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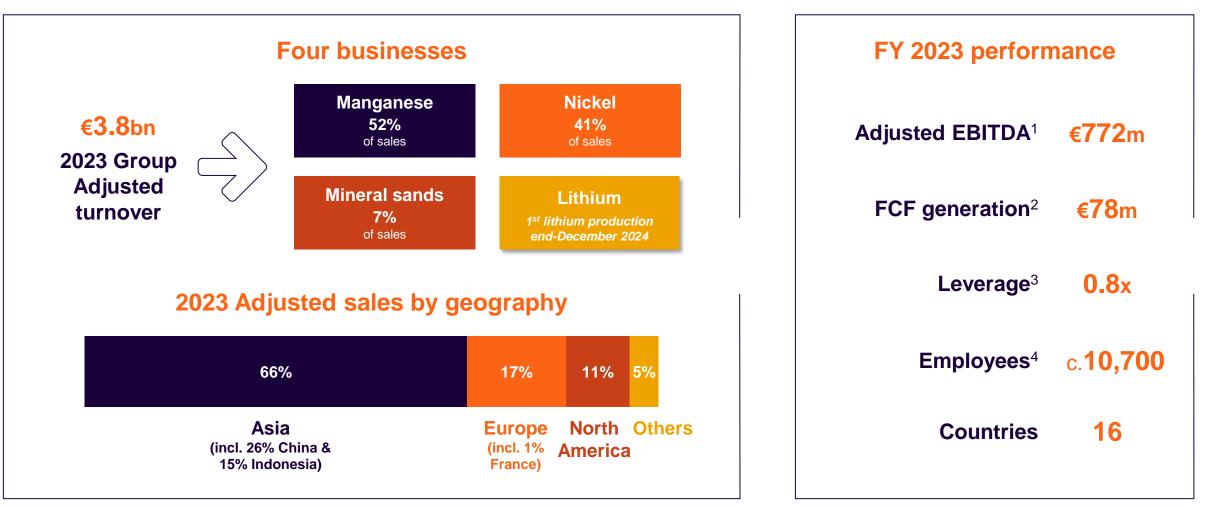


### Eramet at a glance

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### A global pure-play Metals & Mining Company



1. EBITDA including Eramet's share in Weda Bay's EBITDA of €344m

2. Net of Tsingshan's capital injection to the Centenario project

3. Net debt / Adjusted EBITDA ; adjusted sales, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted leverage are defined in Appendix 10 Financial Glossary of the FY2023 results press release

4. Including 1,314 employees of Weda Bay Nickel



### Operating in manganese, nickel, mineral sands & ramping-up lithium

NICKEL

In operation



MANGANESE

ASSETS

World's largest manganese mine

Alloys, 6 metallurgical plants:

1 in France, 1 in Gabon, 3 in Norway & 1 in the US

#### 2023 KPIs

**Sales:** €1,978m

**EBITDA:** €499m

**FCF:** -€39m

Headcounts<sup>3</sup>: 4,705

#### ASSETS Weda Bay (Indonesia) World's largest nickel mine NPI plant SLN (New Caledonia) 5 mining sites & 1 ferronickel plant Fully financed by French State<sup>1</sup> 2023 KPIs Adj. sales<sup>2</sup>: €1,567m Adj. EBITDA<sup>2</sup>: €305m

**FCF:** €220m

Headcounts<sup>3</sup>: 2.381

MINERAL SANDS In operation

ASSETS

Titaniferous minerals & zircon extraction

World's largest single dredge operation

#### 2023 KPIs

Sales: €275m EBITDA: €105m FCF: €16m Headcounts<sup>3</sup>: 843

#### **LITHIUM** Operating soon



ASSETS Centenario (Argentina)

1<sup>st</sup> plant inaugurated in July 2024 1<sup>st</sup> lithium production delivered end-December 2024

Phase 2: Optimal scope, timing & execution model to be assessed in the coming months

#### **Project KPIs**

Production capacity (full ramp-up) 1st Plant: 24 kt-LCE/pa (battery-grade) Long-term capacity: >75 kt-LCE/pa Headcounts<sup>3</sup>: 474

1. See Appendix p. 26

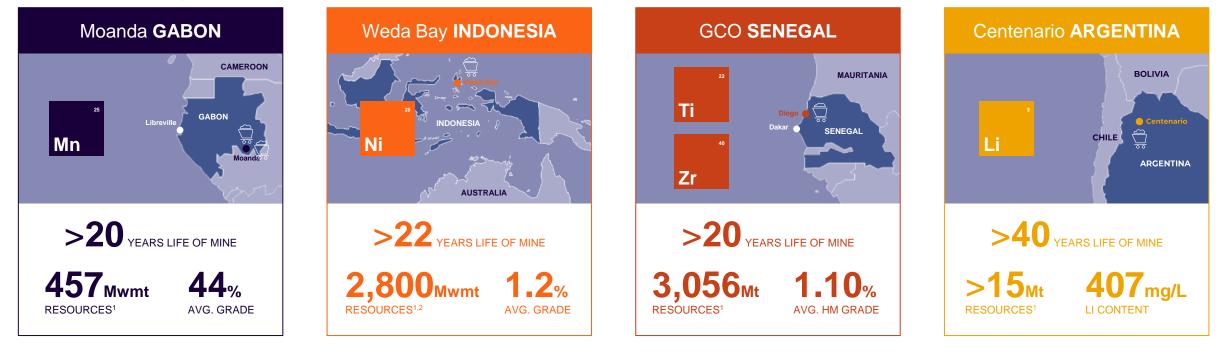
Adjusted sales, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted leverage are defined in Appendix 10 Financial Glossary of the FY2023 results press release
 9,167 total headcount based on Eramet's new perimeter, incl. 764 at holding level but excl. Weda Bay Nickel's 1,503 employees

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### A world-class mining portfolio, with ambitious mid-term production targets

Long-life, high-grade, scalable deposits, with a 1<sup>st</sup> quartile cost curve positioning, hence profitable at low commodity price levels



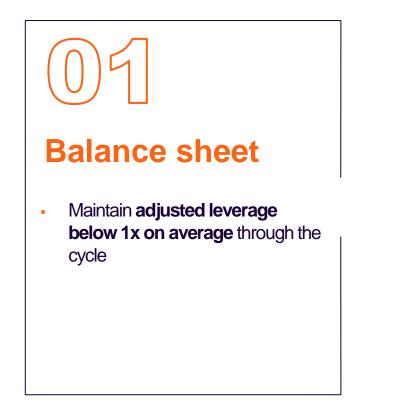
#### Ambitious mid to long-term target, to be flexed depending on market situation



2. Target to be certified in the short term; 2,193 Mwmt on January 1, 2024



### **Eramet capital allocation policy**





### Capex

- Disciplined investment policy
- Deliver organic growth with very quick payback and attractive returns
- Unlock strategic greenfield projects



### Dividend

- Reward shareholders for their long-term commitment
- Return value created by
   successfully delivering our projects

Strong balance sheet and higher recurring earnings allowing temporary higher leverage to fund growth



### A strategy tailored to the new era of metals

Two strategic axes aligned with global macro-trends, supported by an ambitious CSR roadmap





### A CSR commitment and performance recognized by leading ESG rating agencies

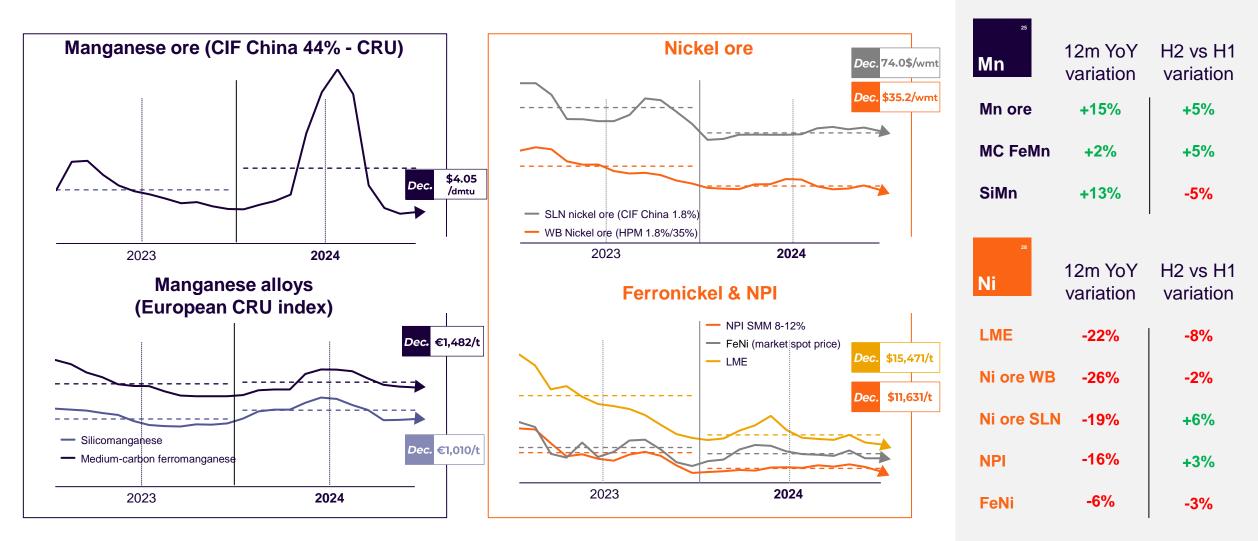




## **Business update**

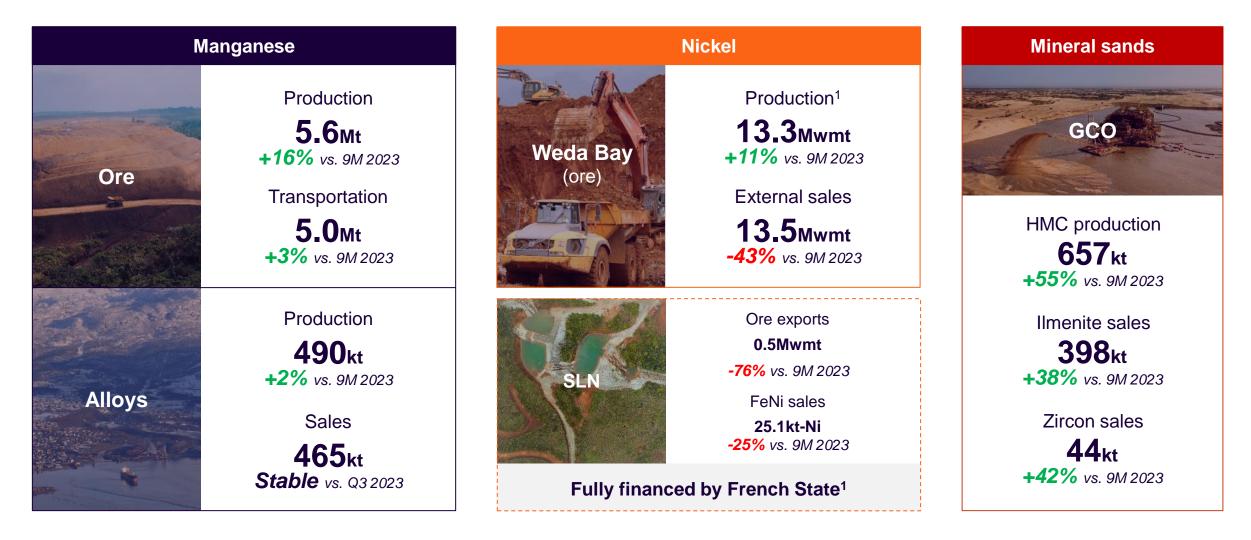


# Overall low-cycle price environment; Mn high-grade ore price index sharply down since end-July (c.\$4/dmtu on average in Dec.)





# 9m production up YoY, but sales (and the overall activity) impacted by depressed market conditions for Mn & delays in permitting for Ni in Indonesia; GCO printing a record year



1. High-grade saprolite



# Strategic roadmap update



# Eramet regained full ownership in its flagship Lithium business in Argentina in October

### Li

#### Transaction highlights

Buy-out of Tsingshan's interest (49.9%) in Eramet's subsidiary in Argentina, hosting the Centenario-Ratones and Arizaro salars

### \$699m net cash-out

Attractive resourcebased valuation multiple vs. recent and comparable transactions Limited premia to Tsingshan's contributions since 2021 of \$619m total equity injection<sup>1</sup>

- All cash financed using available liquidity
- **Transaction finalized** and not subject to conditions precedent

**Eramet now owning 100%** of its Tier-one Centenario asset

#### 1. To fund the project development and construction costs

- 2. Direct Lithium Extraction
- 3. Pursuant to the lithium joint marketing arrangement signed in July 2023



Centenario-Ratones and Arizaro lithium brine deposits in Argentina's Salta province, located in the Lithium Triangle with 15 Mt-LCE resources

24kt-LCE/pa battery-grade DLE<sup>2</sup> plant already invested & using next-generation DLE technology for a total capex of \$870m



Lithium offtake rights now 100% with Eramet, with a portion jointly commercialized with Glencore<sup>3</sup>





# Eramet deploys its capital to consolidate exposure to a world-class asset expected to create significant value

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Li

Reinforced exposure to a Tier-1 asset

World-class Centenario deposit

Abundant drainable resources of 15Mt-LCE at an average 407mg/L of Li content

Positioned on the 1<sup>st</sup> quartile of the lithium cost curve<sup>1</sup>

Highly competitive, new-generation DLE<sup>2</sup> technology, successfully tested in real conditions since end-2019

1. See Appendix 2. Cash cost expected at \$4.5-5.0k/t-LCE ex-works, post ramp-up 2. Direct Lithium Extraction

3. See Appendix 1

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#### Transaction executed at the right time

**Counter-cyclical transaction** 

Strong rebound expected in lithium prices from recent cyclical lows

Unchanged, appealing market fundamentals for Lithium

Key metal in the battery technology for the growing EV market

Lithium demand expected to double every 5-years<sup>3</sup> Regaining full control and optionality

#### Lithium asset 100% owned

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Full control over the scale-up of extraction activities in Argentina

Preserving a robust collaboration with Tsingshan

Now fully focused on the sustainable development of **PT** Weda Bay Nickel in Indonesia



# Eramet will leverage on the start-up of the first extraction plant to continue the development of its lithium activities

Li





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1<sup>st</sup> plant inaugurated in July 2024



1<sup>st</sup> lithium production delivered end-December

Key milestone for the diversification of the Group into metals for the energy transition

Now focused on ramping up production at the plant

#### Highly disciplined in contemplating future growth in Centenario and beyond



- **Optimal scope, timing, and execution model for expansion** (phase 2) to be assessed in the coming months
- Centenario: **potential** to achieve production capacity above **75kt LCE/pa** in the long-term
- **Long-term strategic optionality** underpinned by a fullyowned, world-class platform of brine assets in South America

#### Continuous improvement of our DLE technology

**Testing of various brines** on-site and in our Research & Innovation Center



# Weda Bay: world's largest nickel mine supplying an extensive industrial park (IWIP<sup>3</sup>) of NPI & HPAL plants

#### Weda Bay mine...

- Partnership with Tsingshan (38.7% Eramet)
- World-class deposit operated since October 2019
- 30-year contract of work (COW)
- 1<sup>st</sup> quartile cash cost
- Mine represents 85-95% of PT Weda Bay Nickel ("PT WBN") EBITDA
- Publication of the AMDAL<sup>1</sup> decree in July 2024 and of the Feasibility Study<sup>1</sup> in August, enabling PT WBN to target production of 44Mwmt in Nickel ore in 2024 with a progressive ramp-up to more than 60Mwmt in the medium term
- In October, issuance by the Mines Ministry of a revised RKAB<sup>2</sup> restricting annual nickel ore sales for the 2024-2026 period to only 32 Mwmt<sup>3</sup>

29Mwmt 3Mwmt External ore sales to IWIP production

Eramet to submit, together with Tsingshan, a request for revision of the RKAB for 2025 and 2026, in line with its environmental and mining plan authorizations

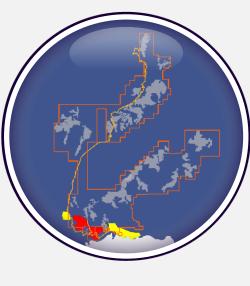
1. AMDAL : Decree related to the Environmental and Social Impact Study issued by the Environment Ministry ; Feasibility Study: new mining Plan 2. RKAB : "Rencana Kerja dan Anggaran Biaya" (Full-year operating permit)

- 3. At 100%
- 4. IWIP: PT Indonesia Weda Bay Industrial Park
  5. NPI: Nickel Pig Iron ; HPAL: High Pressure Acid Leach
  6. MHP: Mix Hydroxide Precipitate
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#### ...supplying IWIP<sup>4</sup>

#### 80Mwmt Ni ore demand

- PT Weda Bay NPI<sup>5</sup> Plant
   43% Eramet with offtake contract
   33.4kt-Ni ferroalloy production in 2023
- 18 NPI plants
   60 RKEF production lines
   640-700kt-Ni/yr NPI capacity
- 1 HPAL<sup>5</sup> plant
   6 MHP<sup>6</sup> production lines
   120kt-Ni/yr of MHP capacity
- Other plants under construction



Contract of work boundary
 Existing road
 FeNi Industrial Park
 HPAL Plants

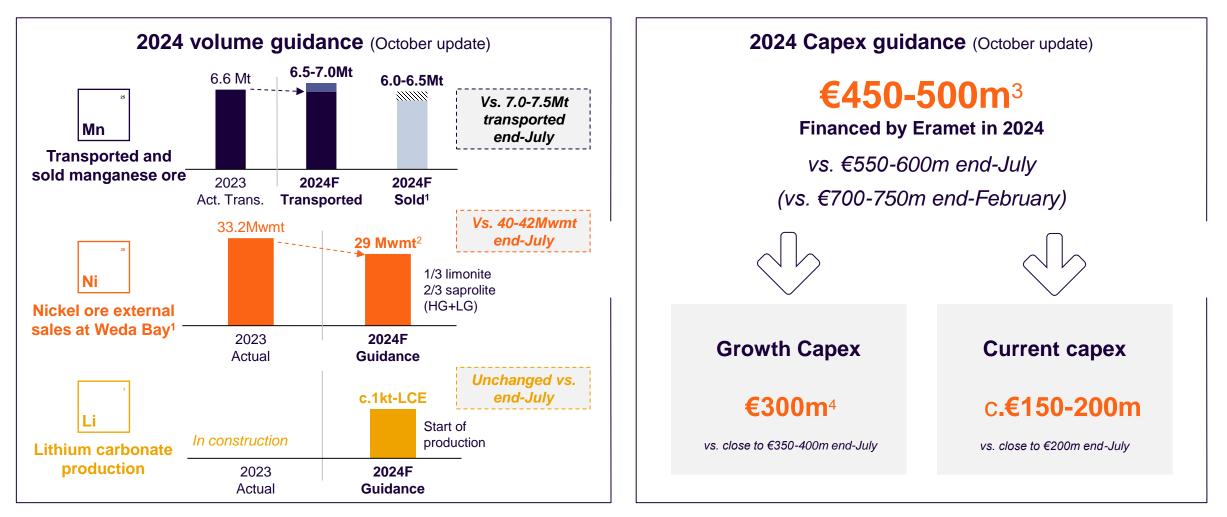


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### **Conclusion & outlook**



# 2024 volumes sold revised down for the Group's main mining activities ; -€250m reduction in Capex financed by the Group for the year (vs. end-February target)



1. External + internal sales (0.7Mt of internal sales)

- 2. In 2024: 32Mwmt including 3Mwmt of internal sales to the NPI plant.
- 3. Net of capital contributions by Tsingshan (Centenario project) and the French State (SLN)

4. Incl. Centenario project in Argentina (c.€150m for 1st Plant)



# Adjusted EBITDA in H2 expected above H1, considering market environment & volumes

Demand across all underlying markets of the Group to remain weak in Q4

**Uncertain situation in China**, following the accouncement of substantial economic support measures to restore consumer & investor confidence



China's situation expected to continue to weigh on demand and prices across all the Group's markets until the end of 2024

Nickel ore selling prices in Indonesia to be supported by significant increase in premiums on price in Q4, which will benefit to PT WBN; it should largely offset the impact of revised volumes targets for 2024 in terms of financial performance

#### Action plan aimed at preserving cash (ongoing)



Reduction in industrial investments financed by the Group

**Optimisation of WCR**, as already done in the past in difficult market conditions, particularly inventories by adjusting production to match demand

Strict cost control in all of Eramet's activities: the temporary suspension of manganese ore production in Gabon in October/November (for 3 weeks), enabled better cost control in the current market environment



### Appendices



### Our new ambitious CSR roadmap

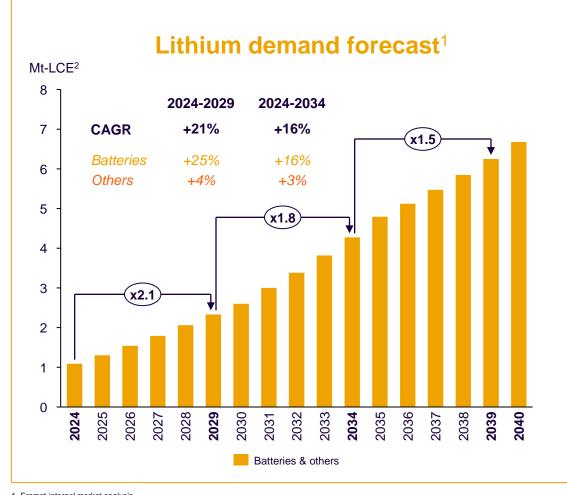
#### Responsible mining is part of the solutions to support the energy transition



100% of mining sites engaged in an independent assessment process
 Diversity & Inclusion
 Absolute target, in tons of CO2 vs. 2019



### Lithium demand forecast & lithium carbonate historical price





1. Eramet internal market analysis

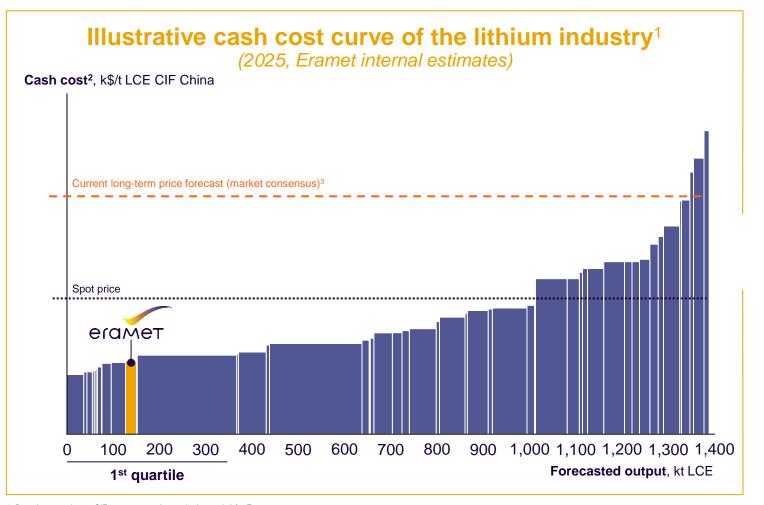
2. LCE: Lithium Carbonate Equivalent

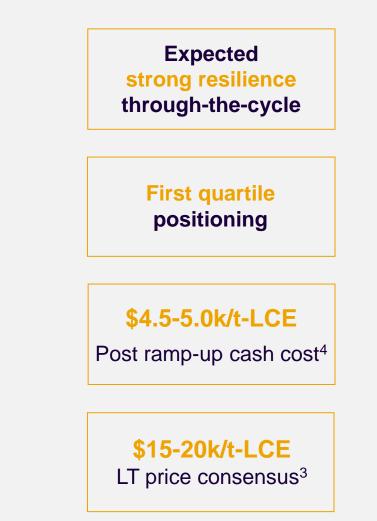
3. Source: Fastmarket lithium carbonate, battery grade, spot price CIF Asia)

4. Eramet analysis based on a panel of the main sell-side and market analysts



# Centenario 1<sup>st</sup> plant: an attractive profitability underpinned by first quartile cost position



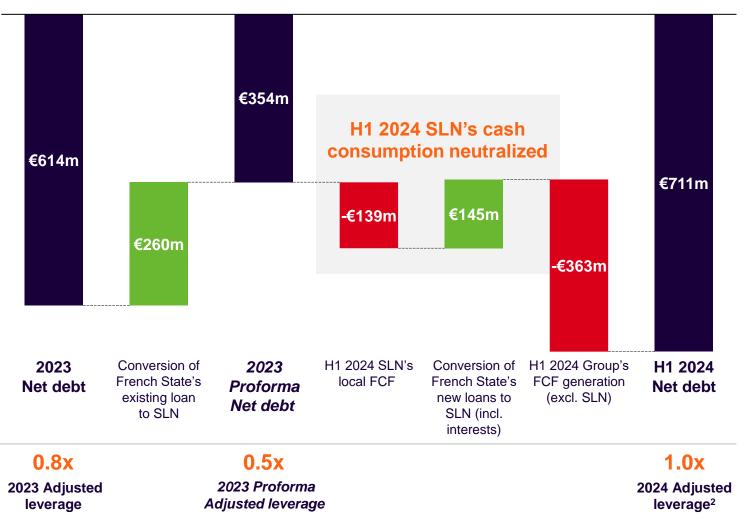


1. Based on a cash cost CIF post ramp-up (at nominal capacity) for Eramet

- 2. Incl. royalties
- 3. Market consensus as of October 2024
- 4. Ex-works



# SLN's cash needs: no impact on Eramet's balance sheet thanks to financing from the French State



1. Undated fixed rate deeply subordinated bonds, "TSDI" in French, accounted as quasi equity 2. Net debt / Adjusted EBITDA or 12-months rolling Adjusted EBITDA

#### **Eramet not financing SLN anymore**

Following signature of the agreement in April 2024:

- Conversion of the French State's existing loans to SLN (€260m as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023) into undated (deeply) subordinated bonds ("TSDI"<sup>1</sup>)
- New debt of €60m and €80m granted in February and April 2024, respectively and converted into "TSDI"
- Financial support from the French State in July (€80m TSDI subscribed) enables SLN to continue its business in the months ahead
- The French State subscribed in October to **a further €20m** in TSDI, enabling SLN to meet its financing needs until the end of the year



Rating actions – Update end-October 2024



Increase in leverage following the \$699m buy-out of Tsingshan interest in Centenario

2 Challenging market environment, with lower prices and demand prospects in the short-term

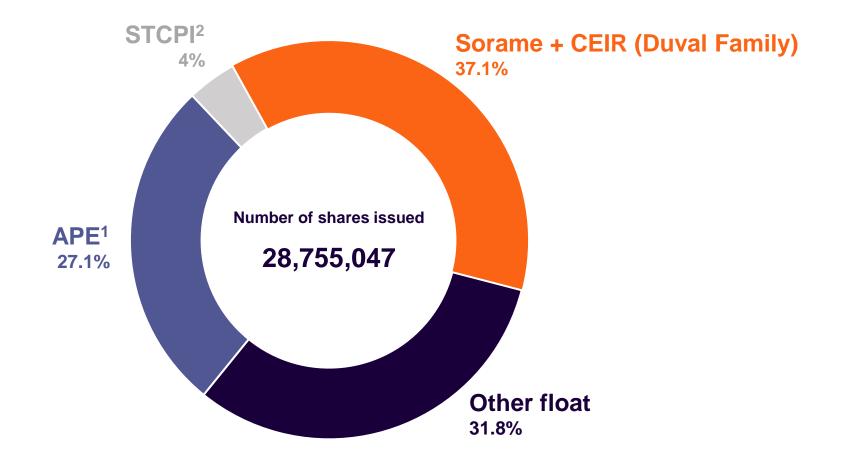


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**Evolution in country risk assessment** 



### Shareholding at 30 November, 2024







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