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# Leading wafer pure-play in highly attractive solar electricity market



Solar grade silicon Ingots Wafers Solar Cells Modules PV system integrators

- PV Crystalox is a leading supplier of multicrystalline silicon ingots and wafers to the solar industry
- Established in 1982, the company pioneered the industrial production technology for multicrystalline silicon
- In 2002, Crystalox and PV Silicon merged to integrate ingot and wafer production
- The company has been continuously profitable since 2002
- Strategy is to expand its core business to include silicon production and focus on wafers
- Ownership:
  - Current management—38%
  - Ex-management—8%
  - EBT—2%
  - Free Float—52%



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excluding trading

### H1 2007 Highlights



- Revenue growth 7.8%
  - €123.6m versus €114.6m in H1 2006
- Net profit growth (before exceptional items) 14%
  - €29.3m versus €25.6m in H1 2006
- Shipments 89MW
- In house solar grade production facility on schedule
  - Construction approval by Sachsen-Anhalt State Authority





# **Operational review**

### **H1 Operational Review**



- Continued shift in product mix from ingot to wafers
  - Over 90% of ingots now processed into wafers
- Strong progress on wafer thickness reduction
  - All wafers now supplied at 200μm or less
  - 25% of H1 wafers shipped at 180μm
- Effective capacity utilisation in H1-2007 was 65%
- H1-2007 shipments 89MW equivalent (versus 215MW in 2006)
- Improved wafer pricing





- Additional deliveries of polysilicon feedstock commenced in July 2007 (260MT in H2) which will positively impact H2 wafer production
  - Total contracted polysilicon for 2007: 1282 MT rising to 1540MT in 2008
- Market for scrap silicon has continued to tighten throughout 2007
  - Increased recycling within semiconductor industry
  - Demand for scrap silicon from Chinese products particularly acute
- PVCS recycling has increased and partially offsets tight scrap supply situation
- Higher wafer prices and more wafers/kg feedstock have been offsetting lower ingot production

# **Development at Bitterfeld—new silicon production facility**



- Permission by local- and state authorities to construct the facility was granted in August
- Ground breaking ceremony and construction start on September 19
- Facility planning and purchasing of equipment for the chemical infrastructure together with Degussa
  - Engineering progressing as planned. Silicon deposition technology using modified Siemens process and proven deposition reactors on target to meet goal of commercial silicon production in Q1 2009
- Total investment for the facility estimated at €80m with grants and subsidies from the government and EU at €21m



### **New Political Developments**



#### Germany

- The German Federal Environment Ministry proposes to accelerate annual reduction of feed-in tariff for solar electricity. The current 5% annual reduction for roof mounted installation would increase to 7% in 2009 and to 8% in 2011. Reduction for open field installations is expected to increase from current 6.5% to 8.5% in 2009 and to 9.5% in 2011. Recommendation needs to be approved by the Parliament
- Modification of feed in law, although not favoured by PV Industry, still gives long-term security and predictability of the important German market. Lower cost for silicon feedstock, thinner wafers, higher solar cell efficiencies and lower installation costs are measures to drive down cost of solar electricity

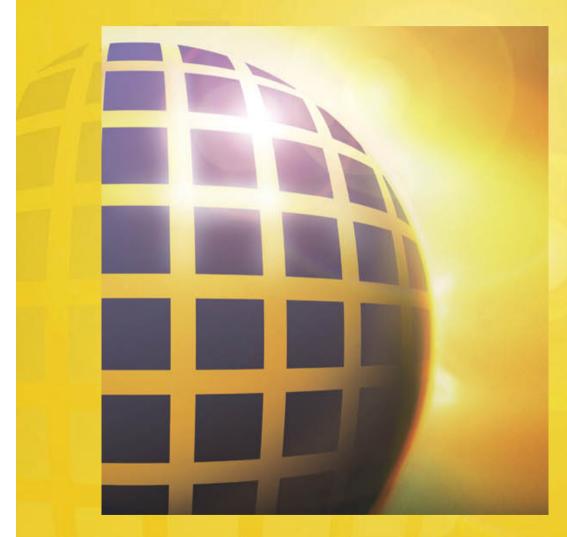
#### Spain

 Favourable feed-in tariffs for solar electricity (41-44 euro cent/kWh for 25 years) in Spain have resulted in strong market growth. Official cap at 371MWp, beyond cap legal situation not clear. Mainly large scale systems, few roof top installations. Despite uncertainties we consider Spain as a major growth market

#### USA

 Major drive for solar electricity is coming from the State level, with California taking the lead to increase solar electricity installations to 3000MWp by 2017





# **Financials**





#### PV Crystalox plc Group Consolidated Income Statement

|                                       | 6 Mths Ended<br>30-Jun-2007<br>€'000 | 6 Mths Ended<br>30-Jun-2006<br>€'000 | Change |       |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Revenues - Silicon Products           | 92,796                               | 89,489                               | +      | 3.7%  |
| Revenues - Equipment, Parts & Trading | 30,762                               | 25,177                               | +      | 22.2% |
| Total Revenues                        | 123,558                              | 114,666                              | +      | 7.8%  |
| Net Profit before exceptional charges | 29,298                               | 25,598                               | +      | 14.0% |
| Cash flow from operating activities   | 15,874                               | 9,719                                | +      | 63.0% |

- Higher sales prices
- Higher proportion of wafers sold in Japan
- Weaker Japanese Yen
- Higher margins
- Strong cash flow

### Japanese Yen



• FX rates for results translation:

| • H1-2006 | 142.17                    |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| • H2-2006 | 149.96                    |
| • FY 2006 | 146.10                    |
| • H1-2007 | 159.65 — 12.3% weaker JPY |

Impact on H1 2007 reported results:

Revenues 8% lower

• Earnings 1% lower

• PBT 1% lower

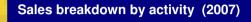


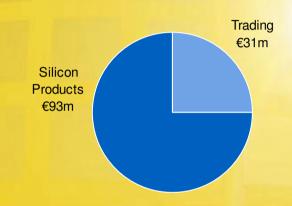
## **Key financial – Summary Income Statement**

| Income statement (€m) Half Year to 30 June                        |                                      |                                      |                                       |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|   | 6 Mths Ended<br>30-Jun-2007<br>€'000 | 6 Mths Ended<br>30-Jun-2006<br>€'000 | 12 Mths Ended<br>31-Dec-2006<br>€'000 |
| Total Revenues  | 123,558                              | 114,666                              | 242,366                               |
| Earnings Before Interest & Tax (EBIT)                             | 28,984                               | 25,591                               | 48,327                                |
| Earnings Before Interest Tax Depreciation & Amortisation (EBITDA) | 31,135                               | 28,296                               | 49,013                                |
| IPO Expenses  | (3,486)                              | 0                                    | 0                                     |
| Employee Share Schemes  | (2,891)                              | 0                                    | 0                                     |
| EBIT after exceptional items                                      | 22,607                               | 25,591                               | 48,327                                |
| Earnings before tax (EBT) after exceptional items                 | 22,922                               | 25,598                               | 49,013                                |
| NET INCOME  | 13,576                               | 16,451                               | 31,594                                |
| Earnings per share (Euro cents)                                   | 3.6                                  | 4.4                                  | 8.4                                   |
| Adjusted earnings per share (Euro cents) before IPO & EBT costs   | 5.0                                  | 4.4                                  | 8.4                                   |

### Sales analysis







#### Silicon products and trading operations

- To facilitate a major supplier relationship PV Crystalox Solar buys single crystal ingots which it sells on to one of its customers
  - Facilitates relationship
  - Creates margin for group
- Function of demand for solar silicon
   the supplier gets a good price
- Unlikely to be long term phenomenon
- Not a core operation for the Group





|                                 | 30 Jun       | 30 Jun      | 31 Dec      |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Consolidated balance sheet (€m) | 2007         | 2006        | <u>2006</u> |
| Non-current Assets              | 23.4         | 18.3        | 17.1        |
| Current Assets                  | 247.0        | 129.9       | 157.1       |
| Current Liabilities             | 87.5         | 75.0        | 84.3        |
| Non-current Liabilities         | 13.5         | 5.1         | 5.8         |
| Net Assets                      | <u>169.4</u> | <u>68.1</u> | <u>84.1</u> |
| Share Cap & Non-dist Reserves   | 87.9         | 7.5         | 7.5         |
| Profit & Loss Reserves          | 81.5         | 60.6        | 76.6        |
| Shareholder Equity              | <u>169.4</u> | <u>68.1</u> | <u>84.1</u> |



## Summary cash flow & net cash/(debt) analysis

| Half Year to 30 Jun (€m)                         | 2007    | 2006                    |
|--|---------|-------------------------|
| Net cash flows from operating activities         | 15.9    | 9.7                     |
| Net cash flows in investing activities           | (2.7)   | (1.1)                   |
| Net cash flows used in financing activities      | 72.9    | 8.6                     |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash/cash equivalents | 86.1    | 17.2                    |
| Exchange Rate Adjustment                         | 0.4     | (0.2)                   |
| Net change in cash in period                     | 86.5    | 17.0                    |
| Cash and cash equivalents, start of period       | 61.5    | 31.9                    |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period         | 148.0   | 48.9                    |
|  | (= 1.0) | ( <b>-</b> ( <b>-</b> ) |
| Group loans                                      | (54.4)  | (51.6)                  |
| Cash/(net debt)                                  | 93.6    | (2.7)                   |





# **Outlook**

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- Improved silicon utilisation
  - In-house change from OD sawing to wire sawing for block production
  - Together with customers further move into 180 μm thin wafers
- Increased polysilicon supply in H2
- Bitterfeld solar-grade silicon production site progressing to plan—ground breaking on 19th September
- Continue to make progress in discussions with customers in terms of negotiating long term contracts
- Growth of solar electricity market continues at 35-40% per annum with crystalline wafer technology dominating the market with more than 90%
- Strengthening our position as one of the PV industry's lowest cost wafer producers
- Confident of outlook for the full year 2007





# **Appendix**



### **Management and Board**

| Executive Management |  |  |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Name                 | Position                                 | Experience   |
| Dr Iain Dorrity      | Chief Executive Officer                  | <ul> <li>Expertise in crystallisation of semi-conductor materials</li> <li>18 years international sales and marketing experience within solar industry</li> </ul>  |
| Dr Hubert Aulich     | Executive Director,<br>German Operations | <ul> <li>Renowned expert in silicon-based solar cells</li> <li>25 years international research, development and production experience (Senior Vice President—Siemens Solar)</li> </ul>   |
| Dr Peter Finnegan    | Chief Financial Officer                  | <ul> <li>Doctorate in Corporate Finance and MBA from the Manchester Business School</li> <li>Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants</li> <li>10 years experience as UK Financial Director for an international group</li> </ul> |

| Non-Executive Directors |                           |  |  |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Name                    | Position                  | Experience   |  |
| Maarten Henderson       | Non-Executive<br>Chairman | <ul> <li>2000—2004 CFO of KPN, 2004—2006 CFO of Nuon, currently CFO of Getronics NV</li> <li>Extensive experience of commercial and financial positions in technology companies</li> </ul> |  |
| John Sleeman            | Non-Executive Director    | <ul> <li>28 years with HSBC Investment Bank in corporate finance and advisory roles, ending as<br/>Managing Director, Head of International Team, Corporate Finance</li> </ul>             |  |

| Key Senior Management                                  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Name   | Position   | Experience   |
| Dr Barry Garrard Silicon Ingot Production and Research | 10 years crystallisation research experience at Oxford University  |  |
|  | Engaged in crystallisation and production of silicon for solar uses for over 20 years                                      |  |
| Dr Friedrich-Wilhelm                                   |  | Expert in processing crystalline and amorphous silicon                                   |
| Schulze  |  | 25 years international research, development and production experience (Siemens Solar    |
| nesedicii  | <ul> <li>Development of silicon-based solar cells, production technology and cost optimised mass<br/>production</li> </ul> |  |
| Dr Hilmar Tiefel                                       | Plant Manager<br>Polysilicon Plant   | Responsible for planning, building and operating the new Polysilicon Plant at Bitterfeld |