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CFO Mr. Sivan Yedidsion



CEO Mr. Shachar Rachim



CCO Mr. Tommi Bjornman

Analyst Conference | Who We Are



Our Vision: We Aspire to Create Nonwoven Innovations to Enhance Quality of Life





Our team

~800 employees in the Group Global commercial and technical team ,around the world



Global

5 production sites around the world in Israel , USA, China, Russia and India supplying more than 30 countries



Quality

Committed to serve our customers so they can stay one step ahead when producing high quality products mainly to the hygiene markets



Strategy

Global leader in Nonwoven area, mainly to Hygiene market

Indorama Ventures LTD 65.97%

The Public 34.03%



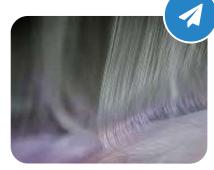
Analyst Conference | What We Do



Hygiene Market
Targeting the Hygiene market,
covering Baby diapers,
Feminine Care, Adult
Incontinence, PPE and medical



Raw material Main raw material, Polypropylene



TechnologySpunmelt
Meltblown



Consumer Focus
Working together with our
customer to bring innovative
solutions to the consumers
mainly in the hygiene market

- Avgol aspires to continue to grow and strengthen its market position by expanding production capacity to meet the continues growth of the hygiene market.
- Our aspiration is to base our growth on developing nonwoven innovative products that will bring a solution to the fast changes in trend and preferences, which the ultimate goal is to enhance the quality of life.
- Avgol will continue to focus on the Hygiene segment but will explore other niches and interesting area in other nonwoven field which are synergetic to our current expertise and technology.





Company founded (producing industrial gases)

Began production of Spunbond Nonwovens in Israel

Acquired USA (North Carolina) Mocksville plant

Acquired 50% in a local Nonwovens manufacturing plant in China (gradually increasing stake to 97% as of today) 2020

Listed on the Israeli Stock Exchange (Tel-Aviv 100)

Began greenfield production plant in Russia, Tula region

2021

H.F.H International B.V acquired controlling stake from IPE and the founders

2nd production line in Russia

5th line in US (began to operating in late 2016)

Invested in co-location commercialized Dimona, Israel greenfield plant investment during Q4/17

2017

Commercialize new plant greenfield plant in India, with Avgol/SY developed line in India during Q1/18

2018

IVL Acquired controlling stake

Manufacturing and selling fabrics used for masks, gowns etc.

MB capabilities in Dimona & China

Relocating production line from Israel to India

Approving investment in third line in Russia

Analyst Conference I Global Footprint







- During the first quarter, Avgol succeeded to achieve globally an excellent performance by producing at full capacity in all plants with extraordinary efficiency and quality parameters. Avgol continues to operate and to deliver to its customers continuously, while retaining its employees safe and healthy.
- Avgol's Q1-2021 underlying EBITDA amounts to approximately USD 20 million, 6M\$ more than the corresponding period last year. Q1-2021 was extremely challenging in terms of global PP supply and prices.
- During the quarter, the raw materials prices rose significantly, mainly in the United States, due to the continuing demands for products relating to coping with the coronavirus pandemic and due to the recovery of manufacturing in the United States and its return to routine operations.
- In February 2021, Ice Storm "Uri" hit the Gulf Coast of the United States and caused shutdowns to about 80% of the raw materials manufacturing plants, and delays in the transport and supply of goods to raw materials suppliers in this region, which triggered another hike in raw materials prices.
- During this period, despite tightness and supply disruptions, our lines continue to operate in full capacity and our ability to
 deliver on time was not affected.

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- Avgol continued to fulfil its strategy and innovation efforts to lead the nonwoven market towards sustainable unique solutions, among others:
 - Signing an exclusive partnership with Polymateria (https://www.polymateria.com) Avgol and Polymateria, a British start-up, developed and intend to commercialize globally biodegradable nonwoven fabrics for diverse applications in the fields of hygiene, wipes and PPE and in fields non-related to hygiene, such as agriculture, industry, etc. The development of biodegradable nonwoven fabric is based on an additive that will be integrated into Avgol's current manufacturing processes and on creating a biotransformation process for polypropylene or any other polyolefin raw material which, upon contact with air and without any active intervention, will result in rapid biodegradation of a few months to a few years, without leaving microplastics or any harm whatsoever to the environment.
 - Established collaboration with Algalife to utilize Avgol's nonwoven fabric and Algae technology to produce sustainable component materials and bring color, as well as the skin wellness attributes of algae, into personal care items.

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- Avgol's plans to conclude the relocation of a production line from Israel to India, by end of 2021, to support a fastgrowing market for our fabrics, is ongoing.
- The investment in a new state of the art manufacturing line in Russia has begun, Russia and the CIS is growing market in which we already have a strong footprint at. With the new R5 technology and our dominance in that market, we expect to continue to lead and to support the CIS market with the newest and most developed products.
- On 12 May, 2021, the Company's CEO, Mr. Shachar Rachim, gave notice of his resignation as the Company's CEO as of July 1, 2021. Mr. Rachim will continue serving as a director of the Company. As of July 1st 2021, Shachar Rachim will be managing the Hygiene Vertical in IVL, the company's major shareholder, which Avgol is a part of this Vertical. The main aim of Avgol's participation in the vertical is to benefit from synergies within IVL group, which will contribute to Avgol's growth and development.

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- On May 12, 2021, the Company's Board of Directors appointed Mr. Tommi Bjornman, the Company's CCO in the last 2 years, as the Company's CEO. Tommi has a vast experience in the nonwoven industry globally as a senior manager in Ahlstrom Oyj and as a CEO of Mada Nonwovens.
- Mr. Bjornman has a global perspective and, during his career, he has managed plants in the United States, Latin America, Europe and Asia. Mr. Bjornman also has considerable experience in operations, as well as in correlating between R&D, manufacturing, the supply chain and raw materials manufacturers and led the development of market penetration strategies and designed marketing and sales plans.
- Mr. Bjornman has been holding office as the CCO since the beginning of 2019 and, during his incumbency, he was a partner in leading the continuing growth and improvement of the Company's results and operations. As part of his role, Mr. Bjornman was also responsible for strengthening the relations and cooperative efforts with the Company's customers. During the period of his incumbency, Mr. Bjornman played a significant role in strategic processes that the Company implemented to advance innovation and sustainability.

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- The Company's revenues for Q1-2021 totalled approximately USD 96 million, compared to approximately USD 90.6 million for the corresponding period last year. The increase in revenues is about 5.9%, which derives mainly from the upward revision of the average selling prices during the period, due to the increase in the raw materials price indices. Additionally, the Company renewed the contracts with one of its principal customers, which included an increase in the selling prices. The quantity sold decreased during the period by about 0.6% compared to the corresponding period last year.
- During the period, the Company ended its operations and presence in its Barkan site, which impacts the comparison to
 its result in the first quarter of 2020, when this site was still active.
- Gross profit for Q1-2021 totalled USD 10.4 million and constitutes approximately 10.9% of the total income, compared to a gross profit of USD 17.9 million for the corresponding period last year, which constituted approximately 19.8% of the total income for that period. The gross profit during the quarter was extremely affected by the sharp increase in raw material prices. After neutralizing the impact of changes in the raw materials price indices between the periods, the gross profit in Q1-2021 was higher by approximately USD 6.5 million compared to the corresponding period last year.

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- Due to the sharp increase in the raw materials prices, an expense of approximately USD 11.7 million was recorded in the spread in the raw materials price indices, net, (the difference between the index price when setting the selling prices and the index price when purchasing raw materials) compared to an income of approximately USD 2.3 million during the corresponding quarter last year (total negative impact of approximately USD 14 million compared to the corresponding period last year).
- The increase in the gross profit during the first guarter of 2021, after neutralizing the impact of the raw materials price indices, derived mainly from the improvement in operating efficiency compared to the corresponding quarter last year across all the Company's sites, which contributed to increasing the profitability (apart from the Barkan site; which still operated during corresponding period last year). Additionally, the Company renewed the contracts with one of its principal customers during the period, which included an increase in the selling prices and improved the product mix, including higher profitability, compared to the corresponding period last year.

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The trend of rising Raw material prices that began during the fourth quarter of 2020, continued into the first quarter of 2021 (as stated, the uptrend during the period was significant, mainly in North America). During the second quarter of 2021 and as of the publication date of this report, a downtrend has begun in the raw materials price indices. However, due to the significant increase in the first quarter of 2021 and its impact on the raw materials price indices mechanism, net, the Company expects it will have a negative impact on the results of the second quarter of 2021, albeit to a lesser extent than its impact on the first quarter as stated. We anticipate a recovery of the lag impact to start in Q3-2021.

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- EBITDA in Q1-2021 was approximately USD 8.2M, USD 8.1M less than the corresponding period last year. After neutralizing the changes in the raw materials prices (both the purchase prices and the selling-price adjustments), the Underlying EBITDA in Q1-2021 amounts to approximately USD 20M, USD 6M more than the corresponding period last year.
- The increase in the underlying EBITDA during the period compared to the corresponding period last year derives from an improvement in our operating efficiency across all the Company's sites (apart from the Barkan site) and from the renewal of contracts with one of the Company's principal customers as well as an improvement of the product mix, which contributed to increasing the profitability. The Company is continuing to take action to achieve its objectives, including its contending with the coronavirus pandemic, adapting production lines and improving and expanding the supply and variety of its products to satisfy the market needs.

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- The cash flows used for operating activities during Q1-2021 totalled approximately USD 6.3M, compared to approximately USD 37.9M that were provided by operating activities during the corresponding period last year. The decrease during the current period derived mainly from the lower profitability as well as an increase in working capital balances, both resulted mainly by the hike in raw materials prices.
- Net Financing Expenses in Q1-2021 totalled USD 0.4M, compared to USD 0.6M in the corresponding period last year. The financing expenses in respect of long-term loans and bonds decreased by approximately USD 0.6M compared to the corresponding period last year mainly due to reduction in debt and the decrease in the LIBOR rate. The financing expenses during the current quarter included income from exchange-rate differentials totalling approximately USD 2M, compared to income from exchange-rate differentials totalling approximately USD 2.5M during the corresponding quarter last year. These exchange-rate differentials derived mainly from the revaluation of half of the Series C bonds, which were not hedged against the Company's functional currency, the USD.

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USD Mn	Q1'21	Q4'20	Q3′20	Q2'20	Q1'20
Revenues, net	96.0	96.0	93.4	103.0	90.6
Gross Profit	10.4	19.3	23.4	34.5	17.9
	10.9%	20.1%	25.1%	33.4%	19.8%
Net Profit	0.2	2.4	8.3	18.0	8.3
	0.2%	2.5%	8.9%	17.5%	9.1%
EBITDA	8.2	17.6	22.0	33.5	16.3
	8.6%	18.4%	23.6%	32.5%	18.0%
EBITDA Underlying	20.0	21.2	23.5	31.1	14.0
	20.8%	22.1%	25.1%	30.2%	15.5%
Net Debt/EBITDA	(1.70)	(1.41)	(1.47)	(1.69)	(2.86)

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	As on Mar 31	As on Dec 31
	2021	2020
	USD thousands	USD thousands
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	62,221	75,471
Trade receivables	36,845	31,744
Other receivables and debit balances	5,008	4,132
Current tax assets	5,651	5,042
Derivatives	1,980	2,547
Inventories	50,541	41,453
Total Current Assets	162,246	160,389
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment, net	288,440	292,463
Derivatives	5,467	7,031
Deferred tax assets	709	555
Intangible assets	2,629	2,836
Long-term debit balances	530	557
Total Non-current Assets	297,775	303,442
TOTAL ASSETS	460,021	463,831

	As on Mar 31	As on Dec 31
	2021	2020
	USD thousands	USD thousands
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Short-term credit and current maturities of long-term loans from banks	10,889	10,866
Liabilities in respect of derivatives	36	- 0.444
Current maturities of long-term bonds	35,571	36,481
Trade payables	33,436	27,309
Current tax liabilities	2,291	1,565
Other payables and credit balances	22,201	24,545
Total Current Liabilities	104,424	100,766
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
long term payables	5,122	5,386
Long-term loans from banking corporations	39,549	41,869
Bonds	117,942	120,658
Employee benefit liabilities	166	172
Deferred tax liabilities	19,942	20,188
Total Non-current Liabilities	182,721	188,273
EQUITY		
Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent company	172,468	174,385
Noncontrolling interests	408	407
Total Equity	172,876	174,792
Total LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	460,021	463,831





	For the period of three months ending March 31	
	2021 2020	
	USD thousands	USD thousands
Net cash provided (used for) operating activities	(6,327)	37,912
Net cash used for investing activities	(3,766)	(3,162)
Net cash used for financing activities	(2,999)	(19,378)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(13,092)	15,372
Balance of cash and cash equivalents at end of period	62,221	50,919

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