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Half-Year Financial Report

January – June 2023

Brenntag reports solid financial results for the second quarter of 2023 due to its resilient business model

Brenntag confirms its guidance for the full-year 2023. Given the anticipated continuing challenges and the negative exchange rate development for Brenntag during the year, the company specifies its guidance and expects operating EBITA for the full-year 2023 to be in the lower range of the initial guidance. This is equivalent to an operating EBITA between EUR 1,300 million and EUR 1,400 million

Brenntag's operating gross profit reached EUR 1,020.8 million, a decrease of 8.5%* compared with the record-high Q2 2022

Operating EBITA came to EUR 332.2 million, a decline of 25.8%* compared with Q2 2022

The very strong free cash flow of EUR 431.7 million in the second quarter of 2023 exceeded the prior-year figure by 173.9%

EPS stood at EUR 1.23 in the second quarter of 2023 compared with EUR 1.86 in Q2 last year

* Growth rates are adjusted for translational FX-effects

Key financial figures at a glance

Consolidated income statement

		Q2 2023	Q2 2022
Sales	EUR m	4,256.6	5,061.2
Operating gross profit	EUR m	1,020.8	1,144.8
Operating EBITDA	EUR m	409.7	533.8
Operating EBITDA / operating gross profit	%	40.1	46.6
Operating EBITA	EUR m	332.2	462.4
Operating EBITA / operating gross profit	%	32.5	40.4
Profit after tax	EUR m	189.1	294.1
Basic earnings per share	EUR	1.23	1.86
Diluted earnings per share	EUR	1.23	1.86

Consolidated balance sheet

		Jun. 30, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
Total assets	EUR m	10,521.1	11,373.0
Equity	EUR m	4,322.4	4,802.7
Working capital	EUR m	2,322.3	2,588.6
Net financial liabilities	EUR m	2,326.5	2,049.7

Consolidated cash flow

		Q2 2023	Q2 2022
Net cash provided by operating activities	EUR m	327.3	98.1
Payments to acquire intangible assets and property, plant and equipment	EUR m	- 51.1	- 45.8
Free cash flow	EUR m	431.7	157.6

Key data on the Brenntag shares

		Jun. 30, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
Share price	EUR	71.40	59.72
No. of shares (unweighted)		154,500,000	154,500,000
of which treasury shares		2,425,398	-
Market capitalization	EUR m	11,031	9,227
Free float	%	93.25	100.00

Company profile

Brenntag is the global market leader in chemical and ingredients distribution. The company plays a central role in connecting the chemical industry's customers and suppliers. Through its two global divisions, Brenntag Specialties and Brenntag Essentials, the company provides a full-line portfolio of industrial and specialty chemicals and ingredients as well as tailor-made application, marketing and supply chain solutions, technical and formulation support, comprehensive regulatory expertise and digital solutions for a wide range of industries.

Brenntag operates a global network spanning around 600 locations in 72 countries. With its workforce of over 17,500 employees, Brenntag generated sales of around EUR 19.4 billion in 2022.

Letter from the CEO

Due to our resilient business model, we achieved solid quarterly results in an adverse market environment and confirm and specifiy our guidance for the full year 2023.

Dear ladies and gentlemen, dear shareholders,

Brenntag has a robust and resilient business model and with our two divisions, Brenntag Specialties and Brenntag Essentials, a leading positioning across industries and geographical markets as well as the most comprehensive portfolio of chemical products and ingredients in the industry. Based on our strengths, we have been able to successfully navigate the highly challenging and adverse market conditions of the first half of 2023. Alongside ongoing geopolitical uncertainties and inflationary trends, as anticipated, we experienced continued destocking trends in combination with declining chemical prices in many areas. Against this backdrop and compared to a record-high prior-year period, Brenntag achieved solid financial results in the second quarter of 2023. Our sales amounted to EUR 4.3 billion (–13.7% vs. PY) and operating gross profit reached EUR 1.0 billion (–8.5%). As anticipated and according to our guidance, the operating EBITA normalized and came in at EUR 332 million (–25.8%). Earnings per share stood at EUR 1.23 (Q2 2022: EUR 1.86). As a result of our solid operational performance, I would like to highlight our free cash flow. With EUR 432 million it was again very high in the second quarter and adds up to a free cash flow of almost EUR 900 million for the first half of 2023 which again demonstrates the strong cash generation capability of the business.

Brenntag Specialties reported results broadly in line with our expectations and which compare to a record high prior-year quarter. The results were affected by negative volume developments in combination with falling sales prices. To improve the results and close the relative performance gap to pure-play specialties peers, the division will accelerate the implementation of its measures, including a detailed review and optimization of its industry product portfolios and an expansion of its value-added and application services offering. Brenntag Essentials continued to demonstrate its resilience in adverse market conditions. Compared to the first quarter of 2023, the division saw a volume growth, however total volumes were still below the previous year's quarter which effected the results.

In the last months, we made good progress on our strategic initiatives. We successfully carried out our M&A strategy and announced two attractive deals for Brenntag Specialties in the second quarter. In addition, we remained focused on executing and implementing our "Strategy to Win" across the Group and in both our divisions. This includes the evolvement of our operating model which we announced at the beginning of July. As of August 1, 2023, we have redesigned the Brenntag Board of Management, and we will create a new divisional governance and steering structure to go live in January 2024. The new divisional setup will create incrementally more independent, autonomous, and market-leading businesses to accelerate the strategy implementation. We empower Brenntag Specialties and Brenntag Essentials for more entrepreneurial and faster decision-making while bringing the divisions closer to market developments and our customer and supplier needs. We will share our conclusions on strategic options and the future path for Brenntag and our divisions as well as details on the financial figures of the two divisions at our Capital Markets Day on December 5, 2023.

For the second half of 2023, we expect a continuously tough and highly challenging market environment. In March 2023, Brenntag presented a guidance range for the full year of EUR 1.3 billion to EUR 1.5 billion for operating EBITA. As 2023 is further progressed, we confirm this guidance and specify it at EUR 1.3 billion to EUR 1.4 billion, thus being at the lower range of the initial guidance, driven by overall highly challenging market environment and unfavorable foreign exchange effects.

But as just mentioned, Brenntag has a resilient business model, which we are optimizing and strengthening and which our business partners, employees and you as our shareholders can rely on. In addition, we as the Brenntag Board of Management have taken the decision to initiate and intensify various cost containment measures for the remainder of the year. These will support to safeguard results and performance in 2023 without jeopardizing the stringent execution of our "Strategy to Win". Taking the right decisions, at the right time and at the right speed – this constitutes the stable basis for our company and enables us to act and shape the future of our industry.

All this would not be possible without our employees. I would like to thank them all for their continued effort and contribution. And I would like to thank you, dear shareholders, for your support and trust!

Essen, August 8, 2023

Dr. Christian Kohlpaintner
Chief Executive Officer

Group Interim Management Report

for the period from
January 1 to June 30, 2023

Economic environment

Whilst expectations for global economic growth in 2023 remain subdued, they have improved slightly, as growth momentum has proven to be more robust than expected in both developed and emerging economies. Nevertheless, a high level of uncertainty persists due to a large number of risks, as a result of which the probability of a downward scenario for the global economy in the course of 2023 is still high.

Global industrial production grew by 2.1% year on year in the second quarter of 2023. Global economic expectations reflect continuing fears of recession after forecasts for 2023 deteriorated during the course of the previous year. The Ukraine war, high inflation and rising interest rates are holding economic activity in check. The Global Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) continued to fall slightly compared with the first quarter of 2023, coming in at 48.8 and thus remaining below the 50 neutral mark.

In Europe, industrial production rose by 0.7% year on year in the second quarter of 2023. There is still uncertainty over future energy supplies and Europe continues to face the threat of recession due to persistently high energy costs, high inflation that is falling only slowly and rising interest rates.

Much like in the euro zone, uncertainties and vulnerabilities remained high in the US economic area, driven both by inflation and by the turmoil in the US banking sector. The US economy's subdued growth is therefore likely to continue well into 2024. Buoyed by the nevertheless sustained momentum in consumer spending, industrial production showed a small year-on-year increase of 1.5% in the past quarter.

In Latin America, economic performance remained mixed. Key growth markets such as Brazil continued on a subdued trend; overall, the Latin American economy contracted by around 0.3% year on year in the second quarter of 2023.

After the pandemic-related restrictions were lifted, China experienced an economic recovery and a return to growth, although this then lost momentum following a strong start to the year. Rising interest rates and inflation in the US and Europe continue to weigh on the Chinese economy, too. Overall, industrial production in China grew by 6.9% year on year in the second quarter of 2023, albeit partly as a result of the particularly weak prior-year figure.

The emerging economies of Asia (excluding China and Japan) achieved year-on-year growth in the second quarter of 2023, with industrial production rising by 3.5%.

Major events impacting on business

In January 2023, Brenntag appointed Michael Friede to the Board of Management of Brenntag SE effective April 1, 2023. Taking on the role of Chief Operating Officer (COO) Brenntag Specialties, he succeeded Henri Nejade, who chose not to extend his contract when it expired on June 30, 2023.

In February 2023, Brenntag agreed a new syndicated credit facility for EUR 1.5 billion. This new credit facility has a term of five years and is divided into two revolving lines of credit: a EUR 1 billion line of credit that can be drawn in various different currencies and a USD line of credit totaling USD 525 million. In a first for Brenntag, the interest rates on the credit facility are linked to the achievement of quantitative ESG criteria. The ESG targets defined for this purpose are derived from the ESG strategic objectives for 2030, which Brenntag defined anew last year.

In March 2023, Brenntag launched a share buyback program of up to EUR 750 million. This is intended to create value for shareholders and allow them to share in the company's success, while at the same time ensuring that Brenntag has sufficient strategic flexibility going forward. The share buyback program commenced in March 2023 and is to be completed over a period of up to twelve months. The first tranche of the share buyback program, in the amount of EUR 500 million, is to be conducted by December 2023 at the latest. By the end of the first half of 2023, EUR 173.1 million had been paid out to acquire treasury shares under this program.

Also in March 2023, Brenntag acquired the entire business operations of Al-Azzaz Chemicals Company headquartered in Al-Khobar Dammam, Saudi Arabia. The company generated sales of around EUR 34 million in financial year 2022. This acquisition of one of the largest specialty chemical distributors on the Arabian Peninsula expands Brenntag's market presence in this area.

At the General Shareholders' Meeting of Brenntag SE on June 15, 2023, Richard Ridinger was re-elected as a member of the Supervisory Board for four years. In addition, Sujatha Chandrasekaran was elected as a new member of the Supervisory Board for three years. At its constituting meeting following the General Shareholders' Meeting, the Supervisory Board of Brenntag SE unanimously elected Richard Ridinger to serve as its new Chairman. Mr. Ridinger thus succeeds Doreen Nowotne, who had chaired the Supervisory Board since June 2020 and decided not to seek re-election.

At the beginning of July, Brenntag announced a restructuring of the Board of Management and a new governance structure for the two divisions. As of August 2023, the Board of Management of Brenntag SE will consist of four members. Ewout van Jarwaarde will be appointed CEO Brenntag Essentials and succeed Steven Terwindt, who has decided not to extend his contract with Brenntag when it expires at the end of July 2023. Michael Friede, COO Brenntag Specialties, will be appointed CEO Brenntag Specialties effective August 1, 2023.

"Strategy to Win"

In the first half of 2023, Brenntag continued its work to execute its "Strategy to Win" presented in November 2022. This growth strategy is centered around differentiated strategies for the two divisions Brenntag Specialties and Brenntag Essentials. This includes making adjustments to the organizational structure and business processes as well as building the necessary resources and skills in the two divisions. Effective January 1, 2024, Brenntag will introduce a new management and governance structure for its two divisions with a view to gradually transforming the Group structure into more independent, more autonomous and market-leading business units and accelerating strategy execution. For each division, it will introduce a divisional Executive Committee (ExCo) headed by a divisional Chief Executive Officer (CEO). We are also supporting the growth of the two divisions by executing our M&A strategy, further developing our digital transformation, and optimizing our global infrastructure and our product portfolio.

The changes at Brenntag Specialties are aimed at reinforcing the division's positioning with a more focused portfolio and a value-added service offering. A strong global Life Science segment and a focused global Material Science business geared to sustainable products will provide the basis for this. In implementing this new governance structure, Brenntag Specialties will make the transition from regional to global divisional management. Local differences will continue to be taken into account and local strengths leveraged in the specialties business. The split into global business units supports the division's focus on end markets and leverages its global expertise and presence, while at the same time improving local opportunities for implementation. In recent months, Brenntag Specialties has entered into a number of important distribution agreements with leading manufacturers in the Food & Nutrition (e.g. with Royal Avebe in Europe), Personal Care (e.g. Kao Chemicals in Europe) and Material Science (e.g. SE Tylose in North America) segments with a view to achieving these goals. Another key priority is to increase the value-added service offering (e.g. increasing value creation for customers by supporting them in designing / formulating new products and taking over their mixing & blending production). In Pharma, for example, an innovative service for protecting and improving the performance of enzymes used in biocatalysis has been provided together with Brenntag's partner INOFEA. In Asia Pacific, a target region, the life science presence has been enhanced; as well as signing an agreement to acquire Shanghai Saifu Chemical in China, Brenntag also acquired Ravenswood's services and its blending expertise and capacity in Australia and New Zealand at the end of last year. The range of value-added services in Asia has been extended by opening two application and development centers in Singapore and Mumbai. These augment Brenntag's already-strong network now numbering 36 facilities in the region.

Brenntag Essentials will pursue three main priorities under the new governance structure. Firstly, the division will make better use of its global reach through an integrated global and regional procurement and supply chain network so as to provide customers and suppliers with the best possible service and deliver last-mile excellence. Secondly, Brenntag Essentials will push on with optimizing and extending its network and product portfolio with a view to expanding its leading market position and leveraging new business opportunities. In addition, the division will continue to work on improving the way it works and creating clearer areas of authority and responsibility within the organization so as to make the working relationship as easy as possible for customers, suppliers and employees. In the first half of 2023, Brenntag Essentials successfully strengthened its presence and flexibility at local level by opening new sites in Brazil, Argentina and North America. It also received the necessary operating license for a major new site in China. The acquisition of Aik Moh creates a strong platform for regional growth in APAC, the largest growth opportunity for the division. Additionally, battery business development teams have been set up in the EMEA and North America regions.

Transformation program "Digital.Data.Excellence"

Through the Digital.Data.Excellence (DiDEX) transformation program launched at the end of 2022, Brenntag is investing in its digital and data-based foundations in order to become the easiest partner for customers, supplier partners and employees to do business with, based on the most efficient and sustainable supply chain. The transformation includes introducing excellence to streamline our processes, digitalizing workflows and unlocking the value of the data which Brenntag generates. The digital business architecture is being modernized and transferred to modular, cloud-based platforms. In addition, Brenntag is shifting to agile ways of working and building key competencies in all core areas of the company.

The comprehensive DiDEX transformation program is expected to generate a sustainable incremental net contribution to operating EBITA totaling EUR 200 million in 2026. The investments associated with the transformation are expected to amount to around EUR 350 million. A holistic value assurance approach has been implemented to closely monitor and manage the development, deployment, scaling and value realization of the underpinning initiatives.

The implementation of the DiDEX transformation is proceeding according to plan. Since its start, the program has already delivered some initial benefits. Specific excellence initiatives have been launched in the next lighthouse countries as the basis for increasing the efficiency of our end-to-end processes. These are supported by targeted performance management and the introduction of a culture of continuous improvement. The global rollout of the Salesforce platform, which connects customers, suppliers and employees through process simplifications and enables effortless, data-driven and personalized working, is on track in the US and is being advanced in Europe. Brenntag has also launched an AI-based digital demand forecasting tool for specific products in the EMEA region. With regard to the supply chain, Brenntag continues to make progress in real-time tracking across different modes of transport.

Results of operations

Business performance of the Brenntag Group

in EUR m	Q2 2023	Q2 2022	Change in %	Change in % (fx. adj.)[1]
Sales	4,256.6	5,061.2	−15.9	−13.7
Operating gross profit	1,020.8	1,144.8	−10.8	−8.5
Operating expenses	−611.1	−611.0	–	2.3
Operating EBITDA	409.7	533.8	−23.2	−20.9
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets	−77.5	−71.4	8.5	10.8
Operating EBITA	**332.2**	**462.4**	**−28.2**	**−25.8**
Net expense from special items	−17.3	−3.2	–	–
EBITA	314.9	459.2	–	–
Amortization of intangible assets	−16.9	−18.0	–	–
Net finance costs	−39.2	−37.8	–	–
Profit before tax	258.8	403.4	–	–
Income tax expense	−69.7	−109.3	–	–
Profit after tax	189.1	294.1	–	–

in EUR m	H1 2023	H1 2022	Change in %	Change in % (fx. adj.)[1]
Sales	8,783.7	9,594.3	−8.4	−7.6
Operating gross profit	2,066.4	2,182.7	−5.3	−4.5
Operating expenses	−1,236.3	−1,185.9	4.2	4.8
Operating EBITDA	830.1	996.8	−16.7	−15.6
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets	−152.8	−140.1	9.1	9.8
Operating EBITA	**677.3**	**856.7**	**−20.9**	**−19.8**
Net expense from special items	−12.6	−6.2	–	–
EBITA	664.7	850.5	–	–
Amortization of intangible assets	−34.6	−36.2	–	–
Net finance costs	−74.4	−62.2	–	–
Profit before tax	555.7	752.1	–	–
Income tax expense	−149.5	−204.0	–	–
Profit after tax	406.2	548.1	–	–

1.01 Business performance of the Brenntag Group

[1] Change in % (fx. adj.) is the percentage change on a constant currency basis.

The Brenntag Group generated **sales** of EUR 4,256.6 million in the second quarter of 2023, a year-on-year decline of 15.9%. On a constant currency basis, sales fell by 13.7%. The decline is due to both falling volumes and lower sales prices. Sales for the first half of 2023 were down by 8.4% (on a constant currency basis: 7.6%) on the prior-year figure.

The Brenntag Group's **operating gross profit** came to EUR 1,020.8 million in the second quarter of 2023, a year-on-year decline of 10.8%. On a constant currency basis, operating gross profit was down by 8.5% on the prior-year figure. Both divisions reported a decline in earnings, which was mainly the result of falling volumes. Operating gross profit for the first half of 2023 was down by 5.3%, or 4.5% on a constant currency basis.

The Brenntag Group's **operating expenses** were roughly in line with the prior-year figure at EUR 611.1 million in the second quarter of 2023. On a constant currency basis, operating expenses were up by 2.3% on the prior-year period; on an organic basis, costs remained at the prior-year level. The rise in costs is partly the result of higher personnel expenses and increased costs for IT implementation, primarily in connection with the DiDEX program. Brenntag sees these additional costs as an investment in the Group's future. These effects, together with persistent inflation, led to an increase in costs for the Brenntag Group despite declining volumes. In the first half of 2023, the Brenntag Group's operating expenses showed a moderate increase of 4.2% year on year. On a constant currency basis, operating expenses were up by 4.8% on the prior-year figure.

The Brenntag Group achieved **operating EBITDA** of EUR 409.7 million in the second quarter of 2023, a year-on-year decline of 23.2%, or 20.9% on a constant currency basis. In the first half of 2023, the Brenntag Group generated operating EBITDA of EUR 830.1 million, a decrease of 16.7%. On a constant currency basis, this represents a year-on-year decline of 15.6%.

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets amounted to EUR 77.5 million in the second quarter of 2023 (Q2 2022: EUR 71.4 million). In the first half of 2023, depreciation of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets came to EUR 152.8 million (H1 2022: EUR 140.1 million).

The Brenntag Group's **operating EBITA** came to EUR 332.2 million in the second quarter of 2023. Brenntag therefore recorded a decrease of 28.2% on the prior-year figure. On a constant currency basis, this represents a decline in earnings of 25.8%. This decline in earnings compared with the above-average earnings achieved in the prior-year period stemmed from both divisions in the second quarter of 2023. Inflation-driven increases in costs, costs in connection with the new strategy and falling demand in the Brenntag Specialties division, particularly in the focus industries Nutrition and Material Science, also made it difficult to repeat the strong prior-year results. In the first half of 2023, the Brenntag Group generated operating EBITA of EUR 677.3 million, a decrease of 20.9%. On a constant currency basis, this represents a year-on-year decline of 19.8%.

Net expense from special items breaks down as follows:

in EUR m	Q2 2023	Q2 2022
Provision for legal risks	–8.8	–
Other special items	–8.5	–3.2
Net expense from special items	**–17.3**	**–3.2**

in EUR m	H1 2023	H1 2022
Provision for legal risks	–11.5	–
Reversal of provisions for excise duties	7.0	–
Other special items	–8.1	–6.2
Net expense from special items	–12.6	**–6.2**

1.02 Net expense from special items

Additional provisions of EUR 12.1 million were recognized for legal risks arising from the sale of certain minerals in North America in the second quarter of 2023 (H1 2023: EUR 14.7 million). The official investigations into possible violations of export control regulations were concluded without any fines being imposed, enabling the remaining provisions of EUR 3.3 million to be reversed in the second quarter of 2023.

A further tax decision notice and an enforceable demand for payment of alcohol tax were received in relation to provisions recognized in the previous year for excise duties. This notice led to a lower-than-expected tax liability. The reversal of the relevant provisions resulted in other operating income of EUR 7.0 million in the first half of 2023.

Other special items include advisory and other one-time expenses necessary in order to achieve the desired structure, such as restructuring expenses in connection with vacating sites, severance payments and withdrawing from certain markets.

Amortization of intangible assets amounted to EUR 16.9 million (Q2 2022: EUR 18.0 million). In the first half of 2023, amortization of intangible assets came to EUR 34.6 million (H1 2022: EUR 36.2 million).

Net finance costs came to EUR 39.2 million in the second quarter of 2023 (Q2 2022: EUR 37.8 million), with the year-on-year change attributable mainly to two effects. Firstly, net interest expense widened year on year to EUR 24.9 million (Q2 2022: EUR 21.4 million) due to the generally higher level of interest rates on the markets. On the other hand, the classification of Turkey as a hyperinflationary economy at the beginning of 2022 increased net finance costs to a much greater extent in the second quarter of 2022 than it did in the second quarter of this year. In the first half of 2023, net finance costs amounted to EUR 74.4 million (H1 2022: EUR 62.2 million), with net interest expense widening to EUR 52.1 million (H1 2022: EUR 39.4 million).

Income tax expense fell by EUR 39.6 million year on year to EUR 69.7 million in the second quarter of 2023. Income tax expense for the first half of 2023 decreased by EUR 54.5 million compared with the same period of 2022 to EUR 149.5 million.

Profit after tax stood at EUR 189.1 million in the second quarter of 2023 (Q2 2022: EUR 294.1 Mio. EUR) and EUR 406.2 million in the first half of 2023 (H1 2022: EUR 548.1 million).

Business performance in the divisions and segments

in EUR m	Brenntag Specialties	Brenntag Essentials	All other Segments	**Brenntag Group**
Operating gross profit				
Q2 2023	374.8	638.3	7.7	1,020.8
Change versus Q2 2022 in %	–18.8	–5.1	–28.7	–10.8
Fx. adj. change versus Q2 2022 in %	–15.9	–3.1	–28.7	–8.5
Operating EBITDA				
Q2 2023	155.8	288.4	–34.5	409.7
Change versus Q2 2022 in %	–33.4	–10.1	62.7	–23.2
Fx. adj. change versus Q2 2022 in %	–30.7	–8.2	62.7	–20.9
Operating EBITA				
Q2 2023	144.7	225.5	–38.0	332.2
Change versus Q2 2022 in %	–35.3	–14.6	50.2	–28.2
Fx. adj. change versus Q2 2022 in %	–32.6	–12.7	50.2	–25.8

in EUR m	Brenntag Specialties	Brenntag Essentials	All other Segments	**Brenntag Group**
Operating gross profit				
H1 2023	763.0	1,286.4	17.0	2,066.4
Change versus H1 2022 in %	–14.0	0.9	–13.3	–5.3
Fx. adj. change versus H1 2022 in %	–12.6	1.2	–13.3	–4.5
Operating EBITDA				
H1 2023	319.7	573.7	–63.3	830.1
Change versus H1 2022 in %	–28.9	–3.2	39.1	–16.7
Fx. adj. change versus H1 2022 in %	–27.3	–2.7	39.1	–15.6
Operating EBITA				
H1 2023	297.7	449.8	–70.2	677.3
Change versus H1 2022 in %	–30.9	–6.0	33.5	–20.9
Fx. adj. change versus H1 2022 in %	–29.4	–5.4	33.5	–19.8

1.03 Business performance in the divisions

Brenntag Specialties

in EUR m	EMEA	Americas	APAC	Brenntag Specialties
Operating gross profit				
Q2 2023	169.1	141.5	64.2	374.8
Change versus Q2 2022 in %	–16.5	–20.9	–19.8	–18.8
Fx. adj. change versus Q2 2022 in %	–13.5	–18.9	–15.4	–15.9
Operating EBITDA[1)]				
Q2 2023	67.1	57.9	30.7	155.8
Change versus Q2 2022 in %	–36.2	–31.9	–29.7	–33.4
Fx. adj. change versus Q2 2022 in %	–33.1	–30.2	–25.8	–30.7
Operating EBITA[1)]				
Q2 2023	64.4	53.8	26.4	144.7
Change versus Q2 2022 in %	–36.9	–33.8	–34.2	–35.3
Fx. adj. change versus Q2 2022 in %	–33.9	–32.1	–30.2	–32.6

in EUR m	EMEA	Americas	APAC	Brenntag Specialties
Operating gross profit				
H1 2023	347.5	286.4	129.1	763.0
Change versus H1 2022 in %	–12.6	–14.8	–16.0	–14.0
Fx. adj. change versus H1 2022 in %	–10.1	–15.2	–13.5	–12.6
Operating EBITDA[1)]				
H1 2023	144.7	117.1	57.6	319.7
Change versus H1 2022 in %	–30.5	–24.1	–33.3	–28.9
Fx. adj. change versus H1 2022 in %	–27.9	–24.3	–31.3	–27.3
Operating EBITA[1)]				
H1 2023	139.3	108.8	49.3	297.7
Change versus H1 2022 in %	–31.4	–26.2	–38.4	–30.9
Fx. adj. change versus H1 2022 in %	–28.9	–26.4	–36.5	–29.4

1.04 Business performance in the segments / Brenntag Specialties

[1)] The difference between the sum total of the reportable segments and a particular division is the result of central activities which are part of the division but not directly attributable to any one segment.

Operating gross profit in the Brenntag Specialties division was down by 18.8% on the prior-year figure to EUR 374.8 million in the second quarter of 2023. On a constant currency basis, it showed a decrease of 15.9%. This change is due especially to declining volumes in combination with falling sales prices. For the first half of 2023, Brenntag Specialties posted a 14.0% (on a constant currency basis: 12.6%) decrease in operating gross profit compared with the same period of 2022.

There was a very positive trend in business in the focus industries Pharma and Water Treatment. However, this was not enough to fully offset the subdued demand in other focus industries, where customers ran down inventories that had been built up previously and waited for prices to fall. In addition, Material Science continued to suffer as a result of lower demand in the construction sector due to higher interest rates and energy costs.

Overall, the Brenntag Specialties division posted **operating EBITDA** of EUR 155.8 million in the second quarter of 2023, a decrease of 33.4% (on a constant currency basis: 30.7%) on the prior-year figure. In the first half of 2023, operating EBITDA in the Brenntag Specialties division fell by 28.9% overall, or by 27.3% on a constant currency basis.

Operating EBITA in the Brenntag Specialties division came to EUR 144.7 million in the second quarter of 2023, a decrease of 35.3% on the prior-year figure. On a constant currency basis, this represents a decline of 32.6% compared with the prior-year period. This was due to the aforementioned performance at operating gross profit level, which was not fully offset by cost reductions, both organic and including acquisitions. The volume-related reduction in costs was partly offset by inflation-driven increases in costs. In addition, costs were incurred in connection with the new strategy; these are an investment in Brenntag's future. In the first half of 2023, operating EBITA in the Brenntag Specialties division fell by 30.9% (on a constant currency basis: 29.4%) overall.

Brenntag Essentials

in EUR m	EMEA	North America	Latin America	APAC	**Brenntag Essentials**
Operating gross profit					
Q2 2023	235.4	344.6	34.3	24.0	638.3
Change versus Q2 2022 in %	–6.1	0.8	–26.1	–28.1	–5.1
Fx. adj. change versus Q2 2022 in %	–5.4	3.2	–22.6	–23.5	–3.1
Operating EBITDA[1]					
Q2 2023	113.9	156.5	6.9	11.6	288.4
Change versus Q2 2022 in %	–10.6	–3.6	–59.6	–15.9	–10.1
Fx. adj. change versus Q2 2022 in %	–9.7	–1.5	–57.2	–11.4	–8.2
Operating EBITA[1]					
Q2 2023	87.2	126.2	2.6	10.0	225.5
Change versus Q2 2022 in %	–14.8	–7.5	–79.5	–19.4	–14.6
Fx. adj. change versus Q2 2022 in %	–13.9	–5.6	–78.6	–14.4	–12.7

in EUR m	EMEA	North America	Latin America	APAC	**Brenntag Essentials**
Operating gross profit					
H1 2023	480.6	685.8	72.4	47.6	1,286.4
Change versus H1 2022 in %	–	7.5	–20.7	–27.2	0.9
Fx. adj. change versus H1 2022 in %	1.0	6.9	–19.5	–24.6	1.2
Operating EBITDA[1]					
H1 2023	231.5	306.6	20.4	16.3	573.7
Change versus H1 2022 in %	–2.7	5.0	–43.0	–39.9	–3.2
Fx. adj. change versus H1 2022 in %	–1.6	4.4	–41.4	–37.8	–2.7
Operating EBITA[1]					
H1 2023	179.0	247.2	11.7	13.0	449.8
Change versus H1 2022 in %	–3.8	2.7	–57.5	–46.3	–6.0
Fx. adj. change versus H1 2022 in %	–2.7	2.2	–56.0	–44.4	–5.4

1.05 Business performance in the segments / Brenntag Essentials

[1] The difference between the sum total of the reportable segments and a particular division is the result of central activities which are part of the division but not directly attributable to any one segment.

Operating gross profit in the Brenntag Essentials division decreased by 5.1% year on year to EUR 638.3 million in the second quarter of 2023. On a constant currency basis, operating gross profit was down by 3.1% on the prior-year figure. This performance is due to declining volumes and the fall in operating gross profit per unit in almost all segments. In the North America segment, the growth in operating gross profit was driven by the entity acquired in 2022. In the first half of 2023, operating gross profit in the Brenntag Essentials division rose by 0.9%. On a constant currency basis, this represents a rise of 1.2%.

Operating EBITDA in the Brenntag Essentials division came to EUR 288.4 million in the second quarter of 2023, a 10.1% decline compared with the prior-year period. On a constant currency basis, this represents a decrease of 8.2%. In the first half of 2023, operating EBITDA in the Brenntag Essentials division fell by 3.2% overall, or by 2.7% on a constant currency basis.

Operating EBITA in the Brenntag Essentials division dropped by 14.6% year on year to EUR 225.5 million in the second quarter of 2023. On a constant currency basis, it showed a decrease of 12.7%. This was also the result of higher personnel costs eroding operating gross profit and costs being incurred in connection with "Strategy to Win". As a result, the losses in gross profit could not be fully compensated by lower costs due to declining volumes. Operating EBITA in the Latin America and APAC segments was still down considerably on the prior-year period. The decline in the APAC segment is due to falls in demand in all APAC regions, especially in China. This was partly offset by the sale of a site in China. The decline in the Latin America segment is primarily attributable to a slump in demand in Brazil. In the first half of 2023, operating EBITA in the Brenntag Essentials division fell by 6.0% (on a constant currency basis: 5.4%) overall.

All other Segments

In "All other Segments", which also include the holding companies, Brenntag recorded a significant year-on-year rise in costs in the second quarter of 2023. This is partly the result of higher IT expenses in connection with the transformation projects and higher personnel costs.

BRENNTAG International Chemicals GmbH, the only operating company within "All other Segments", achieved operating EBITDA below the prior-year figure in the second quarter of 2023.

Overall, the **operating EBITDA** of "All other Segments" was down by 62.7% year on year to EUR –34.5 million in the second quarter of 2023. The **operating EBITA** of "All other Segments" came to EUR –38.0 million in the second quarter of 2023, a decrease of 50.2% on the prior-year figure. In the first half of 2023, operating EBITDA declined to EUR –63.3 million and operating EBITA to EUR –70.2 million.

Financial position

Capital structure

The financing structure of Brenntag SE consists of:

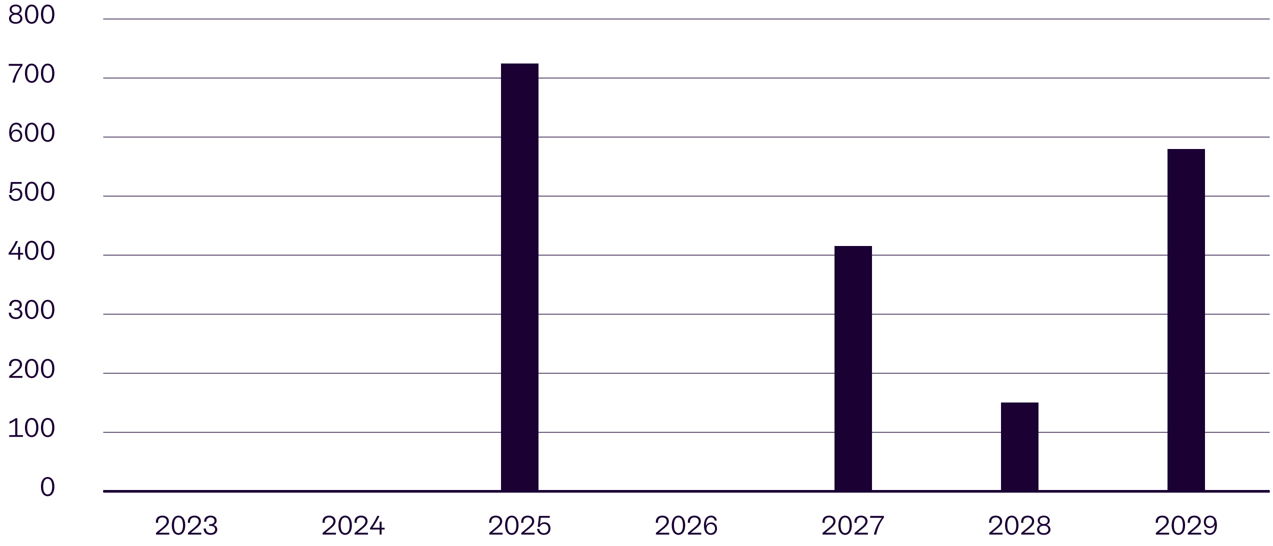
- a Group-wide syndicated loan agreement. The syndicated loan totaling the equivalent of EUR 1.5 billion runs until 2028. It comprises two revolving lines of credit – a EUR 1.0 billion line of credit and a USD line of credit totaling USD 525.0 million (equivalent in euros as at June 30, 2023: EUR 483.2 million). Total liabilities (excluding accrued interest and before offsetting of transaction costs) under the syndicated loan amounted to EUR 150.0 million as at June 30, 2023;
- a EUR 600 million bond (Bond 2025) maturing in 2025 and carrying an annual coupon of 1.125%;
- a further bond for EUR 500.0 million (Bond 2029) maturing in 2029 and carrying an annual coupon of 0.50%. Most of the proceeds from the Bond 2029 were swapped for US dollars by way of a long-dated derivative (cross-currency interest rate swap);
- promissory notes totaling EUR 390 million and USD 250 million (equivalent in euros as at June 30, 2023: EUR 230.1 million). The promissory notes were issued in a total of seven tranches maturing in 2025, 2027 and 2029 and carrying both floating and fixed interest rates.

In addition to the four above-mentioned financing instruments, some of our companies make use of credit lines with local banks in consultation with the Group management.

Due to the two fixed-rate bonds and the partly fixed-rate promissory notes, over 60% of the Brenntag Group's financial liabilities are currently hedged against the risk of interest rate increases.

According to our short- and mid-term financial planning, the capital requirements for operating activities, planned investments and projects, dividends, the current share buyback program and acquisitions in the size of past practice are expected to be covered by existing cash funds, the cash provided by operating activities and the aforementioned credit facilities. To cover short-term liquidity requirements and for general corporate purposes, we likewise have the aforementioned credit facilities under the syndicated loan. Moreover, Brenntag could meet any additional funding requirements by borrowing on the credit and capital markets.

Maturity profile of the credit portfolio[1] as at June 30, 2023 in EUR m:



1.06 Maturity profile of the credit portfolio

[1] Syndicated loan, Bond 2025, Bond 2029 and promissory notes 2025/2027/2029 excluding accrued interest and transaction costs.

Investments

In the first half of 2023, investments in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (excluding additions from acquisitions) led to a total cash outflow of EUR 100.8 million (H1 2022: EUR 96.3 million).

We regularly invest in the maintenance, replacement and extension of the infrastructure necessary to perform our services, such as warehouses, offices, trucks and vehicles of our field service. Further investments relate to IT hardware for various systems, digitalization and the expansion of our IT infrastructure. As the market leader and a responsible chemical distributor, we attach importance to ensuring that our property, plant and equipment meet comprehensive health, safety and environmental requirements.

Cash flow

in EUR m	Q2 2023	Q2 2022	H1 2023	H1 2022
Net cash provided by operating activities	**327.3**	**98.1**	**727.6**	**133.5**
Net cash used in investing activities	**–70.0**	**–39.6**	**–128.4**	**–83.7**
of which payments to acquire consolidated subsidiaries, other business units and other financial assets	–23.4	–	–34.7	–0.7
of which payments to acquire intangible assets and property, plant and equipment	–51.1	–45.8	–100.8	–96.3
of which proceeds from the disposal of non-current assets	4.5	6.2	7.1	13.3
Net cash used in financing activities	**–473.3**	**–264.4**	**–1,007.5**	**–263.1**
of which dividends paid to Brenntag shareholders	–304.7	–224.0	–304.7	–224.0
of which repayments of / proceeds from other borrowings	–26.4	52.3	–531.2	53.6
of which payments to acquire treasury shares	–143.7	–	–173.1	–
of which other financing activities	1.5	–92.7	1.5	–92.7
Change in cash and cash equivalents	**–216.0**	**–205.9**	**–408.3**	**–213.3**

1.07 Cash flow

At EUR 327.3 million in the second quarter of 2023, net cash provided by operating activities was significantly higher than in the same period of the previous year, having benefited from the decrease in working capital.

Of the net cash used in investing activities, EUR 51.1 million comprised payments to acquire intangible assets and property, plant and equipment in the second quarter of 2023. Payments to acquire consolidated subsidiaries, other business units and other financial assets relate mainly to the acquisition in the first quarter of 2023 of the business operations of Al-Azzaz Chemicals Company headquartered in Al-Khobar Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

The net cash of EUR 473.3 million used in financing activities in the second quarter of 2023 resulted mainly from the dividend payment to Brenntag shareholders (EUR 304.7 million) and the treasury shares acquired under the share buyback program (EUR 143.7 million).

Free cash flow

in EUR m	Q2 2023	Q2 2022	Change abs.	Change in %
Operating EBITDA	409.7	533.8	–124.1	–23.2
Payments to acquire intangible assets and property, plant and equipment	–51.1	–45.8	–5.3	11.6
Change in working capital	110.8	–295.3	406.1	–137.5
Principal and interest payments on lease liabilities	–37.7	–35.1	–2.6	7.4
Free cash flow	**431.7**	**157.6**	**274.1**	**173.9**

in EUR m	H1 2023	H1 2022	Change abs.	Change in %
Operating EBITDA	830.1	996.8	–166.7	–16.7
Payments to acquire intangible assets and property, plant and equipment	–100.8	–96.3	–4.5	4.7
Change in working capital	227.5	–624.9	852.4	–136.4
Principal and interest payments on lease liabilities	–75.9	–69.3	–6.6	9.5
Free cash flow	**880.9**	**206.3**	**674.6**	**327.0**

1.08 Free cash flow

The Brenntag Group's free cash flow amounted to EUR 431.7 million in the second quarter of 2023, an increase of 173.9% on the same period of 2022. This extremely pleasing result was achieved due especially to the positive change in working capital.

Net assets

in EUR m	Jun. 30, 2023 abs.	Jun. 30, 2023 in %	Dec. 31, 2022 abs.	Dec. 31, 2022 in %
Assets				
Current assets	**5,103.9**	**48.5**	**5,920.3**	**52.1**
of which trade receivables	2,519.4	23.9	2,676.8	23.5
of which inventories	1,547.6	14.7	1,773.8	15.6
Non-current assets	**5,417.2**	**51.5**	**5,452.7**	**47.9**
Total assets	**10,521.1**	**100.0**	**11,373.0**	**100.0**
Liabilities and equity				
Current liabilities	**3,269.5**	**31.1**	**3,238.0**	**28.5**
of which trade payables	1,744.7	16.6	1,862.0	16.4
of which financial and lease liabilities	683.6	6.5	429.7	3.8
Equity and non-current liabilities	**7,251.6**	**68.9**	**8,135.0**	**71.5**
of which financial and lease liabilities	2,265.5	21.5	2,666.1	23.4
of which equity	4,322.3	41.1	4,802.7	42.2
Total liabilities and equity	**10,521.1**	**100.0**	**11,373.0**	**100.0**

1.09 Net assets

The cash portion of the change in working capital amounted to an inflow of EUR 227.5 million. At 7.2, annualized working capital turnover was lower than that in financial year 2022 (7.5) and in the first half of 2022 (7.7). The decrease is due primarily to lower sales.

in EUR m	Jun. 30, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
Liability under syndicated loan	144.9	551.9
Other liabilities to banks	172.5	217.9
Promissory notes (Schuldschein)	626.8	627.1
Bond 2025	603.0	599.2
Bond 2029	499.0	497.5
Derivative financial instruments	45.7	56.9
Liability to acquire treasury shares	328.7	–
Other financial liabilities	71.8	111.0
Total	**2,492.4**	**2,661.5**
Lease liabilities	456.7	434.3
Cash and cash equivalents	622.6	1,046.1
Net financial liabilities	**2,326.5**	**2,049.7**

1.10 Net financial liabilities

When the share buyback program commenced in March 2023, Brenntag recognized a liability of EUR 500.0 million directly in equity for the obligation to acquire treasury shares. As at June 30, 2023, the liability had decreased to EUR 328.7 million due mainly to the acquisition of treasury shares.

Employees

As at June 30, 2023, Brenntag had a total of 17,812 employees worldwide (Dec. 31, 2022: 17,540). The total number of employees is determined on the basis of headcount, i.e. part-time employees are fully included. By June 30, 2023, 99 employees had joined through companies newly acquired in 2023.

Outlook

Brenntag continues to operate in a market environment shaped by the war in Ukraine, geopolitical tensions and strong inflationary pressures. Due to lower demand, it is possible that prices in Brenntag's supply chains will fall despite general price increases. Overall, this is leading to a still greater-than-average degree of uncertainty over growth expectations for the global economy in 2023. Oxford Economics currently predicts that the global economy, measured in terms of industrial production (IP), will deliver a marginally positive performance in 2023. Weighted by the sales generated by Brenntag in the individual countries, this results in a forecast average real IP growth rate of +0.26% in 2023.

The Board of Management confirms the guidance for the full-year 2023 but specifies it, given the continuing challenges and negative exchange rate development in the course of year. Brenntag expects its operating EBITA for the full-year 2023 to be in the lower range of the initial guidance. This is equivalent to an operating EBITA between EUR 1,300 million to EUR 1,400 million and an operating EBITDA in the range of EUR 1,600 million and EUR 1,700 million. The forecast includes the effects in the course of implementing the divisional strategies and the digitalization strategy. It also takes into account the contributions to earnings from acquisitions already closed. Brenntag expects free cash flow to increase significantly compared with the previous year.

Opportunities and risks

Our strategy is geared to steadily improving the efficiency and underlying profitability of our business. The Brenntag Group companies are exposed to a number of risks arising from their business activities in the field of chemical distribution and related areas. At the same time, these business activities also give rise to numerous opportunities to safeguard and nurture the company's competitiveness and growth.

As a global company, Brenntag has to comply with the country-specific tax laws and regulations in each jurisdiction. Tax exposures could result in particular from current and future tax audits of our German and foreign subsidiaries. These exposures are generally reflected in the balance sheet by recognizing provisions.

The retroactive levying of customs duties on imports of alcohol from non-EU countries announced by the Swedish customs authority in March 2023 was completed in the second quarter. As the import duties were paid directly by the Swedish tax authorities, no net charge was incurred by Brenntag Nordic AB. No fines were imposed.

Overall, there were no significant changes for the Brenntag Group in the first half of 2023 compared with the opportunities and risks described in detail in the 2022 Annual Report. Other risks that we are currently unaware of or that we currently consider immaterial might also negatively impact our business operations. Currently, there are no indications of risks that may jeopardize the continued existence of the company.

Interim consolidated financial statements

as at June 30, 2023

Consolidated income statement

in EUR m	Note	Jan. 1– Jun. 30, 2023	Jan. 1– Jun. 30, 2022	Apr. 1– Jun. 30, 2023	Apr. 1– Jun. 30, 2022
Sales	1.)	8,783.7	9,594.3	4,256.6	5,061.2
Cost of materials		–6,717.3	–7,411.6	–3,235.8	–3,916.4
Operating gross profit		**2,066.4**	**2,182.7**	**1,020.8**	**1,144.8**
Other operating income		55.9	29.3	27.6	14.1
Personnel expenses		–687.1	–652.6	–347.7	–339.9
Depreciation and amortization		–187.4	–176.3	–94.4	–89.4
Impairment losses on trade receivables and other receivables		–2.6	–7.2	–2.4	–1.2
Other operating expenses		–615.1	–561.6	–305.9	–287.2
Operating profit		**630.1**	**814.3**	**298.0**	**441.2**
Share of profit or loss of equity-accounted investments		0.4	1.1	0.5	0.2
Interest income		9.5	4.1	4.0	2.5
Interest expense	2.)	–61.6	–43.7	–28.9	–23.9
Change in liabilities relating to acquisition of non-controlling interests recognized in profit or loss	3.)	–2.8	–5.3	–1.6	–2.3
Loss on the net monetary position	4.)	–7.7	–7.7	–5.0	–7.7
Other net finance income / costs		–12.2	–10.7	–8.2	–6.6
Net finance costs		**–74.4**	**–62.2**	**–39.2**	**–37.8**
Profit before tax		**555.7**	**752.1**	**258.8**	**403.4**
Income tax expense	5.)	–149.5	–204.0	–69.7	–109.3
Profit after tax		**406.2**	**548.1**	**189.1**	**294.1**
Attributable to:					
Shareholders of Brenntag SE		402.8	536.8	186.9	287.5
Non-controlling interests		3.4	11.3	2.2	6.6
Basic earnings per share in euro	**6.)**	**2.62**	**3.47**	**1.23**	**1.86**
Diluted earnings per share in euro	**6.)**	**2.62**	**3.47**	**1.23**	**1.86**

2.01 Consolidated income statement

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

in EUR m	Note	Jan. 1– Jun. 30, 2023	Jan. 1– Jun. 30, 2022	Apr. 1– Jun. 30, 2023	Apr. 1– Jun. 30, 2022
Profit after tax		**406.2**	**548.1**	**189.1**	**294.1**
Remeasurements of defined benefit pension plans	12.)	-6.0	72.3	0.5	55.2
Deferred tax relating to remeasurements of defined benefit pension plans	12.)	1.8	-22.7	-0.2	-17.3
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss		**-4.2**	**49.6**	**0.3**	**37.9**
Change in exchange rate differences on translation of consolidated companies		-76.9	239.1	-14.8	154.8
Change in exchange rate differences on translation of equity-accounted investments		-0.1	–	-0.1	–
Change in net investment hedge reserve		6.0	-6.7	4.4	-4.0
Remeasurement of cross-currency interest rate swaps		8.9	-47.5	6.6	-37.6
Reclassification to profit or loss of hedging losses		-4.6	43.9	2.5	33.1
Remeasurement of costs of hedging		–	2.3	1.6	-0.2
Reclassification to profit or loss of costs of hedging		-0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2
Deferred tax relating to cross-currency interest rate swaps		–	-0.3	–	–
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		**-67.1**	**230.4**	**–**	**145.9**
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		**-71.3**	**280.0**	**0.3**	**183.8**
Total comprehensive income		**334.9**	**828.1**	**189.4**	**477.9**
Attributable to:					
Shareholders of Brenntag SE		334.7	811.4	189.2	467.7
Non-controlling interests		0.2	16.7	0.2	10.2

2.02 Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

Consolidated balance sheet

Assets

in EUR m	Note	Jun. 30, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		622.6	1,046.1
Trade receivables		2,519.4	2,676.8
Other receivables		266.4	272.6
Other financial assets		16.7	20.2
Current tax assets		127.9	117.3
Inventories		1,547.6	1,773.8
		5,100.6	**5,906.8**
Non-current assets held for sale	7.)	3.3	13.5
		5,103.9	**5,920.3**
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8.)	1,341.4	1,358.1
Intangible assets	9.)	3,406.2	3,459.3
Right-of-use assets		447.2	426.3
Equity-accounted investments		5.8	5.4
Other receivables		49.5	40.7
Other financial assets		22.0	24.4
Deferred tax assets		145.1	138.5
		5,417.2	**5,452.7**
Total assets		**10,521.1**	**11,373.0**

Liabilities and equity

in EUR m	Note	Jun. 30, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
Current liabilities			
Trade payables		1,744.7	1,862.0
Financial liabilities	10.)	564.3	319.7
Lease liabilities		119.3	110.0
Other liabilities		572.8	664.9
Other provisions	11.)	132.1	154.8
Liabilities relating to acquisition of non-controlling interests	13.)	25.8	25.0
Current tax liabilities		110.5	97.6
		3,269.5	**3,234.0**
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	7.)	–	4.0
		3,269.5	**3,238.0**
Non-current liabilities			
Financial liabilities	10.)	1,928.1	2,341.8
Lease liabilities		337.4	324.3
Other liabilities		1.7	4.9
Other provisions	11.)	150.7	166.1
Provisions for pensions and other post-employment benefits	12.)	125.7	119.1
Liabilities relating to acquisition of non-controlling interests	13.)	110.5	104.3
Deferred tax liabilities		275.1	271.8
		2,929.2	**3,332.3**
Equity			
Subscribed capital		154.5	154.5
Additional paid-in capital		1,491.4	1,491.4
Retained earnings		3,120.3	3,035.0
Accumulated other comprehensive income		7.8	71.6
Treasury shares		–501.8	–
Equity attributable to shareholders of Brenntag SE		**4,272.2**	**4,752.5**
Equity attributable to non-controlling interests	14.)	50.2	50.2
		4,322.4	**4,802.7**
Total liabilities and equity		**10,521.1**	**11,373.0**

2.03 Consolidated balance sheet

Consolidated statement of changes in equity

in EUR m	Subscribed capital	Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Exchange rate differences	Net investment hedge reserve
Dec. 31, 2021	**154.5**	**1,491.4**	**2,283.3**	**-10.2**	**-4.0**
Dividends	–	–	-224.0	–	–
Profit after tax	–	–	536.8	–	–
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	–	–	49.6	233.7	-6.7
Total comprehensive income for the period	**–**	**–**	**586.4**	**233.7**	**-6.7**
Jun. 30, 2022	**154.5**	**1,491.4**	**2,645.7**	**223.5**	**-10.7**

in EUR m	Cash flow hedge reserve	Deferred tax relating to cash flow hedge reserve	Equity attributable to shareholders of Brenntag SE	Equity attributable to non-controlling interests	**Equity**
Dec. 31, 2021	**-1.1**	**0.3**	**3,914.2**	**81.1**	**3,995.3**
Dividends	–	–	-224.0	-0.7	-224.7
Profit after tax	–	–	536.8	11.3	548.1
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	-1.7	-0.3	274.6	5.4	280.0
Total comprehensive income for the period	**-1.7**	**-0.3**	**811.4**	**16.7**	**828.1**
Jun. 30, 2022	**-2.8**	**–**	**4,501.6**	**97.1**	**4,598.7**

2.04 Consolidated statement of changes in equity / Jun. 30, 2022

in EUR m	Subscribed capital	Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Exchange rate differences	Net investment hedge reserve
Dec. 31, 2022	**154.5**	**1,491.4**	**3,035.0**	**86.0**	**–4.4**
Dividends	–	–	–304.7	–	–
Treasury shares	–	–	–	–	–
Transactions with owners	–	–	–8.6	–	–
Profit after tax	–	–	402.8	–	–
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	–	–	–4.2	–73.7	6.0
Total comprehensive income for the period	**–**	**–**	**398.6**	**–73.7**	**6.0**
Jun. 30, 2023	**154.5**	**1,491.4**	**3,120.3**	**12.3**	**1.6**

in EUR m	Cash flow hedge reserve	Treasury shares	Equity attributable to shareholders of Brenntag SE	Equity attributable to non-controlling interests	**Equity**
Dec. 31, 2022	**–10.0**	**–**	**4,752.5**	**50.2**	**4,802.7**
Dividends	–	–	–304.7	–0.2	–304.9
Treasury shares	–	–501.8	–501.8	–	–501.8
Transactions with owners	–	–	–8.6	–	–8.6
Profit after tax	–	–	402.8	3.4	406.2
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	3.9	–	–68.0	–3.2	–71.2
Total comprehensive income for the period	**3.9**	**–**	**334.8**	**0.2**	**335.0**
Jun. 30, 2023	**–6.1**	**–501.8**	**4,272.2**	**50.2**	**4,322.4**

2.05 Consolidated statement of changes in equity / Jun. 30, 2023

Consolidated cash flow statement

in EUR m	Note	Jan. 1– Jun. 30, 2023	Jan. 1– Jun. 30, 2022	Apr. 1– Jun. 30, 2023	Apr. 1– Jun. 30, 2022
	15.)				
Profit after tax		**406.2**	**548.1**	**189.1**	**294.1**
Loss on the net monetary position		7.7	7.2	5.0	7.2
Depreciation and amortization		187.4	175.8	94.4	88.9
Income tax expense	5.)	149.5	202.3	69.7	107.6
Income taxes paid		-148.7	-169.1	-111.8	-121.4
Net interest expense	2.)	52.1	39.2	24.9	21.0
Interest paid (netted against interest received)	15.)	-44.3	-23.8	-16.1	-15.8
(of which interest paid for leases)		(-7.8)	(-5.0)	(-4.2)	(-2.4)
Inventories		196.3	-302.6	99.4	-152.8
Trade receivables		135.6	-672.8	170.6	-219.1
Trade payables		-104.4	350.5	-159.2	76.6
Changes in working capital		227.5	-624.9	110.8	-295.3
Changes in other operating assets and liabilities		-70.1	-35.1	-40.0	3.4
Changes in provisions		-39.1	-5.9	2.1	-3.6
Non-cash change in liabilities relating to acquisition of non-controlling interests	3.)	2.8	5.3	1.6	2.3
Other non-cash items and reclassifications		-3.4	14.4	-2.4	9.7
Net cash provided by operating activities		**727.6**	**133.5**	**327.3**	**98.1**
Proceeds from the disposal of other financial assets		0.1	0.1	0.1	–
Proceeds from the disposal of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment		7.0	13.2	4.4	6.2
Payments to acquire consolidated subsidiaries and other business units		-34.7	-0.7	-23.4	–
Payments to acquire intangible assets and property, plant and equipment		-100.8	-96.3	-51.1	-45.8
Net cash used in investing activities		**-128.4**	**-83.7**	**-70.0**	**-39.6**
Payments to acquire treasury shares		-173.1	–	-143.7	–
Repayments of liabilities relating to acquisition of non-controlling interests	13.)	–	-92.0	–	-92.0
Proceeds from non-controlling interests		1.7	–	1.7	–
Dividends paid to Brenntag shareholders	14.)	-304.7	-224.0	-304.7	-224.0
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests		-0.2	-0.7	-0.2	-0.7
Proceeds from borrowings		300.4	151.6	153.5	100.6
Repayments of lease liabilities		-68.1	-64.3	-33.5	-32.7
Repayments of borrowings		-763.5	-33.7	-146.4	-15.6
Net cash used in financing activities		**-1,007.5**	**-263.1**	**-473.3**	**-264.4**
Change in cash and cash equivalents		**-408.3**	**-213.3**	**-216.0**	**-205.9**
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		-16.6	23.3	-7.7	14.3
Change in cash and cash equivalents reclassified into non-current assets held for sale		1.4	–	1.6	–
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		1,046.1	705.0	844.7	706.6
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		**622.6**	**515.0**	**622.6**	**515.0**

2.06 Consolidated cash flow statement

Condensed notes

Key financial figures by segment

The Brenntag Group is managed through two global divisions, Brenntag Specialties and Brenntag Essentials, which are each managed through geographically structured segments. Brenntag Specialties focuses on selling ingredients and value-added services to the selected industries, Nutrition, Pharma, Personal Care/HI&I (Home, Industrial & Institutional), Material Science (Coatings & Construction, Polymers, Rubber), Water Treatment and Lubricants. Brenntag Essentials markets a broad portfolio of process chemicals across a wide range of industries and applications. The global Brenntag Specialties division comprises the geographical segments EMEA, Americas and APAC. The global Brenntag Essentials division comprises the geographical segments EMEA, North America, Latin America and APAC. In addition, "All other Segments" combine the central functions for the entire Group and the activities with regard to the digitalization of our business. The international operations of BRENNTAG International Chemicals GmbH, which buys and sells chemicals in bulk on an international scale without regional boundaries, are also included here.

The following tables show the reconciliation of the reportable segments to the Group:

Period from January 1 to June 30 in EUR m	Brenntag Specialties	Brenntag Essentials	All other Segments	**Group**
External sales				
2023	3,634.8	4,878.5	270.4	8,783.7
2022	3,988.3	5,187.2	418.8	9,594.3
Fx. adj. change in %	–7.4	–5.5	–35.4	–7.6
Operating gross profit				
2023	763.0	1,286.4	17.0	2,066.4
2022	887.6	1,275.5	19.6	2,182.7
Fx. adj. change in %	–12.6	1.2	–13.3	–4.5
Operating EBITDA				
2023	319.7	573.7	–63.3	830.1
2022	449.5	592.8	–45.5	996.8
Fx. adj. change in %	–27.3	–2.7	39.1	–15.6
Operating EBITA (segment result)				
2023	297.7	449.8	–70.2	677.3
2022	431.0	478.3	–52.6	856.7
Fx. adj. change in %	–29.4	–5.4	33.5	–19.8

2.07 Reconciliation of the reportable segments to the Group H1 2023/2022

Period from April 1 to June 30 in EUR m	Brenntag Specialties	Brenntag Essentials	All other Segments	Group
External sales				
2023	1,776.9	2,347.1	132.6	4,256.6
2022	2,082.8	2,744.5	233.9	5,061.2
Fx. adj. change in %	–11.8	–12.7	–43.3	–13.7
Operating gross profit				
2023	374.8	638.3	7.7	1,020.8
2022	461.4	672.6	10.8	1,144.8
Fx. adj. change in %	–15.9	–3.1	–28.7	–8.5
Operating EBITDA				
2023	155.8	288.4	–34.5	409.7
2022	234.1	320.9	–21.2	533.8
Fx. adj. change in %	–30.7	–8.2	62.7	–20.9
Operating EBITA (segment result)				
2023	144.7	225.5	–38.0	332.2
2022	223.7	264.0	–25.3	462.4
Fx. adj. change in %	–32.6	–12.7	50.2	–25.8

2.08 Reconciliation of the reportable segments to the Group Q2 2023/2022

The following tables show the segment information for the geographical segments of the global **Brenntag Specialties** division:

Period from January 1 to June 30 in EUR m	EMEA[1]	Americas[2]	APAC	Central activities[3]	Brenntag Specialties
External sales					
2023	1,601.0	1,371.0	662.8	–	3,634.8
2022	1,747.1	1,545.9	695.3	–	3,988.3
Fx. adj. change in %	–5.8	–11.6	–1.8	–	–7.4
Operating gross profit					
2023	347.5	286.4	129.1	–	763.0
2022	397.6	336.3	153.7	–	887.6
Fx. adj. change in %	–10.1	–15.2	–13.5	–	–12.6
Operating EBITDA					
2023	144.7	117.1	57.6	0.3	319.7
2022	208.3	154.3	86.4	0.5	449.5
Fx. adj. change in %	–27.9	–24.3	–31.3	–40.0	–27.3
Operating EBITA (segment result)[4], [5]					
2023	139.3	108.8	49.3	0.3	297.7
2022	203.1	147.4	80.0	0.5	431.0
Fx. adj. change in %	–28.9	–26.4	–36.5	–40.0	–29.4

2.09 Segment reporting on the global Specialties division H1 2023/2022

1) Europe, Middle East & Africa.
2) North and Latin America.
3) Central activities which are part of Brenntag Specialties but not directly attributable to any one segment.
4) Segment operating EBITA is calculated as segment EBITA adjusted for holding charges and special items.
5) Certain items of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets are not separable and support both divisions jointly. They have been allocated to a division (depending on the region) and are depreciated there. They are charged to the other division on the basis of fixed and variable monthly amounts.

Period from April 1 to June 30 in EUR m	EMEA[1]	Americas[2]	APAC	Central activities[3]	Brenntag Specialties
External sales					
2023	775.1	673.6	328.2	–	1,776.9
2022	899.0	823.9	359.9	–	2,082.8
Fx. adj. change in %	-10.9	-16.1	-3.7	–	-11.8
Operating gross profit					
2023	169.1	141.5	64.2	–	374.8
2022	202.6	178.8	80.0	–	461.4
Fx. adj. change in %	-13.5	-18.9	-15.4	–	-15.9
Operating EBITDA					
2023	67.1	57.9	30.7	0.1	155.8
2022	105.2	85.0	43.7	0.2	234.1
Fx. adj. change in %	-33.1	-30.2	-25.8	-50.0	-30.7
Operating EBITA (segment result)[4], [5]					
2023	64.4	53.8	26.4	0.1	144.7
2022	102.1	81.3	40.1	0.2	223.7
Fx. adj. change in %	-33.9	-32.1	-30.2	-50.0	-32.6

2.10 Segment reporting on the global Specialties division Q2 2023/2022

[1] Europe, Middle East & Africa.
[2] North and Latin America.
[3] Central activities which are part of Brenntag Specialties but not directly attributable to any one segment.
[4] Segment operating EBITA is calculated as segment EBITA adjusted for holding charges and special items.
[5] Certain items of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets are not separable and support both divisions jointly. They have been allocated to a division (depending on the region) and are depreciated there. They are charged to the other division on the basis of fixed and variable monthly amounts.

The following tables show the segment information for the geographical segments of the global **Brenntag Essentials** division:

Period from January 1 to June 30 in EUR m	EMEA[1]	North America	Latin America	APAC[2]	Central activities[3]	**Brenntag Essentials**
External sales						
2023	1,939.9	2,277.8	353.1	307.7	–	4,878.5
2022	2,117.3	2,246.4	423.3	400.2	–	5,187.2
Fx. adj. change in %	–7.7	0.8	–14.9	–20.0	–	–5.5
Operating gross profit						
2023	480.6	685.8	72.4	47.6	–	1,286.4
2022	480.7	638.1	91.3	65.4	–	1,275.5
Fx. adj. change in %	1.0	6.9	–19.5	–24.6	–	1.2
Operating EBITDA						
2023	231.5	306.6	20.4	16.3	–1.1	573.7
2022	237.9	292.1	35.8	27.1	–0.1	592.8
Fx. adj. change in %	–1.6	4.4	–41.4	–37.8	450.0	–2.7
Operating EBITA (segment result)[4], [5]						
2023	179.0	247.2	11.7	13.0	–1.1	449.8
2022	186.1	240.6	27.5	24.2	–0.1	478.3
Fx. adj. change in %	–2.7	2.2	–56.0	–44.4	450.0	–5.4

2.11 Segment reporting on the global Essentials division H1 2023/2022

[1] Europe, Middle East & Africa.
[2] Asia Pacific including the China and Hong Kong segment, which is presented separately internally.
[3] Central activities which are part of Brenntag Essentials but not directly attributable to any one segment.
[4] Segment operating EBITA is calculated as segment EBITA adjusted for holding charges and special items.
[5] Certain items of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets are not separable and support both divisions jointly. They have been allocated to a division (depending on the region) and are depreciated there. They are charged to the other division on the basis of fixed and variable monthly amounts.

Period from April 1 to June 30 in EUR m	EMEA[1]	North America	Latin America	APAC[2]	Central activities[3]	Brenntag Essentials
External sales						
2023	900.1	1,120.9	169.6	156.5	–	2,347.1
2022	1,108.0	1,204.0	224.6	207.9	–	2,744.5
Fx. adj. change in %	–18.3	–4.7	–21.1	–19.7	–	–12.7
Operating gross profit						
2023	235.4	344.6	34.3	24.0	–	638.3
2022	250.8	342.0	46.4	33.4	–	672.6
Fx. adj. change in %	–5.4	3.2	–22.6	–23.5	–	–3.1
Operating EBITDA						
2023	113.9	156.5	6.9	11.6	–0.5	288.4
2022	127.4	162.4	17.1	13.8	0.2	320.9
Fx. adj. change in %	–9.7	–1.5	–57.2	–11.4	–600.0	–8.2
Operating EBITA (segment result)[4], [5]						
2023	87.2	126.2	2.6	10.0	–0.5	225.5
2022	102.3	136.4	12.7	12.4	0.2	264.0
Fx. adj. change in %	–13.9	–5.6	–78.6	–14.4	–600.0	–12.7

2.12 Segment reporting on the global Essentials division Q2 2023/2022

1) Europe, Middle East & Africa.
2) Asia Pacific including the China and Hong Kong segment, which is presented separately internally.
3) Central activities which are part of Brenntag Essentials but not directly attributable to any one segment.
4) Segment operating EBITA is calculated as segment EBITA adjusted for holding charges and special items.
5) Certain items of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets are not separable and support both divisions jointly. They have been allocated to a division (depending on the region) and are depreciated there. They are charged to the other division on the basis of fixed and variable monthly amounts.

Group key financial figures

in EUR m	Jan. 1– Jun. 30, 2023	Jan. 1– Jun. 30, 2022	Apr. 1– Jun. 30, 2023	Apr. 1– Jun. 30, 2022
Operating EBITDA	830.1	996.8	409.7	533.8
Payments to acquire intangible assets and property, plant and equipment	–100.8	–96.3	–51.1	–45.8
Change in working capital[1), 2)]	227.5	–624.9	110.8	–295.3
Principal and interest payments on lease liabilities	–75.9	–69.3	–37.7	–35.1
Free cash flow	**880.9**	**206.3**	**431.7**	**157.6**

2.13 Free cash flow

1) Definition of working capital: trade receivables plus inventories less trade payables.
2) Adjusted for exchange rate effects and acquisitions.

in EUR m	Jan. 1– Jun. 30, 2023	Jan. 1– Jun. 30, 2022	Apr. 1– Jun. 30, 2023	Apr. 1– Jun. 30, 2022
Operating EBITDA	**830.1**	**996.8**	**409.7**	**533.8**
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets	–152.8	–139.0	–77.5	–71.2
Impairment of property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets	–	–1.1	–	–0.2
Operating EBITA (segment result)[1)]	**677.3**	**856.7**	**332.2**	**462.4**
Net expense from special items	–12.6	–6.2	–17.3	–3.2
(of which provision for legal risks)	(–11.5)	(–)	(–8.8)	(–)
(of which reversal of provision for excise duties)	(7.0)	(–)	(–)	(–)
(of which other special items)	(–8.1)	(–6.2)	(–8.5)	(–3.2)
EBITA	**664.7**	**850.5**	**314.9**	**459.2**
Amortization of intangible assets[2)]	–34.0	–36.2	–16.3	–18.0
Impairment of intangible assets	–0.6	–	–0.6	–
EBIT	**630.1**	**814.3**	**298.0**	**441.2**
Net finance costs	–74.4	–62.2	–39.2	–37.8
Profit before tax	**555.7**	**752.1**	**258.8**	**403.4**

2.14 Reconciliation of operating EBITDA to profit before tax

1) In the course of operationalizing its strategy, Brenntag took the decision in the fourth quarter of 2022 to replace operating EBITDA with operating EBITA as its key performance indicator. Operating EBITA of the reportable segments amounts to EUR 747.4 million (H1 2022: EUR 909.3 million) and operating EBITA of All other Segments to EUR –70.1 million (H1 2022: EUR –52.6 million).
2) This figure includes amortization of customer relationships in the amount of EUR 23.7 million (H1 2022: EUR 24.7 million).

General information

Brenntag SE has its registered office at Messeallee 11, 45131 Essen, Germany and is entered in the commercial register at the Essen Local Court under commercial register number HRB 31943.

Consolidation policies and methods

Standards applied

These interim consolidated financial statements for the period from January 1 to June 30, 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of IAS 34 (Interim Financial Reporting). The Notes are presented in condensed form compared with the Notes to the financial statements as at December 31, 2022.

With the exception of the standards and interpretations that became effective on January 1, 2023, the same accounting policies have been applied as for the consolidated financial statements as at December 31, 2022.

In financial year 2022, the Board of Management of Brenntag SE decided to halt the business operations of all Brenntag companies in Russia and Belarus until further notice due to the war in Ukraine. In the second quarter of 2023, Brenntag sold all shares in OOO Brenntag based in Moscow, Russia. As at June 30, 2023, Brenntag still reported cash and cash equivalents of EUR 7.8 million in Russia (of which EUR 0.1 million in euros, EUR 0.4 million in rubles and EUR 7.3 million in US dollars) which were only available to Brenntag for cross-border transfers subject to the applicable restrictions on foreign exchange transactions. As at December 31, 2022, the cash and cash equivalents of the Brenntag companies in Russia amounted to EUR 15.5 million.

The following revised and new standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) have been applied by the Brenntag Group for the first time:

First-time adoption in 2023

- IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts
- Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 (Disclosure of Accounting Policies)
- Amendments to IAS 8: Definition of Accounting Estimates
- Amendments to IAS 12 regarding the prohibition on the recognition of deferred tax at initial recognition of an asset or liability

IFRS 17 replaces IFRS 4, the interim standard in effect since 2005. The new standard sets out principles for the identification, recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of insurance contracts by insurers.

The amendments to IAS 1 are part of the IASB's Disclosure Initiative, the fundamental objective of which is to improve the quality of financial reporting. This also includes ridding the notes to IFRS financial statements of information that is irrelevant to users of the financial statements. In future, disclosures will be required only on material accounting policy information and not on significant accounting policy information. Information is regarded as "material" if it is decision useful to users of the financial statements.

The amendments to IAS 8 contain clarifications to help entities distinguish between accounting policies and accounting estimates.

The initial recognition exemption (IRE) generally places a prohibition on the recognition of deferred tax at initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which is not a business combination and affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit. The amendments to IAS 12 narrow the scope of the IRE. This means that, especially in the case of leases (recognition of the right-of-use asset and a lease liability) and in the case of decommissioning and restoration obligations (recognition as part of the cost of the asset and recognition of a liability), both deferred tax assets (to the extent that they are recoverable) and deferred tax liabilities are required to be recognized if the transaction gives rise to equal deductible and taxable temporary differences. It is no longer permitted to omit to recognize deferred tax.

The aforementioned new and revised standards do not have a material impact on the presentation of the Group's net assets, financial position and results of operations.

Scope of consolidation

The table below shows the changes in the number of consolidated companies including structured entities:

	Dec. 31, 2022	Additions	Disposals	Jun. 30, 2023
Domestic consolidated companies	28	–	–	28
Foreign consolidated companies	193	1	7	187
Total consolidated companies	**221**	**1**	**7**	**215**

2.15 Changes in scope of consolidation

The disposals are the result of liquidations, sales and a merger.

Four (Dec. 31, 2022: four) associates are accounted for using the equity method.

Business combinations in accordance with IFRS 3

In March 2023, Brenntag acquired the entire business operations of Al-Azzaz Chemicals Company headquartered in Al-Khobar Dammam, Saudi Arabia, in an asset deal. This acquisition of one of the largest specialty chemical distributors on the Arabian Peninsula expands Brenntag's market presence.

The purchase price, net assets and goodwill break down as follows:

in EUR m	Provisional fair value
Purchase price	**29.6**
of which consideration contingent on earnings targets	–
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	0.3
Trade receivables, current financial assets and other receivables	10.6
Other current assets	6.1
Non-current assets	8.6
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	2.8
Non-current liabilities	1.0
Net assets	**21.8**
of which Brenntag's share	21.8
Goodwill	**7.8**
of which deductible for tax purposes	7.8

2.16 Net assets acquired

Measurement of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed (among others customer relationships, environmental provisions and deferred taxes) has not yet been completed for reasons of time. The main factors determining the goodwill are the above-mentioned reasons for the acquisitions where not included in other assets. There are no material differences between the gross amount and carrying amount of the receivables.

The acquisition of a business in South Africa without significant consideration resulted in income of EUR 1.0 million.

Acquisition-related costs in the amount of EUR 0.6 million were recognized under other operating expenses.

Since their acquisition by Brenntag, the entities acquired in 2023 have generated sales of EUR 7.9 million and a loss after tax of EUR 0.4 million.

In the case of an acquisition with effect from January 1, 2023, sales of about EUR 8,793 million would have been reported for the Brenntag Group in the reporting period. Profit after tax would have been about EUR 407 million.

As a result of measurement-period adjustments, goodwill from entities acquired in 2022 increased by a total of EUR 10.2 million.

Currency translation

The euro exchange rates of major currencies changed as follows:

EUR 1 = currencies	Closing rate		Average rate	
	Jun. 30, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022	Jan. 1 – Jun. 30, 2023	Jan. 1 – Jun. 30, 2022
Brazilian real (BRL)	5.2788	5.6386	5.4827	5.5565
Canadian dollar (CAD)	1.4415	1.4440	1.4566	1.3901
Swiss franc (CHF)	0.9788	0.9847	0.9856	1.0319
Chinese yuan renminbi (CNY)	7.8983	7.3582	7.4894	7.0823
Danish krone (DKK)	7.4474	7.4365	7.4462	7.4402
Pound sterling (GBP)	0.8583	0.8869	0.8764	0.8424
Polish zloty (PLN)	4.4388	4.6808	4.6244	4.6354
Russian ruble (RUB)	97.9257	76.8960	83.3030	82.9888
Swedish krona (SEK)	11.8055	11.1218	11.3329	10.4796
Turkish lira (TRY)	28.3193	19.9649	21.5662	16.2579
US dollar (USD)	1.0866	1.0666	1.0807	1.0934

2.17 Exchange rates of major currencies

Consolidated income statement, consolidated balance sheet and consolidated cash flow statement disclosures

1.) Sales

Sales of EUR 8,746.2 million (H1 2022: EUR 9,554.0 million) relate mainly to the sale of goods and sales of EUR 37.5 million (H1 2022: EUR 40.3 million) to the provision of services.

2.) Interest expense

in EUR m	Jan. 1– Jun. 30, 2023	Jan. 1– Jun. 30, 2022
Interest expense on liabilities to third parties	–46.3	–33.4
Expense from the fair value measurement of the cross-currency interest rate swap	–3.6	–3.4
Net interest expense on defined benefit pension plans	–1.8	–1.0
Interest expense on other provisions	–1.5	–0.4
Interest expense on leases	–8.4	–5.5
Total	**–61.6**	**–43.7**

2.18 Interest expense

3.) Change in liabilities relating to acquisition of non-controlling interests recognized in profit or loss

in EUR m	Jan. 1– Jun. 30, 2023	Jan. 1– Jun. 30, 2022
Change in liabilities relating to acquisition of non-controlling interests recognized in profit or loss	–2.1	–4.8
Change in liabilities recognized in profit or loss arising from limited partners' rights to repayment of contributions	–0.7	–0.5
Total	**–2.8**	**–5.3**

2.19 Change in liabilities relating to acquisition of non-controlling interests recognized in profit or loss

For further information, please refer to Note 13.).

4.) Loss on the net monetary position

The inflation effect on non-monetary items resulted in a loss on the net monetary position of EUR 7.7 million for the first half of financial year 2023 (H1 2022: EUR 7.7 million).

5.) Income tax expense

Income tax expense comprises current tax expense of EUR 150.0 million (H1 2022: current tax expense of EUR 202.9 million) and deferred tax income of EUR 0.5 million (H1 2022: deferred tax expense of EUR 1.1 million).

Tax expense for the first half of 2023 was calculated using the Group tax rate expected for financial year 2023. Any items of income and expense that cannot be planned with sufficient accuracy are disregarded when determining the expected Group tax rate and calculating tax expense.

	Jan. 1–Jun. 30, 2023			Jan. 1–Jun. 30, 2022		
in EUR m	Profit before tax	Tax rate in %	Income tax expense	Profit before tax	Tax rate in %	Income tax expense
excluding tax-neutral income / expenses that cannot be planned with sufficient accuracy	557.8	26.8	149.5	756.9	27.0	204.0
tax-neutral income / expenses that cannot be planned with sufficient accuracy	-2.1	–	–	-4.8	–	–
including tax-neutral income / expenses that cannot be planned with sufficient accuracy	555.7	26.9	149.5	752.1	27.1	204.0

2.20 Profit before tax after elimination of tax-neutral income / expenses that cannot be planned with sufficient accuracy

6.) Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share in the amount of EUR 2.64 (H1 2022: EUR 3.47) are determined by dividing the share of profit after tax of EUR 406.2 million (H1 2022: EUR 536.8 million) attributable to the shareholders of Brenntag SE by the average weighted number of outstanding shares.

Diluted earnings per share are calculated as follows:

By June 30, 2023, Brenntag had acquired 2.4 million treasury shares under the share buyback program launched in March 2023. This reduced the average weighted number of outstanding shares from 154.5 million to 153.7 million.

The Bond (with Warrants) 2022 was repaid in December 2022.

in EUR m	Jan. 1 – Jun. 30, 2023	Jan. 1 – Jun. 30, 2022	Apr. 1 – Jun. 30, 2023	Apr. 1 – Jun. 30, 2022
Share of profit after tax attributable to Brenntag SE shareholders	402.8	536.8	186.9	287.5
Number of Brenntag SE shares	153.7	154.5	152.5	154.5
Basic earnings per share	**2.62**	**3.47**	**1.23**	**1.86**
Diluted earnings per share	**2.62**	**3.47**	**1.23**	**1.86**

2.21 Diluted earnings per share

7.) Non-current assets held for sale and liabilities associated with those assets

Non-current assets held for sale comprise property, plant and equipment held for sale totaling EUR 3.3 million (Dec. 31, 2022: EUR 9.6 million).

The assets and liabilities break down as follows:

in EUR m	Jun. 30, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
Cash and cash equivalents	–	1.5
Trade receivables and other receivables	–	0.7
Deferred taxes	–	0.6
Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	3.3	10.7
Assets held for sale	**3.3**	**13.5**
Trade payables, other liabilities and provisions	–	4.0
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	**–**	**4.0**

2.22 Assets held for sale and liabilities associated with those assets

8.) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment decreased by EUR 16.7 million to EUR 1,341.4 million (Dec. 31, 2022: EUR 1,358.1 million). The change in property, plant and equipment is due mainly to depreciation (EUR 83.5 million) and exchange rate effects (EUR 11.5 million), which were set against other additions (EUR 81.7 million).

9.) Intangible assets

Intangible assets decreased by EUR 53.1 million to EUR 3,406.2 million (Dec. 31, 2022: EUR 3,459.3 million). The change in intangible assets is due mainly to exchange rate effects (EUR 45.6 million) and amortization (EUR 34.0 million), which were set against acquisitions (EUR 22.5 million) and other additions (EUR 4.6 million).

10.) Financial liabilities

in EUR m	Jun. 30, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
Liability under syndicated loan	144.9	551.9
Other liabilities to banks	172.5	217.9
Promissory notes (Schuldschein)	626.8	627.1
Bond 2025	603.0	599.2
Bond 2029	499.0	497.5
Derivative financial instruments	45.7	56.9
Liability to acquire treasury shares	328.7	–
Other financial liabilities	71.8	111.0
Total	**2,492.4**	**2,661.5**
Lease liabilities	456.7	434.3
Cash and cash equivalents	622.6	1,046.1
Net financial liabilities	**2,326.5**	**2,049.7**

2.23 Determination of net financial liabilities

When the share buyback program commenced in March 2023, Brenntag recognized a liability of EUR 500.0 million for the obligation to acquire treasury shares. As at June 30, 2023, this had decreased to EUR 328.7 million due to the acquisition of treasury shares.

11.) Other provisions

Other provisions break down as follows:

in EUR m	Jun. 30, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
Environmental provisions	107.9	108.9
Provisions for personnel expenses	67.8	59.5
Miscellaneous provisions	107.1	152.5
Total	**282.8**	**320.9**

2.24 Other provisions

A further tax decision notice and an enforceable demand for payment of alcohol tax were received in relation to provisions recognized in financial year 2021 for excise duties. This notice led to a lower-than-expected tax liability. The reversal of the relevant provisions resulted in other operating income of EUR 7.0 million.

12.) Provisions for pensions and other post-employment benefits

In the interim consolidated financial statements as at June 30, 2023, the present value of pension obligations was determined using a discount rate of 3.6% (Dec. 31, 2022: 3.7%) in Germany and the other countries of the euro zone, 1.9% (Dec. 31, 2022: 2.3%) in Switzerland and 4.8% (Dec. 31, 2022: 5.2%) in Canada.

Due to the remeasurement of defined benefit plans, provisions for pensions and other post-employment benefits increased by an amount of EUR 6.0 million recognized directly in retained earnings. This is mainly the result of th e decrease in the discount rate in Canada and the euro zone. Net of deferred taxes, actuarial losses recognized in other comprehensive income consequently increased by EUR 4.2 million.

13.) Liabilities relating to acquisition of non-controlling interests

Liabilities relating to the acquisition of non-controlling interests break down as follows:

in EUR m	Jun. 30, 2023	Dec. 31, 2022
Liabilities relating to acquisition of non-controlling interests	133.4	127.1
Liabilities arising from limited partners' rights to repayment of contributions	2.9	2.2
Total	**136.3**	**129.3**

2.25 Liabilities relating to acquisition of non-controlling interests

Liabilities relating to the acquisition of non-controlling interests have been partly included in net investment hedge accounting. Exchange rate-related changes in the liabilities included in net investment hedge accounting are recognized within equity in the net investment hedge reserve.

14.) Equity

As proposed by the Board of Management and the Supervisory Board, the ordinary General Shareholders' Meeting of Brenntag SE on June 15, 2023 passed a resolution to pay a dividend of EUR 304.7 million. Based on 152.4 million shares, that is a dividend of EUR 2.0 per no-par value share entitled to a dividend.

When the share buyback program commenced in March 2023, Brenntag recognized a liability of EUR 500.0 million for the obligation to acquire treasury shares. Equity decreased accordingly. By the end of the second quarter of 2023, EUR 173.1 million had been paid out to acquire 2.4 million treasury shares.

Exchange rate differences include the inflation effect on equity of EUR 6.7 million attributable to hyperinflation in Turkey (2022: EUR 24.3 million).

Non-controlling interests comprise the shares of non-Group shareholders in the equity of consolidated entities. Overall, non-controlling interests changed as follows:

in EUR m	Subscribed capital, retained earnings and additional paid-in capital	Exchange rate differences	Non-controlling interests
Dec. 31, 2021	**79.7**	**1.4**	**81.1**
Dividends	–0.7	–	–0.7
Profit after tax	11.3	–	11.3
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	–	5.4	5.4
Total comprehensive income for the period	**11.3**	**5.4**	**16.7**
Jun. 30, 2022	**90.3**	**6.8**	**97.1**

2.26 Change in non-controlling interests / Jun. 30, 2022

in EUR m	Subscribed capital, retained earnings and additional paid-in capital	Exchange rate differences	Non-controlling interests
Dec. 31, 2022	**50.8**	**-0.6**	**50.2**
Dividends	-0.2	–	-0.2
Transactions with owners	–	–	–
Business combinations	–	–	–
Profit after tax	3.4	–	3.4
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	–	-3.2	-3.2
Total comprehensive income for the period	**3.4**	**-3.2**	**0.2**
Jun. 30, 2023	**54.0**	**-3.8**	**50.2**

2.27 Change in non-controlling interests / Jun. 30, 2023

15.) Consolidated cash flow statement disclosures

At EUR 727.6 million in the first half of 2023, net cash provided by operating activities was significantly higher than in the same period of the previous year, having benefited from the decrease in working capital.

Of the net cash used in investing activities in the first half of 2023, EUR 100.8 million comprised payments to acquire intangible assets and property, plant and equipment.

The net cash of EUR 1,007.5 million used in financing activities in the first half of 2023 resulted not only from other bank loans taken out and repaid as well as lease and other financial liabilities repaid, but also and above all from the dividend payment to Brenntag shareholders and the early repayment of the syndicated loan. By June 30, 2023, a total of EUR 173.1 million had been used for the share buyback program launched in March 2023.

At 7.2 in the reporting period, annualized working capital turnover[1)] was lower than that in financial year 2022 (7.5) and in the first half of 2022 (7.7).

The loss on the net monetary position resulting from the application of IAS 29 (Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies) in Turkey depressed profit after tax by EUR 7.7 million in the first half of 2023. This non-cash effect is presented as an adjustment to net cash provided by operating activities as a separate line item. Other non-cash effects were adjusted in the respective line items in the cash flow statement insofar as they can be allocated. All other non-cash effects resulting from the application of IAS 29 were adjusted in other non-cash items and reclassifications and reduced net cash provided by operating activities by EUR 1.0 million. The notional loss of purchasing power of cash and cash equivalents resulting from the application of IAS 29 amounted to EUR 3.0 million in the first half of the year.

Of the interest payments in the first half of 2023, EUR 9.4 million (H1 2022: EUR 3.9 million) relate to interest received and EUR 53.8 million (H1 2022: EUR 27.7 million) to interest paid.

16.) Contingent liabilities

As a global company, Brenntag has to comply with the country-specific tax laws and regulations in each jurisdiction. Tax exposures could result in particular from current and future tax audits of our German and foreign subsidiaries. These exposures are generally reflected in the balance sheet by recognizing provisions.

The retroactive levying of customs duties on imports of alcohol from non-EU countries announced by the Swedish customs authority in March was completed in the second quarter. As the import duties were paid directly by the Swedish tax authorities, no net charge was incurred by Brenntag Nordic AB. No fines were imposed.

[1)] Ratio of annual sales to average working capital: annual sales are defined as sales for the first half extrapolated to the full year (first-half sales multiplied by two); average working capital for the first half is defined as the average of working capital at the beginning of the year and at the end of the first and second quarters.

17.) Reporting of financial instruments

The classification and measurement of the financial assets recognized in the balance sheet are shown in the table below:

in EUR m	Jun. 30, 2023			
Classification of financial assets:	At amortized cost	FVTPL[1]	Total carrying amount	Fair value
Cash and cash equivalents	622.6	–	622.6	622.6
Trade receivables	2,519.4	–	2,519.4	2,519.4
Other receivables	118.8	–	118.8	118.8
Other financial assets	21.9	16.8	38.7	38.7
Total	**3,282.7**	**16.8**	**3,299.5**	**3,299.5**

2.28 Classification of financial assets by measurement category / Jun. 30, 2023

[1] Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

in EUR m	Dec. 31, 2022			
Classification of financial assets:	At amortized cost	FVTPL[1]	Total carrying amount	Fair value
Cash and cash equivalents	1,046.1	–	1,046.1	1,046.1
Trade receivables	2,676.8	–	2,676.8	2,676.8
Other receivables	108.6	–	108.6	108.6
Other financial assets	31.3	13.3	44.6	44.6
Total	**3,862.8**	**13.3**	**3,876.1**	**3,876.1**

2.29 Classification of financial assets by measurement category / Dec. 31, 2022

[1] Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

The majority of the financial assets measured at amortized cost have remaining terms of less than one year. Their carrying amounts at the reporting date approximate their fair values. Of the other receivables recognized in the balance sheet, EUR 197.1 million (Dec. 31, 2022: EUR 204.7 million) are not financial assets as defined by IFRS 7. They are mainly receivables from value-added tax and other taxes, prepaid expenses and prepayments.

The classification and measurement of the financial liabilities recognized in the balance sheet are shown in the table below:

in EUR m	Jun. 30, 2023			
Classification of financial liabilities:	At amortized cost	FVTPL[1]	Total carrying amount	Fair value
Trade payables	1,744.7	–	1,744.7	1,744.7
Other liabilities	270.3	–	270.3	270.3
Liabilities relating to acquisition of non-controlling interests	136.3	–	136.3	136.2
Financial liabilities	2,439.7	52.7	2,492.4	2,349.3
Total	**4,591.0**	**52.7**	**4,643.7**	**4,500.5**

2.30 Classification of financial liabilities by measurement category / Jun. 30, 2023

[1] Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

in EUR m	Dec. 31, 2022			
Classification of financial liabilities:	At amortized cost	FVTPL[1]	Total carrying amount	Fair value
Trade payables	1,862.0	–	1,862.0	1,862.0
Other liabilities	301.2	–	301.2	301.2
Liabilities relating to acquisition of non-controlling interests	129.3	–	129.3	129.2
Financial liabilities	2,575.7	85.8	2,661.5	2,495.5
Total	**4,868.2**	**85.8**	**4,954.0**	**4,787.9**

2.31 Classification of financial liabilities by measurement category / Dec. 31, 2022

[1] Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

The majority of the trade payables and other liabilities measured at amortized cost have remaining terms of less than one year. Their carrying amounts at the reporting date therefore approximate their fair values. The fair values of the bonds measured at amortized cost under financial liabilities were determined using quoted or market prices in an active market (Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy). The fair values of the other financial liabilities measured at amortized cost were determined using the discounted cash flow method on the basis of inputs observable on the market (Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy). The liabilities relating to the acquisition of non-controlling interests were determined on the basis of recognized company valuation models. The company valuation models are based on cash flow plans (Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy). The fair values of foreign exchange forwards and foreign exchange swaps are determined by comparing forward rates and discounted to present value (Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy).

The fair value of the cross-currency interest rate swaps is determined in two steps. First, the expected future cash flows are discounted using maturity-matched market interest rates according to the currency. In the second step, the cash flows discounted in foreign currency (US dollar) are then translated into the reporting currency (EUR) at market exchange rates (Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy). As at June 30, 2023, the cross-currency interest rate swaps had a fair value of EUR –41.8 million (Dec. 31, 2022: EUR –50.8 million).

The value of a call option to acquire non-controlling interests is calculated from the intrinsic value and the time value of the option. The intrinsic value of the call option is calculated as the difference between the enterprise value and the strike price. The time value reflects the optionality of movements in the future strike price and the future enterprise value of the non-controlling interests. This is illustrated by way of a Monte Carlo simulation and the fair value of the call option then determined (Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy).

Of the other liabilities recognized in the balance sheet, EUR 304.2 million (Dec. 31, 2022: EUR 368.6 million) are not financial liabilities as defined by IFRS 7. They are mainly liabilities to employees, liabilities from value-added tax and other taxes, as well as deferred income.

The allocation of the financial assets and liabilities recognized in the balance sheet at fair value to the levels of the IFRS 13 fair value hierarchy is shown in the table below:

in EUR m

Hierarchy level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	**Jun. 30, 2023**
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1.4	4.7	10.7	16.8
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	–	45.6	7.1	52.7

2.32 Financial instruments according to fair value hierarchy / Jun. 30, 2023

in EUR m

Hierarchy level	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	**Dec. 31, 2022**
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1.4	2.7	9.2	13.3
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	–	56.9	28.9	85.8

2.33 Financial instruments according to fair value hierarchy / Dec. 31, 2022

Liabilities resulting from contingent consideration arrangements of EUR 7.1 million (Dec. 31, 2022: EUR 29.3 million) relate to liabilities for contingent purchase prices payable in acquisitions. The amount of the contingent purchase price component required to be recognized at fair value is contingent on the earnings achieved by the acquired business and is limited in both the lower (EUR 0.0 million) and the upper (EUR 7.1 million) range.

Liabilities resulting from contingent consideration arrangements changed as follows:

in EUR m	**2023**	**2022**
Jan. 1	29.3	19.6
Exchange rate differences	–0.5	0.5
Reversed	–	–0.8
Adjustments in the measurement period (increase in goodwill)	–	0.4
Business combinations	–	10.0
Payments	–21.7	–0.5
Jun. 30	**7.1**	**29.2**

2.34 Change in liabilities resulting from contingent consideration arrangements

The call option to acquire non-controlling interests was recognized in the amount of EUR 10.7 million (Dec. 31, 2022: EUR 9.2 million) on the basis of the mean of the Monte Carlo simulations. The minimum is EUR 0.0 million (Dec. 31, 2022: EUR 0.0 million) and the maximum EUR 40.2 million (Dec. 31,2021: EUR 31.0 million).

18.) Events after the reporting period

At the end of July 2023, Brenntag acquired all shares in Aik Moh Group based in Singapore. The Group offers a broad range of industrial chemicals and boasts excellence in last-mile delivery, mixing and value-added services such as repacking, warehousing and logistics support with a focus on South East Asia. The acquisition expands Brenntag Essentials' business in key focus markets in the Asia Pacific region, including Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines.

The provisional amounts for the purchase price and net assets relating to these entities break down as follows:

in EUR m	Provisional fair value
Purchase price	**64.1**
of which consideration contingent on earnings targets	10.5
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	10.2
Trade receivables, other financial assets and other receivables	14.1
Other current assets	9.4
Non-current assets	14.5
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	23.4
Non-current liabilities	3.6
Net assets	**21.2**
Goodwill and other intangible assets	42.9
of which goodwill deductible for tax purposes	**–**

2.35 Net assets acquired after the reporting period

Measurement of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed has not yet been completed for reasons of time. The main factors determining the goodwill are the above-mentioned reasons for the acquisition where not included in other assets.

Essen, August 8, 2023

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Further Information

Responsibility statement

To the best of our knowledge, and in accordance with the applicable reporting principles for interim financial reporting, the interim consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Group, and the interim management report of the Group includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Group, together with a description of the material opportunities and risks associated with the expected development of the Group in the remaining months of the financial year.

Essen, August 8, 2023

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Review report

To Brenntag SE, Essen

We have reviewed the condensed interim consolidated financial statements of Brenntag SE, Essen which comprise the consolidated balance sheet, the consolidated statement of profit and loss and the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of cash flows, the consolidated statement of changes in equity as well as selected explanatory notes to the consolidated financial statements, and the interim group management report for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2023, that are part of the half-year financial information under Section 115 German Securities Trading Act (WpHG). The preparation of the interim consolidated financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) applicable to condensed interim financial reporting as adopted by the EU and of the interim group management report in accordance with the requirements of the WpHG applicable to interim group management reports is the responsibility of the executive directors of the Company. Our responsibility is to issue a review report on the condensed interim consolidated financial statements and on the interim group management report based on our review.

We conducted our review of the condensed interim consolidated financial statements and of the interim group management report in compliance with the German Generally Accepted Standards for Reviews of Financial Statements promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer (IDW) and in supplementary compliance with the International Standard on Review Engagements 2410 “Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity”. Those standards require that we plan and perform the review to obtain a certain level of assurance to preclude through critical evaluation that the condensed interim consolidated financial statements have not been prepared, in material respects, in accordance with the IFRS applicable to interim financial reporting as adopted by the EU, or that the interim group management report has not been prepared, in material respects, in accordance with the requirements of the WpHG applicable to interim group management reports. A review is limited primarily to inquiries of company personnel and to analytical procedures applied to financial data and thus provides less assurance than an audit. Since, in accordance with our engagement, we have not performed an audit, we do not express an audit opinion.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the condensed interim consolidated financial statements of Brenntag SE, Essen, have not been prepared, in material respects, in accordance with the IFRS applicable to interim financial reporting as adopted by the EU or that the interim group management report has not been prepared, in material respects, in accordance with the requirements of the WpHG applicable to interim group management reports.

Duesseldorf, 8 August 2023

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Signed: (André Bedenbecker)	Signed: (Christian Siepe)
Wirtschaftsprüfer (German Public Auditor)	Wirtschaftsprüfer (German Public Auditor)

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Information on the interim report
This translation is only a convenience translation. In the event of any differences, only the German version is binding. As part of our sustainability activities, we do not print the half-year financial report and publish it exclusively in digital form.

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Due to commercial rounding, minor differences may occur when using rounded amounts or rounded percentages.

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