

**Explore the Kontron Group** 

We are a fast-moving multinational technology leader.



November 2023



### Who we are

Pure-Play Leader of Smart Industrial IoT Solutions

4,740

1.2bn

Employees

Revenue (EUR)\*

>72m

>10%

Net Result (EUR)\*

Organic growth p.a.\*

Member of SDAX®

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HQ in Austria; listed in Germany

Focused on the large, diverse and growing Industrial IoT market (IIoT)

Fully integrated technology platform Integrated (SW+HW) solutions for smart factories, transportation, data connectivity, medical and smart energy

› Driven by customers success, blue-chip customers

Highly diversified customer base, top 10 customers account for approx. 12% of revenues, >3,000 customers in total

Leading provider of disruptive IoT connectivity technology

Real time 5G/6G connectivity, susietec® toolset, over 3,200 engineers

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<sup>\*</sup>Management estimates for 2023 and organic growth mid-term guidance.

# The IoT Market

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**Key Metrics** 

### 64 billion

connected IoT devices by 2025 worldwide (from 29 billion in 2022)

# \$ 148.6 billion

Industrial IoT revenue with a 11.4% CAGR from 2022

# 31% growth

machines connected to the Internet by 2025



# 21% adoption

of 5G across mobile internet connections by 2025



#### Focus Industries









High entry barriers: single source customization – real time software – expensive customer products with low volume

### The New Kontron

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### 7 divisions in 3 segments in 2023

### Europe



Industrial, Medical and Defense



Adding 5G connectivity to IoT products



IT converted to Service contracts for IoT

### Global



Sales channel for Europe products; Avionics



Sales channel for Europe products

### **Software & Solutions**



susietec® & customized IoT software



Data for highspeed trains in Europe & China

Revenue\* FC 2023

€ 810m

#### **Targets**

EBITDA\*\* 12% GM 40% Growth p.a.: 10%

Revenue\* FC 2023

€ 260m

#### **Targets**

EBITDA\*\* 8% GM 30% Growth p.a.: 12%

Revenue\* FC 2023

€ 230m

#### **Targets**

EBITDA\*\* 15% GM 60% Growth p.a.: 16%

# **Kontron: Results & Company Highlights**

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### **Results Highlights**

- > Strong improvement in profitability YTD 2023 vs 2022 EBITDA +40%; Net Income\* +118%
- Solid revenue growth of 14%
  Organic growth of 12.4% YTD
- Strong order intake in Q3 Stable book-to-bill ratio of 1.19 Backlog of EUR 1.7bn
- EUR 292m of liquidity+EUR 59m payable by Vinci



### **Company Highlights**

- Net income guidance raised to EUR >72m (Jan: EUR >60m)
- > 5 M&A acquisitions YTD

  Recently Hartmann + Altimate +

  Bsquare to strengthen "Software +

  Solutions" segment (closing

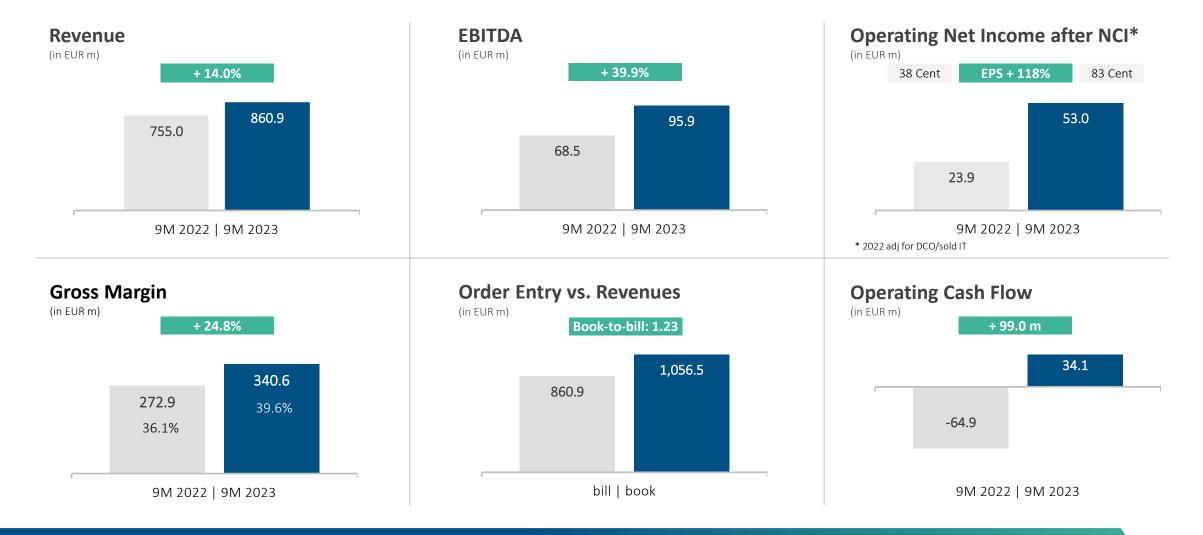
  expected for all acquisitions by YE)
- > 80m EUR Share Buyback programs in 2023

SBB 1 done: EUR 10m (540 k shares)
SBB 2 ongoing: EUR 70m (4m shares)
EUR 10.5m (550k shares done)

\*Continuing operations

### **KPIs 1-9M 2023**





# **Kontron Group Balance Sheet**

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### Equity and liquidity very strong

in m EUR	9/30/2023	12/31/2022
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	447.5	412.1
Fixed Assets	415.9	379.0
as of Property, plant and equipment	104.0	95.5
as of Goodwill	199.8	189.4
Other Assets	31.5	33.1
CURRENT ASSETS	889.2	1,028.8
Inventories	250.0	192.6
Trade receivables	167.3	148.1
Contract Assets from Customers	57.7	54.2
Cash and cash equivalents	292.3	437.8
Other receivables and prepayments	121.7	189.7
assets classified as held for sales	0.0	6.3
Total Assets	1,336.6	1,440.9

in m EUR	9/30/2023	12/31/2022
EQUITY	617.6	635.7
accumulated results	439.7	449.6
as of Treasury shares	-9.6	0.0
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	138.6	252.6
Long-term loans and borrowings	64.1	193.8
Other Non-Current Liabilities	74.5	58.9
CURRENT LIABILITIES	580.4	552.6
Trade payables	228.2	226.3
Contract Liabilities from Customers	73.9	78.5
Short-term loans and borrowings	155.6	125.7
Other Current Liabilities	122.7	117.3
liabilities classified as held for sale	0.0	4.8
Total Liabilities & Equity	1,336.6	1,440.9
Equity Ratio	46.2%	44.1%
Total Net Cash/(Net Debt)*	72.7	118.3
Working Capital excluding IFRS 15**	189.1	114.4
Working Capital excluding IFRS 15** (31.9	.2022): 211.0	

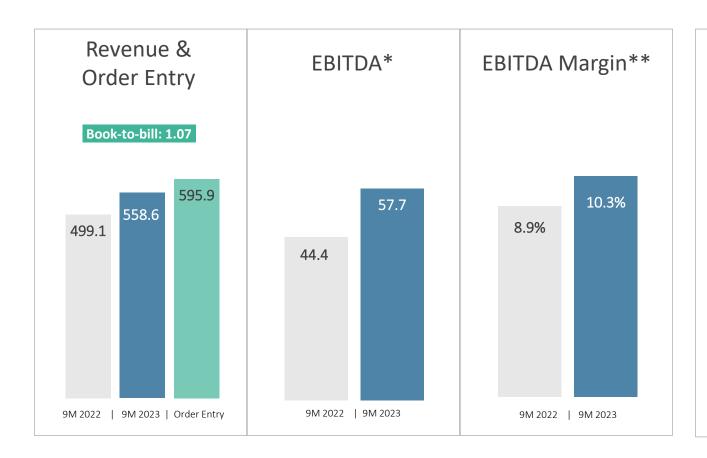


Strong cash position: EUR 292m cash + EUR 59m open payment from Vinci (despite EUR 73m dividend + SBB and EUR 108m debt paid)

<sup>\*</sup> Definition Net Cash: Cash and cash equivalents less non-current and current financing liabilities (excl. liabilities from leasing according to IFRS 16)

# **Europe: Biggest segment**





#### Industrial

Shows strong growth driven by smart factories and defense

#### Communications

> Growth potential in Communications/5G, driver in 2025

#### IoT services

> EBITDA margin burdened by transformation into IoT service unit

#### Segment trend

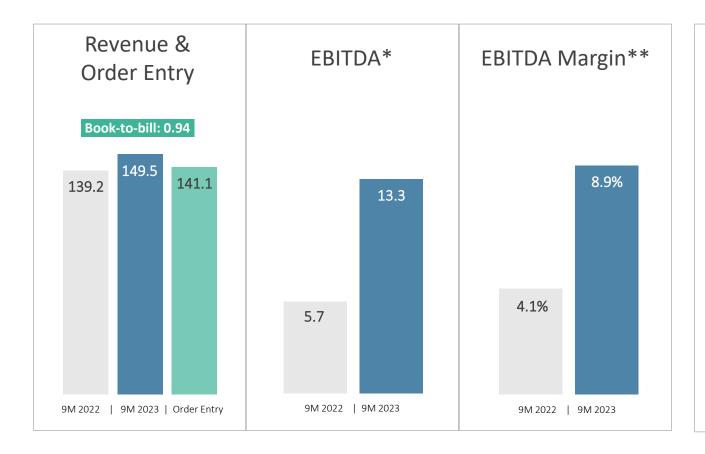
- Our backbone: Basic technologies for the segments "Global" and "Software + Solutions"
- > EBITDA margin burdened by IT service transformation, to achieve 12% after completion in 2024, good progress in 2023
- > 3,266 FTEs, thereof 1,905 engineers



Target is to increase EBITDA margin in 2025 to 12%

# **Global: Back to normal profitability**





#### North America

- > Solid growth, avionics recovery, strong defense
- Ongoing price increases base for improved numbers
- > Weaker USD burdens numbers slightly

#### Asia

> Business stable but macroeconomics slightly weaker

#### Segment trend

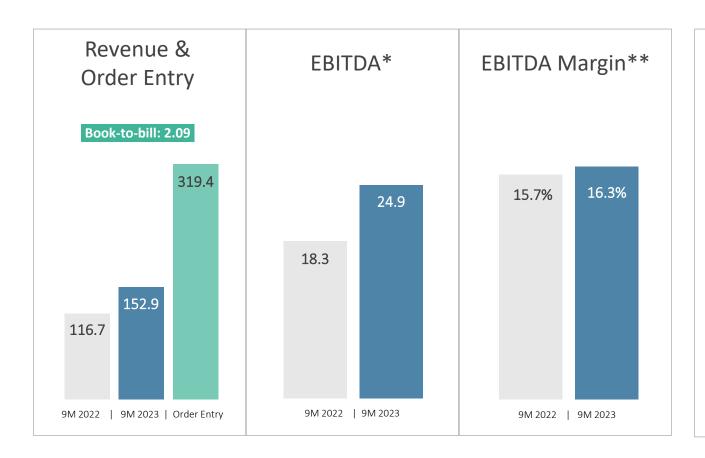
- Acts as a sales channel to sell European technology
- > Local engineering for customization
- Process to build sales + support channel for the complete Kontron technology portfolio
- > 467 FTEs, thereof 186 engineers



Today 20% of revenues in North America + Asia; target 30% midterm driven by superior technology

# **Software & Solutions: Fast growing**





#### Transportation (high-speed trains)

- > High-speed trains are driven by political support, high resilience against macroeconomic influences
- Market leader in Europe for GSM-R

#### Software (susietec®)

- > susietec<sup>®</sup> is driven by connectivity
- > Target is to include susietec® into all sold hardware
- > Expand susietec® to America by Bsquare acquisition

#### Segment trend

- Margin trend growing y-o-y, quarterly seasonal deviations due to duration of solutions projects
- > Licenses drive also basic technology sales
- > Highest amount of recurring revenues and SLAs
- > 1,007 FTEs, thereof 728 engineers



Will be the biggest segment by 2025

# Macro trends driving IoT business in the mid-term



5G

- Lower investment & lifecycle costs
- Intelligent modules offer security
- Shift from GSM-R/4G/Wi-Fi to 5G
- 5G private networks for factories

Autonomous Driving

- Unmanned trains, construction machines, harvesters save cost
- Increase security of traffic

Medical

- Aging population
- Pressure on healthcare systems
- Ambitious projects (e.g., US "Moonshot" for curing cancer)

Global-ization

- China and USA show higher growth than Europe but compete with each other
- Kontron may serve both markets with leading technology

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Software + Solutions

Smart Factories

- Nearshoring/factories coming back
- Robots increase automation budget
- Connected IoT production machines

Aerospace and defense

- Recovery of travel
- Technological shift to orbit
- NATO goal: 2% GDP defense budget
- Perception shift in Europe

Highspeed trains

- EU "Green deal": expand high-speed tracks from 11,000 to 33,000km
- Technological shift from GSM-R to FRMC and from FRMC to 5G

Artificial Intelligence

- High computational requirements of running complex AI models
- Taking over human tasks like defect detection

# Strongest brainpower in the industry

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#### susietec® IoT software framework

- > Extending susietec® portfolio by Bsquare SquareOne
- Release of KontronOS (highest security standard)
- > EUR 100m pure software revenues



# **Excellent pool of engineers** supported by lean organization

#### Mission-critical control systems for high-speed trains

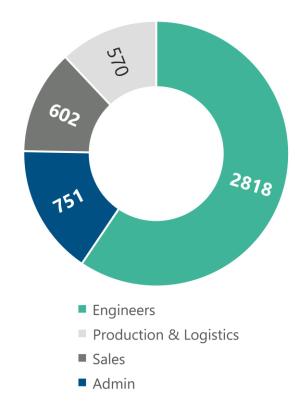
- > European Train Control System Level 3 Approval
- > New standard FRMCS will accelerate migration and requires 5G



#### **Artificial Intelligence**

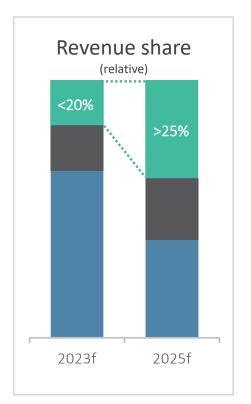
- > HAILO chips for customized scalable applications
- > NVIDIA full stack standard solutions
- Full stack industrial applications: video surveillance,
   defect detection, response time edge cloud, robotics
- > EUR 29m in design wins

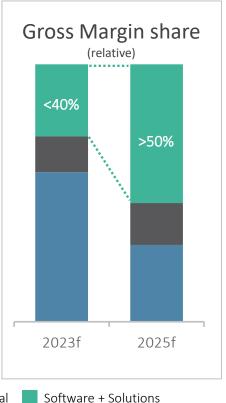


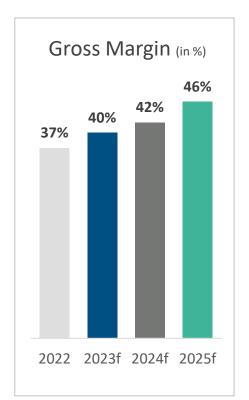


# Margin improvement strategy (MIS): Focus on "Software + Solutions" segment









#### Focus on "Software + Solutions"

- > By 2025 biggest segment in Kontron
- More than 50% in recurring service revenues
- > Up the value chain in existing markets
- > New division "Aerospace + Defense" in 2024

#### Segment trend

- Upgrade markets we cover today by "Software + Solutions" (first targets are public transport, defense, avionics)
- Most acquisitions in "Software + Solutions"
- Use strong R&D resources of 2,500 R&D engineers to develop SW solutions for existing markets (smart factories, medical, etc)
- Go global (USA, CN) to utilize our leading technology

Most M&A activities in "Software + Solutions", up the value chain for existing markets

# **Our competition**



Selected competitors in Industrial IoT	Revenue (in USD m)	Region
Curtiss Wright*	2,600	North America
Advantech	2,200	Asia
Beckhoff	1,600	Europe
Kontron	1,200	Europe
ABB B&R	1,100	Europe
Mercury*	1,000	North America
Adlink	380	Asia
Seco	215	Europe
Eurotech	100	Europe
% as of total market (USD 148bn)	7%	

<sup>\*</sup> Also not Industrial IoT revenues

### Our distinctive competitive advantages

- > Unmatched **R&D scale** 
  - > 3,200 FTEs, annual budget of EUR 170m
- **Cost efficient** solutions
  - > (EUR 45k p.a.) in-house engineering resources in CEE
- > **Differentiated technology** platform
  - > Purpose-built solutions for high-value low-volume use cases
- Deep and established relationships in the ecosystem
  - > Intel, ARM, FoxConn, Microsoft, Siemens, GE

# **M&A** strategy

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### Replace sold IT segment by strategic IoT acquisitions

#### M&A is a core competence of Kontron

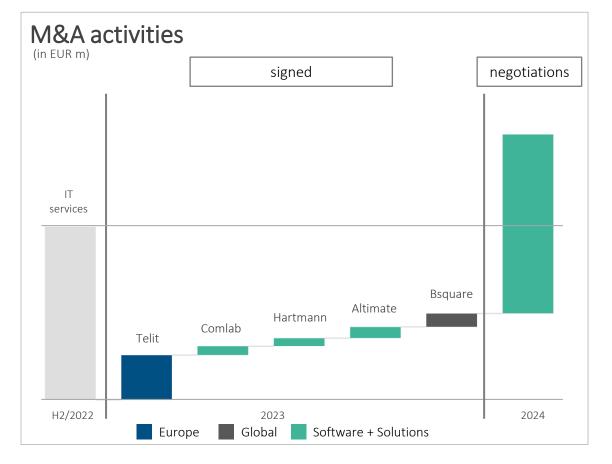
- > Replace EUR 387m of sold IT business with IoT acquisitions
- > Target: High synergies with Kontron → 12% EBITDA within 2 years
- > Complementary IoT technologies to improve portfolio
- Finance by existing cash and cash flow not shares

#### 5 relevant IoT technology acquisitions signed in 2023

- > Carve out Telit (DE): 5G modules for data connection of IOT
- > Comlab (CH): Data repeaters and communication for trains
- > Hartmann (CH): VPX systems for the Defense market
- > Altimate (RO): Public transport solutions
- > Bsquare (USA): Software for IOT connections

#### Kontron M&A pipeline for 2024

> Currently 3 acquisition projects



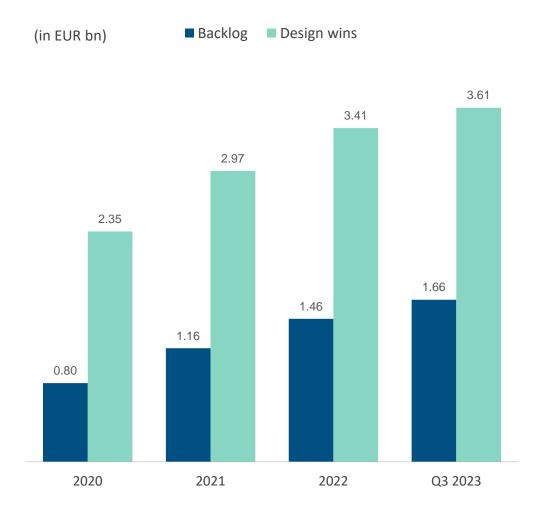


We will replace our sold IT services by high growth IoT technology

# **The New Kontron**

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### Backlog and Design wins

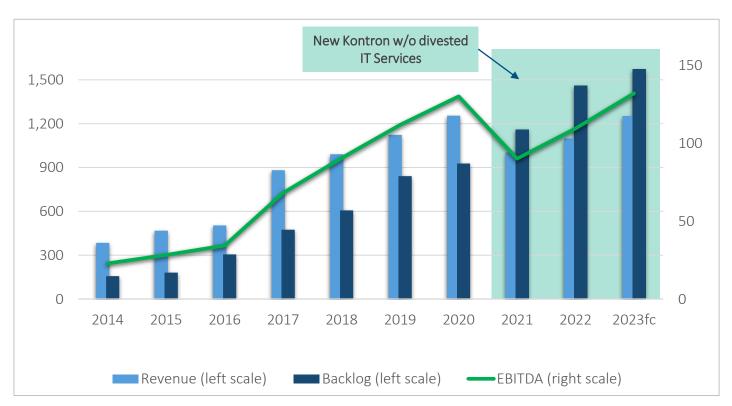


Top Design Wins in 9M 2023	Country	Volume EUR
Railway	FR	150m
Avionics	US	90m
Medical	DE	60m
Railway/Security	FR	60m
Telecommunication	AT	50m
Medical	DE	50m
Defense	US	42m
Railway	SK	40m
Industrial	US	35m
Defense	US	34m

### The New Kontron



Net profit guidance increased to EUR >72m (before: EUR >66m)



New Guidance 2023 & Outlook 2025			
(in EUR million)	2023E old	2023E new	2025E*
Revenue	1,200m	1,200m	2,000m
EBITDA margin	11%	>11%	13%
Net Profit	>66m	>72m	140m



Vision 2030: Transformation to IoTaaS / SLAs will boost Net Earnings close to 10%

\* Incl. M&A

# Why invest in Kontron?

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#### Profitable long-term growth



- Excellent position to profit from the megatrends digitalization, AI and sustainability via IoT products
- > Expand high-margin high-growth software business
- Utilize European technology worldwide
- Highly diversified, global and long-term customer base in a niche market with high entry barriers
- Track record of value-accretive M&A

#### Strong financial position



- > Cash conversion rate target of 75%
- > Solid tax shield in Austria for the next 2 years
- > Favorable low debt profile in high interest environment
- High cash position after sale of majority of IT Services business for EUR 392m in December 2023
- > Active partner and minority shareholder Ennoconn

#### **Engineering excellence**



- Unmatched R&D power of 3,200 engineers and annual investment of approx. 14% of revenues
- Cost efficient in-house engineering resources in CEE
   (average salary: 45k p.a.) as an attractive Western employer
- Increasing share of software in portfolio: proprietary IoT toolset susjetec®
- Customized IoT solutions for Industrial, Medical, Defense, 5G
   Connectivity, Avionics, Transportation, Electricity sectors

#### Attractive shareholder return



- Strong cash generating business
- > 50% of net income distributed as a dividend and/or to use for share buybacks
- > Record dividend of EUR 1 per share paid out in 2023



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**APPENDIX** 

### **The Kontron Share**

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Coverage**	
Alster Research	Buy: EUR 32.00
Erste Group	Buy: EUR 26.50
Hauck & Aufhäuser	Buy: EUR 30.00
Jefferies	Buy: EUR 29.00
Kepler Cheuvreux	Buy: EUR 25.00
Pareto Securities	Buy: EUR 28.00
Stifel	Buy: EUR 27.00
Warburg Research	Buy: EUR 26.00
Median Target Share Price	EUR 27.50

# **Update on ESG**



#### **Achievements**

- MSCI: BBB (stable since 2021)
- EcoVadis: rated above industry average
- > Sustainalytics: 20.2 (medium\* risk)







> UN Global Compact joined and 9 SDGs identified we support



> Education

Kontron Leadership Academy (focus on female employees) Data Security Training Focus

> Employee Survey – conducted among approx. 5,000 employees

#### **Outlook & Targets**

- > Increasing interest of sustainable investors to be met
- > Customers and Investors CO<sub>2</sub> disclosure requests more often

Making our data easily accessible and transparent to our diverse stakeholder groups will become increasingly important

- Carbon Disclosure Project experience 🗸
- > EU Taxonomy requirements expected to be extended
- > Implementation of scope I and II to be achieved until 2023
- > Kontron's Green Products communicating our products better

Preparation scope I and II

Reporting expansion (incl. EU Taxonomy) ✓

ESG-Goal extension ✓

FSG-Risk assessment ✓

Evaluation ESG-Goals
Implementation stage launched
Enhanced reporting
according to EU Taxonomy
and ESG standards

Implementation finalized
Continuous improvement process

**Continuous stakeholder dialogue** ✓

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Update material analysis 🗸