



## Silicon

*Fundamental changes or normal  
cyclicality?*

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This is Elkem

# One of the world's leading providers of advanced material solutions

## Who we are

- A global team of 7,000 people, with >500 in R&D
- 30 production sites, R&D centres and offices worldwide
- Headquartered in Norway, main hubs in France and China
- Listed at Oslo Stock Exchange, Bluestar 53% majority owner

## Our commitments

- Our purpose: Advanced material solutions shaping a better and more sustainable future
- Our strategy: Growth driven by operational excellence and increased specialization

## What we do

- The company develops silicones, silicon products and carbon solutions
- We offer specialties and standards from fully-integrated value chains
- Our divisions: Silicones, Silicon Products and Carbon Solutions. 40% ownership in Vianode developing graphite for batteries

## Our performance

- Track record of continuous improvement since 1904
- Market cap NOK 26,5 billion
- 2021: NOK 33,7 billion in revenues
- 2022: Ecovadis "Platinum" rating, CDP "A-" on climate



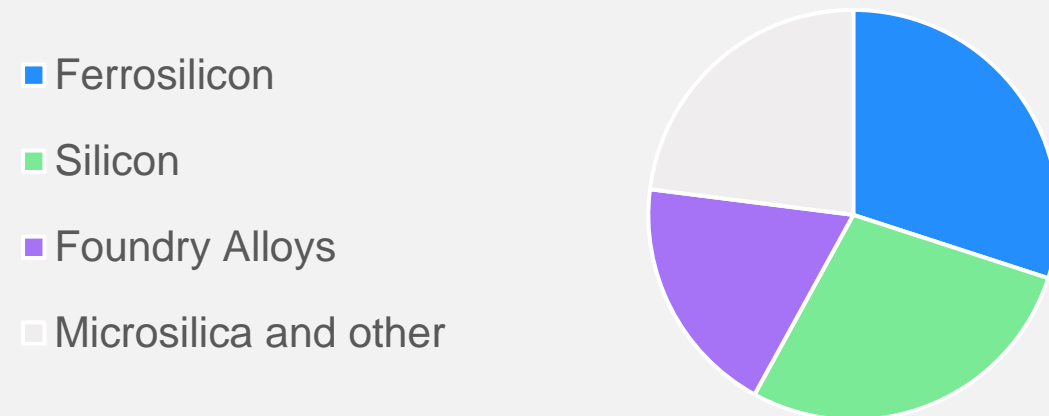
# Elkem Silicon Products: Global leader in silicon based materials and solutions

## In short

- Producer of silicon, ferrosilicon, foundry alloys and microsilica
- Strong positions based on scale, operational excellence, global footprint and sustainable hydro power
- Robust market positions based on high degree of customized products, deep application knowledge and close customer relationships
- Employees: >1900
- Revenues 2021: 14,8 NOK billion

## Business lines

Sales 2021

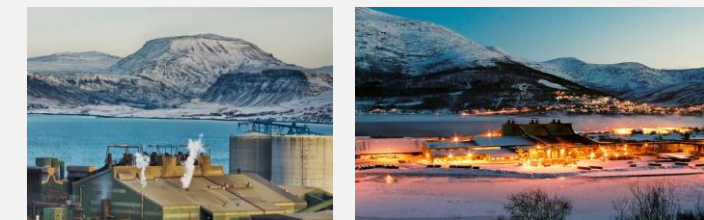


## Global footprint

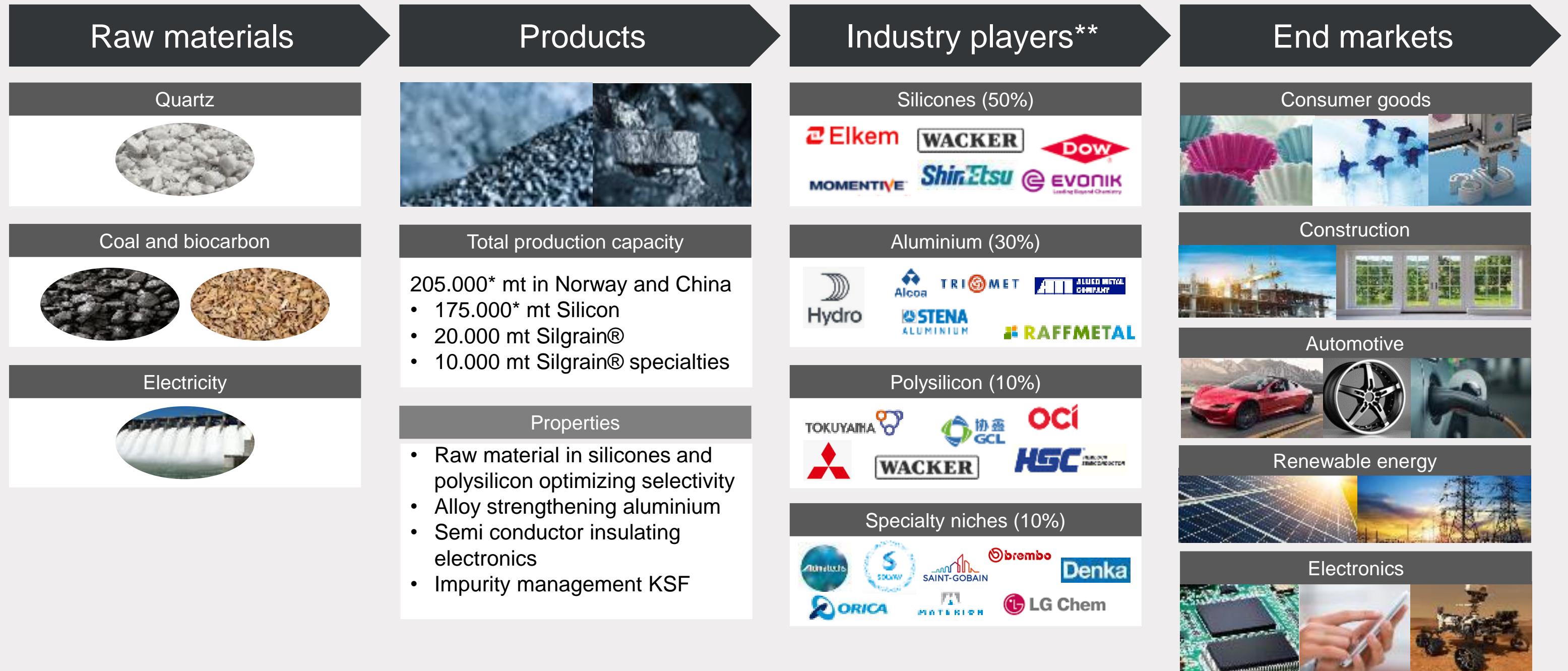


### Production plants

|          |  |
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| Norway   | Salten, Thamshavn, Rana, Bremanger, Bjølvefossen |
| Iceland  | Grundartangi                                     |
| Canada   | Chicoutimi                                       |
| Paraguay | Limpio   |
| China    | Shizuishan                                       |
| India    | Nagpur   |

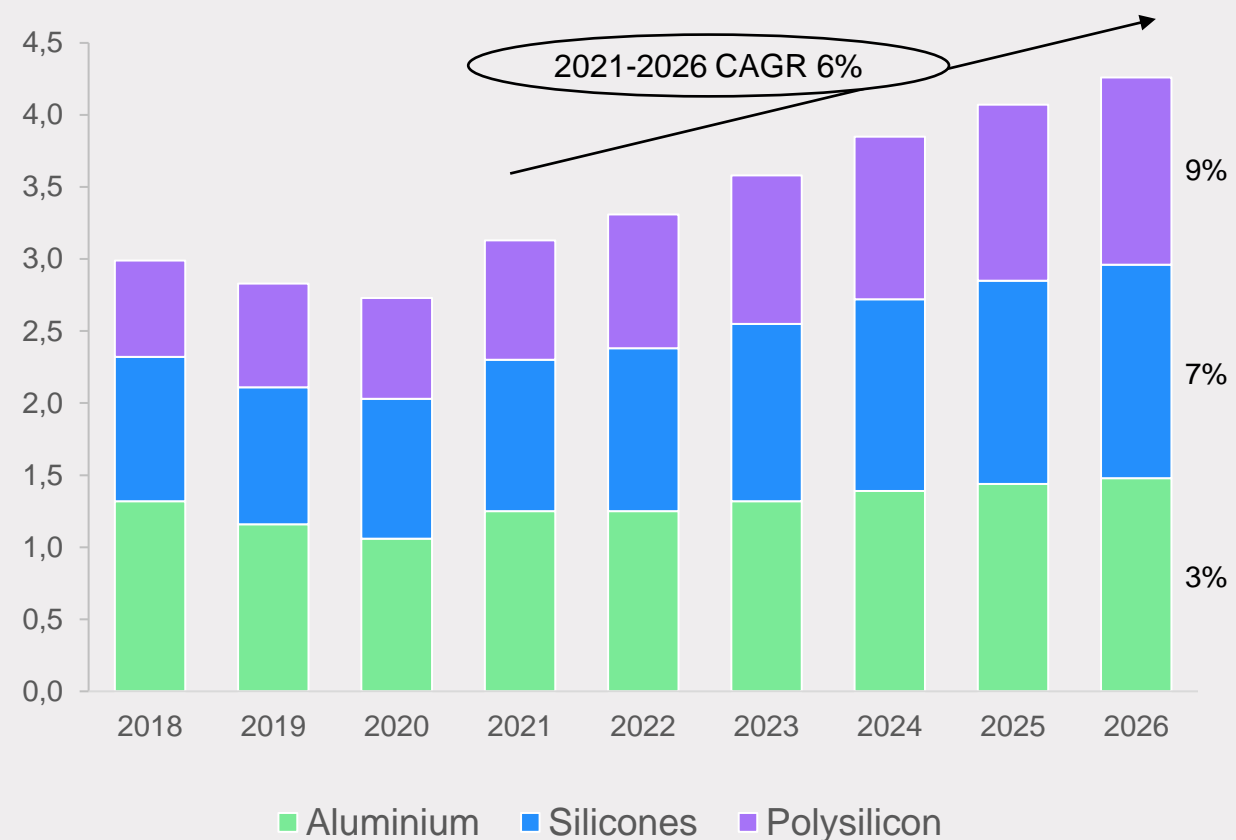


# Silicon value chain



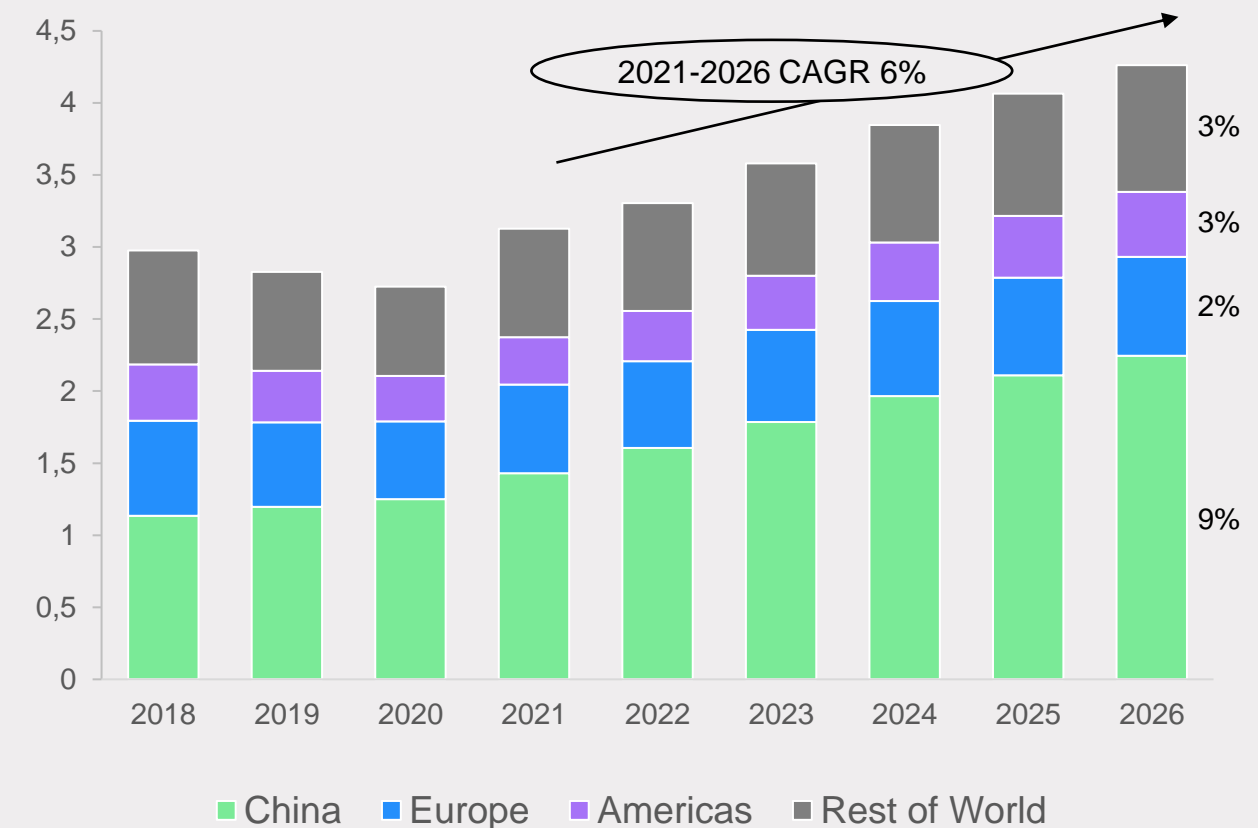
# Strong growth in silicon driven mainly by silicones and polysilicon, especially in China

Silicon per end-use (million tons)



- Strong growth driven by silicones and solar
- Stable demand from aluminium
- Significant potential from batteries

Silicon per region (million tons)

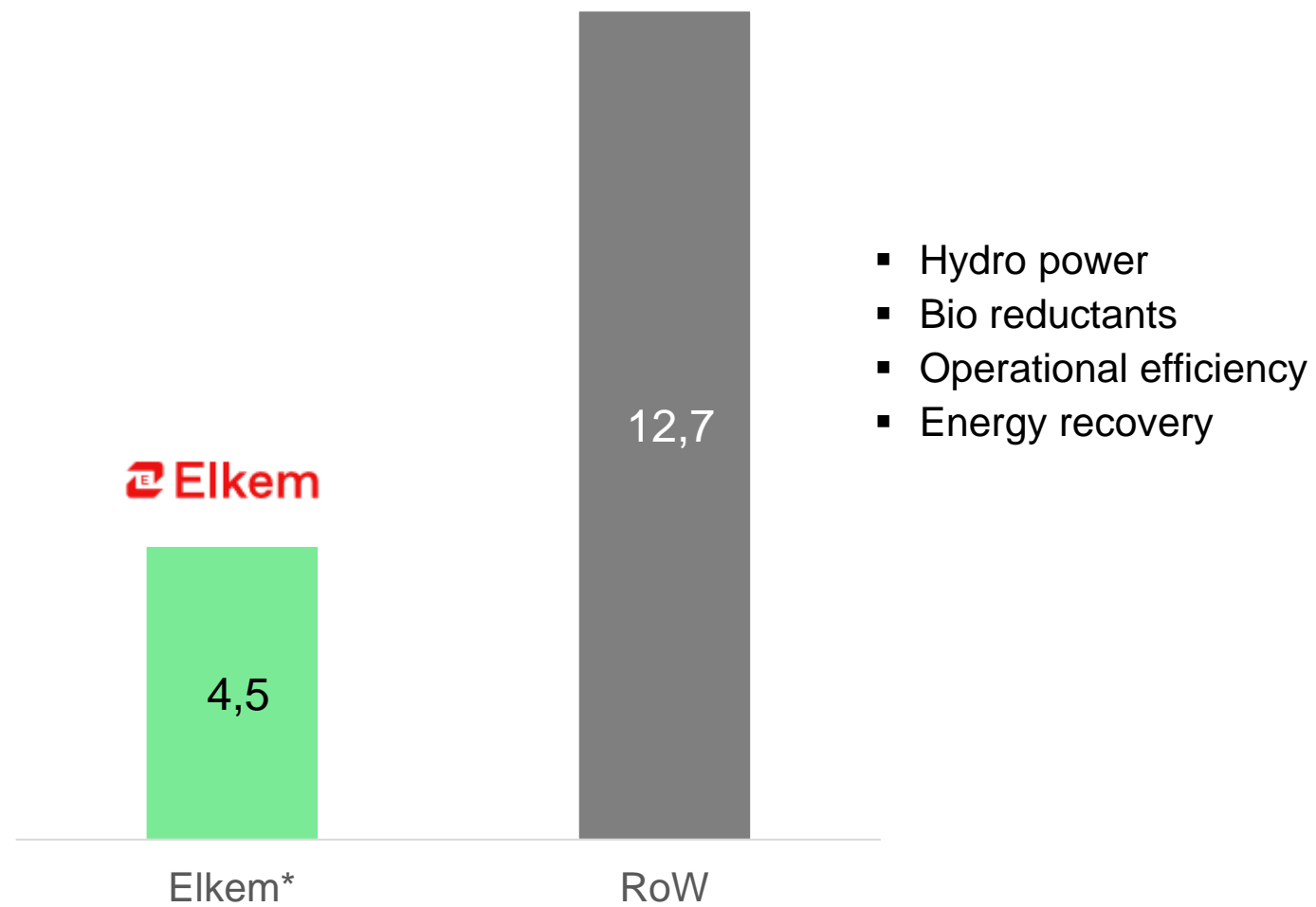


- Strong growth in China driven by large expansions in silicones and solar capacity

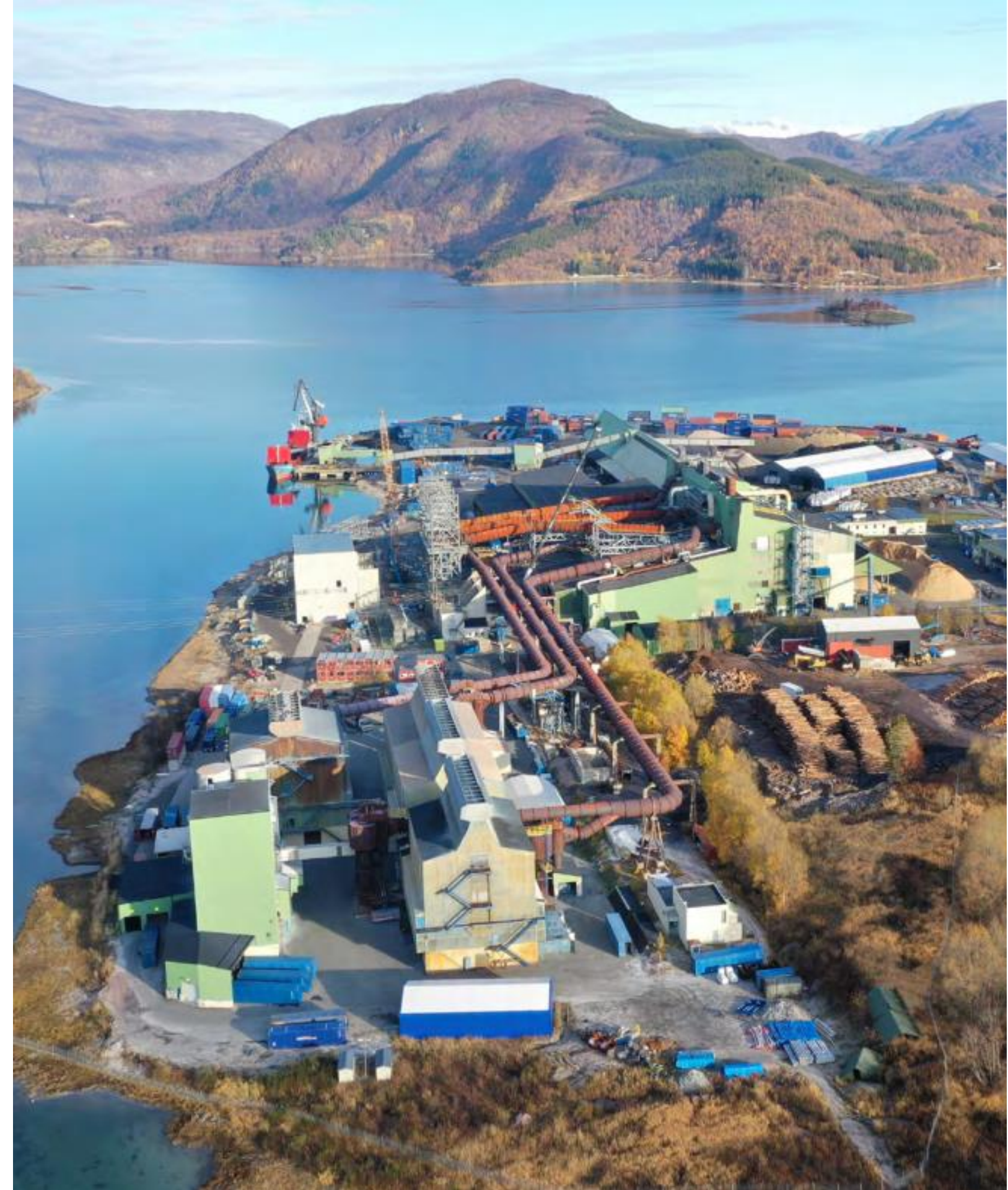
# Silicon from Elkem has a low CO<sub>2</sub> footprint

Climate change (IPCC2013 GWP 100a v1.03)

Kg CO<sub>2</sub>/kg silicon



\* Elkem LCA (reference period 2018, 2019) scope 1,2,3, cradle-to-gate, Norwegian plants  
Source: Elkem LCA, RoW Ecolnvent



# Elkem's strategic means to reduce fossil CO<sub>2</sub> from silicon production



## Increase material and energy efficiency

- Stabilize and increase the furnace silicon yield
- Reduce silicon losses from tap hole to final product
- Install energy recovery from off gas



## Reduce fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

- Increase biocarbon share of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 20% in 2021 to 50% in 2031
- Develop technology for production and usage of biocarbon briquettes based on waste wood – pilot plant under construction in Quebec, Canada
- Build industrial biocarbon production plant in Quebec, Canada



## Technology development of Si and FeSi production

- Facilitate for CCUS
- Develop furnace technology for silicon alloy production with no CO<sub>2</sub> through carbon looping

# Elkem is well positioned with access to key raw materials and attractive power positions

## Quartz



## Coal



## Bio



## Electrodes



## Power



### Market challenge

- Limited supply of high quality quartz
- Weak supply chains globally

- Highly volatile markets
- Reduced demand for thermal coal, limiting access to metallurgical grade

- Limited access and high cost
- Immature technical performance
- Political risk

- Highly consolidated supply base

- High power prices globally
- Shift to renewables with variable output

### Elkem position

- Captive quartz mines close to plants (Norway and Spain)

- Long term supply relationships and global sourcing team
- Agglomeration development

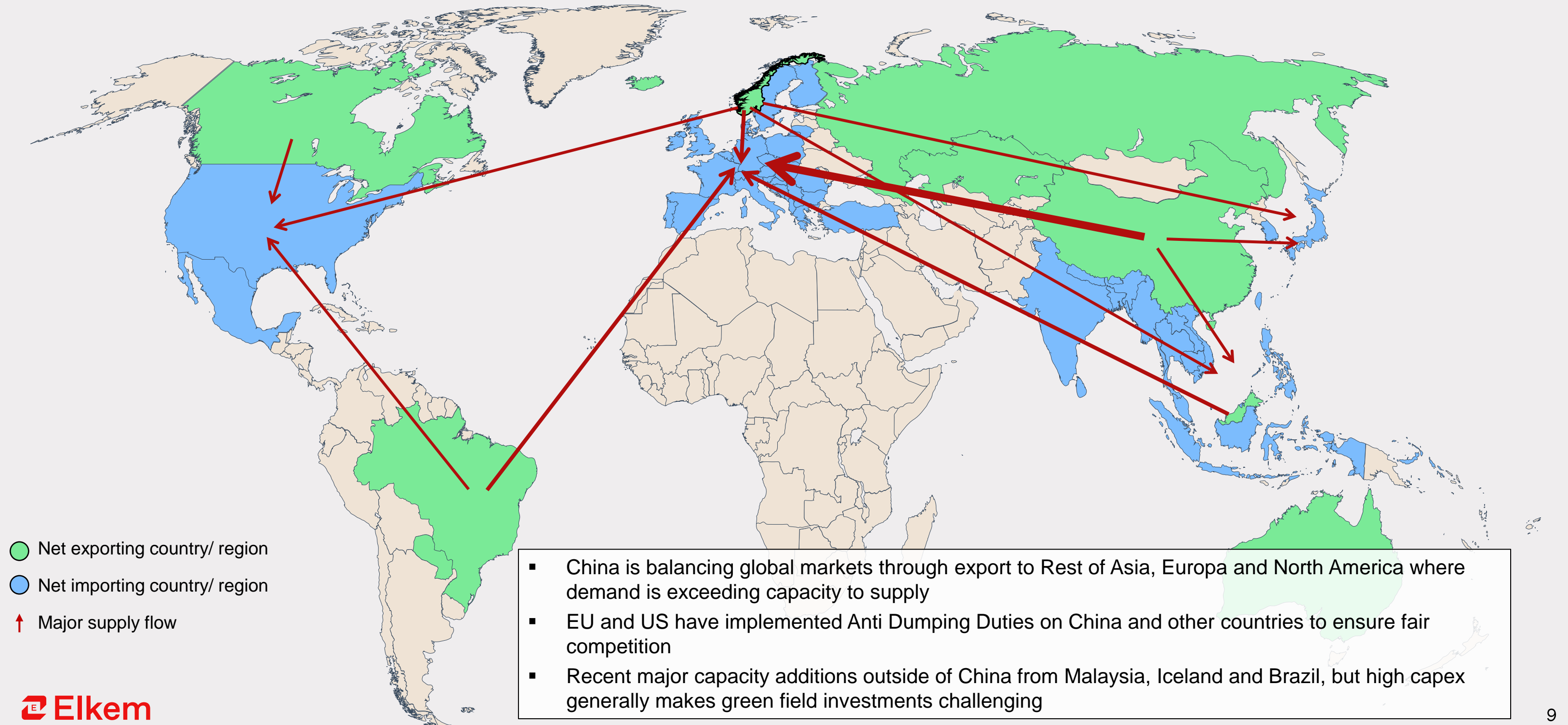
- Elkem with own bio carbon pilot plant
- Active with several potential partners

- In house supply and multi sourcing strategy

- All silicon smelters based on hydro power
- Energy Recovery reducing electricity consumption by 30%

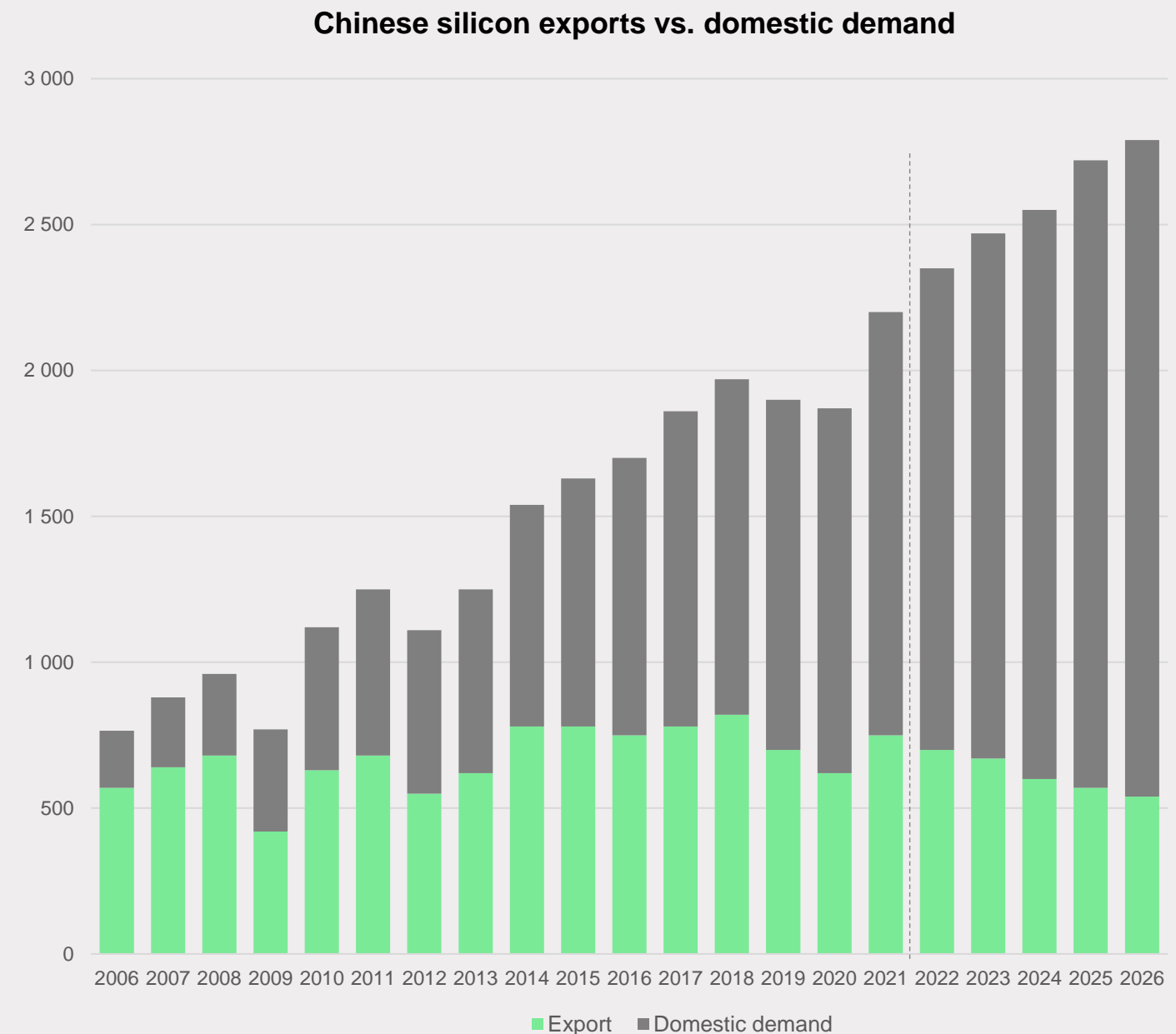


# Silicon supply balanced by China



# China's role balancing silicon likely to weaken

- China established silicon and ferrosilicon production for exports based on strong incentives to expand capacity, low cost and low environmental standards
- Domestic demand has increased driven by solar, silicones and aluminium, supported by general economic development
- Production cost is increasing
  - Higher energy cost due to scarcity, strong demand and more imports
  - Stricter environmental regulations (local emissions and CO<sub>2</sub>)
  - General cost level increasing due to higher standard of living
- Exports of silicon likely to decrease with price expected to increase



# Elkem has a resilient value proposition

## Raw materials



- Captive quartz mines (70-80% of consumption) and in-house biocarbon development
- Renewable hydropower
- Long term relationships and broad supplier base
- Global sourcing team

## Plants



- Operational excellence and economies of scale
- Energy recovery (up to 30% of electricity consumption where installed) and low carbon footprint
- Attractive product mix and high value microsilica
- Attractive locations/ logistics
- Market access/ proximity

## Customers



- Number one positions with strong brand and long-term relationships
- Deep application knowledge, patents and technical Customer Support
- Security of supply
- Ability to complement with external sourcing

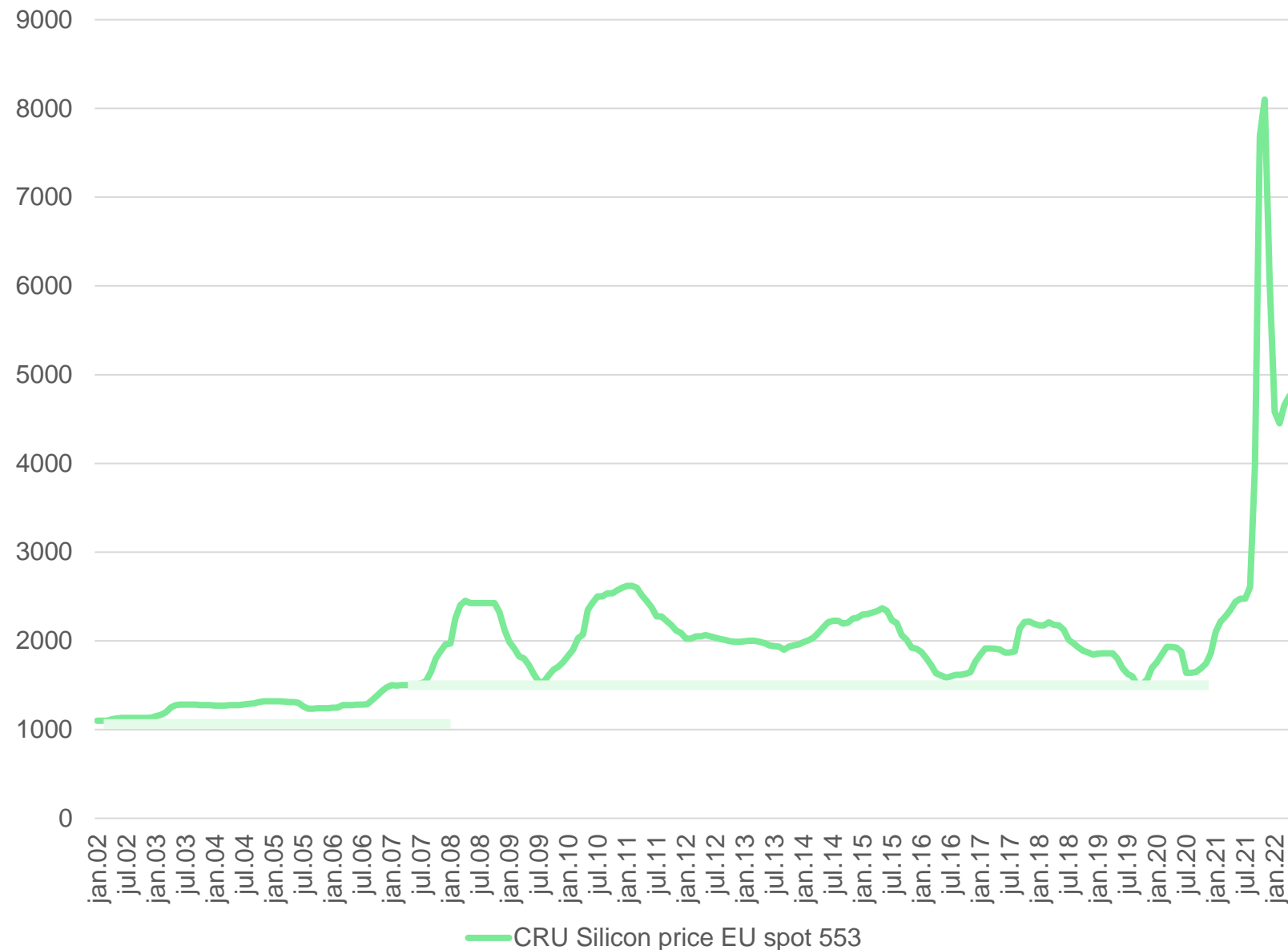
## End markets



- Sustainability
- Quality
- Reliability
- Relationships

# What now? Market remains cyclical, but changing fundamentals are driving the levels up

CRU Si99 (553) EUR/mt



- Unprecedented price spikes, driven mainly by
  - Shortage of supply
  - High energy prices
- High volatility
  - Input factors such as coal and power
  - CO2 cost and regime
  - Tight market balance
  - Challenging logistics
- Underlying cost increase, especially in China
- Regionalization and security of supply
- Trade restrictions
- Sustainability and environmental footprint



Delivering your potential