

Valmet's proposal to start discussions on a statutory merger between Valmet and Neles

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# Valmet has approached the Board of Directors of Neles with a proposal to start discussions on a potential statutory merger between Valmet and Neles

- Valmet announced 14.88 percent share acquisition of Neles' shares from Solidium Oy on June 17, 2020 and has gradually increased its ownership further to 29.5%.
- Valmet has today (September 29, 2020) approached the Board of Directors of Neles with a proposal to start discussions on a potential statutory merger between the two companies.
- Valmet sees that a combination of the two companies in the long-term would create excellent value for Valmet's and Neles' shareholders.
- A statutory merger between the companies require negotiations between the two companies. Even if such negotiations are initiated, there is no certainty that they will result in a final agreement.



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# Valmet's way forward



#### Our Values



#### Customers

We move our customers' performance forward



#### Renewal

We promote new ideas to create the future



#### **Excellence**

We improve every day to deliver results



#### People

We work together to make a difference

### Megatrends

- · Resource efficient and clean world
- · Digitalization and new technologies

**Our Vision** 

· Urban, responsible and global consumer



# Valmet's financial targets

Growth **Profitability** 

- Net sales for stable business to grow over two times the market growth
- Net sales for capital business to exceed market growth

Comparable EBITA: 10–12%

ROCE

Comparable return on capital employed (ROCE) before taxes<sup>1</sup>: >20%

Dividend policy

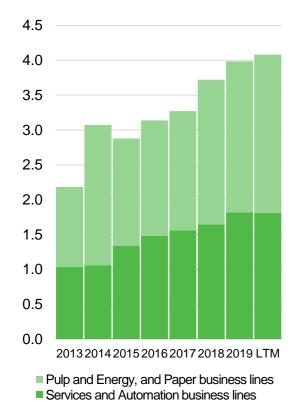
Dividend payout at least 50% of net profit



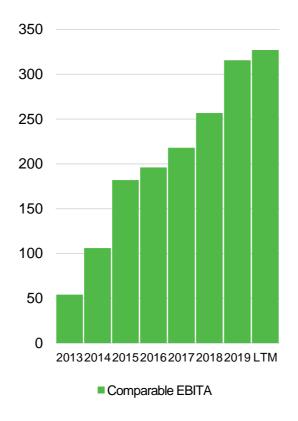
Comparable ROCE before taxes = (profit before taxes + interests and other financial expenses +/- items affecting comparability) / (balance sheet total - non-interest-bearing liabilities (average for the period))

## Valmet's development since 2013

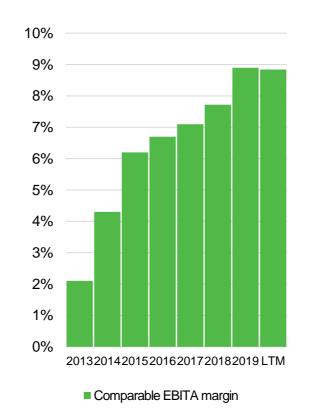
Orders received (EUR billion)



Comparable EBITA (EUR million)



Comparable EBITA margin (%)



10-12%

Comparable EBITA target

328%

Total Shareholder Return since demerger

24%

Annualized Total Shareholder Return since demerger

2013 figures on carve-out basis



# Valmet's acquisition strategy

Well considered acquisitions with clear industrial logic

- Focus on organic growth
- Selective acquisitions done to support growth

#### **Acquisition themes**

- Strengthening Services
  - Complementing existing portfolio
  - Expansion in consumables
- Strengthening Automation
  - Stronger Pulp & Paper automation
  - Expansion in Industrial Internet
  - Stronger presence in growth markets
- Expanding business in pulp, paper and energy value chain

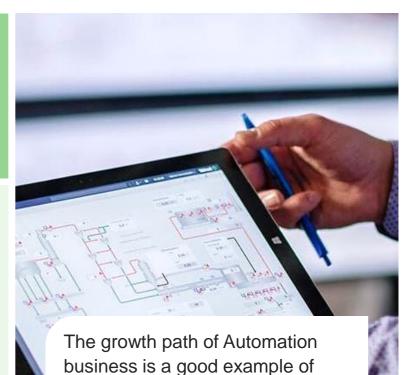
#### Several successful acquisitions

- Process Automation Systems 2015
- MC machinery 2015
- Enertechnix 2018
- GL&V 2019
- J&L Fiber Services 2019
- PMP Group 2020 (signed 9/2020)

### **Automation business line**

Orders received (EUR million)





Valmet's ability to extract

businesses combined.

synergies and successfully

integrate as well as develop the



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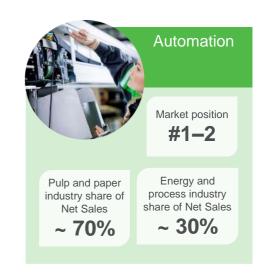
# Valmet today

A leading provider of process technologies, services and automation to pulp, paper and energy industries









220 years of industrial experience

Strong global presence with

- 100 service centers
- 96 sales offices
- 39 production units
- 16 R&D centers

6 consecutive years in Dow Jones Sustainability Index



## Valmet's key figures in 2019

Orders received EUR 3,986 million

Net sales EUR 3,547 million

Comparable EBITA EUR 316 million

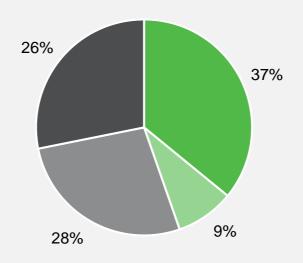
**Comparable EBITA margin** 8.9%

**Gearing -23%** (on June 2020)

Net debt (on June 2020) EUR -223 million

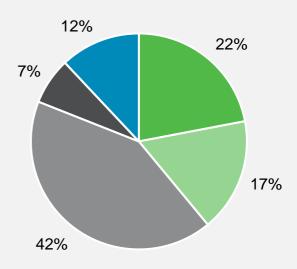
**Employees** (on Dec 31, 2019) 13,598

### Orders received by business line



- Services
- Automation
- Pulp and Energy
- Paper

### Orders received by area



- North America
- South America
- EMEA
- China
- Asia-Pacific



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## Neles today

A strong niche player with especially solid position in certain segments of the valves market



 Flow control equipment and services company focused primarily on control valves and demanding on/off industrial valves



- Pulp and paper
- Oil and gas
- Chemicals
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- 2,900 employees
- A globally balanced footprint of technology centers, factories and service centers



 Valves have a crucial role in increasing the safety and sustainability of the customer's production process

Source: neles.com



# Neles' key figures

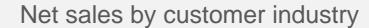
Orders received EUR 681 million

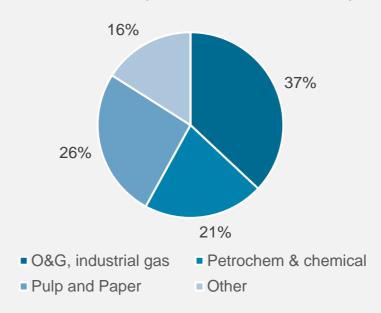
Net sales EUR 660 million

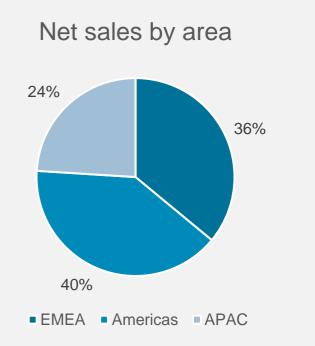
**Comparable EBITA**EUR 97 million

**Comparable EBITA margin** 14.6%

Employees ~2,900



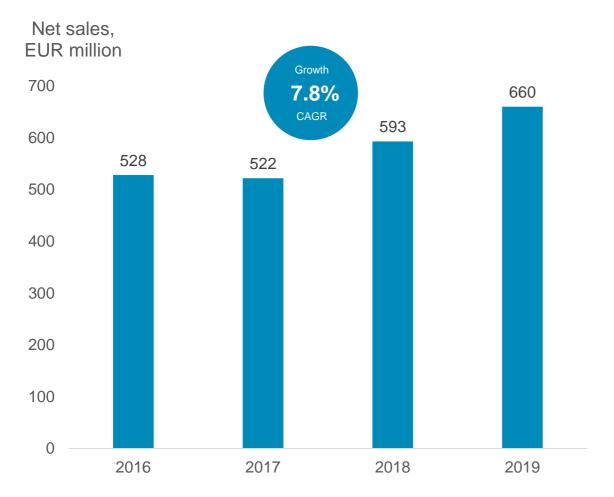




Source: neles.com



# Neles has a good track record for growth and potential to grow further



Neles' strategic actions to grow organically and through acquisitions:

- Gain market share by expanding in selected markets and broadening product offering
- Accelerate growth of valve controls & actuators
- Strengthen service business supported by digitalization
- Execute targeted acquisitions which support these initiatives



Source: neles.com

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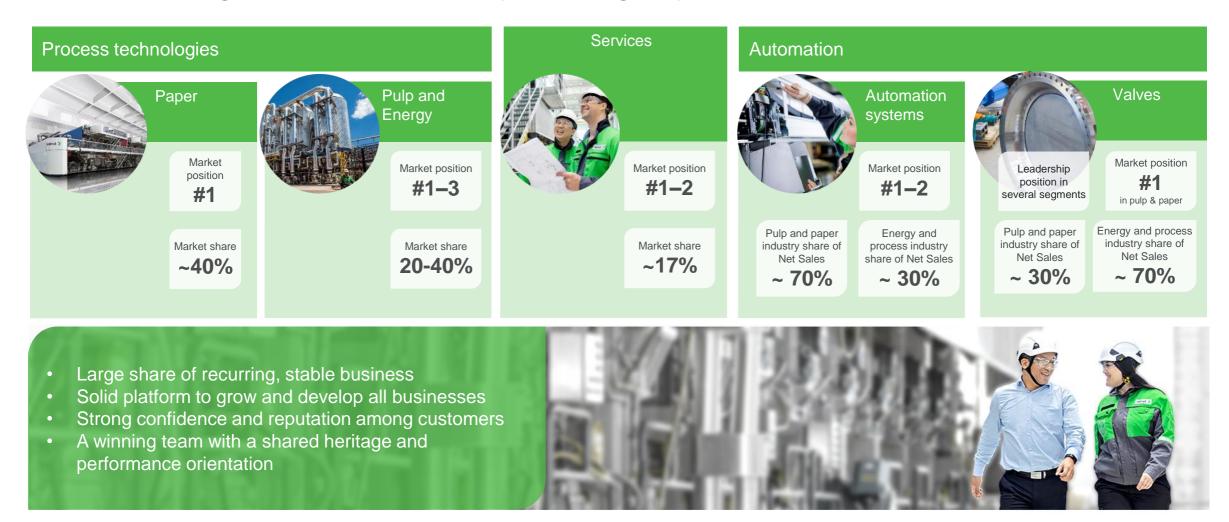
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## Valmet and Neles together

A Nordic based global leader with a unique offering for process industries





# A unique and competitive offering

#### **Paper**

- Board, tissue and paper machines
- Modernizations and grade conversions

#### **Pulp and Energy**

- Pulp mills
- Multifuel boilers
- Environmental systems

#### **Services**

- Spare and process parts
- Production consumables
- Maintenance, shutdown and outsourcing services
- Process support and optimization



#### **Automation**

- Automation systems
- Valves
- Industrial Internet solutions

### Focus on customer benefits



## Stronger margin profile and globally balanced operations

Services ~32%, automation ~24% and process technologies ~44% of net sales (illustrative, based on 2019 figures)

Orders received EUR 4,667 million

Net sales EUR 4,207 million

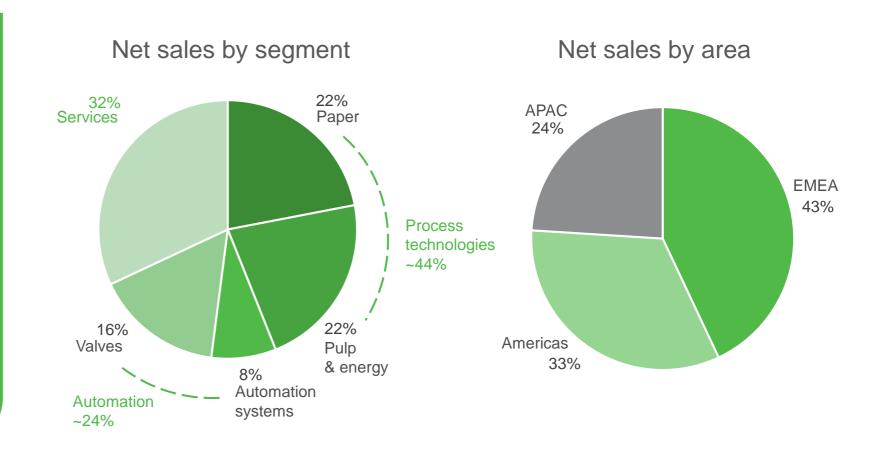
Comparable EBITA EUR 413 million

**Comparable EBITA margin** 9.8%

Order backlog EUR 3,613 million

Employees 16,464

All figures are illustrative, based on 2019 figures

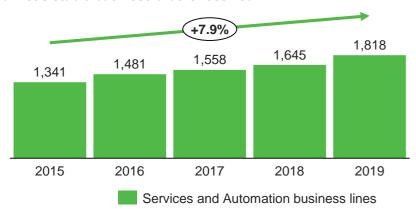




# Increased share of high-margin and growing stable business

Stable business includes services, automation systems and valves

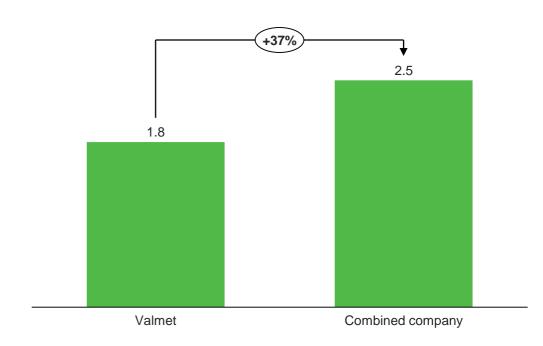
#### Valmet's stable business orders received



#### Neles orders received<sup>1</sup>



#### Combined stable business orders received<sup>2</sup>



Combination of services, automation and valves would create 2.5bn stable and high-margin business



<sup>1)</sup> Based on Neles CMD 2020 material

<sup>2) 2019</sup> financials

# Leading in automation

### A platform for further growth in automation business

#### Valves

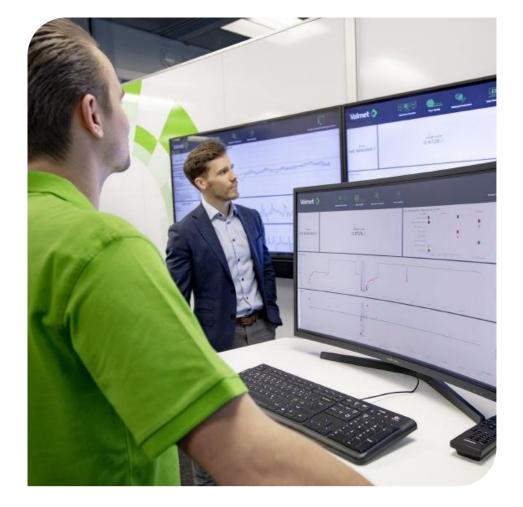
- Leading market position in valves and valve automation products
- Growth in current markets with Neles valve technologies and valve controls instrumentation
- Further penetration in selected segments including paper and biofuel

# Automation

- Leading position in Pulp and Paper automation
- Growth by increased penetration into energy and process industry end-markets
- Enhancement of existing paper and pulp process automation capabilities through more comprehensive offering

### Automation products and software

 Platform for further growth through acquisitions in the broader automation space: valves, systems and automation products





# Tangible revenue, technology development and cost synergy potential

### Easy and low-risk integration

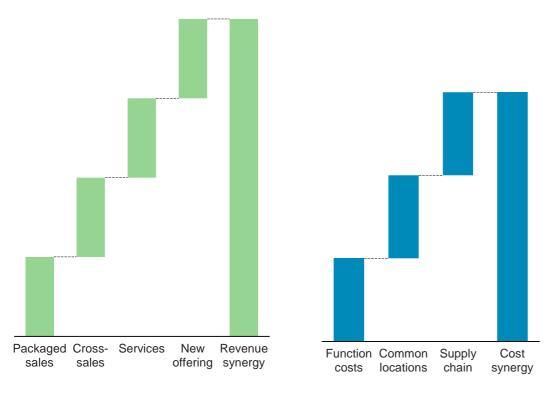


Illustration of synergy potential

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#### Combination would provide multiple benefits for both companies



- Improved package sales to pulp & paper customers
- Cross-sales to energy and process industry customers
- More comprehensive service offering and extended service network



- Increased remote monitoring and predictive maintenance offering
- Improved process automation technology development



- Combined global and country-driven functions and listed company related cost savings
- Common locations
- More efficient supply chain and procurement cost savings

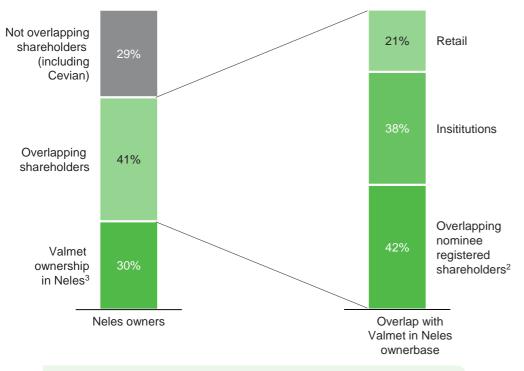
Easy and low-risk integration with fast synergy realization

- Same heritage, similar management models and values
- Valmet's strong track record



### Value to all shareholders

#### Large overlapping shareholder base<sup>1</sup> between Valmet and Neles



Highly overlapping shareholder base – allowing shareholders to benefit in significant upside through existing holdings in both Valmet and Neles.

### The potential merger would create value to all shareholders through

- Enhanced strategic positioning
  - A large share of stable, recurring and profitable services, automation systems and valves business
  - Platform to grow automation systems and valves businesses
  - Financial capacity to execute on strategy
- Synergy potential including revenue, technology development and cost synergies
- Possibility to optimize the combined company's balance sheet
- Merger being a tax neutral structure for Finnish shareholders



Notes: 1) Based on Valmet and Neles shareholder lists as of 23/9/2020 from Euroclear, 2) Nominee registered shareholders based on illustrative information from Modular Finance as of 22/09/2020 3) Valmet ownership of 29.5% as of 28/09/2020 and new Valmet acquired shares between 23/9 and 28/9 assumed to come pro-rata from Retail, Institutions Overlapping Nominee registered and Not overlapping shareholders

# Summary

- A statutory merger between Valmet and Neles would create a solid and strong, Nordic based global leader
- We believe that a merger provides the best potential for long-term value creation for shareholders





