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# 2015



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REC Silicon Q3 Financial Results	T. Torvund, CEO
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## REC Silicon ASA Third Quarter 2015 Highlights

Revenues: \$87.5 M

EBITDA: (\$14.1 M) Loss

#### **Polysilicon Production**

Total polysilicon production
 FBR cash cost
 \$13.8/kg

#### **Polysilicon Sales Volume**

4,512 MT

1,026 MT inventory reduction

- 13% Solar Grade price decline

#### Silicon Gas Sales

- 642 MT Silicon gas sales
- 17% Silicon gas price increase

#### **Optimism for Trade War Resolution**

- Negotiations are ongoing
- Uncertainty remains

#### Full Capacity Available when Trade and Market Conditions Permit

- Anticipate restart of Silane III and full capacity utilization in Moses Lake from January 2016
- Leverage low cost advantage to penetrate solar markets

## REC Silicon ASA Q3 2015 Key Metrics

Financials	
Revenue	\$87.5 M
EBITDA (Loss)	\$14.1 M
EBITDA Margin	(16%)

FBR Production	
Actual	2,863 MT
Guidance*	2,920 MT
Deviation	- 0.2%

FBR Cash Cost	
Actual	\$13.8/kg
Guidance*	\$15.2/kg
Deviation	- 9%

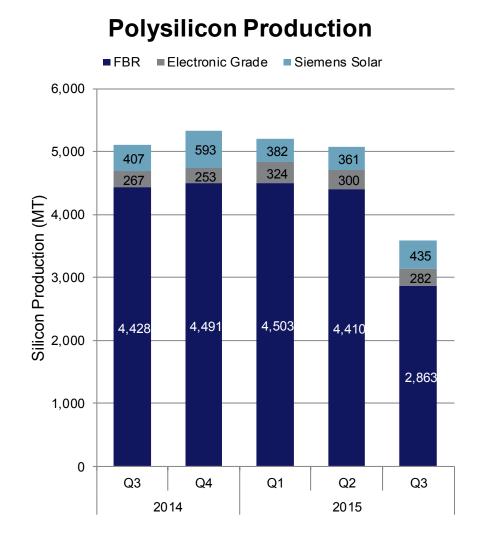
Total Polysilicon Production	
Actual	3,580 MT
Guidance*	3,600 MT
Deviation	- 0.5%

Semiconductor Production	
Actual	282 MT
Guidance*	330 MT
Deviation	- 14.6%

Silicon Gases Sales Vol.	
Actual	642 MT
Guidance*	720 MT
Deviation	-10.9%

<sup>\*</sup> Guidance presented July 16, 2015

### Q3 Production and FBR Cost Impacted by Silane III Shutdown



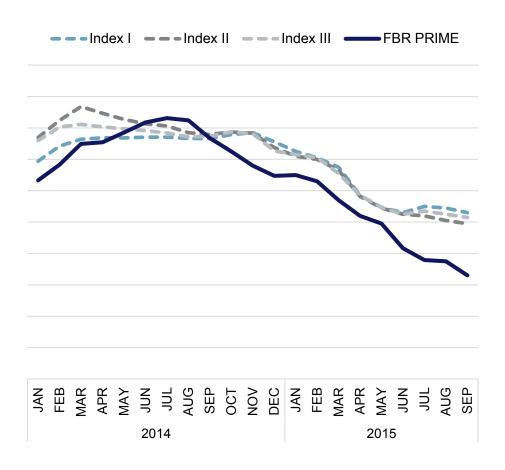
#### **FBR Cost**



## Q3 2015 Polysilicon ASPs Continued Downward Trend

- REC Silicon average Solar
   Grade sales price decreased
   13% from Q2 '15
- Discount to spot reflects customer leverage
  - > Trade war
  - Surplus supply-chain inventory
- Anticipate increased Q4 '15 end-use demand to push spot pricing slightly higher

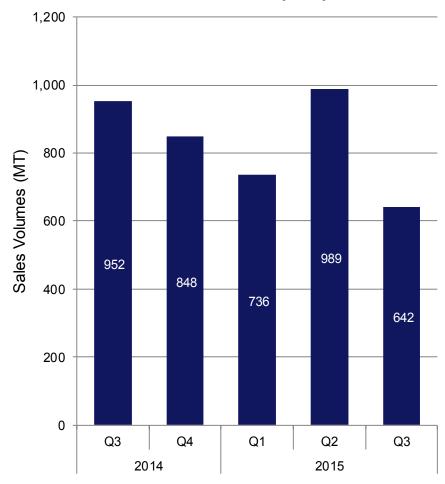
#### FBR Prime vs. Spot Indices



### Silicon Gas: Impacted by Forward Sales – Demand Remains Strong

- Silicon Gas Sales Volumes 642 MT
  - 35% volume decrease vs. Q2 '15
  - 17% avg. price increase vs. Q2 '15
- Overall Silicon gas demand on track
  - Slow Q3 '15 a result of forward sales in Q2 '15
  - Forward sales likely to impact Q4 '15 and Q1 '16 sales

#### Silicon Gases (MT)





U.S. China Trade War



#### U.S. / China Trade War: Resolution is in Motion

- SolarWorld & Chinese Panel makers a confidential "commercial deal" to settle Solar Panel dispute in August, 2015
- > U.S. Government consent & involvement required to make withdrawal of U.S. Duties on Chinese solar panels and this deal a reality in the U.S.
- U.S. Government Concrete Condition: China market access is required for all U.S.
   Polysilicon makers for this to happen

#### Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

October 28, 2015

The Honorable Cui Tiankai Ambassador Embassy of the People's Republic of China 3505 International Place, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Ambassador Cui,

We write today to express our deep concern over the still unresolved trade dispute between the

Call for Trade Settlement with China on U.S. Polysilicon

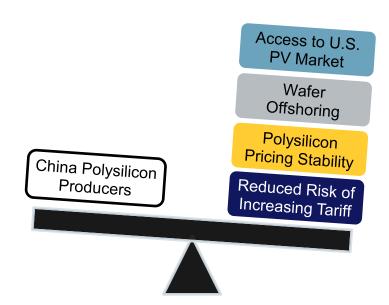
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## Big win for China with a Package Solar Resolution Deal

#### What the resolution package means:

- Improved access to valuable U.S. panel market
- Current U.S. Duties significant cost to Chinese panel makers
- Eliminate risk of retrospective U.S. Duty hikes
- Without a deal the U.S. Duties will continue to handicap Chinese panels in future
- Polysilicon shortage looming in China with poly prices \$2-5 higher than the ROW
- Needed growth in wafer capacity expected outside of China without trade war resolution

#### **Resolution Benefits Many**



#### Timing?

> Consensus building in China and internal processes underway



Market Outlook



## Demand Estimates Up from Original 2015 estimates

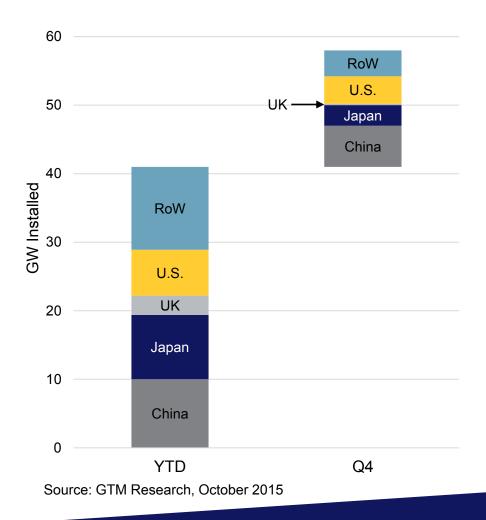
#### 58 GW Installation Forecast

- > 45% increase from 2014 actuals
- > ~41 GW installed through Q3
- > ~17 GW in Q4

#### **Q4 Drivers**

- China: Q4 expected to be strong6 GW
- U.S.: possible ITC expiration accelerating timing of utility scale development
   4 GW
- Japan: restart of nuclear capacity and FiT reductions drive near term demand
   3 GW
- India: national tender process in place, increased demand expected into 2016
   1.7 GW

#### 2015 PV Installation Forecast



## Expected PV Demand Growth: 15% - 23% annually

#### Cost-competitiveness

Falling solar costs compared to other resources

#### > High electricity prices

 Retail and wholesale rates in key markets are high enough to support PV globally

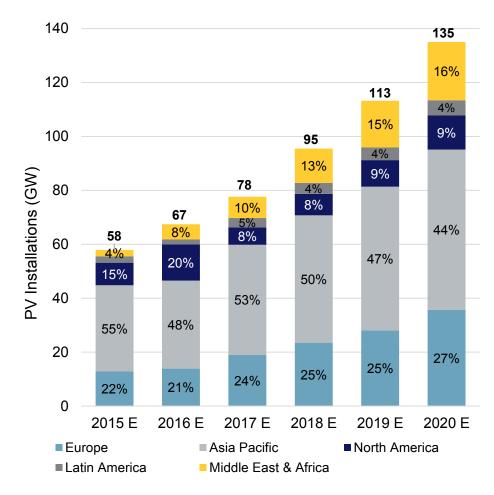
#### > Structural factors

- High growth in high isolation areas
- Large gross demand needs globally

#### Cost of capital

 Increasing access to cheaper finance, capital markets and the use of portfoliobased funds

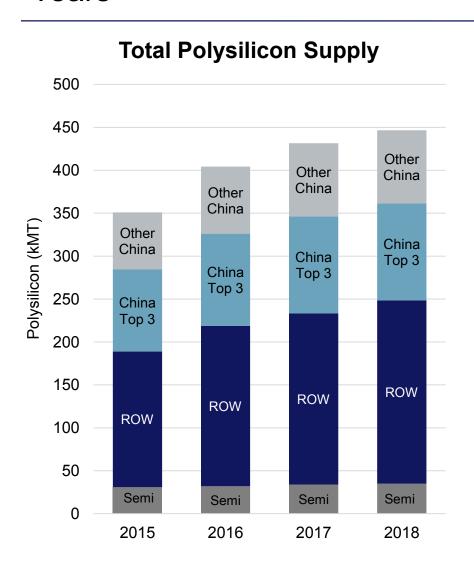
#### Forecasted PV Installations and Share by Region

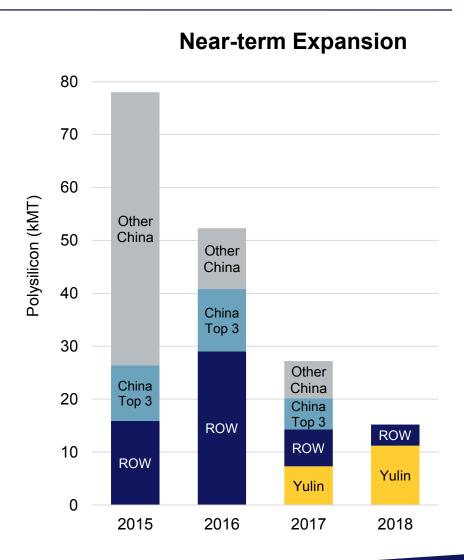


Source: GTM Research, October 2015



# Limited Additional Polysilicon Capacity Expected in Coming Years





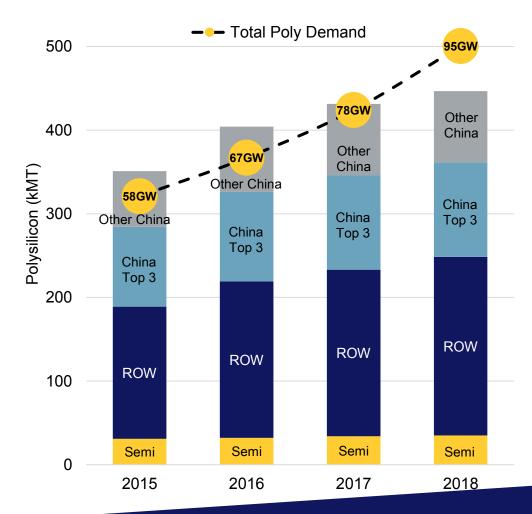
Source: Financial reporting, industry analysts, REC Internal database

## Access to Polysilicon will be the Limiting Factor in PV Growth

## Polysilicon near-term Supply Demand

- GTM Research Installed PV demand estimates
  - > growth 15% 23% annually
- Balanced supply and demand by year-end 2016

#### Polysilicon Supply



Source: PV Demand GTM Research October 2015 and Internal REC database. Note: PV poly demand based on 5 g/w through 2017 4.9g/W in 2018



Financial Review



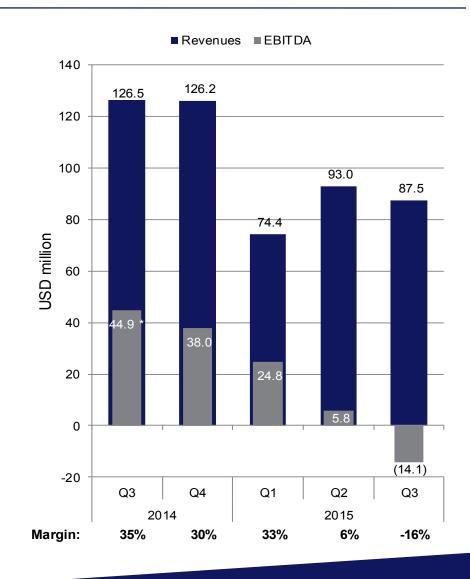
## Q3 2015 Key Financial Results

#### Revenues - \$87.5 M

- Increased Polysilicon Sales Volumes
  - 18% Sales Volume Increase from Q2'15
  - 13% Solar Grade Price Decrease from Q2'15 (Excluding Fines & Powders)
- Silicon Gas Sales Volumes 642 MT
  - 35% Sales Volume Decrease from Q2'15
  - 17% Price Increase Compared to Q2'15

#### EBITDA – Loss of (\$14.1 M)

- Higher Polysilicon Volumes
- Lower Polysilicon Prices
- Higher Unit Costs due to Silane III Shutdown



<sup>\*</sup> Excludes Special Items of USD 101 million Gain on Sale of Technology to the Yulin JV

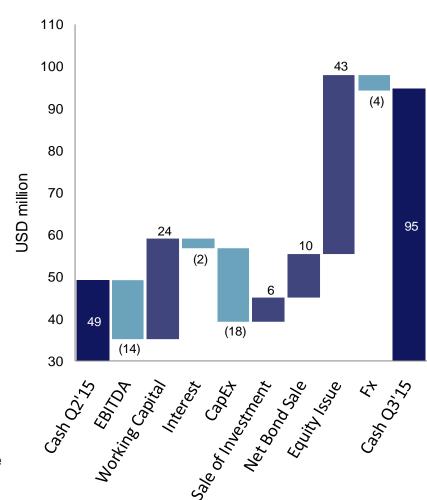
#### Q3 2015 Cash Flows

## Cash Flows From Operating Activities \$8 M

- > EBITDA Loss of (\$14.1 M)
- Working Capital Decrease \$23.9 M
  - Decreased Inventories \$14.7 M
  - Decreased Accounts Receivable \$8.1 M
  - Increased Accounts Payable \$1.1 M
- Interest payments (\$2.1 M)

## Cash Flows From Financing Activities \$53 M

- Debt \$10 M
  - Sale of NOK 155 M REC03
  - Redemption of NOK 55 M REC02
  - Transaction Costs of NOK 1.3 M
- Equity \$43 M
  - Issuance of 230 Million Shares at NOK 1.55 per Share
  - Gross Proceeds of NOK 356.5 M
  - Transaction Costs of NOK 7.8 M



## Debt Situation at September 30, 2015

#### Nominal Net Debt - \$114 M

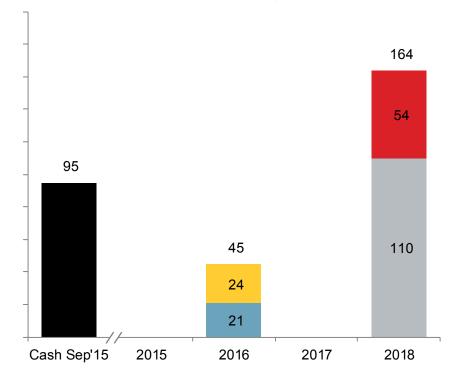
- Decreased by \$40.8 M from Q2'15
  - Increase in Cash of \$45.5 M
  - Increase in Nominal Debt of \$4.7

#### Nominal Debt - \$208 M

- > Increased by \$4.7 M from Q2'15
  - Increased by \$10.4 M due to:
    - Repurchase of NOK 55 M REC02
    - Sale of NOK 155 M REC03
  - Decreased by \$5.7 M due to Stronger US
     Dollar

## USD million

- Indemnification Loan (NOK)
- 2016 NOK Bond (May 2016)
- 2018 NOK Bond (May 2018)
- 2018 USD Convertible Bond (Aug 2018)







#### Yulin JV – On Track



- Equipment tendering in progress, >50% issued or awarded
- Bids awarded for major items and fabrication has begun
- Major site piling completed in November
- Critical excavation and foundation work started
- Mechanical construction to start after 2016 Chinese New Year holiday
- Negotiations on-going to defer equity contribution



Yulin JV Administrative buildings
October, 2015

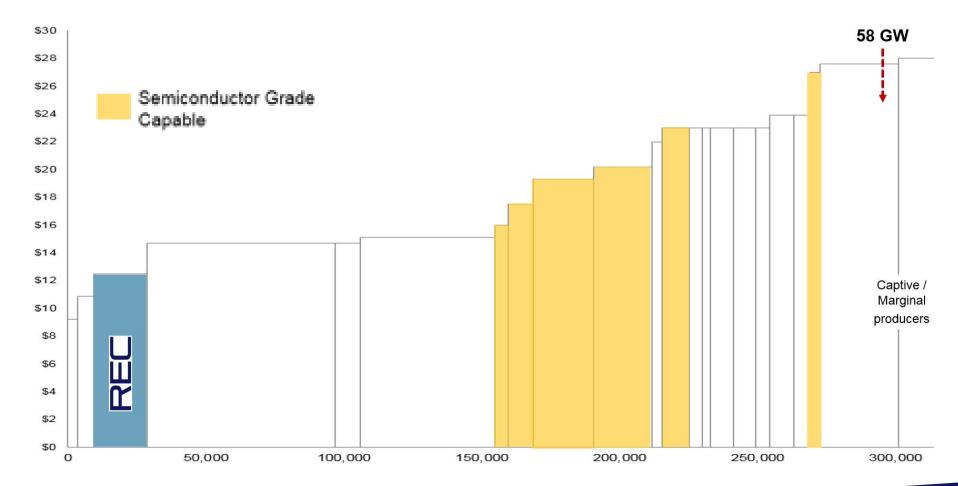


**Near-term Strategy** 



## REC Remains Low Cost Polysilicon Producer

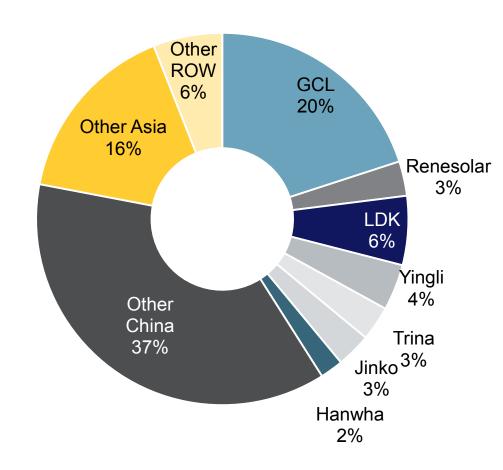
- Low spot prices due to excess inventory but expected to increase with drawdown
- > Cash cost for non U.S. producers has dropped due to currency changes



Source: REC internal database; spot price is average of industry indices

## Approximately 20% of Silicon Wafers Produced Outside China

- 2015 Wafer capacity estimated at 70 GW
  - China accounts for 78% of wafer production
  - Wafer capacity outside China75k MT polysilicon

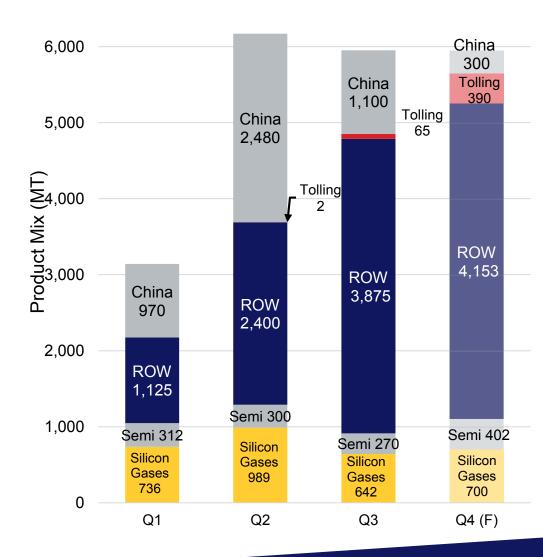


Source: GTM Research.

## Continuing to Reduce Reliance on China

#### **Increased Sales to Rest of World**

- Polysilicon prices discounted to gain Rest of World Share
- Discounted pricing expected to diminish as polysilicon demand increases



## Decreased Inventory Levels in 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of 2015

## Inventory Increases through 1<sup>st</sup> Half Due to:

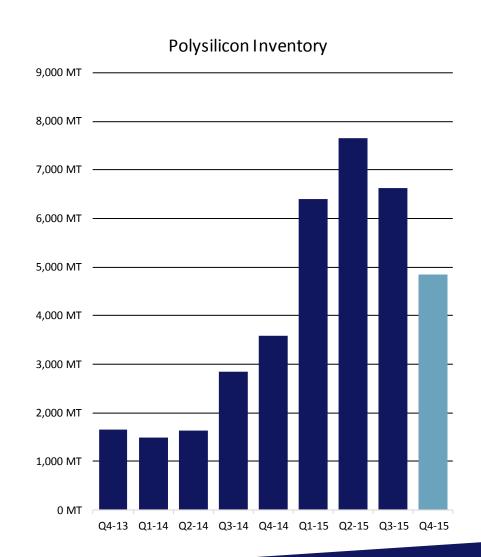
- Trade War (limited access to China)
- Excess polysilicon supply

## 2nd Half Inventory Reduction Due to:

- Lower production (Silane III shutdown)
- Increased sales (18% Q3 increase)
- > 1,026 MT decrease in Q3 2015
- 1,700 MT decrease expected Q4

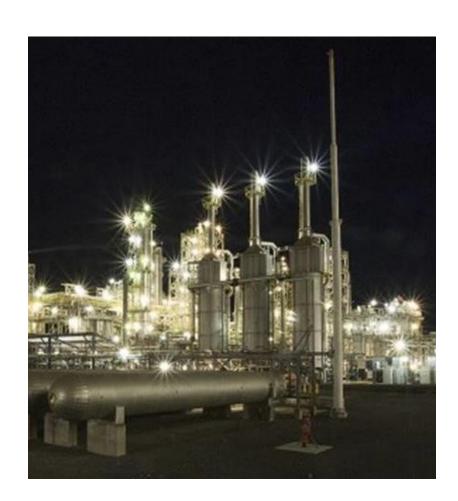
#### Target Inventory Levels:

> ~60 Days supply (3,000 MT)



## Sufficient Liquidity Expected Without Trade War Resolution

- Cost and Efficiency Improvements
  - Headcount Reduction
  - Defer Planned Maintenance Outages
  - Limit Capital Expenditures
  - Delay Expenditures Where Possible
- Gradual Solar Grade price increases
  - Supply/Demand balance tightening
- > Full FBR capacity from January 2016
  - Restart dependent on:
    - Trade War status
    - Market Conditions





## Guidance

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## Updated Q4 and 2015 Guidance

FBR Produc	tion
Q4	2,220 MT
2015	14,000 MT

FBR Cash Cost	
Q4	\$17.1/kg
2015	\$12.4/kg

Silicon Gas	Sales
Q4	700 MT
2015	3,060 MT

Semiconductor Production	
Q4	300 MT
2015	1,210 MT

Total Polys	ilicon Production
Q4	2,980 MT
2015	16,840 MT

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Maintenance	\$14 M
Expansion	\$41 M
2015 Total	\$55 M



February 12, 2016

