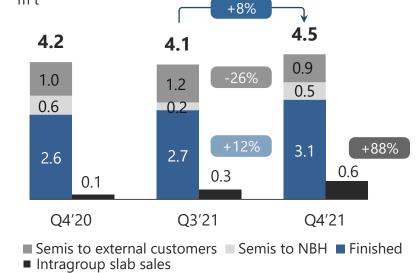
#### Shipments were up 8% qoq to 4.5 m t

- (+) Output growth
- (-) Lower square billet deliveries amid negative profitability due to export duties
- (-) Lower shipments of semis to external customers due to higher intragroup slab sales mainly to the US





#### SALES TO EXTERNAL & INTERNAL CUSTOMERS GREW



#### RUSSIAN FLAT PRODUCTS DIVISION WAS AT THE FOREFRONT OF NLMK GROUP'S SALES GROWTH

m t



# Effects of Strategy 2022 implementation totaled \$340 m in 2021 to 2020 base

# Contributions from the operational efficiency programs reached \$179 m, well above our annual target of \$100 m

- Coal charge mix optimization
- Concentrate and pellets output growth due to lower downtime
- Higher steel output at NLMK Lipetsk

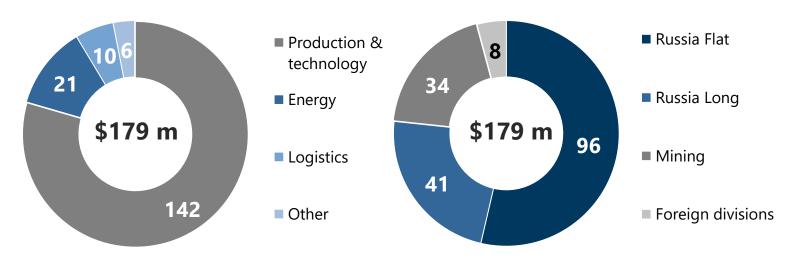
# Investment projects delivered \$161 m\* driven by the Russian divisions' performance:

- Russia Flat contributed \$185 m, mainly as a result of large-scale modernization projects, aimed at increasing steel output at NLMK Lipetsk
- Mining division added \$33 m due to the new beneficiation section commissioned at the Stoilensky
- Russia Long division contributed \$16 m including casting and rolling of new billets grade at NLMK Urals

#### STRATEGY 2022 EFFECTS IN 2021, \$ m pa



#### EBITDA GAINS FROM EFFICIENCY PROJECTS IN 2021 VS 2020, BY AREA AND BY DIVISION, \$ m



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

### Q1'22 OUTLOOK

# **MARKETS**

**The US:** prices will continue to decline steadily in line with global benchmarks, spurred by ramp-up of new capacities introduced in late 2021 and scheduled launch of additional capacities in early 2022; expected growth in imports from the EU following the 25% export duty removal (Section 232) will contribute to price correction as well

**China:** prices to be underpinned by inflating costs as well as the increase in economic activity after the Lunar year and the Olympic games **The EU:** the general downward trend in prices will continue; yet the potential for a bounce is possible amid expected recovery in the auto production (given gradual reduction of semiconductors deficit), as well as due to strong demand in the construction sector that gained momentum in late 2021

**Russia:** low seasonal demand to weigh on local prices, which may be partially offset by limited supply from major steel producers due to maintenance works

# **RESULTS OUTLOOK**

Steel output at NLMK Lipetsk to reach 3.6 m t (+7% yoy) in Q1'22, which is in line with our target to reach 14.2 m t of steel output pa in accordance with Strategy 2022

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# Revenue increased by 2% qoq to \$4.6 bn due to sales volume growth

# EBITDA declined by 23% qoq to \$1.8 bn driven by lower price spreads and introduction of temporary exports duties

#### **EBITDA** margin stood at 38%

- Revenue: \$4,630 m (+2% qoq, +1.9x yoy)

- EBITDA: \$1,758 m (-23% qoq, +2.0x yoy)

- EBITDA margin: 38% (-12 p.p. qoq, +1 p.p. yoy)

- FCF: \$820 m (-26% qoq; +3.6x yoy)

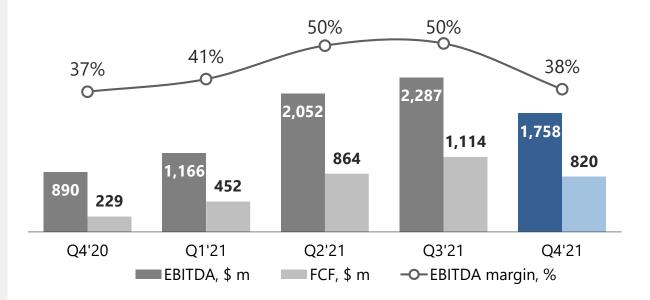
#### Net debt-to-EBITDA\* declined to 0.40x

 Net debt increased by 7% qoq to \$2.9 bn on dividend outflows and higher capex

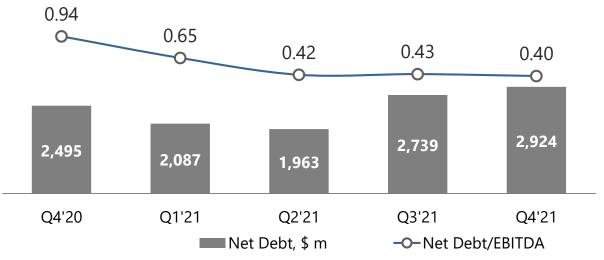
# 2021 CAPEX stood at \$1.2, which is in line with original guidance

#### Note: the data on the slide are represented without NBH

#### FCF, EBITDA AND MARGIN DYNAMICS



#### **LEVERAGE DYNAMICS**



<sup>\*</sup> For detailed information and calculations for this indicator please refer to the Appendix of NLMK Group Q4 2021 IFRS Financial Results press release

## **GROUP EBITDA TOTALED \$1.8 BN IN Q4'21**

#### Russian Flat products: EBITDA softened to \$662 m

- (-) Price spreads weakening
- (-) Export duties accrual
- (+) Increase in sales volume
- (+) Implementation of Strategy 2022 projects

#### Russian Long products: EBITDA decreased to \$125 m

- (-) Softened spreads
- (-) Lower billet shipments as export duty restrained profitability
- (+) Higher sales of finished long products

#### NLMK USA: EBITDA totaled \$373 m

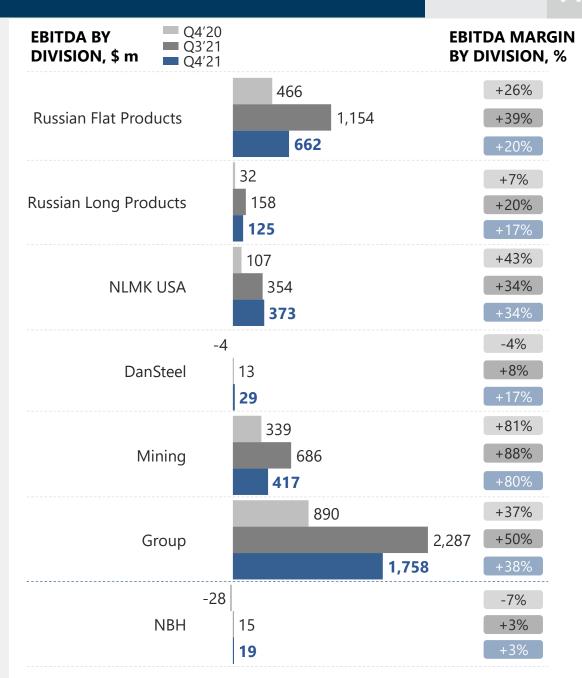
- (+) Improved spreads between rolled products and feedstock
- (-) Softened shipments due to lower consumer activity

#### Mining: EBITDA declined to \$417 m

- (-) Downturn in iron ore prices
- (+) Higher sales due to output growth at NLMK Lipetsk

Dansteel: EBITDA reached \$29 m supported by higher price spreads

NBH: EBITDA rose to \$19 m on higher shipments (+18% qoq)



### **Q4'21 FCF SOFTENED AMID EBITDA NORMALIZATION**

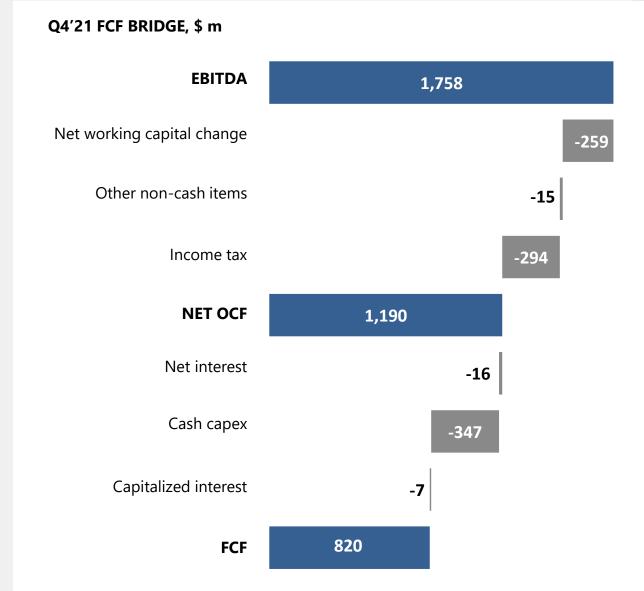
#### Working capital build-up amounted to \$259 m:

- (-) \$504 inventories growth
  - (-) Increased cost of stocks due to raw materials price inflation, mainly coal (\$335 m)
  - (-) higher inventories of scrap, iron ore and coking coal due to planned increase in production in Q1'22 (\$85 m)
  - (-) higher stocks of slabs at ports amid shipments deferral to Q1'22 (\$71 m)
  - (-) stocks accumulation at NLMK USA and Dansteel due to deceleration of consumers activity (\$14 m)
- (+) \$248 increase in payables coking coal price increase and growth of prepaid sales

#### Capex in Q4'21 increased to \$354 m (+30% qoq)

- (+) Strategy 2022 projects implementation

# FCF declined amounted to \$820 m due to lower EBITDA and capex growth



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### STRONG DEBT PORTFOLIO

#### Total debt increased by 2% qoq to \$3.5 bn

#### Net debt / 12M EBITDA stood at 0.40x

- Net debt was up 7% qoq to \$2.9 bn
- Liquidity was at the \$0.5 bn level
- \$1.5 bn is readily available through undrawn credit lines

#### Working capital lines maturing in 2022:

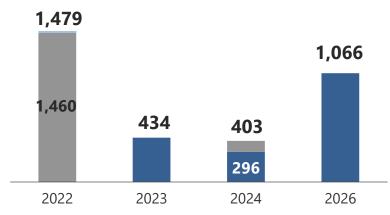
- 54% will be rolled over to later periods
- 45% will be refinanced
- 1% will be repaid

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

Average cost of debt declined to historically low level of 2.3%

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

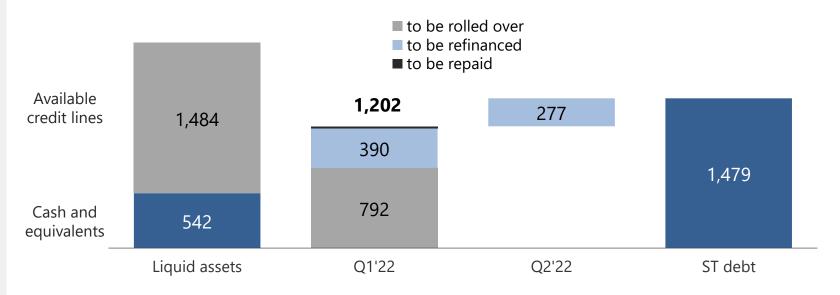
■ Working capital lines ■ ECA lines ■ Eurobonds





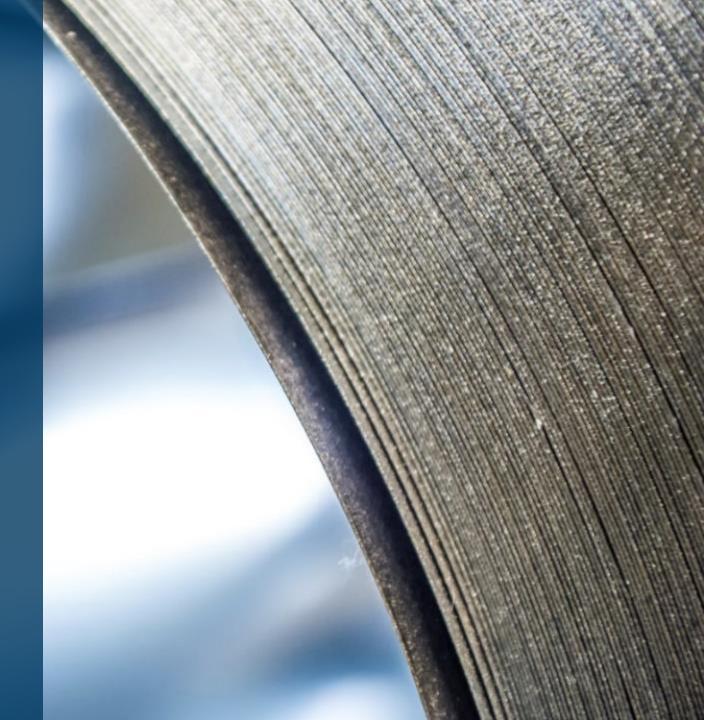


#### LIQUIDITY AND SHORT-TERM DEBT, \$ m



<sup>\*</sup> Excluding interest payments

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Steel output increased by 26% qoq to 3.6 m t as capacity utilization at NLMK Lipetsk grew following repair works completion in August

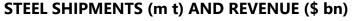
Shipments increased by 23% qoq to 3.7 m t

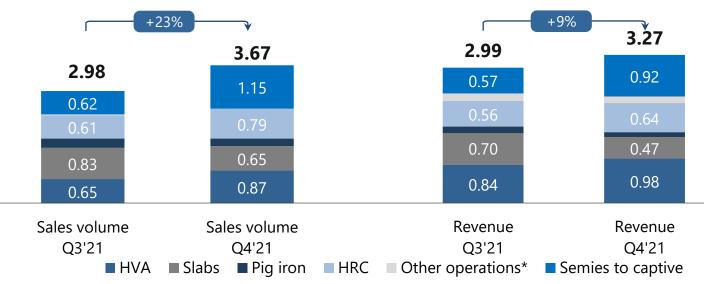
#### Revenue was up 9% qoq to \$3.3 bn

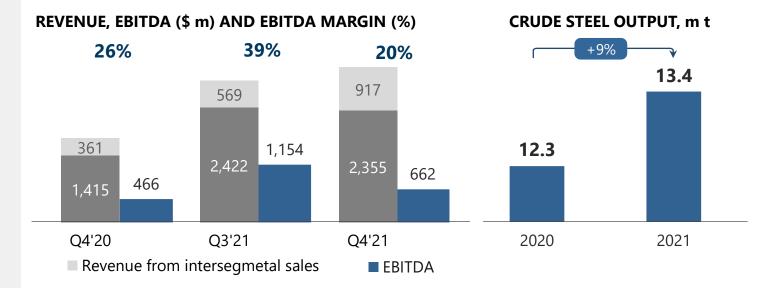
- (+) Increase in sales volumes
- (-) Steel prices softening

#### EBITDA was down 43% qoq to \$0.7 bn

- (-) Decrease in price spreads due to steel prices softening coupled with higher coking coal quotes
- (-) Export tariffs accrual
- (+) Investment projects gains







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

### **Q4'21: RUSSIAN LONG PRODUCTS**

#### Shipments remained flat qoq at 0.75 m t

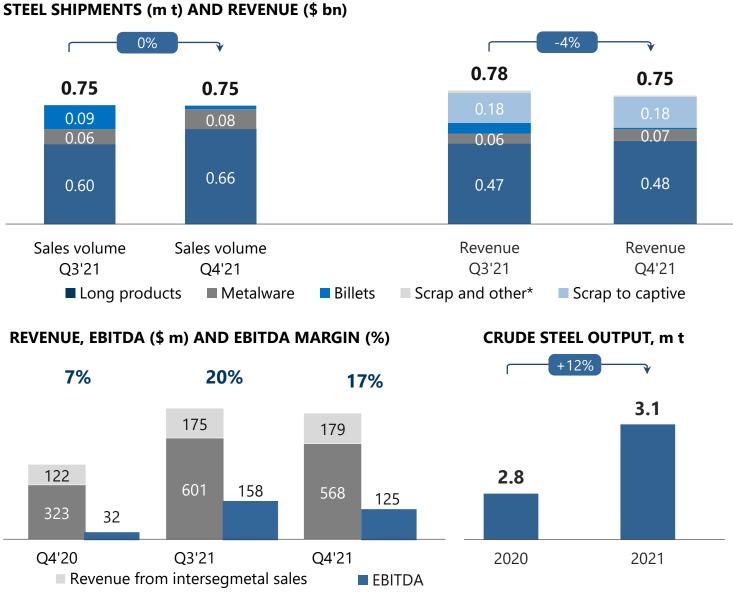
- (-) Decrease in billet productions amid low profitability in the context of export duties
- (+) Improved finished long products sales due to construction activity expansion

#### Revenue went down by 4% qoq to \$0.75 bn

- (-) Lower prices for longs
- (+) Inter-segmental revenue growth amid scrap price improvement

#### EBITDA declined to \$125 m (-21% qoq)

- (-) Tightening price spreads
- (+) Higher share of finished products in sales mix



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

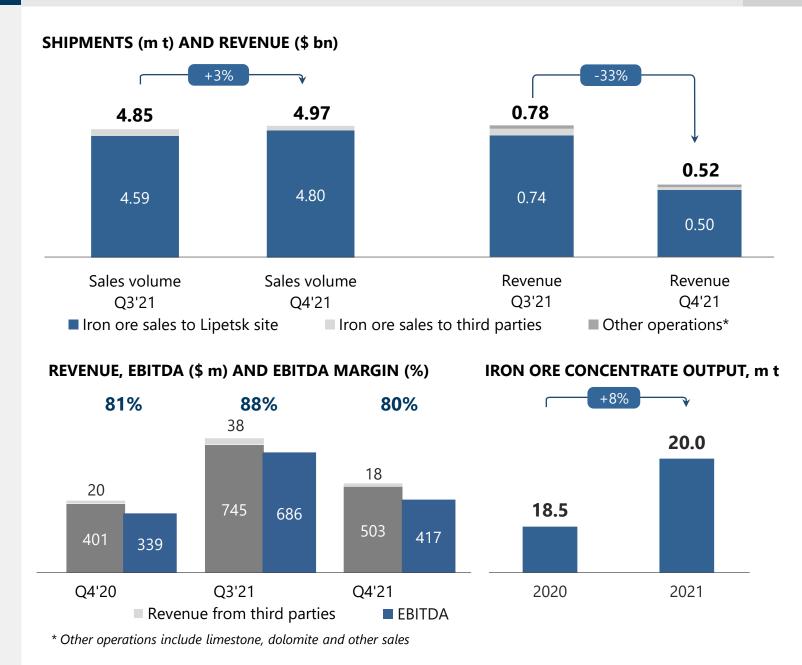
# **Q4'21: MINING**

Shipments grew by 3% qoq to 5.0 m t driven by higher output at NLMK Lipetsk

Revenue decreased by 33% qoq to \$0.52 bn due to lower iron ore prices

EBITDA fell 39% gog to \$417 m

EBITDA margin slid to 80% (-8 p.p. qoq)



# Q4'21: NLMK USA

#### Shipments decreased to 0.5 m t (-11% qoq)

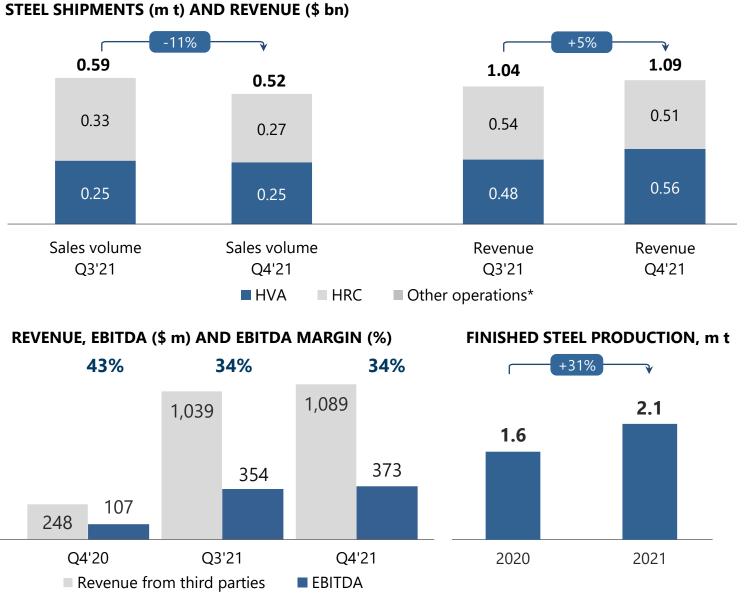
- (-) Decline in consumer activity amid expectations of lower prices going forward

#### Revenue improved by 5% qoq to \$1.1 bn

- (+) Higher sales prices

#### EBITDA went up by 5% to \$373 m

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



<sup>\*</sup> Revenue from the sale of other products and services

# **Q4'21: NLMK DANSTEEL**

#### Shipments dropped by 5% qoq to 0.12 m t

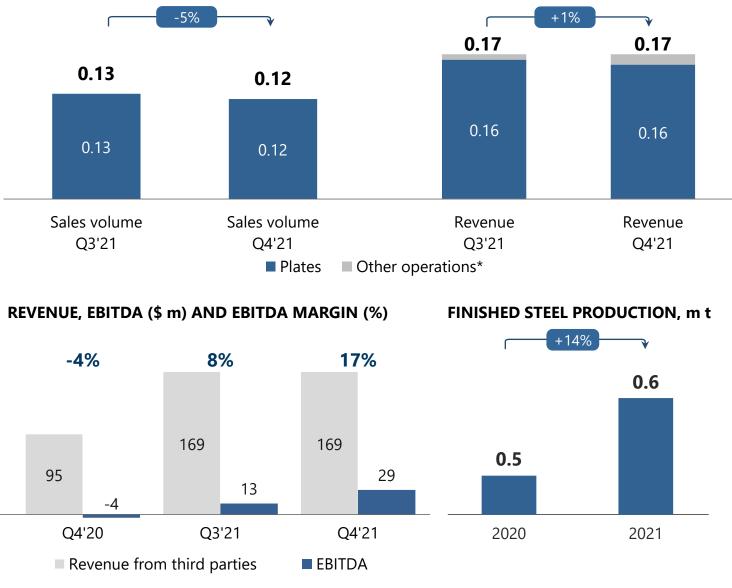
 (-) Increase in orders of premium products with longer lead times

#### Revenue increased to \$0.17 bn (+1% qoq)

- (+) Higher sales prices
- (-) Lower shipments

#### EBITDA rose to \$29 m (+\$16 m qoq)

- (+) Improved price spreads



<sup>\*</sup> Revenue from the sale of scrap, other products and services

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

### **Q4'21: NBH**

Shipments grew by 18% qoq to 0.5 m t as the hot strip mill (HSM) at NLMK La Louvière continued its ramp-up after upgrade completion (Strategy 2022 project)

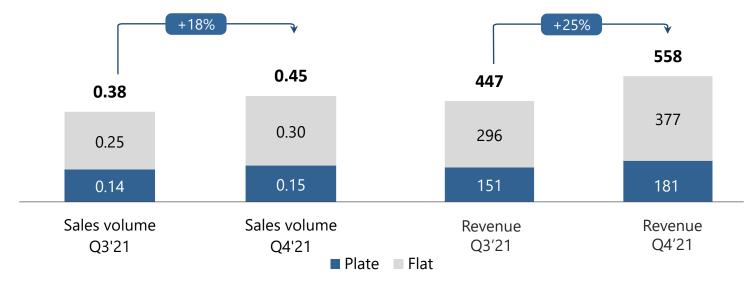
#### Revenue grew by 25% to \$0.56 bn

- (+) Increased sales prices for finished products

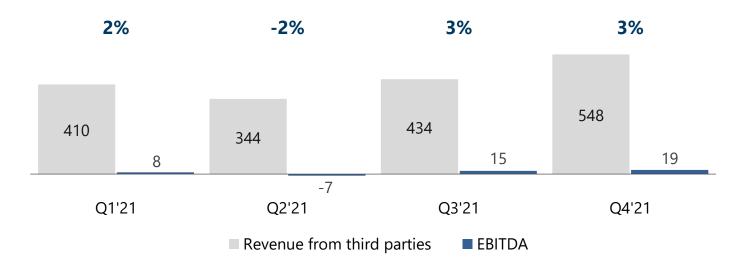
# EBITDA went up by 27% qoq to \$19 m on higher sales volumes and improved price spreads

- (+) Price spreads growth
- (+) Investment projects gains

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

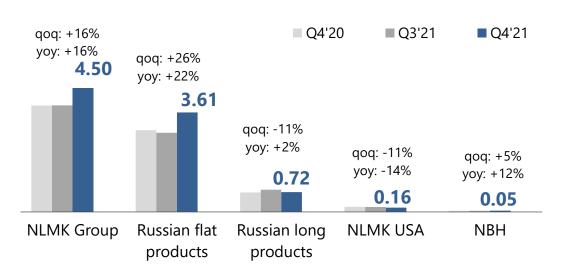


#### REVENUE, EBITDA (\$ m) AND EBITDA MARGIN (%)

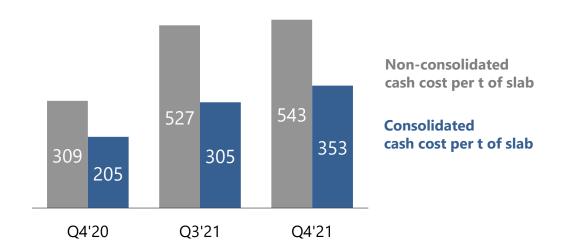




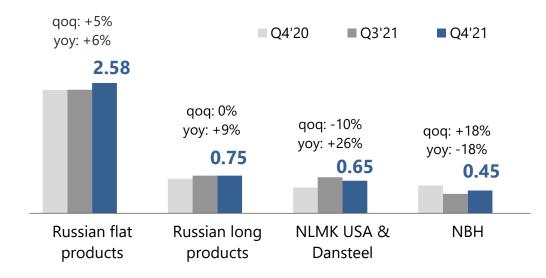
#### STEEL PRODUCTION, m t



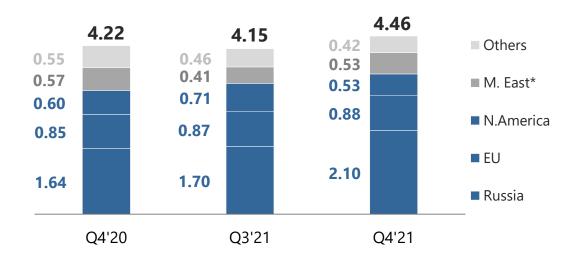
#### NLMK RUSSIAN FLAT PRODUCTS - CASH COSTS OF SLABS, \$/t



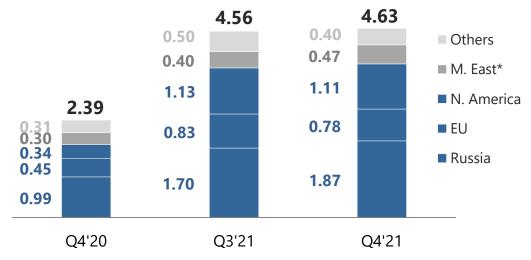
#### **GROUP SHIPMENTS TO EXTERNAL CUSTOMERS BY SEGMENT, m t**



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

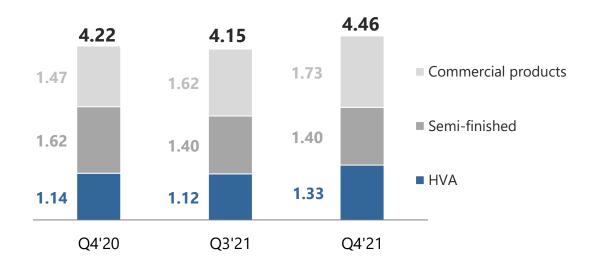


#### **REVENUE BY REGION, \$ bn**

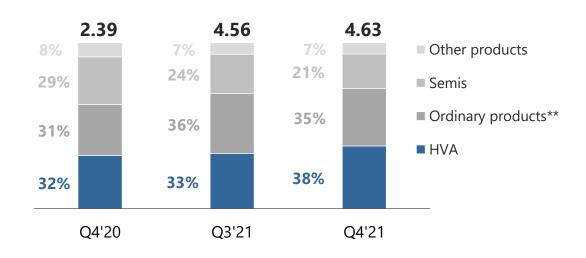


<sup>\*</sup> Incl. Turkey. \*\* HRC and Long products

#### **SALES STRUCTURE BY PRODUCT, m t**

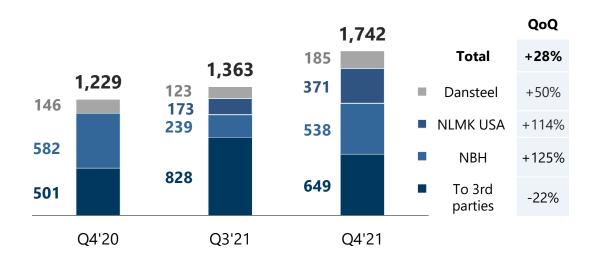


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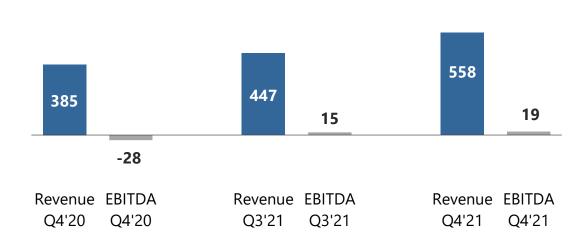


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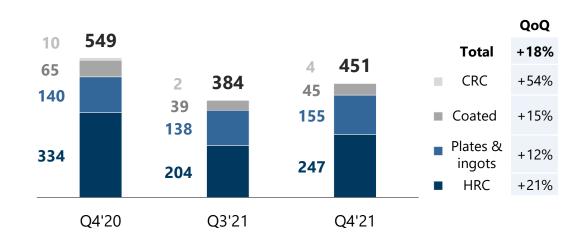
#### SLABS SALES FROM THE RUSSIAN FLAT PRODUCTS DIVISION, k t



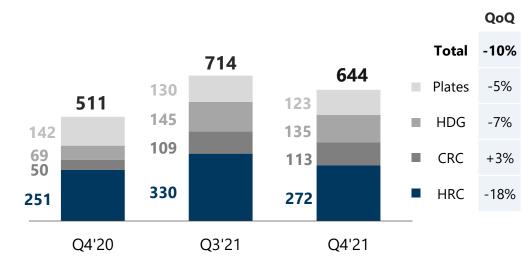
#### **NBH FINANCIAL RESULTS, \$ m**



#### NBH ROLLED PRODUCTS SALES, k t



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



### 2021 PRODUCT MIX IMPROVED AMID BETTER PERFORMANCE OF FOREIN DIVISIONS

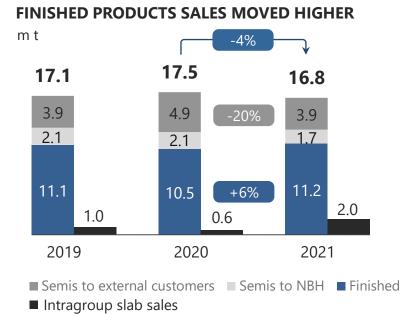
# Group shipments softened by 4% yoy to 16.8 m t

- (-) Recovery of intersegmental slab sales
- (-) Normalization of finished steel stocks from the low base at the end of 2020
- (+) Crude steel production growth

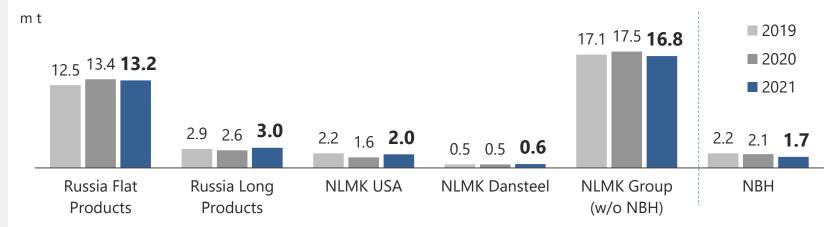
# Russia Flat sales declined by 1% yoy to 13.2 m t

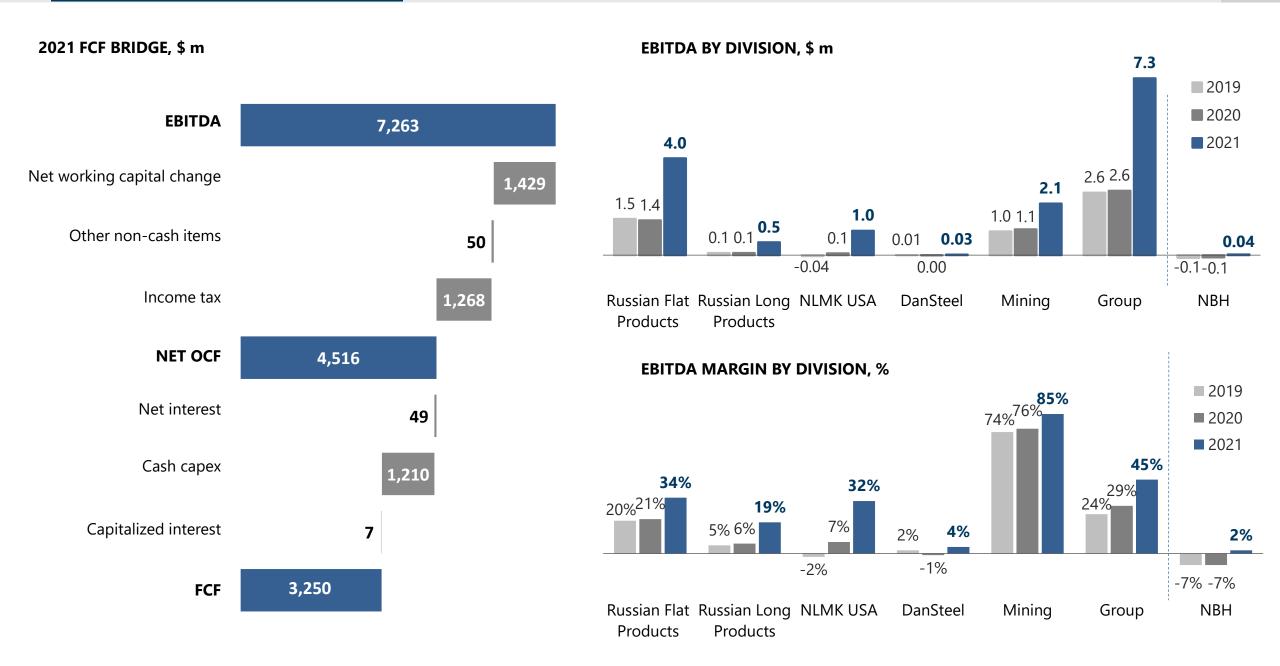
- (-) Longer slab lead times following recovery of slab shipments to the US
- (-) Slab stock growth due to structural output increase and planned production expansion at Dansteel and La Louvière in Q1'22
- (-) Finished steel stock normalization from the low base of the end of 2020 formed amid high demand on the Russian market





#### RUSSIAN LONG PRODUCTS SEGMENT AND FOREIGN DIVISIONS SHIPMENTS IMPROVED









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