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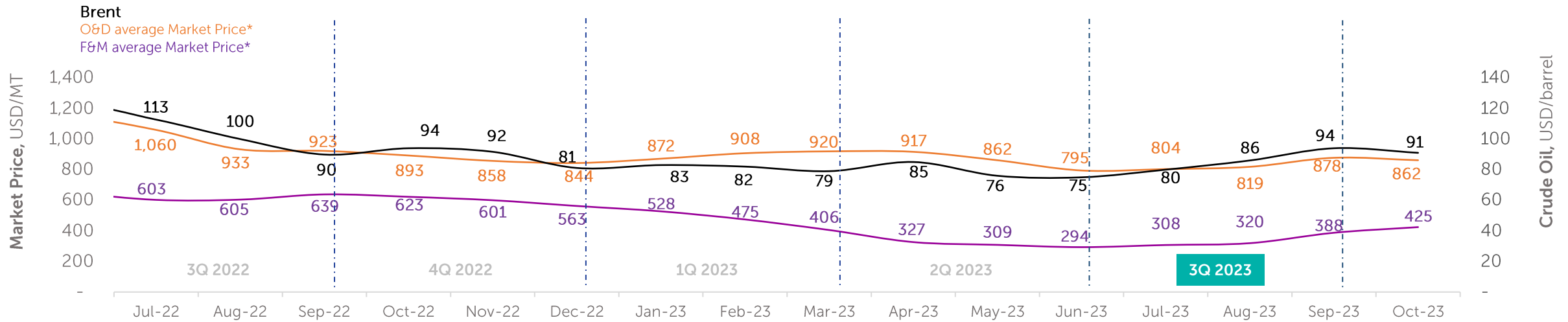


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Lackluster global market and economic uncertainties remain, amid regional market disparities



9M 2023 Market Highlights



Global GDP decreased to 1.77%, reflecting slow market recovery marked by economic uncertainties amid differences in monetary policies across regional markets. (9M 2022: 1.85%)



Global PMI declined to 49.10 on a decelerated manufacturing sector output due to sluggish demand recovery. (9M 2022 : 49.80)

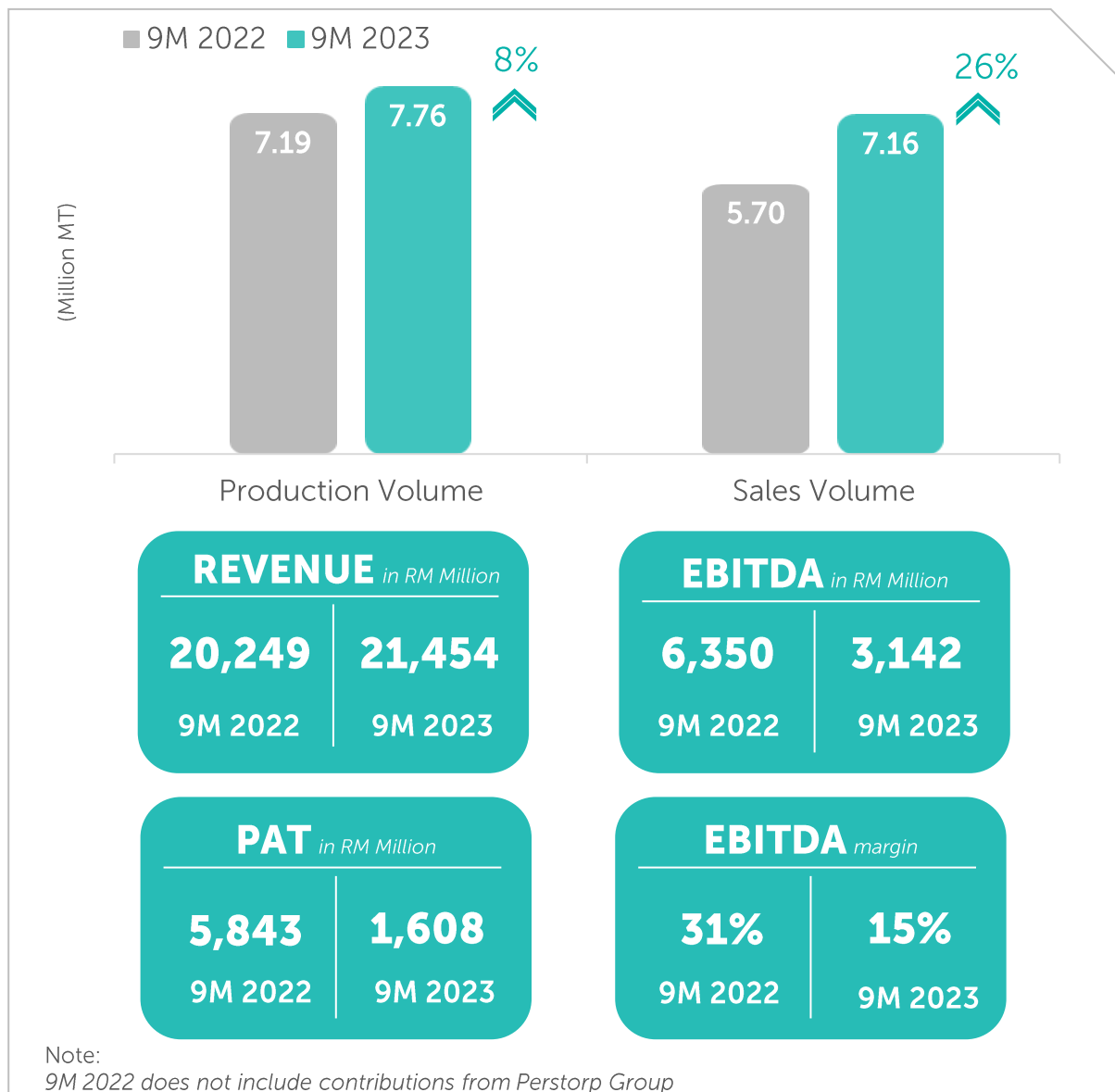


The benchmark Brent crude declined by 23% to average at USD82/bbl on lower global energy consumption, ongoing Eastern Europe conflict and continued inflation concerns. (9M 2022 : USD106/bbl)



Average petrochemical products prices declined across the board due to the on higher supply availability with new capacities on stream and decreased demand in the downstream industry.

9M 2023 Highlights : Revenue improvement with contribution from Perstorp



Operational Excellence

- Plant Utilisation was comparable at 85% despite unscheduled plant shutdowns, planned plant turnaround and maintenance works. (9M 2022: 85%)
- Production volume was higher by 8% at 7,757 KMT contributed by addition of Perstorp volume by 578 KMT. (9M 2022: 7,190 KMT)

Commercial Excellence

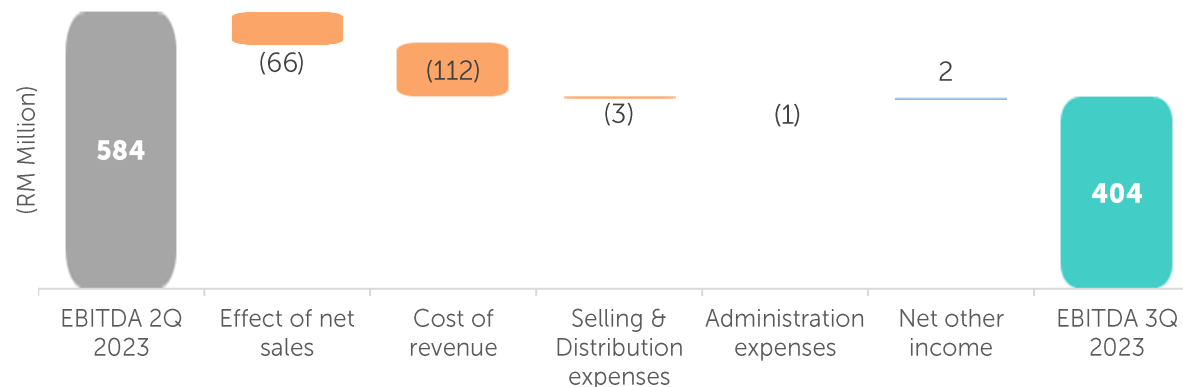
- The total sales volume increased by 26% at 7,160KMT with additional volume from Perstorp and PIC . (9M 2022: 5,700 KMT).
- Average prices were lower across the board by 30%.

Financial Excellence

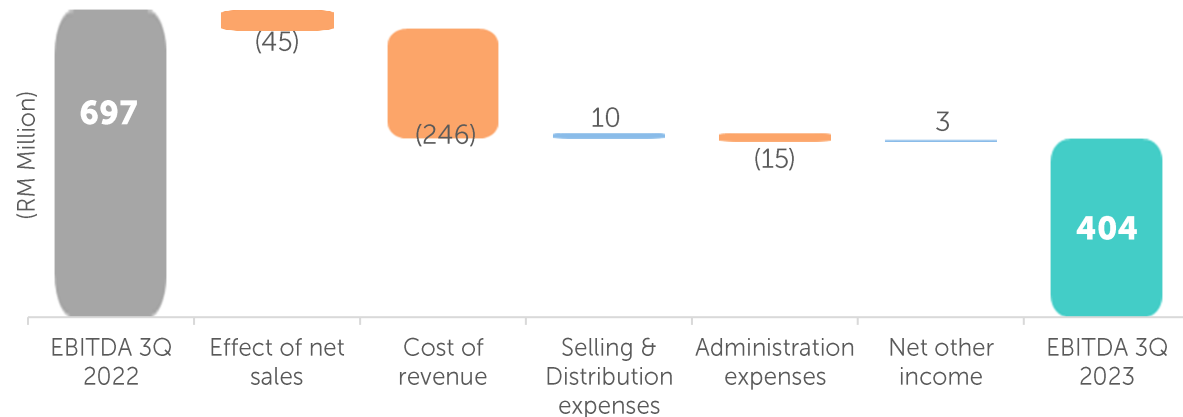
- Revenue improved 6% on higher sales volume from Malaysian operation and additional sales volume from Perstorp and PIC, partially offset by lower product prices.
- EBITDA was lower at RM3.1 billion mainly due to lower product spreads particularly in the ethane-related products, urea and ammonia as well as higher energy & utilities cost.
- PAT was lower at RM1.6 billion in line with lower EBITDA, recognition of gain amounting to RM276 mil related to adjustment of timing for trade payable payments in the corresponding period and unrealised forex exchange loss on revaluation of loan at Perstorp.

O&D: Lower EBITDA q-o-q due to higher maintenance cost, lower sales volume and product spreads

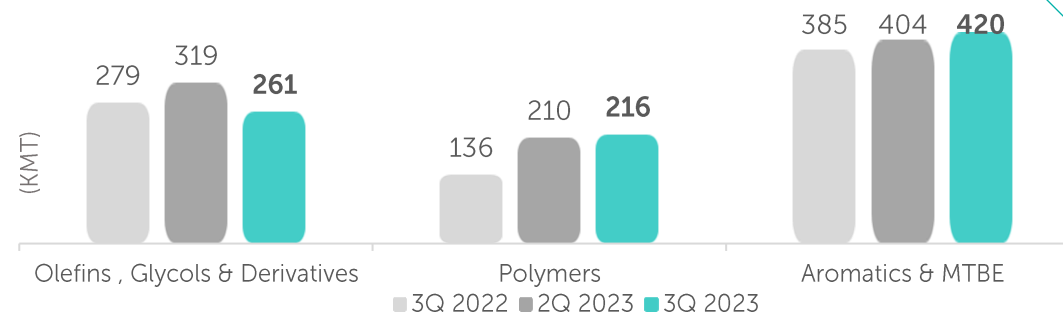
3Q 2023 vs 2Q 2023



3Q 2023 vs 3Q 2022



Product Sales Volume



	3Q 2022	2Q 2023	3Q 2023	Q-o-Q	Y-o-Y
Plant Utilisation (PU) %	96.8	98.4	78.6	(19.8%)	(18.2%)
Production Volume (KMT)	997	962	779	(19.0%)	(21.9%)
Sales Volume (KMT)	800	933	897	(3.9%)	12.1%
Revenue (RM mil)	3,419	3,633	3,496	(3.8%)	2.3%
EBITDA (RM mil)	697	584	404	(30.8%)	(42.0%)
EBITDA Margin %	20.4	16.1	11.6	(4.5%)	(8.8%)

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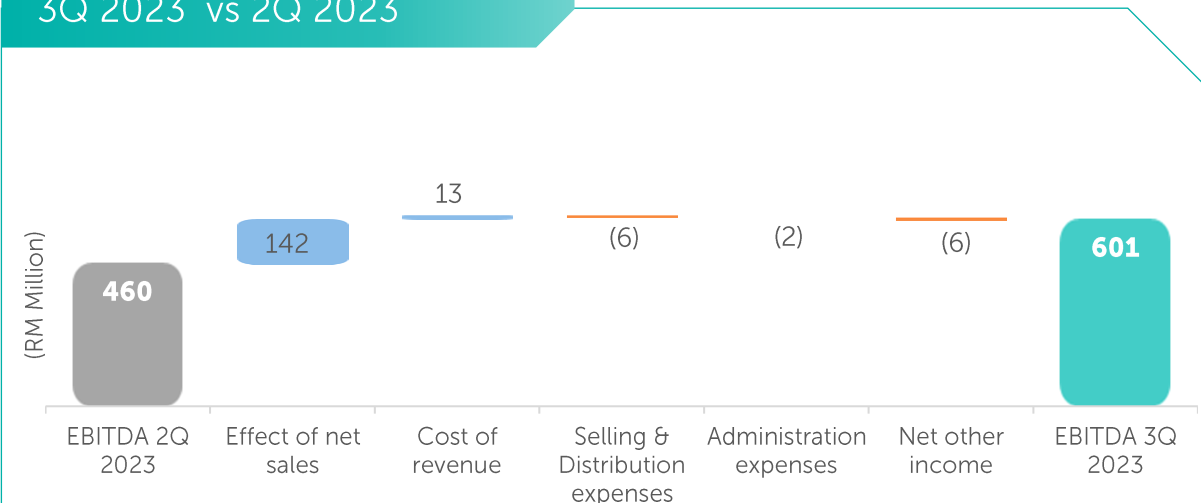
Plant Utilisation Rate: Lower following execution of planned maintenance activities and unplanned shutdown at PC Olefins, due to disruption in utilities supply.

Revenue: Decreased by 3.8% due to lower sales volume in line with lower production, coupled with lower product prices.

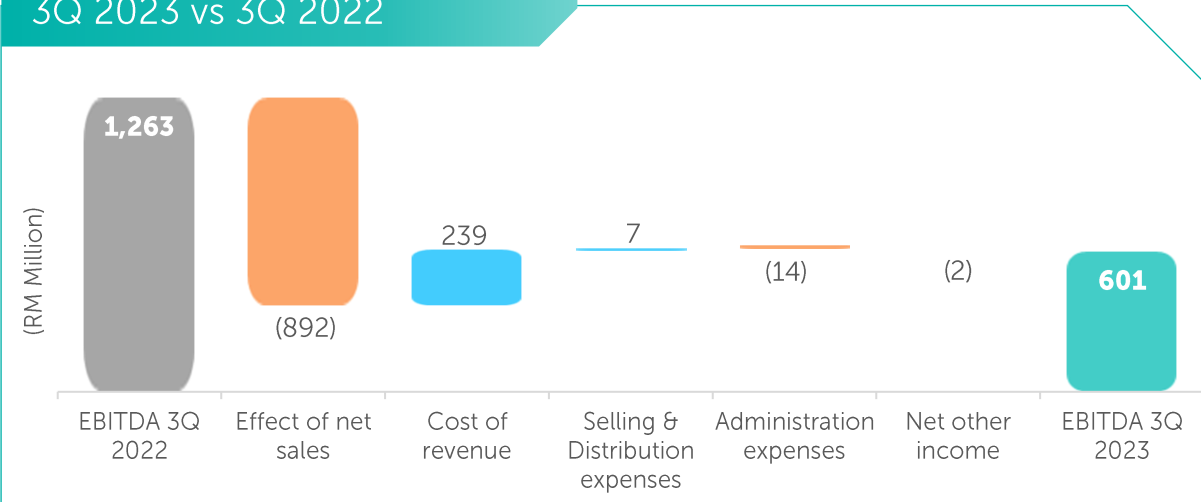
EBITDA: Lower at RM404 million due to higher maintenance cost, lower sales volume and lower product spreads.

F&M: EBITDA q-o-q improved due to higher product spreads, particularly Urea

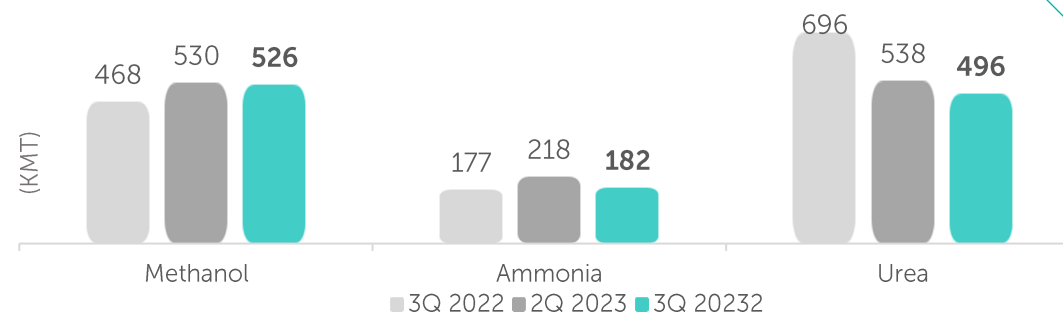
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3Q 2023 vs 3Q 2022



Product Sales Volume



	3Q 2022	2Q 2023	3Q 2023	Q-o-Q	Y-o-Y
Plant Utilisation (PU) %	94.4	73.0	76.4	3.4%	(18.0%)
Production Volume (KMT)	1,738	1,330	1,408	5.9%	(19.0%)
Sales Volume (KMT)	1,341	1,286	1,204	(6.4%)	(10.2%)
Revenue (RM mil)	3,187	1,874	1,809	(3.5%)	(43.2%)
EBITDA (RM mil)	1,263	460	601	30.7%	(52.4%)
EBITDA Margin %	39.6	24.5	33.2	8.7%	(6.4%)

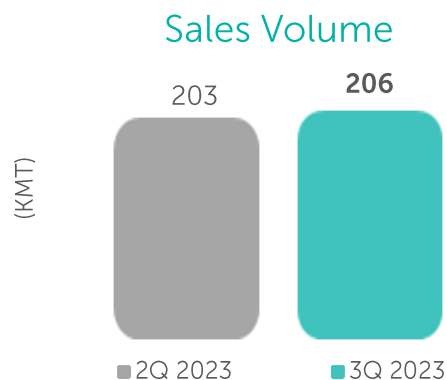
3Q 2023 vs 2Q 2023

Plant Utilisation Rate: Higher at 76.4% due to lower downtime days.

Revenue: Lower by 3.5% at RM1.8 billion due to lower sales volume, offset by favorable foreign exchange and higher product prices.

EBITDA: Increased by 30.7% mainly contributed by higher product spreads and lower fuel cost.

Specialties: Higher EBITDA against 2Q 2023 due to lower operational expenses, partially offset by lower margins



	2Q 2023	3Q 2023	Q-o-Q	Key highlights
Revenue <i>RM mil</i>	1,591	1,467	(7.8%)	Lower revenue q-o-q largely due to lower sales price following weak market demand and price competition
EBITDA <i>RM mil</i>	38	48	26.3%	Higher EBITDA q-o-q contributed by lower operational expenses, partially offset by lower margins due to lower sales price.
EBITDA Margin (%)	2.4	3.3	0.9%	

Resins & Coatings

- Slightly higher sales volume recorded in 3Q 2023 vs 2Q 2023 mainly contributed by higher demand from APAC on powder polyester, partially offset by overall lower demand for alkyd resins in line with slow growth in construction end market.
- Nonetheless, the margin was compressed due to lower price in 3Q 2023.

Engineered Fluids

- Lower margins for all key products following lower price recorded in 3Q 2023 vs 2Q 2023. partially offset by slightly higher volumes for metalworking fluids and refrigeration lubricant

Animal Nutrition

- Higher revenue 3Q 2023 vs 2Q 2023 driven by higher sales from specialty gut health products supported by higher demand from Europe and Southeast Asia.
- Margins improvement contributed by higher sales mix from specialty products as well as favourable raw material prices.

Advanced Materials

- Lower margins attributable to lower volumes in 3Q 2023 vs 2Q 2023 especially for PVB films sold to Europe following slow growth in construction end market
- The impact was softened by steady demand from the automotive market.

Silicones

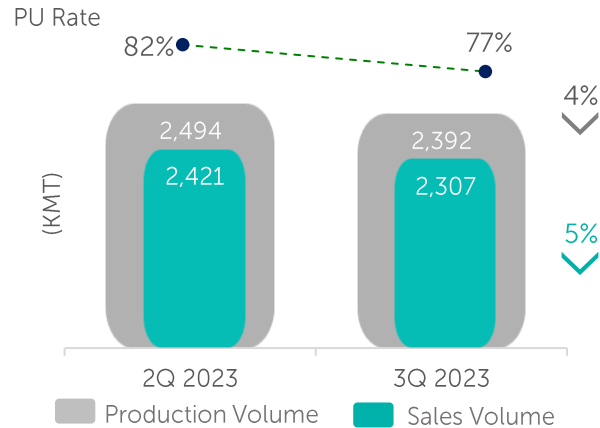
- Lower revenue and margins in 3Q 2023 vs 2Q 2023 largely due to declining price following slowdown in the market and price pressure from Asian producers, coupled with slightly lower volumes.
- The weak market sentiment is expected to persist until end of the year.

Lube Oil Additives & Chemicals

- Higher margins in 3Q 2023 vs 2Q 2023 supported by higher volumes following restocking activities.
- Stronger volume position contributed by Coolant and Screenwash partially offset by lower volume composition from higher-priced additives products particularly Gear additives and Viscotech Styrenic Solid.

Lower Group EBITDA q-o-q due to higher maintenance cost, lower sales volume, and lower spreads mainly from Ethane -related products

3Q 2023 vs 2Q 2023



Plant Utilisation Rate (PU):

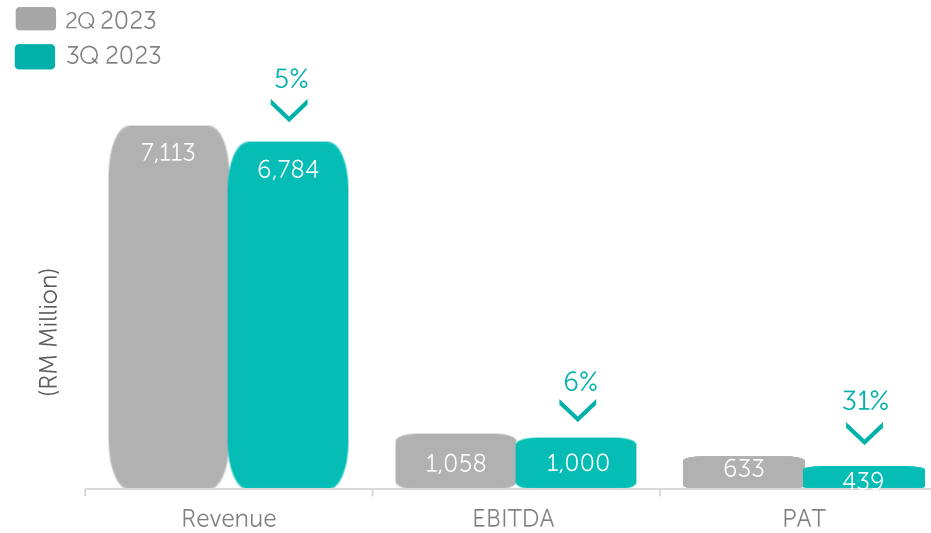
Lower PU mainly due to turnaround at PC Ammonia, shutdown at ABF ,PC Glycols & PC Derivatives as well as unplanned shutdowns of PC Olefins

Production Volume:

Lower mainly due to lower production of aromatics product, ethylene and ethylene glycols

Sales Volume:

Lower sales volume mainly from ammonia and ethane-related products. The Specialties saw lower sales of Silicones due to lower demand across all regions and higher raw material cost



Revenue declined due to:

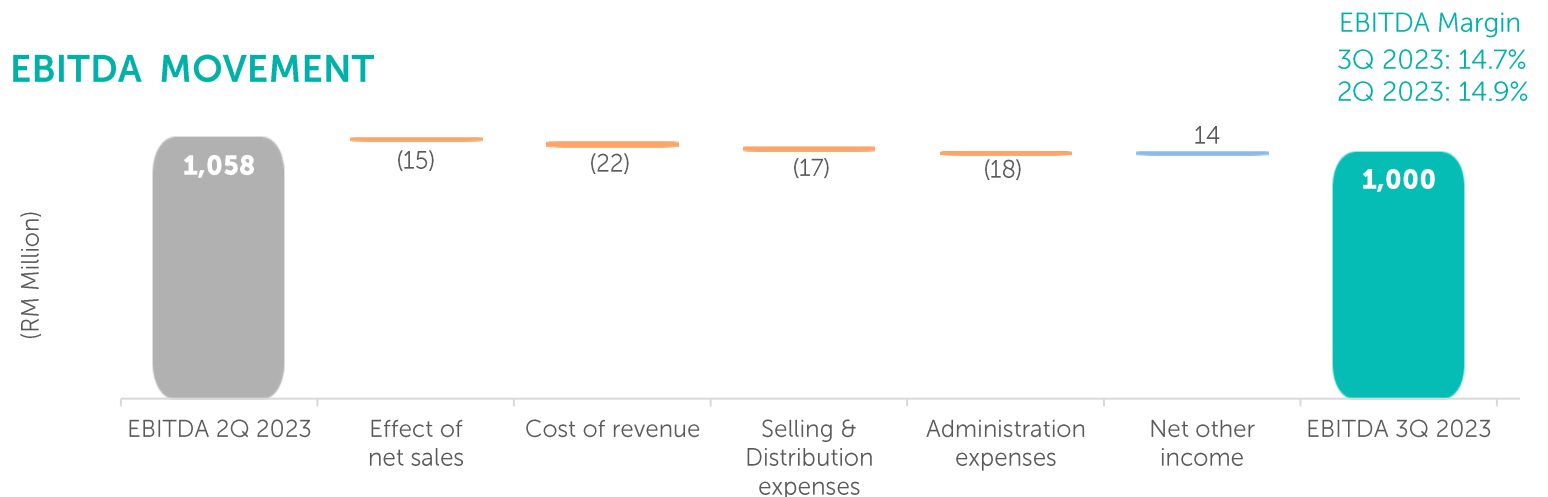
- Lower sales volume
- Lower product prices
- Lower revenue from Perstorp, partially offset by revenue contribution from PIC

EBITDA was comparable

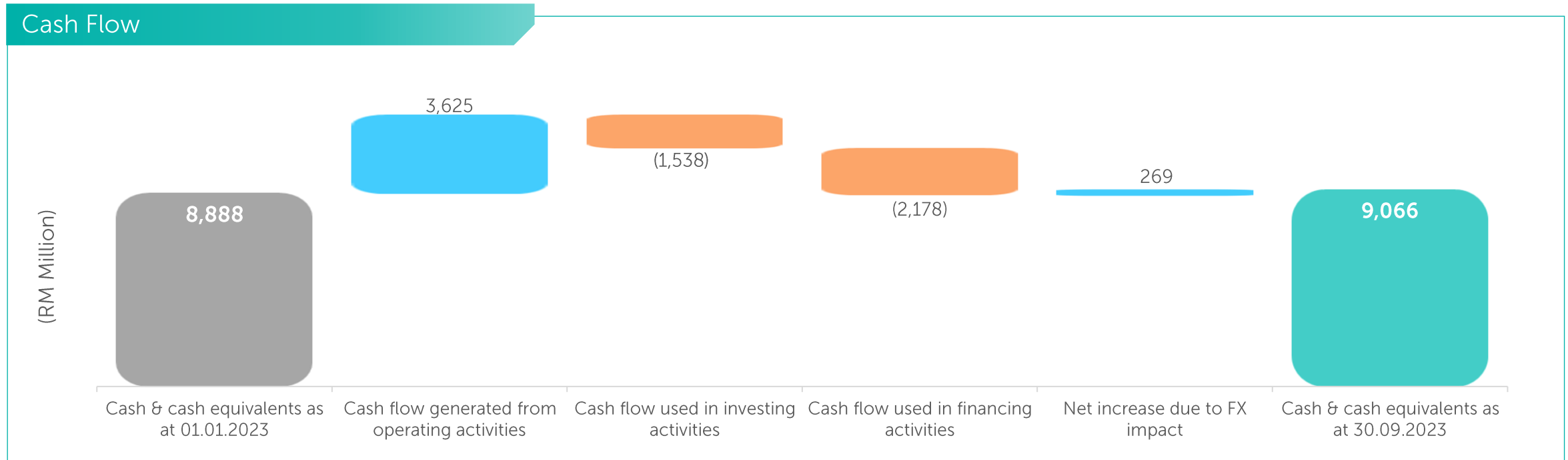
PAT lower due to:

- Lower unrealised foreign exchange gain on revaluation of shareholders' loan to PPC

EBITDA MOVEMENT

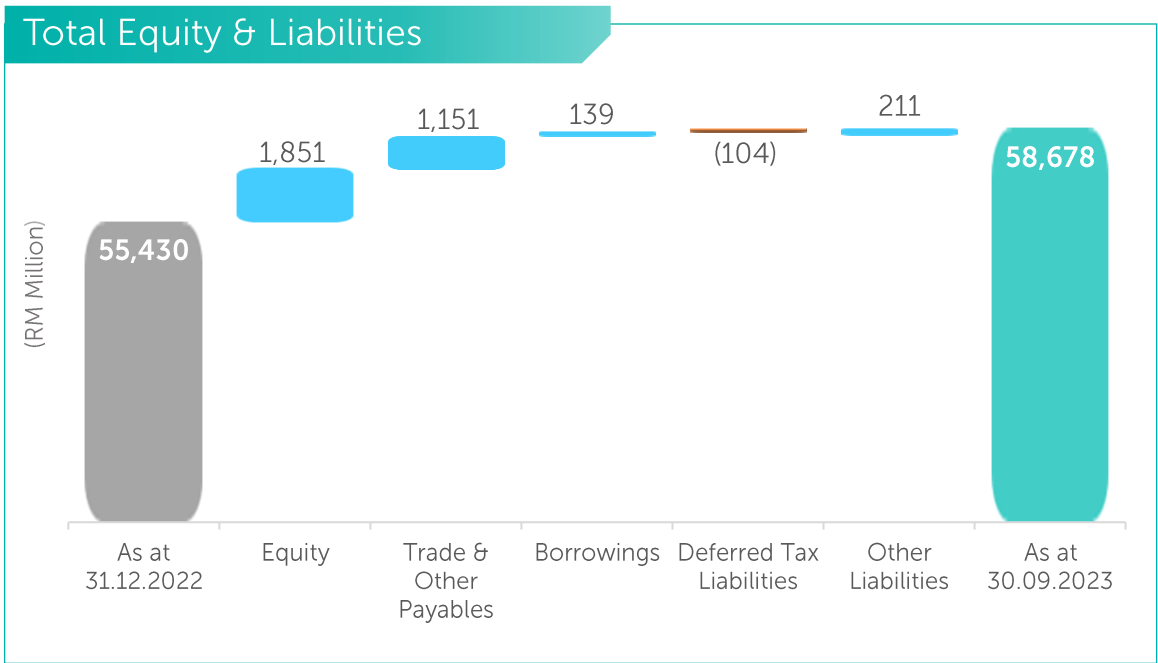
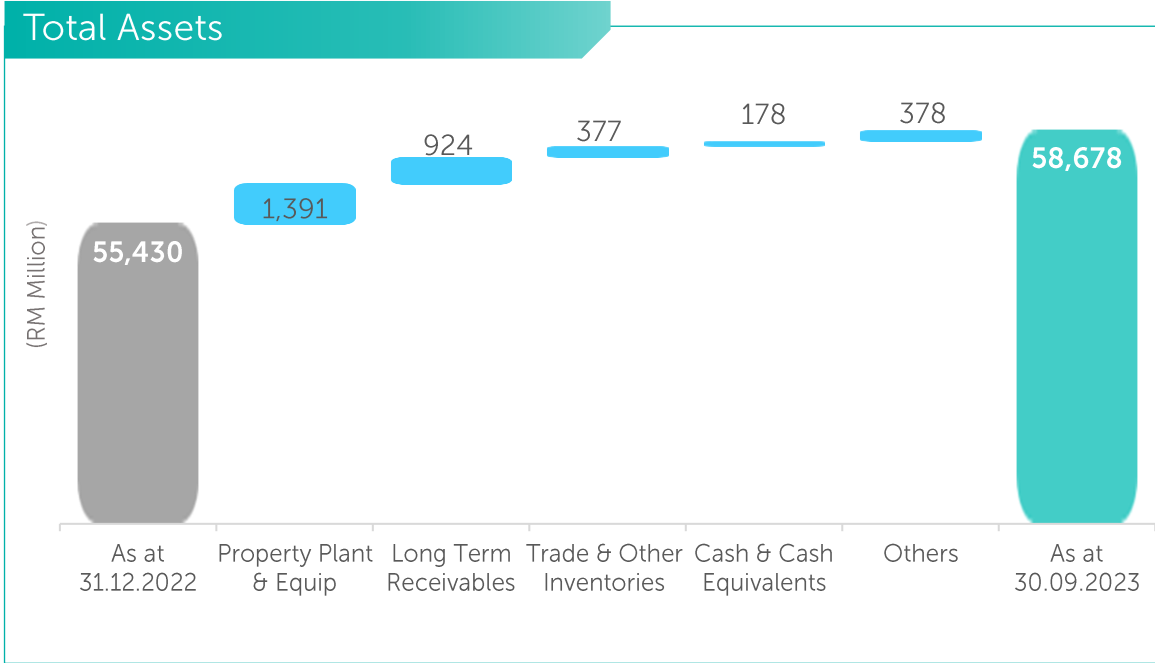


Higher cash balance mainly contributed by CFFO, partially offset by dividend paid to shareholders



- Net cash used in investing activities comprises project costs incurred at Pengerang Integrated Complex, Perstorp growth projects and the Melamine project at PC Fertiliser Kedah
- Net cash used in financing activities was lower by RM1.6 billion or 42% at RM2.2 billion mainly due to lower dividend paid to shareholders of the Company.

Higher total asset mainly from higher PPE in relation to capital investment in projects. Increase in equity contributed by profit generated during the period



The Group's total assets were higher by 6% at RM58.7 billion, mainly due to:

- Higher PPE by RM 1.4 billion contributed by:
 - ❑ Project costs incurred at Pengerang Integrated Complex
 - ❑ Expansion and maintenance projects at Perstorp facilities
 - ❑ Statutory plant turnaround preparation cost
- Long term receivables in relation to deferred payment consideration arising from partial divestment of a subsidiary

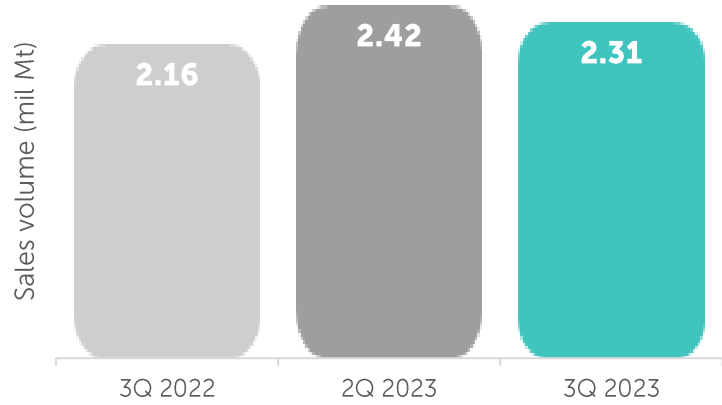
- Total equity was higher by RM 1.9 billion attributed by profit generated during the period and favorable foreign exchange impact.
- Total liabilities were higher due to higher trade and other payables mainly arising from pre-operating expenses at PPC

Keeping track of our sustainability metrics

Economic

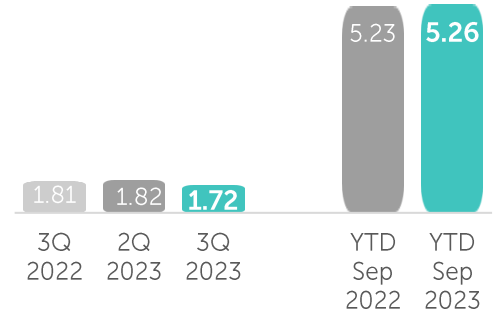


Plant Utilization 77%
Sales Volume 2.31 Mil MT

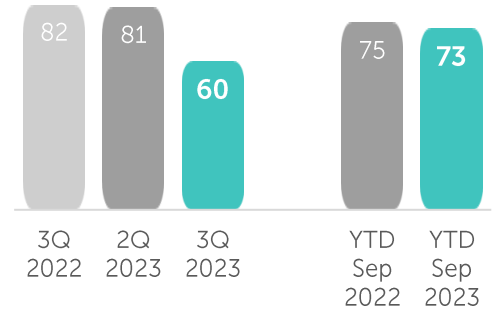


Environmental

Target in 2024
Cap GHG Emissions Volume at 6.98 Mil tCO₂e



Target in 2024
Hazardous Waste Recycle rate (%) , 3R 82%



Social



Target reach in 2023 for Social Impact activities ~80,000 people

Mangrove planting target in 2023 ~5,500 trees



Environment

- Be Green
- ecoCare



Community Well-being & Development

- Safe Handling of Chemicals for School (SHOC4School)
- Community/Disaster Relief Program



Education

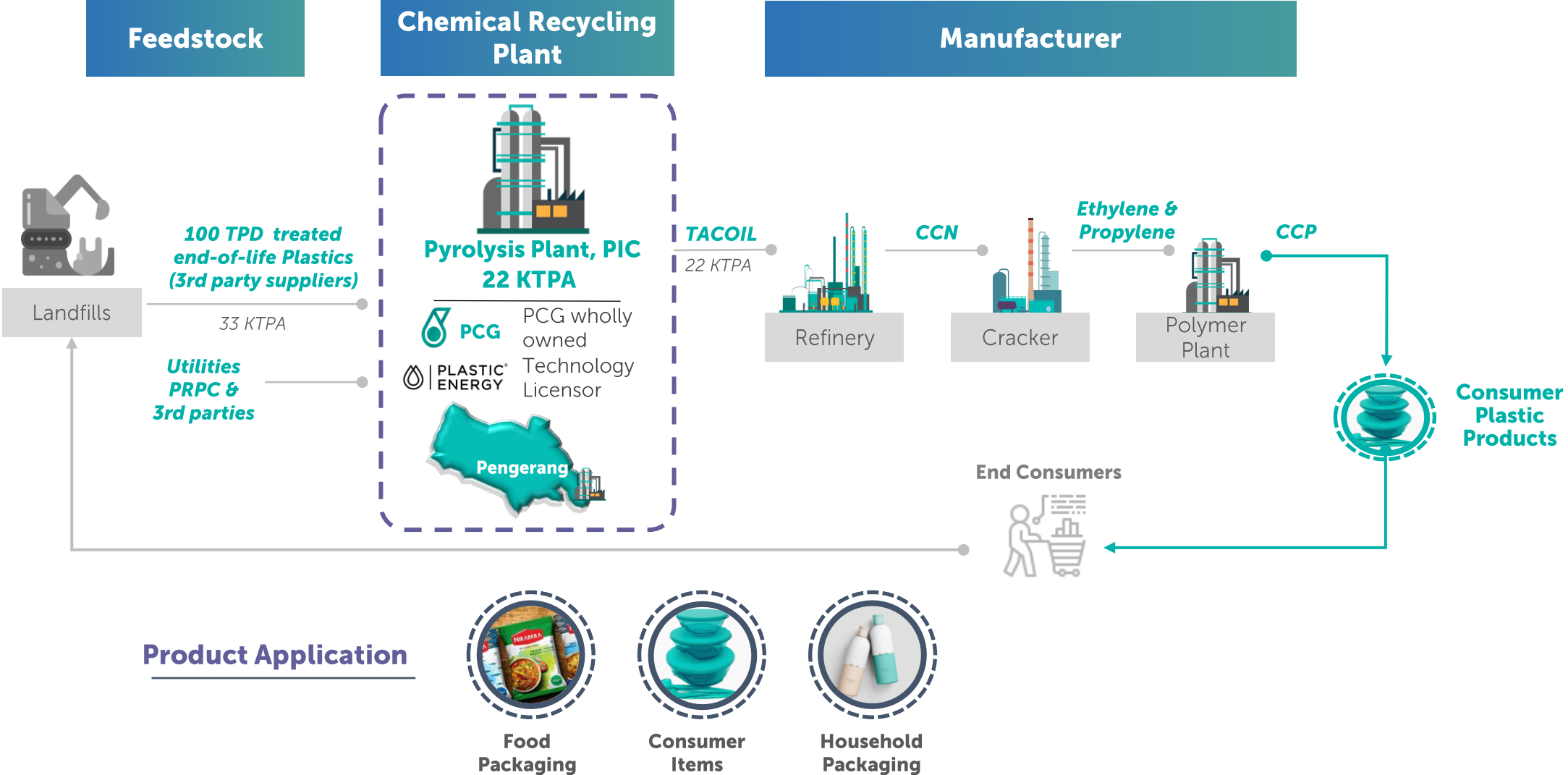
Plastic, Sustainability & You Education (PSYE)



Social & Governance

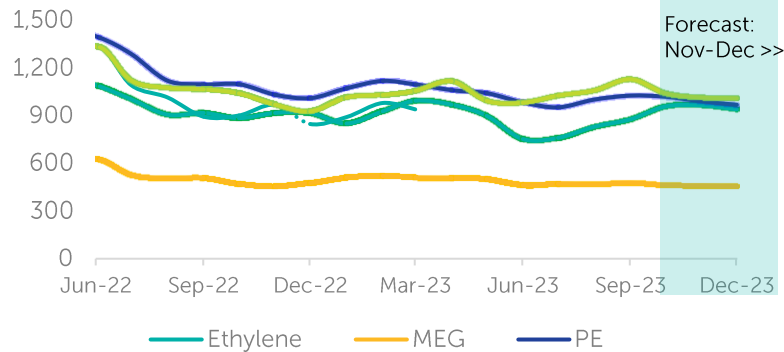
Focusing on closing gaps identified from previous social risk assessment

In our journey to drive the circular economy, we are pursuing the first advanced chemical recycling plant in Asia



Seasonal softening of commodity prices towards year-end. Specialties remain flat amid economic uncertainties and lower industrial activities

O&D: Slow demand and sufficient supply in Q4 2023 due to traditional off-peak season



Ethylene:

- Price is anticipated to be stable in view of volatile energy market, balanced supply and muted downstream demand.

Ethylene Glycols:

- Price is forecasted to be soft on rising supply from the upcoming new capacities coupled with limited buying activities.

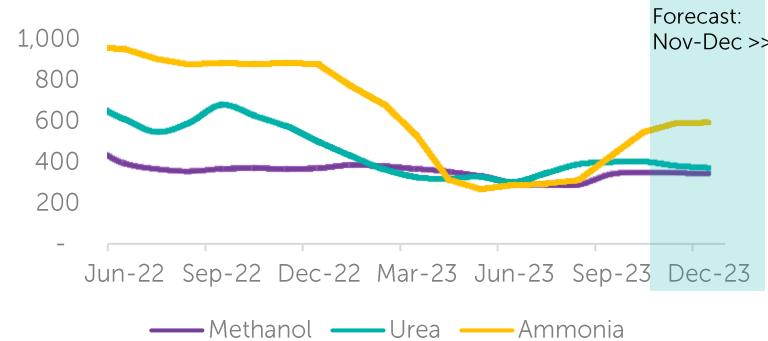
Polyethylene:

- Softening price outlook on balanced supply and poor downstream demand

Paraxylene:

- Stable price on tight supply, on-going maintenance and unplanned shutdowns especially in China

F&M: India to issue another tender in December. Stronger gas prices in anticipation of winter season.



Urea:

- Softer price amid uncertainties surrounding China's export restriction and muted market activity

Ammonia:

- Stable price with supply coming back online amid subdued demand from downstream sector.

Methanol:

- Stable prices despite continued supply shortages in SEA as downstream demand remains weak due to off-season.

Specialties: No major improvement in market sentiment expected in 4Q 2023



- Ongoing macro-economic uncertainties are expected to continue and weigh on organic volume growth for end markets especially in construction
- Weak demand for focused segments, stemming from slower industrial activities and cautious customer sentiment. Demand is expected to have bottomed out moving forward
- Soft US and EU recovery while China's recovery remain slower than expected

Despite market challenges, PCG remain steadfast in pursuing our Growth projects and Operational & Commercial excellence



OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- Strengthening plant reliability
- Deliver safe and effective execution of planned shutdown and turnaround
- Deliver safe and smooth start up of Pengerang Integrated Complex



GROWTH DELIVERY EXCELLENCE

- Operationalise our Specialty Ethoxylates & Polyols plant in Kertih, Terengganu and Nitrile Butadiene Latex plant in Pengerang, Johor within 4Q 2023
- Commissioning of Pentaerythritol (Penta) plant in Sayakha, India in 1H 2024
- Implement post acquisition integration plans, deliver identified value creation projects and synergies with Perstorp
- Continue project execution for Melamine, 2-EH Acid and Maleic Anhydride (MAN) and the newly sanctioned advanced chemical recycling plant



COMMERCIAL EXCELLENCE

- Maximize value from existing business and maintain competitive cost
- Ensure supply reliability to customers
- Maximize value creation through non-traditional business & process improvements

Thank you