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Diversity, equity, and inclusion are important to Covestro. To ensure better readability, we therefore strive to use gender-neutral language and avoid gender-specific terms in this Quarterly Statement. All terms should be taken to apply equally to all genders.

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As the indicators in this Quarterly Statement are stated in accordance with commercial rounding principles, totals and percentages may not always be exact.

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Covestro Group Key Data

	3rd quarter 2021	3rd quarter 2022	Change	1st nine months 2021	1st nine months 2022	Change
	€ million	€ million	%	€ million	€ million	%
Sales	4,302	4,618	7.3	11,565	14,004	21.1
Change in sales						
Volume	0.0%	-5.7%		9.3%	-1.8%	
Price	43.8%	5.4%		35.8%	13.5%	
Currency	1.6%	7.6%		-2.6%	6.7%	
Portfolio	10.5%	0.0%		7.7%	2.7%	
EBITDA¹	862	302	-65.0	2,422	1,655	-31.7
Changes in EBITDA						
Volume	5.3%	-11.4%		44.1%	-4.4%	
Price	264.9%	26.8%		330.5%	64.5%	
Raw material price	-138.6%	-99.4%		-124.1%	-101.8%	
Currency	3.5%	5.7%		-3.2%	5.8%	
Other ²	-46.1%	13.3%		-57.2%	4.2%	
EBIT ³	654	66	-89.9	1,817	962	-47.1
Financial result	(20)	(40)	100.0	(67)	(112)	67.2
Net income⁴	472	12	-97.5	1,314	627	-52.3
Earnings per share (€) ⁵	2.44	0.06	-97.5	6.80	3.28	-51.8
Cash flows from operating activities ⁶	564	246	-56.4	1,545	131	-91.5
Cash outflows for additions to property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	183	213	16.4	472	543	15.0
Free operating cash flow⁷	381	33	-91.3	1,073	(412)	.

¹ Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA): EBIT plus depreciation, amortization, and impairment losses; less impairment loss reversals on intangible assets and property, plant and equipment.

² Other changes in EBITDA such as changes in provisions for variable compensation.

³ Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT): income after income taxes plus financial result and income taxes.

⁴ Net income: income after income taxes attributable to the shareholders of Covestro AG.

⁵ Earnings per share: according to IAS 33 (Earnings per Share), net income divided by the weighted average number of outstanding no-par value voting shares of Covestro AG. The calculation was based on 189,720,044 no-par shares for the third quarter of 2022 (previous year: 193,160,544 no-par shares) and on 191,298,857 no-par shares for the first nine months of 2022 (previous year: 193,160,544 no-par shares).

⁶ Cash flows from operating activities according to IAS 7 (Statement of Cash Flows).

⁷ Free operating cash flow (FOCF): cash flows from operating activities less cash outflows for additions to property, plant, equipment and intangible assets.

Significant Events

War in Ukraine

The Russian war against Ukraine, which began in February 2022, has had a notable impact on the global economy. The worldwide consequences for the energy and raw material markets also influenced Covestro's business situation. Covestro ceased all business activities with Russia and Belarus in the first half of 2022 and has now closed the sales support office in Russia; the Russian company is currently undergoing an official liquidation process. This means that Covestro does not operate any locations in the countries affected by the war (Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine) so that the international sanctions imposed on Russia and Belarus are having only an indirect effect on Covestro's business.

Energy Crisis

The tense situation on the energy markets, especially in the EMLA region, exacerbated further in the third quarter of 2022 and led to a substantial rise in energy prices, particularly in Europe.

Covestro is an energy-intensive company and depends to a large extent on gas. It is predominantly used as a source of energy and as process gas in chemical reactions and there is no comprehensive short-term substitute for gas in the production processes. For this reason, Covestro, along with large parts of the chemical industry, is majorly affected by the persistently high and volatile energy prices, which can at present be passed on to customers only to a small extent.

Covestro continued to receive gas supplies to meet its demand in the third quarter of 2022, thus ensuring supplies at our production locations. There is, however, uncertainty about future supplies: if the gas supply to companies is rationed, this may have considerable consequences for all of Covestro's locations in Europe, depending on the scale of the reduction.

See "Opportunities and Risks."

Coronavirus Pandemic

The coronavirus pandemic did not have any major impact on Covestro's business situation in the third quarter of 2022. Production at our sites was again not affected by the pandemic. Unlike in the first half of 2022, there were no more logistical bottlenecks at the location in Shanghai (China) either.

Sale of Additive Manufacturing Business

On August 5, 2022, Covestro signed an agreement for the sale of its additive manufacturing business to Stratasys, a U.S.-Israeli manufacturer of 3D printers and 3D production systems. The selling price is €43 million. In addition, the agreement specifies a variable earn-out of up to €37 million, which depends on the achievement of various success factors. The business offers material solutions for common polymer 3D printing processes. The portfolio of the additive manufacturing business also comprises products of the Resins & Functional Materials business acquired from Koninklijke DSM N.V., Heerlen (Netherlands), in fiscal 2021. The transaction is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2023.

See "Divestitures."

Issuance of a European Commercial Paper Program (ECPP)

On August 26, 2022, Covestro established a European Commercial Paper Program (ECPP) with a potential total volume of €1.5 billion in order to allow the company to issue notes in different currencies and tenors of up to one year on a flexible basis. In September 2022, Covestro issued commercial paper in an amount of €150 million under the ECPP.

Further information at: www.covestro.com/en/investors/debt/european-commercial-paper-program

Results of Operations and Financial Position of the Covestro Group

Results of Operations

Group sales grew by 7.3% in the third quarter of 2022, to €4,618 million (previous year: €4,302 million). Exchange rate movements had a positive effect of 7.6% on sales while a considerable increase in price levels, especially in the EMLA region, accounted for a 5.4% rise. The volumes sold, however, declined because of a downturn in demand, and this reduced sales by 5.7%, again affecting above all the EMLA region.

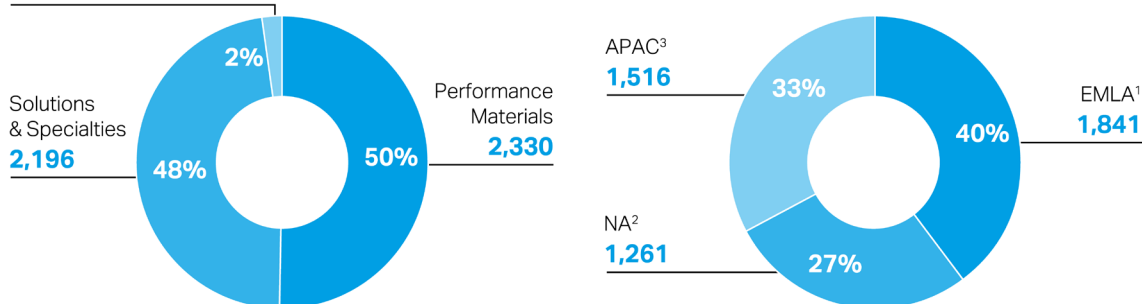
In the third quarter of 2022, sales rose by 6.6% to €2,330 million (previous year: €2,186 million) in the Performance Materials segment and by 6.1% to €2,196 million (previous year: €2,069 million) in the Solutions & Specialties segment. Sales increased in all three regions in the third quarter of 2022. In the EMLA region, sales climbed by 3.0% to €1,841 million (previous year: €1,787 million). Sales rose by 24.7% to €1,261 million (previous year: €1,011 million) in the NA region, and by 0.8% to €1,516 million (previous year: €1,504 million) in the APAC region.

Sales by segment and region

€ million

Others/Consolidation

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¹ EMLA: Europe, Middle East, Latin America (excluding Mexico), Africa region.

² NA: North America region (Canada, Mexico, United States).

³ APAC: Asia and Pacific region.

The Group's EBITDA declined by 65.0% to €302 million in the third quarter of 2022 (previous year: €862 million), primarily due to lower margins. They resulted from a considerable rise in raw material and energy prices, offset only to a small extent by the higher selling price level. The reduction in total volumes sold also led to lower earnings. In contrast, lower provisions for variable compensation, business development subsidies in a mid-double-digit million euro amount received in China, and positive currency effects had a beneficial effect on EBITDA.

EBITDA in the Performance Materials segment decreased by 92.5% to €53 million (previous year: €708 million). In contrast, EBITDA rose by 26.7% to €280 million (previous year: €221 million) in the Solutions & Specialties segment.

The Covestro Group's EBIT was down by 89.9% to €66 million in the third quarter of 2022 (previous year: €654 million).

Financial Position

Cash flows from operating activities totaled €246 million in the third quarter of 2022 (previous year: €564 million). The lower cash inflows year-over-year are mainly due to the decline in EBITDA. Cash tied up in working capital in the prior-year quarter is set against cash freed up in the quarter under review, which had a positive effect. Lower income tax payments also had a positive effect.

Free operating cash flow was down, amounting to €33 million in the third quarter of 2022 (previous year: €381 million), largely due to lower cash flows from operating activities.

Net financial debt

	Dec. 31, 2021	Sep. 30, 2022
	€ million	€ million
Bonds	1,492	1,493
Liabilities to banks	275	729
Lease liabilities	761	765
Liabilities from derivatives	11	51
Other financial liabilities	2	151
Receivables from derivatives	(34)	(21)
Financial debt	2,507	3,168
Cash and cash equivalents	(649)	(292)
Current financial assets	(453)	(15)
Net financial debt	1,405	2,861

The Covestro Group's financial debt amounted to €3,168 million on September 30, 2022, an increase of €661 million compared with December 31, 2021, due in particular to the €454 million increase in liabilities to banks. Other financial liabilities were up due to the issuance of commercial paper of €150 million under the European Commercial Paper Program (ECPP).

Cash and cash equivalents declined in comparison with the figure on December 31, 2021, by €357 million to €292 million. This is mainly attributable to dividend payments of €653 million and cash outflows of €543 million for additions to property, plant, equipment and intangible assets. Cash and cash equivalents also decreased because of the purchase of treasury shares worth €150 million in connection with the share buyback program in the first half of 2022. In contrast, net cash inflows of €484 million from an increase in liabilities and cash inflows of €131 million from operating activities increased cash and cash equivalents. In addition, net proceeds of short-term bank deposits maturing in an amount of €373 million and cash inflows of €65 million from the net sale of money market fund units also increased this item. At the same time, they reduced current financial assets by €438 million to €15 million.

Net financial debt therefore grew by €1,456 million compared with the figure on December 31, 2021, to €2,861 million as of September 30, 2022.

Performance of the Segments

Performance Materials

Performance Materials key data

	3rd quarter 2021	3rd quarter 2022	Change	1st nine months 2021	1st nine months 2022	Change
	€ million	€ million	%	€ million	€ million	%
Sales (external)	2,186	2,330	6.6	5,883	7,179	22.0
Intersegment sales ¹	733	760	3.7	1,912	2,323	21.5
Sales (total)	2,919	3,090	5.9	7,795	9,502	21.9
Change in sales (external)						
Volume	-6.9%	-6.2%		2.0%	-0.2%	
Price	57.6%	5.2%		52.5%	15.6%	
Currency	1.5%	7.6%		-2.6%	6.6%	
Portfolio	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%	
Sales by region (external)						
EMLA	994	970	-2.4	2,839	3,367	18.6
NA	565	702	24.2	1,344	1,931	43.7
APAC	627	658	4.9	1,700	1,881	10.6
EBITDA^{2,3}	708	53	-92.5	1,982	1,040	-47.5
EBIT ^{2,3}	567	(107)	.	1,558	572	-63.3
Cash flows from operating activities ³	375	227	-39.5	1,210	528	-56.4
Cash outflows for additions to property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	117	134	14.5	320	360	12.5
Free operating cash flow³	258	93	-64.0	890	168	-81.1

¹ In accordance with internal reporting to the Board of Management since July 1, 2022, these figures also include sales recognized in the amount of cost of goods sold. To ensure comparability, the segment data is presented on a consistent basis.

² EBITDA and EBIT include the effect on earnings of intersegment sales.

³ The values were recalculated retroactively as of October 1, 2021, based on a change in the underlying market prices for compensation for transactions between the Performance Materials and Solutions & Specialties segments and the reference information restated accordingly.

Sales in the Performance Materials segment were up 6.6% to €2,330 million in the third quarter of 2022 (previous year: €2,186 million). Changes in exchange rates increased sales by 7.6% and a higher selling price level added 5.2% to sales. In contrast, a drop in total volumes sold – driven primarily by a downturn in demand – had a negative effect of 6.2% on sales.

Sales in the EMLA region fell by 2.4% from the prior-year quarter to €970 million (previous year: €994 million), mainly on account of a substantial drop in volumes sold. However, higher average selling prices increased sales considerably. Exchange rate movements had no notable effect on sales. In the NA region, sales were up 24.2% to €702 million (previous year: €565 million). This was mainly attributable to the change in exchange rates and a higher selling price level, both of which boosted sales significantly. The change in total volumes sold remained stable compared with the prior-year period. Sales in the APAC region were up 4.9% to €658 million (previous year: €627 million). The increase in total volumes sold and changes in exchange rates both boosted sales considerably. In contrast, changes in average selling prices had a significant negative effect on sales.

In the third quarter of 2022, the Performance Materials segment's EBITDA was down 92.5% on the prior-year quarter, declining to €53 million (previous year: €708 million). This was mainly attributable to a decline in margins, since higher selling prices offset increased raw material and energy prices only to a small extent. This change was primarily attributable to the energy crisis, which is affecting Europe in particular. At the same time, the drop in volumes sold also had a negative effect on earnings. In contrast, lower provisions for short-term variable compensation and exchange rate movements both boosted earnings.

In the third quarter of 2022, EBIT turned negative, decreasing to €-107 million (previous year: €567 million).

Free operating cash flow in the third quarter of 2022 declined by 64.0% to €93 million (previous year: €258 million), driven in particular by the decline in EBITDA. Working capital, by contrast, had a positive effect on free operating cash flow, where cash tied up in the prior-year quarter is set against cash freed up in the current quarter.

Solutions & Specialties

Solutions & Specialties key data

	3rd quarter 2021	3rd quarter 2022	Change	1st nine months 2021	1st nine months 2022	Change
	€ million	€ million	%	€ million	€ million	%
Sales (external)	2,069	2,196	6.1	5,549	6,583	18.6
Intersegment sales ¹	8	11	37.5	19	28	47.4
Sales (total)	2,077	2,207	6.3	5,568	6,611	18.7
Change in sales (external)						
Volume	6.9%	-7.2%		17.5%	-5.4%	
Price	29.5%	5.7%		19.7%	11.6%	
Currency	1.8%	7.6%		-2.8%	6.7%	
Portfolio	22.4%	0.0%		16.0%	5.7%	
Sales by region (external)						
EMLA	758	798	5.3	2,113	2,522	19.4
NA	437	543	24.3	1,137	1,607	41.3
APAC	874	855	-2.2	2,299	2,454	6.7
EBITDA^{2,3}	221	280	26.7	639	717	12.2
EBIT ^{2,3}	154	207	34.4	462	498	7.8
Cash flows from operating activities ³	118	142	20.3	243	(42)	.
Cash outflows for additions to property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	66	77	16.7	151	178	17.9
Free operating cash flow³	52	65	25.0	92	(220)	.

¹ In accordance with internal reporting to the Board of Management since July 1, 2022, these figures also include sales recognized in the amount of cost of goods sold. To ensure comparability, the segment data is presented on a consistent basis.

² EBITDA and EBIT include the effect on earnings of intersegment sales.

³ The values were recalculated retroactively as of October 1, 2021, based on a change in the underlying market prices for compensation for transactions between the Performance Materials and Solutions & Specialties segments and the reference information restated accordingly.

Sales in the Solutions & Specialties segment increased by 6.1% to €2,196 million in the third quarter of 2022 (previous year: €2,069 million). This is attributable to changes in exchange rates, which increased sales by 7.6%, and a higher selling price level, which added 5.7% to sales. In contrast, total volumes sold – driven primarily by a downturn in demand – had a negative effect of 7.2% on sales.

Sales in the EMLA region were up 5.3% to €798 million (previous year: €758 million). Higher average selling prices increased sales considerably, set against a drop in volumes sold, which had a significant negative effect on sales. Exchange rate movements had no notable effect. In the NA region, sales were up 24.3% to €543 million (previous year: €437 million). This is attributable to exchange rate movements and a higher selling price level, both of which drove up sales considerably. A decline in total volumes sold had a significant negative impact on sales, in contrast. Sales in the APAC region were down by 2.2% to €855 million (previous year: €874 million). Sales were driven down considerably by a decline in average selling prices, while lower volumes sold had a slight effect. Exchange rate movements, in contrast, had a significant positive effect.

In the third quarter of 2022, EBITDA in the Solutions & Specialties segment was up 26.7% on the prior-year quarter, rising to €280 million (previous year: €221 million). Lower provisions for short-term variable compensation, the share of business development subsidies received in China attributable to the segment, and exchange rate movements were factors contributing to the increase in EBITDA. The margins remained stable at the prior year's level, since higher selling prices offset raw material and energy prices, which had been driven up by the energy crisis in particular. In contrast, a decline in volumes sold reduced earnings.

In the third quarter of 2022, EBIT rose by 34.4% to €207 million (previous year: €154 million).

Free operating cash flow was up 25.0% to €65 million in the third quarter of 2022 (previous year: €52 million), driven in particular by the increase in EBITDA. In contrast, a year-over-year increase in cash tied up in working capital as well as cash outflows for additions to property, plant, and equipment had a negative effect on free operating cash flow.

Forecast, Opportunities, and Risks

Economic Outlook

Global Economy

The Russian war against Ukraine has fundamentally changed the geopolitical landscape and has had impact on the global economy. We therefore expect continuing high prices for sources of energy and certain raw materials in the EMLA region, higher inflation, as well as slower global economic growth. In addition, the zero-COVID strategy in China and the resulting lockdowns put the brakes on economic performance in the first half of 2022. The restrictions in China in reaction to the spread of the coronavirus hold risks for the global economy, albeit not to the same extent as in the first half of 2022.

Compared to the outlook we published in the Annual Report 2021, we still anticipate slight growth in the global economy, but now with a less robust increase in economic performance of 2.9%. Due to the aforementioned effects, the estimates were also reduced for all three regions for the year 2022.

Economic growth¹

	Growth 2021	Growth forecast 2022 (Annual Report 2021)	Growth forecast 2022
	%	%	%
World	5.8	4.2	2.9
Europe, Middle East, Latin America², Africa (EMLA)	5.5	3.7	2.9
of which Europe	5.5	3.7	2.0
of which Germany	2.9	3.8	1.5
of which Middle East	5.2	4.9	5.9
of which Latin America ²	6.9	2.3	3.6
of which Africa	4.4	3.3	3.4
North America³ (NA)	5.5	4.0	1.8
of which United States	5.7	4.1	1.7
Asia-Pacific (APAC)	6.2	4.8	3.4
of which China	8.1	5.4	3.0

¹ Real growth of gross domestic product; source: IHS (Global Insight), "Growth 2021" and "Growth forecast 2022" as of October 2022.

² Latin America (excluding Mexico).

³ North America (Canada, Mexico, United States).

Main Customer Industries

In the automotive, construction, electrical, electronics, and household appliances industry, we continue to expect positive growth in the year 2022, with the strongest rise in the automotive industry. Although this will probably be considerably below the outlook presented in the Annual Report 2021, it will exceed the outlook presented in the Half-Year Financial Report 2022 (previously: 6.0%). Following strong growth in the previous year, a decline of 1.1% is anticipated for the furniture industry.

Growth in main customer industries¹

	Growth 2021	Growth forecast 2022 (Annual Report 2021)	Growth forecast 2022
	%	%	%
Automotive	2.9	12.5	7.1
Construction	3.1	3.6	2.2
Electrical, electronics and household appliances	12.2	4.5	1.6
Furniture	8.0	3.7	-1.1

¹ Covestro's estimate, based on the following sources: LMC Automotive Limited, B+L, CSIL (Centre for Industrial Studies), Oxford Economics. We limited the economic data of our "automotive and transportation" and "furniture and wood processing" main customer industries to the automotive and furniture segments (excluding the transportation or wood processing segments). As of: October 2022.

Forecast for the Covestro Group

The analysis of the development of our key management indicators is based on the business performance described in this Quarterly Statement, the economic outlook outlined above, and consideration of our potential risks and opportunities.

Due to the impact of the energy crisis on economic performance and a global economy that remains subdued, Covestro has narrowed the guidance for the 2022 fiscal year. We now expect the following developments in our key management indicators:

Forecast key management indicators

	2021	Forecast 2022 (Annual Report 2021)	Previous forecast 2022 (July 29, 2022)	Adjusted forecast 2022 (October 25, 2022)
EBITDA ¹	€3,085 million	Between €2,500 million and €3,000 million	Between €1,700 million and €2,200 million	Between €1,700 million and €1,800 million
Free operating cash flow ²	€1,429 million	Between €1,000 million and €1,500 million	Between €0 million and €500 million	Between €0 million and €100 million
ROCE ³ above WACC ⁴	12.9% points	Between 5% points and 9% points	Between –2% points and 2% points	Between –2% points and –1% point
Greenhouse gas emissions ⁵ (CO ₂ equivalents)	5.2 million metric tons	Between 5.6 million metric tons and 6.1 million metric tons	Between 5.3 million metric tons and 5.8 million metric tons	Between 5.0 million metric tons and 5.4 million metric tons

¹ Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA): EBIT plus depreciation, amortization, and impairment losses; less impairment loss reversals on intangible assets and property, plant and equipment.

² Free operating cash flow (FOCF): cash flows from operating activities less cash outflows for additions to property, plant, equipment and intangible assets.

³ Return on capital employed (ROCE): ratio of the adjusted operating result (EBIT) after imputed income taxes to capital employed.

⁴ Weighted average cost of capital (WACC): weighted average cost of capital reflecting the expected return on the company's equity and debt capital. A figure of 7.0% has been taken into account for the year 2022 (2021: 6.6%).

⁵ Greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 and 2, GHG Protocol) at main production sites (responsible for more than 95% of our energy usage).

For the Covestro Group's EBITDA, we now forecast a figure between €1,700 million and €1,800 million (previously: between €1,700 million and €2,200 million). The Performance Materials segment's EBITDA is still expected to be significantly down on the prior-year amount. In the Solutions & Specialties segment, we continue to project an EBITDA slightly above the prior-year figure.

The Covestro Group's FOCF is now forecast to total between €0 million and €100 million (previously: between €0 million and €500 million). For the Performance Materials segment, we still expect FOCF to fall significantly short of the figure for the year 2021. For the Solutions & Specialties segment, we are now forecasting FOCF to be considerably above the prior-year figure (previously: FOCF well below the prior-year figure).

We now forecast ROCE above WACC of between –2% points and –1% point (previously: between –2% points and 2% points).

The Covestro Group's GHG emissions measured as CO₂ equivalents are now projected to be between 5.0 million metric tons and 5.4 million metric tons (previously: between 5.3 million metric tons and 5.8 million metric tons).

Opportunities and Risks

Geopolitical developments, in particular the Russian war against Ukraine, and their impact on gas supply and energy prices are having a considerable influence on Covestro's business, especially in the EMLA region. Covestro has to date received gas supplies to meet its demand, although there is uncertainty about future supplies because, if the gas supply to companies were to be rationed, this could necessitate the closure of entire production locations or of certain production facilities of Covestro in Germany, depending on the scale of the reduction. This could in turn result in production outages of certain chemical precursors, intermediates, and by-products that are needed at other sites in the EMLA region.

The tense situation on the energy markets, especially in the EMLA region, exacerbated further in the third quarter of 2022 and led to a substantial rise in energy prices, particularly in Europe. If energy prices remain at this price level, this would pose a risk to the global competitiveness of European production locations and could lead to production facilities being decommissioned in the short term or being closed down altogether in the medium to long term.

Several teams of experts in the company are monitoring the current situation closely, studying the consequences in detail, and working on mitigation plans. The potential losses are being analyzed continually; and these analyses are integrated into existing processes to also monitor factors such as risk bearing capacity.

As a result of the assessment of the aforementioned risks as well as with regard to the Covestro Group's other opportunity or risk factors, no material changes have been made to the presentation of risk categories in the Annual Report 2021. At the time this Quarterly Statement was prepared, there were no risks that could endanger the Group's continued existence.

Covestro Group Consolidated Income Statement

	3rd quarter 2021	3rd quarter 2022	1st nine months 2021	1st nine months 2022
	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million
Sales	4,302	4,618	11,565	14,004
Cost of goods sold	(3,066)	(4,058)	(8,140)	(11,338)
Gross profit	1,236	560	3,425	2,666
Selling expenses	(375)	(396)	(1,045)	(1,193)
Research and development expenses	(95)	(83)	(255)	(273)
General administration expenses	(104)	(86)	(307)	(275)
Other operating income	14	91	66	125
Other operating expenses	(22)	(20)	(67)	(88)
EBIT¹	654	66	1,817	962
Equity-method loss	(4)	(5)	(11)	(15)
Result from other affiliated companies	–	1	1	1
Interest income	9	16	24	53
Interest expense	(18)	(34)	(59)	(91)
Other financial result	(7)	(18)	(22)	(60)
Financial result	(20)	(40)	(67)	(112)
Income before income taxes	634	26	1,750	850
Income taxes	(161)	(15)	(432)	(224)
Income after income taxes	473	11	1,318	626
attributable to noncontrolling interest	1	(1)	4	(1)
attributable to Covestro AG shareholders (net income)	472	12	1,314	627
	€	€	€	€
Basic earnings per share²	2.44	0.06	6.80	3.28
Diluted earnings per share²	2.44	0.06	6.80	3.28

¹ Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT): income after income taxes plus financial result and income taxes

² Earnings per share: According to IAS 33 (Earnings per Share), earnings per share comprise net income divided by the weighted average number of outstanding no-par voting shares of Covestro AG. The calculation was based on 189,720,044 no-par shares for the third quarter of 2022 (previous year: 193,160,544 no-par shares) and on 191,298,857 no-par shares for the first nine months of 2022 (previous year: 193,160,544 no-par shares).

Covestro Group Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

	3rd quarter 2021	3rd quarter 2022	1st nine months 2021	1st nine months 2022
	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million
Income after income taxes	473	11	1,318	626
Remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability for post-employment benefit plans	7	43	491	969
Income taxes	(2)	(11)	(156)	(279)
Other comprehensive income from remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability for post-employment benefit plans	5	32	335	690
Changes in fair values of equity instruments	14	–	14	(1)
Income taxes	(4)	–	(4)	–
Other comprehensive income from equity instruments	10	–	10	(1)
Other comprehensive income that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	15	32	345	689
Exchange differences of foreign operations	98	139	198	405
Reclassified to profit or loss	–	–	–	–
Other comprehensive income from exchange differences	98	139	198	405
Other comprehensive income that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	98	139	198	405
Total other comprehensive income	113	171	543	1,094
attributable to noncontrolling interest	1	1	1	(1)
attributable to Covestro AG shareholders	112	170	542	1,095
Total comprehensive income	586	182	1,861	1,720
attributable to noncontrolling interest	2	–	5	(2)
attributable to Covestro AG shareholders	584	182	1,856	1,722

Covestro Group Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

	Sep. 30, 2021	Sep. 30, 2022	Dec. 31, 2021
	€ million	€ million	€ million
Noncurrent assets			
Goodwill	745	764	757
Other intangible assets	711	677	706
Property, plant and equipment	5,828	6,274	6,032
Investments accounted for using the equity method	172	189	172
Other financial assets	49	45	49
Other receivables	100	223	76
Deferred taxes	804	703	818
	8,409	8,875	8,610
Current assets			
Inventories	2,626	3,762	2,914
Trade accounts receivable	2,357	2,548	2,343
Other financial assets	747	41	493
Other receivables	409	574	434
Claims for income tax refunds	96	85	128
Cash and cash equivalents	496	292	649
Assets held for sale	18	19	-
	6,749	7,321	6,961
Total assets	15,158	16,196	15,571
Equity			
Capital stock of Covestro AG	193	190	193
Capital reserves of Covestro AG	3,925	3,780	3,927
Other reserves	3,094	4,655	3,576
Equity attributable to Covestro AG shareholders	7,212	8,625	7,696
Equity attributable to noncontrolling interest	67	50	66
	7,279	8,675	7,762
Noncurrent liabilities			
Provisions for pensions and other post-employment benefits	1,706	420	1,199
Other provisions	227	195	223
Financial liabilities	2,348	2,340	2,349
Income tax liabilities	109	106	98
Other liabilities	31	31	34
Deferred taxes	295	320	300
	4,716	3,412	4,203
Current liabilities			
Other provisions	583	297	637
Financial liabilities	146	849	192
Trade accounts payable	1,801	2,456	2,214
Income tax liabilities	277	119	239
Other liabilities	356	386	324
Liabilities directly related to assets held for sale	-	2	-
	3,163	4,109	3,606
Total equity and liabilities	15,158	16,196	15,571

Covestro Group Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

	3rd quarter 2021	3rd quarter 2022	1st nine months 2021	1st nine months 2022
	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million
Income after income taxes	473	11	1,318	626
Income taxes	161	15	432	224
Financial result	20	40	67	112
Income taxes paid	(133)	(86)	(309)	(446)
Depreciation, amortization and impairment losses and impairment loss reversals	208	236	605	693
Change in pension provisions	9	6	30	18
(Gains)/losses on retirements of noncurrent assets	4	–	(4)	–
Decrease/(increase) in inventories	(245)	(21)	(773)	(672)
Decrease/(increase) in trade accounts receivable	(52)	284	(498)	(51)
(Decrease)/increase in trade accounts payable	(59)	(139)	335	152
Changes in other working capital, other noncash items	178	(100)	342	(525)
Cash flows from operating activities	564	246	1,545	131
Cash outflows for additions to property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	(183)	(213)	(472)	(543)
Cash inflows from sales of property, plant, equipment and other assets	–	2	10	5
Cash inflows from divestments less divested cash	12	–	12	6
Cash outflows for noncurrent financial assets	(7)	(3)	(29)	(10)
Cash inflows from noncurrent financial assets	20	1	22	2
Cash outflows for acquisitions less acquired cash	–	–	(1,469)	–
Interest and dividends received	10	23	27	56
Cash inflows from/(Cash outflows for) other current financial assets	(204)	(34)	402	414
Cash flows from investing activities	(352)	(224)	(1,497)	(70)
Reacquisition of treasury shares	–	–	–	(150)
Dividend payments and withholding tax on dividends	(2)	–	(259)	(653)
Issuances of debt	(1)	436	1	1,015
Retirements of debt	(538)	(441)	(636)	(531)
Interest paid	(27)	(42)	(69)	(105)
Cash outflows for the purchase of additional interests in subsidiaries	–	–	–	(4)
Cash flows from financing activities	(568)	(47)	(963)	(428)
Change in cash and cash equivalents due to business activities	(356)	(25)	(915)	(367)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	856	315	1,404	649
Change in cash and cash equivalents due to exchange rate movements	(4)	2	7	10
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	496	292	496	292

Employees and Pension Obligations

As of September 30, 2022, Covestro had 18,064 employees worldwide (December 31, 2021: 17,909). In the third quarter of 2022, personnel expenses were down €158 million on the prior-year quarter, decreasing to €452 million (previous year: €610 million), largely due to lower expenses for short-term variable compensation.

Employees by division¹

	Dec. 31, 2021	Sep. 30, 2022
Production	11,618	11,786
Marketing and distribution	3,254	3,317
Research and development	1,477	1,462
General administration	1,560	1,499
Total	17,909	18,064

¹ The number of employees on either permanent or temporary contracts is stated in full-time equivalents (FTE). Part-time employees are included on a pro-rated basis in line with their contractual working hours. Employees in vocational training are not included.

Provisions for pensions and other post-employment benefits decreased to €420 million as of September 30, 2022 (December 31, 2021: €1,199 million). This was mainly due to a reduction in the measurement of obligations as a result of significantly higher discount rates. The rise in projected future benefit increases in Germany to 2.0% (December 31, 2021: 1.8%) had an offsetting effect on the measurement of obligations.

Discount rate for pension obligations

	Dec. 31, 2021	Sep. 30, 2022
	%	%
Germany	1.20	3.70
United States	2.60	5.10

Exchange Rates

In the reporting period, the following exchange rates were used for the major currencies of relevance to the Covestro Group:

Closing rates for major currencies

€1/		Closing rates		
		Sep. 30, 2021	Dec. 31, 2021	Sep. 30, 2022
BRL	Brazil	6.26	6.31	5.26
CNY	China	7.49	7.20	6.95
HKD	Hong Kong ¹	9.02	8.83	7.65
INR	India	86.08	84.23	79.43
JPY	Japan	129.67	130.38	141.01
MXN	Mexico	23.74	23.14	19.64
USD	United States	1.16	1.13	0.97

Average rates for major currencies

€1/		Average rates	
		1st nine months 2021	1st nine months 2022
BRL	Brazil	6.37	5.44
CNY	China	7.74	7.03
HKD	Hong Kong ¹	9.29	8.32
INR	India	88.04	82.29
JPY	Japan	129.77	135.76
MXN	Mexico	24.07	21.51
USD	United States	1.20	1.06

¹ Special Administration Region (China)

Scope of Consolidation

Changes in the scope of consolidation

As of September 30, 2022, the scope of consolidation comprised Covestro AG and 60 (December 31, 2021: 66) consolidated companies.

In the third quarter of 2022, the consolidated company Covestro GmbH, Leverkusen (Germany), was merged with Covestro Deutschland AG, Leverkusen (Germany). In addition, the Covestro Polymers (Zhuhai) Company Limited, Zhuhai (China), was consolidated for the first time. This company had previously been classified as an immaterial subsidiary.

Acquisitions and Divestitures

Acquisitions

No reportable acquisitions were made in the third quarter of 2022.

Divestitures

On August 5, 2022, Covestro signed an agreement for the sale of assets and liabilities (disposal group) of the additive manufacturing business to Stratasys, a U.S.-Israeli manufacturer of 3D printers and 3D production systems. The business sold by Covestro includes employees, research and development facilities, production units, and offices in the Netherlands, the United States, China, Japan, Germany, and the United Kingdom as well as access to a large network of partners around the world. The portfolio also includes products that are part of the Resins & Functional Materials business (RFM) acquired from Koninklijke DSM N.V., Heerlen, (Netherlands), in fiscal 2021. The additive manufacturing business, which is part of the Solutions & Specialties segment, offers material solutions for common polymer 3D printing processes. Covestro's decision to sell the additive manufacturing business is consistent with the optimization of its portfolio to make its organization more efficient and allow the company to sharpen its focus on the extensive range of offerings for customers in its main customer industries. The selling price amounts to €43 million and an additional payment for certain assets, less any liabilities transferred. In addition, the agreement specifies a variable earn-out of up to €37 million, which depends on the achievement of various success factors. The transaction is structured as an asset deal. In connection with the sale, noncurrent assets and inventories of €19 million and liabilities of €2 million were classified as "held for sale" in accordance with IFRS 5 (Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations). The closing is expected for the first quarter of 2023.

Significant Events after the End of the Reporting Period

Covestro issued its first-ever Schuldschein debt instrument on October 7, 2022. The Schuldschein is linked to an environmental, social, governance (ESG) rating. It was issued in tranches comprising fixed and variable interest rates with terms of three, five, and seven years. The issue is denominated in U.S. dollars and euros. The total volume of the Schuldschein amounts to €650 million equivalent. The proceeds from the issue will be used for general corporate purposes.

Segment Information

Segment information 3rd quarter

	Performance Materials		Solutions & Specialties		Others/Consolidation		Covestro Group	
	3rd quarter 2021	3rd quarter 2022	3rd quarter 2021	3rd quarter 2022	3rd quarter 2021	3rd quarter 2022	3rd quarter 2021	3rd quarter 2022
	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million
Sales (external)	2,186	2,330	2,069	2,196	47	92	4,302	4,618
Intersegment sales ¹	733	760	8	11	(741)	(771)	–	–
Sales (total)	2,919	3,090	2,077	2,207	(694)	(679)	4,302	4,618
Change in sales								
Volume	–6.9%	–6.2%	6.9%	–7.2%	30.9%	90.2%	0.0%	–5.7%
Price	57.6%	5.2%	29.5%	5.7%	0.0%	0.0%	43.8%	5.4%
Currency	1.5%	7.6%	1.8%	7.6%	–0.3%	5.5%	1.6%	7.6%
Portfolio	0.0%	0.0%	22.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.5%	0.0%
Sales by region								
EMLA	994	970	758	798	35	73	1,787	1,841
NA	565	702	437	543	9	16	1,011	1,261
APAC	627	658	874	855	3	3	1,504	1,516
EBITDA^{2,3}	708	53	221	280	(67)	(31)	862	302
EBIT ^{2,3}	567	(107)	154	207	(67)	(34)	654	66
Depreciation, amortization, impairment losses and impairment loss reversals	141	160	67	73	–	3	208	236
Cash flows from operating activities ³	375	227	118	142	71	(123)	564	246
Cash outflows for additions to property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	117	134	66	77	–	2	183	213
Free operating cash flow³	258	93	52	65	71	(125)	381	33
Trade working capital ⁴	1,523	1,704	1,608	2,085	(24)	(7)	3,107	3,782

¹ In accordance with internal reporting to the Board of Management since July 1, 2022, these figures also include sales recognized in the amount of cost of goods sold. To ensure comparability, the segment data is presented on a consistent basis.

² EBITDA and EBIT include the effect on earnings of intersegment sales.

³ The values were recalculated retroactively as of October 1, 2021, based on a change in the underlying market prices for compensation for transactions between the Performance Materials and Solutions & Specialties segments and the reference information restated accordingly.

⁴ Trade working capital includes inventories plus trade accounts receivable and contract assets, less trade accounts payable, contract liabilities, and refund liabilities as of September 30, 2021/2022.

Segment information first nine months

	Performance Materials		Solutions & Specialties		Others/Consolidation		Covestro Group	
	1st nine months 2021	1st nine months 2022	1st nine months 2021	1st nine months 2022	1st nine months 2021	1st nine months 2022	1st nine months 2021	1st nine months 2022
	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million
Sales (external)	5,883	7,179	5,549	6,583	133	242	11,565	14,004
Intersegment sales ¹	1,912	2,323	19	28	(1,931)	(2,351)	–	–
Sales (total)	7,795	9,502	5,568	6,611	(1,798)	(2,109)	11,565	14,004
Change in sales								
Volume	2.0%	–0.2%	17.5%	–5.4%	–1.1%	78.3%	9.3%	–1.8%
Price	52.5%	15.6%	19.7%	11.6%	0.0%	0.0%	35.8%	13.5%
Currency	–2.6%	6.6%	–2.8%	6.7%	–1.1%	3.7%	–2.6%	6.7%
Portfolio	0.0%	0.0%	16.0%	5.7%	0.0%	0.0%	7.7%	2.7%
Sales by region								
EMLA	2,839	3,367	2,113	2,522	102	193	5,054	6,082
NA	1,344	1,931	1,137	1,607	23	39	2,504	3,577
APAC	1,700	1,881	2,299	2,454	8	10	4,007	4,345
EBITDA^{2,3}	1,982	1,040	639	717	(199)	(102)	2,422	1,655
EBIT ^{2,3}	1,558	572	462	498	(203)	(108)	1,817	962
Depreciation, amortization, impairment losses and impairment loss reversals	424	468	177	219	4	6	605	693
Cash flows from operating activities ³	1,210	528	243	(42)	92	(355)	1,545	131
Cash outflows for additions to property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	320	360	151	178	1	5	472	543
Free operating cash flow³	890	168	92	(220)	91	(360)	1,073	(412)
Trade working capital ⁴	1,523	1,704	1,608	2,085	(24)	(7)	3,107	3,782

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