

**Brenntag Nordic A/S**  
Borupvang 5 B, 2750 Ballerup

**Company reg. no. 24 99 45 89**

**Annual report**

**2019**

The annual report was submitted and approved by the general meeting on the 19 May 2020.

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**Marianne Phillip**  
Chairman of the meeting

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Notes:

- To ensure the greatest possible applicability of this document, British English terminology has been used.
- Please note that decimal points have not been used in the usual English way. This means that for instance DKK 146.940 means the amount of DKK 146,940, and that 23,5 % means 23.5 %.

## **Management's report**

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The board of directors and the managing director have today presented the annual report of Brenntag Nordic A/S for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2019.

The annual report has been presented in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

We consider the accounting policies used appropriate, and in our opinion the annual accounts provide a true and fair view of the company's assets and liabilities and its financial position at 31 December 2019 and of the company's results of its activities in the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2019.

We are of the opinion that the management's review includes a fair description of the issues dealt with.

The annual report is recommended for approval by the general meeting.

Ballerup, 19 May 2020

### **Managing Director**

René Fleischer

### **Board of directors**

Torsten Walz  
Chairman

Linn Frida Maria Skyvell

Marianne Philip

Lene Filtenborg

Karin Poulsen

## **Independent auditor's report**

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**To the shareholder of Brenntag Nordic A/S**

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company at 31 December 2019 and of the results of the Company's operations for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2019 in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

We have audited the Financial Statements of Brenntag Nordic A/S for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2019, which comprise income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity and notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies ("the Financial Statements").

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark. Our responsibilities under those standards and requirements are further described in the "Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Statement on Management's Review**

Management is responsible for Management's Review.

Our opinion on the Financial Statements does not cover Management's Review, and we do not express any form of assurance conclusions thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Statements, our responsibility is to read Management's Review and, in doing so, consider whether Management's Review is materially inconsistent with the Financial Statements or our knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Moreover, it is our responsibility to consider whether Management's Review provides the information required under the Danish Financial Statements Act.

Based on the work we have performed, in our view, Management's Review is in accordance with the Financial Statements and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Danish Financial Statement Act. We did not identify any material misstatement in Management's Review.

## **Independent auditor's report**

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### **Management's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act, and for such internal control as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Financial Statements, Management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the Financial Statements unless Management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these Financial Statements.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management.

## **Independent auditor's report**

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- Conclude on the appropriateness of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the Financial Statements and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Financial Statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and contents of the Financial Statements, including the disclosures, and whether the Financial Statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that gives a true and fair view.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Hellerup, 19 May 2020

### **PricewaterhouseCoopers**

State Authorised Public Accountants  
Company reg. no. 33 77 12 31

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State Authorised Public Accountant  
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State Authorised Public Accountant  
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## **Company data**

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	Company reg. no.      24 99 45 89 Domicile:                Ballerup Financial year:           1 January - 31 December
<b>Board of directors</b>	Torsten Walz, Chairman Linn Frida Maria Skyvell Marianne Philip Lene Filtenborg Karin Poulsen
<b>Managing Director</b>	René Fleischer
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<b>Parent company</b>	Brenntag AG, Essen, Germany.
<b>Subsidiary</b>	Aktieselskabet af 1. januar 1987, Ballerup

## **Financial highlights**

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DKK in thousands.	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Profit and loss account:</b>					
Net turnover	972.546	1.013.713	879.757	831.267	798.958
Results from operating activities	40.082	45.677	42.411	38.396	49.185
Results before financial income and expense	32.232	42.643	34.993	39.140	48.704
Net financials	2.490	-956	-2.049	-371	-1.341
Results for the year	24.880	374.865	38.605	76.749	68.653
<b>Balance sheet:</b>					
Balance sheet sum	863.392	922.036	530.567	503.852	455.133
Investments in tangible fixed assets represent	10.669	46.629	10.107	8.764	8.491
Equity	692.975	724.047	372.121	371.424	294.652
<b>Employees:</b>					
Average number of full time employees	129	135	133	131	133
<b>Key figures in %:</b>					
Gross margin	19,2	20,6	26,2	21,0	24,5
Profit margin	3,3	4,2	4,0	4,6	6,1
Return on assets	4,7	4,8	6,8	7,8	10,5
Solvency ratio	80,3	78,5	70,1	73,7	64,7
Return on equity	3,5	68,4	10,4	23,0	26,4

The calculation of key figures and ratios does in all material respects follow the Danish Association of Finance Analysts' recommendations and does only in a few respects deviate from the recommendations.

## **Financial highlights**

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The key figures appearing from the survey have been calculated as follows:

**Gross margin**

$$\frac{\text{Gross results} \times 100}{\text{Net turnover}}$$

**Profit margin (EBIT margin)**

$$\frac{\text{Results from primary activities (EBIT)} \times 100}{\text{Net turnover}}$$

**Return on assets**

$$\frac{\text{Results from primary activities (EBIT)} \times 100}{\text{Assets in total}}$$

**Solvency ratio**

$$\frac{\text{Equity, closing balance} \times 100}{\text{Assets in total, closing balance}}$$

**Return on equity**

$$\frac{\text{Results for the year} \times 100}{\text{Average equity}}$$

## **Management's review**

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### **The principal activities of the company**

In the Danish market Brenntag Nordic A / S buys, manufactures and sells chemicals and ingredients, etc. primarily for the B2B market. The product range covers industrial commodities as well as special products and specific customer solutions.

The largest part of revenue is in Denmark. Sales outside Denmark are primarily made up of sister companies in the Nordic region. In addition, there are direct sales to a number of large customers in the Nordic region within some selected product areas.

### **Development in activities and financial matters**

The Company's activities have decreased compared to 2018, and we have lost business in some segments due to insourcing by the customers. In addition a number of one-time costs have reduced the result. A number of projects to upgrade the internal structure as well as increase the profitability were initiated and the positive impacts for these project will first be reflected in 2020. Also the result of 2018 was affected by the sale of Biosector. In 2019, we have expanded our focus on sustainability including reduce waste and reuse the chemicals to other customers.

Results before tax is decreased compared to 2018 and amounted to DKK 33 million for 2019.

Net profit for the year amounted to DKK 25 million.

Result before financials shows a profit of DKK 33 million (2018: DKK 43 million).

Equity has decreased due to the lower result for 2019 in total DKK 25 million and the pay out the dividend from 2018 of DKK 56 million.

Investment in new production equipment at sites in Vejle, Høsten and Copenhagen amount to net DKK 11 million (2018: DKK 46 million).

### **Special risks, operational risks and financials risks**

#### *Market risks:*

The company is constantly influenced by the competitive and market situation - including customers' expectations for the future and hence the demand for the products it offers. The market is characterized by a strong price competition from a number of players

#### *Currency risks:*

The business activities involve a number of risks that may affect the company's financial position. Including currency fluctuations in the purchase and sale of goods, etc. Continuous work is being carried out with the control and matching of currency flows in critical currencies.

#### *Interest risks*

The company's interest rate risk is primarily related to the financial loan to the parent company, where the interest rate is agreed on a quarterly basis. Interest rates to other credit institutions are fixed-rate, in addition, there is a limited risk of a few financial leasing agreements.

## **Management's review**

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### *Credit risks*

The company's credit risks relate exclusively to our customers. Internal control systems based on strict credit management and the use of external credit information mean that the company does not have significant risks with regard to individual customers or collaborators. Historically, the company has not recorded significant losses on trade receivables.

### **Strategy and Objectives**

The company's strategy is to grow through organic growth and expand our current logistics and production capacity. By offering our customers value for them and their business, the company also continuously evaluates the possibilities for acquiring activities that may fit into the current set-up.

### **Objectives and Expectations for the coming year**

We expect the operating result for 2020 will be back to 2018 level. The Company's outlook for the future will be impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, see also subsequent events disclosures in note 1.

We do not expect the result to be significantly negative impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. This due to the fact that we have been able to remain expected sales in Q1 and we have been able to reallocated our product range and production towards hand disinfection products based on Ethanol.

### **External Environment**

Brenntag continuously works to limit the impact of the external environment around our sites and warehouses according to the current rules, which are regularly reviewed by Norsk Veritas as part of our quality system. In addition, Brenntag Nordic A/S has focused on our environmental impacts in Denmark for a number of years and is continuously implementing a series of measures such as water, gas, electricity and wastewater to reduce our environmental impact in cooperation with local authorities. The Brenntag Group also imposes a large number of additional requirements for the company's handling of the external environment.

## **Management's review**

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### **Social Responsibility**

Brenntag works with social responsibility through our quality system based on various ISO standards, etc., which means that we continuously work with deviations and improvements in safety, environment, working conditions, etc., as well as the Brenntag Group's internal guidelines for good business and safety.

Brenntag Nordic A/S wants to comply with the laws and regulations of the countries and communities in which it operates. In this context, Brenntag Nordic A/S has introduced a CSR policy that in addition to the already established ISO standards and Responsible Care, will ensure that this happens.

The CSR declaration can be obtained at the following Internet address:

<https://www.brenntag.com/denmark/da/milj%C3%B8-and-kvalitet/qshe/index.jsp>

Brenntag will continue to work on CSR policies in 2020 and focus on supplier evaluations to ensure that we live up to our CSR policy. We expect this process to continue in the coming years.

Further reference is made to the consolidated financial statements of Brenntag AG for a description of the Group's CSR policy:

<https://www.brenntag.com/corporate/en/sustainability/service-and-contacts/index.jsp>

### **Report on the Gender Composition in Management**

In view of the structure of the Board today (1 men, 4 women), we will ask for Male candidate instead of Female candidate between the employees by next election so we will have equal split.

The reason why we did not reach the goal of gender distribution in 2019 is because there was no optimal male candidate. Our goal is to achieve even split within 3 years in relation to reelection of staff members to the Board.

### **Management**

In Brenntag Nordic we have a leadership group of 20 leaders in 2019 with 65% men and 35% women.

### **Policy and goal**

It is our policy to increase the number of women in other management levels and we will strive for a more positive attitude towards promoting/hiring women.

## **Management's review**

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### **Actions**

Our employee turnover is very low, and thereby also the turnover of leaders. What counts is the qualifications, and we always treat our candidates regardless of gender.

In 2019, we have encouraged potential future female leaders to take on further responsibility in current position and to get further relevant education for which the company holds the expense.

As result of this currently two potential leaders are taken further education and responsibility preparing them for future role.

## **Accounting policies used**

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The annual report for Brenntag Nordic A/S is presented in accordance with those regulations of the Danish Financial Statements Act concerning companies identified as class C enterprises (large enterprises).

The accounting policies used are unchanged compared to last year, and the annual accounts are presented in Danish kroner (DKK).

No consolidated annual accounts have been prepared, cf. section 112(1) of the Danish Financial Statements Act. The annual accounts of Brenntag Nordic A/S and its group enterprises are included in the consolidated annual accounts for Brenntag AG, Essen, Germany.

Pursuant to section 86(4) of the Danish Financial Statements Act, no cash flow statement for the enterprise has been prepared, as the relevant information is included in the consolidated annual accounts of Brenntag AG, Essen, Germany.

### **Recognition and measurement in general**

Income is recognised in the profit and loss account concurrently with its realisation, including the recognition of value adjustments of financial assets and liabilities. Likewise, all costs, these including depreciation, amortisation, writedown, provisions, and reversals which are due to changes in estimated amounts previously recognised in the profit and loss account are recognised in the profit and loss account.

Assets are recognised in the balance sheet when the company is likely to achieve future, financial benefits and the value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when the company is likely to lose future, financial benefits and the value of the liability can be measured reliably.

At the first recognition, assets and liabilities are measured at cost. Later, assets and liabilities are measured as described below for each individual accounting item.

Certain fixed asset investments and liabilities are measured at amortised cost, by which method a fixed, effective interest is recognised during the useful life of the asset or the liability. Amortised cost is recognised as the original cost with deduction of any payments and additions/deductions of the accrued amortisation of the difference between cost and nominal amount. In this way capital losses and capital profits are spread over the useful life.

At recognition and measurement, such predictable losses and risks are taken into consideration, which may appear before the annual report is presented, and which concern matters existing on the balance sheet date.

## **Accounting policies used**

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### **Translation of foreign currency**

Transactions in foreign currency are translated by using the exchange rate prevailing at the date of the transaction. Differences in the rate of exchange arising between the rate at the date of transaction and the rate at the date of payment are recognised in the profit and loss account as an item under net financials.

Debtors, creditors, and other monetary items in foreign currency are translated by using the closing rate. The difference between the closing rate and the rate at the time of the occurrence or the recognition in the latest annual accounts of the amount owed or the liability is recognised in the profit and loss account under financial income and expenses.

## **Income statement**

### **Net turnover**

The net turnover is recognised in the profit and loss account when a customer obtains control of promised goods or services in an amount that reflects the consideration the entity expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

### **Production costs**

The production costs comprise costs, including salaries, wages and depreciation, which are incurred in order to achieve the net turnover of the year. Trade enterprises recognise cost of sales, and manufacturing enterprises recognise production costs corresponding to the turnover of the year. These costs include direct and indirect costs for raw materials and consumables, salaries and wages, rent and leasing, and depreciation on the production plant.

### **Distribution costs**

The distribution costs comprise costs which have been incurred for distribution of goods sold during the year and for sales campaigns carried out during the year. Additionally, costs for sales staff, costs for advertising and exhibitions, and depreciation are recognised in the profit and loss account.

### **Administration costs**

Administration costs comprise costs which have been incurred during the year for management and administration, including costs for the administrative staff, the executive board, offices, stationery and office supplies, and depreciation.

### **Cost of sales**

Cost of sales include costs for the purchase of raw materials and consumables less discounts and changes in inventories.

### **Other operating income**

Other operating income comprises accounting items of secondary nature in proportion to the principal activities of the enterprise.

## **Accounting policies used**

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### **Other operating costs**

Other operating costs comprise accounting items of secondary nature in proportion to the principal activities of the enterprise.

### **Net financials**

Net financials comprise interest, realised and unrealised capital gains and losses concerning financial assets and liabilities, amortisation of financial assets and liabilities, additions and reimbursements under the Danish tax prepayment scheme, etc. Financial income and expenses are recognised in the profit and loss account with the amounts that concern the financial year.

### **Results from equity investments in group enterprises**

After full elimination of intercompany profit or loss and deduction of amortisation of goodwill and addition of negative goodwill, the equity investment in the individual group enterprises are recognised in the profit and loss account at a proportional share of the group enterprises' results after tax.

### **Tax of the results for the year**

The tax for the year comprises the current tax for the year and the changes in deferred tax, and it is recognised in the profit and loss account with the share referring to the results for the year and directly in the equity with the share referring to entries directly on the equity.

The company is subject to the Danish legislation concerning compulsory joint taxation with the Danish group enterprises. The company acts as an administration company in relation to the joint taxation. This means that the total Danish tax payable of the income of the Danish consolidated companies is paid to the tax authorities by the company.

The current Danish corporate tax is allocated among the jointly taxed companies in proportion to their respective taxable income (full allocation with reimbursement of tax losses).

## **The balance sheet**

### **Intangible fixed assets**

#### **Goodwill**

Acquired goodwill is measured at cost with deduction of accumulated amortisation. As it is not possible to determine a reliable estimate of the useful life, the amortisation period is set at 5-10 years.

The Company's investment is considered to be of strategic importance for the Company, with regard to the Companies expectations for activities and increase in earnings is the useful life of goodwill down 5-10 years.

## **Accounting policies used**

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### **Software**

Software are measured at cost with deduction of accrued amortisation. Software are amortised on a straight-line basis over an evaluation of the expected useful life, the amortisation period is set at 3-8 years.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost with deduction of accrued depreciation and writedown.

The basis of depreciation is cost with deduction of any expected residual value after the end of the useful life of the asset. The amortisation period and the residual value are determined at the acquisition date and reassessed annually. If the residual value exceeds the book value, the amortisation discontinues.

The cost comprises the acquisition cost and costs directly attached to the acquisition until the time when the asset is ready for use.

The cost of a total asset is divided into separate components. These components are depreciated separately, the useful lives of each individual components differing.

Depreciation takes place on a straight line basis and based on an evaluation of the expected useful life:

	Useful life
Buildings	30-40 years
Technical plants and machinery	4-10 years
Other plants, operating assets, fixtures and furniture	4-6 years
Decoration rented premises	6 years

Minor assets with an expected useful life of less than 1 year are recognised as costs in the profit and loss account in the year of acquisition.

Profit or loss deriving from the sales of tangible fixed assets is measured as the difference between the sales price reduced by the selling costs and the book value at the time of the sale. Profit or loss is recognised in the profit and loss account under depreciation.

As regards assets of own production, the cost comprises direct costs for materials, components, deliveries from subsuppliers, payroll costs, and borrowing costs from specific and general borrowing concerning the construction of each individual asset.

## **Accounting policies used**

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### **Leases**

At the first recognition in the balance sheet, leases concerning tangible fixed assets by which the company holds all essential risks and advantages attached to the proprietary right (finance lease) are measured either at fair value or at the present value of the future lease payments, whichever value is lower. When calculating the present value, the internal interest rate of the lease or alternatively the borrowing rate of the enterprise is used as discount rate. Afterwards, assets held under a finance lease are treated in the same way as other similar tangible assets.

The capitalised residual lease commitment is recognised in the balance sheet as a liability, and the interest part of the lease is recognised in the profit and loss account over the term of the contract.

All other leases are regarded as operating leases. Payments in connection with operating leases and other rental agreements are recognised in the profit and loss account over the term of the contract. The company's total liabilities concerning operating leases and rental agreements are recognised under contingencies etc.

### **Financial fixed assets**

#### **Equity investments in group enterprises**

Equity investments in group enterprises are recognised in the balance sheet at a proportional share under the equity method, the value being calculated on the basis of the accounting policies of the parent company by the deduction or addition of unrealised intercompany profits and losses, and with the addition or deduction of residual value of positive or negative goodwill measured by applying the acquisition method.

Group enterprises and associated enterprises with negative equity are recognised without any value, and to the extent they are considered irrevocable, amounts owed by these companies are written down by the parent's share of the equity. If the negative equity exceeds the debtors, the residual amount is recognised under liability provisions to the extent the parent has a legal or actual liability to cover the negative equity of the subsidiary.

To the extent the equity exceeds the cost, the net revaluation of equity investments in group enterprises are transferred to the reserves under the equity for net revaluation as per the equity method. Dividends from group enterprises expected to be decided before the approval of this annual report are not subject to a limitation of the revaluation reserves. The reserves are adjusted by other equity movements in group enterprises.

#### **Writtenown of fixed assets**

The book values of both intangible and tangible fixed assets as well as equity investments in subsidiaries and associated enterprises are subject to annual impairment tests in order to disclose any indications of impairment beyond those expressed by amortisation and depreciation respectively.

## **Accounting policies used**

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If indications of impairment are disclosed, impairment tests are carried out for each individual asset or group of assets respectively. Writedown takes place to the recoverable amount, if this value is lower than the book value.

The recoverable value is equal to the value of the net selling price or the value in use, whichever is higher. The value in use is determined as the present value of the expected net cash flow deriving from the use of the asset or the group of assets.

Previously recognised writedown is reversed when the condition for the writedown no longer exists. Writedown relating to goodwill is not reversed.

### **Inventories**

Inventories are measured at cost on the basis of measured average prices. In case the net realisable value is lower than the cost, writedown takes place at this lower value.

The cost for trade goods, raw materials, and consumables comprises the acquisition cost with the addition of the delivery costs.

The cost for manufactured goods and works in progress comprises the cost for raw materials, consumables, direct wages, and indirect production costs. Indirect production costs comprise indirect materials and wages, maintenance of and depreciation on machinery, factory buildings and equipment applied during the production process, and costs for factory administration and factory management. Borrowing costs are not recognised in cost.

The net realisable value for inventories is recognised as the market price with deduction of completion costs and selling costs. The net realisable value is determined taking into consideration the negotiability, obsolescence, and development of the expected market price.

### **Debtors**

Debtors are measured at amortised cost which usually corresponds to face value. In order to meet expected losses, writedown takes place at the net realisable value.

### **Accrued income and deferred expenses**

Accrued income and deferred expenses recognised under assets comprise incurred costs concerning the next financial year.

### **Available funds**

Available funds comprise cash at bank and in hand.

### **Equity**

#### **Reserves for net revaluation as per the equity method**

Reserves for net revaluation as per the equity method comprise net revaluation of equity investments in subsidiaries and associates in proportion to cost.

## **Accounting policies used**

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The reserves may be eliminated in case of losses, realisation of equity investments or changes in the financial estimates.

It is not possible to recognise the reserves with a negative amount.

### **Dividend**

Dividend expected to be distributed for the year is recognised as a separate item under the equity. Proposed dividend is recognised as a liability at the time of approval by the general meeting (the time of declaration).

### **Corporate tax and deferred tax**

Current tax receivable and tax liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet at the amount calculated on the basis of the expected taxable income for the year adjusted for tax on previous years' taxable income and prepaid taxes. Tax receivable and tax liabilities are set off to the extent that legal right of set-off exists and if the items are expected to be settled net or simultaneously.

Brenntag Nordic A/S is jointly taxed with the Danish group companies and acts in this respect as the administration company. According to the rules of joint taxation, Brenntag Nordic A/S is unlimited, jointly and severally liable towards the Danish tax authorities for the total corporation tax, including withholding tax on interest, royalties and dividends, arising within the jointly taxed group of companies.

Payable and receivable joint taxation contributions are recognised in the balance sheet as "Receivable corporate tax" or "Payable corporate tax".

Deferred tax is measured on the basis of all temporary differences in assets and liabilities with a balance sheet focus.

Deferred tax assets, including the tax value of tax losses eligible for carry-over, are recognised at the value at which they are expected to be realisable, either by settlement against tax of future earnings or by set-off in deferred tax liabilities within the same legal tax unit.

Deferred tax is measured based on the tax rules and tax rates applying under the legislation on the balance sheet date and prevailing when the deferred tax is expected to be released as current tax.

### **Other provisions**

Provisions comprise expected costs for guarantee liabilities, loss on work in progress, restructuring, etc. Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or actual liability which is due to a previous event and when it is likely that the settlement of the liability will result in expenditure of the financial resources of the company.

If the settlement of the liability is expected to take place in some remote future, provisions are measured at the net realisable value or at fair value.

## **Accounting policies used**

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Guarantee liabilities comprise liabilities for repairs within the guarantee period of 1-5 years. The provisions are measured at the net realisable value and recognised on the basis of the obtained experience with guarantee work. If provisions have an expected due date later than 1 year from the balance sheet date, they are discounted at the average bond interest.

On the acquisition of enterprises, provisions for restructuring within the acquired enterprise is included in the acquisition cost, and thereby in the goodwill or the consolidated goodwill, to the extent that they have been approved and announced on the date of acquisition at the latest.

When it is likely that the total costs will exceed the total income of work in progress for the account of others, provisions are made for the total loss expected on the contract. Provisions are recognised as costs under production costs.

### **Liabilities**

Mortgage debt and bank debt are for instance measured at amortised cost. As to cash loans, this corresponds to the outstanding debt of the loan. For bond loans, the amortised cost corresponds to an outstanding debt calculated as the underlying cash value at the date of borrowing adjusted by amortisation of the market value adjustment on the date of the borrowing carried out over the repayment period.

Other liabilities are measured at amortised cost which usually corresponds to the nominal value.

### **Accrued expenses and deferred income**

Received payments concerning income during the following years are recognised under accrued expenses and deferred income.

## **Profit and loss account 1 January - 31 December**

DKK in thousands.

Note	2019	2018
2 Net turnover	972.546	1.013.713
Production costs	-786.102	-826.334
<b>Gross results</b>	<b>186.444</b>	<b>187.379</b>
Distribution costs	-51.358	-55.754
Administration costs	-95.004	-86.028
Other operating income	15.570	12.394
Other operating costs	-22.160	-15.347
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>33.492</b>	<b>42.644</b>
Income from equity investments in group enterprises	-2.046	342.343
Other financial income from group enterprises	4.522	37
Other financial income	686	374
5 Other financial costs	-3.978	-1.368
<b>Results before tax</b>	<b>32.676</b>	<b>384.030</b>
6 Tax on ordinary results	-7.796	-9.165
<b>7 Results for the year</b>	<b>24.880</b>	<b>374.865</b>

## Balance sheet 31 December

DKK in thousands.

Assets		2019	2018
Note			
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
8 Goodwill		76	130
9 Software		3.007	1.878
Intangible fixed assets in total		<u>3.083</u>	<u>2.008</u>
10 Land and property		58.899	63.822
11 Production plant and machinery		41.550	34.708
12 Other plants, operating assets, and fixtures and furniture		2.274	2.045
13 Tangible assets under construction and prepayments for tangible assets		1.497	7.101
14 Decoration rented premises		437	815
Tangible fixed assets in total		<u>104.657</u>	<u>108.491</u>
15 Equity investments in group enterprises		18.628	18.295
16 Other debtors		1.445	1.052
Financial fixed assets in total		<u>20.073</u>	<u>19.347</u>
<b>Fixed assets in total</b>		<b><u>127.813</u></b>	<b><u>129.846</u></b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Raw materials and consumables		6.404	7.887
Work in progress		620	595
Manufactured goods and trade goods		69.858	76.334
Inventories in total		<u>76.882</u>	<u>84.816</u>
Trade debtors		129.001	154.595
Amounts owed by group enterprises		501.883	527.431
Corporate tax receivable		979	2.035
Other receivables		3.209	2.146
17 Prepayments		838	1.364
Debtors in total		<u>635.910</u>	<u>687.571</u>
Available funds		22.787	19.803
<b>Current assets in total</b>		<b><u>735.579</u></b>	<b><u>792.190</u></b>
<b>Assets in total</b>		<b><u>863.392</u></b>	<b><u>922.036</u></b>

## Balance sheet 31 December

DKK in thousands.

### Equity and liabilities

Note		2019	2018
<b>Equity</b>			
18	Contributed capital	6.206	6.206
	Reserves for net revaluation as per the equity method	17.298	16.965
	Retained earnings	615.471	644.876
	Proposed dividend for the financial year	54.000	56.000
	<b>Equity in total</b>	<b>692.975</b>	<b>724.047</b>
<b>Provisions</b>			
19	Provisions for deferred tax	346	692
20	Other provisions	49.027	44.242
	<b>Provisions in total</b>	<b>49.373</b>	<b>44.934</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
	Bank debts	1.999	34.747
	Trade creditors	82.789	74.694
	Debt to group enterprises	5.708	3.828
	Other debts	24.620	21.121
21	Other short-term provision	5.928	18.665
	Short-term liabilities in total	121.044	153.055
	<b>Liabilities in total</b>	<b>121.044</b>	<b>153.055</b>
	<b>Equity and liabilities in total</b>	<b>863.392</b>	<b>922.036</b>

- 1 Subsequent events**
- 3 Staff matters**
- 4 Fee, auditor**
- 22 Contingencies**
- 23 Related parties**

## Statement of changes in equity

DKK in thousands.

	<b>Contributed capital</b>	<b>Reserves for net revaluation as per the equity method</b>	<b>Results brought forward</b>	<b>Proposed dividend for the financial year</b>	<b>In total</b>
Equity 1 January 2018	6.206	115.775	227.140	23.000	372.121
Distributed dividend	0	0	0	-23.000	-23.000
Result for the year	0	-98.871	417.736	56.000	374.865
Interest rate swap in group enterprise	0	61	0	0	61
Equity 1 January 2019	6.206	16.965	644.876	56.000	724.047
Distributed dividend	0	0	0	-56.000	-56.000
Result for the year	0	285	-29.405	54.000	24.880
Interest rate swap in group enterprise	0	48	0	0	48
	<b>6.206</b>	<b>17.298</b>	<b>615.471</b>	<b>54.000</b>	<b>692.975</b>

## **Notes**

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DKK in thousands.

### **1. Subsequent events**

The implications of COVID-19 with many governments across the world deciding to "close down their countries" will have great impact on the global economy. Management considers the implications of COVID-19 a subsequent event occurred after the balance sheet date (31 December 2019), which is therefore a non-adjusting event to the Company.

To date, the Company has not been significantly nor negatively impacted by the effects of COVID-19 as production has moved towards hand disinfection products based on Ethanol, which has sustained order and sales at ordinary levels after the outbreak.

	2019	2018
<b>2. Net turnover</b>		
Denmark	865.914	928.156
Scandinavia	47.620	71.518
Europe	57.908	13.567
Other	1.104	472
Geographical segments in total	<u>972.546</u>	<u>1.013.713</u>
Agency sales	373	393
Direct sales	228.043	244.845
Warehouse sales	744.130	768.475
Business segments in total	<u>972.546</u>	<u>1.013.713</u>
<b>3. Staff matters</b>		
Salaries and wages	84.006	76.219
Pension costs	7.521	7.345
Other costs for social security	1.891	1.233
	<u><b>93.418</b></u>	<u><b>84.797</b></u>
Average number of employees	<u>129</u>	<u>135</u>
In accordance with section 98 B(3) of Danish Financial Statements Act, remuneration to the Executive Board is not disclosed.		
<b>4. Fee, auditor</b>		
Please refer to the note the consolidated financial statement for the parent company, Brenntag AG.		

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	2019	2018
<b>5. Other financial costs</b>		
Other financial costs	3.978	1.368
	<b>3.978</b>	<b>1.368</b>
<b>6. Tax on ordinary results</b>		
Tax of the results for the year, parent company	7.421	9.797
Adjustment for the year of deferred tax	331	-632
Adjustment of tax for previous years	721	563
Adjustment of deferred tax previous years	-677	-563
	<b>7.796</b>	<b>9.165</b>
<b>7. Proposed distribution of the results</b>		
Reserves for net revaluation as per the equity method	285	-98.871
Dividend for the financial year	54.000	56.000
Allocated to results brought forward	0	417.736
Allocated from results brought forward	-29.405	0
<b>Distribution in total</b>	<b>24.880</b>	<b>374.865</b>

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DKK in thousands.

	31/12 2019	31/12 2018
<b>8. Goodwill</b>		
Cost 1 January	46.861	46.861
Additions during the year	0	0
Disposals during the year	0	0
<b>Cost 31 December</b>	<b>46.861</b>	<b>46.861</b>
Amortisation and writedown 1 January	-46.731	-38.359
Amortisation for the year	-54	-8.372
<b>Amortisation and writedown 31 December</b>	<b>-46.785</b>	<b>-46.731</b>
<b>Book value 31 December</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>130</b>
Amortised over	<u>5-10 years</u>	
<b>9. Software</b>		
Cost 1 January	31.434	30.785
Additions during the year	2.254	649
Disposals during the year	0	0
Transfers	125	0
<b>Cost 31 December</b>	<b>33.813</b>	<b>31.434</b>
Amortisation and writedown 1 January	-29.556	-28.185
Amortisation for the year	-1.250	-1.371
<b>Amortisation and writedown 31 December</b>	<b>-30.806</b>	<b>-29.556</b>
<b>Book value 31 December</b>	<b>3.007</b>	<b>1.878</b>
Amortised over	<u>3-8 Years</u>	

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	31/12 2019	31/12 2018
<b>10. Land and property</b>		
Cost 1 January	113.350	75.017
Additions during the year	728	38.333
Disposals during the year	-418	0
<b>Cost 31 December</b>	<b>113.660</b>	<b>113.350</b>
Depreciation and writedown 1 January	-49.528	-45.629
Depreciation for the year	-5.518	-3.899
Reversal of depreciation, amortisation and writedown, assets disposed of	285	0
<b>Depreciation and writedown 31 December</b>	<b>-54.761</b>	<b>-49.528</b>
<b>Book value 31 December</b>	<b>58.899</b>	<b>63.822</b>
Amortised over	<u>30-40 years</u>	
<b>11. Production plant and machinery</b>		
Cost 1 January	128.252	121.872
Additions during the year	7.434	5.502
Disposals during the year	-50	0
Transfers	6.384	878
<b>Cost 31 December</b>	<b>142.020</b>	<b>128.252</b>
Depreciation and writedown 1 January	-93.544	-87.223
Depreciation for the year	-6.951	-6.321
Reversal of depreciation, amortisation and writedown, assets disposed of	25	0
<b>Depreciation and writedown 31 December</b>	<b>-100.470</b>	<b>-93.544</b>
<b>Book value 31 December</b>	<b>41.550</b>	<b>34.708</b>
Amortised over	<u>4-10 years</u>	

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	31/12 2019	31/12 2018
<b>12. Other plants, operating assets, and fixtures and furniture</b>		
Cost 1 January	45.991	46.337
Additions during the year	1.217	0
Disposals during the year	0	-1.056
Transfers	385	710
<b>Cost 31 December</b>	<b>47.593</b>	<b>45.991</b>
Amortisation and writedown 1 January	-43.946	-43.235
Depreciation for the year	-1.373	-1.397
Reversal of depreciation, amortisation and writedown, assets disposed of	0	686
<b>Amortisation and writedown 31 December</b>	<b>-45.319</b>	<b>-43.946</b>
<b>Book value 31 December</b>	<b>2.274</b>	<b>2.045</b>
Amortised over	4-6 years	
<b>13. Tangible assets under construction and prepayments for tangible assets</b>		
Cost 1 January	7.101	6.054
Additions during the year	1.290	2.727
Disposals during the year	0	-92
Transfers	-6.894	-1.588
<b>Cost 31 December</b>	<b>1.497</b>	<b>7.101</b>
<b>Book value 31 December</b>	<b>1.497</b>	<b>7.101</b>

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	31/12 2019	31/12 2018
<b>14. Decoration rented premises</b>		
Cost 1 January	4.209	4.142
Additions during the year	0	67
<b>Cost 31 December</b>	<b>4.209</b>	<b>4.209</b>
Depreciation and writedown 1 January	-3.394	-3.035
Depreciation for the year	-378	-359
<b>Depreciation and writedown 31 December</b>	<b>-3.772</b>	<b>-3.394</b>
<b>Book value 31 December</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>815</b>
Amotised over	6 years	
<b>15. Equity investments in group enterprises</b>		
Acquisition sum, opening balance 1 January	1.330	61.539
Disposals during the year	0	-60.209
<b>Cost 31 December</b>	<b>1.330</b>	<b>1.330</b>
Revaluations, opening balance 1 January	16.965	115.775
Results for the year	285	-666
Reversals for the year concerning disposals	0	-98.205
Interest rate swap	48	61
<b>Revaluation 31 December</b>	<b>17.298</b>	<b>16.965</b>
<b>Book value 31 December</b>	<b>18.628</b>	<b>18.295</b>
<b>Group enterprises:</b>		
	<b>Share of Domicile</b>	<b>ownership</b>
Aktieselskabet af 1. januar 1987	Ballerup	100 %

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DKK in thousands.

	31/12 2019	31/12 2018
<b>16. Other debtors</b>		
Cost 1 January	1.052	2.482
Additions during the year	393	0
Disposals during the year	0	-1.430
<b>Cost 31 December</b>	<b>1.445</b>	<b>1.052</b>
<b>Book value 31 December</b>	<b>1.445</b>	<b>1.052</b>
<b>17. Prepayments</b>		
Prepaid lease	53	73
Other prepayments	676	990
Prepaid rent	109	301
	<b>838</b>	<b>1.364</b>
<b>18. Contributed capital</b>		
The Share capital consist of 62,060 shares, each with a nominal value of DKK 100. No shares hold particular rights.		
<b>19. Provisions for deferred tax</b>		
Provisions for deferred tax 1 January	692	1.887
Deferred tax of the results for the year	331	-632
Adjustment of deferred tax previous years	-677	-563
	<b>346</b>	<b>692</b>
The following items are subject to deferred tax:		
Intangible fixed assets	-1.481	-3.033
Tangible fixed assets	4.959	5.925
Accruals	-3.132	-2.200
	<b>346</b>	<b>692</b>

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	<u>31/12 2019</u>	<u>31/12 2018</u>
<b>20. Other provisions</b>		
Reestablishment provision	36.280	36.000
Environmental provision	9.590	8.242
Long-term Holiday Pay Provision	3.157	0
	<b><u>49.027</u></b>	<b><u>44.242</u></b>
<b>21. Other short-term provision</b>		
Prepayments/deferred income	5.928	18.665
	<b><u>5.928</u></b>	<b><u>18.665</u></b>

## **22. Contingencies**

### **Contingent liabilities**

#### Leasing liabilities

The company has entered into operating leases with an average annual lease payment of DKK 1.3 million. The leases have remaining terms to maturity of between 6-48 months with a total remaining lease payment of DKK 2.8 million.

The Company has entered into rent obligation with a total obligation of DKK 7.6 million. The main lease, for which the annual rent amounts to DKK 5.2 million. The lease may be terminated at 6-12 months' notice.

#### Recourse guarantee commitments

The company has provided guarantees for the bank debts of the group enterprises. The guarantee is limited to EUR 10 milion.

#### **Joint taxation**

The company is the administration company of the group of companies subject to the Danish scheme of joint taxation and unlimited jointly and severally liable with the other jointly taxed companies for the total corporation tax.

## **Notes**

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DKK in thousands.

### **23. Related parties**

#### **Controlling interest**

Brenntag Holding B.V	Majority shareholder
Amsterdam, the Netherlands	

#### **Other related Parties**

Aktieselskabet af 1. januar 1987	Subsidiary
Borup Kemi I/S	Associate

#### **Transactions**

During the year, there have been no transactions with Board of Directors, the Executive Board, senior officers, significant shareholders, group enterprises or other related parties, except for intercompany transactions and normal management remuneration.

#### **Consolidated annual accounts**

The company is included in the consolidated Financial Statements of Brenntag AG, Essen, Germany

The Consolidated Financial Statement may be obtained at:

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