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#### Introduction & overview



#### **Highlights:**

- Health and Safety frequency rate of 1.1x in Q1 2013 compared to 1.9 x in Q4 2012
- Shipments of 401 thousand tonnes in Q1 2013, a 1% decrease compared to shipments of 407 thousand tonnes in Q4 2012
- EBITDA of USD 65 million in Q1 2013, compared to EBITDA of USD 43 million in Q4 2012
- Basic loss per share of USD 0.36 in Q1 2013
- Cash flow from operations amounted to USD 10 million in Q1 2013
- Net debt of USD 842 million on March 31, 2013, representing a gearing of 27%

#### **Prospects:**

EBITDA in Q2 2013 is expected to improve slightly compared to Q1 2013 and net debt to remain under control.

"The first quarter has been marked by important industrial and commercial challenges but Aperam has succeeded in improving its EBITDA and keeping its level of debt under control."



# Health & Safety

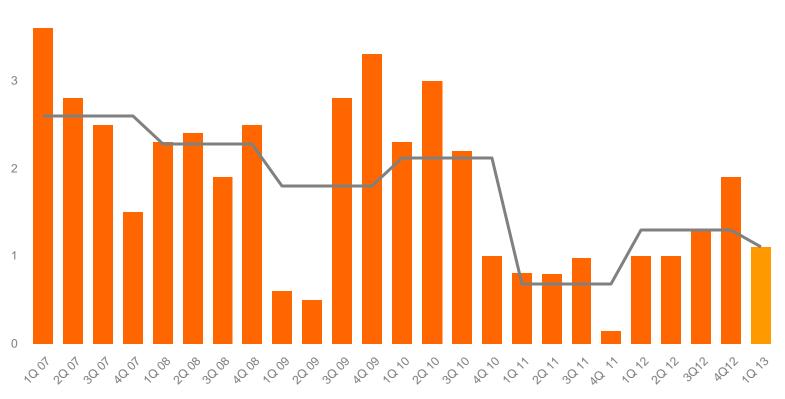
## **Health & Safety**

### Performance



#### Frequency rate\*

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Health & Safety frequency rate of 1.1x in Q1 2013

<sup>\*</sup> IISI-standard: Fr = lost time Injuries per 1.000.000 worked hours; based on own personnel and contractors



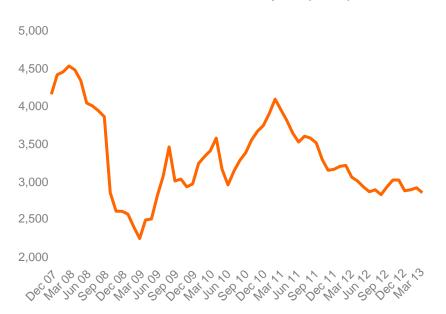
# Environment and markets

#### **Environment and markets**

## Stainless steel prices



China - CR 304 2B 2mm coil transaction price (USD/t)\*



#### Southern Europe - CR 304 2B 2mm coil base price (€t)\*



Price increase has been implemented as forecast over the quarter but movement was halted following sharp nickel price reduction

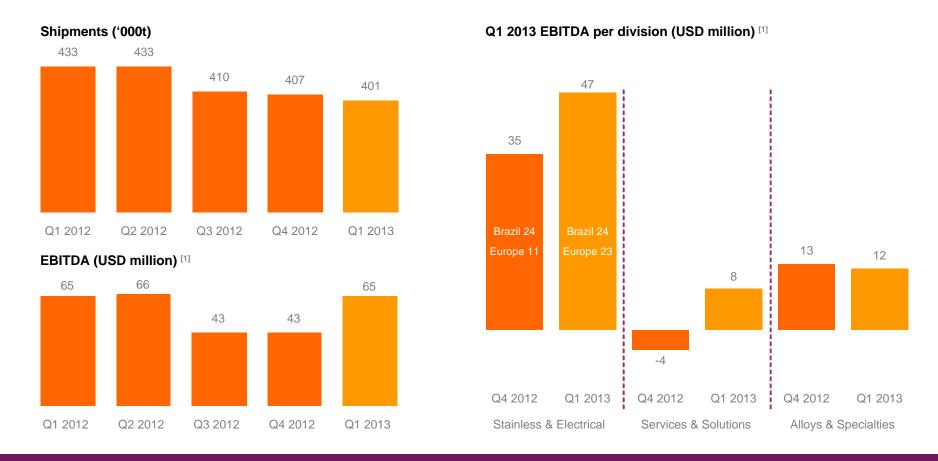


# Performance and prospects

## **Performance and prospects**

## First quarter operating performance





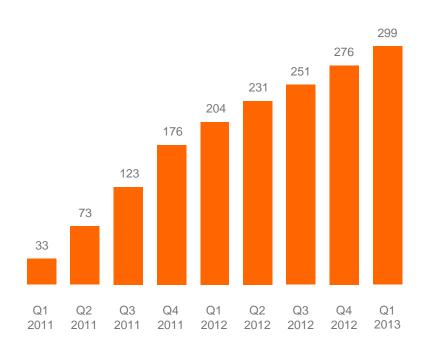
EBITDA of 162 USD/t in Q1 2013 compared to 106 USD/t in Q4 2012

## **Performance and prospects**

### Leadership Journey®



#### **Cumulated gains (USD million)**



#### Key projects completed since beginning of 2011

- In Brazil, VSS\*, switch from LPG to natural gas and conversion of blast furnace number 2 from coke to biomass. Service center expansion in Campinas.
- In Europe, suspension of traditional cold roll mill in Isbergues and investment.

#### Key projects progressing

- New induction furnace, Electro Slag Remelting furnace and new VAR furnace at Imphy (France – Alloys & Speciality).
- Industrial optimization and rationalization in Europe (from 20 tools to 17 tools).
- Yield and quality improvement, sourcing initiative, SG&A reduction through organisation simplification...
- New hot annealing and pickling line in Gueugnon (France) under reconstruction. Line expected to be restarted before second half 2013.

Despite reconstruction of the new hot annealing and pickling line in Gueugnon, Leadership Journey is still progressing as planned



## First quarter P&L highlights



**EBITDA** to net income (USD million)



Loss per share of USD 0.36 in the first quarter of 2013

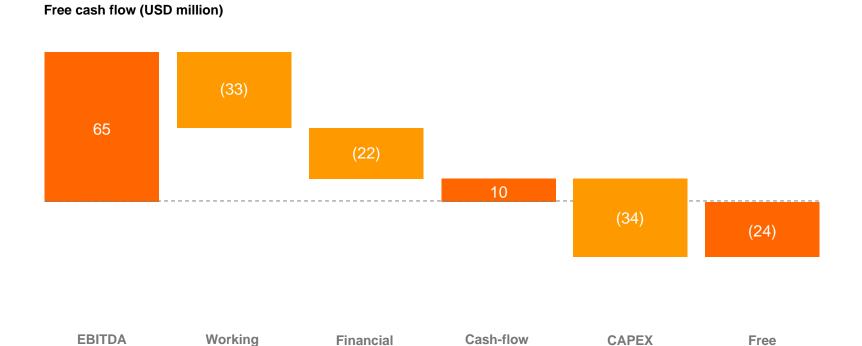


Cash-flow

## First quarter cash flow highlights

Capital &

TSR change



charges, tax

& other

USD 10 million of cash from operations in Q1 2013

from

operations

## First quarter balance sheet highlights



#### Assets & liabilities (USD million)



#### Equity & net debt (USD million) [1]



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