

## Evonik publishes preliminary figures for the second quarter of 2018 and increases its outlook for 2018

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Essen, July 17, 2018. Evonik Industries AG publishes preliminary figures for the second quarter of 2018. Evonik generated an adjusted EBITDA\* of €742 million (2017: €640 million) and an adjusted EBITDA margin\* of 19.2 percent (2017: 17.7 percent) in the second quarter of 2018. Adjusted net income\* was €354 million, which corresponds to earnings per share\* of €0.76. The adjusted EBITDA\* and adjusted earnings per share\* are significantly above current market expectations (analyst consensus dated July 13, 2018: €691 million, €0.70 per share). Based on preliminary figures, sales increased to €3.9 billion (2017: €3.6 billion). In contrast to prior-year (H1 2017: -€135 million), free cash flow improved and was positive in the first half of 2018.

Based on its excellent performance in the first half of the year, Evonik has increased its forecast for the full year 2018 and is now expecting an adjusted EBITDA\* between €2.6 and €2.65 billion. The company had previously projected an adjusted EBITDA\* between €2.4 and €2.6 billion.

Evonik projects a notably higher free cash flow\* for 2018 compared to prior year. The company had so far forecast a slightly higher free cash flow\*.

All three chemical segments contributed to this significant increase with excellent operational business development. In addition to the continuing strong demand in our growth engines, strong quarterly earnings figures are showing the first signs of success from cost reduction program in administration and sales.

Evonik will be publishing its half year financial report for the first half of 2018 on August 2, 2018.

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\*Notes on key performance indicators (KPIs) can be found in the Financial Report 2017 of Evonik Industries AG on page 174.

The Financial Report 2017 is available at:  
<http://corporate.evonik.com/en/investor-relations/reports/quarterly-reports/q4-2017/>.

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