Half-Year Report



# **Key Figures**

#### **Consolidated Income Statement**

in TCHF	1.130.6.2024	1.130.6.2023
Alter 1	40.405	0/.0/2
Net sales	48 685	96 862
Operating income after costs of products and services <sup>1</sup>	-39 261	35 074
EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	-123 548	-43 312
in % of net sales	-253.8%	-44.7%
EBIT <sup>3</sup>	-321 720	-56 124
in % of net sales	-660.8%	-57.9%
Net result	-317 301	-64 764

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "Operating income after costs of products and services" corresponds to total income including other operating income, e.g. gains from sales of Group companies or property, plant and equipment, less changes in inventories of finished and semi-finished products and machines before acceptance, cost of products and work in progress and capitalized goods and services.

2 "EBITDA" corresponds to the operating result (EBIT) before depreciation on tangible fixed assets and amortization on

#### **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

in TCHF	30.6.2024	31.12.2023
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Total assets	600 101	681 216
Current assets	325 991	386 068
Non-current assets	274 110	295 148
Current liabilities	205 189	160 517
Non-current liabilities	340 402	329 289
Equity	54 510	191 410
Equity ratio	9.1%	28.1%

intangible assets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "EBIT" corresponds to the result before the financial result, the result from investment in associates, the non-operating result and income taxes.

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## Letter to Shareholders

#### **Dear Shareholders**

For Meyer Burger, 2024 is shaping up to be another year of transformation. After we implemented our strategic realignment as a leading premium manufacturer of solar cells and modules in 2023 with the ramp-up of a nominal capacity of 1.4 gigawatts (GW) in Europe, the market environment for local producers in Europe has rapidly deteriorated. Chinese suppliers flooded the market with products below common production costs. In the absence of policies to ensure a level playing field, we had to make the very painful decision in March 2024 to discontinue the production of solar modules in Freiberg, Germany.

The strategic step initiated in 2021 to establish a second mainstay outside Europe through module production in the USA was followed in summer 2023 by the announcement that we would also build our own solar cell factory. Among other financing measures that were planned to be carried out to build a cell production project in Colorado Springs, Colorado, a capital increase by means of a rights issue with gross proceeds of CHF 206.8 million was successfully carried out in April of this year.

## Milestones achieved and positive framework conditions in the USA

The USA are actively fostering fair market conditions and ensuring further expansion of the solar industry, particularly in the utility segment. We believe that we are in a position to benefit from these conditions, including tax incentives for domestic production, bonus credits for locally sourced products, and differentiated tariffs on imported solar cells and modules.

In June 2024, Meyer Burger started ramping up its first production line for the manufacturing of high-performance solar modules in Goodyear, Arizona, after passing the required factory audit without any deviations. Preparations for the commissioning of the second production line, which is scheduled for

## Sehr geehrte Aktionärinnen, sehr geehrte Aktionäre

Für Meyer Burger entwickelt sich 2024 als ein weiteres Jahr der Transformation. Nachdem wir in 2023 unsere strategische Neuausrichtung als führender Premiumhersteller von Solarzellen und -modulen mit dem Hochfahren einer Nennkapazität von 1.4 Gigawatt (GW) in Europa umgesetzt haben, hat sich das Marktumfeld für lokale Produzenten in Europa rapide verschlechtert. Chinesische Anbieter überschwemmten den Markt mit Produkten unter den herkömmlichen Herstellungskosten. Aufgrund fehlender politischer Rahmenbedingungen, die faire Wettbewerbsbedingungen garantieren, mussten wir im März 2024 die sehr schmerzliche Entscheidung treffen, die Produktion von Solarmodulen in Freiberg, Deutschland, einzustellen.

Dem bereits 2021 eingeleiteten strategischen Schritt zum Aufbau eines zweiten Standbeins ausserhalb Europas durch eine Modulproduktion in den USA folgte im Sommer 2023 die Ankündigung, auch eine eigene Solarzellenfabrik zu errichten. Neben anderen Finanzierungsmassnahmen, die für den Aufbau eines Zellproduktionsprojekts in Colorado Springs, Colorado, geplant waren, wurde unter anderem eine Kapitalerhöhung mittels Bezugsrechtsemission mit einem Bruttoerlös von CHF 206.8 Millionen im April dieses Jahres erfolgreich durchgeführt.

#### Erreichte Meilensteine und positive Rahmenbedingungen in den USA

Die USA setzen sich aktiv für faire Marktbedingungen ein und sorgen für eine weitere Expansion der Solarindustrie, insbesondere im Segment der Solarkraftwerke. Wir glauben, dass wir von diesen Bedingungen profitieren können, darunter Steuergutschriften für lokale Produktion, Bonusgutschriften für lokal bezogene Produkte und unterschiedliche Zölle für importierte Solarzellen und -module.

Im Juni 2024 startete Meyer Burger ihre erste Fertigungslinie zur Produktion von Hochleistungs-So-



Franz Richter Executive Chairman Mever Burger Technology AG

the second half of 2024, are well underway. The solar cells required for module production have been produced at the German site in Thalheim (City of Bitterfeld-Wolfen) since the beginning of the year and will continue to be supplied from there. As part of the conversion of module production from the roof segment to the utility segment, production was successfully switched from M6 to the larger M10 wafers.

In addition, the independent US testing institute Kiwa PVEL has classified Meyer Burger's modules in the highest category of "Top Performer". The highperformance modules passed all seven quality tests in the highest category on the first attempt, which is rare. The focus here is on reliability and performance tests, including analyses of temperature and humidity effects through to evaluating the effects of mechanical stress and hail and covering all relevant degradation mechanisms. The results represent decisive quality quidelines for our customers in the solar power plant segment.

#### Results reflect the transition phase

The results for the first half of 2024 reflect the strategic shift of the business focus from Germany to the USA, Meyer Burger generated sales of CHF 48.7 million in the reporting period, as expected around half below the previous year's figure (CHF 96.9 million). Nevertheless, sales were almost 30% higher than the weak second half of 2023. The scheduled closure of module production in Freiberg in the first quarter of 2024 reduced the volume of solar modules produced to 105.2 MW, while module inventories fell from 365 MW at the end of 2023 to 340 MW at the end of the reporting period.

Personnel costs fell slightly with CHF 3.5 million to CHF 43.7 million against the previous year, with expenses gradually shifting from the German site to America. Operating costs increased by around larmodulen in Goodyear, Arizona, nachdem der vorausgesetzte Fabrik-Audit ohne Abweichungen bestanden wurde. Die Vorbereitungen für die Inbetriebnahme der weiteren Produktionslinie, die für das zweite Halbjahr 2024 geplant ist, sind in vollem Gange. Die für die Modulproduktion benötigten Solarzellen werden bereits seit Anfang des Jahres am deutschen Standort in Thalheim (Stadt Bitterfeld-Wolfen) produziert und auch weiterhin von dort geliefert. Im Rahmen der Umstellung der Modulproduktion vom Dachsegment auf das Solarkraftwerksegment wurde die Produktion von M6- auf die grösseren M10-Wafer erfolgreich um-

Zudem hat das unabhängige US-Prüfinstitut Kiwa PVEL die Module von Meyer Burger in die höchste Kategorie der «Top Performer» eingestuft. Die Hochleistungsmodule haben es bei allen sieben Qualitätstests auf Anhieb in die höchste Kategorie geschafft, was selten ist. Im Fokus stehen Zuverlässigkeits- und Leistungstests, darunter Analysen von Temperatur- und Feuchtigkeitseffekten bis hin zur Bewertung der Auswirkungen von mechanischer Belastung und Hagel und umfassen alle relevanten Degradationsmechanismen. Die Ergebnisse stellen entscheidende Qualitätsrichtlinien für unsere Kunden im Segment für Solarkraftwerke dar.

#### Ergebnisse reflektieren Übergangsphase

In den Ergebnissen des ersten Halbjahres 2024 reflektiert sich die strategische Verlagerung des Geschäftsschwerpunktes von Deutschland in die USA. Meyer Burger erzielte in der Berichtsperiode einen Umsatz von CHF 48.7 Millionen, erwartungsgemäss rund die Hälfte vom Wert des Vorjahres (CHF 96.9 Millionen). Gleichwohl lagen die Verkäufe damit knapp 30% über dem schwachen zweiten Halbjahr 2023. Mit der planmässigen Schliessung der Modulproduktion in Freiberg im ersten Quartal 2024 hat sich die Menge der produzierten SolarCHF 9 million to CHF 40.6 million due to the relocation and construction work at the plants in the US. Overall, this resulted in an operating loss at EBITDA level of CHF 123.5 million (HY 2023: CHF 43.3 million). Depreciation of property, plant and equipment increased from CHF 12.3 million in the previous year to CHF 197.4 million in the reporting period due to the adjustment of useful lives (CHF 57.6 million) and a value adjustment (CHF 45.0 million) as a result of the closure of module production as well as impairments on US equipment (CHF 69.9 million) due to the strategic realignment. This led to a negative EBIT of CHF 321.7 million (HY 2023: CHF 56.1 million) and, thanks to a slightly positive financial result, to a net loss of CHF 317.3 million compared to a loss of CHF 64.8 million in the previous year.

Cash flow from investment activities was negative at CHF 123.4 million due to the investments in the USA, but was more than offset by the successful capital increase in the second quarter. Overall, cash and cash equivalents amounted to CHF 158.6 million at the end of the period on 30 June 2024.

#### Restructuring takes shape

In September 2024, Meyer Burger decided to stop the planned solar cell production project in Colorado Springs due to a lack of required third-party financing and to focus on module production in Goodyear. At the same time, an operational restructuring programme was initiated to enable a return to profitability. Meyer Burger is focusing on reaching the nominal capacity of 1.4 GW at the Goodyear module plant, which is already largely installed and in the ramp-up phase. The long-term off-take agreements are intended to be fulfilled through production at the Goodyear factory and the production capacities in Goodyear should therefore be fully utilized. The production site in Thalheim, Germany, will remain central to the supply of solar cells and the technology site in Hohenstein-Ernstthal, Germany, will also be retained for the future development of the technology. The significant streamlining of the entire group structure will lead to a reduction in the number of employees worldwide from around 1050 to an expected 850 by the end of 2025, with the disproportionate reduction in Europe being offset by an increase in the USA until full production capacity is reached in Goodyear.

In the course of this realignment, Gunter Erfurt resigned from his position as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), but will continue to be available to the Company in an advisory capacity. As CEO and Chief Technology Officer (CTO), Mr Erfurt has decisively shaped Meyer Burger in recent years and imple-

module auf 105.2 MW reduziert, gleichzeitig verminderte sich der Modul-Lagerbestand von 365 MW per Ende 2023 auf 340 MW zum Ende der Berichtsperiode.

Die Personalkosten gingen gegenüber dem Vorjahr leicht um CHF 3.5 Millionen auf CHF 43.7 Millionen zurück, wobei sich die Aufwände dabei schrittweise vom Standort Deutschland nach Amerika verlagert haben. Durch den Umzug und die Aufbauarbeiten in den Werken in den USA erhöhten sich die operativen Kosten um rund CHF 9.4 Millionen auf CHF 40.6 Millionen. Insgesamt resultierte daraus ein Betriebsverlust auf Stufe EBITDA von CHF 123.5 Millionen (H1 2023: CHF 43.3 Millionen). Die Abschreibungen auf Sachanlagen erhöhten sich von CHF 12.3 Millionen im Vorjahr auf CHF 197.4 Millionen in der Berichtsperiode, bedingt durch die Anpassung der Nutzungsdauern (CHF 57.6 Millionen) sowie einer Wertberichtigung (CHF 45.0 Millionen) infolge der Schliessung der Modulproduktion und Wertberichtigungen auf US-Anlagen (CHF 69.9 Millionen) aufgrund der strategischen Neuausrichtung. Dies führte zu einem negativen EBIT von CHF 321.7 Millionen (H1 2023: CHF 56.1 Millionen) und, dank einem leicht positiven Finanzergebnis zu einem Nettoverlust von CHF 317.3 Millionen im Vergleich zu einem Verlust von CHF 64.8 Millionen im Vorjahr.

Der Cashflow aus Investitionstätigkeit war durch die Investitionen in den USA mit CHF 123.4 Millionen negativ, wurde aber durch die erfolgreiche Kapitalerhöhung im zweiten Quartal mehr als ausgeglichen. Insgesamt beliefen sich die flüssigen Mittel zum Periodenende am 30. Juni 2024 auf CHF 158.6 Millionen.

#### Operative Restrukturierung nimmt Formen an

Meyer Burger hat im September 2024 entschieden, das Projekt mit der geplanten Solarzellenfertigung in Colorado Springs aufgrund fehlender erforderlicher Drittfinanzierungen zu stoppen und sich auf die Modulfertigung in Goodyear zu konzentrieren. Gleichzeitig wurde ein operatives Restrukturierungsprogramm eingeleitet, das die Rückkehr in die Gewinnzone ermöglichen soll. Meyer Burger fokussiert sich darauf, die bereits weitgehend installierte und im Hochlauf befindliche Nominalkapazität von 1,4 GW im Modulwerk Goodyear zu erreichen. Die langfristigen Abnahmeverträge sollen durch die Produktion im Goodyear-Werk erfüllt werden, weshalb die Produktionskapazitäten in Goodyear vollständig ausgelastet sein sollten. Der Produktionsstandort Thalheim, Deutschland, bleibt für die Versorgung mit Solarzellen zentral und auch der Technologiestandort Hohenstein-Ernstthal, Deutschland, soll für die

mented the transformation from an equipment supplier to a solar cell and module manufacturer. We thank Mr Erfurt for his tireless commitment to Meyer Burger and the European and American solar industry, where he has become a renowned advocate for the industry worldwide. Franz Richter took over the role of CEO as Executive Chairman. Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Markus Nikles also left the Company at the end of September 2024. We would like to thank him for his great commitment and loyalty to the Company.

#### Repayment of the convertible bond

With the decision to stop the project in Colorado Springs and not to build any further cell production facilities, certain significant initial investments can no longer be utilized and have lost significant value. At the same time, further investments are required for the completion of the module plant in Goodyear. In combination, this has resulted in a high double-digit million funding gap. The Board of Directors has commissioned an independent external restructuring consultant to prepare a customary German restructuring opinion, which is expected to provide an independent professional view on the conditions for a viable operating business and capital structure going forward. This opinion and accompanying report is expected to certify Meyer Burger's ability to restructure its operations as well as its external liabilities, provided that the remaining financing gap can be closed.

Furthermore, the Board of Directors is in advanced negotiations with a group of holders of the existing convertible bonds maturing in 2027 and 2029, who have indicated an initial willingness to provide fresh capital and restructure the existing liabilities. The outcome of these discussions naturally remains subject to finalized diligence and approvals of the Group's lender constituents. Given the conversations with its bondholders to date, the Company is aiming to execute its restructuring in the near term in order to fully set itself up for stable, profitable business operations in 2026.

#### Outlook

With the ramp-up of the first production line in Goodyear, Meyer Burger expects a continuously increasing production volume of solar modules in the second half of 2024. The production volume will increase significantly again as soon as the preparations for the ramp-up of the second line in Goodyear are completed and the line is expected to be ramped up in the second half of the year. Due to the existing long-term off-take agreements, the solar modules produced can be sold immediately and will have a positive impact on sales in the second half of the year. After the ramp-up of all lines with a nominal capacity of 1.4 GW, Meyer Burger

zukünftige Weiterentwicklung der Technologie erhalten bleiben.

Die deutliche Verschlankung in der gesamten Konzernstruktur wird zu einer Reduzierung der weltweiten Mitarbeiterzahl von rund 1050 auf voraussichtlich 850 bis Ende des Jahres 2025 führen, wobei dem überproportionalen Abbau in Europa ein Aufbau in den USA bis zum Erreichen der vollen Produktionskapazität in Goodyear gegenübersteht.

Im Zuge dieser Neuausrichtung legte Gunter Erfurt sein Amt als Chief Executive Officer (CEO) nieder, steht dem Unternehmen aber weiterhin beratend zur Verfügung. Herr Erfurt hat Meyer Burger in den letzten Jahren als CEO und Chief Technology Officer (CTO) entscheidend geprägt und die Transformation vom Anlagenlieferanten zum Solarzellen- und Modulhersteller umgesetzt. Wir danken Herr Erfurt für seinen unermüdlichen Einsatz für Meyer Burger und die europäische und amerikanische Solarindustrie, in welcher er zu einem renommierten Fürsprecher der Branche weltweit geworden ist. Die Rolle des CEO übernahm Franz Richter als Executive Chairman. Auch Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Markus Nikles hat das Unternehmen per Ende September 2024 verlassen. Wir danken ihm für sein grosses Engagement und seine Loyalität gegenüber dem Unternehmen.

#### Ablösung der Wandelanleihe

Mit dem Entscheid, das Projekt in Colorado Springs zu stoppen und keine weitere Zellfertigung aufzubauen, können bestimmte erhebliche Anfangsinvestitionen nicht mehr genutzt werden und haben erheblich an Wert verloren. Gleichzeitig sind weitere Investitionen für die Fertigstellung des Modulwerkes in Goodyear erforderlich. In Kombination führte dies zu einer Finanzierungslücke im oberen zweistelligen Millionenbereich. Der Verwaltungsrat hat einen unabhängigen externen Restrukturierungsberater mit der Erstellung eines in Deutschland üblichen Sanierungsgutachtens beauftragt, um eine unabhängige fachliche Einschätzung der Voraussetzungen für ein zukunftsfähiges operatives Geschäft und eine tragfähige Kapitalstruktur zu erhalten. Diese Stellungnahme und das dazugehörige Gutachten sollen Meyer Burgers Fähigkeit bescheinigen, ihre Geschäftstätigkeit sowie ihre externen Verbindlichkeiten umzustrukturieren, vorausgesetzt, die verbleibende Finanzierungslücke kann geschlossen werden.

Zudem ist der Verwaltungsrat in weit fortgeschrittenen Verhandlungen mit einer Gruppe von Inhabern der bestehenden Wandelschuldverschreibungen mit Fälligkeit in 2027 beziehungsweise 2029, welche ihre grundsätzliche Bereitschaft signalisiert haben, frisches Kapital bereitzustellen, um die bestehenden Verbindlichkeiten umzustrukturieren. Das

expects annual sales of around CHF 350 to CHF 400 million and EBITDA of around CHF 70 million from 2026.

Additional liquidity is to be secured through the sale of solar modules from existing inventories. Furthermore, the Company plans to sell other assets that are no longer required in order to financially support operations during the ramp-up phase.

We are confident that the restructuring programme we have outlined provides a path to profitability, upon receiving the required financing. We are doing everything we can to strengthen the Company and establish it as a reliable premium supplier in the USA.

We would like to thank our employees for their great commitment, our partners for their cooperation and our shareholders for their loyalty to Meyer Burger.

Dr Franz Richter Executive Chairman

F. Richton

Ergebnis dieser Gespräche unterliegt selbstverständlich noch der abschliessenden Sorgfaltspflicht und der Genehmigung durch die Kreditgeber der Gruppe. Angesichts der momentanen Gespräche mit ihren Anleihensgläubigern strebt das Unternehmen an, die Umstrukturierung in naher Zukunft durchzuführen, um sich vollständig auf einen stabilen und profitablen Geschäftsbetrieb im Jahr 2026 vorzubereiten.

#### **Ausblick**

Mit dem Hochfahren der ersten Produktionslinie in Goodyear erwartet Meyer Burger eine kontinuierlich steigende Produktionsmenge von Solarmodulen in der zweiten Jahreshälfte 2024. Das Produktionsvolumen wird sich nochmals deutlich erhöhen, sobald die Vorbereitungen für den Ramp-up der zweiten Linie in Goodyear abgeschlossen sind und die Linie voraussichtlich in der zweiten Jahreshälfte hochgefahren werden kann. Aufgrund der bestehenden langfristigen Abnahmeverträge können die produzierten Solarmodule sofort verkauft werden und werden sich im zweiten Halbjahr positiv auf den Umsatz auswirken. Nach dem Hochfahren aller Linien mit einer Nominalkapazität von 1.4 GW erwartet Meyer Burger ab 2026 einen jährlichen Umsatz von rund CHF 350 bis CHF 400 Millionen und einen EBITDA von rund CHF 70 Millionen.

Zusätzliche Liquidität soll durch den Verkauf von Solarmodulen aus bestehenden Lagerbeständen gesichert werden. Zusätzlich plant das Unternehmen, weitere nicht mehr benötigte Vermögenswerte zu veräussern, um den operativen Betrieb während der Ramp-Phase finanziell zu stützen.

Wir sind zuversichtlich, mit dem eingeleiteten Restrukturierungsprogramm die Rückkehr in die Profitabilität zu schaffen. Wir setzen alles daran, das Unternehmen zu stärken und als zuverlässigen Premiumanbieter in den USA zu etablieren.

Wir danken unseren Mitarbeitenden für Ihren grossen Einsatz, unseren Partnern für die gute Zusammenarbeit und unseren Aktionärinnen und Aktionären für ihre Treue zu Meyer Burger.

Dr. Franz Richter Executive Chairman

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# **Financial Statements**

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# Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

#### **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

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inTCHF	30.6.2024*		31.12.2023	
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	158 635		150 225	
Trade receivables	6 712		7 115	
Other current receivables	49 643		93 624	
Inventories	106 331		130 811	
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	4 670		4 293	
Total current assets	325 991	54.3%	386 068	56.7%
Non-current assets				
Financial assets	25 286		25 094	
Property, plant and equipment	244 542		266 330	
Intangible assets	2 636		3 228	
Deferred tax assets	1 646		496	
Total non-current assets	274 110	45.7%	295 148	43.3%
Total assets	600 101	100.0%	681 216	100.0%
Liabilities and equity				
Liabilities				
Current liabilities				
Financial liabilities	22 171		21 314	
Trade payables	18 197		28 218	
Customer prepayments	110 032		79 133	
Other liabilities	5 896		3 910	
Provisions	23 747		5 041	
Accrued expenses and prepaid income	25 146		22 901	
Total current liabilities	205 189	34.2%	160 517	23.6%
Non-current liabilities	203 107	34.27	100 317	23.0%
Financial liabilities	335 139		326 189	
Other liabilities	102		168	
Provisions	4 862		1 291	
Deferred tax liabilities	299		1 641	
Total non-current liabilities	340 402	56.7%	329 289	48.3%
Total liabilities	545 591	90.9%	489 806	71.9%
Equity	- 10 - 11			
Share capital	237 416		179 861	
Capital reserves	1531 047		1401 980	
Treasury shares	- 18		-4 440	
Reserve for share-based payments	4 093		7 670	
Accumulated losses	-1718 028		-1393 661	
Total equity	54 510	9.1%	191 410	28.1%
Total liabilities and equity	600 101	100.0%	681 216	100.0%
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The Notes starting on page 15 are an integral part of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

<sup>\*</sup> unreviewed

#### **Consolidated Income Statement**

in TCHF	1.130.6.2024*		1.130.6.2023		
Net sales	48 685	100.0%	96 862	100.0%	
Other operating income	2 078		2 617		
Currency translation gains and losses on trade receivables and customer prepayments	1 020		-294		
Total income	51 783		99 185		
Changes in inventories of finished and semi-finished products and machines before acceptance	-10 524		41 242		
Cost of products and work in process	-104 685		-120 076		
Capitalized goods and services	24 165		14 723		
Operating income after costs of products and services	-39 261		35 074		
Personnel expenses	-43 662		-47 185		
Operating expenses	-40 625		-31 201		
Earnings before interests, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA)	-123 548	-253.8%	-43 312	-44.7%	
Depreciation and impairment on property, plant and equipment	-197 353		-12 278		
Amortization and impairment on intangible assets and goodwill	-819		-534		
Earnings before interests and taxes (EBIT)	-321 720	-660.8%	-56 124	-57.9%	
Financial result	1 681		-8 113		
Earnings before income taxes	-320 039	-657.4%	-64 237	-66.3%	
Income taxes	2 738		-527		
Result	-317 301	-651.7%	-64 764	-66.9%	
Attributable to					
Shareholders of Meyer Burger Technology AG	-317 301	-651.7%	-64 764	-66.9%	
in CHF					
Earnings per share					
Basic earnings per share	-0.02		-0.02		
Diluted earnings per share	-0.02		-0.02		
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	Share capital	Capital reserves	
Equity at 1.1.2023	179 861	1 354 438	
Result	-	_	
Currency translation differences recognized in reporting period	_	-	
Equity share of convertible bond	_	47 812	
Sale/use of treasury shares	_	_	
Share-based payments	_	_	
Transfer of shares for employees to the plan participants after vesting period	-	-	
Gain and losses from treasury share valuation	-	387	
Equity at 30.6.2023	179 861	1 402 638	
Equity at 1.1.2024	179 861	1 401 980	
Result		_	
Currency translation differences recognized in reporting period	_	_	
Capital reduction with subsequent capital increase			
Capital increase	201 444	5 310	
Capital decrease	-143 888	143 888	
Cost of capital increase	-	-15 832	
Acqusition of treasury shares	-	_	
Sale/use of treasury shares	-	_	
Share-based payments	-	_	
Gain and losses from treasury share valuation	-	-4 300	
Equity at 30.6.2024*	237 416	1 531 047	

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<sup>\*</sup>unreviewed

Attributable	to sharehold	ders of Meyer	Burger Tec	:hnology AG
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Total equity	Accumulated losses	Other retained earnings	Currency translation differences	Reserve for share-based payments	Treasury shares
428 881	-1 105 066	-1 074 345	-30 721	4 632	-4 984
-64 764	-64764	-64 764	_	_	_
-2 883	-2883	_	-2 883	_	-
47 812	-	_	_	_	-
239	-	_	_	_	239
1888	_	-	-	1 888	-
_	_	-	-	-466	466
-	-	-	-	-	-387
411 173	-1 172 713	-1 139 109	-33 604	6 054	-4 667
191 410	-1 393 661	-1 366 283	-27 378	7 670	-4 440
-317 301	-317 301	-317 301			
-7 066	-7 066	-	-7 066	-	-
206 754	=	-	-	-	-
=	=	-	-	-	-
-15 832	=	-	-	-	-
-67	=	-	-	-	-67
189	-	-	-	-	189
-3 577	-	-	-	-3 577	_
-	-	-	-	-	4 300
54 510	-1 718 028	-1 683 584	-34 444	4 093	-18

#### **Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statement**

in TCHF *	1.130.6.2024	1.130.6.2023
Result	-317 301	-64 764
Non-cash effective adjustments	188 739	21 262
Decrease (increase) of net working capital	76 170	8 534
Cash flow from operating activities	-52 392	-34 968
Investments in property, plant and equipment	-142 448	-85 880
Sale of property, plant and equipment	955	367
Sale of investment property	4 306	1 929
Investments in intangible assets	-98	-356
Sale of business activities (net of cash)	-	-165
Decrease of bank deposits with limited availability	14 510	455
Increase of bank deposits with limited availability	-611	_
Cash flow from investment activities	-123 386	-83 650
Capital increase (gross)	206 755	5 842
Cost of capital increase	-13 923	-2 503
Repayment of current financial liabilities	-11 131	-11 306
Issuance of convertible bond	-	210 655
Issuance cost of convertible bond	-	-4 275
Cash flow from financing activities	181 701	198 413
Change in cash and cash equivalents	5 923	79 795
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	150 225	293 163
Currency translation differences on cash and cash equivalents	2 487	-1 784
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	158 635	371 174

Cash and cash equivalents include all cash, bank account balances, time deposits with an original maturity of up to 90 days and money market funds with only insignificant fluctuations in value. Cash and cash equivalents are measured at nominal value. The Notes starting on page 15 an integral part of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

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# Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

#### 1 General Information

Meyer Burger Technology AG is a corporation constituted in accordance with Swiss law. The address of the Company's registered office is Schorenstrasse 39, 3645 Gwatt/Thun, Switzerland. Meyer Burger Technology AG registered shares (ticker: MBTN) are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange in Zurich. The fiscal year of Meyer Burger Technology AG runs from 1 January to 31 December. The Group currency (reporting currency) is the Swiss franc (CHF). The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are presented in thousands of Swiss francs.

The Board of Directors approved these condensed consolidated interim financial statements of Meyer Burger Group for publication on 31 October 2024.

Meyer Burger researches, develops and produces the latest generation of highly efficient solar cells and solar modules based on patented Heterojunction/SmartWire technology. As one of the few manufacturers worldwide, the Company also manufactures its own production equipment, which ensures high quality and efficiency in production. Meyer Burger's headquarters are located in Thun (Switzerland). The Company operates research centers and machine factories in Hohenstein-Ernstthal (Germany), Hauterive and Neuchâtel (Switzerland). The highly automated production of solar cells and solar modules takes place in Bitterfeld-Wolfen (Germany) and in Goodyear (USA). There are sales offices in Europe, the USA and Asia.

As at 30 June 2024, around 1,100 people worked for Meyer Burger worldwide. The Company was founded in 1953 in Switzerland. As a provider of production systems, the Company has shaped the development of the global photovoltaic industry along the entire value chain in recent decades and has set essential industry standards. A large part of the solar modules produced worldwide today are based on technologies developed by Meyer Burger.

#### 2 Significant Accounting Policies

The significant accounting and valuation policies are described in detail in the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2023. The policies described have been applied consistently to the reporting periods presented.

#### 2.1 Basis of accounting

These interim financial statements cover the unaudited half-year results for the six months ended 30 June 2024. They have been prepared in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER (Accounting and Reporting Recommendations). The consolidated half-year closing 2024 was prepared in accordance with FER 31 "Complementary recommendation for listed companies". This half-year report does not include all the information and disclosures required in the Annual Report. It should therefore be viewed in conjunction with the Annual Report at 31 December 2023.

The revised standard FER 30 "Consolidated financial statements" is to be applied from 1 January 2024. The financial impact on the 2024 half-year financial statements was not material. As no companies were acquired or sold, the financial impacts were limited to the recognition of cumulative translation differences from closed companies in the income statement. The cumulative translation differences amounted to less than CHF 1 million.

No other amendments to the Swiss GAAP FER standards have come into force during the first half-year 2024 that are relevant to Meyer Burger.

#### 2.2 Changes in accounting estimates, other estimates and judgements

Due to the deteriorating business climate and market conditions in Europe as well as the absence of political support measures in Germany, Meyer Burger discontinued solar module production in Freiberg (Saxony) in Germany in March 2024. Furthermore, on 26 August 2024 Meyer Burger announced strategic realignment and restructuring measures. The strategic change assumes a nominal capacity of 1.4 gigawatts at the module production plant in Goodyear in the USA after the ramp-up is completed and the continuation of the solar cell production in Bitterfeld-Wolfen in Germany. The focus of Meyer Burger's business activities is shifting to the US market. As a result of these decisions, several changes in accounting estimates were made in the first half of 2024 and are described below.

#### Useful life of property, plant and equipment as well as intangible assets

As a result of the aforementioned decision a change was made to the accounting estimate of the useful lives of property, plant and equipment as well as intangible assets relating to the solar module production in Freiberg, Germany, which led to a significant increase in scheduled depreciations in the first half of 2024 compared to the first half-year 2023. If the useful lives had not been adjusted, depreciation and amortization would have been CHF 57.6 million lower in the first half of 2024.

#### Impairment test on CGUs

As at 31 December 2023, an impairment test was carried out as a result of the existence of a triggering event, and for the cash-generating unit (GCU) comprising solar cell and module production in Germany an impairment loss of CHF 55.6 million was recognized. Due to the uncertainty on the final outcome of the political debate about possible support measures in Germany and Europe to address the survival of the European solar industry, Meyer Burger applied a weighted fair value calculation based on two scenarios. One scenario ("resilience case") assumed, for example, that political support measures known as resilience bonus and auctions will be taken, enabling the continued operation of production sites in Europe and that the module production in Goodyear, USA, will be ramped up in the second quarter of 2024. The other scenario ("management case") does not factor in any support measures and, consequently, assumes the restructuring and the closure of the production facilities in Europe. Because of the lack of political support measures, Meyer Burger closed the solar module production in Freiberg in Germany in the first half of 2024. This decision triggered an impairment test which was carried out as at 30 June 2024.

As a result of the impairment test as at 30 June 2024, impairment losses totaling of CHF 45.0 million were recognized and relate to the GCU comprising solar cell production in Germany.

In contrast to the impairment test carried out as at 31 December 2023, the impairment test as at 30 June 2024 is no longer carried out on the basis of a weighted fair value calculation based on the two scenarios described above. This is due to the fact that no uncertainties regarding the outcome of the political debate about support measures in Germany exist anymore. Instead, a business plan based on the strategic realignment and restructuring measures announced on 26 August 2024 as sole basis for the impairment test as at 30 June 2024 was used. The business plan assumes a nominal capacity of 1.4 gigawatts at the module production plant in Goodyear in the USA after the ramp-up is completed and the continuation of the solar cell production in Bitterfeld-Wolfen in Germany. It also assumes that all existing solar modules in Germany are sold until the end of 2025, closed production facilities in Germany are sold and received subsidies are partly repaid.

The recoverable amounts of the GCU comprising solar cell production in Germany is determined based on its value in use, applying the discounted cash flow (DCF) method. The projected free cash flows were

estimated on the basis of the business plans approved by management, which cover the period from 2024 to 2027. In addition, terminal value considerations were applied.

The discount rate is based on the weighted average costs of capital (WACC) and comprises the weighted value of equity and debt. The cost of equity is calculated using the Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM). For the calculation of the risk-free rate for Europe, a present value-equivalent risk-free rate based on Nelson-Siegel-Svensson parameters provided by the Swiss National Bank (SNB) and the Deutsche Bundesbank was derived as of 30 June 2024. For the CGU comprising the solar module production in the USA, the risk-free rate was derived based on the yield of the 20-year treasury bond.

Weighted average cost of capital (WACC)	WACC after-tax	Long-term growth rate	Risk-free rate	Market risk premium	Cost of debt after tax
Significant cash-generating units (CGU)					
CGU comprising solar cell production in Germany	10.7%	1.0%	2.5%	6.75%	5.5%
CGU comprising solar module production in the USA	10.6%	2.25%	4.6%	5.0%	6.6%
CGU comprising industrialization of solar cell technologies	10.7%	1.0%	2.5%	6.75%	5.5%

The business plan contains different upside and downside risks. The value contribution of the business plan depends largely on the assumed net sales for solar modules and roof tiles as well as the achievement of the planned solar module manufacturing costs as well as the sales proceeds for the existing inventories and fixed assets with the associated downside and upside risks. To consider these risks, the following sensitivity analyzes based on the derived impairment losses totaling of CHF 45.0 million were carried out:

Sensitivity analysis for impairment loss at CGU comprising solar cell and module					
production in Germany (in CHF million)	10%	-10%			
Increase/decrease of EBIT margin in entire planning period	-5.1	5.1			
Increase/decrease of WACC	5.2	-6.2			
Increase /decrease of PPF liquidation value	_21	2.1			

	+10%	-10%
	+5 months	-5 months
Increase/decrease of prices and sales period on existing inventory, no change in OPEX	2.1	-2.0

Sensitivity analysis for impairment loss at CGU comprising solar module						
production in the USA (in CHF million)	10%	-10%				
Increase/decrease of EBIT margin in the terminal value	0.0	0.0				
Increase/decrease of WACC	5.4	0.0				

This impairment loss of CHF 45.0 million for the GCU comprising solar cell production in Germany was lower than announced as at 31 December 2023, when a further impairment loss of CHF 98.0 million was indicated if the management case had been used as a sole basis for the impairment test as at 31 December 2023. This is mainly due to the fact that the useful lives of property, plant and equipment as well as intangible assets relating to the solar module production in Germany were adjusted in the first half of 2024, which led to higher scheduled depreciation and a lower carrying amount before the impairment test, and the fact that the business plan used as at 30 June 2024 partly differs from the one used under the management case as at 31 December 2023.

Furthermore, impairment tests on the basis of value in use and fair value less costs of disposal were carried out for the other GCU which did not result in any impairment.

#### Impairment on US equipment due to strategic realignment

In connection with the strategic realignment announced on 26 August 2024, it was decided not to build up the solar cell production in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA, and the third production line of solar module production in Goodyear, Arizona, USA. As a result, an impairment on the relevant assets of CHF 69.9 million was recognized.

#### Government grants

In recent years, government grants were received for the ramp-up of solar module and solar cell production in Germany. These grants were accounted for using the net method until 31 December 2023, i.e. government grants were offset against fixed assets. Due to the aforementioned decisions made, the government grants may become formally repayable. As a result, the potential repayment amount of CHF 20.3 million was added to the carrying amount of the assets and recorded under other liabilities. The cumulative additional depreciation required on the assets that have been increased by the potential repayment amount (CHF 4.8 million) was recorded as operating expenses.

#### Restoration obligations

In addition, the restoration obligations in relation to a rental agreement for rental properties in Bitterfeld-Wolfen, Germany, was assessed differently as of 30 June 2024 than previously as of 31 December 2023 resulting from the waiver of the restoration obligations by the landlord. Due to this change in the accounting estimate, provisions for restoration obligations of CHF 0.3 million were derecognized in the first half of 2024.

#### **Provision for onerous contracts**

Due to a change in the estimate of the use of existing rental properties in Bitterfeld-Wolfen, Germany, resulting from the decision to terminate the lease agreement as part of the announced restructuring plans, a provision for an onerous rental agreement in the amount of CHF 3.5 million was recognized as at 30 June 2024.

#### Discontinued operations

In its press releases dated 17 January 2024, as well as 14 March 2024, Meyer Burger has provided information about the discontinuation of its module production in Freiberg, Germany. This production was predominantly serving the European market. Furthermore, on 26 August 2024, Meyer Burger announced that the solar cell production in Bitterfeld-Wolfen, Germany, will continue to produce solar cells for the solar module plant in Goodyear, Arizona, USA. The entity concerned by the discontinuation of the plant in Freiberg, Germany, is Meyer Burger (Industries) GmbH, Freiberg, Germany. As of 30 June 2024, Meyer Burger (Industries) GmbH had external sales of CHF 20.1 million, group-internal sales of CHF 12.2 million as well as a result of CHF -183.5 million (unconsolidated).

On 26 August 2024, Meyer Burger announced that the construction of solar cell production in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA, is currently not financially viable and has been stopped. This solar cell production was supposed to serve the US market. The Company previously designated to operate this production in Colorado Springs was Meyer Burger (Industry Americas) LLC, Colorado Springs, USA. The lease agreement for the buildings in which this production was to be operated was concluded by Meyer Burger (Americas) Colorado Lease Co., LLC, Colorado Springs, USA. As of 30 June 2024, Meyer Burger (Industry Americas) LLC, had no sales and the result amounted to CHF -6.9 million (unconsolidated). Meyer Burger (Americas) Colorado Lease Co., LLC, also reports for the first half of 2024, no sales and the result amounts to of CHF -0.2 million (unconsolidated).

#### 2.3 Changes in scope of consolidation

Foundation of Meyer Burger (Holding) Corp., Meyer Burger (Colorado) LLC, Meyer Burger (Arizona) LLC, Meyer Burger (Industry Americas) LLC

In order to implement the expansion plans in the USA, the Group structure was expanded on 14 March 2024 and Meyer Burger (Holding) Corp., Goodyear, USA, was founded as a wholly owned subsidiary of Meyer Burger (Switzerland) AG, Thun, Switzerland. At the same time, Meyer Burger (Colorado) LLC, Goodyear, USA, Meyer Burger (Arizona) LLC, Goodyear, USA, and Meyer Burger (Industry Americas) LLC, Colorado Springs, USA, were founded as further direct and indirect subsidiaries of Meyer Burger (Holding) Corp., Goodyear, USA, with the aim of implementing a suitable legal structure in the USA. No acquisition costs arose from the transaction.

#### 2.4 Foreign currency translation

The following translation rates into Swiss francs were used during the year under review:

		Closing rate		Average rate			
Foreign currency exchange rates	Unit	30.6.2024	31.12.2023	30.6.2023	1.130.6.2023	2023	1.130.6.2023
Euro (EUR)	1	0.9634	0.9260	0.9788	0.9615	0.9718	0.9856
US Dollar (USD)	1	0.9000	0.8380	0.9008	0.8892	0.8988	0.9120
British Pound (GBP)	1	1.1383	1.0655	1.1404	1.1250	1.1173	1.1246
Chinese Yuan Renminbi (CNY)	100	12.3913	11.7948	12.3925	12.3249	12.6866	13.1593
Japanese Yen (JPY)	100	0.5603	0.5923	0.6228	0.5846	0.6394	0.6762
Indian Rupee (INR)	100	1.0794	1.0076	1.0972	1.0685	1.0882	1.1093
South-Korean Won (KRW)	100	0.0653	0.0646	0.0682	0.0658	0.0688	0.0704
Malaysian Ringgit (MYR)	100	19.0768	18.2373	19.2992	18.8132	19.7041	20.4523
Singapore Dollar (SGD)	1	0.6638	0.6346	0.6644	0.6603	0.6691	0.6825
Australian Dollar (AUD)	1	0.5992	0.5694	2.8906	0.5855	0.5966	2.9846
Taiwan Dollar (TWD)	100	2.7710	2.7325	2.8906	2.7875	2.8866	2.9846
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Assets and liabilities in balance sheets of foreign Group companies are translated into Swiss francs at the closing rate, income statements at the average rate. Equity is translated at historical exchange rates. Any resulting foreign currency translation differences are offset against equity.

#### 2.5 Going concern

As of 30 June 2024, continuing the negative performance of previous years, Meyer Burger reported a net loss for the year of CHF –317.3 million and a cash flow from operating activities of CHF –52.4 million. The performance in the first half of 2024 primarily reflects the difficult market conditions in Europe, ongoing ramp-up of production facilities in the USA and extraordinary impacts resulting from the decision to close the solar module production in Freiberg, Germany, and the recently announced strategic realignment.

On 26 August 2024, Meyer Burger announced that the planned construction of a solar cell production facility in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA, is no longer financially viable for the company and that the project will therefore be discontinued leading to a strategic realignment. As part of this realignment, Meyer Burger is focusing on the nominal capacity of 1.4 gigawatts at the solar module production plant in Goodyear, Arizona, USA, which is already largely installed and in the ramp-up phase. The existing solar cell production site in Bitterfeld-Wolfen, Germany, will remain fully operational. In addition, a restructuring program to achieve sustainable profitability is set up. As a result of these changes, Meyer Burger expects that the Company's financing requirements will be significantly lower and that the financing gap remaining after the capital increase in April 2024 will be reduced.

Meyer Burger's cash and cash equivalents amounted to CHF 158.6 million as at 30 June 2024 and CHF 83.4 million as at 30 September 2024. Based on current projections, Meyer Burger's financing gap amounts to a high double-digit million figure. The funds are primarily required to ensure the completion of the rampup of the solar module factory in Goodyear, Arizona, USA, its full commissioning and the financing of net working capital. At present, the Board of Directors is in advanced negotiations with a group of holders of the existing convertible bonds maturing in 2027 and 2029, who have indicated an initial willingness to provide fresh capital and restructure the existing liabilities. The outcome of these discussions naturally remains subject to finalized diligence and approvals of the Group's lender constituents. As a minimum, the high double-digit million financing gap needs to be closed to provide sufficient funding to execute Management's strategy and to ensure Meyer Burger's ability to continue as a going concern. If the negotiations with the bondholders are not successful, the Company would most likely not be able to continue as a going concern. As of the date of this report, Meyer Burger expects to be able to secure the financing required to close its financing gap in a timely manner.

Furthermore, a timely ramp-up of the production sites in the USA including the successful achievement of the targets in the business plan such as the planned net sales for solar modules and, to a lesser degree roof tiles, the planned solar module manufacturing costs as well as the planned sales proceeds for the existing inventories and fixed assets, amongst others is required. If targets made in the business plan are not achieved, there is a risk that further financing will be required. While management aims to continuously monitor the implementation of the business plan with the aim of avoiding any additional financing gap, it

cannot be excluded that such additional financing gap arises. If any such additional financing gap were to arise, management expects to pursue measures aiming at closing it. Such measures may include securing additional financing and further restructuring and cost-cutting measures.

As a result, material uncertainties regarding the financing of Meyer Burger and the successful achievement of the Company's business model exist that may cast significant doubt regarding the going concern capability of Meyer Burger. However, as of the date of this report, the Board of Directors expects that Meyer Burger can secure the financing required to close its financing gap in a timely manner and that it will be able to execute its business plan. Accordingly, Meyer Burger has prepared these consolidated interim financial statements on a going concern basis. However, if Meyer Burger is unable to secure the financing required in the short term, or if this financing can be secured and Meyer Burger cannot implement its business plan or an additional financing gap materializes that cannot be closed, Meyer Burger may become insolvent.

#### 3 Notes to the Balance Sheet

Meyer Burger's balance sheet is characterized by the effects of the decisions to close solar module production at the Freiberg site in March 2024 and to focus on investments in the production facilities in Goodyear, USA. Furthermore, it reflects the strategic realignment announced on 26 August 2024, specifically the decision to stop the ramp-up of solar cell production in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA, and of the third production line of solar module production in Goodyear, Arizona, USA, due to the inability to obtain financing.

**Total assets** decreased to CHF 600.1 million as at 30 June 2024, which equals a 11.9% decrease compared to CHF 681.2 million as at 31 December 2023. This is mainly due to a decrease of property, plant and equipment.

Cash and cash equivalents increased from CHF 150.2 million to CHF 158.6 million as detailed in the cash flow statement, mainly based on the capital increase dated on 3 April 2024, with a total value of CHF 206.75 million. Cash and cash equivalents include an amount of CHF 92.5 million (31 December 2023: CHF 67.6 million) invested in money market funds that can be readily converted into cash and fluctuate only insignificantly in value. Bank balances with restricted use are included in **other current receiv**ables as per 30 June 2024 with an amount of CHF 18.9 million (31 December 2023: CHF 30.9 million), while an amount of CHF 0.7 million (31 December 2023: CHF 0.7 million) was presented as non-current financial assets. Such accounts include retentions for interest payments and scheduled repayments of the syndicated loan until the third quarter of 2024 with CHF 6.4 million (31 December 2023: CHF 18.6 million). As part of other current receivables, the short-term portion of receivables from the sale of the headquarters building in Thun in 2019 (31 December 2023: CHF 4.9 million) was realized in full in 2024. The factoring agreement for the German and European business expired on 30 June 2024 and there are no outstanding receivables from it. Inventories decreased by CHF 24.5 million due to the ongoing disruptions in the European solar market leading to lower-than-expected sales of products as well as the closure of module production in Freiberg, Germany. Value adjustments on inventories increased by CHF 29.1 million compared to the prior year, predominantly due to the net realizable value being lower than the acquisition or production costs at the balance sheet date, resulting in a significant negative effect on the income statement. Value adjustments on finished and semi-finished goods have been recognized in changes in inventories of finished and semi-finished products and machines before acceptance with an amount of CHF 21.1 million (31 December 2023: CHF 34.1 million). Value adjustments on raw materials have been recognized in cost of products and work in progress with an amount of CHF 8.0 million (31 December 2023: 14.9 million). Prepaid expenses and accrued income include positions from the usual course of business, such as prepaid rent, insurance and other costs as well as accrued rental income that mainly result from land and buildings in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA.

**Financial assets** include the investment in Oxford Photovoltaics Limited, London, United Kingdom, and its fully owned subsidiary Oxford PV Germany GmbH, Brandenburg an der Havel, Germany, of CHF 19.7 million, long-term rent deposits with CHF 4.2 million (31 December 2023: CHF 3.9 million) as well as the market value of the interest limitation agreement in the form of a maximum rate agreement ("cap") to secure the interest rate of the syndicated loan agreement with CHF 1.2 million (31 December 2023: CHF 1.3 million). **Property, plant and equipment** decreased by a net amount of CHF 21.8 million which mainly relates

to scheduled depreciations and impairments exceeding investments made in the first half of 2024. **Intangible assets** decreased by CHF 0.6 million mainly due to ordinary amortization. As a result of the ongoing distortion of the European solar market and the closure of module production in Freiberg, Germany, a triggering event was identified and consequently an impairment test was carried out. For the CGU comprising solar cell production in Germany, the carrying amount exceeded the recoverable amount resulting in an impairment loss of a total of CHF 45.0 million (31 December 2023: CHF 55.6 million). Moreover, due to the strategic realignment announced on 26 August 2024 an impairment on the US assets relating to solar cell production in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA, and the third production line of solar module production in Goodyear, Arizona, USA, of CHF 69.9 million was recognized. In addition, useful lives of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets relating to the solar module production in Germany were adjusted resulting in an extraordinary impact of CHF 57.6 million.

**Total liabilities** increased by 11.4% to CHF 545.6 million as per 30 June 2024 compared to year-end 2023, mainly resulting from the increase in provisions, accrued expenses and customer prepayments. Current and non-current **provisions** increased from CHF 6.3 million to CHF 28.6 million, mainly due to the potential repayment of government grants with CHF 20.3 million (31 December 2023: none) and CHF 3.5 million (31 December 2023: none) for onerous contracts. **Customer prepayments** increased to CHF 110.0 million, mainly due to prepayments received in connection with the expansion of production in the USA. **Trade payables** decreased by CHF 10.0 million to CHF 18.2 million compared to year-end 2023 due to lower business activities. **Accrued expenses and prepaid income** increased by CHF 2.2 million to CHF 25.1 million, mainly due to the deferred costs for the capital increase and the increase in the number of employees and the associated rise in short-term employee benefits.

**Current financial liabilities** mainly include the portion of the syndicated credit facility that has to be repaid within the next 12 months amounting to CHF 22.1 million (31 December 2023: CHF 21.3 million).

**Non-current financial liabilities** mainly include financial liabilities resulting from the debt component of convertible bonds with CHF 292.4 million (31 December 2023: CHF 274.8 million) as well as the syndicated credit facility with CHF 42.7 million (31 December 2023: CHF 51.4 million).

As at 30 June 2024, EUR 69.0 million (31 December 2023: EUR 80.5 million) of the syndicated credit facility of EUR 115.0 million was drawn and EUR 10.0 million (31 December 2023: EUR 10.0 million) was granted as a documentary credit and guarantee facility (contingent liability). The loan is guaranteed through comprehensive transfers of asset collateral from Meyer Burger with current assets of CHF 74.8 million (31 December 2023: CHF 88.6 million) of which CHF 3.5 million (31 December 2023: CHF 11.9 million) refer to pledged bank accounts without restricted use and property, plant and equipment as well as intangible assets of CHF 75.4 million (31 December 2023: CHF 167.1 million) as well as an internal letter of comfort declaring a guarantee of EUR 125.0 million (31 December 2023: EUR 125.0 million) by Meyer Burger Technology AG, Thun, Switzerland, to the bank consortium. In addition, 80% of the loan volume is guaranteed by the Federal Republic of Germany and by the federal states of Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt. The continuation of the syndicated loan is subject to compliance with certain covenants in line with standard market practice.

The agreed financial covenants of the syndicated loan, precisely the achievement of customary financial ratios, were suspended until 30 September 2024, meaning that compliance with them is not required as at 30 June 2024. Given the current loss situation and funding requirements, there are indications that the covenants cannot be complied with after the suspension period and, therefore, that the syndicated loan may be terminated immediately by the lenders and become payable. Management continuously monitors the covenants, and negotiations on adjustments to the contractual arrangements with the bank consortium have been ongoing. In addition, the terms and conditions of the convertible bonds issued contain (cross) default clauses which give the bondholders the right to immediately terminate the bonds and call them due when certain events occur. We also refer to the liquidity risk outlined in Note 2.5.

Despite the capital increase of CHF 206.7 million as of 3 April 2024 (31 December 2023: convertible bond of CHF 47.8 million), overall **equity** decreased by CHF 136.9 million from 31 December 2023 to 30 June 2024, mainly based on the result of CHF –317.3 million in the first half-year 2024. A capital reduction was carried out in connection with the capital increase. The nominal share value was reduced from CHF 0.05 to CHF 0.01 resulting in a share capital decrease from CHF 179.9 million to CHF 36.0 million. The amount reducing the share capital (CHF 143.9 million) was allocated to the capital reserves. As of 28 June 2024, a

further capital increase of CHF 5.6 was carried out in preparation for a reverse stock split. The nominal share value increased from CHF 0.01 to CHF 7.50.

#### 4 Notes to the Income Statement

The income statement for the first half-year 2024 reflects the business performance due to price pressure in the solar market and the decisions to close solar module production at the Freiberg site in March 2024. In addition, it reflects extraordinary impacts resulting from the strategic realignment announced on 26 August 2024.

In the first half-year 2024, Meyer Burger's **net sales** amounted to CHF 48.7 million (HY 2023: CHF 96.9 million). The decreased sales volume reflects the ongoing challenging market situation as well as the closure of the module factory at the Freiberg site.

Cost of products and work in progress decreased to CHF 104.7 million (HY 2023: CHF 120.1 million) as a result of the plant closure at the Freiberg site as well as negative impacts related to the impairment of solar module inventories of CHF 29.1 million (HY 2023: CHF 4.9 million) and a CHF 31.7 million (HY 2023: none) impairment of prepayments to suppliers relating to the then-planned solar cell production in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA. Cost of products and work in progress are partially offset for externally sourced goods used in the manufacturing of own machines in the line item capitalized goods and services. Capitalized goods and services also include the cost of personnel expenses incurred in the manufacturing process of Meyer Burger's own machines. This position amounted to CHF 24.2 million (HY 2023: CHF 14.7 million).

Accordingly, the **operating income after cost of products and services** was CHF –39.3 million (HY 2023: CHF 35.1 million).

**Personnel expenses** decreased by 7.5% to CHF 43.7 million, compared to the first half-year 2023, which is attributable to the release of provisions of share-based payments in 2021 at CHF 4.2 million (HY 2023: none). **Operating expenses** in the first half-year 2024 amounted to CHF 40.6 million, an increase of 30.2% compared to the first half-year 2023. The increase is mainly due to CHF 4.8 million (HY 2023: none) in estimated costs for the potential repayment of government grants and reflects increased rental costs as well as increases in administration expenses in connection with the capital increase.

Due to higher operating costs, lower-than-anticipated sales as well as the negative impact of the impairment of solar modules, **EBITDA** was below the level achieved in the comparative period and totaled CHF – 123.5 million in the first half-year 2024 (HY 2023: CHF –43.3 million). The **EBITDA margin** was –253.8% (HY 2023: –44.7%).

**Depreciation and amortization** mainly on property, plant and equipment totaled CHF 198.2 million (HY 2023: CHF 12.8 million) and increased in comparison to the comparative period due to the adjustment of the useful lives of property, plant and equipment as well as intangible assets relating to solar module production in Germany and the impairment loss on fixed assets resulting from the impairment test on CGUs of CHF 45.0 million (HY 2023: none) and impairments on US equipment due to the strategic realignment announced on 26 August 2024 of CHF 69.9 million (HY 2023: none). This position also includes extraordinary depreciation and amortization for capitalized goods and services. Moreover, capitalized goods and services which intended for solar cell production in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA, has been impaired by CHF 18.7 million (HY 2023: none) and reported under depreciation and impairment on property, plant and equipment.

Accordingly, the result at the EBIT level amounted to CHF -321.7 million (HY 2023: CHF -56.1 million).

The net **financial result** was CHF 1.7 million (HY 2023: CHF -8.1 million) and mainly consists of interest on the convertible bonds of CHF 12.5 million (HY 2023: CHF 6.6 million), interest on the credit facility of CHF 2.9 million (HY 2023: CHF 2.5 million), other financial expenses of CHF 1.4 million (HY 2023: CHF 1.4 million) which mainly included costs for the federal and federal state guarantee for the syndicated loan facility, positive foreign exchange effects of CHF 16.6 million (HY 2023: negative CHF 0.6 million) and positive impacts from interest received on cash and cash equivalents of CHF 1.2 million (HY 2023: CHF 2.9

million) as a result of lower deposits as well as the positive result on derivative financial assets of CHF 0.4 million (HY 2023: CHF 0.3 million).

Accordingly, the **result** for the first half-year 2024 amounted to CHF –317.3 million (HY 2023: CHF –64.8 million).

#### 5 Other Information

#### 5.1 Segment reporting

The activities of Meyer Burger are divided into the following reportable business segments: "Modules" and "Photovoltaics". Activities under the old business model of equipment sales were reported in the "Photovoltaics" segment. As part of the ongoing transformation of the Company, customer projects in the "Photovoltaics" segment are being phased out, but still led to a limited amount of revenue in 2023, mainly due to long-term contracts and services provided.

Net sales by segments 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024

Net sales	43 399	9 214	52 613	-3 928	48 685
Net sales intersegment	-	3 928	3 928	-3 928	-
Net sales third parties	43 399	5 286	48 685	-	48 685
in TCHF	Modules	Photovoltaics	Total	Consolidation	l otal atter consolidation

#### Net sales by segments 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023

Net sales	93 071	11 012	104 083	-7 221	96 862
Net sales intersegment	-	7 221	7 221	-7 221	_
Net sales third parties	93 071	3 791	96 862	_	96 862
in TCHF	Modules	Photovoltaics	Total	Consolidation	consolidation

#### Modules

This segment comprises Meyer Burger's current business model. At its modern sites in Bitterfeld-Wolfen, Germany, and in Goodyear, Arizona, USA, Meyer Burger manufactures or will manufacture high-quality solar cells and modules. These are equipped with the proprietary heterojunction/SmartWire technology, which guarantees the highest efficiency at an economic cost level. The product range includes innovative and highly efficient solar modules for roof systems in the private and commercial sector as well as solutions for the solar power plant segment.

#### **Photovoltaics**

The Photovoltaics segment comprises Meyer Burger's previous core business of photovoltaics and covers the processing of solar cells, solar modules and solar systems with its portfolio of systems, production equipment and services. Meyer Burger's strategic long-term technological approach which considers core technologies of the photovoltaic value chain and optimally harmonizes technologies across the different processes (cells, modules, solar systems) now serves as the foundation of the Company's reorientation towards cell and module production. The balcony solar systems, which are entirely manufactured in Germany, were added to the Photovoltaics segment in 2024. Private customers can purchase the complete "Meyer Burger Balcony" package directly from the online store.

#### Segment results

Disclosure of the segment results would lead to much higher transparency in terms of Meyer Burger's cost and margin structure than that of the relevant competitors. Most of the relevant competitors are companies without publicly available financial information or are large companies with large reporting segments in which comparable information is diluted accordingly. The disclosure of segment results would therefore lead to a considerable competitive disadvantage for Meyer Burger in comparison to its competitors. In addition, such information may have negative impacts on the Company's negotiating position with customers and suppliers. For these reasons, Meyer Burger does not disclose segment results.

#### 5.2 Related-party transactions

Related parties consist primarily of shareholders, members of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Board, and associated companies.

As of 30 June 2024, no material transactions were conducted or receivables or liabilities outstanding towards other related parties or associated companies. All business relations with related parties are conducted at arm's length. No unusual transactions were either effected with the main shareholders or other related parties.

#### 5.3 Contingent liabilities

in TCHF	30.6.2024	31.12.2023
Guarantees (not product-related)	-	4 921
Contingent liabilities	-	4 921

During 2019, Meyer Burger entered into the sales contract for the building in Thun. With the contract, Meyer Burger guaranteed a minimum level of annual rent payments to the buyer. The guarantee was limited to CHF 10 million over its duration until 30 June 2024 and Meyer Burger had the right to take over any defaulted rent contract and sublet the respective space during this time. Meyer Burger also carried the external costs, should any court proceeding against tenants be taken during this time. The remaining purchase price installment was paid at the end of June 2024 and no more installments are outstanding.

#### 5.4 Events after the reporting date

On 26 August 2024, Meyer Burger announced a strategic realignment due to the fact that the construction of a solar cell manufacturing facility in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA, is not financially viable. Meyer Burger focuses on the operation of the 1.4 gigawatt nominal module production capacity in Goodyear, Arizona, USA, which is currently being ramped up. The existing cell production site in Bitterfeld-Wolfen, Germany, will remain fully operational and contrary to previous plans will continue to form the backbone of Meyer Burger's solar cell supply. Meyer Burger expects significantly lower remaining financing needs and a lower medium-term profitability target. Moreover, a restructuring program is being prepared in order to achieve sustainable profitability. Initial measures for the strategic realignment and restructuring were specified in a further announcement on 18 September 2024.

The following events were not recognized in the half-year financial statements for 2024 (non-adjusting events). Nevertheless, the nature and an estimate of the financial impacts of non-adjusting events classified as essential are described as follows:

#### **Restructuring costs**

On 26 August 2024, Meyer Burger announced the decision to initiate comprehensive restructuring measures, resulting in extraordinary expenses in the form of restructuring costs (e.g. severance payments and consulting costs). A current estimate assumes restructuring costs of approximately CHF 18.0 million which will have a negative impact on Meyer Burger's income in the future.

#### Onerous rental contracts

In connection with the strategic realignment, it was decided not to build up the solar cell production in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA, and the third production line of solar module production in Goodyear, Arizona, USA. As a result, the leased production facilities in Colorado Springs and a leased warehouse space in Goodyear are no longer needed. The leases cannot be terminated, which is why negotiations have been initiated with the landlords to terminate the leases. The net rental obligations (excluding operating costs) until the end of the rental period under both rental agreements total approximately CHF 125.0 million (considering prepayments). Following the announcement of the strategic realignment, Meyer Burger entered into negotiations with the landlords to terminate the two leases. The management currently assumes that the expected costs for the termination of both leases will not exceed CHF 8.0 million.

#### Cancellation of equipment deliveries

Based on the decision not to build up the solar cell production in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA, and the third production line of solar module production in Goodyear, Arizona, USA, it was decided to cancel or terminate the affected orders for associated equipment deliveries. Negotiations with the suppliers to cancel the orders have started and are still ongoing. Based on a current estimate, the payment obligations from the cancellations will not exceed CHF 19.0 million.

On 18 September 2024, Meyer Burger announced that Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Gunter Erfurt is leaving the Company, handing it over to Franz Richter. Moreover, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Markus Nikles stepped down and the Executive Board will be downsized.

No further events have occurred between 30 June and 31 October 2024 which would have a material effect on the recognized carrying amounts of assets and liabilities of the Meyer Burger Group or which would have to be disclosed at this point.

## Other Information

#### Information for Investors and the Media

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Nominal value per registered share CHF 0.01

Number of outstanding shares as of 30 June 2024

23 741 642 437

Share price high/low half-year 2024 CHF 0.066/0.007

Closing price as of 30 June 2024  $\text{CHF}\ 0.011$ 

Other information

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