Definitions and reconciliations

Selected information provided in this report include operational indicators or alternative financial performance measures (APM) that are not accounting measures defined by IFRS. The Group believes that investor understanding of PolyPeptide's performance is enhanced by disclosing such indicators and measures, since they provide additional insights into the underlying business, strategic progress and/or financial performance. Operational indicators and alternative financial performance measures should not be considered as substitutes to the Group's consolidated financial results based on IFRS. They may not be comparable to similarly titled measures by other companies. This section includes the definitions of the main operational indicators and financial performance measures provided as well as a reconciliation of selected alternative financial measures to the most directly reconcilable IFRS line item.

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Abbreviations

- API Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient
- APM Alternative Financial Performance Measure
- CAGR Compound Annual Growth Rate
- CDMO Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization
- CMC Chemistry, Manufacturing & Controls
- GMP Good Manufacturing Practice
- ICH International Council for Harmonization
- IPO Initial Public Offering
- LCM Life Cycle Management
- NDA New Drug Application
- PPQ Process Performance Qualificatrion
- SIX SIX Swiss Exchange

Operational indicators

As part of our financial disclosure we report revenue from our custom projects segment, and we occasionally make implicit or explicit reference to the underlying project pipeline as an indicator to measure operational performance. This includes the number of projects in total or in categories. Our project count for a given period includes only projects that are invoiced to our customers. Projects with parallel activities at more than one site, or which are transferred from one site to another, or which included multiple peptides are counted as one project. The synthesis or on-time manufacturing of small quantities of peptides, mostly for research or academic use, is not considered as a project.

Our reference to

- pre-clinical projects includes non-GMP manufacturing for the lead candidate selection, and subsequent non-GMP manufacture of the selected API for preclinical & toxicological studies;
- phase I and phase II projects include GMP manufacturing of the API for phase I and II clinical trials, including stability studies, process and analytical development as well as regulatory documentation;
- phase III projects includes GMP manufacturing of an API for the use in phase III clinical trials, including process validation (manufacturing of PPQ batches) and analytical methods validation as well as regulatory documentation (NDA filing support).

Alternative financial performance measures (APM)

EBITDA: Operating result (EBIT) plus depreciation, amortization and impairment charges (if any).

EBITDA Margin: EBITDA as a percentage of revenue.

Adjusted EBITDA: EBITDA adjusted for non-recurring expenses or income to better reflect the underlying performance of the business.

Adjusted EBITDA Margin: Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenue.

Capital expenditures (Capex): Investments in property, plant and equipment assets and intangible assets capitalized during a reporting period.

Net operating assets: The sum of Non-current assets plus Current assets less Cash and cash equivalents less Current liabilities.

Return on net operating assets (RONOA): Last twelve months Operating result in percent of average Net operating assets.

Equity ratio: Equity at the end of the period divided by Total assets at the end of the period.

Free Cash Flow (FCF): Net cash flows from operating activities less cash paid for acquisition of intangible assets less cash paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment assets.

Net Cash: Cash and cash equivalents less interest-bearing loans and borrowings less lease liabilities less other financial liabilities.

Reconciliations

Operating result to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA

| kEUR | H1 2021 | H1 2020 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Operating result | 30,803 | 10,160 |
| Depreciation, amortization and impairment charges (if any) | 9,086 | 8,359 |
| EBITDA | 39,889 | 18,519 |
| Government loans waived | -2,370 | 0 |
| IPO consultancy services | 1,381 | 0 |
| IPO cash bonus | 1,342 | 0 |
| IPO share bonus | 2,998 | 0 |
| Adjusted EBITDA | 43,240 | 18,519 |

For further information, see also note 5 to the financial statements.

Free Cash Flow

| kEUR | H1 2021 | H1 2020 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Net cash flows from operating activities | 41,038 | 13,949 |
| Acquisition of intangible assets | -1,969 | -1,550 |
| Acquisition of property, plant and equipment | -33,265 | -13,544 |
| Free Cash Flow | 5,804 | -1,145 |

Net Cash

| kEUR | As at 30 June 2021 | As at 31 December 2020 |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | 187,362 | 17,208 |
| Interest-bearing liabilities (Total financial debt): | | |
| Interest-bearing loans and borrowings (Non-current) | 0 | -25,000 |
| Lease liabilities (Non-current) | -11,119 | -10,454 |
| Other financial liabilities (Non-current) | -10,808 | -16,697 |
| Interest-bearing loans and borrowings (Current) | -25,000 | 0 |
| Lease liabilities (Current) | -2,175 | -1,979 |
| Other financial liabilities (Current) | -6,955 | -10,199 |
| Interest-bearing liabilities (Total financial debt) | -56,057 | -64,329 |
| Net Cash | 131,305 | -47,121 |

Return on net operating assets (RONOA)

| kEUR | H1 2021 | H1 2020 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Last twelve months Operating result | 65,021 | 28,483 |
| Average Net operating assets: | | |
| Total non-current assets | 188,895 | 153,546 |
| Total current assets | 254,024 | 143,315 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | -98,045 | -8,268 |
| Total current liabilities | -90,965 | -54,661 |
| Average Net operating assets | 253,909 | 233,932 |
| Return on net operating assets (RONOA) | 25.6% | 12.2% |