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### **AGENDA**

- Welcome
- Business results
- 03 Financial performance
- Segment review
- Outlook and strategic priorities
- Questions and answers









# Safety

### Disappointing safety performance







Committed to **ZERO HARM** 

- Focused safety initiative
  - Accountable leadership
  - Risk-based approach
- Reduction in both the severity and frequency of incidents and no significant incidents since April



### On track against our 2025 sustainability targets



2025 target: 40%

Key focus area for management and the Board



2025 target: 20% reduction from 2019 baseline

- Process sewage effluent and cooling tower blowdown reduction
- Water treatment plant



2025 target: 15% reduction from 2019 baseline

- Abatement technologies installed and optimised
- Fuel and raw material efficiencies (natural gas replaced HFO



# / Resilient underlying businesses

Operational highlights

Solid results driven by strong mining performance

AECI Schirm Germany turnaround project progressing well

### **AECI Group**

Operational initiatives and programmes initiated to strengthen balance sheet further

Growth capex spend contributing to performance

Process to refinance the Group's longterm debt initiated

### **AECI Mining**

Exports and mining chemicals drive solid growth

#### **AECI** Water

Market expansion drives growth

### **AECI Agri Health**

Strong Q1 enabled a strong H1 23 performance

#### **AECI Chemicals**

South African macro environment impacts performance



# **AECI Schirm update**

Germany: turnaround project progressing, USA: capex completed

| Rm   | H1 2023 |     |                  | H1 2022 |         |     |               |       |
|--|---------|-----|------------------|---------|---------|-----|---------------|-------|
|  | Germany | USA | PPA<br>and other | Total   | Germany | USA | PPA and other | Total |
| Revenue  | 1 056   | 380 | 0                | 1 436   | 815     | 249 | -1            | 1 063 |
| EBITDA   | -124    | 78  | 4                | -42     | -30     | 49  | 1             | 20    |
| EBIT   | -180    | 58  | -14              | -136    | -86     | 36  | -16           | -66   |
|  |         |     |                  |         |         |     |               |       |
| Profit after tax (before turnaround project spend) | -111    | 31  | 0                | -80     | -107    | 27  | -9            | -89   |
| Provision for severance                            | -89     |     |                  | -89     |         |     |               |       |
| Consulting fees                                    | -30     |     |                  | -30     |         |     |               |       |
| Profit after tax                                   | -230    | 31  | 0                | -199    | -107    | 27  | -9            | -89   |

#### **AECI Schirm Germany**

| EBIT | impacted | by |
|------|----------|----|
|------|----------|----|

Plant closure

| Severance       | R89m | Turnaround project cost |
|-----------------|------|-------------------------|
| Consulting fees | R30m | R119m                   |
|                 |      |                         |

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| Additional measures | Price increases being implemented, |

cost reduction, reduction of overheads

Process transfer progressing well

#### **AECI Schirm USA**

| Revenue | up 53%    |
|---------|-----------|
| EBIT    | up 61%    |
| Capex   | Completed |



New capacities mostly sold

# Committed to driving B-BBEE ownership goals

AECI Employees Share Trust (EST)

- ▶ Implemented in 2012
- On 9 February 2023, extended vesting date, EST not value accretive to beneficiaries and wound up
- Deneficiaries dividend received, R35m over the period of the Trust
- Ex gratia payment total R106m
  - Avoid work interruption and restore goodwill
- New scheme
  - Subject to Board and shareholder approvals
  - Incorporate key learnings
  - Deliver tangible empowerment
  - Value accretive to all involved
  - **2024**







# Delivered record revenue, EBIT and HEPS performance

Business results

Financial highlights H1 2023

Revenue

19%

H1 2023: R18 404m H1 2023: R15 505m EBITDA#

18%

H1 2023: R1 826m H1 2022: R1 545m 20%

H1 2023: R1 269m H1 2022: R1 056m **△** HEPS

5%

H1 2023: 603c H1 2022: 573c **△** EPS

5%

H1 2023: 600c H1 2022: 573c

Capex

R 652m

55% growth capex

H1 2022: R748m

Working capital

-3pts

H1 2023: 19% H1 2022: 22% ✓ Finance cost

121%

H1 2023: R274m H1 2022: R124m Gearing

+3pts

H1 2023: 47% H1 2022: 44% Interim dividend

-48%

H1 2023: 100c H1 2022: 194c

#EBITDA is earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation calculated as profit from operations and equity-accounted investees, plus depreciation, amortisation and impairments

\*EBIT is defined as profit before interest, taxation and share of profit of equity-accounted investees, net of taxation.



Financial performance

Q&A

Working capital and days cover

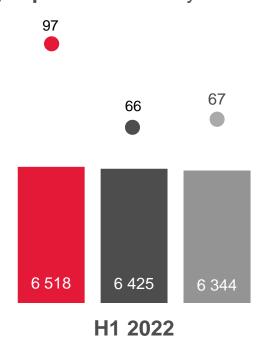
**Working capital** percentage of revenue

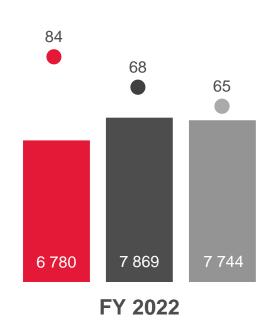
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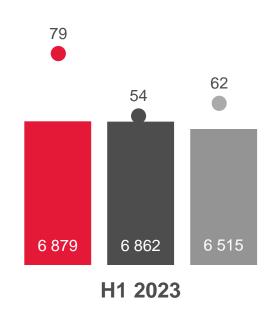
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Working capital Rm and days









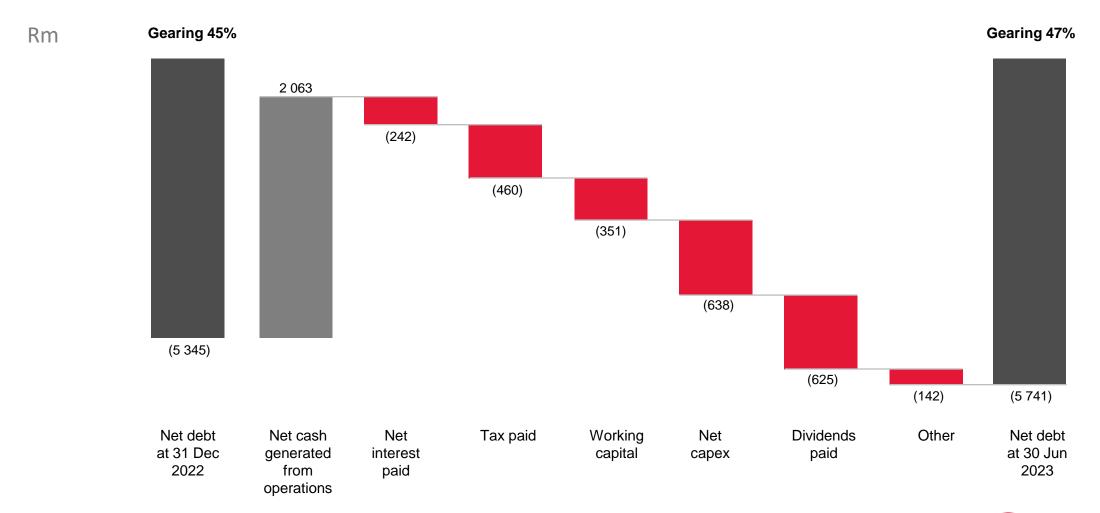
■ Inventories
■ Trade and other receivables
■ Trade and other payables





# / Gearing within expected range

Net debt, gearing and cash movements





### ✓ Net debt increased – still well within covenant levels

### Debt maturity profile and covenants

|  |       | Up to |         |
|--|-------|-------|---------|
| Payment profile (Rm)                         | 2023  | 2028  | Total   |
| DMTN auction                                 | 520   | -     | 520     |
| DMTN private placement                       | 300   |       | 300     |
| Term ZAR                                     | 1 000 | -     | 1 000   |
| Term USD                                     | 377   | 553   | 930     |
| Term EUR                                     | 1 606 | -     | 1 606   |
| Term AUD                                     | -     | 238   | 238     |
| Short-term debt                              | 2 603 | -     | 2 603   |
| Gross debt                                   | 6 406 | 791   | 7 197   |
| IFRS 16 lease liabilities                    |       |       | 624     |
| Cash and cash equivalents and bank overdraft |       |       | (2 080) |
| Net debt                                     |       |       | 5 741   |

| Group loan covenants  | Dec 2022 | Jun 2023 |
|---|----------|----------|
| Net debt to EBITDA: <2.5  | 1.5      | 1.6      |
| Net debt to EBITDA breached<br>if net debt increased by R3.4bn<br>or EBITDA decreased by R1.4bn |          |          |
| EBITDA to net financing cost >3.0   | 8.9      | 6.4      |
| Consolidated tangible net worth: >R2.5bn  | R8.6bn   | R9bn     |

GCR Credit Rating for the Group, **A+ Positive outlook** 





















## Strong market share gains, export growth drive performance

### **AECI Mining**

- Record H1 2023 performance, continued momentum from H2 2022
- Volumes and revenue up
  - Supported by strong market share gains in most regions
  - Reversals of volume lost due to excessive rainfall and strike action in 2022
- 69% (H1 2022: 64%) of the segment's total revenue generated outside of SA
- Capex investment supports geographic expansion strategy

Revenue

29%

H1 2023: R10 004m H1 2022: R7 749m **EBITDA** 

37%

H1 2023: R1 338m H1 2022: R974m **EBIT** 

46%

H1 2023: R1 038m H1 2022: R713m

**EBIT** margin

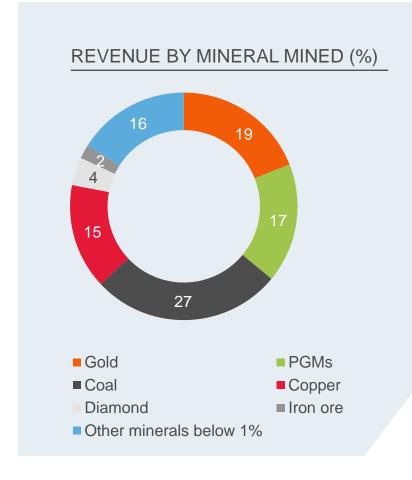
10%

H1 2022: 9%

**Working capital** 

16%

H1 2022: 21%





# / A leading international player poised for expansion

### **AECI Mining: Outlook**

• Good pipeline of new tender opportunities internationally

3 significant 5-year contracts concluded in Australia

Mining chemicals significant contracts renewed or extended

Capital investments to follow strategic growth areas Commodity price trends to remain stable













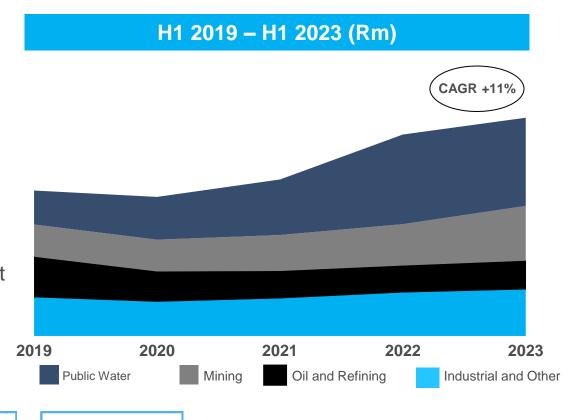




# / Continued recovery in H1 2023

#### **AECI** Water

- Revenue up 8% (22% exports | 78% local)
  - Market expansion in Mining Central and West Africa
  - Increased sales to existing customers in the Industrial sector
  - Good recovery in petrochemical sector in West Africa
- Growth in sustainability projects, new greener products technologies contributing to performance
- EBIT up 26% on improved cost recovery and margin upliftment
- Positive net cash generation
- Working capital impacted by reduced creditors, positive trend in inventory reduction



#### Revenue

H1 2023: R1 061m H1 2022: R979m

#### **EBITDA**

H1 2023: R148m H1 2022: R122m

#### **EBIT**

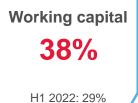
26%

H1 2023: R126m H1 2022: R100m

#### **EBIT** margin

12%

H1 2022: 10%





# Leverage technical solutions for earnings growth

Revenue expected to continue to grow

AECI Water: Outlook

- **Continued focus** on
  - Margin improvement
  - Working capital management improvement
  - Market expansion to improve profitability
  - Successful execution of sustainability projects

Introduction of new greener products

















Financial performance

Q&A

# Challenging trading conditions, cash generated

#### AECI Chemicals<sup>1</sup>

- Revenue impacted by
  - Drop in some commodity prices
  - Lower demand in AECI Food & Beverage and AECI SANS Fibers
- EBIT impacted by
  - Margin pressure
  - Competitor activity reducing high inventories
  - Customer plant shut down volumes expected to return in H2 2023
- Good cash generation

Revenue

-4%

H1 2023: R 2 789m H1 2022: R 2 893m **EBITDA** 

-17%

H1 2023: R 257m H1 2022: R 311m

**-26%** 

**EBIT** 

H1 2023: R 187m H1 2022: R 253m **EBIT** margin

7%

H1 2022: 9%

**Working capital** 

**17%** 

H1 2022: 16%







# / Sluggish demand, focus on margin improvement

#### **AECI Specialty Chemicals**

- Revenue up 6%, however EBIT down 8%
  - Good performance in the traded portfolio, margins managed
  - Manufactured products business mainly impacted by Foskor plant shut down. Expected to recover volumes in H2 2023

#### **AECI Industrial Chemicals**

Revenue and EBIT down 9% and 25%, respectively – impacted by slow SA macroeconomic environment

#### AECI Food & Beverage

Revenue up 1%, EBIT decreased by 26% – impacted by low demand and high raw material prices

#### **AECI SANS Fibers**

Performance impacted by major contraction is US textile market and some raw material write downs



# Well positioned for growth

### Strong focus on working capital release and cash generation

#### AECI Chemicals: Outlook

- **Continue to expand** product and service offering, mainly new products and agencies
- **Ensure customer** retention and margin management

Realise financial benefits of the capex spend at Beverage plant

Cost management and complete new capex project at **AECI SANS Fibers** 

















## / Solid performance, optimistic view for the short term

### AECI Agri Health<sup>1</sup>

#### AECI Plant Health and AECI Animal Health

- Revenue and EBIT up 6% and 5%, respectively
- Robust Q1 2023 sales set the foundation
- Manufactured product sales up to 34% (H1 2022: 30%)
- International registrations and trials progressing

Revenue

6%

H1 2023: R1 939m H1 2022: R1 826m **EBITDA** 

H1 2023: R95m H1 2022: R89m

5%

**EBIT** 

H1 2023: R79m H1 2022: R77m **EBIT** margin

4%

H1 2022: 4%

**Working capital** 

18%

H1 2022: 17%







# Towards delivering a sustainable performance

**Growth** in manufactured products focused on softer/greener chemistries

### AECI Agri Health: Outlook

International product trials and develop footprint

- Focus on
  - Margins
  - Cost management

Segment review

Working capital management



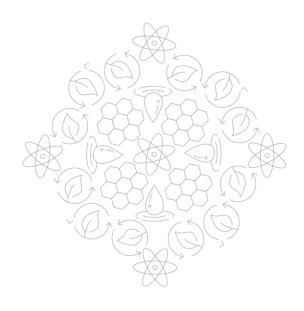




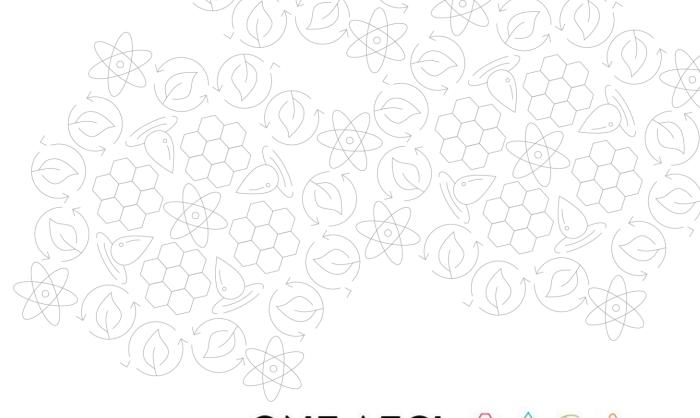
# /Looking ahead and strategic priorities

- **Active management** of working capital
- **Strengthen** balance sheet
- **Deliver** on AECI Schirm
- **Strategy review**





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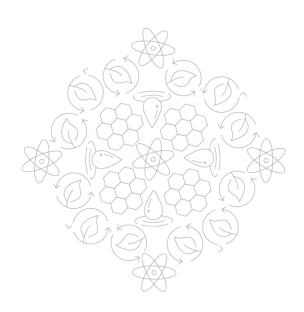












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