

Neste Corporation Interim Report January-September 2017



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Excellent quarter - strong performance in all business areas

Third quarter in brief:

- · Comparable operating profit totaled EUR 350 million (EUR 264 million)
- Operating profit totaled EUR 339 million (EUR 319 million)
- Oil Products' total refining margin was USD 11.96/bbl (USD 9.40/bbl)
- Renewable Products' comparable sales margin was USD 435/ton (USD 375/ton)
- Cash flow before financing activities was EUR 283 million (EUR 147 million)

January-September in brief:

- Comparable operating profit totaled EUR 790 million (EUR 721 million)
- Operating profit totaled EUR 875 million (EUR 853 million)
- Cash flow before financing activities was EUR 340 million (EUR 567 million)
- Return on average capital employed (ROACE) was 17.3% over the last 12 months (2016: 16.9%)
- Leverage ratio was 14.1% at the end of September (31 Dec 2016: 15.4%)
- Comparable earnings per share: EUR 2.32 (EUR 2.21)
- Earnings per share: EUR 2.60 (EUR 2.65)

President & CEO Matti Lievonen:

"Neste's strong performance continued in the third quarter, and we are on track to deliver a very successful year 2017. Oil Products' results were supported by a healthy refining margin environment and operational performance. Renewable Products was able to exceed last year's very good performance with higher sales volumes and strong additional margin, which we indicated in our Capital Markets Day communication in September. Marketing & Services continued to improve its profitability and delivered a strong quarterly operating profit. Neste recorded a comparable operating profit of EUR 350 million during the third quarter, compared to EUR 264 million in the corresponding period of 2016.

Oil Products posted a comparable operating profit of EUR 158 million, compared to EUR 120 million in the third quarter of 2016. The refining market was strong driven by good product demand and refinery outages particularly in the US. Reference margin averaged USD 7.2/bbl, which was USD 3.3/bbl higher than in the corresponding period last year. The Porvoo refinery operated at a high 97% utilization rate. Despite the major turnaround held at the Naantali unit during the quarter, we were able to reach a solid additional margin of USD 4.8/bbl. The strategic refinery investments were completed in October, which will further support the additional margin going forward to reach our average additional margin target of at least USD 5.5/bbl.

Renewable Products recorded a comparable operating profit of EUR 171 million, compared to EUR 124 million in the third quarter of 2016. The segment was able to reach an excellent result through higher sales volumes and very successful margin management. The reference margin was over 10% higher than in the third quarter of 2016, and also the additional margin exceeded last year's high level. The share of European sales volumes was 73%, while the share of North American sales was 27%. Operational performance was high as the renewable diesel production facilities operated at 99% utilization rate. The share of waste and residue feedstock was 77% of total renewable inputs.



In Marketing & Services our sales volumes and unit margins were maintained at the previous year's third quarter level. The segment generated a comparable operating profit of EUR 27 million, compared to EUR 25 million in the third quarter of 2016.

Neste expects the Oil Products' reference refining margin to decrease from the peak levels seen during the third quarter, reflecting the end of the driving season. However, the reference margin is expected to remain strong for the season, supported by a healthy global distillates demand. The annual average reference margin for 2017 is expected to be above the previous year's level. The Porvoo refinery is expected to run at a high utilization rate, except for a scheduled four-week decoking maintenance at the Production Line 4 during the fourth quarter. At the Naantali unit the major two-month turnaround and finalization of the conversion changes were completed according to schedule in mid-October.

The Renewable Products' additional margin is expected to stay at a good level during the fourth quarter. Sales volumes of the 100% renewable diesel delivered to end-users are expected to grow from 15% in 2016 and we target to reach 25% of the total sales volumes in 2017. The vegetable oil market is expected to remain volatile, and Neste aims to expand the use of lower-quality waste and residue feedstock. Utilization rates of our renewable diesel facilities are expected to be high, except for a two-week shutdown of the Singapore refinery due to a hydrogen supplier's planned maintenance outage in November. The biopropane unit at the Rotterdam refinery is getting ready for the first product deliveries.

In Marketing & Services the sales volumes and unit margins are expected to follow the previous years' seasonality pattern.

The year has continued well, and we expect the year 2017 to be very successful for Neste."



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The Interim Report is unaudited.

Figures in parentheses refer to the corresponding period for 2016, unless otherwise stated.

Key Figures

EUR million (unless otherwise noted)

	7-9/17	7-9/16	4-6/17	1-9/17	1-9/16	2016
Revenue	3,229	3,034	3,280	9,580	8,268	11,689
EBITDA	431	411	357	1,148	1,125	1,521
Comparable EBITDA*	442	357	328	1,063	993	1,349
Operating profit	339	319	264	875	853	1,155
Comparable operating profit*	350	264	236	790	721	983
Profit before income taxes	331	294	240	807	778	1,075
Net profit	268	253	200	669	681	943
Comparable net profit	276	206	175	594	566	793
Earnings per share, EUR	1.04	0.99	0.78	2.60	2.65	3.67
Comparable earnings per share**, EUR	1.08	0.80	0.68	2.32	2.21	3.10
Investments	144	88	122	364	277	422
Net cash generated from operating activities	390	206	216	650	799	1,193

	30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec
	2017	2016	2016
Total equity	4,120	3,529	3,755
Interest-bearing net debt	674	964	683
Capital employed	5,289	5,016	5,226
Return on average capital employed after tax (ROACE), %	17.3	18.6	16.9
Equity per share, EUR	16.11	13.72	14.60
Leverage ratio, %	14.1	21.4	15.4

^{*} Comparable operating profit is calculated by excluding inventory gains/losses, unrealized changes in the fair value open commodity and currency derivatives, capital gains/losses, insurance and other compensations and other adjustments from the reported operating profit.

^{**} Comparable net profit is calculated by deducting total financial income and expense, income tax expense, non-controlling interests and tax on items affecting comparability from the reported comparable operating profit. Comparable earnings per share is based on comparable net profit.

^{***}Last 12 months



The Group's third-quarter 2017 results

Neste's revenue in the third quarter totaled EUR 3,229 million (3,034 million). The increase mainly resulted from higher sales prices, which had a positive impact of approx. EUR 300 million on the revenue. A weaker USD exchange rate had a negative impact of almost EUR 100 million. The Group's comparable operating profit was EUR 350 million (264 million). Oil Products' result was higher than in the third quarter of 2016, mainly due to the higher reference margin and operational performance. Renewable Products' sales volumes and reference margin were higher than last year. Marketing & Services continued to improve its performance and had a higher comparable operating profit compared to the third quarter of 2016. The Others segment's comparable operating profit also exceeded the level of the corresponding period of 2016.

Oil Products' third-quarter comparable operating profit was EUR 158 million (120 million), Renewable Products' EUR 171 million (124 million), and Marketing & Services' EUR 27 million (25 million). The comparable operating profit of the Others segment totaled EUR -2 million (-6 million); Nynas accounted for EUR 3 million (-3 million) of this figure.

The Group's operating profit was EUR 339 million (319 million), which was impacted by inventory gains of EUR 61 million (18 million), and changes in the fair value of open commodity and currency derivatives of EUR -68 million (24 million), mainly related to hedging of inventories. Profit before income taxes was EUR 331 million (294 million), and net profit EUR 268 million (253 million). Comparable earnings per share were EUR 1.08 (0.80), and earnings per share EUR 1.04 (0.99).

The Group's January-September 2017 results

Neste's revenue during the first nine months totaled EUR 9,580 million (8,268 million). The revenue increase mainly resulted from higher sales prices, which had a positive impact of approx. EUR 1,100 million. Higher sales volumes increased the revenue by approx. EUR 200 million. The Group's comparable operating profit was EUR 790 million (721 million). Oil Products' result was positively impacted by a higher reference margin compared to the corresponding period last year. Renewable Products' higher reference margin and sales volumes compensated the effect of lower additional margin, which was mainly due to expiry of the US Blender's Tax Credit at the end of 2016. Marketing & Services' result has been negatively impacted by lower unit margins. The Others segment recorded a similar comparable operating profit as in the first nine months of 2016.

Oil Products' nine-month comparable operating profit was EUR 406 million (355 million), Renewable Products' EUR 352 million (323 million), and Marketing & Services' EUR 57 million (70 million). The comparable operating profit of the Others segment totaled EUR -24 million (-25 million); Nynas accounted for EUR -5 million (2 million) of this figure.

The Group's operating profit was EUR 875 million (853 million), which was impacted by inventory gains totaling EUR 33 million (229 million), and changes in the fair value of open commodity and currency derivatives totaling EUR 37 million (-107 million), mainly related to hedging of inventories. Profit before income taxes was EUR 807 million (778 million), and net profit EUR 669 million (681 million). Comparable earnings per share were EUR 2.32 (2.21), and earnings per share EUR 2.60 (2.65).



	7-9/17	7-9/16	4-6/17	1-9/17	1-9/16	2016
COMPARABLE OPERATING PROFIT	350	264	236	790	721	983
inventory gains/losseschanges in the fair value of open	61	18	-70	33	229	280
commodity and currency derivatives	-68	24	82	37	-107	-118
- capital gains/losses	0	12	0	3	23	23
- insurance and other compensations	0	0	0	0	0	0
- other adjustments	-4	0	17	13	-13	-13
OPERATING PROFIT	339	319	264	875	853	1,155

Variance analysis (comparison to corresponding period), MEUR

	7-9	1-9
Comparable operating profit, 2016	264	721
Sales volumes	22	83
Reference margin	107	173
Additional margin	-25	-143
Currency exchange	-21	5
Fixed costs	-11	-31
Others	14	-16
Comparable operating profit, 2017	350	790

Variance analysis by segment (comparison to corresponding period), MEUR

	7-9	1-9
Group comparable operating profit, 2016	264	721
Oil Products	38	51
Renewable Products	47	28
Marketing & Services	1	-13
Others including eliminations	0	2
Group comparable operating profit, 2017	350	790

Financial targets

Return on average capital employed after tax (ROACE) and leverage ratio are Neste's key financial targets. ROACE figures are based on comparable results. The company's long-term ROACE target is 15%, and the leverage ratio target was recently revised to below 40%. At the end of September, ROACE calculated over the last 12 months was maintained over the target level, and leverage ratio remained in the targeted area.

	30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec
	2017	2016	2016
Return on average capital employed after tax (ROACE)*, %	17.3	18.6	16.9
Leverage ratio (net debt to capital), %	14.1	21.4	15.4

^{*}Last 12 months



Cash flow, investments and financing

The Group's net cash generated from operating activities totaled EUR 650 million (799 million) during the first nine months of 2017. The difference mainly resulted from Blender's Tax Credit payments concerning the full-year 2015 and year 2016 received during the first half of 2016. The increased finance costs also included one-off costs related to the partial repurchase of existing bonds during the second quarter. Cash flow before financing activities was EUR 340 million (567 million). The Group's net working capital in days outstanding was 30.7 days (30.0 days) on a rolling 12-month basis at the end of the third quarter.

	7-9/17	7-9/16	4-6/17	1-9/17	1-9/16	2016
EBITDA	431	411	357	1,148	1,125	1,521
Capital gains/losses	0	-13	0	-3	-27	-28
Other adjustments	69	-18	-81	-34	123	121
Change in working capital	-80	-85	59	-249	-271	-229
Finance cost, net	20	-40	-68	-99	-64	-56
Income taxes paid	-51	-50	-50	-114	-86	-137
Net cash generated from operating activities	390	206	216	650	799	1,193
Capital expenditure	-131	-83	-108	-338	-291	-407
Other investing activities	24	24	-26	28	59	49
Free cash flow (Cash flow before financing activities)	283	147	82	340	567	834

Cash-out investments were EUR 338 million (291 million) during January-September. Maintenance investments accounted for EUR 133 million (96 million) and productivity and strategic investments for EUR 205 million (195 million). Oil Products' investments amounted to EUR 178 million (184 million), with the largest projects being the Solvent Deasphalting (SDA) unit at Porvoo refinery and the Naantali unit configuration changes. Renewable Products' investments were EUR 68 million (72 million), mainly related to the biopropane unit investment at the Rotterdam refinery. Marketing & Services' investments totaled EUR 30 million (16 million) and were focused on the retail station network. Investments in the Others segment were EUR 62 million (19 million), concentrating on ICT and business infrastructure upgrade, and the acquisition of Jacobs Engineering's stake in Neste Jacobs.

Interest-bearing net debt was EUR 674 million at the end of September, compared to EUR 683 million at the end of 2016. Net financial expenses for the first nine months were EUR 68 million (75 million). The average interest rate of borrowing at the end of September was 3.1% (3.5%) and the average maturity 4.8 (3.8) years. At the end of the third quarter the interest-bearing net debt/comparable EBITDA ratio was 0.5 (0.7) over the previous 12 months.

The leverage ratio was 14.1% (31 Dec 2016: 15.4%), and the gearing ratio 16.4% (31 Dec 2016: 18.2%). The Group has a strong financial position, which enables implementation of our growth strategy going forward while maintaining a healthy dividend distribution.

The Group's cash and cash equivalents and committed, unutilized credit facilities amounted to EUR 2,146 million as of the end of September (31 Dec 2016: 2,438 million). There are no financial covenants in the Group companies' current loan agreements.



In accordance with its hedging policy, Neste hedges a large part of its net foreign currency exposure for the next 12 months, mainly using forward contracts and currency options. The most important hedged currency is the US dollar. At the end of September the Group's foreign currency hedging ratio was above 50% for the next 12 months.

US dollar exchange rate

	7-9/17	7-9/16	4-6/17	1-9/17	1-9/16	2016
EUR/USD, market rate	1.17	1.12	1.10	1.14	1.12	1.11
EUR/USD, effective rate*	1.13	1.12	1.10	1.11	1.11	1.11

^{*} The effective rate includes the impact of currency hedges.

Segment reviews

Neste's businesses are grouped into four reporting segments: Oil Products, Renewable Products, Marketing & Services, and Others.

Oil Products

Key financials

	7-9/17	7-9/16	4-6/17	1-9/17	1-9/16	2016
Revenue, MEUR	2,045	1,961	2,080	6,134	5,235	7,395
EBITDA, MEUR	251	182	182	666	602	780
Comparable EBITDA, MEUR	210	177	174	562	519	670
Comparable operating profit, MEUR	158	120	122	406	355	453
IFRS operating profit, MEUR	199	125	130	510	438	563
Net assets, MEUR	2,538	2,443	2,597	2,538	2,443	2,424
Return on net assets*, %	25.2	17.9	22.4	25.2	17.9	23.2
Comparable return on net assets*, %	20.0	18.2	18.6	20.0	18.2	18.7

^{*} Last 12 months

Variance analysis (comparison to corresponding period), MEUR

	7-9	1-9
Comparable operating profit, 2016	120	355
Sales volumes	-12	-3
Reference margin	84	87
Additional margin	-30	-25
Currency exchange	-12	2
Fixed costs	-4	-21
Others	12	10
Comparable operating profit, 2017	158	406



Key drivers

	7-9/17	7-9/16	4-6/17	1-9/17	1-9/16	2016
Reference refining margin, USD/bbl	7.21	3.85	5.68	5.94	4.77	4.88
Additional margin, USD/bbl	4.76	5.55	4.99	5.27	5.55	5.50
Total refining margin, USD/bbl	11.96	9.40	10.67	11.20	10.32	10.38
Urals-Brent price differential, USD/bbl	-1.02	-2.38	-1.55	-1.56	-2.57	-2.48
Urals' share of total refinery input, %	66	74	74	71	69	68

Oil Products' third-quarter comparable operating profit totaled EUR 158 million, compared to EUR 120 million in the third quarter of 2016. The average reference margin reflected a healthy refining market and was USD 3.3/bbl higher than in the corresponding period last year, which had a positive impact of EUR 84 million on the segment's operating profit. The additional margin, impacted by a narrower Russian crude price differential to Brent and the turnaround at the Naantali unit, was USD 0.8/bbl lower than in the third quarter of 2016. The lower additional margin had a negative impact of EUR 30 million on the segment's operating profit compared to the corresponding period last year. Our sales volumes were slightly lower than in the third quarter of 2016 due to the Naantali maintenance and timing of some export shipments. Lower sales volumes and a weaker USD exchange rate each had a negative impact of EUR 12 million on the comparable operating profit compared to the third quarter of 2016. Oil Products' comparable return on net assets was 20.0% (18.2%) at the end of September over the previous 12 months.

The use of Russian crude was 66% (74%) of total input. The average utilization rate at the Porvoo refinery was 97% (92%), which reflected very good operational performance during the third quarter. The Naantali unit recorded an average utilization rate of 36% (63%) mainly as a result of the major two-month turnaround.

During the third quarter the Brent crude oil price was trending up in a range from USD 47 to USD 59/bbl. The crude oil market was supported by the agreement between OPEC and non-OPEC countries to cut oil production. However, the relatively high oil production in Libya and Nigeria partly offset the impact of OPEC's volume reductions. The US oil rig count number came modestly down during the quarter, which also supported crude oil market. In September Hurricane Harvey closed temporarily around 25% of the US refining capacity thus impacting both crude oil market and product margins.

The Russian Export Blend (REB) crude averaged USD 1.0/bbl lower than Brent during the third quarter. Strong fuel oil margins, OPEC production cuts in heavier crude qualities, and maintenance works on the Primorsk crude pipeline system narrowed the REB price differential.

Neste reference margin was strong during the third quarter. Good oil product demand, tighter product market balances after an active refinery maintenance period, the US summer driving season supported product margins. Hurricane Harvey caused a clear spike in refining margins during early September. Both diesel and gasoline margins were materially higher compared to the third quarter of the previous year. On average gasoline was the strongest part of the barrel during the third quarter. Neste's reference margin averaged USD 7.2/bbl in the quarter.

Oil Products' nine-month comparable operating profit was EUR 406 million (355 million). During the first nine months the reference margin was almost USD 1.2/bbl higher than in the corresponding period last year, which had a positive impact of EUR 87 million on the comparable operating profit. The lower additional margin had a negative impact of 25 million compared to the corresponding period last year. Sales volumes were in line with the first nine months of 2016. During the first nine months the segment's fixed costs were EUR 21 million higher than in the corresponding period of the previous year, mainly due to maintenance activities.



Production

	7-9/17	7-9/16	4-6/17	1-9/17	1-9/16	2016
Porvoo refinery production, 1,000 ton	3,241	2,976	3,004	9,242	8,948	11,718
Porvoo refinery utilization rate, %	97	92	92	94	92	89
Naantali refinery production, 1,000 ton	243	479	481	1,236	1,412	1,869
Naantali refinery utilization rate, %	36	63	63	56	65	62
Refinery production costs, USD/bbl	4.0	3.7	4.3	4.0	3.8	4.2
Bahrain base oil plant production, (Neste's share) 1,000 ton	55	52	46	153	148	159

Sales from in-house production, by product category (1,000 t)

	7-9/17	%	7-9/16	%	4-6/17	%	1-9/17	%	1-9/16	%	2016	%
Middle distillates*	1,793	50	1,761	45	1,701	47	4,996	48	4,938	46	6,590	46
Light distillates**	1,106	31	1,352	35	1,190	33	3,367	32	3,521	33	4,706	33
Heavy fuel oil	361	10	381	10	395	11	1,145	11	1,180	11	1,594	11
Base oils	107	3	105	3	116	3	332	3	352	3	461	3
Other products	219	6	308	8	244	7	655	6	720	7	965	7
TOTAL	3,587	100	3,907	100	3,647	100	10,495	100	10,711	100	14,316	100

Sales from in-house production, by market area (1,000 t)

	7-9/17	%	7-9/16	%	4-6/17	%	1-9/17	%	1-9/16	%	2016	%
Baltic Sea area*	2,110	59	2,170	56	2,044	56	6,098	58	6,206	58	8,037	56
Other Europe	1,210	34	1,109	28	1,309	36	3,580	34	3,220	30	4,596	32
North America	175	5	508	13	269	7	568	5	962	9	1,198	8
Other areas	93	3	120	3	25	1	249	2	324	3	485	3

^{*} Finland, Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Denmark

Renewable Products

Key financials

	7-9/17	7-9/16	4-6/17	1-9/17	1-9/16	2016
Revenue, MEUR	793	640	828	2,320	1,820	2,690
EBITDA, MEUR	146	188	150	413	439	628
Comparable EBITDA, MEUR	198	150	128	433	402	578
Comparable operating profit, MEUR	171	124	101	352	323	469
Operating profit, MEUR	119	162	122	332	360	518
Net assets, MEUR	1,870	1,803	1,895	1,870	1,803	1,811
Return on net assets*, %	26.6	32.3	29.3	26.6	32.3	28.6
Comparable return on net assets*, %	27.0	31.0	24.8	27.0	31.0	25.9

^{*} Last 12 months

^{*} Diesel, jet fuel, heating oil ** Motor gasoline, gasoline components, LPG



Variance analysis (comparison to corresponding period), MEUR

	7-9	1-9
Comparable operating profit, 2016	124	323
Sales volumes	35	84
Reference margin	23	86
Additional margin	5	-118
Currency exchange	-9	1
Fixed costs	-6	-20
Others	-1	-3
Comparable operating profit, 2017	171	352

Key drivers

	7-9/17	7-9/16	4-6/17	1-9/17	1-9/16	2016
FAME - Palm oil price differential*, USD/ton	231	204	233	231	170	194
SME - Palm oil price differential**, USD/ton	254	238	232	222	189	222
Reference margin, USD/ton	290	260	278	280	239	268
Additional margin***, USD/ton	256	245	101	161	246	210
Comparable sales margin, USD/ton	435	375	270	331	355	348
Biomass-based diesel (D4) RIN, USD/gal	1.08	0.99	1.03	1.02	0.86	0.91
California LCFS Credit, USD/ton	87	78	75	85	103	101
Palm oil price****, USD/ton	628	612	587	626	621	634
Crude palm oil's share of total feedstock, %	22	18	18	23	16	19

^{*} FAME (Fatty Acid Methyl Ester) seasonal vs. CPO BMD 3rd (Crude Palm Oil Bursa Malaysia Derivatives 3rd month futures price) + 70 \$/t freight to ARA (Amsterdam-Rotterdam-Antwerp)

Renewable Products' third-quarter comparable operating profit totaled EUR 171 million, compared to EUR 124 million in the third quarter of 2016. The reference margin was 12% higher than in the third quarter of 2016, which had a positive impact of EUR 23 million on the operating profit year-on-year. As a result of successful margin management, our additional margin slightly exceeded the level in the corresponding period last year, which was a major achievement considering the lack of the US Blender's Tax Credit during 2017. Sales volumes were 637,000 tons, approx. 17% higher than in the third quarter of 2016. Higher sales volumes had a positive impact of EUR 35 million compared to the corresponding period last year. During the third quarter approx. 73% (65%) of sales volumes were allocated to the European market and 27% (35%) to North America. The share of 100% renewable diesel delivered to end-users increased to 27% in the third quarter. Our renewable diesel production achieved an average utilization rate of 99% (100%) during the quarter. The proportion of waste and residue inputs was 77% (79%) on average. The segment's fixed costs were EUR 6 million higher than in the third quarter of 2016, mainly related to strategic growth projects. Renewable Products' comparable return on net assets was 27.0% (31.0%) at the end of September based on the previous 12 months.

Vegetable oil prices trended up during the third quarter. At the beginning of the quarter rapeseed oil (RSO) and soybean oil (SBO) prices lead the upward movement due to concerns about the European rapeseed crop and introduction of a provisional anti-subsidy tariff against Argentinian biodiesel in the US. Crude palm oil (CPO) prices also increased during the quarter as strong export volumes were seen to exceed CPO production recovery.

^{**} SME (Soy Methyl Ester) US Gulf Coast vs. CPO BMD 3rd + 70 \$/t freight to ARA

^{***} Based on standard variable production cost of USD 130/ton in 2016 and USD 110/ton in 2017 figures

^{****} CPO BMD 3rd



Margins in the conventional biodiesel production improved on both sides of the Atlantic. In Europe, Fatty Acid Methyl Ester (FAME) margin was particularly strong in July and August before the European Commission announced the lowering of anti-dumping tariffs against Argentinian Soy Methyl Ester (SME) imports. In the US, SME margins improved and remained strong despite the discussion on the US Environmental Protection Agency EPA possibly reducing the proposed biodiesel mandate level for 2018. Renewable Identification Number (RIN D4) prices peaked at around USD 1.10/gallon, but decreased during the rest of the quarter in line with stronger oil prices and the uncertainty surrounding the next year's volume mandate. The California Low Carbon Fuels Standard (LCFS) credit price increased based on a supportive demand supply balance and reconfirmation of the program's future.

Renewable Products' nine-month comparable operating profit was EUR 352 million (323 million). During the first nine months reference margin averaged higher than in the corresponding period last year and had a positive impact of EUR 86 million on the segment's operating profit. Even though our additional margin improved significantly during the third quarter, it was still cumulatively lower compared to the first nine months of last year, mainly due to the expiry of the US Blender's Tax Credit and higher production costs. The lower additional margin had a negative impact of EUR 118 million year-on-year. Higher sales volumes had a positive impact of EUR 84 million compared to the corresponding period last year. The segment's fixed costs were EUR 20 million higher than in the first nine months of the previous year, mainly related to strategic growth projects.

Production

	7-9/17	7-9/16	4-6/17	1-9/17	1-9/16	2016
Neste MY Renewable Diesel, 1,000 ton	659	631	635	1,942	1,662	2,213
Other products, 1,000 ton	51	50	43	143	137	182
Utilization rate, %	99	100	96	98	89	88

Sales

	7-9/17	7-9/16	4-6/17	1-9/17	1-9/16	2016
Neste MY Renewable Diesel, 1,000 ton	637	544	674	1,854	1,560	2,222
Share of sales volumes to Europe, %	73	65	68	74	65	66
Share of sales volumes to North America, %	27	35	32	26	35	34



Marketing & Services

Key financials

	7-9/17	7-9/16	4-6/17	1-9/17	1-9/16	2016
Revenue, MEUR	986	925	952	2,886	2,587	3,552
EBITDA, MEUR	33	31	25	76	86	111
Comparable EBITDA, MEUR	33	31	25	76	86	112
Comparable operating profit, MEUR	27	25	19	57	70	90
Operating profit, MEUR	27	25	19	57	70	89
Net assets, MEUR	304	208	204	304	208	196
Return on net assets*, %	34.0	44.2	37.2	34.0	44.2	47.3
Comparable return on net assets*, %	34.0	46.7	37.2	34.0	46.7	47.5

^{*} Last 12 months

Variance analysis (comparison to corresponding period), MEUR

	7-9	1-9
Comparable operating profit, 2016	25	70
Sales volumes	0	0
Unit margins	0	-9
Currency exchange	0	2
Fixed costs	2	0
Others	-1	-7
Comparable operating profit, 2017	27	57

Marketing & Services' comparable operating profit was EUR 27 million (25 million) in the third quarter of 2017. Sales volumes were maintained at the same level as in the corresponding period last year. Traffic fuel demand is seasonally highest during the summer period, and heavy duty traffic is recovering well in Finland. Average unit margins have normalized, but all focus markets continue to be competitive. Lower fixed costs had a positive impact of EUR 2 million on the comparable operating profit compared to the third quarter of 2016. Marketing & Services' comparable return on net assets was 34.0% (46.7%) at the end of September on a rolling 12-month basis.

Marketing & Services segment's nine-month comparable operating profit was EUR 57 million (70 million). Sales volumes were unchanged compared to the corresponding period last year. Average unit margins were clearly lower during the first half of the year, particularly in Finland and Russia, which had a negative impact of EUR 9 million on the result compared to the first nine months of the previous year. Higher depreciations and lower other income resulted in EUR 7 million lower profit contribution compared to the corresponding period last year.

Sales volumes by main product categories, million liters

	7-9/17	7-9/16	4-6/17	1-9/17	1-9/16	2016
Gasoline station sales	290	302	279	816	837	1,112
Diesel station sales	444	436	433	1,294	1,262	1,695
Heating oil	153	152	136	436	440	620



Net sales by market area, MEUR

	7-9/17	7-9/16	4-6/17	1-9/17	1-9/16	2016
Finland	712	645	679	2,085	1,837	2,497
Northwest Russia	72	65	76	217	178	248
Baltic countries	202	214	195	584	571	777

Others

Key financials

	7-9/17	7-9/16	4-6/17	1-9/17	1-9/16	2016
Comparable operating profit, MEUR	-2	-6	-6	-24	-25	-23
IFRS operating profit, MEUR	-2	6	-6	-24	-13	-11

The Others segment consists of the engineering and technology solutions company Neste Jacobs; Nynas, a joint venture 50/50-owned by Neste and Petróleos de Venezuela; and common corporate costs. Neste acquired Jacobs Engineering's 40% stake in Neste Jacobs in September. The comparable operating profit of the Others segment totaled EUR -2 million (-6 million) in the third quarter; Nynas accounted for EUR 3 million (-3 million) of this figure.

The nine-month comparable operating profit of the Others segment totaled EUR -24 million (-25 million); Nynas accounted for EUR -5 million (2 million) of this figure.

Shares, share trading, and ownership

Neste's shares are traded on NASDAQ Helsinki Ltd. The share price closed the quarter at EUR 36.95, up by 7.1% compared to the end of second quarter. At its highest during the quarter, the share closing price reached EUR 37.79 while at its lowest the price stood at EUR 34.51. Market capitalization was EUR 9.5 billion as of 30 September 2017. An average of 0.51 million shares were traded daily, representing 0.2% of the company's shares.

Neste's share capital registered with the Company Register as of 30 September 2017 totaled EUR 40 million, and the total number of shares was 256,403,686. As resolved by the AGM held on 1 April 2015, the Board of Directors was authorized to purchase and/or take as security a maximum of 1,000,000 company shares using the company's unrestricted equity. At the end of September 2017, Neste held 613,545 treasury shares purchased under this authorization. The Board of Directors has no authorization to issue convertible bonds, share options, or new shares.

As of 30 September 2017, the Finnish State owned 50.1% (50.1% at the end of the second quarter) of outstanding shares, foreign institutions 30.7% (30.6%), Finnish institutions 9.9% (9.8%), and Finnish households 9.3% (9.5%).

Personnel

Neste employed an average of 5,284 (5,015) employees during the first nine months of 2017, of which 1,674 (1,578) were based outside Finland. At the end of September, the company had 5,366 employees (5,028), of which 1,759 (1,608) were located outside Finland.



Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)

Key figures

	7-9/17	7-9/16	1-9/17	1-9/16	2016
TRIF*	1.8	3.7	2.3	3.0	2.8
PSER**	2.3	2.8	2.2	3.3	3.1
GHG reduction, Mton***	2.0	1.9	5.8	5.0	6.7

^{*}Total Recordable Incident Frequency, number of cases per million hours worked. Includes both Neste's and contractors' personnel.

Neste's occupational safety performance, measured by the key TRIF indicator, improved during the third quarter and cumulatively in 2017 compared to the previous year. During the third quarter the main focus was on contractor safety and the Naantali unit turnaround, which was carried out without serious accidents. PSER, the main indicator for process safety, improved compared to the third quarter of 2016. Several initiatives are under way to ensure reaching the safety targets for 2017. Our long-term safety development activities continue according to the corporate-wide Way Forward to Safety program plan focusing on behavior, leadership, operational discipline, process safety and contractor safety. Short-term actions focus additionally on learning from incidents and effectiveness of the agreed actions, and during the fourth quarter particularly on good preparation for the winter period including avoiding slipping and falling accidents.

Neste produces renewable products that enable our customers to reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. We have introduced a target of 7.0 million tons for this GHG reduction in 2017. During the first nine months we achieved 82% of our annual GHG reduction target.

Neste's operational environmental emissions were in substantial compliance at all sites during the third quarter. A total of two minor non-compliance cases occurred at Neste's operations with limited local environmental impact only. No serious environmental incidents resulting in liability occurred at Neste's refineries or other production sites.

The Neste Human Rights Principle has been developed in full and circulated among internal as well as relevant external stakeholders for consultation. The final version of the Human Rights Principle was approved in August. The Neste Code of Conduct guides us to make responsible choices in our work every day. A renewed Ethics Online system, made available at Neste's website, allows internal and external stakeholders to easily express their concerns anonymously if they find or believe that our business conditions are not in accordance with the Code of Conduct. Neste was included in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) World Index for the 11th consecutive time. In this year's analysis, Neste ranks high especially with regard to human rights, labor practice indicators, and in matters related to occupational health and safety. Furthermore, Neste was the best in industry in corporate governance and in water related risks.

Read more about the topics on Neste's website.

Main events published during the reporting period

On 9 August, Neste announced that it would begin a two-month shutdown at its Naantali refinery. The major turnaround will complete the plan to implement closer integration of the operations of the two Finnish refineries under uniform management. The Finnish refinery operations of Neste consist of four production lines at the Porvoo refinery, and one in Naantali.

^{**} Process Safety Event Rate, number of cases per million hours worked.

^{***} Cumulative greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction achieved with Neste's renewable diesel compared to crude oil based diesel. Calculation method complies with the EU Renewable Energy Directive (RES 2009/28/EU).



On 6 September, Neste announced that its Shareholders' Nomination Board had been appointed with the following members: The Chair Pekka Timonen, Director General of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment; Timo Ritakallio, President and CEO of Ilmarinen Mutual Pension Insurance Company; Elli Aaltonen, Director General of the Finnish Social Insurance Institution, and Jorma Eloranta, the Chair of Neste's Board of Directors.

On 13 September, Neste announced that it collaborates with Genève Aéroport to offer sustainable and renewable solutions for aviation. Neste and Genève Aéroport are pioneering together to make flying more sustainable by starting to decarbonize aviation towards fossil neutral growth. Genève Aéroport is planning the introduction of renewable jet fuel at the Geneva International Airport; the target is that at least 1% of the annual jet fuel consumption at the airport shall be composed of renewable jet fuel starting late 2018.

On 19 September, Neste held a Capital Markets Day in London under the theme "Delivering profitable growth". Neste's long-term financial targets are leverage ratio and ROACE after tax. The leverage target was revised to below 40%. The ROACE target remains at 15%. Neste's new dividend policy is to distribute at least 50% of the company's comparable net profit for the year. The company intends to distribute the annual dividend in two installments, and this will be proposed to the Annual General Meeting 2018.

The strategic objectives remain unchanged: be the Baltic Sea champion and create global renewables growth. Neste seeks value growth in all business areas in its home markets in the Baltic Sea area. This will be reached by offering win-win solutions to customers, further improvements in operational performance and refinery transformation. Neste is the global leader in the renewable diesel market, and is committed to developing significant business from outside road transportation markets by 2020. Sales volumes of the 100% renewable diesel delivered to end-users are targeted to grow from approx. 25% in 2017 to 50% of the total sales in 2020. Neste has introduced a Green Hub concept to promote renewable jet fuel use through airport partnerships, and the first partnership was recently announced with the Geneva Airport. Following a successful production trial, Neste aims to make the first commercial delivery of bio-based plastics during the first half of 2018.

Neste's target is to increase its renewables capacity further, and it will continue the debottlenecking of the existing capacity to 3 million tons/a by 2020. The company will finalize the feasibility studies for a new, up to 1 million ton/a production capacity by the end of 2017. These feasibility studies include the selection of the site location as well as an updated feedstock and demand outlook. The project scope includes renewable diesel and jet fuel production as well as pretreatment enabling processing of lower-quality raw materials. Neste aims to make the final investment decision on a new production unit by the end of 2018 with a target to have it operational by 2022.

At the Capital Markets Day event the company also updated its short-term outlook. Neste expects Oil Products' reference refining margin to continue strong into the autumn and to average above the previous year's level in 2017. Global demand for oil products has continued healthy and a number of supply disruptions have recently occurred at refineries on both sides of the Atlantic.

During the second half of 2017 Renewable Products' additional margin is expected to be higher than in the first half of the year. Sales volumes of the 100% renewable diesel delivered to end-users are expected to grow and we target to reach 25% of the total sales volumes in 2017. The vegetable oil market is expected to remain volatile, and Neste aims to expand the use of lower-quality waste and residue feedstock. Utilization rates of our renewable diesel facilities are expected to be high. The biopropane unit at the Rotterdam refinery is getting ready for the first product deliveries.



On 29 September, Neste announced that it acquires Jacob Engineering's stake in Neste Jacobs Oy. Neste and Jacobs Engineering Group have agreed that Neste acquires the 40% shareholding of Jacobs in Neste Jacobs Oy. After this transaction, Neste holds all shares in Neste Jacobs. The sale and purchase agreement has been signed.

Potential risks

There have been no significant changes in Neste's short-term risks or uncertainties since the end of the second quarter 2017.

Key market risks affecting Neste's financial results for the next 12 months include rapid changes in global oil markets, unexpected changes in the product and feedstock prices of Oil Products and/or Renewable Products, weakening of USD against EUR, and adverse changes in the current biofuel legislation in our main markets. Any scheduled or unexpected shutdowns at Neste's refineries would have a negative effect on Neste's financial results.

For more detailed information on Neste's risks and risk management, please refer to the Annual Report and the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Outlook

Developments in the global economy have been reflected in the oil, renewable fuel, and renewable feedstock markets; and volatility in these markets is expected to continue.

Global crude oil inventories are expected to stay high for the foreseeable future in spite of the OPEC production cuts as the crude oil supply is expected to remain high. Global oil demand growth estimates for 2017 by recognized experts currently vary between 1.3 and 1.6 million bbl/d. In light of the expected refining capacity growth the global product supply and demand looks relatively balanced.

Vegetable oil price differentials are expected to vary, depending on crop outlooks, weather phenomena, and variations in demand for different feedstocks. Market volatility in feedstock prices is expected to continue, which will have an impact on the Renewable Products segment's profitability.

Neste expects Oil Products' reference refining margin to decrease from the peak levels seen during the third quarter, reflecting the end of the driving season. However, the reference margin is expected to remain strong for the season, supported by a healthy global distillates demand. The annual average reference margin for 2017 is expected to be above the previous year's level. The Porvoo refinery is expected to run at a high utilization rate, except for a scheduled four-week decoking maintenance at the Production Line 4 during the fourth quarter. At the Naantali unit the major two-month turnaround and finalization of the conversion changes were completed according to schedule in mid-October.

Renewable Products' additional margin is expected to stay at a good level during the fourth quarter. Sales volumes of the 100% renewable diesel delivered to end-users are expected to grow from 15% in 2016 and we target to reach 25% of the total sales volumes in 2017. The vegetable oil market is expected to remain volatile, and Neste aims to expand the use of lower-quality waste and residue feedstock. Utilization rates of our renewable diesel facilities are expected to be high, except for a two-week shutdown of the Singapore refinery due to a hydrogen supplier's planned maintenance outage in November. The biopropane unit at the Rotterdam refinery is getting ready for the first product deliveries.



In Marketing & Services the sales volumes and unit margins are expected to follow the previous years' seasonality pattern.

The year has continued well, and we expect the year 2017 to be very successful for Neste.

Reporting date for the company's fourth-quarter and full-year 2017 results

Neste will publish its fourth-quarter and full-year results on 7 February 2018 at approximately 9:00 a.m. EET.

Espoo, 25 October 2017

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Conference call

A conference call in English for investors and analysts will be held today, 26 October 2017, at 3 p.m. Finland / 1 p.m. London / 8 a.m. New York. The call-in numbers are as follows: Finland: +358 (0)9 2310 1620, rest of Europe: +44 (0)20 3427 1913, US: +1 646 254 3360, using access code 9532061. The conference call can be followed at the company's web site. An instant replay of the call will be available until 2 November 2017 at +358 (0)9 8171 0562 for Finland, +44 (0)20 7660 0134 for Europe and +1 719 457 0820 for the US, using access code 9532061.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY AND NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

							Last 12
MEUR	Note	7-9/2017	7-9/2016	1-9/2017	1-9/2016	1-12/2016	months
Revenue	3	3,229	3,034	9,580	8,268	11,689	13,001
Other income		5	20	17	56	71	31
Share of profit (loss) of joint ventures		4	-3	-3	4	14	7
Materials and services		-2,632	-2,477	-7,890	-6,679	-9,519	-10,730
Employee benefit costs		-84	-77	-270	-253	-349	-366
Depreciation, amortization and impairments	3	-92	-93	-273	-272	-366	-367
Other expenses		-90	-87	-286	-272	-386	-399
Operating profit		339	319	875	853	1,155	1,177
Financial income and expenses							
Financial income		1	1	3	3	4	4
Financial expenses		-10	-14	-63	-49	-67	-81
Exchange rate and fair value gains and losses		0	-11	-7	-29	-17	5
Total financial income and expenses		-9	-25	-68	-75	-79	-72
Profit before income taxes		331	294	807	778	1,075	1,105
Income tax expense		-63	-41	-138	-97	-133	-173
Profit for the period		268	253	669	681	943	932
Profit attributable to:							
Owners of the parent		267	252	666	678	939	928
Non-controlling interests 1)		1	1	3	3	4	4
		268	253	669	681	943	932
Earnings per share from profit attributable to the owners of the parent (in							
euro per share) 1)							
Basic earnings per share		1.04	0.99	2.60	2.65	3.67	3.63
Diluted earnings per share		1.04	0.99	2.60	2.65	3.66	3.62
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¹⁾ Neste acquired Jacobs Engineering's 40% stake in Neste Jacobs in September 2017 and after this transaction Neste holds all shares in Neste Jacobs. Non-controlling interests include cumulative profit attributable to non-controlling interests of Neste Jacobs until the acquisition date 29 September 2017.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

						Last 12
MEUR	7-9/2017	7-9/2016	1-9/2017	1-9/2016	1-12/2016	months
Profit for the period	268	253	669	681	943	932
Other comprehensive income net of tax:						
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss						
Remeasurements on defined benefit plans	-1	-2	1	-12	-21	-8
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss						
Translation differences	-2	-6	-9	-3	6	0
Cash flow hedges						
recorded in equity	12	0	69	14	-20	36
transferred to income statement	-15	-1	-2	4	6	-1
Net investment hedges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets	0	-10	0	0	0	0
Share of other comprehensive income of investments accounted for using the equity method	0	-6	10	-5	-9	6
Total	-4	-22	68	11	-17	40
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	-6	-24	69	-1	-38	32
Total comprehensive income for the period	262	229	738	680	905	964
Total comprehensive income attributable to:						
Owners of the parent	261	228	735	677	902	960
Non-controlling interests	1	1	3	3	4	4
	262	229	738	680	905	964



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

MEUR	Note		30 Sep 2017	30 Sep 2016	31 Dec 2016
mLUN.	Note		2017	2010	2010
ASSETS					
Non-current assets Intangible assets	5		92	79	87
Property, plant and equipment	5		3,793	3,715	3,747
Investments in joint ventures			221	209	216
Non-current receivables			52	56	55
Deferred tax assets	7		36	35	39
Derivative financial instruments Available-for-sale financial assets	7		4 5	11 4	5
Total non-current assets			4,202	4,110	4,157
Current assets					
Inventories			1,565	1,316	1,416
Trade and other receivables	7		963 84	913	1,034
Derivative financial instruments Cash and cash equivalents	7		496	35 523	48 788
Total current assets			3,108	2,786	3,285
Total assets			7,310	6,896	7,443
EQUITY					
Capital and reserves attributable to the owners of the parent			40	40	40
Share capital Other equity	2		40 4,080	40 3,468	40 3,693
Total	2		4,120	3,508	3,733
Non-controlling interest			0	22	22
Total equity			4,120	3,529	3,755
LIABILITIES					
Non-current liabilities					
Interest-bearing liabilities			1,017	1,120	1,117
Deferred tax liabilities Provisions			253 54	255 41	246 53
Pension liabilities			132	126	136
Derivative financial instruments	7		0	4	2
Other non-current liabilities Total non-current liabilities			15 1,471	10 1,556	1,565
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Current liabilities			450	200	25.4
Interest-bearing liabilities Current tax liabilities			152 58	366 50	354 40
Derivative financial instruments	7		92	91	164
Trade and other payables			1,417	1,303	1,565
Total current liabilities			1,719	1,810	2,123
Total liabilities			3,190	3,367	3,688
Total equity and liabilities			7,310	6,896	7,443
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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT					
MEUR Cash flow from operating activities	7-9/2017	7-9/2016	1-9/2017	1-9/2016	1-12/2016
Cash flow from operating activities Profit before income taxes	331	294	807	778	1,075
Adjustments, total	169	86	304	443	538
Change in working capital	-80	-85	-249	-271	-229
Cash generated from operations	420	296	863	949	1,385
Finance cost, net Income taxes paid	20 -51	-40 -50	-99 -114	-64 -86	-56 -137
Net cash generated from operating activities	390	206	650	799	1,193
Cash flows from investing activities					
Capital expenditure	-104 -27	-83	-311	-291	-407
Transactions with non-controlling interests Proceeds from sales of fixed assets	-27 0	0	-27 4	0 40	40
Changes in non-current receivables and available-for-sale financial assets	24	24	23	20	9
Cash flows from investing activities	-107	-59	-310	-232	-359
Cash flow before financing activities	283	147	340	567	834
Cash flows from financing activities					
Net change in loans and other financing activities	4	-302	-284	-384	-387
Dividends paid to the owners of the parent	0	0	-332	-256	-256
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests Cash flows from financing activities	-13 -9	-1 -303	-15 -631	-1 -641	-1 -644
Net increase (+)/decrease (-) in cash and cash equivalents	274	-156	-291	-74	
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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN TOTAL EQUITY

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			invested		Fair value	Actuarial				Non-	
	Share	Reserve	unrestricted	Treasury	and other	gains and	Translation	Retained	Owners of	controlling	Total
MEUR	capital	fund	equity	shares	reserves	losses	differences	earnings	the parent	interests	equity
Total equity at 1 January 2016	40	20	1	-12	-39	-54	-59	3,186	3,084	20	3,104
Profit for the period								678	678	3	681
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax					13	-12	-3		-1		-1
Total comprehensive income for the period	0	0	0	0	13	-12	-3	678	677	3	680
Dividend decision								-256	-256	-1	-257
Share-based compensation			3	2				-2	3		3
Transfer from retained earnings		1						-1	0		0
Total equity at 30 September 2016	40	20	4	-10	-25	-66	-61	3,605	3,508	22	3,529
	Share	Reserve	Reserve of invested unrestricted	Treasury	Fair value and other	Actuarial gains and	Translation	Retained	Owners of	Non- controlling	Total
MEUR	capital	fund	equity	shares	reserves	losses	differences	earnings	the parent	interests	equity
Total equity at 1 January 2016	40	20	equity 1	-12	-39	-54	-59	3,186	3,084	20	3,104
Profit for the period		20		12	- 55	- 54	- 55	939	939	4	943
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax					-23	-21	6	333	-38	7	-38
Total comprehensive income for the period	0	0	0	0	-23	-21	6	939	902	4	905
Dividend decision								-256	-256	-1	-257
Share-based compensation			3	2				-2	3		3
Transfer from retained earnings		1						-1	0		0
Total equity at 31 December 2016	40	20	4	-10	-62	-75	-52	3,867	3,733	22	3,755
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			invested		Fair value	Actuarial				Non-	
	Share	Reserve	unrestricted	Treasury	and other	gains and	Translation	Retained	Owners of	controlling	Total
MEUR	capital	fund	equity	shares	reserves	losses	differences	earnings	the parent	interests	equity
Total equity at 1 January 2017	40	20	4	-10	-62	-75	-52	3,867	3,733	22	3,755
Profit for the period								666	666	3	669
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax					77	1	-9		69	0	69
Total comprehensive income for the period	0	0	0	0	77	1	-9	666	735	3	738
Dividend decision								-332	-332	-15	-347
Transactions with non-controlling interests								-17	-17	-11	-27
Share-based compensation			2	1				-2	2		2
Transfer from retained earnings		-1						1	0		0
Total equity at 30 September 2017	40	20	7	-9	15	-74	-62	4,183	4,120	0	4,120

KEY FIGURES

	30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec	Last 12
	2017	2016	2016	months
EBITDA. MEUR	1,148	1.125	1,521	1,544
Comparable EBITDA, MEUR	1,063	993	1,349	1,419
Capital employed, MEUR	5,289	5,016	5,226	5,289
Interest-bearing net debt, MEUR	674	964	683	-
Capital expenditure and investment in shares, MEUR	364	277	422	510
Return on average capital employed, after tax, ROACE %	17.3	18.6	16.9	17.3
Return on equity %	24.1	28.0	28.1	24.1
Equity per share, EUR	16.11	13.72	14.60	-
Cash flow per share, EUR	2.54	3.12	4.67	4.08
Earnings per share (EPS), EUR	2.60	2.65	3.67	3.63
Comparable earnings per share, EUR	2.32	2.21	3.10	3.21
Comparable net profit	594	566	793	821
Equity-to-assets ratio, %	56.6	51.3	50.6	-
Leverage ratio, %	14.1	21.4	15.4	-
Gearing, %	16.4	27.3	18.2	-
Average number of shares	255,770,613	255,690,471	255,696,935	255,757,128
Outstanding number of shares at the end of the period	255,790,141	255,717,112	255,717,112	255,790,141
Average number of personnel	5,284	5,015	5,013	

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The interim report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting, as adopted by EU. The condensed interim report should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016. The IFRS principles require the management to make estimates and assumptions when preparing financial statements. Although these estimates and assumptions are based on the management's best knowledge of today, the final outcome may differ from the estimated values presented in the financial statements. The figures in the tables are exact figures and consequently the sum of individual figures may deviate from the sum presented.

Any new IFRS and IFRIC changes did not have a material impact on the reported income statement, statement of financial position or notes and the Group has not applied any new standards as of 1 January 2017.



2. TREASURY SHARES

A total of 73,029 treasury shares of Neste Corporation has been on the 15th of March 2017 conveyed without consideration to the key persons participating in the Share Ownership Plan 2013 according to the terms and conditions of the plan. The directed share issue is based on the authorization of the Annual General Meeting on 1st April 2015. A total of 79 people are in the target group of the payment from the plan. The number of treasury shares after the directed share issue is 613,545 shares.

3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Neste's operations are grouped into four reporting segments: Oil Products, Renewable Products, Marketing & Services and Others. The Others segment consists of the engineering and technology solutions company Neste Jacobs; Nynas, a joint venture 50/50-owned by Neste and Petróleos de Venezuela; and common corporate costs. Neste acquired Jacobs Engineering's 40% stake in Neste Jacobs in September 2017 and after this transaction Neste holds all shares in Neste Jacobs. The performance of the reporting segments are reviewed regularly by the chief operating decision maker, Neste President & CEO, to assess performance and to decide on allocation of resources.

REVENUE						Last 12
MEUR	7-9/2017	7-9/2016	1-9/2017	1-9/2016	1-12/2016	months
Oil Products	2,045	1,961	6,134	5,235	7,395	8,294
Renewable Products	793	640	2,320	1,820	2,690	3,189
Marketing & Services	986	925	2,886	2,587	3,552	3,850
Others	57	73	169	217	294	246
Eliminations	-652	-564	-1,929	-1,592	-2,241	-2,578
Total	3,229	3,034	9,580	8,268	11,689	13,001
OPERATING PROFIT						Last 12
MEUR	7-9/2017	7-9/2016	1-9/2017	1-9/2016	1-12/2016	months
Oil Products	199	125	510	438	563	636
Renewable Products	119	162	332	360	518	490
Marketing & Services	27	25	57	70	89	76
Others	-2	6	-24	-13	-11	-23
Eliminations	-4	0	0	-2	-5	-4
Total	339	319	875	853	1,155	1,177
COMPARABLE OPERATING PROFIT						Last 12
MEUR	7-9/2017	7-9/2016	1-9/2017	1-9/2016	1-12/2016	months
Oil Products	158	120	406	355	453	504
Renewable Products	171	124	352	323	469	497
Marketing & Services	27	25	57	70	90	76
Others	-2	-6	-24	-25	-23	-23
Eliminations	-4	0	-1	-2	-6	-4
Total	350	264	790	721	983	1,051
DEPRECIATION, AMORTIZATION AND IMPAIRMENTS						Last 12
MEUR	7-9/2017	7-9/2016	1-9/2017	1-9/2016	1-12/2016	months
Oil Products	52	56	156	164	217	209
Renewable Products	27	26	81	79	109	112
Marketing & Services	6	5	19	16	22	25
Others	6	5	17	13	18	22
Eliminations Total	0 92	93	0 273	0 272	0 366	0 367
IOIAI	92	93	213	212	300	307
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND INVESTMENTS IN SHARES						Last 12
MEUR	7-9/2017	7-9/2016	1-9/2017	1-9/2016	1-12/2016	months
Oil Products	78	54	204	164	249	290
Renewable Products	23	16	75	73	104	106
Marketing & Services	7	9	28	18	31	40
Others Eliminations	36 0	8	58 0	22 0	38 0	74 0
Total	144	88	364	277	422	510
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TOTAL ASSETS				30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec
MEUR				2017	2016	2016
Oil Products				3,684	3,433	3,581
Renewable Products				2,180	2,099	2,191
Marketing & Services				594	525	545
Others				523 635	449	502 933
Unallocated assets Eliminations				-306	655 -265	-310
Total				7,310	6,896	7,443
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NET ASSETS				30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec
MEUR				2017	2016	2016
				2,538	2,443	2,424
Oil Products				4 077		
Oil Products Renewable Products				1,870	1,803	
Oil Products Renewable Products Marketing & Services				304	208	196
Oil Products Renewable Products Marketing & Services Others				304 293	208 249	249
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TOTAL LIADULTIES						00.0	04.0
TOTAL LIABILITIES MEUR					30 Sep 2017	30 Sep 2016	31 Dec 2016
Oil Products					1,146	990	1,157
Renewable Products					310	297	380
Marketing & Services					290	317	350
Others							
Unallocated liabilities					203 1,505	200 1,819	253 1.845
Eliminations					-265		-297
Total					3,190	-256 3,367	3,688
Iota					3,130	3,307	3,000
RETURN ON NET ASSETS, %					30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec
					2017	2016	2016
Oil Products					25.2	17.9	23.2
Renewable Products					26.6	32.3	28.6
Marketing & Services					34.0	44.2	47.3
COMPARABLE RETURN ON NET ASSETS, %					30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec
Oil Products					2017	2016 18.2	2016 18.7
Renewable Products					27.0	31.0	25.9
Marketing & Services					34.0	46.7	47.5
					54.0	40.7	47.5
QUARTERLY SEGMENT INFORMATION							
QUARTERLY REVENUE							
MEUR	7-9/2017	4-6/2017	1-3/2017	10-12/2016	7-9/2016	4-6/2016	1-3/2016
Oil Products	2,045	2,080	2,009	2,159	1,961	1,916	1,359
Renewable Products	793	828	699	870	640	596	584
Marketing & Services	986	952	948	964	925	886	776
Others	57	58	55	77	73	75	70
Eliminations	-652	-638	-639	-649	-564	-546	-482
Total	3,229	3,280	3,071	3,421	3,034	2,927	2,306
QUARTERLY OPERATING PROFIT							
MEUR	7-9/2017	4-6/2017	1-3/2017	10-12/2016	7-9/2016	4-6/2016	1-3/2016
Oil Products	199	130	182	126	125	218	95
Renewable Products	119	122	91	158	162	48	150
Marketing & Services	27	19	12	19	25	23	22
Others	-2	-6	-17	2	6	-8	-11
Eliminations	-4	0	-17	-3	0	-0 -1	-2
Total	339	264	271	302	319	280	254
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QUARTERLY COMPARABLE OPERATING PROFIT							
MEUR	7-9/2017	4-6/2017	1-3/2017	10-12/2016	7-9/2016	4-6/2016	1-3/2016
Oil Products	158	122	126	98	120	149	86
Renewable Products	171	101	80	146	124	119	80
Marketing & Services	27	19	11	19	25	23	22
Others	-2	-6	-17	2	-6	-8	-11
Eliminations	-4	0	3	-3	0	-1	-2
Total	350	236	204	262	264	282	175
QUARTERLY DEPRECIATION, AMORTIZATION AND IMPAIRMENTS							
MEUR	7-9/2017	4-6/2017	1-3/2017	10-12/2016	7-9/2016	4-6/2016	1-3/2016
Oil Products	52	52	52	53	56	54	53
Renewable Products	27	28	26	31	26	29	24
Marketing & Services	6	6	6	6	5	5	5
Others	6	6	5	5	5	4	4
Eliminations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	92	92	89	94	93	92	87
QUARTERLY CAPITAL EXPENDITURE							
AND INVESTMENTS IN SHARES							
MEUR	7-9/2017	4-6/2017	1-3/2017	10-12/2016	7-9/2016	4-6/2016	1-3/2016
Oil Products	78	71	55	86	54	66	44
Renewable Products	23	24	28	31	16	38	19
Marketing & Services	7	13	7	13	9	7	3
Others	36	14	8	16	8	8	6
Eliminations	0	0	0	0	ō	0	0
Total	144	122	98	146	88	118	71
QUARTERLY NET ASSETS							
MEUR	7-9/2017	4-6/2017	1-3/2017	10-12/2016	7-9/2016	4-6/2016	1-3/2016
Oil Products	2,538	2,597	2,629	2,424	2,443	2,451	2,484
Renewable Products	1,870	1,895	1,844	1,811	1,803	1,735	1,828
Marketing & Services	304	204	212	196	208	192	164
Others	293	283	257	249	249	260	7
Eliminations	-14	-10	-11	-12	-9	-10	-10
Eliminations Total							-10 4,474



4. RECONCILIATION OF KEY FIGURES TO IFRS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RECONCILIATION BETWEEN COMPARABLE OPERATING PROFIT AND OPERATING PROFIT (IFRS)

Group	
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MEUR	7-9/2017	7-9/2016	4-6/2017	1-9/2017	1-9/2016	1-12/2016
COMPARABLE OPERATING PROFIT	350	264	236	790	721	983
inventory gains/losses	61	18	-70	33	229	280
changes in the fair value of open commodity and currency derivatives	-68	24	82	37	-107	-118
capital gains and losses	0	12	0	3	23	23
insurance and other compensations	0	0	0	0	0	0
other adjustments	-4	0	17	13	-13	-13
OPERATING PROFIT (IFRS)	339	319	264	875	853	1,155

Oil Products

MEUR	7-9/2017	7-9/2016	4-6/2017	1-9/2017	1-9/2016	1-12/2016
COMPARABLE OPERATING PROFIT	158	120	122	406	355	453
inventory gains/losses	89	8	-37	82	141	157
changes in the fair value of open commodity and currency derivatives	-45	-3	27	7	-70	-57
capital gains and losses	0	0	0	3	11	11
insurance and other compensations	0	0	0	0	0	0
other adjustments	-4	0	17	12	0	0
OPERATING PROFIT (IFRS)	199	125	130	510	438	563

Renewable Products

MEUR	7-9/2017	7-9/2016	4-6/2017	1-9/2017	1-9/2016	1-12/2016
COMPARABLE OPERATING PROFIT	171	124	101	352	323	469
inventory gains/losses	-29	10	-34	-49	87	123
changes in the fair value of open commodity and currency derivatives	-23	28	55	29	-37	-60
capital gains and losses	0	0	0	0	0	0
insurance and other compensations	0	0	0	0	0	0
other adjustments	0	0	0	0	-13	-13
OPERATING PROFIT (IFRS)	119	162	122	332	360	518

Marketing & Services

MEUR	7-9/2017	7-9/2016	4-6/2017	1-9/2017	1-9/2016	1-12/2016
COMPARABLE OPERATING PROFIT	27	25	19	57	70	90
inventory gains/losses	0	0	0	0	0	0
changes in the fair value of open commodity and currency derivatives	0	0	0	0	0	0
capital gains and losses	0	0	0	0	0	0
insurance and other compensations	0	0	0	0	0	0
other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0
OPERATING PROFIT (IFRS)	27	25	19	57	70	89

Others

MEUR	7-9/2017	7-9/2016	4-6/2017	1-9/2017	1-9/2016	1-12/2016
COMPARABLE OPERATING PROFIT	-2	-6	-6	-24	-25	-23
inventory gains/losses	0	0	0	0	0	0
changes in the fair value of open commodity and currency derivatives	0	0	0	0	0	0
capital gains and losses	0	12	0	0	12	12
insurance and other compensations	0	0	0	0	0	0
other adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0
OPERATING PROFIT (IFRS)	-2	6	-6	-24	-13	-11

RECONCILIATION BETWEEN COMPARABLE OPERATING PROFIT AND COMPARABLE NET PROFIT

MEUR	7-9/2017	7-9/2016	1-9/2017	1-9/2016	1-12/2016
COMPARABLE OPERATING PROFIT	350	264	790	721	983
total financial income and expenses	-9	-25	-68	-75	-79
income tax expense	-63	-41	-138	-97	-133
non-controlling interests	-1	-1	-3	-3	-4
tax on items affecting comparability	-2	8	13	20	26
COMPARABLE NET PROFIT	276	206	594	566	793

RECONCILIATION OF RETURN ON AVERAGE CAPITAL EMPLOYED, AFTER TAX (ROACE), %

	30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec
MEUR	2017	2016	2016
COMPARABLE OPERATING PROFIT, LAST 12 MONTHS	1,051	1,073	983
financial income	4	3	4
exchange rate and fair value gains and losses	5	-30	-17
income tax expense	-173	-108	-133
tax on other items affecting ROACE	7	-13	16
Comparable net profit, net of tax	894	925	853
Capital employed average	5,163	4,962	5,047
RETURN ON CAPITAL EMPLOYED, AFTER TAX (ROACE), %	17.3	18.6	16.9

RECONCILIATION OF EQUITY-TO-ASSETS RATIO, %

	30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec
MEUR	2017	2016	2016
Total equity	4,120	3,529	3,755
Total assets	7,310	6,896	7,443
Advances received	35	13	18
EQUITY-TO-ASSETS RATIO, %	56.6	51.3	50.6



5. CHANGES IN INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

CHANGES IN INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec
MEUR	2017	2016	2016
Opening balance	3,833	3,816	3,816
Depreciation, amortization and impairments	-273	-272	-366
Capital expenditure	337	277	422
Disposals	-10	-32	-49
Translation differences	-3	6	10
Closing balance	3,885	3,794	3,833
CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec
MEUR	2017	2016	2016
Commitments to purchase property, plant and equipment	33	59	
Total	33	59	26 26
6. INTEREST-BEARING NET DEBT AND LIQUIDITY			
6. INTEREST-BEARING NET DEBT AND LIQUIDITY Interest-bearing net debt	30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec
Interest-bearing net debt MEUR	2017	2016	2016
MEUR Short-term interest-bearing liabilities	2017 152	2016 366	2016 354
Interest-bearing net debt MEUR Short-term interest-bearing liabilities Long-term interest-bearing liabilities	2017 152 1,017	2016 366 1,120	2016 354 1,117
Interest-bearing net debt MEUR Short-term interest-bearing liabilities Long-term interest-bearing liabilities Interest-bearing liabilities	2017 152 1,017 1,169	2016 366 1,120 1,487	2016 354 1,117 1,471
Interest-bearing net debt MEUR Short-term interest-bearing liabilities Long-term interest-bearing liabilities Interest-bearing liabilities Cash and cash equivalents "	2017 152 1,017 1,169 -496	2016 366 1,120 1,487 -523	2016 354 1,117 1,471 -788
Interest-bearing net debt MEUR Short-term interest-bearing liabilities Long-term interest-bearing liabilities Interest-bearing liabilities Cash and cash equivalents ¹⁷ Interest-bearing net debt	2017 152 1,017 1,169	2016 366 1,120 1,487	2016 354 1,117 1,471
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7. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Group has not made any significant changes in policies regarding risk management during the reporting period. Aspects of the Group's financial risk management objective and policies are consistent with those disclosed in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016.

	30 Sep 2017		30 Sep 2016		31 Dec 2016	
Interest rate and currency derivative contracts MEUR	Nominal value	Net fair value	Nominal value	Net fair value	Nominal value	Net fair value
Interest rate swaps	Value	iun vuido	value	ian valuo	value	ian valuo
Hedge accounting	124	1	350	7	350	6
Non-hedge accounting	26	1	0	0	0	0
Currency derivatives						
Hedge accounting	1,668	32	891	-1	1,730	-44
Non-hedge accounting	1,456	-10	916	-4	1,132	-13

		30 Sep 2017			30 Sep 2016			31 Dec 2016	
Commodity derivative contracts	Volume GWh	Volume million bbl	Net fair value MEUR	Volume GWh	Volume million bbl	Net fair value MEUR	Volume GWh	Volume million bbl	Net fair value MEUR
Sales contracts									
Hedge accounting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-hedge accounting	0	26	-53	0	29	-67	0	27	-89
Purchase contracts									
Hedge accounting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-hedge accounting	2,565	18	25	2,050	11	15	2,381	18	31

Commodity derivative contracts include oil, vegetable oil, electricity and gas derivative contracts.

The fair values of derivative financial instruments subject to public trading are based on market prices as of the balance sheet date. The fair values of other derivative financial instruments are based on the present value of cash flows resulting from the contracts, and, in respect of options, on evaluation models. The amounts also include unsettled closed positions. Derivative financial instruments are mainly used to manage the Group's currency, interest rate and price risk.

Carrying amounts of financial assets and liabilities by measurement categories

Financial assets and liabilities divided by categories were as follows as of September 30, 2017:

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		Assets/ liabilities at			Financial		
		fair value			Financial liabilities	Carrying	
	Derivatives.	through		Available-for-	measured at	amounts by	
	hedge	income	Loans and	sale financial		balance sheet	
Balance sheet item	accounting	statement	receivables	assets	cost	item	Fair value
Non-current financial assets							,
Non-current receivables			52			52	52
Derivative financial instruments	2	2				4	4
Available-for-sale financial assets				5		5	5
Current financial assets							
Trade and other receivables, excluding non-financial assets			960			960	960
Derivative financial instruments	37	47				84	84
Cash and cash equivalents			496			496	496
Carrying amount by category	39	48	1,508	5	0	1,599	1,599
						1	
Non-current financial liabilities							
Interest-bearing liabilities					1,017	1,017	1,053
Derivative financial instruments		0				0	0
Other non-current liabilities					15	15	15
Current financial liabilities							
Interest-bearing liabilities					152	152	152
Derivative financial instruments	7	85				92	92
Trade and other payables, excluding non-financial liabilities					1,417	1,417	1,417
Carrying amount by category	7	85	0	0	2,601	2,693	2,729

Financial instruments that are measured in the balance sheet at fair value are presented according to following fair value measurement hierarchy:

Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2: inputs other than quoted price included within Level 1 that are observable for the assets or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices)

Level 3: inputs for the assets or liability that is not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

Fair value hierarchy, MEUR

Financial assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Non-current derivative financial instruments	0	4	0	4
Non-current available-for-sale financial assets	0	0	5	5
Current derivative financial instruments	3	81	0	84
Financial liabilities	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Non-current derivative financial instruments	0	0	0	0
Current derivative financial instruments	38	54	0	92

During the nine-month period ended 30 September 2017, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements, and no transfers into and out of Level 3 fair value measurements.

The fair values of non-current interest-bearing liabilities that are carried at amortised cost, but for which fair value is disclosed, are determined by using the discounted cash flow method employing market interest rates or market values at the balance sheet date. Non-current interest-bearing liabilities are classified into fair value measurement hierarchy level 2.



8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The group has a related party relationship with its subsidiaries, joint arrangements and the entities controlled by Neste's controlling shareholder the State of Finland. Related party includes also the members of the Board of Directors, the President and CEO and other members of the Neste Executive Board (key management persons), close members of the families of the mentioned key management persons and entities controlled or jointly controlled by the mentioned key management persons or close members of those persons' families.

Parent company of the Group is Neste Corporation. The transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties of the Company, have been eliminated during consolidation and are not disclosed in this note. Details of transactions between the Group and other related parties are disclosed below. All related party transactions are on arm's length basis.

	30 Sep	30 Sep	24 D
Transactions carried out with joint arrangements and other related parties	30 Sep 2017	30 Sep 2016	31 Dec 2016
Sales of goods and services	132	216	173
Purchases of goods and services	136	121	158
Receivables	76	77	82
Financial income and expenses	1	0	02
Liabilities	9	7	10
Liabilities	9		
9. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES			
	30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec
MEUR	2017	2016	2016
Contingent liabilities			
On own behalf for commitments			
Real estate mortgages	17	17	17
Pledged assets	116	116	116
Other contingent liabilities	34	40	48
Total	168	173	182
On behalf of joint arrangements			
Pledged assets	45	46	46
Guarantees	1	1	1
Total	46	47	47
On behalf of others			
Guarantees	1	2	2
Other contingent liabilities	0	0	0
Total	1	2	2
Total	214	222	230
	30 Sep	30 Sep	31 Dec
MEUR	2017	2016	2016
Operating lease liabilities	-		
Due within one year	54	57	79
Due between one and five years	63	77	80
Due later than five years	72	80	78
Total	189	215	237

The Group's operating lease commitments primarily relate to time charter vessels, land and office space.

Disputes and potential litigations

The previous years' bio mandate disputes are closed favourably for Neste in 2017. In March 2017 the Supreme Administrative Court decided that the penalty fee of 44 million euros paid by Neste in 2014 and received back from the Finnish Customs in August 2015 (based on the decision of the Administrative Court of Helsinki) was levied without justification. In June 2017 the Administrative Court of Helsinki decided that also the penalty payment to 117 million euros levied in 2015 was unjustified and Tax Administration eurored the penalty payment to Neste in July 2017 with no intentions to appeal against the decision. Dispute regarding two shippings placed under an export procedure in 2013 is closed favorably for Neste in August 2017. The representative of Finnish state did not appeal against the administrative court about the Finnish Customs' decision not to levy excise tax, interest and additional tax totalling approximately EUR 18 million.



Calculation of key figures

Calculation of key figures

EBITDA	=		Operating profit + depreciation, amortization and impairments
Comparable EBITDA	=		Comparable operating profit + depreciation, amortization and impairments
Comparable operating profit 1)	=		Operating profit -/+ inventory gains/losses -/+ changes in the fair value of open commodity and currency derivatives -/+ capital gains/losses - insurance and other compensations -/+ other adjustments
Items affecting comparability	=		Inventory gains/losses, changes in the fair value of open commodity and currency derivatives, capital gains/losses, insurance and other compensations and other adjustments
Comparable net profit	=		Comparable operating profit - total financial income and expense - income tax expense - non-controlling interests - tax on items affecting comparability
Return on equity (ROE), %	=	100 x	Profit before income taxes - income tax expense, last 12 months
			Total equity average, 5 quarters end values
Return on average capital employed, after-tax (ROACE), %	=	100 x	Comparable operating profit + financial income + exchange rate and fair value gains and losses - income tax expense - tax on other items affecting ROACE, last 12 months Capital employed average, 5 quarters end values
Capital employed	=		Total equity + interest bearing liabilities
Interest-bearing net debt	=		Interest-bearing liabilities - cash and cash equivalents
Leverage ratio, %	=	100 x	Interest-bearing net debt Interest bearing net debt + total equity
Gearing, %	=	100 x	Interest-bearing net debt Total equity
Equity-to-assets ratio, %	=	100 x	Total equity Total assets - advances received
Return on net assets, %	=	100 x	Segment operating profit, last 12 months Average segment net assets, 5 quarters end values
Comparable return on net assets, %	=	100 x	Segment comparable operating profit, last 12 months Average segment net assets, 5 quarters end values
Segment net assets	=		Property, plant and equipment + intangible assets + investments in joint ventures + inventories + interest-free receivables and liabilities - provisions - pension liabilities allocated to the business segment
Research and development expenditure	=		Research and development expenditure comprise of the expenses of the Research & Technology unit serving all business areas of the Group, as well as research and technology expenses incurred in business areas, which are included in the consolidated income statement. Depreciation and amortization are included in the figure. The expenses are presented as gross, before deducting grants received.



Calculation of share-related indicators						
Earnings per share (EPS)	=		Profit for the period attributable to the owners of the parent			
Zamingo por onaro (Zr e)			Adjusted average number of shares during the period			
Comparable earnings per share	=		Comparable net profit			
3.1			Adjusted average number of shares during the period			
Equity per share	=		Shareholder's equity attributable to the owners of the parent			
. , .			Adjusted number of shares at the end of the period			
Cash flow per share	=		Net cash generated from operating activities			
·			Adjusted average number of shares during the period			
Price / earnings ratio (P/E)	=		Share price at the end of the period			
			Earnings per share			
Dividend payout ratio, %	=	100 x	Dividend per share			
			Earnings per share			
Dividend yield, %	=	100 x	Dividend per share Share price at the end of the period			
			Share price at the end of the period			
Average share price	=		Amount traded in euros during the period Number of shares traded during the period			
			Number of Strates traded duting the period			
Market capitalization at the end of the period	=		Number of shares at the end of the period x share price at the end of the period			
Calculation of key drivers						
Oil Products reference margin (USD/bbl)	=		Product value - feed cost - standard refining variable cost - sales freights			
Oil Products total refining margin (USD/bbl)			Comparable sales margin x average EUR/USD exchange rate for the period x standard refinery			
	=		yield Refined sales volume x standard barrels per ton			
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Oil Products additional margin (USD/bbl)	=		Oil Products total refining margin - Oil Products reference margin			
Renewable Products reference margin (USD/ton)	=		Share of sales volumes Europe x (FAME - CPO) + share of sales North America x (SME -			
			SBO) ²⁾			
Renewable Products comparable sales margin (USD/ton)	=		Comparable sales margin			
			Total sales volume			
Renewable Products additional margin	=		Comparable sales margin - (reference margin - standard variable production cost)			
(USD/ton)						

¹⁾ In the business environment where Neste operates, commodity prices and foreign exchange rates are volatile and can cause significant fluctuations in inventory values and IFRS operating profit. Comparable operating profit eliminates both the inventory gains/losses generated by the volatility in raw material prices and changes in open derivatives, and better reflects the company's underlying operational performance. Also, it reflects Neste's operational cash flow, where the change in IFRS operating profit caused by inventory valuation is mostly compensated by changing working capital. Items affecting comparability are linked to unpredictability events of a significant nature that do not form part of normal day-to-day business. They include among others impairment losses and reversals, gains and losses associated with the combination or termination of businesses, restructuring costs, and gains and losses on the sales of assets.
Only items having an impact of more than EUR 1 million on Neste's result will be classified as items affecting comparability.

²⁾ FAME = Fatty Acid Methyl Ester (biodiesel), CPO = Crude Palm Oil, SME = Soy Methyl Ester (biodiesel), SBO = Soybean Oil



