

**KERNEL HOLDING S.A.** 

#### **OPERATIONS UPDATE FOR THREE MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013**

### Production, sales and throughput:

Volume and tonnage	Q3 FY2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	Q3 FY2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	yoy
Grain sales, tons	653 745	831 559	-21.4%
Bulk oil sales, tons	162 976	224 590	-27.4%
Bottled oil sales, '000 liters	23 153	29 274	-20.9%
Sunflower seed crush, tons	679 311	730 561	-7.0%
Refined oil production, tons	26 274	30 441	-13.7%
Bottled oil production, tons	25 166	28 861	-12.8%
Export terminals throughput, tons	625 623 <sup>(3)</sup>	595 235	5.1%

<sup>(1)</sup> Three months ended 31 March 2013

### Key highlights:

- The 21.4% yoy decline in grain sales in Q3 FY2013 reflects the normalization of grain export seasonality in the 2012/13 marketing season towards higher shipments in the first months after the harvest. 9M FY2013 grain sales increased 20.8% yoy.
- The 27.4% yoy decrease in bulk oil sales in Q3 FY2013 was due to the significant amount of contracts with delivery terms in Q4 FY2013. 9M FY2013 bulk oil sales increased 32.0% yoy and are in line with production levels.
- Export terminal volumes increased 5.1% yoy in Q3 FY2013 as a result of a higher share of the company's grain sales shipped through its own terminals compared to the previous year. 9M FY2013 export terminal volumes increased 78.1% yoy to 2.6 million tons.

## **Corporate:**

• In early April, Kernel Holding S.A. entered into a share purchase agreement to acquire an 80% interest in a farming business that manages 108 000 hectares of leasehold farmland and operates 100 000 tons of grain storage capacity. With a highly concentrated and fully-farmed land bank in the southern Chernihiv and Sumy regions and the northern Poltava region, the business is self-sufficient in working capital and is fully-equipped with modern farming machinery.

#### FY 2013 outlook:

- Although Q4 FY2013 volumes and results are expected to be better than Q3 FY2013, full-year bulk oil
  sales and sunflower seed crushing volumes should be lower than initially anticipated.
- Based on 9M FY2013 results, management now expects full-year EBITDA and net income to be moderately below earlier guided figures.

<sup>(2)</sup> Three months ended 31 March 2012

<sup>(3)</sup> Including 33,955 tons trans-shipped through Taman port, which represents 50% of the total throughput volume of the Taman facility. Taman port is owned through a 50%-50% joint venture between Kernel Holding S.A. and a subsidiary of Glencore International Plc.



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Selected average commodity prices, US\$/	Selected	average	commodity	prices	, US\$	/t
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3 months ended 31 March	2013	2012	yoy
Sunflower oil, Ukraine FOB, Black Sea	1 156	1 134	1.9%
Wheat, Ukraine FOB, Black Sea	343	258	33.0%
Corn, Ukraine FOB, Black Sea	292	258	13.1%
Barley, Ukraine FOB, Black Sea	314	262	19.8%

Source: APK-Inform. Prices could differ from those realized by Kernel

Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for the 3 months ended 31 March 2013 will be published after the market close on 30 May 2013.

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## Appendix 1 – 9M FY2013 vs. 9M FY2012

Volume and tonnage	9M FY2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	9M FY2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	yoy
Grain sales, tons	2 230 830	1 846 759	20.8%
Bulk oil sales, tons	739 062	559 691	32.0%
Bottled oil sales, '000 liters	84 197	107 463	-21.7%
Sunflower seed crush, tons	1 897 550	1 766 107	7.4%
Refined oil production, tons	85 065	113 004	-24.7%
Bottled oil production, tons	77 300	101 799	-24.1%
Export terminals throughput, tons	2 589 360 <sup>(3)</sup>	1 454 248	78.1%

<sup>(1)</sup> Nine months ended 31 March 2013

Including 234,998 tons trans-shipped through Taman port, which represents 50% of the total throughput volume of the Taman facility. Taman port is owned through a 50%-50% joint venture between Kernel Holding S.A. and a subsidiary of Glencore International Plc.

Selected average commodity prices, US\$/t	9M FY2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	9M FY2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	yoy
Sunflower oil, Ukraine FOB, Black Sea	1 166	1 171	-0.4%
Wheat, Ukraine FOB, Black Sea	328	253	29.5%
Corn, Ukraine FOB, Black Sea	294	264	11.2%
Barley, Ukraine FOB, Black Sea	308	267	15.3%

Nine months ended 31 March 2013

Source: APK-Inform. Prices could differ from those realized by Kernel.

Nine months ended 31 March 2012

<sup>(2)</sup> Nine months ended 31 March 2012





# Appendix 2 - Q3 FY2013 vs. Q2 FY2013

Volume and tonnage	Q3 FY2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	Q2 FY2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	qoq
Grain sales, tons	653 745	1 067 576	-38.8%
Bulk oil sales, tons	162 976	377 092	-56.8%
Bottled oil sales, '000 liters	23 153	33 760	-31.4%
Sunflower seed crush, tons	679 311	760 144	-10.6%
Refined oil production, tons	26 274	34 508	-23.9%
Bottled oil production, tons	25 166	31 818	-20.9%
Export terminals throughput, tons	625 623 <sup>(3)</sup>	1 022 567 <sup>(4)</sup>	-38.8%

<sup>(1)</sup> Three months ended 31 March 2013

<sup>(4)</sup> Including 201,043 tons trans-shipped through Taman port, which represents 50% of the total throughput volume of the Taman facility.

Selected average commodity prices, US\$/t	Q3 FY2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	Q2 FY2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	qoq
Sunflower oil, Ukraine FOB, Black Sea	1 156	1 152	0.3%
Wheat, Ukraine FOB, Black Sea	343	340	0.8%
Corn, Ukraine FOB, Black Sea	292	299	-2.4%
Barley, Ukraine FOB, Black Sea	314	312	0.9%

<sup>(1)</sup> Three months ended 31 March 2013

Source: APK-Inform. Prices could differ from those realized by Kernel.

<sup>(2)</sup> Three months ended 31 December 2012

Including 33,955 tons trans-shipped through Taman port, which represents 50% of the total throughput volume of the Taman facility. Taman port is owned through a 50%-50% joint venture between Kernel Holding S.A. and a subsidiary of Glencore International Plc.

<sup>(2)</sup> Three months ended 31 December 2012