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Flexibility in Uniper Asset Operations Michael Rahilly, Head of Service, Uniper Asset Operations

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Uniper's European generation portfolio

European market changes and the need for flexibility

Uniper's successes in flexibility improvement

Uniper's decarbonisation, evolving our assets



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Our European asset portfolio

Our highly flexible and adjustable power plants and storage sites ensure a sufficient and reliable power supply

- With around 34 GW of installed generation capacity, we are among the largest global power generators.
- Thanks to our high proportion of hydroelectric and gas plants, our power plant complex is especially environmentally friendly.







European markets continue to change rapidly



- → Reduction in absolute MWh & increase in starts from coal and gas units
- → Gas & remaining coal switch on short run marginal costs (fuel)
- → Change in operating regime for coal and gas power plants from base load to flexible
- → Grid Stability Services

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Ultimately Coal Phase - Out

Understanding Market Requirements

What the market rewards now & what it will reward in the future?

Competitive position in the market, competitor activity & aspiration?

Role in market & potential role for future?

Is the market rewarding "flexibility" and "reliability"?

What market and regulatory changes are on the horizon?

What market information & analysis is available to base decision making?



Flexibility means different things in different markets at different times







Detailed market, grid and scenario modelling Involves the whole organisation



Uniper's flexibility improvements, meeting market needs



Ratcliffe, UK, Response 4 x 500MW sub-critical units



Ratcliffe Units Sent Out and Starts 1967 to 2016





Different scenarios at different times From baseload to two-shifting to summer cold to non-energy services

Heyden, Germany, 875MW Supercritical unit



Single burner operating mode

Minimum load reduced to ~11%



2015: Assessment and evaluation of technical and commercial viability2016: Planning and implementation of testing on-site2017: Optimisation, now available as normal mode of operation since 01.06.17

But ultra low load operation is a trade-off between the need for flexibility and plant capabilities

load <u>}</u> ultra for requirements **Plant**

Heyden Ramp down notification must be 1 Need for reduced steam temperatures for operation hour prior to operation plant Maximum of 8 hours continuous Operation incurs boiler slagging and does not generate sufficiently Post ultra low load, unit runs at min constraints pressurised steam for sootblowing 50% load for 3 hours for full soot Unit cannot be shutdown from ultra Risk of slagging of heat exchangers for during shutdown low load operation ultra low load • Risk of trips is high due to reduced Single mill operation

 Operation depends on availability of dedicated mills

Rigorous Management of Change Processes

Engineering expertise, modelling and due diligence

Well managed risks and continued **Process Safety**

Future of our asset portfolio

Empower Energy Evolution – Towards carbon neutrality





→ With already a strong position in Hydro and Nuclear business, we are taking joint steps to develop further activities in Clean thermal generation, Renewables, and Green gas, which will enable us to reach the carbon neutrality target in 2035.

Uniper's evolution into a profitable greener future



Transformation at Uniper's brownfeld sites

De-risking our portfolio and protecting cash flows to seize new investment opportunities





▶ 1,050 MW

2040E

New solutions

- Plans for own and 3rd party use
- Offering power assets & services for new applications or new security-of-supply solutions



Site conversion to industrial hubs

- Attract new customers to sites
- Expansion of own energy-related activities, e.g. waste-to-energy, servicing new data centers



Site conversion to gas-fired plants

- New CHP plant at Scholven site in execution mode
- Further power plant projects tailored to specific needs in advanced planning mode



Thank you!

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