

Management comments Q3 2017

Q3 2017 was below management expectations.

In Q3 revenue was 8.2% higher than Q3 2016 and 5.4% above YTD 2016.

Gross profit was DKKm 13.8 (12.3%) lower in Q3 2017 versus Q3 2016 due to continuous issues with production yield in the new Hungarian factory, partly offset by positive performance at the other production sites. In the short term, the Hungarian factory ramp-up has failed to deliver on production yield targets, resulting in high materials cost per own produced board. Also, one-off costs for extra staff has been required in Hungary. The situation is improving, but production yield is still not yet where it should be. Furthermore inventory write-downs and one-offs related to severance pay impacted gross profit negatively.

EBITDA was influenced by increased supply chain costs and increased freight costs, partly due to the introduction of new markets, but primarily due to extra handling relating to the Hungarian factory situation. SG&A costs were below planned level. Note also that Q3 2016 was positively influenced by reclassification of costs. The EBITDA ratio was 2.8% in Q3 2017, reflecting that EBITDA was DKKm 33.1 below Q3 2016.

Depreciations and amortizations was higher in Q3 2017 due to higher fixed asset base, following investments in capacity expansion and investments in the new ERP system.

Net working capital was impacted by a significant increase in inventory level, primarily due to follow-on effects from Hungary resulting in excessive inventory build-up as well as the strategic shift towards own branded planks. With the lower yield from the Hungarian factory set to continue into Q1 2018, inventory levels will remain at an excessive level until peak season in the second half of next year.

The balance sheet was influenced by the issue of company bonds in Q1 2017.

Cembrit Group Profit and loss Q3 2017

	Quarter		YTD	
All amounts in DKK (000)	Q3 2017	Q3 2016	Q3 2017	Q3 2016
Net sales	443.946	410.443	1.204.189	1.142.277
Gross profit	98.541	112.425	288.058	305.164
Gross profit ratio	22,2%	27,4%	23,9%	26,7%
EBITDA	12.304	44.411	46.044	73.454
EBITDA ratio	2,8%	10,8%	3,8%	6,4%
Depreciations and write downs of tangible assets	26.832	19.684	69.714	58.282
Special non-recurring items	580	6.022	2.294	11.732
EBITA	-15.108	18.705	-25.963	3.440
EBITA ratio	-3,4%	4,6%	-2,2%	0,3%
Amortizations and write downs of intangible assets	6.514	3.481	20.166	8.672
EBIT	-21.622	15.223	-46.129	-5.231
EBIT ratio	-4,9%	3,7%	-3,8%	-0,5%
Net financial items	-14.981	-13.113	-78.896	-45.882
EBT	-36.603	2.111	-125.025	-51.113
EBT ratio	-8,2%	0,5%	-10,4%	-4,5%
Tax for the period	7.724	-8.766	-17.350	-19.063
EAT	-44.327	10.877	-107.675	-32.050
EAT ratio	-10,0%	2,6%	-8,9%	-2,8%

Cembrit Group Balance sheet Q3 2017

All amounts in DKK (000)	Q3 2	017	Q3 2016
Intangible assets		164.728	151.941
Tangible fixed assets		963.278	958.108
Financial fixed assets		131.022	107.469
Total non-current assets	1.2	259.028	1.217.518
Inventory		405.785	269.935
Accounts receivable		307.822	287.347
Total tax receivables		18.134	18.950
Other receivables and prepayments		35.356	41.400
Cash		374.520	260.126
Total current assets	1.1	141.618	877.759
Total assets	2.4	100.646	2.095.277
Equity	5	523.218	651.556
Provisions		57.628	70.322
Bank loans/bonds		829.195	546.959
Other long-term liabilities		69.578	71.390
Total long-term liabilities	g	956.401	688.672
Current part of long term debt		816	46.132
Provisions		20.110	19.951
Cashpool and external banks		407.994	267.560
Accounts payable		235.680	209.776
Total tax payables		25.407	21.986
Other short-term liabilities and prepayments		231.020	189.644
Total short-term liabilities	9	921.026	755.049
Total liabilities	1.8	377.427	1.443.721
Total equity and liabilities	2.4	100.646	2.095.277
Net working capital		288.520	192.939
Solvency ratio* Net interest bearing debt		21,8% 870.100	31,1% 595.151

^{*}Equity compared to balance

Cembrit Group Cash flow Q3 2017

			YTD		
All amounts in DKK (000)	Q3 2017	Q3 2016	Q3 2017	Q3 2016	
EBIT from P&L	-21.623	15.224	-46.129	-5.231	
Depreciations and write downs of tangible assets	26.833	19.685	69.714	58.282	
Amortizations and write downs of intangible assets	6.514	3.482	20.166	8.672	
Gain, loss on sold assets and other adjustments	-883	-1.482	1.345	-1.013	
Total adjusted EBITDA	10.841	36.909	45.096	60.710	
Change in provisions	-1.686	-2.449	-6.774	-15.158	
Change in working capital	-23.958	4.536	-173.082	62.269	
Financial payments received and made	-14.980	-25.390	-78.895	-40.243	
Corporation tax paid	-2.848	-2.166	-12.180	42.204	
Cash flow from operating activities	-32.631	11.440	-225.835	109.782	
Total investments	-16.296	-26.992	-58.167	-89.503	
Total disposals	-8	-	43	87	
Total other investments	-	-336	-299	-335	
Cash flow from investments	-16.304	-27.328	-58.423	-89.751	
Cash flow from operating and investing activities	-48.935	-15.888	-284.258	20.031	
Dividend	1	-	1	1	
Acquisition of own shares	-	-	-	-	
Capital increases	2.188	-313	2.313	862	
External banks	29.903	-117	41.879	17.858	
Leasing	-134	-64	-465	-347	
Changes in NIBD	8.409	22.552	253.793	-50.638	
Change in cash funds	-8.568	6.170	13.263	-12.233	