

## Capital markets update

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| Mine plan, increased magnetite<br>production, and increased iron content  | Stein Tore Liljenström (COO, Rana Gruber)                                       |
| Decarbonisation and the mining  | Nancy Stien Schreiner (Environment and  |
| transition  | Sustainability Manager, Rana Gruber)  |
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| Rana Gruber: Navigating the shift in Iron ore quality for steel's new era | Lee Kirk (Managing Director, Cargill Metals)                                    |
|   | Leon Davies (Sustainability Lead and Atlantic<br>Customer Lead, Cargill Metals) |
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| Financial position and cash flow management                               | Erlend Høyen (CFO, Rana Gruber)   |
| Q&A and closing remarks   | Gunnar Moe (CEO, Rana Gruber)   |
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## Introduction to Rana Gruber

**Gunnar Moe** CEO of Rana Gruber



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## Well-positioned to lead the transition towards carbon free mining

Aim to be world's first carbon free iron ore producer

Favourable location ensuring energyefficient logistics

Vast resources and reserves, and stable production

Solid financial position and consistent track record on dividend distribution





## Value chain

Rana Gruber operates at the beginning of the value chain





## Our products play a fundamental role for a variety of end-markets



Brake linings, magnetic stripes, colourants, etc.

## Flexibility to navigate market changes

Cargill committed to buy and market all hematite concentrate

Agreement providing access to European steel mills, and flexibility to supply other markets if desired

Reduced offtake in Europe due to planned maintenance stop for one of the largest steel mills, combined with high production, results in five shipments being directed to Asia this year

Europe remains default destination of shipments





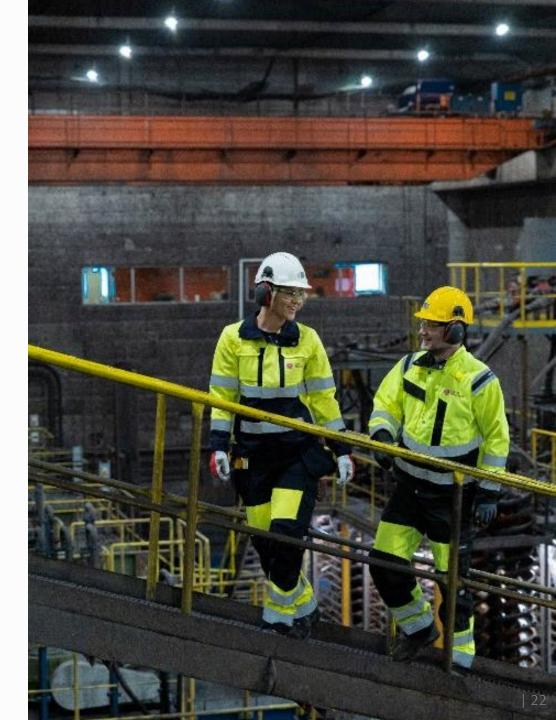
## An attractive workplace

A cornerstone for the historical development of the city of Mo i Rana, the local industry, and the local community

An attractive professional environment with exciting work tasks and career options

Insourcing of mining workstreams close to completion





## **Three strategic development projects**





#### Decarbonisation





Mine plan, increased magnetite production, and increased iron content

**Stein Tore Liljenström** COO of Rana Gruber





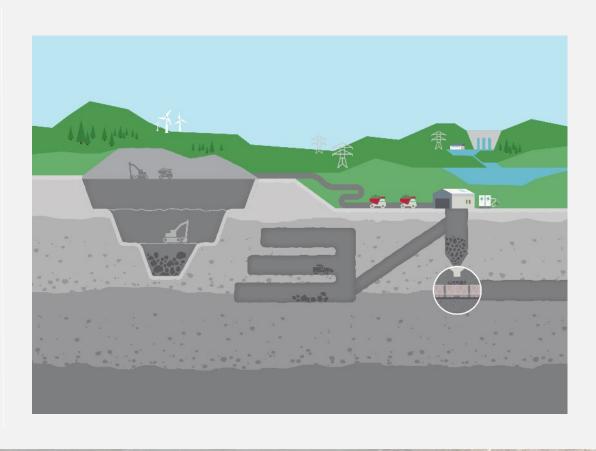
## **Underground production at three levels**

Elements from mine plan

Current production levels fully financed and in production until 2025

New production (L91) level planned to commence mid-24, with ore reserve of approx. 9 mmt

Continuous development of UG mine – tunnelling insourced



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## **Open-pit production in Stensundtjern to boost revenues from M40**

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**Elements from mine plan** 

Process of optimising open-pit design and concept – production to commence late 2024 / beginning 2025

Cash cost to be impacted by truck transport to Ørtfjell and higher activity in 2025/2026 due to larger share of waste rock to remove in new OP mine

High magnetite concentration to drive increase in M40 production



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## **Three strategic development projects**





#### Decarbonisation





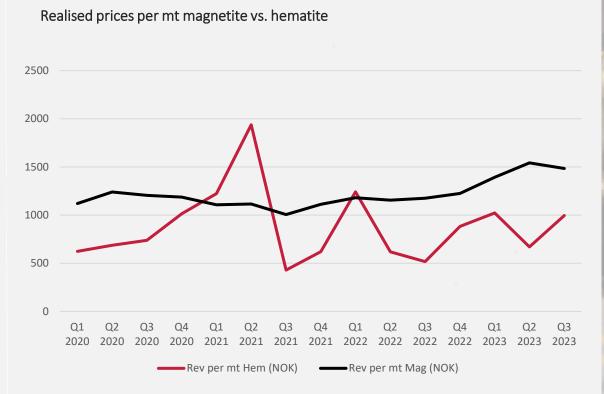
## **Revenues from M40 production provide security**

Strategic project: M40 – Increase magnetite production

Ultra high-grade magnetite product, produced without use of chemicals

High demand for water treatment chemicals based on magnetite

Stable prices for M40 to chemical industry – provide security in times with fluctuating prices for hematite





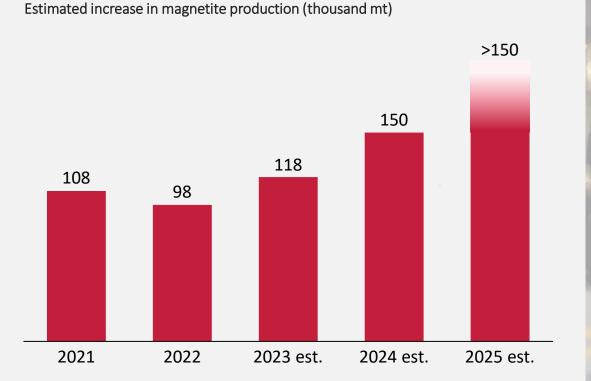
## Ramp-up of magnetite volume progressing according to plan

Strategic project: M40 – Increase magnetite production

More efficient circuit design in processing plant – larger installations in Nov 2023 and summer 2024

High share of magnetite in Stensundtjern deposit

Potential for further boost of M40 volume in 2025





## **Three strategic development projects**









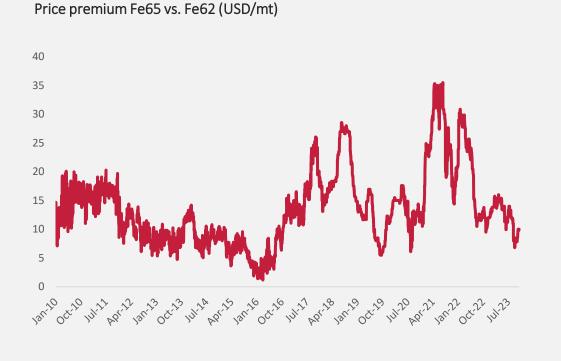
## **Price premium for Fe65**

Strategic project: Fe65 – increase minimum iron ore content in hematite product to 65%

Growing preference for low-emission steel production drives demand for higher iron content in iron ore products

Hematite product to be linked to premium price index

Fe65 to reduce CO2e emissions by 20-25 kg/tonne produced steel vs. Fe62





## Upgrade to Fe65 progressing according to plan

Strategic project: Fe65 – increase minimum iron content in hematite product to 65%

#### Fe content in hematite concentrate



Higher Fe content enabled by improved sorting prior to loading and upgrade of processing plant

#### Iron ore concentrate production



Higher production volumes, despite lift in Fe content



## **Potential upgrade to Fe67**

Decarbonisation of European steel industry expected to drive demand for iron ore concentrate with Fe content above 66.5%

Ongoing studies indicate promising potential to produce a hematite concentrate with a Fe content of  $\sim$ 67%

Fe67 to reduce blast furnace CO2e emissions by 50-60 kg/tonne produced steel vs. Fe62, and is suitable for DRI steel production

Pre-project studies and tests continue until spring 2024 – decision on further action expected during 2024





## Responsible mining

#### Nancy Stien Schreiner

Environment and Sustainability Manager of Rana Gruber





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## **Three strategic development projects**





## **Towards carbon free production**

Strategic project: Decarbonisation

#### Underground mine



- Five electric machines in operation
- Ongoing development of on-site infrastructure with rescue chambers and charging stations
- Timeline depending on timing of machine deliveries from suppliers

#### Open-pit mine



- OP production in Ørtfjell to continue with current operations facilities until completion in 2024
- Future OP production in Stensundtjern to be carbon free
- Test of technology in winter 2024

#### Rail transport



- Governmental decision to electrify part of Nordlandsbanen track, to which Rana Gruber's rail transport is connected
- Awaiting concrete plans from authorities before further action
- Timeline depending on updates from authorities



## **Electrification and energy efficiency**

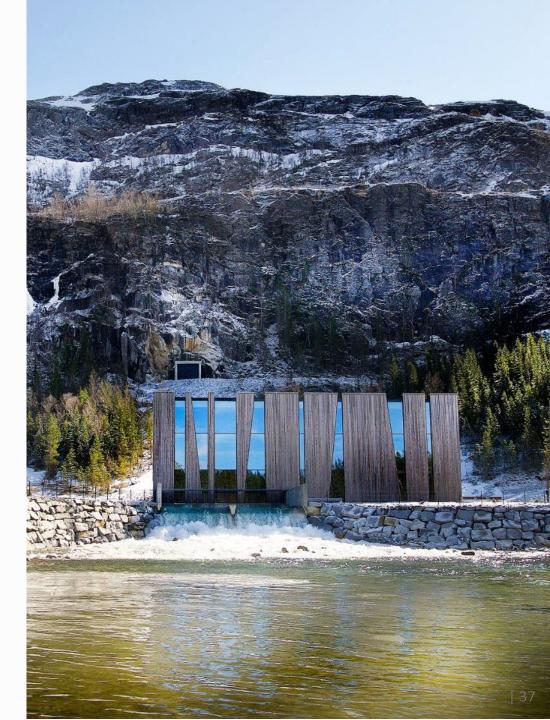
Strategic project: Decarbonisation

Expected benefits of electrification

- Increased operational efficiency
- Price premium for sustainably produced iron ore
- Improved working environment

#### Advantages of Rana Gruber include

- Location of deposits
- Reliable access to renewable power





## **First electrical machinery in operation**

Strategic project: Decarbonisation

Frame agreement with Sandvik for 19 Battery Electric Vehicles

Production drilling rigs and tunnelling drilling rigs already in operation

Load and haul machines to be introduced





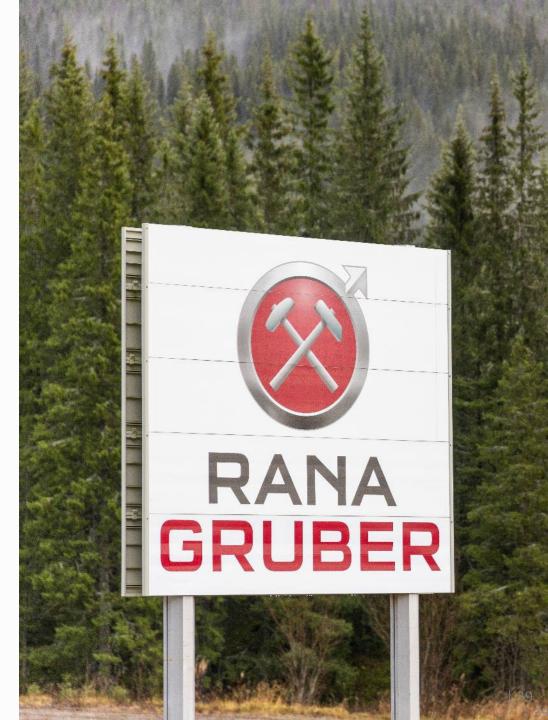
## **Towards TSM certification**

Leading the mining transition

Globally recognised initiative supporting mining companies' managing environmental and social risks

Originated in Canada and adapted for the Norwegian mining industry – with contributions from Rana Gruber

Certification expected in 2024 – demonstrates commitment to responsible and sustainable production





## **Towards Responsible Steel membership**

Leading the mining transition

Global not-for-profit multistakeholder standard and certification initiative

Membership expected 2024

Demonstrates commitment to sustainability and provides access to forum connecting leading industry players





## Coffee break



# New Steel Era

## LOADING...

## START

Navigating the Shift in Iron Ore Quality for Steel's New Era

Lee Kirk Managing Director Cargill Metals



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## **Ferrous Market**

# 2023 - A year that started optimistically, bottomed out, but may end on a positive note

- □ The Q1 China recovery story flops
- □ But by Q3 the global Fe picture feels balanced
- $\Box$  Q4 A more positive tone to end the year?

### **2024 - A year of industrial demand recovery?**

- □ Can stimulus follow through?
- □ China could rebuild stocks, while ex-China looks more balanced?





### **2023 - China economic issues continue to be a drag.**

- □ The Q1 China recovery story flops
- □ China economic issues continue to weigh on the nearby
- □ But forward view seems more positive

## 2024 - Take 2 the fundamentals look supportive

- □ Positive signs into 2024 for Capes
- Panamax to remain stable





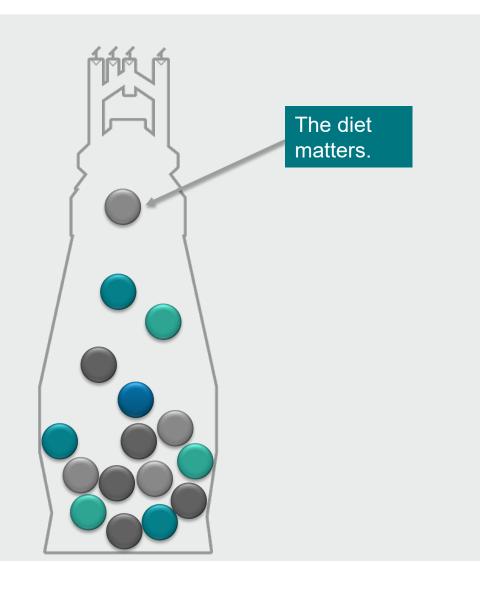


## **The Power of Partnership** Rana Gruber and Cargill. 1+1=5



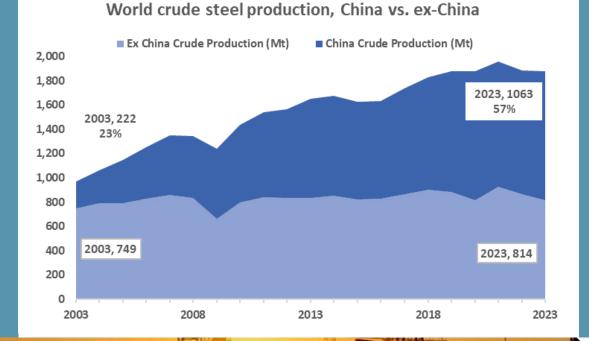
## **Iron Ore More than Meets the Eye**

Understanding the impact on blast furnace health

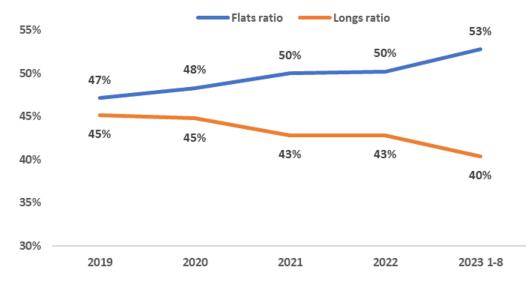




## **The Impact of China** From property to consumption



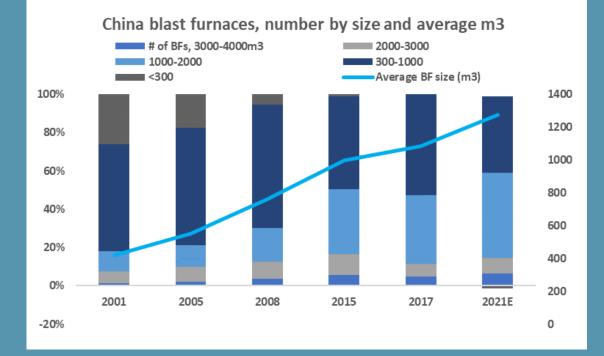
China major mills production, longs vs. flats



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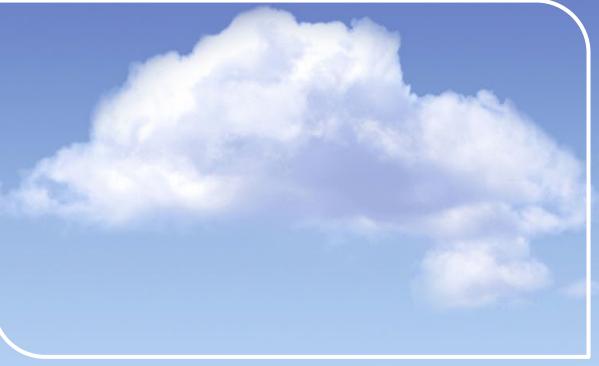
## **The Impact of China**

### Addressing environmental and efficiency concerns









## The Increasing Carbon Challenge

# **The Supply Side Equation**

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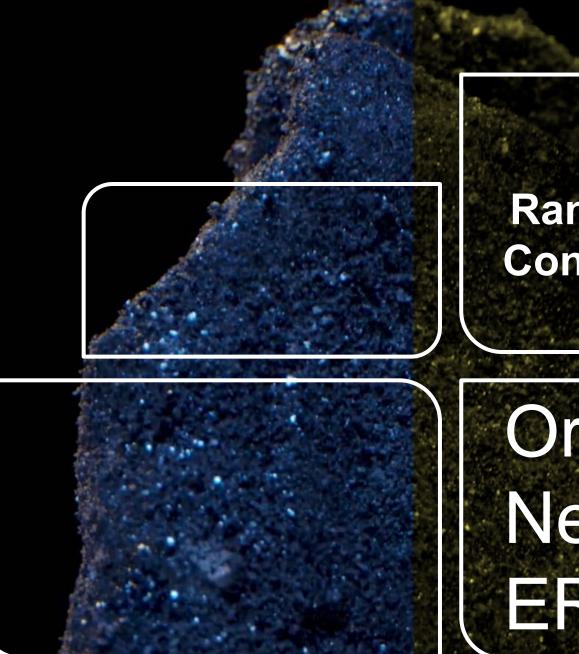
# The race is on.

# **Steel Industry Health Issues** From Caviar to fast food and back.

# Corrective Iron Ores

# The Challenges and Benefits of "Healthy" Concentrates





# Rana Gruber Concentrates

# Ores for a New Steel ERA



### Coke based blast furnace

Natural gas based DR

Displace natural gas with green hydrogen

Technological breakthroughs

# Cherry on the Cake



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An unstoppable drop in global ore qualities Expanding operational need for high grade ores Increasing cost of carbon

Growing demand for lower carbon steels

Increasing demands for ultra-high grade and corrective ores

# Rana Gruber is positioned for a very bright future





# Green Shipping



# How to decarbonize shipping?

### Cleaning up the supply chain will require the decarbonization of shipping

Numerous technologies are currently being researched and tested



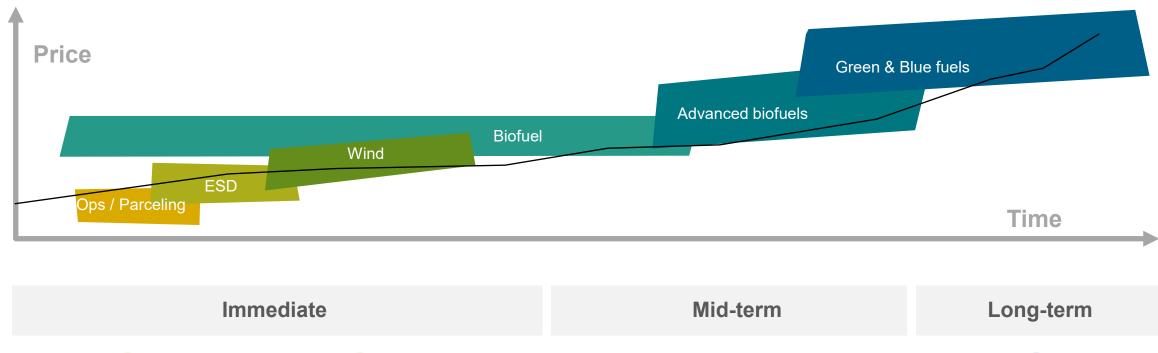
Some solutions are ready to deploy at relatively small cost (e.g. upgraded paint, small energy saving devices, increased slow steaming) but won't be enough in the long run



Long term solutions that deliver radical improvements will have to come from new technologies, in particular alternative propulsion technologies (e.g. zero carbon fuels assisted by wind)



# The journey lower carbon shipping







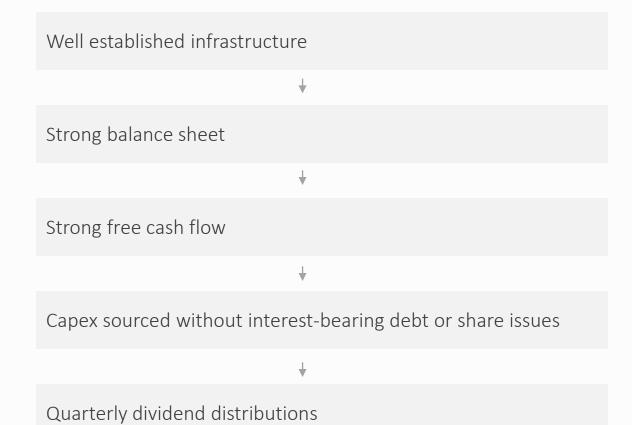
# Financial position and cash flow management

**Erlend Høyen** CFO of Rana Gruber



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# **Attractive dividend distributions**

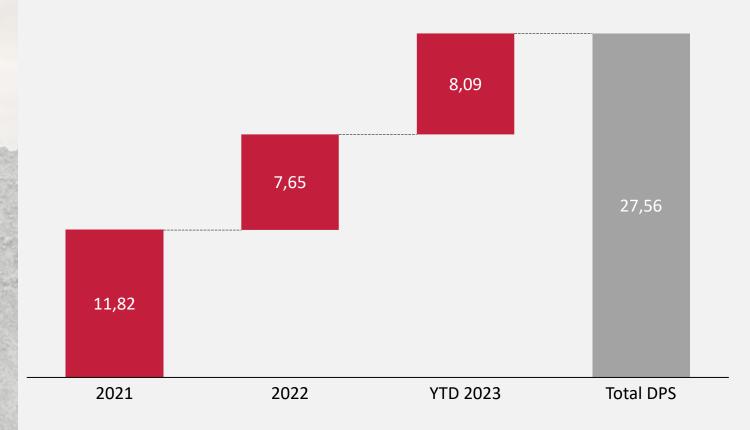






## **Consistent track record of shareholder return**

#### Dividend per share (NOK)



More than NOK 1 billion paid out in dividends since admission for trading in 2021

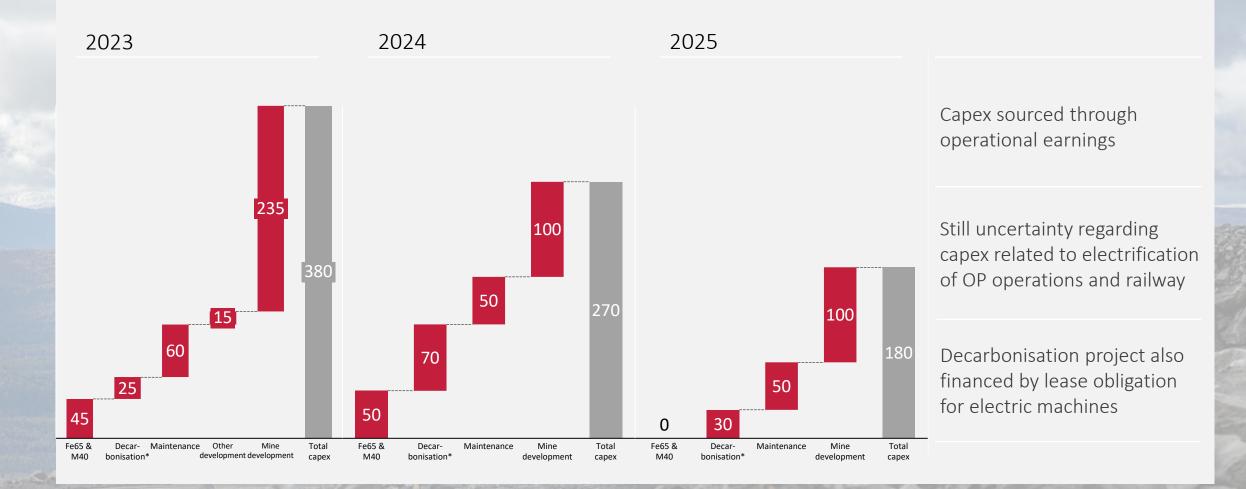
Policy to pay out 50-70 per cent of adjusted net profit<sup>1</sup> each quarter

Up to 30 per cent of the allocated dividend amount can be applied for acquisition of Rana Gruber shares



<sup>1</sup>According to the dividend policy, the adjusted net profit shall constitute the IFRS based net profit after tax, adjusted for unrealised gains and losses from the portfolio of hedging positions related to iron ore, FX, and electric power. The relevant hedging positions are those related to shipments initiated in the quarter of reporting for which the final price is concluded in the subsequent quarter. The board of directors can also adjust for extraordinary events which do not count as being part of the company's core business.

## **Capex plan remains firm**





\*The figures for the decarbonisation project only concern infrastructure investments relating to the electrification of the underground operations, they do not concern electric mining machines and vehicles, nor the open-pit operations nor the rail transport.

# Lease obligation to increase going forward

Obligation covering all vehicles and mobile machines

Obligation potentially to increase up to doubling, net Enova funding of MNOK 40 and trade-in of diesel-powered machines, when carbon free

Increase depending on delivery rate, price development for new machines, and trade-in value of diesel-powered machines





# Stable development and workflows for operational excellence

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| CAPEX  | CAPEX / OPEX  | САРЕХ  | OPEX  | OPEX / REVENUE  |



## **Hedging for stable cash flow**

#### Key hedging assessment criteria

Hedging of iron ore, FX, freight and electric power



Max. 50% of annual production volume, for a period of up to 24 months

Changes in portfolio value included in P&L under net financial income/expenses



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# Key takeaways

Well-positioned to lead the transition towards carbon free mining

Strong cash generation and solid financial position enabling attractive dividend distributions

Progress on strategic projects and partnership with Cargill provide promising foundation for further progress





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# Welcome for lunch!

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