

### **KEY POINTS**

#### **KEY FIGURES AND TREND**

Sales for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2014-2015 down 4.1%\*

Slight drop in aggregate sales (9 months) at the end of March 2015: -1%\*

- Very good performance of the vegetable seeds business: +4.6%\*
- Slowdown of the field seeds business, in an unfavorable market environment: -4.9%\*

Downward revision of objectives for 2014-2015 (field seeds activity, operating margin)

\*On a like-for-like basis



### **KEY POINTS**

#### MARKET CONTEXT

# The Ukraine / Russia political crisis

- Strong disturbance of the sales campaign for 2014-2015
- Significant impact on business, mainly for Field seeds (sunflower, corn)

# A highly volatile monetary environment

- Globally positive impact of the translation of financial statements (sales, equity) as of the second semester, mainly because of the evolution of the USD
- ... but a lack of visibility in certain zones and a handicap in operational management (commercial pricing)

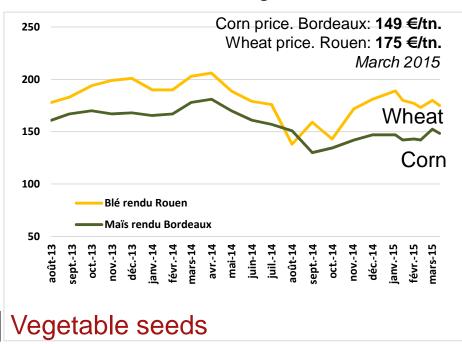


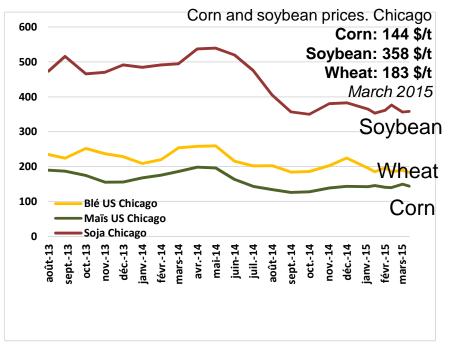
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#### MARKET CONTEXT

# Field seeds

Price levels of agricultural raw materials





Confirmation of the globally favorable market environment



Structural trend, a seeds market that is growing continuously and sustainably

FranceAgriMer, IGC, La dépêche. March 2015



Sources:



#### REFERENCES

## Accounting reference

- IFRS on March 31, 2015
- First application of the standard IFRS 11 ("Joint arrangements") resulting in certain activities (in particular AgReliant. North America. Field seeds) being consolidated using the equity method
  - Conversion of disclosed financial statements to restated financial statements

### Consolidation scope

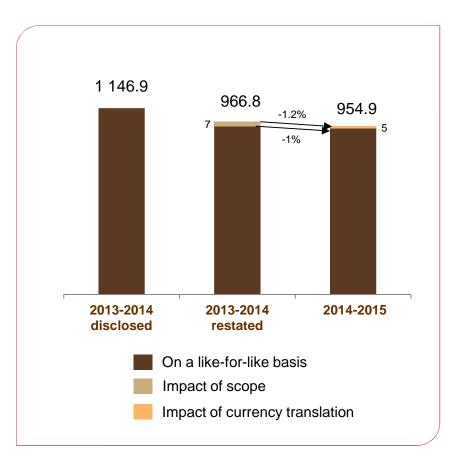
- Acquisition of Seed Asia (Thailand. Field seeds) in March 2014
- Disposal of Suttons (United Kingdom. Garden products) as of July 1, 2014
- Rates of the main currencies on March 31, 2015 (and March 31, 2014)

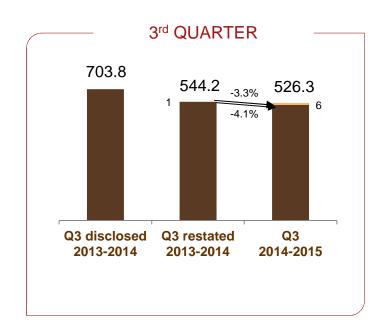
	average		closing	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
\$	1.35	1.23	1.38	1.08
¥	136	138	142	129
£	0.84	0.78	0.83	0.73
TRY	2.80	2.82	2.97	2.81
ILS	4.78	4.63	4.81	4.28
BRL	3.12	3.14	3.13	3.50
INR	84	76	83	67
UAH	11	20	15	25
RUB	45	59	49	62



# **CONSOLIDATED SALES\***

#### In M€





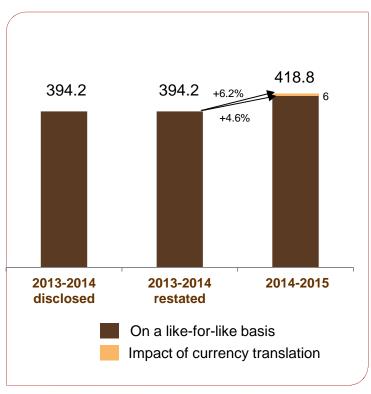
Vegetable seeds	178
Field seeds	320



<sup>\*</sup> Revenue from ordinary activities

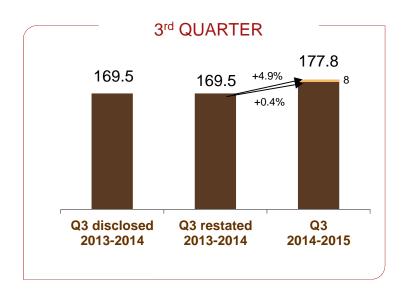
#### SALES\* VEGETABLE SEEDS

In M€



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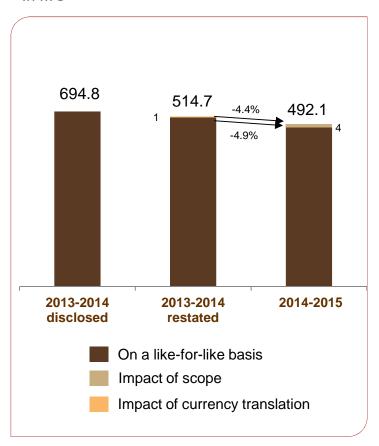
- Solid commercial activity, leading to a strengthening of Vilmorin & Cie's competitive positions
- Progression of all the Business Units, with the exception of the BU Mikado Kyowa Seed, which saw part of its business fall back in spite of successful progression on the Chinese market
- Growth in strategic crops (tomato, melon, bean, onion, etc.), in most geographical areas, in particular North America, South America, India and Turkey



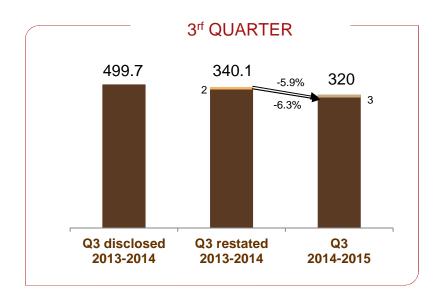


# SALES\* FIELD SEEDS

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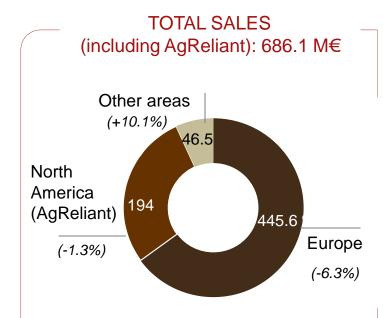


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#### SALES FIELD SEEDS



#### ANALYSIS PER GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

(and evolution on a like-for-like basis, before application of IFRS)

In M€

#### CORN AND SUNFLOWER, EUROPE

- Significant slowdown in sales, in an unfavorable market with a predicted drop in corn and sunflower acreages in most European countries
- Important decrease in Ukraine and in Russia, in a market hit hard by the political / economic crisis
- In spite of this tense context, market shares retained, good control over pricing policy and greater vigilance with financial risk management (customer solvency, currencies)

#### CORN. SOUTH AMERICA

 Increase in business over the second part of the commercial campaign (Safrinha), particularly in Brazil

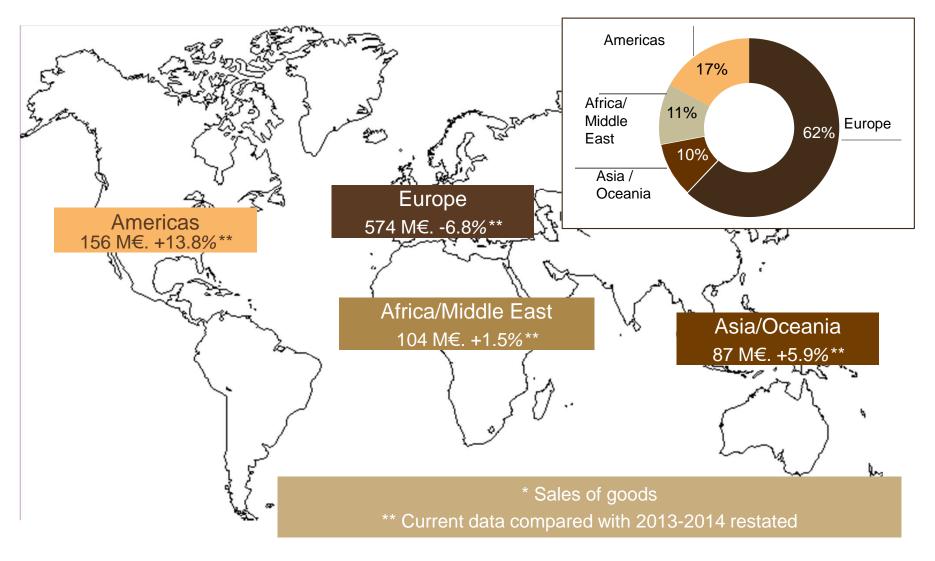
#### CORN. NORTH AMERICA

 Good resistance of competitive positions: stability of volumes marketed, in the context of falling cultivated acreage



# SALES AT THE END OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER 2014-2015

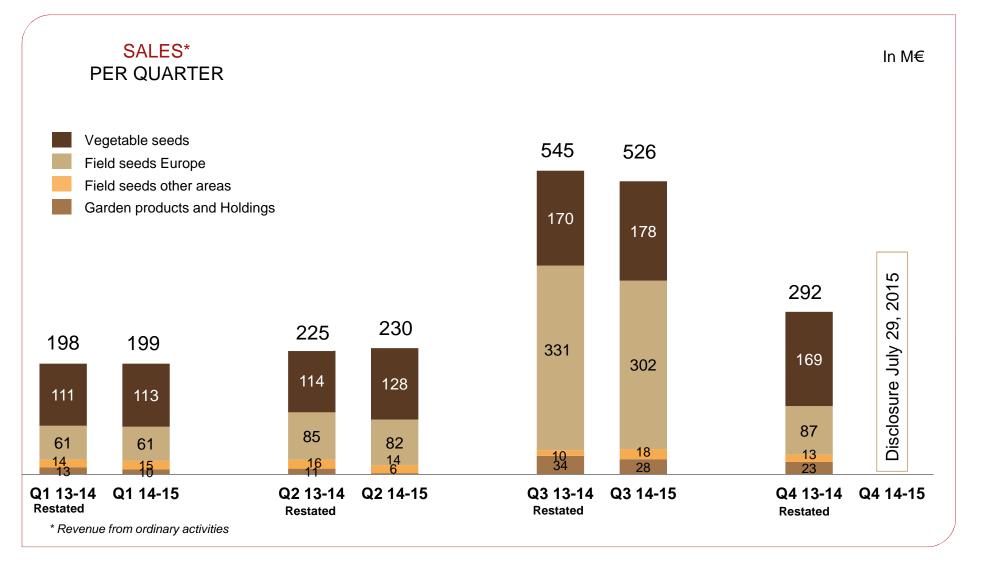
#### BREAKDOWN AND EVOLUTION OF SALES\* PER GEOGRAPHICAL AREA





# SALES AT THE END OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER 2014-2015

### BREAKDOWN PER QUARTER







#### **NEWS**

#### VEGETABLE SEEDS, TROPDICORP, VIETNAM



Company specialized in the research, production and distribution of cucurbit seeds (gourds, pumpkins) based in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

- Operation finalized: acquisition by Vilmorin & Cie of 100% of Tropdicorp's shares
  - Final approval of the operation by the Vietnamese authorities obtained at the end of March 2015
- Strategic interest: Strengthen our presence in South East Asia, by setting up business on the dynamic Vietnamese market
  - Penetrate a key country in terms of the diversity of its vegetable seeds and a key market (estimated to be around 45 M\$), moving towards hybrid varieties
  - Enrich and diversify the portfolio of products and germplasm
  - Benefit from complementary research programs to India, Thailand and Japan

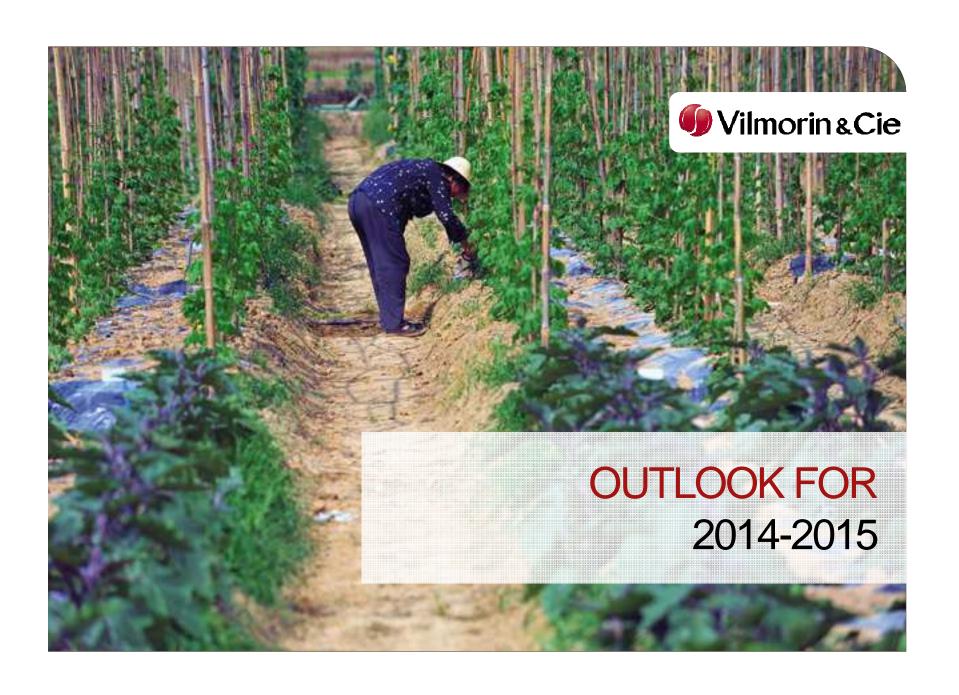
# **Data for 2014:**

Sales: 6 M\$

Headcount: 300







#### **VEGETABLE SEEDS**

# Stakes for the end of the fiscal year

- Continue to successfully control pricing policies and margins
- Confirmation of the growth impetus and gains in market shares over the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter

Outlook for the end of the fiscal year Sales growth objective for vegetable seeds reaffirmed

Objective +6% ≤ Sales ≤ +7%



#### FIELD SEEDS

### Market trends for corn\*



### **Europe 28**

Acreage ≈ -3%

## Wide Europe

Acreage ≈ -3%

### **United States**

➤ Acreage 36.1 Mha. -2% vs 2014

#### **Brazil**

- Acreage Safra ≈ -7%
- Acreage Safrinha ≈ -2%
  - Total corn ≈ -4%

### Market trends for sunflower\*



# Europe 28

Acreage ≈ -5%

### **Wide Europe**

Acreage ≈ -4%

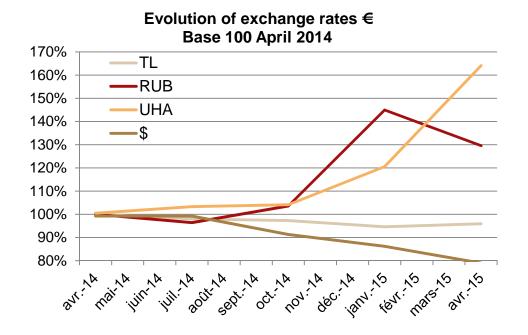


<sup>\*</sup> Sources: USDA - March 2015. CONAB, internal estimates - April 2015

#### FIELD SEEDS

# A very difficult market context in Ukraine and in Russia (1/3)

- An unprecedented economic, political and financial crisis
  - Impact of the conflict in the east of Ukraine on the Ukrainian economy and finances, but on Russia too, because of the sanctions taken by the European Union
- A financial crisis: fast depreciating but very fluctuating currencies



- Strong devaluation and volatility of the Ruble and the Hryvnia in the middle of the commercial campaign
- Soaring inflation
- Increase of the lending rates limiting access to credit
- Lack of liquidity in strong currencies



#### FIELD SEEDS

# A very difficult market context in Ukraine and in Russia (2/3)

A trend of lower sunflower and corn acreage

Acreage estimates*		Acreage 2014 (000.ha)	Acreage 2015 (000.ha)	Evolution %
Sunflower	Ukraine	5700	5200	-9%
	Russia	6800	6800	=
Corn	Ukraine	5100	4900	-4%
	Russia	3800	3500	-8%

<sup>\*</sup> Source: internal estimates

- The market for sunflower and corn seeds in 2015 suffering a temporary slowdown (value and volume) and saturated
  - General trend for the reduction of input because of the current economic and financial situation
  - A high level of supply with local alternatives at lower costs
  - Restriction on seed imports
  - Exacerbated competition

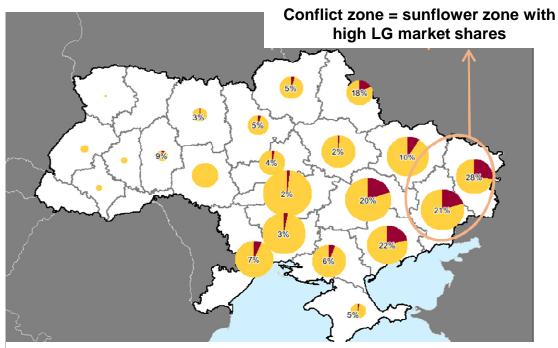


#### FIELD SEEDS

# A very difficult market context in Ukraine and in Russia (3/3)

Vilmorin & Cie's development stalled (sunflower and corn)

Implementation of a prudent sales policy emphasizing security of payment and limiting the impact of exchange rates



Distribution of the sunflower market in Ukraine (bubble size) and LG market share (red part in the bubbles)

... but medium- and long-term growth perspectives confirmed



#### FIELD SEEDS

# Stakes for the end of the fiscal year

- Definitive evolution of cultivated acreage for corn and sunflower
- Outcome of the end of campaign on the Russian and Ukrainian markets
- Final orientation of currencies
- Good defense of pricing levers

Outlook for the end of the fiscal year Objective for field seeds sales lowered

Objective Sales = -4%



#### REVISION OF OBJECTIVES

# OBJECTIVES PRESENTED IN FEBRUARY 2015\* (disclosure of results for S1)

... on condition there is effective access to the Russian and Ukrainian markets, bearing in mind the present context, and on confirmation of the excellent trend for the Vegetable seeds activity.

Sales	+4%
Vegetable seeds	+6% to +7%
Field seeds	+1% to +1.5%
Current operating margin	Objective ≈ 10%

➤ REVISED OBJECTIVES\* (disclosure of sales for Q3 taking market trends into account)

Sales	0 to +1%
Vegetable seeds	+6% to +7%
Field seeds	-4%
Current operating margin	Objective ≈ 9%

<sup>\*</sup> on a like-for-like basis, including the disposal of Suttons and after application of IFRS 11





# **SCHEDULE**

### WEDNESDAY JULY 29, 2015 AT THE END OF TRADING

 Disclosure of sales for fiscal year 2014-2015 (on June 30, 2015)

### MONDAY OCTOBER 5, 2015 AT THE END OF TRADING

 Disclosure of results for fiscal year 2014-2015 (on June 30, 2015)

### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2015 AT THE END OF TRADING

 Disclosure of sales for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2015-2016 (on September 30, 2015)



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