



## Nordzucker Post 3/2022

### Lars Gorissen: Nordzucker – Kurs Zukunft



**Dear readers,**

Finally, the Annual General Meetings have again taken place in person. The high number of registrations and many questions, also submitted in advance, confirm the great interest in the company and the need to once again exchange ideas in person.

We achieved a very good result in the past financial year thanks to our cost efficiency and the market development. The Annual General Meeting approved the dividend proposal of € 0.80 per share. The first quarter of the current financial year also shows positive results. The price increases for raw materials and energy are also noticeable in the sugar markets.

We have sent the right signal in the arrangement of the 2023 sugar beet supply contracts. An attractive guaranteed price and the flexibility to respond to future price and cost developments have led to a slightly above-average subscription of the targeted volume in Germany. We are confident of achieving our expectations for cultivation volumes in most other countries as well.

The beet for the upcoming campaign are growing. Despite the severe drought, we expect an average beet harvest for the entire company. In any case, the upcoming campaign will be a special task for all harvesting, logistics and processing operations involved. Flexibility and close coordination will be required.

The big challenge for the coming campaign is the availability of energy. Through early planning, we have succeeded in technically enabling the use of light oil as an energy source in the vast majority of our plants that have already switched to gas. We are in constant exchange with the licensing authorities in order to ensure the beet campaign and to be able to make our replaced quantities available to other gas consumers in the event of a gas shortage.

Our goal is to process as many beet as possible under the current conditions and to produce the sugar our customers need. Sugar is in high demand in the food industry and retail trade. It is an important ingredient in many foods, in which it fulfils indispensable functions.

Nevertheless, there is no way around the conversion to renewable energy sources in the long term. We are focusing on using the beet pulp delivered with the sugar beet. We want to use it to produce biomethane to meet the energy needs of our plants. Independent of fossil energies and climate-neutral through a raw material for which no additional land has to be cultivated - that is a fascinating idea that should also be politically accepted. We will all continue to work on this.

I hope you enjoy reading Nordzucker Post and I wish you a good harvest and summer season.

Yours  
Lars Gorissen

## Good first quarter of 2022/23



The Nordzucker Group increased its revenues from EUR 450 million to EUR 475 million euro in the first quarter of the 2022/23 financial year. Price and sales volume increases in sugar as well as a positive trend in animal feed, molasses and bioethanol supported this development. As a result, an operating result of EUR 38 million was achieved in the first

quarter. In the same period last year, EBIT was EUR 28 million. The Nordzucker subsidiary Mackay Sugar Ltd. in Australia was able to contribute significantly to this result due to currently high world market prices and by feeding self-generated electricity into the public grid at very good prices.

"We have shown that we are able to achieve a very good result despite significant cost increases. To date, we have been able to successfully compensate for the high energy costs and the increases in raw materials and supplies. This is a pleasing development," explains Alexander Bott, CFO.

For the 2022/23 financial year, Nordzucker expects a clearly positive operating result, provided there is sufficient energy supply.

## Annual general meetings confirm dividend proposals and elect Supervisory Board members

After virtual annual general meetings in previous years, the shareholders of Nordzucker AG and Nordzucker Holding AG met on 20 July 2022 at the Volkswagen Halle in Braunschweig.

### Resolutions of Nordzucker AG

The shareholders of Nordzucker AG approved the proposal of the Supervisory Board and Executive Board to pay a dividend of EUR 0.80 (previous year: EUR 0.60) per share.

The terms of office of Helmut Bleckwenn, Henrik Madsen and Grit Worsch as shareholder representatives ended at the close of the annual general meeting. The shareholders re-elected Bleckwenn to the Supervisory Board with a term of office of 3 years, as he will then reach the age limit stipulated for Supervisory Board members. Madsen and Worsch were elected to the board by the shareholders for a further five years. At the constituent meeting of the Supervisory Board following the Annual General Meeting

Jochen Johannes Juister was confirmed as Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Nordzucker AG.

### Resolutions of Nordzucker Holding AG

The shareholders of Nordzucker Holding AG approved a dividend of EUR 0.60 per share (previous year: EUR 0.70).



They thus approved the proposal of the Supervisory Board and Executive Board.

The term of office of some members of the Supervisory Board ended at the close of the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting elected Eckhard Clausen, Friedrich Christoph Heins, Hans-Heinrich Philipps, Jörg Theiß and Christian Wohlenberg to the Supervisory Board for another three years. In the constituent Supervisory Board meeting following the Annual General Meeting, Alexander Heidebroek was confirmed as Chairman of the Supervisory Board.

## Nordzucker stands by GoGreen



Even the current developments on the energy markets do not let us lose sight of our goal of climate-neutral sugar production. Nordzucker is adhering to the complete switch to renewable energies by 2050 at the latest, in Germany 2045.

For the upcoming 2022/23 campaign, we are continuing to prepare to supply our factories with the best possible energy. Wherever it is technically possible, we are adapting our plants to be able to replace natural gas with alternative energy sources. The necessary investment budgets have been released.

In responsibility towards our beet growers, customers and consumers, we are setting the course for having bivalent plants as an option for several years. The Nordzucker GoGreen programme with the goal of climate-neutral sugar production remains unaffected. We are also continuing to do our utmost to be able to use our own beet pulp for our own energy use in the future. The only thing that is still missing is political support at national and European level.

## Lars Gorissen is the new chairman for the German Sugar Industry Association



At the sugar industry's committee day on 20 June, the German Sugar Industry Association (VdZ) elected Lars Gorissen as its new chairman. He takes over from former COO Axel Aumüller, who had held the chair since 2013.

Gorissen has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Sugar Industry Association since 2015.

"It is a pleasure to be chairman of Germany's oldest industry association. In doing so, I represent an industry that produces a substantial food product and has completed the transformation into a modern industrial sector in a tried and tested social partnership. We have also always been forward-thinking when it comes to climate protection and have already come a long way, having reduced our CO2 emissions by over 60 percent since 1990. By using our own biogenic residues, we will be able to produce climate-neutral and independent of fossil fuels in the future. What is still missing is political support at national and European level. This is precisely what I will do my utmost to achieve," explains Lars Gorissen.

## Beet stand mid-July

The rows in the beet fields have closed and the leaves cover the ground. Thanks to good growing conditions, the sugar beets in Finland have also caught up. However, like last year, almost every country lacks water for good growth this year. Especially July and August are now becoming yield-determining.

The first test harvesting takes place at the beginning of August. On the basis of this harvesting and the other two test harvestings, the yield can be estimated much better. Nevertheless, it remains an estimate, as the weather is unpredictable and has a significant influence on the yield.

After the aphids could be well controlled in the countries, the first leaf diseases appear in the beet stands. Further monitoring will now determine whether and when the right time has come for treatment against the fungi.



## Start of the crush at Mackay Sugar



Sugar cane processing has begun in Australia. The Marian mill started the crushing season on Monday 13 June,

Racecourse on Tuesday 14 June, and Farleigh on Wednesday 15 June.

Mackay Sugar expects the crop to be about 5.1 million tonnes of cane in 2022 (compared to 5.3 million tonnes last year) and raw sugar production to be about 750,000 tonnes. The "crushing season" is planned to be completed by the end of November 2022, one month earlier than last year. During the crushing season, more than 800 employees will be working around the clock.

Extensive investments and maintenance measures implemented this year are a good prerequisite for a successful processing season.

## Contract signing for 2023 cultivation



Contracts have been signed with growers in Germany for sugar beet cultivation in 2023. The quantity offered was slightly oversubscribed by the sugar beet growers, so that the requested "free quantity" (contract quantities that were not subscribed as delivery entitlements) could not be awarded in full.

Lars Gorissen, Chairman of the Executive Board, says about the result: "The offer is good and contains the flexibility Nordzucker and our growers need for this time. The high level of acceptance shows that we are on the same page with the growers and have been able to maintain the attractiveness of sugar beet."

Germany is the first country in which the subscription procedure for sugar beet cultivation 2023 has been completed.

## Nordzucker jubilarians are honoured



On 24 June 2022, jubilarians who celebrated their jubilee between September 2019 and August 2021 were honoured at Rammelsberg in Goslar. Executive Board member Alexander Godow, Sigrun Krussmann as Chairwoman of the General Works Council and the works councils of the

individual locations honoured the jubilarians present and expressed their appreciation and gratitude for their 25, 35 or 45 years of service to Nordzucker AG.

The ceremony was held in the historic "forge" and "locksmith's shop" in the Rammelsberg World Heritage Site in Goslar, where many of the long-serving employees immediately felt at home. After the tributes and the buffet, the guests took the opportunity to visit the museum in the Rammelsberg.

"It was a great pleasure for me to thank our jubilarians and to do this together in such a beautiful setting. The close ties to Nordzucker are always impressive to me," Alexander Godow emphasised in Goslar.

Most of all, however, everyone was pleased that the celebration was held after the pandemic-related break and that many colleagues were finally able to meet in person again.

## A fruity fresh idea for the summer

Syrup is a casual summer drink and can be used to conjure up the most delicious mixed drinks, such as spritzers or lemonade. With or without alcohol. And syrup, simply mixed with mineral water, is a particularly aromatic thirst-quencher. But the best thing is: you can easily make syrup yourself.

We show you how to do it here: [sweet-family-syrup](#)

Here you will find the delicious recipe for blackcurrant syrup and important tips on how to enjoy it: [sweet-family\\_syrup](#)

