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5,000,000 Shares

Celanese Corporation

SERIES A COMMON STOCK

The selling stockholders identified in this prospectus supplement are offering 5,000,000 shares of Series A common stock of Celanese Corporation in an underwritten offering. The selling stockholders will receive all of the net proceeds from this offering.

The Series A common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CE". The last reported sale price of Celanese Corporation's Series A common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on December 14, 2005 was \$18.70 per share.

Investing in the Series A common stock involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 14 of the accompanying prospectus.

The underwriter will purchase the Series A common stock from the selling stockholders at a price of \$18.00 per share, resulting in \$90,000,000 aggregate proceeds to the selling stockholders.

The underwriter may offer the Series A common stock from time to time in one or more transactions in the over-the-counter market or through negotiated transactions at market prices or at negotiated prices. See "Underwriter".

The selling stockholders have granted the underwriter the right to purchase up to an additional 750,000 shares of Series A common stock to cover over-allotments. The selling stockholders will receive the net proceeds from any shares sold pursuant to the underwriter's over-allotment option. If the over-allotment option is exercised in full, the selling stockholders will receive aggregate proceeds of \$103,500,000.

The Securities and Exchange Commission and state securities regulators have not approved or disapproved these securities, or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The underwriter expects to deliver the shares to purchasers on December 20, 2005.

Credit Suisse First Boston

December 15, 2005.

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This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of the offering of common stock and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus. The second part is the accompanying prospectus, which gives more general information. If the description of the offering varies between this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. None of the Issuer, its subsidiaries or the selling stockholders have authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may be used only for the purposes for which it has been published and no person has been authorized to give any information not contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. If you receive any other information, you should not rely on it. The selling stockholders are not making an offer of these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted.

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Nanjing site development. In December 2005, we announced that we plan to develop our Nanjing, China site into an integrated chemical complex that will include a 600,000 metric ton acetic acid plant and a vinyl acetate unit. In addition, the site will house a vinyl acetate ethylene emulsions unit.

Pampa chemical plant. In December 2005, we announced that we plan to pursue strategic alternatives for our Pampa, Texas chemical plant. The financial impact of this strategic decision has not yet been determined. The facility, which produces a variety of products based on butane, including 290,000 metric tons of acetic acid, faces competitive pressures due to the technology utilized.

Suspension of venture discussions. In December 2005, we announced that discussions regarding the venture project being developed by us and Tasnee Petrochemicals in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have been temporarily suspended due to the current high demand on contractors and vendors which have affected the project costs. We expect to incur an approximate \$7 million charge in the fourth quarter of 2005. The development of the project will be reassessed by both parties at a later date.

Sale of COC business. In December 2005, we announced that we agreed to sell our cycloolefine copolymer business, or COC, to a venture of Japan's Daicel Chemical Industries Ltd. and Polyplastics Co. All production facilities and employees will become a part of the venture, headquartered in Germany. The COC business has approximately 100 employees at production and research facilities primarily in Oberhausen and Frankfurt, Germany, as well as the United States. COCs are used in making products such as laptop computer screens and compact discs. Daicel holds a majority stake in the venture with 55 percent interest and Polyplastics, which itself is a venture between Daicel and our Ticona unit, owns the remaining 45 percent. The transaction is expected to close by the end of the year. We expect that this transaction will result in a loss of approximately \$30 million.

Rock Hill sale. In December 2005 we completed the previously announced sale of our Acetate manufacturing facility in Rock Hill, South Carolina to Greens of Rock Hill LLC. Production at the facility was phased out earlier in 2005 as part of our previously announced plans to consolidate our acetate flake manufacturing operations. As a result of the sale, we expect to recognize a gain on sale of approximately \$3 million. The purchaser has agreed to indemnify us for environmental liability at this site. We are reviewing the financial impact of this indemnity.

Plumbing litigation insurance settlement. CNA Holdings, Inc. ("CNA Holdings"), our subsidiary, along with others, is a defendant in a series of lawsuits alleging that plastics manufactured by these companies that were utilized in the production of plumbing systems for residential property were defective or caused such plumbing systems to fail. In December 2005, we reached a settlement with CNA Holdings' insurer pursuant to which CNA Holdings will be paid a total of \$16 million in the next two years (\$7 million in 2006 and \$9 million in 2007) in exchange for the release of certain claims against the policy of the insurer. We expect to recognize the entire settlement as income in the fourth quarter of 2005.

Antitrust settlement. We recently resolved litigation pertaining to our antitrust claims filed against certain shipping companies. Pursuant to these agreements, we expect to receive net proceeds of approximately \$32 million which will be reported as income in the fourth quarter of 2005.

Amendment of senior credit facilities. Effective November 28, 2005, our subsidiary, BCP Crystal, amended its amended and restated senior credit facilities to reduce its borrowing costs. As a result of the amendment, the margin over LIBO on approximately \$1.4 billion of the U.S. dollar denominated portion of the term loans will be reduced from 2.25% to 2.00%. In addition, a further reduction of the interest rate to LIBO plus 1.75% is allowed if certain conditions are met.

Squeeze-out. In November 2005, our Board of Directors granted approval to a squeeze-out of remaining minority shareholders of Celanese AG.

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November secondary offering. In November 2005, the selling stockholders completed an offering of 12,000,000 shares of Class A common stock and received \$205,200,000 aggregate proceeds from the offering. We did not receive any of the proceeds from that offering.

Quarterly report on Form 10-Q. On November 10, 2005, we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2005. The Form 10-Q is attached in its entirety (excluding exhibits) to this prospectus supplement as Annex A. You should carefully review the information included in the Form 10-Q in addition to the information included in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

PRINCIPAL AND SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

The following table sets forth information with respect to the number of shares to be sold in this offering and the beneficial ownership of common stock of Celanese Corporation, by (i) each person known to own beneficially more than 5% of common stock of Celanese Corporation, (ii) each of the directors of Celanese Corporation, (iii) each of the named executive officers of Celanese Corporation, (iv) all directors and executive officers as a group, and (v) each selling stockholder.

Each selling stockholder purchased shares of our Series A Common Stock in the ordinary course of business and, at the time of such purchase, had no agreements or understandings, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute such securities.

The number of shares outstanding and the percentages of beneficial ownership are based on 158,562,161 shares of common stock of Celanese Corporation issued and outstanding as of October 26, 2005.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock*						
	Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to this Offering	Rights to Acquire Shares of Common Stock Prior to this Offering	Total Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to this Offering	Percentage of Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to this Offering	Shares of Common Stock to be Sold	Common Stock Beneficially Owned After this Offering	Percentage of Common Stock Beneficially Owned After this Offering
Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 1 ⁽¹⁾ ,	54,468,492	—	54,468,492	34.35%	2,870,453	51,598,039	32.54%
Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 2 ⁽¹⁾ ,	3,777,546	—	3,777,546	2.38%	199,074	3,578,472	2.26%
Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 3 ⁽¹⁾	29,614,251	—	29,614,251	18.68%	1,560,651	28,053,600	17.69%
BA Capital Investors Sidecar Fund,	7,017,595	—	7,017,595	4.43%	369,822	6,647,773	4.19%

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L.P. ⁽²⁾							
Stephen A. Schwarzman ⁽¹⁾	87,860,289	30,777	87,891,066	55.43%	—	83,260,888	52.51%
Peter G. Peterson ⁽¹⁾	87,860,289	30,777	87,891,066	55.43%	—	83,260,888	52.51%
FMR Corp. ⁽³⁾	21,147,125		— 21,147,125	13.1%	—	21,147,125	13.1%
David N. Weidman ⁽⁴⁾	619,564	472,361	1,091,925	**	—	1,091,925	**
John J. Gallagher III ⁽⁴⁾	37,000	730,000	767,000	**	—	767,000	**
Lyndon B. Cole ⁽⁴⁾	242,222	184,665	426,887	**	—	426,887	**
Andreas Pohlmann ⁽⁴⁾	199,478	152,077	351,555	**	—	351,555	**
Curtis S. Shaw ⁽⁴⁾	27,100	—	27,100	**	—	27,100	**
Chinh E. Chu ⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	**	—	—	**
John M. Ballbach ⁽⁴⁾	23,598	6,155	29,753	**	—	29,753	**
James Barlett ⁽⁴⁾	8,598	6,155	14,753	**	—	14,753	**
Benjamin J. Jenkins ⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	**	—	—	**
William H. Joyce ⁽⁴⁾	28,598	6,155	34,753	**	—	34,753	**
Anjan Mukherjee ⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	**	—	—	**
Paul H. O'Neill ⁽⁴⁾	3,598	6,155	9,753	**	—	9,753	**
Hanns Ostmeier ⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	**	—	—	**
James A. Quella ⁽⁵⁾	—	—	—	**	—	—	**
Daniel S. Sanders ⁽⁴⁾	13,598	6,155	19,753	**	—	19,753	**
All directors and executive officers as a group (15 persons)	1,432,978	1,040,797	2,473,775	1.56%	—	2,473,775	1.56%

*All information in this table assumes no exercise by the underwriter of its over-allotment option. Following the payment of a special dividend to holders of Celanese Corporation's Series B common stock in April 2005, all outstanding shares of Series B common stock automatically converted into shares of Celanese Corporation's Series A common stock pursuant to our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation. As a result, Celanese Corporation currently has no Series B

common stock outstanding. In addition, Celanese Corporation has 9,600,000 shares of issued and outstanding 4.25% convertible perpetual preferred stock which are convertible into shares of Series A common stock at any time at a conversion rate of 1.25 shares of Series A common stock for each share of preferred stock, subject to adjustments. The rights to acquire shares of common stock relate to the rights to acquire within 60 days of October 26, 2005, the identified number of shares of common stock underlying the vested stock options held by directors, executive officers and Blackstone Management Partners IV, LLC.

**Less than 1 percent of shares of common stock outstanding (excluding, in the case of all directors and executive officers individually and as a group, shares beneficially owned by the affiliates of The Blackstone Group and BA Capital Investors Sidecar Fund, L.P., respectively).

- (1) Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 1 ("Cayman 1"), Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 2 ("Cayman 2"), and Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 3 ("Cayman 3" and collectively with Cayman 1 and Cayman 2, the "Cayman Entities") are affiliates of the Blackstone Group. The Cayman Entities and BA Capital Investors Sidecar Fund L.P. are the only selling stockholders in this offering. Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) IV L.P. ("BCP IV") owns 100% of Cayman 1. Blackstone Family Investment Partnership (Cayman) IV-A L.P. ("BFIP") and Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) IV-A L.P. ("BCP IV-A") collectively own 100% of Cayman 2. Blackstone Chemical Coinvest Partners (Cayman) L.P. ("BCCP" and, collectively with BCP IV, BFIP and BCP IV-A, the "Blackstone Funds") owns 100% of Cayman 3. Blackstone Management Associates (Cayman) IV L.P. ("BMA") is the general partner of each of the Blackstone Funds. Blackstone LR Associates (Cayman) IV Ltd. ("BLRA") is the general partner of BMA and may, therefore, be deemed to have shared voting and investment power over shares of common stock of Celanese Corporation. Mr. Chu, who serves as a director of Celanese Corporation and is a member of the supervisory board of CAG, is a non-controlling shareholder of BLRA and disclaims any beneficial ownership of shares of common stock of Celanese Corporation beneficially owned by BLRA. Messrs. Peter G. Peterson and Stephen A. Schwarzman are directors and controlling persons of BLRA and as such may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of shares of common stock of Celanese Corporation controlled by BLRA. Each of BLRA and Messrs. Peterson and Schwarzman disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares. On January 25, 2005, Celanese Corporation issued to Blackstone Management Partners IV L.L.C. (in lieu of granting such options to directors of Celanese Corporation who are employees of The Blackstone Group in connection with Celanese Corporation's regular director compensation arrangements) options to acquire an aggregate of 123,110 shares of Series A common stock, of which options to acquire 30,777 shares are currently exercisable. Messrs. Peterson and Schwarzman are controlling persons of Blackstone Management Partners IV L.L.C. and accordingly may be deemed to beneficially own the shares subject to such options. The exercise price for such options is \$16 per share. The address of each of the Cayman Entities, the Blackstone Funds, BMA and BLRA is c/o Walkers SPV Limited, P.O. Box 908 GT. George Town. Grand Cayman. The address of each of Messrs. Peterson and Schwarzman is c/o The Blackstone Group, 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154. As a result of obtaining the BACI Proxy described in footnote (2) below, after this offering the Cayman Entities will exercise voting control over approximately 56.68% of outstanding common stock of Celanese Corporation.
- (2) BA Capital Investors Sidecar Fund, L.P. ("BACI") owns 4.43% of Celanese Corporation. BACI is an affiliate of Bank of America Corporation. BA Capital Management Sidecar, L.P., a Cayman Islands limited partnership ("BACI Management"), as the general partner of BACI, has the power to vote and dispose of securities held by BACI and may therefore be deemed to have shared voting and dispositive power over the shares of common stock that BACI may be deemed to beneficially own. BACMI Sidecar GP Limited, a Cayman Islands limited liability exempted company ("BACMI"), as the general partner of BACI Management, has the shared power to vote and dispose of securities held by BACI Management and may therefore be deemed to have shared voting and dispositive power over the shares

of common stock that BACI may be deemed to beneficially own. J. Travis Hain, an employee of Bank of America, National Association, is the managing member of BACM I and, in such capacity, has shared power to vote and dispose of securities held by BACM I and BACI Management, and may therefore be deemed to have shared voting and dispositive power over the shares of common stock that BACI may be deemed to beneficially own. Mr. Hain disclaims such beneficial ownership. BA Equity Investors, Inc., a subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation, is the sole limited partner of BACI, but does not control the voting or disposition of any securities directly or indirectly owned by BACI. The address of each of the persons referred to in this paragraph is 100 North Tryon Street, Floor 25, Bank of America Corporate Center, Charlotte, NC 28255. Pursuant to the Third Amended and Restated Shareholders' Agreement, dated as of October 31, 2005, by and among Celanese Corporation, Cayman 1, Cayman 2, Cayman 3 and BACI (the "Shareholders Agreement"), BACI has granted Cayman 1 a proxy (the "BACI Proxy") to vote all shares of common stock held by BACI with respect to all matters to be acted upon by the stockholders of Celanese Corporation at any time and from time to time during the term of the Shareholders Agreement or until such time as the Cayman Entities and BACI together own less than 50% of outstanding common stock outstanding or the BACI Proxy is otherwise terminated.

(3) On September 12, 2005, FMR Corporation reported beneficial ownership of 21,147,125 of the common shares of Celanese Corporation as of August 31, 2005 and the sole power to vote or to direct the vote of 506,025 shares. The address of FMR Corporation is 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, MA 02109.

(4) The address for each of Messrs. Weidman, Gallagher, Cole, Pohlmann, Shaw, Ballbach, Barlett, Joyce, O'Neill and Sanders is c/o Celanese Corporation, 1601 W. LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75234-6034.

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(5) Messrs. Chu and Ostmeier are Senior Managing Directors, Mr. Quella is Senior Managing Director and Senior Operating Partner and Messrs. Jenkins and Mukherjee are Principals of The Blackstone Group. Messrs. Chu, Ostmeier, Quella, Jenkins and Mukherjee disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares held by affiliates of The Blackstone Group. The address for each of Messrs. Chu, Ostmeier, Quella, Jenkins and Mukherjee is c/o The Blackstone Group, 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154.

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UNDERWRITER

Under the terms and subject to the conditions contained in the underwriting agreement dated the date of this prospectus supplement, among Celanese Corporation, the selling stockholders and Credit Suisse First Boston LLC, which we refer to as the underwriter, the underwriter has agreed to purchase, and the selling stockholders have agreed to sell to the underwriter, severally, 5,000,000 shares of Series A common stock.

The underwriter is offering the shares of Series A common stock subject to its acceptance of the shares from us and subject to prior sale. The underwriting agreement provides that the obligations of the underwriter to pay for and accept delivery of the Series A common stock offered by this prospectus are subject to the approval of certain legal matters by its counsel and to certain other conditions. The underwriter is obligated to take and pay for all of the shares of Series A common stock offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus if any such shares are taken. However, the underwriter is not required to take or pay for the shares covered by the underwriter's over-allotment option described below.

The underwriter proposes to offer the shares of Series A common stock from time to time for sale in one or more transactions in the over-the-counter market, through negotiated transactions or otherwise at market prices prevailing at the time of the sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices, subject to receipt and acceptance by it and subject to its right to reject any order in whole or in part. In connection with the sale of the shares of Series A common stock offered hereby, the underwriter may be deemed to have received compensation in the form of underwriting discounts. The underwriter may effect such transactions by selling shares of the Series A common stock offered hereby to or through dealers, and such dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriter and/or purchasers of shares of Series A common stock for whom they may act as agents or to whom they may sell as principal.

The selling stockholders have granted to the underwriter an option, exercisable for 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement, to purchase up to an aggregate of 750,000 additional shares of Series A common stock at the same price per share to be paid by the underwriter for the other shares offered hereby. The underwriter may exercise this option solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, if any, made in connection with the offering of the shares of Series A common stock offered by this prospectus supplement. If the underwriter's over-allotment option is exercised in full, the total proceeds to the selling stockholders would be approximately \$103.5 million.

We and the selling stockholders have agreed that, without the prior written consent of the underwriter, we and they will not, during the period ending 60 days after the date of this prospectus supplement:

- offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any of our shares of Series A common stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our Series A common stock;
- file or cause to be filed any registration statement with the SEC relating to the offering of any shares of Series A common stock or any securities convertible or exercisable or exchangeable for our Series A common stock; or
- enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of our Series A common stock;

whether any such transaction described above is to be settled by delivery of our Series A common stock or other securities, in cash or otherwise. The restrictions described in this paragraph do not apply to

- the sale of shares of our Series A common stock to the underwriter in this offering;

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- the issuance by us of shares of Series A common stock upon conversion, redemption, exchange or otherwise pursuant to the terms of our convertible perpetual preferred stock or upon the exercise of an option, or a warrant or a similar security or the conversion of a security outstanding on the date hereof and reflected in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus;
 - the grants by us of options or stock, or the issuance by us of stock, under our benefit plans described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus;
 - permitted sales and transfers by us of Series A common stock under the Celanese Americas Retirement Savings Plan;
 - distributions of shares of Series A common stock or any security convertible into Series A common stock to limited partners or stockholders of the selling stockholders, provided that the recipients of such Series A common stock agrees to be bound by the restrictions described in

this paragraph for the remainder of such 60 day period;

- the issuance of Series A common stock in connection with the acquisition of, a joint venture with or a merger with, another company, and the filing of a registration statement with respect thereto, provided that, subject to certain exceptions, the recipients of such Series A common stock agree to be bound by the restrictions described in this paragraph for the remainder of such 60 day period;
- transactions by any person other than us relating to shares of Series A common stock acquired in open market transactions after the completion of this offering; and
- the filing of a registration statement pursuant to the registration rights of any of the selling stockholders.

The estimated offering expenses payable by us, in addition to the underwriting discounts and commissions that will be paid by the selling stockholders, are approximately \$250,000, which includes legal, accounting and printing costs and various other fees associated with registering the Series A common stock.

In order to facilitate the offering of the Series A common stock, the underwriter may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the Series A common stock. Specifically, the underwriter may sell more stock than it is obligated to purchase under the underwriting agreement, creating a short position. A short sale is covered if the short position is no greater than the number of shares of stock available for purchase by the underwriter under the over-allotment option. The underwriter can close out a covered short sale by exercising the over-allotment option or purchasing stock in the open market. In determining the source of stock to close out a covered short sale, the underwriter will consider, among other things, the open market price of stock compared to the price available under the over-allotment option. The underwriter may also sell stock in excess of the over-allotment option, creating a naked short position. The underwriter must close out any naked short position by purchasing stock in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriter is concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the Series A common stock in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in this offering. In addition, to stabilize the price of the Series A common stock, the underwriter may bid for, and purchase, Series A common stock in the open market. Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market price of the Series A common stock above independent market levels. The underwriter is not required to engage in these activities, and may end any of these activities at any time.

A prospectus and prospectus supplement in electronic format may be made available on the Internet sites or through other online services maintained by the underwriter or by its affiliates. In those cases, prospective investors may view offering terms online and may be allowed to place orders online. The underwriter may agree with us to allocate a specific number of shares for sale to online brokerage account holders. Any such allocation for online distributions will be made by the underwriter on the same basis as other allocations.

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Other than the prospectus and prospectus supplement in electronic format, the information on the underwriter's web site and any information contained in any other web site maintained by the underwriter is not part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus or the registration statement of which the accompanying prospectus forms a part, has not been approved and/or endorsed by us or the underwriter in its capacity as underwriter and should not be relied upon by investors.

From time to time, the underwriter and its affiliates have provided, and continue to provide, investment banking and other services to us for which they receive customary fees and commissions. Credit Suisse First Boston LLC acted as

an underwriter of the initial public offering of our Series A common stock and of the public offering of our convertible preferred stock. Credit Suisse First Boston LLC acted as sole book-running manager and acted as sole underwriter in connection with an offering of our Series A common stock by the selling stockholders in November 2005. An affiliate of Credit Suisse First Boston LLC acts as a lender under our senior credit facilities.

The Series A common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CE."

We, the selling stockholders and the underwriter have agreed to indemnify each other against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive, the underwriter has represented and agreed that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Member State it has not made and will not make an offer of shares to the public in that Member State, except that it may, with effect from and including such date, make an offer of shares to the public in that Member State:

(a) at any time to legal entities which are authorised or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorised or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;

(b) at any time to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than €43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than €50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts; or

(c) at any time in any other circumstances which do not require the publication by us of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of the above, the expression an "offer of shares to the public" in relation to any shares in any Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the shares to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the shares, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression Prospectus Directive means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in that Member State.

The underwriter has represented and agreed that it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) in connection with the issue or sale of the shares in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of such Act does not apply to us and it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of such Act with respect to anything done by it in relation to any shares in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

The shares have not been and will not be registered under the Securities and Exchange Law of Japan and may not be offered or sold directly or indirectly in Japan except under circumstances which result in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations and guidelines promulgated by the relevant Japanese governmental and regulatory authorities.

The shares may not be offered or sold by means of any document other than to persons whose ordinary business is to buy or sell shares or debentures, whether as principal or agent, or in

circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong, and no advertisement, invitation or document relating to the shares may be issued, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to shares which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to "professional investors" within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made thereunder.

This prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, this prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation or subscription or purchase, of the securities may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the securities be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than under circumstances in which such offer, sale or invitation does not constitute an offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the securities to the public in Singapore.

If you purchase shares of Series A common stock offered in this prospectus supplement, you may be required to pay stamp taxes and other charges under the laws and practices of the country of purchase, in addition to the offering price listed on the cover page of this prospectus supplement.

NOTICE TO CANADIAN RESIDENTS

Resale Restrictions

The distribution of the shares of Series A common stock in Canada is being made only on a private placement basis exempt from the requirement that we and the selling stockholders prepare and file a prospectus with the securities regulatory authorities in each province where trades of Series A common stock are made. Any resale of the Series A common stock in Canada must be made under applicable securities laws which will vary depending on the relevant jurisdiction, and which may require resales to be made under available statutory exemptions or under a discretionary exemption granted by the applicable Canadian securities regulatory authority. Purchasers are advised to seek legal advice prior to any resale of the Series A common stock.

Representations of Purchasers

By purchasing shares of Series A common stock in Canada and accepting a purchase confirmation a purchaser is representing to us, the selling stockholders and the dealer from whom the purchase confirmation is received that:

- the purchaser is entitled under applicable provincial securities laws to purchase the Series A common stock without the benefit of a prospectus qualified under those securities laws,
- where required by law, that the purchaser is purchasing as principal and not as agent,
- the purchaser has reviewed the text above under "Resale Restrictions", and
- the purchaser acknowledges and consents to the provision of specified information concerning its purchase of the Series A common stock to the regulatory authority that by law is entitled to collect the information.

Further details concerning the legal authority for this information is available on request.

Rights of Action – Ontario Purchasers Only

Under Ontario securities legislation, certain purchasers who purchase a security offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus during the period of distribution will have a statutory right of action for damages, or while still the owner of the Series A common stock, for rescission against us and the selling stockholders in the event that this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus contains a misrepresentation without regard to whether the purchaser relied on the misrepresentation. The right of action for damages is exercisable not later than the earlier of 180 days from the date the purchaser first had knowledge of the facts giving rise to the cause of action and three years from the date on which payment is made for the Series A common stock. The right of action for rescission is exercisable not later than 180 days from the date on which payment is made for the Series A common stock. If a purchaser elects to exercise the right of action for rescission, the purchaser will have no right of action for damages against us or the selling stockholders. In no case will the amount recoverable in any action exceed the price at which the Series A common stock were offered to the purchaser and if the purchaser is shown to have purchased the securities with knowledge of the misrepresentation, we and the selling stockholder will have no liability. In the case of an action for damages, we and the selling stockholders will not be liable for all or any portion of the damages that are proven to not represent the depreciation in value of the Series A common stock as a result of the misrepresentation relied upon. These rights are in addition to, and without derogation from, any other rights or remedies available at law to an Ontario purchaser. The foregoing is a summary of the rights available to an Ontario purchaser. Ontario purchasers should refer to the complete text of the relevant statutory provisions.

Enforcement of Legal Rights

All of our directors and officers as well as the experts named herein and the selling stockholders may be located outside of Canada and, as a result, it may not be possible for Canadian purchasers to effect service of process within Canada upon us or those persons. All or a substantial portion of our assets and the assets of those persons may be located outside of Canada and, as a result, it may not be possible to satisfy a judgment against us or those persons in Canada or to enforce a judgment obtained in Canadian courts against us or those persons outside of Canada.

Taxation and Eligibility for Investment

Canadian purchasers of Series A common stock should consult their own legal and tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of an investment in the Series A common stock in their particular circumstances and about the eligibility of the Series A common stock for investment by the purchaser under relevant Canadian legislation.

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Annex A

Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period ended September 30, 2005

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

001-32410

(Commission File Number)

CELANESE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

1601 West LBJ Freeway,

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(972) 443-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

98-0420726

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

75234-6034

(Zip Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).
Yes No

The number of outstanding shares of the registrant's Series A Common Stock, \$ 0.0001 par value, as of November 2, 2005 was 158,562,161.

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CELANESE CORPORATION
Form 10-Q
For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2005

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Basis of Presentation

In this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the term “Celanese” refers to Celanese Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and not its subsidiaries. The terms the “Company,” “we,” “our” and “us” refer to Celanese and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. The term “BCP Crystal” refers to our subsidiary BCP Crystal US Holdings Corp., and not its subsidiaries. The term “Purchaser” refers to our subsidiary, Celanese Europe Holding GmbH & Co. KG, formerly known as BCP Crystal Acquisition GmbH & Co. KG, a German limited partnership (Kommanditgesellschaft, KG), and not its subsidiaries, except where otherwise indicated. The term “Original Shareholders” refers, collectively, to Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 1, Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 2, Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 3 and BA Capital Investors Sidecar Fund, L.P. The terms “Sponsor” and “Advisor” refer to certain affiliates of The Blackstone Group.

Celanese is a recently-formed company which does not have any independent external operations other than through the indirect ownership of CAG (as defined below) and CAC (as defined below), their consolidated subsidiaries, their non-consolidated subsidiaries, ventures and other investments. For accounting purposes, Celanese and its consolidated subsidiaries are referred to as the “Successor.” See Note 1 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements (as defined below) for additional information on the basis of presentation of the Successor.

Pursuant to a voluntary tender offer commenced in February 2004 (the “Tender Offer”), the Purchaser, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Celanese, in April 2004 acquired approximately 84% of the ordinary shares of CAG (the “CAG Shares”) outstanding. All references in this Quarterly Report to the outstanding ordinary shares of CAG exclude treasury shares, unless expressly provided otherwise. As of September 30, 2005, Celanese's indirect ownership of approximately 96% of the outstanding CAG Shares would equate to approximately 88% of the issued CAG Shares (including treasury shares). Pursuant to a mandatory offer commenced in September 2004 and continuing as of the date of this Quarterly Report, the Purchaser has acquired additional CAG Shares. In addition, in August 2005, the Purchaser acquired approximately 5.9 million, or approximately 12%, of the outstanding CAG Shares from two shareholders. As a result of these acquisitions, partially offset by the issuance of additional CAG Shares as a result of the exercise of options issued under the CAG stock option plan, as of November 2, 2005, we own approximately 98% of the outstanding CAG shares. The mandatory offer expires on December 1, 2005, unless further extended. On November 3, 2005, the Company's Board of Directors approved commencement of the process for effecting a squeeze-out of the remaining shareholders.

In October 2004, Celanese and certain of its subsidiaries completed an organizational restructuring (the “Restructuring”) pursuant to which the Purchaser effected, by giving a corresponding instruction under the Domination Agreement (as defined below), the transfer of all of the shares of Celanese Americas Corporation (“CAC”) from Celanese Holding GmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of CAG, to BCP Caylux Holdings Luxembourg S.C.A. (“BCP Caylux”) resulting in BCP Caylux ownership of 100% of the equity of CAC and indirectly, all of its assets, including subsidiary stock. Thereafter, BCP Caylux transferred certain assets, including its equity ownership interest in CAC, to BCP Crystal. In this Quarterly Report, the term “Domination Agreement” refers to the domination and profit and loss transfer agreement between CAG and the Purchaser, pursuant to which the Purchaser became obligated on October 1, 2004 to offer to acquire all outstanding CAG Shares from the minority shareholders of CAG in return for payment of fair cash compensation in accordance with German law.

Celanese AG is incorporated as a stock corporation (Aktiengesellschaft, AG) organized under the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany. As used in this document, the term “CAG” refers to (i) prior to the Restructuring, Celanese AG and CAC, their consolidated subsidiaries, their non-consolidated subsidiaries, ventures and other investments, and (ii) following the Restructuring, Celanese AG, its consolidated subsidiaries, its non-consolidated subsidiaries, ventures and other investments, except that with respect to shareholder and similar matters where the context indicates, “CAG” refers to Celanese AG. For accounting purposes, “Predecessor” refers to CAG and its subsidiaries.

Following the transfer of CAC to BCP Crystal, (1) BCP Crystal Holdings Ltd. 2 contributed substantially all of its assets and liabilities (including all outstanding capital stock of BCP Caylux) to BCP Crystal and (2) BCP Crystal assumed certain obligations of BCP Caylux, including all rights and obligations of BCP Caylux under the senior credit facilities, the floating rate term loan and the notes. BCP Crystal Holdings Ltd. 2 reorganized as a Delaware limited liability company and changed its name to Celanese Holdings LLC. Blackstone Crystal Holdings Capital Partners (Cayman) IV Ltd. reorganized as a Delaware corporation and changed its name to Celanese Corporation. BCP Crystal, at its discretion, may subsequently cause the liquidation of BCP Caylux.

As a result of these transactions, BCP Crystal holds 100% of CAC's equity and, indirectly, all equity owned by CAC in its subsidiaries. In addition, BCP Crystal holds, indirectly, all of the outstanding common stock of CAG held by the Purchaser and all of the wholly owned subsidiaries of Celanese that guarantee BCP Caylux's obligations under the senior credit facilities and guarantee the senior subordinated notes issued on June 8, 2004 and July 1, 2004 on an unsecured senior subordinated basis. See Notes 3 and 9 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements (as defined below).

As of the date of this Quarterly Report, Celanese has two classes of common stock, Series A common stock and Series B common stock, and convertible perpetual preferred stock. In January 2005, Celanese completed an initial public offering of 50,000,000 shares of Series A common stock. The Series A common stock is currently held by public shareholders, the Original Shareholders and certain directors, officers and employees of the Company. No shares of Series B common stock are currently outstanding. All of the shares of Series B common stock outstanding were automatically converted into Series A common stock on April 7, 2005 following the payment on that date of a special Series B common stock cash dividend declared on March 8, 2005 to the then holders of the outstanding shares of Series B common stock. Except for (i) the special Series A common stock dividend which we paid to the holders of outstanding shares of Series B common stock on March 9, 2005 and a special cash dividend which we paid to the holders of outstanding shares of Series B common stock on April 7, 2005, (ii) the convertibility of Series B common stock into Series A common stock and (iii) the right of the Series B common stock to consent to any changes to our governing documents that would adversely affect the Series B common stock, shares of Series A common stock and shares of Series B common stock are identical, including with respect to voting rights. Holders of the common stock are entitled to receive, when, as and if, declared by the Celanese board of directors, out of funds legally available therefor, cash dividends at the rate per annum of 1% of the \$16.00 initial public offering price per share of our Series A common stock (or \$0.16 per share), payable on a quarterly basis. The initial quarterly dividend payment was made on August 11, 2005. As used in this Quarterly Report, the term "common stock" means, collectively, the Series A common stock and the Series B common stock, and the term "preferred stock" means the convertible perpetual preferred stock, in each case unless otherwise specified.

Concurrently with the initial public offering of its Series A common stock, Celanese offered 9,600,000 shares of its preferred stock. Holders of the preferred stock are entitled to receive, when, as and if, declared by the Celanese board of directors, out of funds legally available therefor, cash dividends at the rate of 4.25% per annum of liquidation preference, payable quarterly in arrears. The initial quarterly dividend payment was made on May 1, 2005. Dividends on the preferred stock are cumulative from the date of initial issuance. The preferred stock is convertible, at the option of the holder, at any time, into shares of our Series A common stock at a conversion rate of approximately 1.25 shares of Series A common stock for each share of preferred stock, subject to adjustments.

The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Successor for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 and the three and six months ended September 30, 2004 as well as the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Predecessor for the three months ended March 31, 2004 contained in this Quarterly Report (collectively, the "Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements") were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP") for all periods presented.

The Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements and other financial information included in this Quarterly Report, unless otherwise specified, have been presented to separately show the effects of discontinued operations.

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The results of the Successor are not comparable to the results of the Predecessor due to the differences in the basis of presentation of purchase accounting as compared to historical cost.

CAG is a foreign private issuer and previously filed its consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 in its Annual Report on Form 20-F. CAG changed its fiscal year end to September 30 and filed its consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2004 and for the nine months then ended in its 2004 Annual Report on Form 20-F. In accordance with German law, the reporting currency of the CAG consolidated financial statements is the euro. As a result of the Purchaser's acquisition of voting control of CAG, the financial statements of CAG contained in this document are reported in U.S. dollars to be consistent with our reporting requirements. For CAG's reporting requirements, the euro continues to be the reporting currency.

In the preparation of other information included in this document, euro amounts have been translated into U.S. dollars at the applicable historical rate in effect on the date of the relevant event or period. For purposes of prospective information, euro amounts have been translated into U.S. dollars using the rate in effect on September 30, 2005. Our inclusion of this information is not meant to suggest that the euro amounts actually represent such dollar amounts or that such amounts could have been converted into U.S. dollars at any particular rate, if at all.

Market Industry and Data Forecasts

This document includes industry data and forecasts that Celanese has prepared based, in part, upon industry data and forecasts obtained from industry publications and surveys and internal company surveys. Third-party industry publications and surveys and forecasts generally state that the information contained therein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable.

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Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

Investors are cautioned that the forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report involve both risk and uncertainty. Many important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by these statements. Many of these factors are macroeconomic in nature and are, therefore, beyond our control. See “Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Forward-Looking Statements May Prove Inaccurate.”

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PART I — FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2005	Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2004
	(in \$ millions, except for share and per share data)	
Net sales	1,536	1,265
Cost of sales	(1,253)	(1,005)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(144)	(153)
Research and development expenses	(22)	(23)
Special charges:		
Insurance recoveries associated with plumbing cases	—	(1)

Restructuring, impairment and other special charges	(24)	(58)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	(2)	(2)
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net	1	2
Operating profit	92	25
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	21	17
Interest expense	(72)	(98)
Interest income	7	8
Other income (expense), net	26	17
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	74	(31)
Income tax provision	(26)	(48)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before minority interests	48	(79)
Minority interests	(3)	8
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	45	(71)
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	—
Net earnings (loss)	45	(71)
Cumulative undeclared preferred stock dividend	(3)	—
Net earnings (loss) available to common shareholders	42	(71)
Earnings (loss) per common share — basic:		
Continuing operations	0.26	(0.71)
Discontinued operations	—	—
Net earnings (loss) available to common shareholders	0.26	(0.71)
Earnings (loss) per common share — diluted:		
Continuing operations	0.26	(0.71)
Discontinued operations	—	—
Net earnings (loss) available to common shareholders	0.26	(0.71)
Weighted average shares — basic:	158,546,594	99,377,884
Weighted average shares — diluted:	171,930,270	99,377,884

See the accompanying notes to the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

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CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Successor	Predecessor
	Nine Months Ended	Three Months Ended
	September 30,	March 31, 2004
	September 30,	March 31, 2004
	September 30,	March 31, 2004

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(in \$ millions, except for share and per share data)

Net sales	4,562	2,494	1,243
Cost of sales	(3,553)	(2,063)	(1,002)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(441)	(278)	(137)
Research and development expenses	(68)	(45)	(23)
Special charges:			
Insurance recoveries associated with plumbing cases	4	1	—
Restructuring, impairment and other special charges	(93)	(59)	(28)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	—	(2)	—
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net	(1)	2	(1)
Operating profit	410	50	52
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	48	35	12
Interest expense	(316)	(228)	(6)
Interest income	31	15	5
Other income (expense), net	47	(7)	9
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	220	(135)	72
Income tax provision	(77)	(58)	(17)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before minority interests	143	(193)	55
Minority interests	(41)	(2)	—
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	102	(195)	55
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations:			
Gain (loss) from operation of discontinued operations	—	—	(5)
Gain (loss) on disposal of discontinued operations	—	(1)	14
Income tax benefit (expense)	—	—	14
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	(1)	23
Net earnings (loss)	102	(196)	78
Cumulative declared and undeclared preferred stock dividend	(7)	—	—
Net earnings (loss) available to common shareholders	95	(196)	78
Earnings (loss) per common share — basic:			
Continuing operations	0.62	(1.96)	1.12
Discontinued operations	—	(0.01)	0.46
Net earnings (loss) available to common shareholders	0.62	(1.97)	1.58
Earnings (loss) per common share — diluted:			
Continuing operations	0.62	(1.96)	1.11
Discontinued operations	—	(0.01)	0.46

Net earnings (loss) available to common shareholders	0.62	(1.97)	1.57
Weighted average shares — basic:	153,001,360	99,377,884	49,321,468
Weighted average shares — diluted:	153,536,802	99,377,884	49,712,421

See the accompanying notes to the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

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**CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	As of September 30, 2005 (in \$ millions)	Successor As of December 31, 2004
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	401	838
Receivables		
Trade receivables, net — third party and affiliates, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$23 million and \$22 million as of September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively	947	866
Other receivables	519	670
Inventories	625	618
Deferred income taxes	69	71
Other assets	47	86
Assets of discontinued operations	2	2
Total current assets	2,610	3,151
Investments	551	600
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$857 million and \$446 million as of September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively	1,982	1,702
Deferred income taxes	35	54
Other assets	727	756
Goodwill	1,042	747
Intangible assets, net	393	400
Total assets	7,340	7,410
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)		
Current liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt — third party and affiliates	181	144

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:		
Trade payables — third party and affiliates	698	722
Other current liabilities	813	888
Deferred income taxes	13	20
Income taxes payable	224	214
Liabilities of discontinued operations	3	7
Total current liabilities	1,932	1,995
Long-term debt	3,315	3,243
Deferred income taxes	225	256
Benefit obligations	1,154	1,000
Other liabilities	506	510
Minority interests	149	518
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity (deficit):		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized and 9,600,000 issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2005	—	—
Series A common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 400,000,000 shares authorized and 158,562,161 and 0 issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively	—	—
Series B common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized and 0 and 99,377,884 issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, respectively	—	—
Additional paid-in capital	344	158
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit)	(151)	(253)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net	(134)	(17)
Total shareholders' equity (deficit)	59	(112)
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity (deficit)	7,340	7,410

See the accompanying notes to the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

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CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
 UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)

Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income		Treasury Stock	Total Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)
			Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	Net (Loss),		
			(Accumulated Deficit)	Net		
(in \$ millions)						

Predecessor

Balance at December 31, 2003	—	150	2,714	25	(198)	(109)	2,582
Comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:							
Net earnings (loss)	—	—	—	78	—	—	78
Other comprehensive income (loss):							
Unrealized gain (loss) on securities	—	—	—	—	7	—	7
Foreign currency translation	—	—	—	—	(46)	—	(46)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	(39)	—	(39)
Comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—	—	39
Amortization of deferred compensation	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Balance at March 31, 2004	—	150	2,715	103	(237)	(109)	2,622
Successor							
Contributed capital	—	—	641	—	—	—	641
Comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:							
Net earnings (loss)	—	—	—	(196)	—	—	(196)
Other comprehensive income (loss):							
Unrealized gain (loss) on securities	—	—	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Foreign currency translation	—	—	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative contracts	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
Other comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(196)
Distribution to stockholders	—	—	(500)	—	—	—	(500)
Indemnification of demerger liability	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Balance at September 30, 2004	—	—	143	(196)	—	—	(53)
Successor							
Balance at December 31, 2004	—	—	158	(253)	(17)	—	(112)
Comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:							
Net earnings (loss)	—	—	—	102	—	—	102
Other comprehensive income (loss):							
Unrealized gain (loss) on securities	—	—	—	—	6	—	6
Minimum pension liability	—	—	—	—	(109)	—	(109)
Foreign currency translation	—	—	—	—	(11)	—	(11)
Unrealized gain (loss) on derivative contracts	—	—	—	—	(3)	—	(3)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	(117)	—	(117)
Comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(15)

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Indemnification of demerger liability	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
Common stock dividends	—	—	(6)	—	—	—	(6)
Preferred stock dividends	—	—	(5)	—	—	—	(5)
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock	—	—	752	—	—	—	752
Net proceeds from issuance of preferred stock	—	—	233	—	—	—	233
Net proceeds from issuance of discounted common stock	—	—	12	—	—	—	12
Stock based compensation	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Distribution to Series B shareholders	—	—	(804)	—	—	—	(804)
Balance at September 30, 2005	—	—	344	(151)	(134)	—	59

See the accompanying notes to the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

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CELANESE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Successor		Predecessor
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005	Six Months Ended September 30, 2004	Three Months Ended March 31, 2004
	(in \$ millions)		
Operating activities from continuing operations:			
Net earnings (loss)	102	(196)	78
(Earnings) loss from discontinued operations, net	—	1	(23)
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Special charges, net of amounts used	10	22	20
Stock based compensation	—	1	2
Depreciation	153	147	69
Amortization of intangibles and other assets	47	3	3
Amortization of deferred financing fees	38	95	—
Premiums paid on early redemption of debt	74	21	—
Change in equity of affiliates	12	(14)	3
Deferred income taxes	(15)	84	(12)
(Gain) loss on disposition of assets, net	1	(2)	—

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(Gain) loss on foreign currency, net	45	26	(26)
Minority interest	41	2	—
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Trade receivables, net — third party and affiliates	(13)	(22)	(89)
Other receivables	56	—	(42)
Prepaid expenses	(20)	15	14
Inventories	58	2	(11)
Trade payables — third party and affiliates	(70)	4	(6)
Benefit obligations and other liabilities	(46)	(107)	(118)
Income taxes payable	25	21	38
Other, net	18	6	(7)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	516	109	(107)
Investing activities from continuing operations:			
Capital expenditures on property, plant and equipment	(132)	(106)	(44)
Acquisition of CAG shares, net of cash acquired	(397)	(1,531)	—
Fees associated with acquisitions	(27)	(69)	—
Acquisition of Vinamul	(208)	—	—
Acquisition of Acetex, net of cash acquired	(216)	—	—
Proceeds from sale of businesses and assets	40	5	—
Net proceeds from disposal of discontinued operations	75	—	139
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	175	85	42
Purchases of marketable securities	(96)	(107)	(42)
Other, net	5	(1)	1
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(781)	(1,724)	96

See the accompanying notes to the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

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	Successor		Predecessor
	Nine Months	Six Months	Three Months
	Ended	Ended	Ended
	September 30,	September 30,	March 31,
	2005	2004	2004
		(in \$ millions)	

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Financing activities from continuing operations:			
Initial capitalization	—	641	—
Issuance of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock	—	200	—
Repayment of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock	—	(221)	—
Borrowings under bridge loans	—	1,565	—
Repayment of bridge loans	—	(1,565)	—
Proceeds from issuance of senior subordinated notes	—	1,475	—
Proceeds from issuance of senior discount notes	—	513	—
Redemption of senior subordinated notes, including related premium	(572)	—	—
Proceeds from floating rate term loan	—	350	—
Repayment of floating rate term loan, including related premium	(354)	—	—
Borrowings under term loan facility	1,135	389	—
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net	752	—	—
Proceeds from issuance of preferred stock, net	233	—	—
Proceeds from issuance of discounted common stock	12	—	—
Redemption of senior discount notes, including related premium	(207)	—	—
Redemption of Acetex bonds	(280)	—	—
Distribution to stockholders	—	(500)	—
Distribution to Series B shareholders	(804)	—	—
Short-term borrowings (repayments), net	18	17	(16)
Proceeds (payments) from other long term debt, net	8	(235)	(27)
Issuance of preferred stock by consolidated subsidiary	—	17	—
Fees associated with financings	(8)	(197)	—
Dividend payments on preferred stock	(5)	—	—
Dividend payments on common shares	(6)	(1)	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(78)	2,448	(43)
Exchange rate effects on cash	(94)	(14)	(1)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(437)	819	(55)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	838	—	148
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	401	819	93
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations:			
Operating activities	(75)	1	(139)
Investing activities	75	(1)	139
Financing activities	—	—	—

Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations — — —

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1. Description of the Company and Basis of Presentation

Description of the Company

Celanese Corporation and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Company” or the “Successor”) is a global industrial chemicals company, primarily comprising the former business of Celanese AG and its subsidiaries (“CAG” or the “Predecessor”). The Company's business involves processing chemical raw materials, such as ethylene and propylene, and natural products, including natural gas and wood pulp, into value-added chemicals and chemical-based products.

Basis of Presentation

The results of operations and cash flows and related disclosures for periods prior to April 1, 2004 (a convenience date for the April 6, 2004 acquisition date), the effective date of the acquisition of CAG (the “Effective Date”), are presented as those of the Predecessor. The financial position, results of operations and cash flows and related disclosures subsequent to the Effective Date, are presented as those of the Successor.

The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of the Successor as of and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, for the three and six months ended September 30, 2004 and as of December 31, 2004 reflect the acquisition of CAG under the purchase method of accounting in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (“SFAS”) No. 141, Business Combinations.

In the opinion of management, the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows of the Company and the Predecessor. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“U.S. GAAP”) have been condensed or omitted in accordance with rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). These unaudited interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Celanese Corporation and Subsidiaries consolidated financial statements as of and for the nine months ended December 31, 2004, as filed with the SEC on Form 10-K.

Operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, for the three and six months ended September 30, 2004 and for the three months ended March 31, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year. The results of the Successor are not comparable to the results of the Predecessor due to the difference in the basis of presentation of purchase accounting as compared to historical cost.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenses and allocated charges during the reporting period. The more significant estimates pertain to purchase accounting, allowance for doubtful accounts, inventory allowances, impairments of intangible assets and other long-lived assets, restructuring costs and other special charges, income taxes, pension and other postretirement benefits, asset retirement obligations, environmental liabilities and loss contingencies, among others. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Company has reclassified certain prior period amounts to conform to the current period's presentation.

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2. Acquisition of Celanese AG (the "Acquisition")

On April 6, 2004, Celanese Europe Holding GmbH & Co. KG (the "Purchaser"), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Successor, acquired approximately 84% of the Celanese AG ordinary shares, excluding treasury shares ("CAG Shares"), pursuant to a voluntary tender offer commenced in February 2004. The CAG Shares were acquired at a price of €32.50 per share or an aggregate purchase price of \$1,693 million, including direct acquisition costs of approximately \$69 million. During the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the Purchaser acquired additional CAG Shares for a purchase price of \$397 million and \$33 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the Purchaser's ownership percentage was approximately 96% and 84%, respectively. The additional CAG Shares were acquired pursuant to either i) the mandatory offer (See Note 3) commenced in September 2004 that will expire on December 1, 2005, unless further extended or ii) the recent purchase of CAG shares as described below. On November 3, 2005, the Company's Board of Directors approved commencement of the process for effecting a squeeze-out of the remaining shareholders.

Recent Purchases of CAG Shares

In August 2005, the Company acquired approximately 5.9 million, or approximately 12%, of the outstanding CAG Shares from two shareholders of CAG for the aggregate consideration of approximately €302 million (\$369 million). In addition, the Company also paid to such shareholders an additional purchase price of approximately €12 million (\$15 million) in consideration for the settlement of certain claims and for such shareholders agreeing to, among other things, (1) accept the shareholders' resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting of CAG held on July 30 and 31, 2004 and the annual general meeting of CAG held on May 19 and 20, 2005, (2) acknowledge the legal effectiveness of the domination and profit and loss transfer agreement, (3) irrevocably withdraw and abandon all actions, applications and appeals each brought or joined in legal proceedings related to, among other things, challenging the effectiveness of the Domination Agreement and amount of fair cash compensation offered by Purchaser in the mandatory offer required by Section 305(1) of the German Stock Corporation Act, (4) refrain from acquiring any CAG Shares or any other investment in CAG, and (5) refrain from taking any future legal action with respect to shareholder resolutions or corporate actions of CAG. The Company paid the aggregate consideration of €314 million (\$384 million) for the additional CAG Shares that were acquired from such shareholders and for the agreements described above using available cash. The Company also announced that it would increase its offer to

purchase any remaining outstanding CAG Shares to €51 per share (plus interest on €41.92 per share) for all minority shareholders that would accept the increased offer on or prior to September 29, 2005 and waive their rights to participate in an increase of the offer consideration as a result of the pending award proceedings. In addition, all shareholders who tendered their shares pursuant to the mandatory offer of €41.92 per share commenced in September 2004 and continuing as of the date of this filing, were entitled to claim the difference between the increased offer of €51 per share and the mandatory offer of €41.92 per share. Any shareholder who accepted the increased offer of €51 per share, or claimed the difference between the mandatory offer and the increased offer, was obligated to agree to waive its rights to participate in any possible future increase of the offer consideration as a result of the pending award proceedings. For minority shareholders who did not accept the increased offer on or prior to the September 29, 2005 expiration date, the terms of the original €41.92 per share mandatory offer will continue to apply. The mandatory offer will expire on December 1, 2005 unless further extended.

As of November 2, 2005, the Company increased its ownership interest in CAG to approximately 98% as a result of additional shares tendered under the mandatory offer.

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Pro forma information

The following pro forma information for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 was prepared as if the Acquisition had occurred as of the beginning of such period:

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2004 (in \$ millions)
Net sales	3,737
Operating profit	149
Net earnings (loss)	(55)

Pro forma adjustments include adjustments for (1) purchase accounting, including (i) the application of purchase accounting to pension and other postretirement obligations (ii) the application of purchase accounting to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, (2) adjustments for items directly related to the transaction, including (i) the impact of the additional pension contribution, (ii) fees incurred by the Company related to the Acquisition, and (iii) adjustments to interest expense to reflect the Company's new capital structure, and (3) corresponding adjustments to income tax expense.

The pro forma information is not necessarily indicative of the results that would have occurred had the Acquisition occurred as of the beginning of the period presented, nor is it necessarily indicative of future results.

3. Domination Agreement and Organizational Restructuring

Domination Agreement

On October 1, 2004, a domination and profit and loss transfer agreement (the ‘‘Domination Agreement’’) between Celanese AG and the Purchaser became operative. When the Domination Agreement became operative, the Purchaser became obligated to offer to acquire all outstanding CAG Shares from the minority shareholders of Celanese AG in return for payment of fair cash compensation. The amount of this fair cash compensation has been determined to be €41.92 per share, plus interest, in accordance with applicable German law. The Purchaser may elect, or be required, to pay a purchase price in excess of €41.92 to acquire the remaining outstanding CAG Shares. Any minority shareholder who elects not to sell its shares to the Purchaser will be entitled to remain a shareholder of CAG and to receive from the Purchaser a gross guaranteed fixed annual payment on its shares of €3.27 per CAG Share less certain corporate taxes in lieu of any future dividend. Beginning October 1, 2004, taking into account the circumstances and the tax rates at the time of entering into the Domination Agreement, the net guaranteed fixed annual payment would be €2.89 per share for a full fiscal year. As indicated in Note 2, pursuant to an agreement with two shareholders of CAG to acquire 5.9 million additional shares, the Company, subject to certain conditions, increased its offer to acquire all remaining outstanding CAG Shares from all minority shareholders that accepted the Mandatory Offer on or prior to September 29, 2005. This increased offer expired on September 29, 2005. The net guaranteed fixed annual payment may, depending on applicable corporate tax rates, in the future be higher, lower or the same as €2.89 per share. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, a charge of \$5 million and \$20 million, respectively, was recorded in Other income (expense), net for the anticipated guaranteed payment.

Beginning October 1, 2004, under the terms of the Domination Agreement, the Purchaser, as the dominating entity, among other things, is required to compensate Celanese AG for any statutory annual loss incurred by Celanese AG, the dominated entity, on a non-consolidated basis, at the end of the fiscal year when the loss was incurred. This obligation to compensate Celanese AG for annual losses will apply during the entire term of the Domination Agreement.

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There is no assurance that the Domination Agreement will remain operative in its current form. If the Domination Agreement ceases to be operative, the Company will not be able to directly give instructions to the Celanese AG board of management. The Domination Agreement cannot be terminated by the Purchaser in the ordinary course until September 30, 2009. However, irrespective of whether a domination agreement is in place between the Company and Celanese AG, under German law Celanese AG is effectively controlled by the Company because of the Company's approximate 98% ownership of the outstanding CAG Shares. The Company does have the ability, through a variety of means, to utilize its controlling rights to, among other things, (1) cause a domination agreement to become operative; (2) use its ability, through its approximately 98% voting power at any shareholders' meetings of Celanese AG, to elect the shareholder representatives on the supervisory board and to thereby effectively control the appointment and removal of the members of the Celanese AG board of management; and (3) effect all decisions that an approximately 98% majority shareholder is permitted to make under German law. The controlling rights of the Company constitute a controlling financial interest for accounting purposes and result in the Company being required to consolidate CAG as of the date of acquisition.

Organizational Restructuring

In October 2004, Celanese Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries completed an organizational restructuring (the “Organizational Restructuring”) pursuant to which the Purchaser effected, by giving a corresponding instruction under the Domination Agreement, the transfer of all of the shares of Celanese Americas Corporation (“CAC”) from Celanese Holding GmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of Celanese AG, to BCP Caylux Holdings Luxembourg S.C.A (“BCP Caylux”), which resulted in BCP Caylux owning 100% of the equity of CAC and, indirectly, all of its assets, including subsidiary stock. This transfer was affected by CAG selling all outstanding shares in CAC for a €291 million note. This note eliminates in consolidation.

Following the transfer of CAC to BCP Caylux, (1) Celanese Holdings contributed substantially all of its assets and liabilities (including all outstanding capital stock of BCP Caylux) to BCP Crystal US Holdings Corp. (“BCP Crystal”) in exchange for all outstanding capital stock of BCP Crystal and (2) BCP Crystal assumed certain obligations of BCP Caylux, including all rights and obligations of BCP Caylux under the senior credit facilities, the floating rate term loan and the senior subordinated notes. BCP Crystal, at its discretion, may subsequently cause the liquidation of BCP Caylux.

As a result of these transactions, BCP Crystal holds 100% of CAC's equity and, indirectly, all equity owned by CAC in its subsidiaries. In addition, BCP Crystal holds, indirectly, all of the outstanding common stock of Celanese AG held by the Purchaser and all of the wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company that guarantee BCP Caylux's obligations under the senior credit facilities to guarantee the senior subordinated notes issued on June 8, 2004 and July 1, 2004 (see Note 9) on an unsecured senior subordinated basis.

4. Initial Public Offering and Concurrent Financings

In January 2005, the Company completed an initial public offering of 50,000,000 shares of Series A common stock and received net proceeds of \$752 million after deducting underwriters' discounts and offering expenses of \$48 million. Concurrently, the Company received net proceeds of \$233 million from the offering of 9,600,000 shares of convertible perpetual preferred stock after deducting underwriters' discounts and offering expenses of \$7 million. A portion of the proceeds of the share offerings were used to redeem \$188 million of senior discount notes and \$521 million of senior subordinated notes, excluding early redemption premiums of \$19 million and \$51 million, respectively.

Subsequent to the closing of the initial public offering, the Company borrowed an additional \$1,135 million under the amended and restated senior credit facilities, a portion of which was used to

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repay a \$350 million floating rate term loan, which excludes a \$4 million early redemption premium, and \$200 million of which was used as the primary financing for the February 2005 acquisition of the Vinamul business (see Notes 6 and 9). Additionally, the amended and restated senior credit facilities included a \$242 million delayed draw term loan. The delayed draw facility expired unutilized in July 2005.

On April 7, 2005, the Company used the remaining proceeds of the initial public offering and concurrent financings to pay a special cash dividend to holders of the Company's Series B common stock of \$804 million, which was declared

March 8, 2005. In addition, on March 9, 2005, the Company issued a 7,500,000 Series A common stock dividend to the Original Shareholders of its Series B common stock which was declared on March 8, 2005. Upon payment of the \$804 million dividend, all of the outstanding shares of Series B common stock converted automatically to shares of Series A common stock.

5. Accounting Changes and New Accounting Pronouncements

Accounting Changes

In December 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 153, Exchanges of Nonmonetary Assets, an amendment of APB Opinion No. 29, Accounting for Nonmonetary Transactions. The amendments made by SFAS No. 153 are based on the principle that exchanges of nonmonetary assets should be measured based on the fair value of the assets exchanged. Further, the amendments eliminate the narrow exception for nonmonetary exchanges of similar productive assets and replace it with a broader exception for exchanges of nonmonetary assets that do not have commercial substance. The statement is effective for nonmonetary asset exchanges occurring in fiscal periods beginning after June 15, 2005. Earlier application is permitted for nonmonetary asset exchanges occurring in fiscal periods beginning after the date of issuance. The provisions of this statement were applied prospectively. The adoption of SFAS No. 153 did not have a material impact on the results of operations and financial position as of and for the three months ended September 30, 2005.

During 2004, the Predecessor changed its inventory valuation method of accounting for its US subsidiaries from the LIFO method to the FIFO method to conform to the Successor's accounting policy. The Predecessor's financial statements have been restated to reflect this change.

On November 3, 2005, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position ("FSP") No. FAS 115-1 and FAS 124-1, The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and Its Application to Certain Investments. The guidance in this FSP addresses the determination as to when an investment is considered impaired, whether that impairment is other than temporary, and the measurement of an impairment loss. The guidance is to be applied prospectively in periods beginning after December 15, 2005. The Company is in the process of determining the impact that this FSP will have on its results of operations and financial position.

On December 8, 2003, the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (the "Medicare Act") was signed into law. The Medicare Act introduces a prescription drug benefit under Medicare ("Medicare Part D") as well as a federal subsidy to sponsors of retiree health care benefit plans that provide a benefit that is at least actuarially equivalent to Medicare Part D. As of March 31, 2004, as permitted by FASB Staff Position ("FSP") 106-1, Accounting and Disclosure Requirements Related to the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, the Company deferred accounting for the effects of the Medicare Act in the measurement of its Accumulated Postretirement Benefit Obligation (APBO) and the effect to net periodic postretirement benefit costs. Specific guidance with respect to accounting for the effects of the Medicare Act was issued in FSP No. 106-2, Accounting and Disclosure Requirements Related to the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, and the Company has adopted the provisions of FSP No. 106-2 as of the Effective Date, and included any impact in the overall measurement of the liabilities of the U.S. postretirement medical plans in purchase accounting.

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In March 2005, the FASB issued FSP No. FIN 46(R)-5, Implicit Variable Interests under FASB Interpretation No. 46 (revised December 2003). FSP FIN 46(R)-5 addresses whether a reporting enterprise should consider whether it holds an implicit interest in a variable interest entity or potential variable interest entity when specific conditions exist. The provisions of FSP FIN 46(R)-5 are applicable for reporting periods beginning after March 3, 2005 (the Company's fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2005). FSP FIN 46(R)-5 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements for the three months ended September 30, 2005.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2005, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 154, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections-A Replacement of APB Opinion No. 20 and FASB Statement No. 3 ('SFAS No. 154'). SFAS No. 154 requires retrospective application to prior period financial statements for changes in accounting principle, unless it is impracticable to determine either the period-specific effects or the cumulative effect of the change. SFAS No. 154 also requires that retrospective application of a change in accounting principle be limited to the direct effects of the change. Indirect effects of a change in accounting principle, such as a change in non-discretionary profit-sharing payments resulting from an accounting change, should be recognized in the period of the accounting change. SFAS No. 154 also requires that a change in depreciation, amortization, or depletion method for long-lived non-financial assets be accounted for as a change in accounting estimate affected by a change in accounting principle. SFAS No. 154 is effective for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2005. Early adoption is permitted for accounting changes and corrections of errors made in fiscal years beginning after the date this Statement is issued. The Company is required to adopt the provision of SFAS No. 154, as applicable, beginning in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.

In September 2005, the FASB's Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") reached a consensus on Issue No. 04-13, Accounting for Purchases and Sales of Inventory with the Same Counterparty. This consensus outlines the treatment of sales and purchases of inventory between an entity and the same counterparty as one transaction for purposes of applying Accounting Principles Board Opinion 29. The guidance is to be applied prospectively in periods beginning after March 15, 2006. The Company is evaluating the impact of EITF 04-13 on its financial statements.

In June 2005, the FASB's Emerging Issues Task Force reached a consensus on Issue No. 05-6, Determining the Amortization Period for Leasehold Improvements ('EITF Issue No. 05-6'). The guidance requires that leasehold improvements acquired in a business combination or purchased subsequent to the inception of a lease be amortized over the lesser of the useful life of the assets or a term that includes renewals that are reasonably assured at the date of the business combination or purchase. The guidance is effective prospectively for leasehold improvements acquired in periods beginning after June 29, 2005. As the Company has not completed its purchase accounting related to the acquisition of Acetex Corporation (see Note 6), the Company is still evaluating the impact of EITF Issue No. 05-6 on its results of operations and financial position.

In March 2005, FASB issued Interpretation No. 47, Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations — an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 143 ('FIN No. 47'). FIN No. 47 provides guidelines as to when a company is required to record a conditional asset retirement obligation. In general, an entity is required to recognize a liability for the fair value of a conditional asset retirement obligation if the fair value of the liability can be reasonably estimated. The fair value of a liability for the conditional asset retirement obligation should be recognized when incurred — generally upon acquisition, construction, or development and (or) through the normal operation of the asset. FIN No. 47 is effective no later than the end of fiscal years ending after December 15, 2005 (December 31, 2005, for calendar-year enterprises). The Company is still assessing the impact of FIN No. 47 on its future results of operations and financial position.

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In December 2004, the FASB revised SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock Based Compensation (“SFAS No. 123R”), which requires that the cost from all share-based payment transactions be recognized in the financial statements. In March 2005, the SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107 (“SAB 107”) regarding the SEC’s interpretation of SFAS 123R and the valuation of share-based payments for public companies. The SEC has deferred SFAS No. 123R until the first annual period beginning after June 15, 2005. Accordingly, the Company intends to comply with SFAS No. 123R beginning with the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2006. The Company is currently evaluating the potential impact of SFAS No. 123R, although it is anticipated that the adoption will have a negative impact on its results of operations.

In November 2004, the FASB issued SFAS No. 151, Inventory Costs, amendment to ARB No. 43 Chapter 4 (“SFAS No. 151”), which clarifies the accounting for abnormal amounts of idle facility expense, freight, handling costs, and wasted material (spoilage). SFAS No. 151 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2005. The Company is in the process of assessing the impact of SFAS No. 151 on its future results of operations and financial position.

In October 2004, the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (the “Act”) was signed into law. Three of the more significant provisions of the Act relate to a one-time opportunity to repatriate foreign earnings at a reduced rate, manufacturing benefits for qualified production activity income and new requirements with respect to deferred compensation plans. The Company has not yet determined the impact, if any, of this Act on its future results of operations or cash flows. Additionally, under new Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code, created in connection with the Act, the U.S. Treasury Department is directed to issue regulations providing guidance and provide a limited period during which deferred compensation plans may be amended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A. When the regulations are issued, the Company may be required to make modifications to certain compensation plans to comply with Section 409A.

6. Acquisitions, Divestitures and Ventures

Acquisitions:

On April 6, 2004, the Company acquired CAG (See Notes 1 and 2).

In February 2005, the Company acquired Vinamul, the North American and European emulsion polymer business of Imperial Chemical Industries PLC (“ICI”) for \$208 million. The Vinamul product line includes vinyl acetate-ethylene copolymers, vinyl acetate homopolymers and copolymers, and acrylic and vinyl acrylic emulsions. Vinamul operates manufacturing facilities in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and The Netherlands. As part of the agreement, ICI will continue to supply Vinamul with starch, dextrin and other specialty ingredients following the acquisition. The Company will supply ICI with vinyl acetate monomer and polyvinyl alcohols. The supply agreements are for 15 years, and the pricing is based on market and other negotiated terms. The Company primarily financed this acquisition through borrowings of \$200 million under the amended and restated senior credit facilities (See Note 9). The Company has allocated the purchase price on the basis of its preliminary estimate of the fair value of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed. The estimated fair value of the total assets acquired was approximately \$280 million. The net sales and operating profit (loss) of the Vinamul business included in the Company's results of

operations were \$279 million and (\$4) million, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

In July 2005, the Company acquired Acetex Corporation (“Acetex”) for \$270 million and assumed Acetex’s \$247 million of debt, which is net of cash acquired of \$54 million. Acetex’s operations include an acetyls business with plants in Europe and a North-American specialty polymers and film business. The Company acquired Acetex using existing cash. The Company caused Acetex to exercise its option to redeem its 10 7/8% senior notes due 2009 totaling approximately \$265 million. The

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redemption was funded primarily with cash on hand and occurred on August 19, 2005. The redemption price was approximately \$280 million, which represents 105.438% of the outstanding principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to August 19, 2005. On August 25, 2005, the Company repaid the remaining \$36 million of assumed debt with available cash. Pro forma financial information has not been provided as the acquisition did not have a material impact on the Company’s results of operations. The estimated fair value of the total assets acquired was approximately \$495 million. The net sales and operating profit (loss) of the Acetex business included in the Company’s results of operations were \$115 million and (\$1) million, respectively, for the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

Divestitures:

In July 2005, in connection with the Vinamul transaction, the Company agreed to sell its emulsion powders business to ICI for approximately \$25 million. This transaction includes a supply agreement whereby the Company will supply product to ICI for a period of up to fifteen years. Closing of the transaction occurred in September 2005. Net sales for the emulsion powders business for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 were approximately \$30 million and net earnings for the same period was approximately \$1 million.

In February 2004, the Predecessor sold its acrylates business to The Dow Chemical Company (“Dow”) for a sales price of approximately \$149 million, which resulted in a pre-tax gain of approximately \$14 million in the three months ended March 31, 2004. Dow acquired the Predecessor’s acrylates business line, including inventory, intellectual property and technology for crude acrylic acid, glacial acrylic acid, ethyl acrylate, butyl acrylate, methyl acrylate and 2-ethylhexyl acrylate, as well as acrylates production assets at the Clear Lake, Texas facility. In related agreements, the Company provides certain contract manufacturing services to Dow, and Dow supplies acrylates to the Company for use in its emulsions production. Simultaneous with the sale, the Predecessor repaid an unrelated obligation of \$95 million to Dow. The acrylates business was part of the Predecessor’s Chemical business. As a result of this transaction, the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses related to the acrylates product lines at the Clear Lake, Texas facility as well as the gain recorded on the sale are reflected as a component of discontinued operations in the consolidated financial statements in accordance with SFAS No. 144.

Discontinued operations of Chemical Products for the three months ended March 31, 2004 had net sales of \$21 million and an operating loss of \$5 million.

Ventures:

In April 2004, the Company and a group of investors led by Conduit Ventures Ltd. entered into a venture, Pemeas GmbH, which was formed to advance the commercialization of the Company's fuel cell technology. Pemeas GmbH is considered a variable interest entity as defined under FIN No. 46. The Company is deemed the primary beneficiary of this variable interest entity and, accordingly, consolidates this entity in its consolidated financial statements. In December 2004, the Company approved a plan to dispose of the Company's ownership interest in Pemeas GmbH.

In August 2005, the Company and Hatco Corporation agreed to wind up Estech GmbH, its venture for neopropyl esters. The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$10 million related to this matter in the second quarter of 2005.

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7. Inventories

	Successor	
	As of September 30, 2005	As of December 31, 2004
	(in \$ millions)	
Finished goods	461	470
Work-in-process	24	26
Raw materials and supplies	140	122
Total Inventories	625	618

As a result of the acquisition of Vinamul (see Note 6), the Company acquired inventory with a fair value of \$24 million, which included \$1 million in capitalized manufacturing profit in inventory. The inventory was sold prior to July 1, 2005.

As a result of the acquisition of Acetex (see Note 6), the Company acquired inventory with a fair value of \$74 million, which included \$9 million in capitalized manufacturing profit in inventory, of which \$9 million was sold prior to October 1, 2005.

As a result of the acquisition of the additional CAG shares (see Note 2), the Company recorded preliminary purchase accounting adjustments which included a \$6 million inventory step-up related to capitalized manufacturing profit in inventory. The inventory was sold prior to October 1, 2005.

8. Intangible Assets

Goodwill

	Chemical Products	Acetate Products	Ticona	Performance Products	Total
	(in \$ millions)				
Successor					
Carrying value of goodwill as of December 31, 2004	193	180	290	84	747
Acquisition of Vinamul Polymers	27	—	—	—	27
Acquisition of Acetex	244	—	—	—	244
Acquisition of CAG	6	7	1	1	15
Exchange rate changes	4	4	1	—	9
Carrying value of goodwill as of September 30, 2005	474	191	292	85	1,042

In connection with the acquisition of Vinamul (See Note 6), the Company has preliminarily allocated the purchase price to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on the preliminary estimate of their fair value. The excess of the purchase price over the amounts allocated to assets and liabilities is included in goodwill, and is preliminarily estimated to be \$27 million at September 30, 2005. The Company is in the process of determining the fair value of all assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The Company expects to finalize the purchase accounting for this transaction in the fourth quarter of 2005.

In connection with the acquisition of Acetex (See Note 6), the Company has preliminarily allocated the purchase price to assets acquired and liabilities assumed primarily based on the historical cost of the business acquired. The excess of the purchase price over the amounts allocated to assets and liabilities is included in goodwill, and is preliminarily estimated to be \$244 million at September 30, 2005. The Company is in the process of determining the fair value of all assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The Company expects to finalize the purchase accounting for this transaction as soon as practical, but no later than June 30, 2006.

In connection with the acquisitions of Vinamul Polymers and Acetex, at the acquisition dates, the Company began formulating a plan to exit or restructure certain activities. The Company has not completed this analysis, and as of September 30, 2005, has not recorded any liabilities associated with

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these activities. As the Company finalizes any plans to exit or restructure activities, it may record additional liabilities, for among other things, severance and severance related costs, and such amounts could be material.

In the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company increased goodwill by \$15 million as a result of purchase accounting adjustments related to the Acquisition and acquisition of additional CAG shares. Included in this adjustment is a \$23 million increase to goodwill, and a corresponding increase to the Company's minority interest liability primarily associated with the organizational restructuring that occurred in October 2004 (See Note 2). As this represented an immaterial adjustment, prior periods have not been restated.

Other Intangible Assets

	Successor	
	As of September 30, 2005	As of December 31, 2004
	(in \$ millions)	
Trademarks and tradenames	86	68
Customer related intangible assets	365	365
Developed technology	9	9
Other intangible assets	10	—
Total intangible assets, gross	470	442
Less: accumulated amortization	(77)	(42)
Total intangible assets, net	393	400

Aggregate amortization expense charged against earnings for intangible assets with finite lives during the three months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004 totaled \$14 million and \$12 million, respectively. Aggregate amortization expense charged against earnings for intangible assets with finite lives during the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and the six months ended September 30, 2004 and the three months ended March 31, 2004 totaled \$38 million, \$13 million and \$2 million, respectively.

In connection with the acquisition of Vinamul, the Company entered into a five-year non-compete agreement with ICI. The contract has a preliminary fair value of \$10 million. In addition, the Company has identified other intangible assets with an estimated value of \$11 million. As the Company has not finalized its purchase price allocation, these amounts could change based on final valuations. In addition, other intangible assets may be identified.

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9. Debt

	Successor	
	As of September 30, 2005	As of December 31, 2004
	(in \$ millions)	
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt		
Current installments of long-term debt	48	15
Short-term borrowings from Affiliates	133	128
Other	—	1
Total short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt	181	144
Long-term debt		

Senior Credit Facilities:		
Term loan facility	1,719	624
Revolving credit facility	35	—
Floating Rate Term Loan, due 2011	—	350
Senior Subordinated Notes 9.625%, due 2014	800	1,231
Senior Subordinated Notes 10.375%, due 2014	157	272
Senior Discount Notes 10.5%, due 2014	298	424
Senior Discount Notes 10%, due 2014	72	103
Term notes 7.125%, due 2009	14	14
Pollution control and industrial revenue bonds, interest rates ranging from 5.2% to 6.7%, due at various dates through 2030	191	191
Obligations under capital leases and other secured borrowings due at various dates through 2018	56	49
Other borrowings	21	—
Subtotal	3,363	3,258
Less: Current installments of long-term debt	48	15
Total long-term debt	3,315	3,243

In the first quarter of 2005, the Company borrowed an additional \$1,135 million under the amended and restated senior credit facilities. A portion of these proceeds, coupled with the proceeds from the initial public offering, were used to repay a \$350 million floating rate term loan and redeem \$188 million of senior discount notes and \$521 million of senior subordinated notes, excluding early redemption premiums of \$4 million, \$19 million and \$51 million, respectively. In addition, \$200 million was used to finance the February 2005 acquisition of the Vinamul business.

Under the amended and restated facilities, the term loan facility increased to \$1,750 million (including €275 million), which matures in 2011. There was also a \$242 million delayed draw facility which expired unutilized in July 2005.

The revolving credit facility, through a syndication of banks, provides for borrowings of up to \$600 million, including the availability of letters of credit in U.S. dollars and euros and for borrowings on same-day notice.

In the first quarter of 2005, the revolving credit facility was increased from \$380 million to \$600 million under the amended and restated senior credit facilities. As of September 30, 2005, \$507 million remained available for borrowing under the revolving credit facility, taking into account letters of

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credit issued under the revolving credit facility. As of September 30, 2005, there was \$35 million borrowed under the revolving credit facility and \$58 million of letters of credit had been issued under the revolving credit facility.

In addition, the Company has a \$228 million credit-linked revolving facility, which matures in 2009. The credit-linked revolving facility includes borrowing capacity available for letters of credit. As of September 30, 2005, there were

\$226 million of letters of credit issued under the credit-linked revolving facility and an additional \$2 million was available for borrowing.

As detailed in Note 6, in July 2005, the Company acquired Acetex for \$270 million and assumed Acetex's \$247 million of net debt, which is net of cash acquired of \$54 million. The Company caused Acetex to exercise its option to redeem its 10 7/8% senior notes due 2009 totaling approximately \$265 million. The redemption was funded primarily with cash on hand and occurred on August 19, 2005. The redemption price was approximately \$280 million, which represents 105.438% of the outstanding principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to August 19, 2005. On August 25, 2005, the Company repaid the remaining \$36 million of assumed debt with available cash.

The Company was in compliance with all of the financial covenants related to its debt agreements as of September 30, 2005.

Interest expense

The components of interest expense are as follows:

	Successor				Predecessor
	Three Months Ended September 30, 2005	Three Months Ended September 30, 2004	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005	Six Months Ended September 30, 2004	Three Months Ended March 31, 2004
	(in \$ millions)				
Accelerated amortization of deferred financing costs on early redemption and prepayment of debt	—	18	28	89	—
Premium paid on early redemption of debt	—	21	74	21	—
Other interest expense	72	59	214	118	6
Total interest expense	72	98	316	228	6

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10. Benefit Obligations

The components of net periodic benefit costs recognized and contributions made to the pension plans and benefit payments made to other postretirement obligations participants are as follows:

	Defined Benefit Obligations		Other Postretirement Obligations	
	Successor		Successor	
	Three Months	Three Months	Three Months	Three Months
	Ended	Ended	Ended	Ended
	September	September	September	September
	30, 2005	30, 2004	30, 2005	30, 2004
	(in \$ millions)			
Components of net periodic benefit cost				
Service cost	11	10	1	1
Interest cost	46	44	6	6
Expected return on plan assets	(51)	(43)	—	—
Recognized actuarial loss	—	1	—	—
Settlement loss	—	4	—	—
Special termination (benefit)/charge	1	(1)	—	—
Curtailement loss	2	—	—	—
Net periodic benefit cost	9	15	7	7

	Defined Benefit Obligations			Other Postretirement Obligations		
	Successor		Predecessor	Successor		Predecessor
	Nine Months	Six Months	Three	Nine Months	Six Months	Three
	Ended	Ended	Months	Ended	Ended	Months
	September	September	Ended	September	September	Ended
	30,	30,	March 31,	30,	30,	March 31,
	2005	2004	2004	2005	2004	2004
	(in \$ millions)					
Components of net periodic benefit cost						
Service cost	31	20	9	2	2	1
Interest cost	136	88	40	18	12	6
Expected return on plan assets	(149)	(86)	(40)	—	—	—
Amortization of prior service cost	—	—	1	—	—	(1)
Recognized actuarial loss	—	2	6	—	—	2
Settlement loss	—	4	—	—	—	—
Special termination (benefit)/charge	1	—	—	—	—	—
Curtailement (gain)/loss	2	—	—	(1)	—	—
Net periodic benefit cost	21	28	16	19	14	8

The Company previously disclosed in its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004 that it expected

to contribute \$7 million to its Canadian defined benefit pension plans in 2005. As of September 30, 2005, \$6 million of contributions have been made. The Company presently anticipates contributing an additional \$2 million to fund its defined benefit pension plans in 2005, bringing the full year contributions to \$8 million.

The Company previously disclosed in its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004 that it expected to make benefit payments of \$47 million under the provisions of its other postretirement benefit plans. As of September 30, 2005, \$35 million of benefit payments have been

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made. The Company presently anticipates paying an additional \$12 million in other postretirement benefits during the fourth quarter of 2005.

Contributions to the defined contribution plans are based on specified percentages of employee contributions and aggregated \$9 million, \$5 million and \$3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the six months ended September 30, 2004 and the three months ended March 31, 2004, respectively.

In connection with the acquisition of CAG, the Purchaser agreed to pre-fund \$463 million of certain pension obligations. During the nine months ended December 31, 2004, \$409 million was pre-funded to the Company's pension plans. The Company contributed the remaining \$54 million that the Purchaser agreed to pre-fund, as well as an additional \$9 million to the non-qualified pension plan's rabbi trusts during the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

In connection with the Company's acquisition of Vinamul and Acetex, it assumed certain obligations related to the acquired pension and postretirement benefit plans. The Company is in the process of evaluating the effects of purchase accounting regarding these obligations.

As part of a restructuring program announced in October 2004, the Company closed certain plants related to its acetate filament production and has consolidated its acetate flake and tow operations from five locations to three. This resulted in the reduction of nearly 600 United States employees triggering a curtailment. The curtailment resulted in an increase in the Projected Benefit Obligation (PBO) and a corresponding curtailment loss of \$2 million for the pension plan during the three months ended September 30, 2005.

11. Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)

See table below for share activity:

	Preferred Stock	Series A Common Stock (number of shares)	Series B Common Stock
Balance as of December 31, 2004	—	—	99,377,884

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Issuance of preferred stock	9,600,000	—	—
Issuance of common stock	—	51,684,277	—
Stock dividend	—	7,500,000	—
Conversion of Series B common stock to Series A common stock	—	99,377,884	(99,377,884)
Balance as of September 30, 2005	9,600,000	158,562,161	—

Funding for the Acquisition included equity investments from Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 1, Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 2, and Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 3 (collectively, “Blackstone”) and BA Capital Investors Sidecar Fund, L.P. (and together with Blackstone, the “Original Shareholders”).

On December 31, 2004, the capital structure of the Company consisted of 650,494 shares of Series B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. In January 2005, the Company amended its certificate of incorporation and increased its authorized common stock to 500,000,000 shares and the Company effected a 152.772947 for 1 stock split for the outstanding shares of the Series B common stock. Accordingly, all Successor share information is effected for such stock split effective December 31, 2004.

As a result of the offering in January 2005, the Company now has \$240 million aggregate liquidation preference of outstanding preferred stock. Holders of the preferred stock are entitled to receive, when, as and if, declared by the Company's board of directors, out of funds legally available

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therefore, cash dividends at the rate of 4.25% per annum of liquidation preference, payable quarterly in arrears, commencing on May 1, 2005. Dividends on the preferred stock are cumulative from the date of initial issuance. Accumulated but unpaid dividends accumulate at an annual rate of 4.25%. The preferred stock is convertible, at the option of the holder, at any time into approximately 1.25 shares of Series A common stock, subject to adjustments, per \$25.00 liquidation preference of preferred stock and upon conversion will be recorded in shareholders' equity (deficit). As of September 30, 2005, the Company had \$3 million of accumulated but unpaid dividends, which have not been declared.

On March 8, 2005, the Company declared a special cash dividend to holders of the Company's Series B common stock of \$804 million, which was paid on April 7, 2005. Upon payment of the \$804 million dividend, all of the outstanding shares of Series B common stock converted automatically to shares of Series A common stock.

In addition, on March 9, 2005, the Company issued a 7,500,000 Series A common stock dividend to the Original Shareholders of its Series B common stock.

Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Other comprehensive income (loss) totaled \$(117) million, \$0 million and \$(39) million, for the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the six months ended September 30, 2004 and the three months ended March 31, 2004, respectively. These amounts were net of tax expense (benefit) of \$(13) million, \$1 million and \$2 million, for the nine

months ended September 30, 2005, the six months ended September 30, 2004 and the three months ended March 31, 2004, respectively.

As part of the curtailment charge discussed in Note 10, the Company's U.S. qualified pension benefit plan and the postretirement benefit plan obligations were remeasured to reflect the discount rate and market value of plan assets as of September 30, 2005. This remeasurement resulted in additional minimum liability of approximately \$92 million with an offsetting charge to accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). In addition, the Company performed its annual remeasurement of its German pension benefit plans as of September 30, 2005. This remeasurement resulted in a pretax additional minimum liability of \$29 million (taxes of \$12 million), with an offsetting charge to accumulated other comprehensive income (loss).

12. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is involved in a number of legal proceedings, lawsuits and claims incidental to the normal conduct of our business, relating to such matters as product liability, antitrust, past waste disposal practices and release of chemicals into the environment. While it is impossible at this time to determine with certainty the ultimate outcome of these proceedings, lawsuits and claims, management believes that adequate provisions have been made and that the ultimate outcomes will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, but may have a material adverse effect on the results of operations or cash flows in any given accounting period.

The following disclosure should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004.

Plumbing Actions

CNA Holdings, Inc. ("CNA Holdings"), a U.S. subsidiary of Celanese, which included the U.S. business now conducted by the Ticona segment, along with Shell Oil Company ("Shell"), E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company ("DuPont") and others, has been a defendant in a series of lawsuits, including a number of class actions, alleging that plastics manufactured by these companies that were utilized in the production of plumbing systems for residential property were defective or caused such plumbing systems to fail. Based on, among other things, the findings of outside experts and the successful use of Ticona's acetal copolymer in similar applications, CNA Holdings does not believe

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Ticona's acetal copolymer was defective or caused the plumbing systems to fail. In many cases CNA Holdings' exposure may be limited by invocation of the statute of limitations since CNA Holdings ceased selling the resin for use in the plumbing systems in site built homes during 1986 and in manufactured homes during 1990.

CNA Holdings has been named a defendant in ten putative class actions, as well as a defendant in other non-class actions filed in ten states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Canada. In these actions, the plaintiffs typically have sought recovery for alleged property damages and, in some cases, additional damages under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act or similar type statutes. Damage amounts have not been specified.

In order to reduce litigation expenses and to provide relief to qualifying homeowners, in November 1995, CNA Holdings, DuPont and Shell Oil Company entered into national class action settlements, which have been approved by the courts. The settlements call for the replacement of plumbing systems of claimants who have had qualifying leaks, as well as reimbursements for certain leak damage. Furthermore, the three companies have agreed to fund these replacements and reimbursements up to \$950 million. As of September 30, 2005, the aggregate funding is \$1,073 million due to additional contributions and funding commitments made primarily by other parties. There are approximately ten additional pending lawsuits not discussed herein; however, these cases do not involve (either individually or in the aggregate) a large number of homes, and management does not expect the obligations arising from these lawsuits to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

In 1995, CNA Holdings and Shell Oil Company settled the claims relating to individuals in Texas owning a total of 110,000 property units, who are represented by a Texas law firm, for an amount that will not exceed \$170 million. These claimants are also eligible for a replumb of their homes in accordance with terms similar to those of the national class action settlement. CNA Holdings' and Shell Oil Company's contributions under this settlement were subject to allocation as determined by binding arbitration.

In addition, a lawsuit filed in November 1989 in Delaware Chancery Court, between CNA Holdings and various of its insurance companies relating to all claims incurred and to be incurred for the product liability exposure led to a partial declaratory judgment in CNA Holdings' favor. As a result, settlements have been reached with a majority of CNA Holdings' insurers specifying their responsibility for these claims.

In February 2005, CNA Holdings reached a settlement agreement through mediation with another insurer, pursuant to which the insurer paid CNA Holdings \$44 million in exchange for the release of certain claims against the policy with the insurer. This amount was recorded as a reduction of goodwill as of December 31, 2004 and was received during the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

CNA Holdings has accrued its best estimate of its share of the plumbing actions. At September 30, 2005, the Company has remaining accruals of \$68 million for this matter. Management believes that the plumbing actions are adequately provided for in the Company's financial statements and that they will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position. However, if the Company were to incur an additional charge for this matter, such a charge would not be expected to have a material adverse effect on our financial position, but may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or cash flows in any given accounting period. No assurance can be given that the Company's litigation reserves will be adequate or that these reserves will fully recover claims under the Company's insurance policies.

The Company has reached settlements with CNA Holdings' insurers specifying their responsibility for these claims; as a result, the Company has recorded receivables relating to the anticipated recoveries from certain third party insurance carriers. These receivables are based on the probability

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of collection, an opinion of external counsel, the settlement agreements with the Company's insurance carriers whose coverage level exceeds the receivables and the status of current discussions with other insurance carriers. As of

September 30, 2005, the Company has \$31 million of receivables related to a settlement with an insurance carrier. This receivable is discounted and recorded within other assets as it will be collected over the next three years.

Sorbates Antitrust Actions

In May 2002, the European Commission informed Hoechst of its intent to investigate officially the sorbates industry. In early January 2003, the European Commission served Hoechst, Nutrinova, Inc., a U.S. subsidiary of Nutrinova Nutrition Specialties & Food Ingredients GmbH, previously a wholly owned subsidiary of Hoechst, and a number of competitors with a statement of objections alleging unlawful, anticompetitive behavior affecting the European sorbates market. In October 2003, the European Commission ruled that Hoechst, Chisso Corporation, Daicel Chemical Industries Ltd., The Nippon Synthetic Chemical Industry Co. Ltd. and Ueno Fine Chemicals Industry Ltd. operated a cartel in the European sorbates market between 1979 and 1996. The European Commission imposed a total fine of €138 million, of which €99 million was assessed against Hoechst. The case against Nutrinova was closed. The fine against Hoechst is based on the European Commission's finding that Hoechst does not qualify under the leniency policy, is a repeat violator and, together with Daicel, was a co-conspirator. In Hoechst's favor, the European Commission gave a discount for cooperating in the investigation. Hoechst appealed the European Commission's decision in December 2003, and that appeal is still pending.

In addition, several civil antitrust actions by sorbates customers, seeking monetary damages and other relief for alleged conduct involving the sorbates industry, have been filed in U.S. state and federal courts naming Hoechst, Nutrinova, and our other subsidiaries, as well as other sorbates manufacturers, as defendants. Many of these actions have been settled and dismissed by the court. One private action, *Kerr v. Eastman Chemical Co. et al.*, previously pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Gloucester County, was dismissed in October 2005 for failure to prosecute. The plaintiff alleged violations of the New Jersey Antitrust Act and the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act and sought unspecified damages. The only other private action previously pending, *Freeman v. Daicel et al.*, had been dismissed. The plaintiffs lost their appeal to the Supreme Court of Tennessee in August 2005 and have since filed a motion for leave.

In July 2001, Hoechst and Nutrinova entered into an agreement with the Attorneys General of 33 states, pursuant to which the statutes of limitations were tolled pending the states' investigations. This agreement expired in July 2003. Since October 2002, the Attorneys General for several states filed suit on behalf of indirect purchasers in their respective states, all of which have been either settled or dismissed, except as noted below. The Nevada action has been dismissed as to Hoechst, Nutrinova and CAG; however, a motion for reconsideration is still pending. The New York action, *New York v. Daicel Chemical Industries Ltd., et al.* which was pending in the New York State Supreme Court, New York County was dismissed in August 2005; however, it is still subject to appeal. In January 2005, Hoechst, Nutrinova, and other subsidiaries, as well as other sorbates manufacturers, entered into a settlement agreement with the Attorneys General of Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Maryland, South Carolina, Oregon and Washington before these states filed suit. Pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement, the defendants agreed to refrain from engaging in anticompetitive conduct with respect to the sale or distribution of sorbates and pay approximately \$1 million to the states in satisfaction of all released claims.

Based on the advice of external counsel and a review of the existing facts and circumstances relating to the sorbates matter, including the status of government investigations, as well as civil claims filed and settled, the Company has remaining accruals of \$130 million. This amount is included in current liabilities at September 30, 2005 for the estimated loss related to this matter. Although the

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outcome of the remaining foregoing proceedings and claims of this matter cannot be predicted with certainty, management's best estimate of the range of possible additional future losses and fines (in excess of amounts already accrued), including any that may result from the above noted governmental proceedings, as of September 30, 2005 is between \$0 and \$9 million. The estimated range of such possible future losses is management's best estimate based on the advice of external counsel taking into consideration potential fines and claims, both civil and criminal, that may be imposed or made in other jurisdictions.

Pursuant to the Demerger Agreement with Hoechst, Celanese AG was assigned the obligation related to the sorbates matter. However, Hoechst agreed to indemnify Celanese AG for 80 percent of any costs Celanese may incur relative to this matter. Accordingly, Celanese AG has recognized a receivable from Hoechst and a corresponding contribution of capital, net of tax, from this indemnification. As of September 30, 2005, the Company has receivables, recorded within other current assets, relating to the sorbates indemnification from Hoechst totaling \$104 million. Although the outcome of the foregoing proceedings and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, the Company believes that any resulting liabilities, net of amounts recoverable from Hoechst, will not, in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on its financial position, but may have a material adverse effect on the results of operations or cash flows in any given period.

Acetic Acid Patent Infringement Matters

Celanese International Corporation v. China Petrochemical Development Corporation — Taiwan Kaohsiung District Court. On February 7, 2001, Celanese International Corporation filed a private criminal action for patent infringement against China Petrochemical Development Corporation, or CPDC, alleging that CPDC infringed Celanese International Corporation's patent covering the manufacture of acetic acid. Celanese International Corporation also filed a supplementary civil brief which, in view of changes in Taiwanese patent laws, was subsequently converted to a civil action alleging damages against CPDC based on a period of infringement of ten years, 1991-2000, and based on CPDC's own data and as reported to the Taiwanese securities and exchange commission. Celanese International Corporation's patent was held valid by the Taiwanese patent office. On August 31, 2005 a Taiwanese court held that CPDC infringed Celanese International Corporation's acetic acid patent and awarded Celanese International Corporation approximately \$28 million for the period of 1995 through 1999. The judgment has been appealed. The Company will not record income associated with this favorable judgment until cash is received.

Shareholder Litigation

During August 2004, nine actions were brought by minority shareholders against CAG in the Frankfurt District Court (Landgericht), all of which were consolidated in September 2004. Several minority shareholders joined these proceedings via a third party intervention in support of the plaintiffs. The Purchaser joined the proceedings via a third party intervention in support of CAG.

Among other things, these actions request the court to set aside shareholder resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting held on July 30 and 31, 2004 based on allegations that include the alleged violation of procedural requirements and information rights of the shareholders.

In a related matter, twenty-seven minority shareholders filed lawsuits in May and June of 2005 in the Frankfurt District Court (Landgericht) contesting the shareholder resolutions passed at the annual general meeting held May 19-20, 2005, which confirmed the resolutions passed at the July 30-31, 2004 extraordinary general meeting. In conjunction with the acquisition of 5.9 million CAG shares from two shareholders in August 2005, two of those lawsuits were withdrawn in August 2005. In June and September 2005, Celanese AG was served in three actions filed

in the Frankfurt District Court (Landgericht) requesting that the court declare some or all of the shareholder resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting on July 30 and 31, 2004 null and void (Nichtigkeitsklage), based on

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allegations that certain formal requirements necessary in connection with the invitation to the extraordinary general meeting had been violated. The Frankfurt District Court (Landgericht) has suspended the proceedings regarding the resolutions passed at the July 30-31, 2004 extraordinary general meeting described above as long as the lawsuits contesting the confirmatory resolutions are pending.

Further, on August 2, 2004, two minority shareholders instituted public register proceedings with each of the Königstein Local Court (Amtsgericht) and the Frankfurt District Court (Landgericht), both with a view to have the registration of the Domination Agreement in the Commercial Register deleted (Amtslöschungsverfahren). These actions are based on an alleged violation of procedural requirements at the extraordinary general meeting, an alleged undercapitalization of the Purchaser and Blackstone and an alleged misuse of discretion by the competent court with respect to the registration of the Domination Agreement in the Commercial Register. In April 2005, the court of appeals rejected the demand by one shareholder for injunctive relief, and in June 2005 the Frankfurt District Court (Landgericht) ruled that it does not have jurisdiction over this matter. The claims in the Königstein Local Court (Amtsgericht) are still pending.

Based upon information available as of September 30, 2005, the outcome of the foregoing proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty. Except for certain challenges on limited grounds, the time period to bring forward challenges (Anfechtungsklagen) has expired.

The amounts of the fair cash compensation (Abfindung) and of the guaranteed fixed annual payment (Ausgleich) offered under the Domination Agreement may be increased in special award proceedings (Spruchverfahren) initiated by minority shareholders, which may further reduce the funds the Purchaser can otherwise make available to the Company. Several minority shareholders of CAG had initiated special award proceedings seeking the court's review of the amounts of the fair cash compensation (Abfindung) and of the guaranteed fixed annual payment (Ausgleich) offered under the Domination Agreement. As a result of these proceedings, the amount of the fair cash consideration and the guaranteed fixed annual payment offered under the Domination Agreement could be increased by the court so that all minority shareholders, including those who have already tendered their shares into the Mandatory Offer and have received the fair cash compensation could claim the respective higher amounts. This could reduce the funds the Purchaser can make available to the Company and its subsidiaries and, accordingly, diminish our ability to make payments on our indebtedness. However, the court dismissed all of these proceedings in March 2005 on the grounds of inadmissibility. The dismissal has been appealed.

In February 2005, a minority shareholder also brought a lawsuit against the Purchaser, as well as a former member of CAG's board of management and a former member of CAG's supervisory board, in the Frankfurt District Court (Landgericht). Among other things, this action seeks to unwind the tender of the plaintiff's shares in the Acquisition and seeks compensation for damages suffered as a consequence of tendering such shares. The court ruled against the plaintiff in this matter in June 2005. The plaintiff appealed this decision with respect to the Purchaser and the former

member of the CAG board of management; however, with respect to the former member of the CAG supervisory board, the plaintiff has withdrawn his appeal.

Based upon the information available as of September 30, 2005, the outcome of the foregoing proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty.

Guarantees

The Company has agreed to guarantee or indemnify third parties for environmental and other liabilities pursuant to a variety of agreements, including asset and business divestiture agreements, leases, settlement agreements, and various agreements with affiliated companies. Although many of these obligations contain monetary and/or time limitations, others do not provide such limitations.

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The Company has accrued for all probable and reasonably estimable losses associated with all known matters or claims that have been brought to its attention.

These known obligations include the following:

Demerger Obligations

The Company has obligations to indemnify Hoechst for various liabilities under the Demerger Agreement as follows:

- The Company agreed to indemnify Hoechst for environmental liabilities associated with contamination arising under 19 divestiture agreements entered into by Hoechst prior to the demerger.

The Company's obligation to indemnify Hoechst is subject to the following thresholds:

- The Company will indemnify Hoechst against those liabilities up to €250 million;
- Hoechst will bear those liabilities exceeding €250 million, however the Company will reimburse Hoechst for one-third of those liabilities for amounts that exceed €750 million in the aggregate.

The Company's obligation regarding two agreements has been settled. The aggregate maximum amount of environmental indemnifications under the remaining divestiture agreements that provide for monetary limits is €750 million. Three of the divested agreements do not provide for monetary limits.

Based on the estimate of the probability of loss under this indemnification, the Company has reserves of \$34 million as of September 30, 2005, for this contingency. Where the Company is unable reasonably to determine the probability of loss or estimate such loss under an indemnification, the Company has not recognized any related liabilities.

The Company has also undertaken in the Demerger Agreement to indemnify Hoechst to the extent that Hoechst is

required to discharge liabilities, including tax liabilities, associated with businesses that were included in the demerger where such liabilities were not demerged, due to legal restrictions on the transfers of such items. These indemnities do not provide for any monetary or time limitations. The Company has not provided for any reserves associated with this indemnification. Neither the Company nor the Predecessor made any payments to Hoechst in the nine months ended September 30, 2005 or at any point during 2004, in connection with this indemnification.

Divestiture Obligations

The Company and its predecessor companies agreed to indemnify third party purchasers of former businesses and assets for various pre-closing conditions, as well as for breaches of representations, warranties and covenants. Such liabilities also include environmental liability, product liability, antitrust and other liabilities. These indemnifications and guarantees represent standard contractual terms associated with typical divestiture agreements and, other than environmental liabilities, the Company does not believe that they expose the Company to any significant risk.

The Company and the Predecessor have divested in the aggregate over 20 businesses, investments and facilities, through agreements containing indemnifications or guarantees to the purchasers. Many of the obligations contain monetary and/or time limitations, ranging from one year to 30 years. The aggregate amount of guarantees provided for under these agreements is approximately \$2.9 billion as of September 30, 2005. Other agreements do not provide for any monetary or time limitations.

Based on historical claims experience and its knowledge of the sites and businesses involved, the Company believes that it is adequately reserved for these matters. As of September 30, 2005, the Company has reserves in the aggregate of \$55 million for all such environmental matters.

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Plumbing Insurance Indemnifications

CAG entered into agreements with insurance companies related to product liability settlements associated with Celcon® plumbing claims. These agreements, except those with insolvent insurance companies, require the Company to indemnify and/or defend these insurance companies in the event that third parties seek additional monies for matters released in these agreements. The indemnifications in these agreements do not provide for time limitations.

In certain of the agreements, CAG received a fixed settlement amount. The indemnities under these agreements generally are limited to, but in some cases are greater than, the amount received in settlement from the insurance company. The maximum exposure under these indemnifications is \$95 million. Other settlement agreements have no stated limits.

There are other agreements whereby the settling insurer agreed to pay a fixed percentage of claims that relate to that insurer's policies. The Company has provided indemnifications to the insurers for amounts paid in excess of the settlement percentage. These indemnifications do not provide for monetary or time limitations.

The Company has reserves associated with these product liability claims. See Plumbing Actions above.

Other Obligations

- The Company is secondarily liable under a lease agreement pursuant to which the Company has assigned a direct obligation to a third party. The lease assumed by the third party expires on April 30, 2012. The lease liability for the period from October 1, 2005 to April 30, 2012 is estimated to be approximately \$50 million.
- The Company has agreed to indemnify various insurance carriers, for amounts not in excess of the settlements received, from claims made against these carriers subsequent to the settlement. The aggregate amount of guarantees under these settlements is approximately \$10 million, which is unlimited in term.

As indemnification obligations often depend on the occurrence of unpredictable future events, the future costs associated with them cannot be determined at this time. However, if the Company were to incur additional charges for these matters, such charges may have a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations or cash flows of the Company in any given accounting period.

Other Matters

As of September 30, 2005, Celanese Ltd. and/or CNA Holdings, Inc., both U.S. subsidiaries of the Company, are defendants in approximately 650 asbestos cases. Because many of these cases involve numerous plaintiffs, the Company is subject to claims significantly in excess of the number of actual cases. The Company has reserves for defense costs related to claims arising from these matters. The Company believes that there is not significant exposure related to these matters.

Under the transaction and monitoring fee agreement/sponsor services agreement, the Company has agreed to indemnify the Advisor and its affiliates and their respective partners, members, directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives for any and all losses relating to services contemplated by these agreements and the engagement of the Advisor pursuant to, and the performance by the Advisor or the services contemplated by, these agreements. The Company has also agreed under the transaction and monitoring fee agreement/sponsor services agreement to reimburse the Advisor and its affiliates for their expenses incurred in connection with the services provided under these agreements or in connection with their ownership or subsequent sale of Celanese Corporation stock (See Note 17).

On July 31, 2003, a federal district court ruled that the formula used in International Business Machine Corporation's ("IBM") cash balance pension plan violated the age discrimination provisions

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of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The IBM decision, however, conflicts with the decisions from two other federal district courts and with the proposed regulations for cash balance plans issued by the Internal Revenue Service in December 2002. IBM has announced that it will appeal the decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. The effect of the IBM decision on the Company's cash balance plan cannot be determined at this time.

From time to time, certain of our foreign subsidiaries have made sales of acetate, sweeteners and polymer products to countries that are or have previously been subject to sanctions and embargoes imposed by the US government and the United Nations. These countries include Iran, Sudan and Syria, three countries currently identified by the U.S. State Department as terrorist-sponsoring states and other countries that previously have been identified by the U.S. State Department as terrorist-sponsoring states, or countries to which sales have been regulated in connection with other foreign policy concerns. Approximately \$10 million of these sales by the Company's foreign subsidiaries may be in violation of regulations of the United States Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control, or OFAC, or the United States Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security. In addition, the Company has recently discovered that two of its foreign subsidiaries made approximately \$180,000 of sales of emulsions to Cuba which were apparently in violation of OFAC regulations. Cuba is also currently identified by the U.S. State Department as a terrorist-sponsoring state. The Company has informed the U.S. Treasury Department and the U.S. Department of Commerce of both of these matters and is currently engaged in preliminary discussions with the Departments. Our inquiry into these transactions is continuing and the Departments' review of this matter is in a very preliminary stage. To the extent the Company violated any regulations with respect to the above or other transactions, the Company may be subject to fines or other sanctions, including possible criminal penalties, which may result in adverse business consequences. The Company does not expect these matters to have a material adverse effect on its financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

13. Special Charges

The components of special charges are as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2005	Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2004
	(in \$ millions)	
Employee termination benefits	(9)	(6)
Plant/office closures	(1)	(52)
Restructuring adjustments	—	1
Total Restructuring	(10)	(57)
Environmental related plant closures	(12)	—
Asset impairments	(1)	—
Insurance recoveries associated with plumbing cases	—	(1)
Other	(1)	(1)
Total Special Charges	(24)	(59)

Special charges decreased to \$24 million compared to \$59 million for the same period last year primarily due to including impairment charges associated with the Acetate products segment restructuring recorded in the third quarter of 2004. The third quarter of 2005 includes charges related to a change in environmental remediation strategy related to the closure of the Edmonton Methanol plant, severance associated with the same closure and severance related to the relocation of corporate offices of \$12 million, \$6 million and \$3 million respectively.

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	Successor		Predecessor
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005	Six Months Ended September 30, 2004	Three Months Ended March 31, 2004
	(in \$ millions)		
Employee termination benefits	(18)	(7)	(2)
Plant/office closures	(2)	(52)	—
Restructuring adjustments	—	1	—
Total Restructuring	(20)	(58)	(2)
Termination of advisor monitoring services	(35)	—	—
Environmental related plant closures	(12)	—	—
Asset impairments	(25)	—	—
Advisory services	—	—	(25)
Insurance recoveries associated with plumbing cases	4	1	—
Other	(1)	(1)	(1)
Total Special Charges	(89)	(58)	(28)

Asset impairments primarily consists of revised estimates related to the Company's decision to divest its Cyclo-olefin Copolymer ("COC") business.

The components of the restructuring reserves are as follows:

	Employee Termination Benefits	Plant/Office Closures	Total
	(in \$ millions)		
Predecessor			
Restructuring reserve at December 31, 2003	28	21	49
Restructuring additions	2	—	2
Cash and noncash uses	(5)	(2)	(7)
Restructuring reserve at March 31, 2004	25	19	44
Successor			
Restructuring reserve at April 1, 2004	25	19	44
Purchase accounting adjustments	10	—	10
Restructuring additions	6	52	58
Cash and noncash uses	(10)	(54)	(64)

Restructuring reserve at September 30, 2004	31	17	48
Restructuring reserve at December 31, 2004	72	14	86
Purchase accounting adjustments	1	—	1
Restructuring additions	18	14	32
Cash and noncash uses	(26)	(20)	(46)
Currency translation adjustments	(2)	—	(2)
Other charges	(2)	—	(2)
Restructuring reserve at September 30, 2005	61	8	69

14. Stock-based and Other Management Compensation Plans

In December 2004, the Company approved a stock incentive plan, which included executive officers, key employees and directors, a deferred compensation plan, which included executive officers and key employees, as well as other management incentive programs.

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These stock incentive plans allows for the issuance or delivery of up to 16.25 million shares of the Company's Series A common stock through stock options and a discounted share program. In January 2005, options were initially granted at an exercise price equal to the initial public offering price. The options have a ten-year term with vesting terms pursuant to a schedule, with no vesting to occur later than the 8th anniversary of the date of the grant. Accelerated vesting depends on meeting specified performance targets. Of the 11.8 million stock options outstanding, 11.3 million are non-compensatory. The remaining 0.5 million options are subject to variable plan accounting. Compensation expense related to these options was approximately \$1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005. No options were exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

In December 2004, the Company granted rights to executive officers and key employees to purchase up to 1,797,386 shares of Series A common stock at a discount of \$8.80 per share. During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, 1,684,277 shares have been purchased. As a result of this discounted share offering, the Company recorded a pre-tax non-cash charge of \$14 million, with a corresponding adjustment to additional paid-in capital within shareholders' equity (deficit) in the fourth quarter 2004. Compensation expense associated with the discounted shares was immaterial for the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

The deferred compensation plan has an aggregate maximum amount payable of \$192 million. The initial component of the deferred compensation plan, totaling an aggregate of approximately \$27 million, vested in 2004 and was paid in the first quarter of 2005.

- Stock-based compensation

As permitted by SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation (“SFAS No. 123”), the Successor accounts for employee stock-based compensation in accordance with APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees (“APB No. 25”), using an intrinsic value approach to measure compensation expense, if any.

For the three months ended March 31, 2004, the Predecessor accounted for stock options and similar equity instruments under the fair value method, which requires compensation cost to be measured at the grant date based on the value of the award.

The fair value of options granted in the three and nine month period ended September 30, 2005 under the Company's stock incentive plan was estimated at the date of grant using the Black Scholes option pricing model. The following weighted average assumptions were used:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2005	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005
Risk free interest rate	4.0%	4.0%
Estimated life in years	7.8	7.5
Dividend yield	0.96%	0.77%
Volatility	27.4%	26.2%

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The following table illustrates the effect on net earnings (loss) and related per share amounts if the Successor had applied the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 to stock-based employee compensation:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2005		For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005	
	Basic Earnings Per Common Share	Diluted Earnings Per Common Share	Basic Earnings Per Common Share	Diluted Earnings Per Common Share
Earnings (Loss)				
	(in \$ millions, except per share information)			
Net earnings, available to common shareholders, as reported	42.0	0.26	95.0	0.62
Add: stock-based employee compensation expense included in reported net earnings, net of the	0.5	—	0.5	—

related tax effects						
Less: stock-based compensation under SFAS No. 123, net of the related tax effects	(2.0)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(6.0)	(0.04)	(0.04)
Pro forma net earnings available to common shareholders	40.5	0.25	0.25	89.5	0.58	0.58

15. Income Taxes

Income taxes for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, the three and six months ended September 30, 2004 and the three month period ended March 31, 2004, are recorded based on the estimated annual effective tax rate. As of September 30, 2005, the estimated annualized tax rate for 2005 is 35%, which is slightly less than the combination of the statutory rate and state income tax rates in the U.S. The estimated annual effective tax rate for 2005 reflects earnings in low tax jurisdictions, a valuation allowance for the tax benefit associated with projected U.S. losses (which includes the expenses associated with the early redemption of debt), and tax expense in certain non-U.S. jurisdictions. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company recorded tax expenses of \$26 million and \$77 million, respectively. For the three and six months ended September 30, 2004, tax expenses of \$48 million and \$58 million were recorded which resulted in a tax rate of negative 155% and negative 43%, respectively. The effective tax rates were significantly affected by the non-recognition of tax benefits associated with acquisition related expenses.

The Predecessor had tax expenses of \$17 million, which resulted in an effective tax rate of 24%, for the three months ended March 31, 2004, compared to the German statutory rate of 40%, which was primarily affected by earnings in low tax jurisdictions.

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16. Business Segments

			Successor		
Chemical Products	Acetate Products	Performance Products	Total Segments	Other Activities	Reconciliation Consolidated

(in \$ millions)

For the three months ended September 30, 2005

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Sales to external customers	1,060	212	163	46	1,481	55	—	1,536
Inter-segment revenues	40	—	—	—	40	—	(40)	—
Operating profit	98	18	4	13	133	(41)	—	92
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	134	34	4	10	182	(108)	—	74
Depreciation and amortization	45	13	3	4	65	5	—	70
Capital expenditures	22	12	8	—	42	4	—	46
For the three months ended September 30, 2004								
Sales to external customers	809	213	176	47	1,245	20	—	1,265
Inter-segment revenues	31	—	—	—	31	—	(31)	—
Operating profit	83	15	(39)	12	71	(46)	—	25
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	100	29	(39)	11	101	(132)	—	(31)
Depreciation and amortization	39	19	16	3	77	2	—	79
Capital expenditures	20	22	11	1	54	2	—	56
For the nine months ended September 30, 2005								
Sales to external customers	3,131	674	542	140	4,487	75	—	4,562
Inter-segment revenues	98	—	—	—	98	—	(98)	—
Operating profit	430	62	34	41	567	(157)	—	410
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	476	107	36	36	655	(435)	—	220
Depreciation and amortization	118	42	21	10	191	9	—	200
Capital expenditures	66	35	22	3	126	6	—	132
For the six months ended September 30, 2004								

Sales to external customers	1,589	433	349	92	2,463	31	—	2,494
Inter-segment revenues	59	—	—	—	59	—	(59)	—
Operating profit	119	26	(29)	14	130	(80)	—	50
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	134	55	(25)	12	176	(311)	—	(135)
Depreciation and amortization	77	34	30	5	146	4	—	150
Capital expenditures	37	41	24	2	104	2	—	106

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	Chemical Products	Ticona	Acetate Products	Performance Products	Predecessor		Reconciliation	Consolidated
					Total Segments	Other Activities		
(in \$ millions)								
For the three months ended March 31, 2004								
Sales to external customers	789	227	172	44	1,232	11	—	1,243
Inter-segment revenues	29	—	—	—	29	—	(29)	—
Operating profit	65	31	9	11	116	(64)	—	52
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	64	45	9	11	129	(57)	—	72
Depreciation and amortization	39	16	13	2	70	2	—	72
Capital expenditures	15	20	8	—	43	1	—	44

17. Related Party Transactions

Upon closing of the Acquisition, the Company entered into a transaction and monitoring fee agreement with

Blackstone Management Partners (the “Advisor”), an affiliate of the Blackstone Group (the “Sponsor”). Under the agreement, the Advisor agreed to provide monitoring services to the Company for a 12 year period. Also, the Advisor may receive additional compensation for providing investment banking or other advisory services provided to the Company by the Advisor or any of its affiliates, and may be reimbursed for certain expenses, in connection with any specific acquisition, divestiture, refinancing, recapitalization, or similar transaction. In connection with the completion of the initial public offering, the parties amended and restated the transaction and monitoring fee agreement to terminate the monitoring services and all obligations to pay future monitoring fees and paid the Advisor \$35 million. The Company also paid \$10 million to the Advisor for the 2005 monitoring fee. The transaction based agreement remains in effect.

In connection with the acquisition of Vinamul, the Company paid the Advisor a fee of \$2 million, which was included in the computation of the purchase price for the acquisition. In connection with the acquisition of Acetex, the Company paid the Advisor an initial fee of \$1 million. Additional fees of \$3 million were paid in August 2005 to the Advisor upon the successful completion of this acquisition. In addition, the Company has paid the Advisor aggregate fees of approximately €3 million (approximately \$4 million) in connection with the Company’s acquisition of 5.9 million additional CAG shares in August 2005 (See Note 2).

During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company reimbursed the Advisor approximately \$2 million for other costs.

Commencing in September 2005, the Company filed a Registration Statement on Form S-1 and amendments to that Registration Statement with the SEC on behalf of the Original Shareholders (the “Resale Offering”) pursuant to the terms of the Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement (“Registration Rights Agreement”) dated as of January 26, 2005, between the Company and the Original Shareholders. Pursuant to the terms of the Registration Rights Agreement, the Company will pay certain fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Resale Offering, which the Company anticipates will be approximately \$1 million.

18. Consolidating Guarantor Financial Information

The following unaudited consolidating financial statement information is presented in the provided form because (i) the Issuers are wholly owned subsidiaries of the Parent Guarantor; (ii) the

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guarantee is considered to be full and unconditional, that is, if the Issuers fail to make a scheduled payment, the Parent Guarantor is obligated to make the scheduled payment immediately and, if they do not, any holder of notes may immediately bring suit directly against the Parent Guarantor for payment of all amounts due and payable. Separate financial statements and other disclosures concerning the Parent Guarantor are not presented because management does not believe that such information is material to investors.

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	Successor				
	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2005				
	Parent				
	Guarantor	Issuer	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(in \$ millions)				
Net sales	—	—	1,536	—	1,536
Cost of sales	—	—	(1,253)	—	(1,253)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(1)	—	(143)	—	(144)
Research and development expenses	—	—	(22)	—	(22)
Special charges:					
Insurance recoveries associated with plumbing cases	—	—	—	—	—
Restructuring, impairment and other special charges	—	—	(24)	—	(24)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	—	—	(2)	—	(2)
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets	—	—	1	—	1
Operating profit (loss)	(1)	—	93	—	92
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	47	57	21	(104)	21
Interest expense	—	(10)	(62)	—	(72)
Interest income	—	—	7	—	7
Other income (expense), net	(1)	—	27	—	26
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	45	47	86	(104)	74
Income tax provision	—	—	(26)	—	(26)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before minority interests	45	47	60	(104)	48
Minority interests	—	—	(3)	—	(3)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	45	47	57	(104)	45
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—
Net earnings (loss)	45	47	57	(104)	45

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	Successor				Consolidated
	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2004				
	Parent	Issuer	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	
	Guarantor				(in \$ millions)
Net sales	—	—	1,265	—	1,265
Cost of sales	—	—	(1,005)	—	(1,005)
Selling, general and administrative expenses		—	(153)	—	(153)
Research and development expenses	—	—	(23)	—	(23)
Special charges:					
Insurance recoveries associated with plumbing cases	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Restructuring, impairment and other special charges	—	—	(58)	—	(58)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	—	—	(2)	—	(2)
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets	—	—	2	—	2
Operating profit	—	—	25	—	25
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	(31)	(29)	17	60	17
Interest expense	(40)	(2)	(57)	1	(98)
Interest income	—	—	9	(1)	8
Other income (expense), net	—	—	17	—	17
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	(71)	(31)	11	60	(31)
Income tax provision	—	—	(48)	—	(48)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before minority interests	(71)	(31)	(37)	60	(79)
Minority interests	—	—	8	—	8
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	(71)	(31)	(29)	60	(71)
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—

Net earnings (loss)	(71)	(31)	(29)	60	(71)
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	Successor				
	For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005				
	Parent				
	Guarantor	Issuer	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(in \$ millions)				
Net sales	—	—	4,562	—	4,562
Cost of sales	—	—	(3,553)	—	(3,553)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(6)	—	(435)	—	(441)
Research and development expenses	—	—	(68)	—	(68)
Special charges:					
Insurance recoveries associated with plumbing cases	—	—	4	—	4
Restructuring, impairment and other special charges	—	—	(93)	—	(93)
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Operating profit	(6)	—	416	—	410
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	103	152	48	(255)	48
Interest expense	—	(55)	(261)	—	(316)
Interest income	6	—	25	—	31
Other income (expense), net	(1)	—	48	—	47
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	102	97	276	(255)	220
Income tax provision	—	6	(83)	—	(77)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before minority interests	102	103	193	(255)	143
Minority interests	—	—	(41)	—	(41)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	102	103	152	(255)	102

Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	—	—	—
Net earnings (loss)	102	103	152	(255)

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	Successor				Consolidated
	For the Six Months Ended September 30, 2004				
	Parent				
	Guarantor	Issuer	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	
	(in \$ millions)				
Net sales	—	—	2,494	—	2,494
Cost of sales	—	—	(2,063)	—	(2,063)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	—	—	(278)	—	(278)
Research and development expenses	—	—	(45)	—	(45)
Special charges:					
Insurance recoveries associated with plumbing cases	—	—	1	—	1
Restructuring, impairment and other special charges	—	—	(59)	—	(59)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	—	—	(2)	—	(2)
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net	—	—	2	—	2
Operating profit	—	—	50	—	50
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	(147)	(29)	35	176	35
Interest expense	(46)	(2)	(181)	1	(228)
Interest income	—	—	16	(1)	15
Other income (expense), net	(3)	—	(4)	—	(7)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	(196)	(31)	(84)	176	(135)
Income tax provision	—	—	(58)	—	(58)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before minority interests	(196)	(31)	(142)	176	(193)

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Minority interests	—	—	(2)	—	(2)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	(196)	(31)	(144)	176	(195)
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Net earnings (loss)	(196)	(31)	(145)	176	(196)

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UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS INFORMATION

	Predecessor				
	For the Three Months Ended, March 31, 2004				
	Parent				
	Guarantor	Issuer	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(in \$ millions)				
Net sales	—	—	1,243	—	1,243
Cost of sales	—	—	(1,002)	—	(1,002)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	—	—	(137)	—	(137)
Research and development expenses	—	—	(23)	—	(23)
Special charges:					
Restructuring, impairment and other special charges	—	—	(28)	—	(28)
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Operating profit	—	—	52	—	52
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	—	—	12	—	12
Interest expense	—	—	(6)	—	(6)
Interest income	—	—	5	—	5
Other income (expense), net	—	—	9	—	9
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	—	—	72	—	72
Income tax provision	—	—	(17)	—	(17)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before minority interests	—	—	55	—	55

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Minority interests	—	—	—	—	—
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	—	—	55	—	55
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	—	23	—	23
Net earnings (loss)	—	—	78	—	78

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UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION

	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Successor As of September 30, 2005 Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	(in \$ millions)				
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	1	—	400	—	401
Receivables, net:					
Trade receivables, net — third party and affiliates	—	—	947	—	947
Other receivables	—	—	522	(3)	519
Inventories	—	—	625	—	625
Deferred income taxes	—	—	69	—	69
Other assets	—	—	47	—	47
Assets of discontinued operations	—	—	2	—	2
Total current assets	1	—	2,612	(3)	2,610
Investments	63	418	551	(481)	551
Property, plant and equipment, net	—	—	1,982	—	1,982
Deferred income taxes	—	6	29	—	35
Other assets	—	9	718	—	727
Goodwill	—	—	1,042	—	1,042
Intangible assets, net	—	—	393	—	393
Total assets	64	433	7,327	(484)	7,340
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)					
Current liabilities:					
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt — third party and affiliates	—	—	181	—	181

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:					
Trade payables — third party and affiliates	2	—	696	—	698
Other current liabilities	3	—	813	(3)	813
Deferred income taxes	—	—	13	—	13
Income taxes payable	—	—	224	—	224
Liabilities of discontinued operations	—	—	3	—	3
Total current liabilities	5	—	1,930	(3)	1,932
Long-term debt	—	370	2,945	—	3,315
Deferred income taxes	—	—	225	—	225
Benefit obligations	—	—	1,154	—	1,154
Other liabilities	—	—	506	—	506
Minority interests	—	—	149	—	149
Commitments and contingencies					
Shareholders' equity (deficit)	59	63	418	(481)	59
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity (deficit)	64	433	7,327	(484)	7,340

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UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION

	Parent Guarantor	Successor As of December 31, 2004		Eliminations	Consolidated
		Issuer	Non- Guarantors		
(in \$ millions)					
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	—	—	838	—	838
Receivables, net:					
Trade receivables, net — third party and affiliates	—	—	866	—	866
Other receivables	—	—	678	(8)	670
Inventories	—	—	618	—	618
Deferred income taxes	—	—	71	—	71
Other assets	—	—	86	—	86
Assets of discontinued operations	—	—	2	—	2
Total current assets	—	—	3,159	(8)	3,151
Investments	—	406	600	(406)	600
Property, plant and equipment, net	—	—	1,702	—	1,702
Deferred income taxes	—	—	54	—	54
Other assets	7	12	739	(2)	756

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Goodwill	—	—	747	—	747
Intangible assets, net	—	—	400	—	400
Total assets	7	418	7,401	(416)	7,410
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)					
Current liabilities:					
Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt — third party and affiliates					
	1	—	144	(1)	144
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:					
Trade payables — third party and affiliates					
	—	—	722	—	722
Other current liabilities	7	—	888	(7)	888
Deferred income taxes	—	—	20	—	20
Income taxes payable	—	—	214	—	214
Liabilities of discontinued operations					
	—	—	7	—	7
Total current liabilities	8	—	1,995	(8)	1,995
Long-term debt	—	527	2,716	—	3,243
Deferred income taxes	—	—	256	—	256
Benefit obligations	—	—	1,000	—	1,000
Other liabilities	2	—	510	(2)	510
Share of subsidiary losses	109	—	—	(109)	—
Minority interests	—	—	518	—	518
Commitments and contingencies					
Shareholders' equity (deficit)	(112)	(109)	406	(297)	(112)
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity (deficit)	7	418	7,401	(416)	7,410

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UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS INFORMATION

	Parent Guarantor	Issuer	Successor		Consolidated
			Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	
For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005					
(in \$ millions)					
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	8	1	507	—	516
Investing activities from continuing operations:					
Capital expenditures on property, plant and equipment	—	—	(132)	—	(132)

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Investments in Subsidiaries, net	(189)	18	—	171	—
Acquisition of CAG shares	—	—	(397)	—	(397)
Fees associated with the acquisitions	—	—	(27)	—	(27)
Acquisition of Vinamul	—	—	(208)	—	(208)
Acquisition of Acetex, net of cash acquired	—	—	(216)	—	(216)
Proceeds from sale of assets	—	—	40	—	40
Net proceeds from disposal of discontinued operations	—	—	75	—	75
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	—	—	175	—	175
Purchases of marketable securities	—	—	(96)	—	(96)
Other, net	—	—	5	—	5
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(189)	18	(781)	171	(781)
Financing activities from continuing operations:					
Redemption of senior subordinated notes, including related premium	—	—	(572)	—	(572)
Repayment of floating rate term loan, including related premium	—	—	(354)	—	(354)
Borrowings under term loan facility	—	—	1,135	—	1,135
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net	752	—	—	—	752
Proceeds from issuance of preferred stock, net	233	—	—	—	233
Proceeds from issuance of discounted common stock	12	—	—	—	12
Contribution from parent	—	779	572	(1,351)	—
Redemption of senior discount notes, including related premium	—	(207)	—	—	(207)
Redemption of Acetex bonds	—	—	(280)	—	(280)
Distribution to Series B Shareholders/parent	(804)	(590)	(590)	1,180	(804)
Short-term borrowing (repayments), net	—	—	18	—	18
Proceeds (payments) from other long-term debt, net	—	—	8	—	8
Fees associated with financings	—	(1)	(7)	—	(8)
Preferred dividends	(5)	—	—	—	(5)
Common dividends	(6)	—	—	—	(6)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	182	(19)	(70)	(171)	(78)
Exchange rate effects on cash	—	—	(94)	—	(94)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1	—	(438)	—	(437)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	—	—	838	—	838
	1	—	400	—	401

Cash and cash equivalents at end of period					
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations:					
Operating activities	—	—	(75)	—	(75)
Investing activities	—	—	75	—	75
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—

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UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS INFORMATION

	Successor				
	For the Six Months Ended September 30, 2004				
	Parent	Issuer	Non-	Eliminations	Consolidated
	Guarantor		Guarantors		
	(in \$ millions)				
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(9)	—	118	—	109
Investing activities from continuing operations:					
Capital expenditures on property, plant and equipment	—	—	(106)	—	(106)
Acquisition of CAG, net of cash acquired	—	—	(1,531)	—	(1,531)
Fees associated with acquisitions	—	—	(69)	—	(69)
Proceeds on sale of assets	—	—	5	—	5
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	—	—	85	—	85
Purchases of marketable securities	—	—	(107)	—	(107)
Other, net	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	—	—	(1,724)	—	(1,724)
Financing activities from continuing operations:					
Initial capitalization	—	—	641*	—	641
Issuance of mandatory redeemable preferred stock	—	—	200*	—	200
Repayment of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock	(221)	—	—	—	(221)
Borrowings under bridge loans	—	—	1,565	—	1,565
Repayments under bridge loans	—	—	(1,565)	—	(1,565)
Proceeds from issuance of senior subordinated notes	—	—	1,475	—	1,475

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Proceeds from issuance of Senior discount notes	—	513	—	—	513
Proceeds from floating rate term loan	—	—	350	—	350
Borrowings under term loan facility	—	—	389	—	389
Distribution to stockholders	(500)	—	—	—	(500)
Short term borrowings (repayments), net	—	—	17	—	17
Proceeds (payments) from other long term debt, net	—	—	(235)	—	(235)
Distribution from subsidiary	521	(500)	(21)	—	—
Issuance of preferred stock by consolidated subsidiary	—	—	17	—	17
Fees associated with financings	(18)	(13)	(166)	—	(197)
Loan to Shareholder	227	—	(227)	—	—
Dividend payments	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	9	—	2,439	—	2,448
Exchange rate effects on cash	—	—	(14)	—	(14)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	—	—	819	—	819
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	—	—	—	—	—
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	—	—	819	—	819
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations:					
Operating activities	—	—	1	—	1
Investing activities	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—

*Amounts included in Non-Guarantors column represent proceeds received directly by the Non-Guarantors, on behalf of the Parent Guarantor. The legal issuer of the mandatorily redeemable preferred stock is the Parent Guarantor.

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UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS INFORMATION

	Predecessor				
	For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2004				
	Non-				
Parent	Issuer	Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated	

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(in \$ millions)

Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	—	—	(107)	—	(107)
Investing activities from continuing operations:					
Capital expenditures on property, plant and equipment	—	—	(44)	—	(44)
Net proceeds from disposal of discontinued operations	—	—	139	—	139
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	—	—	42	—	42
Purchases of marketable securities	—	—	(42)	—	(42)
Other, net	—	—	1	—	1
Net cash provided by investing activities	—	—	96	—	96
Financing activities from continuing operations:					
Short-term borrowings (repayments), net	—	—	(16)	—	(16)
Proceeds (payments) of other long-term debt, net	—	—	(27)	—	(27)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	—	—	(43)	—	(43)
Exchange rate effects on cash	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	—	—	(55)	—	(55)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	—	—	148	—	148
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	—	—	93	—	93
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations:					
Operating activities	—	—	(139)	—	(139)
Investing activities	—	—	139	—	139
Net cash provided by (used in) discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—

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19. Earnings (Loss) Per Share

			Successor		
Three Months Ended September 30, 2005			Three Months Ended September 30, 2004		
Continuing Operations	Discontinued Operations	Net earnings	Continuing Operations	Discontinued Operations	Net earnings

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		(loss)		(loss)	
		(in \$ millions, except for share and per share data)			
Net earnings (loss)	45	—	45	(71)	— (71)
Less: cumulative undeclared and declared preferred stock dividends	(3)	—	(3)	—	—
Earnings (loss) available to common stockholders	42	—	42	(71)	— (71)
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	0.26	—	0.26	(0.71)	— (0.71)
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	0.26	—	0.26	(0.71)	— (0.71)
Weighted-average shares — basic	158,546,594	—	158,546,594	99,377,884	99,377,884 99,377,884
Dilutive stock options	1,377,185	—	1,377,185	—	—
Assumed conversion of preferred stock	12,006,491	—	12,006,491	—	—
Weighted-average shares — diluted	171,930,270	—	171,930,270	99,377,884	99,377,884 99,377,884

	Successor					
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005			Six Months Ended September 30, 2004		
	Continuing Operations	Discontinued Operations	Net earnings (loss)	Continuing Operations	Discontinued Operations	Net earnings (loss)
	(in \$ millions, except for share and per share data)					
Net earnings (loss)	102	—	102	(195)	(1)	(196)
Less: cumulative undeclared and declared preferred stock dividends	(7)	—	(7)	—	—	—
Earnings (loss) available to common shareholders	95	—	95	(195)	(1)	(196)
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	0.62	—	0.62	(1.96)	(0.01)	(1.97)
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	0.62	—	0.62	(1.96)	(0.01)	(1.97)
Weighted-average shares — basic	153,001,360	—	153,001,360	99,377,884	99,377,884	99,377,884
Dilutive stock options	535,442	—	535,442	—	—	—
Assumed conversion of preferred stock	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weighted-average shares — diluted	153,536,802	—	153,536,802	99,377,884	99,377,884	99,377,884

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	Predecessor		
	Three Months Ended March 31, 2004		
	Continuing Operations	Discontinued Operations	Net earnings (loss)
	(in \$ millions, except for share and per share data)		
Net earnings (loss)	55	23	78
Less: cumulative undeclared and declared preferred stock dividends	—	—	—
Earnings (loss) available to common shareholders	55	23	78
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	1.12	0.46	1.58
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	1.11	0.46	1.57
Weighted-average shares — basic	49,321,468	49,321,468	49,321,468
Dilutive stock options	390,953	390,953	390,953
Weighted-average shares — diluted	49,712,421	49,712,421	49,712,421

Basic earnings (loss) per common share is based on the net earnings available to common shareholders divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per common share is based on the net earnings available to common shareholders divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period adjusted to give effect to common stock equivalents, if dilutive.

The following securities were not included in the computation of diluted net earnings per share as their effect would have been anti-dilutive:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2005	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005
Options to purchase common stock	—	911,000
Convertible preferred stock	—	10,863,016
	—	11,774,016

Prior to the completion of the initial public offering of Celanese Corporation Series A common stock in January 2005, the Company effected a 152.772947 for 1 stock split of outstanding shares of common stock (see Note 11). Accordingly, basic and diluted shares for the three months ended March 31, 2005 have been calculated based on the weighted average shares outstanding, adjusted for the stock split. Earnings per common share for the Predecessor periods has been calculated by dividing net earnings available to common shareholders by the historical weighted average shares outstanding of the Predecessor. As the capital structure of the Predecessor and Successor are different, the reported earnings (loss) per common share are not comparable.

On October 5, 2005, the Company announced that it has signed a letter of intent to divest its COC business to a venture between Daicel Chemical Industries Ltd. and the Company's Polyplastics Co. Ltd. venture.

On October 5, 2005, the Company declared a cash dividend on its 4.25% convertible perpetual preferred stock amounting to \$3 million and a cash dividend of \$0.04 per share on its Series A common stock amounting to \$6 million. Both cash dividends are for the period August 1, 2005 to October 31, 2005 and were paid on November 1, 2005 to holders of record as of October 15, 2005.

On October 7, 2005, the Company announced the sale of its Acetate manufacturing facility in Rock Hill, South Carolina to Greens of Rock Hill LLC. Production at the facility was phased out earlier in 2005 as part of its previously announced plans to consolidate its acetate flake manufacturing operations. The Company is assessing the accounting impact of the transaction.

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

You should read the following discussion and analysis of the financial condition and the results of operations of Celanese Corporation and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company" or the "Successor") together with the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes to those financial statements, which were prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and with the Celanese Corporation and its subsidiaries consolidated financial statements for the nine months ended December 31, 2004, as filed with the Securities Exchange Commission on Form 10-K.

The following discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations cover periods prior and subsequent to the acquisition of Celanese AG and its subsidiaries (collectively "CAG" or the "Predecessor"). Accordingly, the discussion and analysis of historical periods prior to the acquisition do not reflect the significant impact that the acquisition of CAG has had and will have on the Successor, including increased leverage and liquidity requirements as well as purchase accounting adjustments. In addition, investors are cautioned that the forward-looking statements contained in this section involve both risk and uncertainty. Several important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated by these statements. Many of these statements are macroeconomic in nature and are, therefore, beyond the control of management. See "Forward-Looking Information" located at the end of this section.

Reconciliation of Non-U.S. GAAP Measures: Management believes that using non-U.S. GAAP financial measures to supplement U.S. GAAP results is useful to investors because such use provides a more complete understanding of the factors and trends affecting the business other than disclosing U.S. GAAP results alone. In this regard, we disclose net debt, which is a non-U.S. GAAP financial measure. Net debt is defined as total debt less cash and cash equivalents. Management uses net debt to evaluate the Company's capital structure. Net debt is not a substitute for any U.S. GAAP financial measure. In addition, the calculation of net debt contained in this report may not be consistent with that of other companies. The most directly comparable financial measure presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP in our financial statements for net debt is total debt. For a reconciliation of net debt and total debt, see "Financial Highlights" below.

Basis of Presentation

Impact of the Acquisition of Celanese AG

On April 6, 2004, Celanese Europe Holding GmbH & Co. KG (the "Purchaser"), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Successor, acquired approximately 84% of the Celanese AG ordinary shares, excluding treasury shares ("CAG Shares") pursuant to a voluntary tender offer commenced in February 2004. The CAG Shares were acquired at a price of €32.50 per share or an aggregate purchase price of \$1,693 million, including direct acquisition costs of approximately \$69 million. During the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the Purchaser acquired additional CAG Shares for a purchase price of \$397 million and \$33 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004, the Purchaser's ownership percentage was approximately 96% and 84%, respectively. The additional CAG Shares were acquired pursuant to either i) the mandatory offer commenced in September 2004 that will expire on December 1, 2005, unless further extended or ii) the recent purchase of CAG shares as described below.

Recent Purchases of CAG Shares

In August 2005, the Company acquired approximately 5.9 million, or approximately 12%, of the outstanding CAG Shares from two shareholders of CAG for the aggregate consideration of approximately €302 million (\$369 million). In addition, the Company also paid to such shareholders an additional purchase price of approximately €12 million (\$15 million) in consideration for the settlement of certain claims and for such shareholders agreeing to, among other things, (1) accept the shareholders' resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting of CAG held on July 30 and 31, 2004 and the annual general meeting of CAG held on May 19 and 20, 2005, (2) acknowledge the legal effectiveness of the domination and profit and loss transfer agreement, (3) irrevocably withdraw and

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abandon all actions, applications and appeals each brought or joined in legal proceedings related to, among other things, challenging the effectiveness of the Domination Agreement and amount of fair cash compensation offered by Purchaser in the mandatory offer required by Section 305(1) of the German Stock Corporation Act, (4) refrain from acquiring any CAG Shares or any other investment in CAG, and (5) refrain from taking any future legal action with respect to shareholder resolutions or corporate actions of CAG. The Company paid the aggregate consideration of €314 million (\$384 million) for the additional CAG Shares that were acquired from such shareholders and for the agreements described above using available cash. The Company also announced that it would increase its offer to purchase any remaining outstanding CAG Shares to €51 per share (plus interest on €41.92 per share) for all minority shareholders that would accept the increased offer on or prior to September 29, 2005 and waive their rights to participate in an increase of the offer consideration as a result of the pending award proceedings. In addition, all shareholders who tendered their shares pursuant to the mandatory offer of €41.92 per share commenced in September 2004 and continuing as of the date of this filing, were entitled to claim the difference between the increased offer of €51 per share and the mandatory offer of €41.92 per share. Any shareholder who accepted the increased offer of €51 per share, or claimed the difference between the mandatory offer and the increased offer, was obligated to agree to waive its rights to participate in any possible future increase of the offer consideration as a result of the pending award proceedings. For minority shareholders who did not accept the increased offer on or prior to the September 29, 2005 expiration date, the terms of the original €41.92 per share mandatory offer will continue to apply. The mandatory offer will expire on December 1, 2005, unless further extended.

As of November 2, 2005, the Company increased its ownership interest in CAG to approximately 98% as a result of additional shares tendered under the mandatory offer.

We accounted for the initial acquisition of CAG using the purchase method of accounting and, accordingly, this resulted in a new basis of accounting. The purchase price was allocated based on the fair value of the underlying

assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The assets acquired and liabilities assumed are reflected at fair value for the approximately 84% portion acquired and at CAG historical basis for the remaining approximate 16%. The excess of the total purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired at closing was allocated to goodwill, and this indefinite lived asset is subject to an annual impairment review. During the three months ended March 31, 2005, the Company finalized its purchase accounting adjustments for the original acquisition of CAG. (See Notes 2 and 8 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements).

In the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company increased goodwill by \$15 million as a result of purchase accounting adjustments related to the original acquisition of CAG Shares and to the acquisition of additional CAG shares. Included in this adjustment is a \$23 million increase to goodwill, and a corresponding increase to the Company's minority interest liability primarily associated with the organizational restructuring that occurred in October 2004 (see Note 2 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements). The Company is in the process of determining the fair value of all assets acquired and liabilities assumed for the additional CAG shares acquired. The Company expects to finalize the purchase accounting for this transaction by June 30, 2006. (See Notes 2 and 8 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements).

Impact of the Acquisitions of Vinamul and Acetex

In February 2005, the Company acquired Vinamul, the North American and European emulsion polymer business of Imperial Chemical Industries PLC ('ICI') for \$208 million. The Vinamul product line includes vinyl acetate-ethylene copolymers, vinyl acetate homopolymers and copolymers, and acrylic and vinyl acrylic emulsions. Vinamul operates manufacturing facilities in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and The Netherlands. As part of the agreement, ICI will continue to supply Vinamul with starch, dextrin and other specialty ingredients following the acquisition. The Company will supply ICI with vinyl acetate monomer and polyvinyl alcohols. The supply agreements are for 15 years, and the pricing is based on market and other negotiated terms. The Company

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primarily financed this acquisition through borrowings of \$200 million under the amended and restated senior credit facilities (See Notes 6, 8 and 9 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements).

In September 2005, in connection with the Vinamul transaction, the Company sold its emulsion powders business to ICI for approximately \$25 million. The transaction includes a supply agreement whereby the Company will supply product to ICI for a period of up to fifteen years. Net sales and pre-tax earnings for the emulsions powders business for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 were approximately \$30 million and \$1 million, respectively.

In July 2005, the Company acquired Acetex Corporation ('Acetex') for \$270 million and assumed Acetex's \$247 million of net debt, which is net of cash acquired of \$54 million. Acetex's operations include an acetyls business with plants in Europe and a North-American specialty polymers and film business. The Company acquired Acetex using primarily existing cash. The Company caused Acetex to exercise its option to redeem its 10 7/8% senior notes due 2009 totaling \$265 million. The redemption was funded primarily with cash on hand and occurred on August 19, 2005. The redemption price was \$280 million, which represents 105.438% of the outstanding principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to August 19, 2005. On August 25, 2005, the Company repaid the remaining \$36 million of assumed debt with available cash.

In connection with the acquisitions of Vinamul and Acetex, the Company has preliminarily allocated the purchase price to assets acquired and liabilities assumed primarily based on the historical cost of the business acquired.

Included in the liabilities assumed are certain obligations related to the acquired pension and postretirement benefit plans. The excess of the purchase price over the amounts allocated to assets and liabilities for Vinamul and Acetex is included in goodwill, and as of September 30, 2005 is preliminarily estimated to be approximately \$27 million and \$244 million, respectively. The Company expects to finalize the purchase accounting for Vinamul and Acetex by December 31, 2005 and June 30, 2006, respectively.

As of the acquisition dates of Vinamul and Acetex, the Company began formulating plans to exit or restructure certain activities. The Company has not completed these analyses, and as of September 30, 2005, has not recorded any liabilities associated with these activities. As the Company finalizes any plans to exit or restructure activities, it may record additional liabilities for, among other things, severance and severance related costs, and such amounts could be material.

Successor

Successor — Represents the Company's unaudited consolidated financial position as of September 30, 2005 and December 31, 2004 and its unaudited consolidated results of operations for the three months ended September 30, 2005, June 30, 2005, March 31, 2005, September 30, 2004, and June 30, 2004 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 and for the six months ended September 30, 2004. These consolidated financial statements reflect the application of purchase accounting, described above, relating to the original acquisition of CAG and preliminary purchase price accounting adjustments relating to the acquisitions of Vinamul, Acetex and additional CAG shares acquired during the nine months ended September 30, 2005.

Predecessor

Predecessor — Represents CAG's consolidated results of operations and cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2004. These consolidated financial statements relate to periods prior to the original acquisition of CAG and present CAG's historical basis of accounting without the application of purchase accounting.

The results of the Successor are not comparable to the results of the Predecessor due to the difference in the basis of presentation of purchase accounting as compared to historical cost.

Initial Public Offering and Concurrent Financings

In January 2005, the Company completed an initial public offering of 50,000,000 shares of Series A common stock and received net proceeds of \$752 million after deducting underwriters' discounts

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and offering expenses of \$48 million. Concurrently, the Company received net proceeds of \$233 million from the offering of 9,600,000 shares of convertible perpetual preferred stock after deducting underwriters' discounts and offering expenses of \$7 million. A portion of the proceeds of the share offerings were used to redeem \$188 million of senior discount notes and \$521 million of senior subordinated notes, excluding early redemption premiums of \$19 million and \$51 million, respectively.

Subsequent to the closing of the initial public offering, the Company borrowed an additional \$1,135 million under the amended and restated senior credit facilities, a portion of which was used to repay a \$350 million floating rate term

loan, which excludes a \$4 million early redemption premium, and \$200 million of which was used as the primary financing for the February 2005 acquisition of the Vinamul emulsions business. Additionally, the amended and restated senior credit facilities include a \$242 million delayed draw term loan. The delayed draw term loan expired unutilized in July 2005.

On April 7, 2005, the Company used the remaining proceeds of the initial public offering and concurrent financings to pay a special cash dividend to holders of the Company's Series B common stock of \$804 million, which was declared on March 8, 2005. In addition, on March 9, 2005, the Company issued a 7,500,000 Series A common stock dividend to the holders of its Series B common stock which was declared on March 8, 2005. Upon payment of the \$804 million dividend, all of the outstanding shares of Series B common stock converted automatically into shares of Series A common stock.

Recent Highlights:

- Increased our ownership of CAG to approximately 98% as of November 2, 2005 following an agreement with major shareholders and ongoing tender offers. In November 2005, the Company's Board of Directors approved commencement of the process for effecting a squeeze-out of remaining shareholders.
- Appointment of John J. Gallagher III as executive vice president and chief financial officer.
- Completed the sale of Rock Hill cellulose acetate manufacturing site in October 2005 as part of the restructuring of the Acetate business.
- Completed the acquisition of Acetex Corporation and redemption of Acetex's outstanding 10 7/8% senior notes primarily with available cash.
- Completed the transition to purchase the Company's full requirement of Gulf Coast methanol from Southern Chemical Corporation, a Trinidad-based supplier, in an arrangement that is expected to yield significant savings.
- Discontinued production of certain acetate flake and relocated the Acetate Products headquarters to Dallas.
- Announced the closure and relocation of our Bedminster, N.J. corporate office to Dallas by mid-2006.
- Announced intention to build a state-of-the-art vinyl acetate ethylene and conventional emulsion polymer facility in China. Startup is targeted for the first half of 2007.
- Announced plans to construct a world-scale plant for the manufacture of GUR® ultra high molecular weight polyethylene in Asia. Production is expected to begin in the second half of 2007.
- Continued to focus the product portfolio by exiting non-strategic businesses, such as the high performance polymer polybenzamidazole (“PBI”), vectran polymer and emulsion powders.
- Signed a letter of intent to divest the non-core cyclo-olefin copolymer business (“COC”) to a venture between Daicel Chemical Industries Ltd. and our Polyplastics equity investment.
- Adopted a policy and began to pay common shareholders in August 2005 dividends of \$0.16 per share annually, or 1%, based on the initial public offering price of \$16 per share.

Overview

Three Months Ended September 30, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended September 30, 2004

In the three months ended September 30, 2005, net sales rose 21% to \$1,536 million compared to \$1,265 million in the same period last year primarily due to higher pricing, mainly in the Chemical

Products segment, and the net sales from the recently acquired Vinamul and Acetex businesses. Operating profit more than tripled to \$92 million compared to \$25 million in the same period last year principally driven by higher pricing, productivity improvements and a decrease in special charges of \$35 million. These effects more than offset higher raw material and energy costs, mainly for ethylene and natural gas. Operating profit for the three months ended September 30, 2005 included a \$15 million charge to cost of sales for a non-cash inventory-related purchase accounting adjustment. For the three months ended September 30, 2005, Acetex (including AT Plastics) and Vinamul, had operating losses of \$1 million and \$3 million, respectively, primarily related to inventory purchase accounting adjustments and integration costs in connection with the acquisitions. The Company recorded net earnings of \$45 million compared to a net loss of \$71 million. This increase is primarily due to higher operating profit and lower interest expense, compared to the prior period in 2004, which included deferred financing costs of \$18 million and prepayment premium of \$21 million associated with the refinancing of the mandatorily redeemable preferred stock. This increase was partially offset by a \$13 million increase in 2005 in interest expense due to higher debt levels and higher interest rates.

In September 2005, the Company announced a controlled shutdown of its plants in Clear Lake, Pasadena, Bay City and Bishop, Texas in preparation for Hurricane Rita. The Company subsequently announced that these plants sustained minimal damage from this hurricane. Production has resumed at these plants. The Company believes the hurricane will have an aggregate negative impact on earnings of approximately \$15 million in the third and fourth quarters of 2005.

Three Months Ended June 30, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended June 30, 2004

In the three months ended June 30, 2005, net sales rose 23% to \$1,517 million compared to \$1,229 million in the same period last year primarily on higher pricing, mainly in Chemical Products, and the sales of the recently acquired Vinamul emulsions business, which closed in the first quarter of 2005. Operating profit rose significantly to \$152 million versus \$25 million last year on margin expansion principally driven by higher pricing and productivity improvements. These effects more than offset higher raw material and energy costs, mainly for ethylene and natural gas, and higher special charges. Operating profit in 2004 included a \$49 million charge for a non-cash inventory-related purchase accounting adjustment. The Company recorded net earnings of \$67 million compared to a net loss of \$125 million, which included \$71 million of deferred financing costs for the prepayment of the senior subordinated bridge loan facilities. The second quarter of 2005 benefited from higher operating profit and a \$40 million favorable change in our net foreign currency gain (loss) resulting from exchange rate movements and a change from a net asset to a net liability foreign currency position.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2004

In the three months ended March 31, 2005, net sales rose 21% to \$1,509 million compared to \$1,243 million, in the same period last year, primarily on significant higher pricing. Higher volumes, favorable currency movements and composition changes, of which \$66 million was related to the Vinamul emulsions acquisition, increased net sales. The Company recorded a net loss of \$10 million compared to earnings of \$78 million for CAG largely due to higher interest expense, which included \$102 million in refinancing related costs (comprising early redemption premiums and accelerated amortization of deferred financing costs of \$74 million and \$28 million, respectively), and higher special charges, mainly due to \$35 million in expenses for the termination of sponsor monitoring services. The three months ended March 31, 2005 benefited from higher pricing mainly in Chemical Products, driven by strong demand and higher industry capacity utilization. The Company also benefited from cost savings resulting from restructuring and productivity improvement programs as well as lower depreciation and amortization. These benefits were partially offset by higher raw materials and energy costs.

Financial Highlights

	Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2005	Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2004	Successor Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005	Successor Six Months Ended September 30, 2004	Predecessor Three Months Ended March 31, 2004
			(in \$ millions)		

Statement of Operations**Data:**

Net sales	1,536	1,265	4,562	2,494	1,243
Special charges	(24)	(59)	(89)	(58)	(28)
Operating profit	92	25	410	50	52
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	74	(31)	220	(135)	72
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	45	(71)	102	(195)	55
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	—	—	(1)	23
Net earnings (loss)	45	(71)	102	(196)	78

	Successor As of September 30, 2005	As of December 31, 2004
	(in \$ millions)	

Balance Sheet Data:

Short-term borrowings and current installments of long-term debt — third party and affiliates

Plus: Long-term debt	181	144
Total debt	3,315	3,243
Less: Cash and cash equivalents	3,496	3,387
Net debt	401	838
	3,095	2,549

	Successor Three Months Ended	Successor Three Months Ended	Successor Nine Months Ended	Successor Six Months Ended	Predecessor Three Months Ended

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	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2004	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2004	March 31, 2004
	(in \$ millions)				
Other Data:					
Depreciation and amortization	70	79	200	150	72
Operating margin ⁽¹⁾	6.0%	2.0%	9.0%	2.0%	4.2%
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests as a percentage of net sales	4.8%	(2.5)%	4.8%	(5.4)%	5.8%

⁽¹⁾Defined as operating profit divided by net sales.
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	Successor Three Months Ended			Nine Months Ended September
	September 30, 2005	June 30, 2005	March 31, 2005	30, 2005
	(in \$ millions)			
Net sales	1,536	1,517	1,509	4,562
Cost of sales	(1,253)	(1,175)	(1,125)	(3,553)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(144)	(136)	(161)	(441)
Research and development expenses	(22)	(23)	(23)	(68)
Special charges:				
Insurance recoveries associated with plumbing cases	—	4	—	4
Restructuring, impairment and other special charges	(24)	(31)	(38)	(93)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	(2)	(1)	3	—
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net	1	(3)	1	(1)
Operating profit	92	152	166	410
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	21	12	15	48
Interest expense	(72)	(68)	(176)	(316)
Interest income	7	9	15	31
Other income (expense), net	26	18	3	47
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	74	123	23	220
Income tax provision	(26)	(43)	(8)	(77)

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Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before minority interests	48	80	15	143
Minority interests	(3)	(13)	(25)	(41)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	45	67	(10)	102
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	—	—	—
Net earnings (loss)	45	67	(10)	102

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	Successor Three Months Ended		Predecessor Three Months Ended
	September 30, 2004	June 30, 2004	March 31, 2004
	(in \$ millions)		
Net sales	1,265	1,229	1,243
Cost of sales	(1,005)	(1,058)	(1,002)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(153)	(125)	(137)
Research and development expenses	(23)	(22)	(23)
Special charges:			
Insurance recoveries associated with plumbing cases	(1)	2	—
Restructuring, impairment and other special charges	(58)	(1)	(28)
Foreign exchange gain (loss), net	(2)	—	—
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets, net	2	—	(1)
Operating profit	25	25	52
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	17	18	12
Interest expense	(98)	(130)	(6)
Interest income	8	7	5
Other income (expense), net	17	(24)	9
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	(31)	(104)	72
Income tax provision	(48)	(10)	(17)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before minority interests	(79)	(114)	55
Minority interests	8	(10)	—
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	(71)	(124)	55
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations:			
Loss from operation of discontinued operations	—	(1)	(5)
Gain on disposal of discontinued operations	—	—	14
Income tax benefit	—	—	14
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	—	(1)	23
Net earnings (loss)	(71)	(125)	78

Selected Data by Business Segment — Three Months Ended September 30, 2005 Compared with
Three Months Ended September 30, 2004

	Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2005	Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2004	Change in \$
	(in \$ millions)		
Net Sales			
Chemical Products	1,100	840	260
Technical Polymers Ticona	212	213	(1)
Acetate Products	163	176	(13)
Performance Products	46	47	(1)
Segment Total	1,521	1,276	245
Other Activities	55	20	35
Intersegment Eliminations	(40)	(31)	(9)
Total Net Sales	1,536	1,265	271
Special Charges			
Chemical Products	12	3	9
Technical Polymers Ticona	1	6	(5)
Acetate Products	9	50	(41)
Performance Products	—	—	—
Segment Total	22	59	(37)
Other Activities	2	—	2
Total Special Charges	24	59	(35)
Operating Profit (Loss)			
Chemical Products	98	83	15
Technical Polymers Ticona	18	15	3
Acetate Products	4	(39)	43
Performance Products	13	12	1
Segment Total	133	71	62
Other Activities	(41)	(46)	5
Total Operating Profit	92	25	67
Earnings (Loss) from Continuing Operations Before Tax and Minority Interests			
Chemical Products	134	100	34
Technical Polymers Ticona	34	29	5
Acetate Products	4	(39)	43
Performance Products	10	11	(1)
Segment Total	182	101	81

Other Activities	(108)	(132)	24
Total Earnings (Loss) from Continuing Operations Before Tax and Minority Interests	74	(31)	105

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Selected Data by Business Segment — Three Months Ended September 30, 2005 Compared with
Three Months Ended September 30, 2004

	Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2005	Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2004	Change in \$
	(in \$ millions)		
Depreciation & Amortization			
Chemical Products	45	39	6
Technical Polymers Ticona	13	19	(6)
Acetate Products	3	16	(13)
Performance Products	4	3	1
Segment Total	65	77	(12)
Other Activities	5	2	3
Total Depreciation & Amortization	70	79	(9)

Factors Affecting Third Quarter 2005 Segment Net Sales Compared to Third Quarter 2004

in percent	Volume	Price	Currency	Other*	Total
Chemical Products	2%	12%	1%	16%	31%
Technical Polymers Ticona	(5)	5	—	—	—
Acetate Products	(12)	5	—	—	(7)
Performance Products	2	(4)	—	—	(2)
Segment Total	(1)%	9%	—%	11%	19%

*Primarily represents net sales of the recently acquired Vinamul and Acetex businesses, excluding AT
Plastics which is included in other activities.

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Summary by Business Segment—Three Months Ended September 30, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended September 30, 2004

Chemical Products

in \$ millions (except for percentages)	Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2005	Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2004	Change in \$
Net sales	1,100	840	260
Net sales variance:			
Volume	2%		
Price	12%		
Currency	1%		
Other	16%		
Operating profit	98	83	15
Operating margin	8.9%	9.9%	
Special charges	12	3	9
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	134	100	34
Depreciation and amortization	45	39	6

Three Months Ended September 30, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended September 30, 2004

Chemical Products' net sales increased 31% to \$1,100 million compared to the same period last year primarily due to the recent acquisitions of Vinamul and Acetex, as well as higher pricing. Pricing increased in all products, primarily in acetic acid, vinyl acetate and acetyl derivatives. The price increase was driven by continued strong demand, high industry utilization in base products and higher raw material costs, particularly for ethylene and natural gas.

For the three months ended September 30, 2005, the Chemical Products' segment recorded special charges of \$12 million compared to \$3 million in the same period last year. The increase in special charges primarily relates to charges for a change in the environmental remediation strategy related to the closure of the Edmonton methanol plant, as well as severance related to same closure.

Earnings from continuing operations before tax and minority interests increased 34% to \$134 million compared to the same period last year benefiting from increased operating profit and dividends from the Ibn Sina cost investment. Dividends more than doubled to \$33 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005 from \$15 million in the same period last year, primarily due to higher methanol pricing. Higher selling prices for base products more than offset higher raw material costs, such as ethylene and natural gas. However, downstream products, such as emulsions and polyvinyl alcohol experienced margin compression, as raw material costs rose faster than pricing. The increase in earnings was partially offset by higher energy costs, increased special charges, a \$7 million charge to cost of sales for non-cash inventory-related purchase accounting adjustments and integration costs in connection with the Vinamul and Acetex acquisitions. For the three months ended September 30, 2005, Vinamul and Acetex (excluding AT Plastics) had losses of \$4 million and \$2 million, respectively.

Technical Polymers Ticona

in \$ millions (except for percentages)	Successor	Successor	Change in \$
	Three Months Ended September 30, 2005	Three Months Ended September 30, 2004	
Net sales	212	213	(1)
Net sales variance:			
Volume	(5)%		
Price	5%		
Operating profit	18	15	3
Operating margin	8.5%	7.0%	
Special charges	1	6	(5)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	34	29	5
Depreciation and amortization	13	19	(6)

Three Months Ended September 30, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended September 30, 2004

Ticona's net sales declined by \$1 million to \$212 million from the same period last year. The Company was successful in its pricing initiatives, which nearly offset lower volumes, mainly for polyacetal ("POM") due to the weak European automotive market and reduced sales to lower end applications.

Earnings from continuing operations before tax and minority interests increased 17% to \$34 million from the same period last year primarily due to progress in cost savings from an organization redesign and restructuring initiatives, higher pricing and lower depreciation and amortization expense due to changes in the useful life of certain property, plant and equipment. These factors were partially offset by lower volumes, higher raw material costs and lower inventory compared to the same period last year when there was a build for a planned maintenance turnaround.

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Acetate Products

In \$ millions (except for percentages)	Successor	Successor	Change in \$
	Three Months Ended September 30, 2005	Three Months Ended September 30, 2004	
Net sales	163	176	(13)
Net sales variance:			
Volume	(12)%		
Price	5%		
Operating profit	4	(39)	43
Operating margin	2.5%	(22.2)%	

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Special charges	9	50	(41)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	4	(39)	43
Depreciation and amortization	3	16	(13)

Three Months Ended September 30, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended September 30, 2004

Net sales for Acetate Products decreased 7% to \$163 million from the same period last year as higher pricing for tow and flake and increased flake volumes did not offset lower volumes for filament and tow. The lower volumes are attributed to the Company's anticipated exit from the filament business and the shutdown of a Canadian tow plant. The increase in pricing is primarily to cover increases in raw material costs.

For the three months ended September 30, 2005, the Acetate Products' segment recorded special charges of \$9 million compared to \$50 million in the same period last year. Special charges in the three months ended September 30, 2005 primarily related to charges for a change in the environmental remediation strategy related to the closure of the Edmonton methanol plant, while the special charges reflected in the same period last year primarily represented asset impairments associated with a major restructuring of the business.

Earnings from continuing operations before tax and minority interests increased to \$4 million compared a loss of \$39 million in the same period last year, largely due to a decrease in special charges related to restructuring. The three months ended September 30, 2005 also included a decrease in depreciation and amortization expenses, primarily resulting from \$8 million of charges for asset retirement obligations recorded in 2004 associated with a major restructuring of the business. Higher pricing and savings from restructuring and productivity improvements were more than offset by increased raw material and energy costs, along with temporarily higher manufacturing costs resulting from a realignment of inventory levels as part of the restructuring strategy.

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Performance Products

(in \$ millions (except for percentages))	Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2005	Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2004	Change in \$
Net sales	46	47	(1)
Net sales variance:			
Volume	2%		
Price	(4)%		
Operating profit	13	12	1
Operating margin	28.3%	25.5%	
Special charges	—	—	—
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	10	11	(1)
Depreciation and amortization	4	3	1

Three Months Ended September 30, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended September 30, 2004

Net sales for Performance Products decreased by \$1 million to \$46 million compared to the same period last year as higher volumes, primarily for Sunett® sweetener, were more than offset by lower pricing for the sweetener. The decline in pricing for Sunett sweetener continued to be consistent with the Company's positioning strategy for the product.

Earnings from continuing operations before tax and minority interests decreased by \$1 million to \$10 million compared to the same period last year as cost savings initiatives were offset by lower selling prices and impairment of cost investments.

Other Activities

Other Activities primarily consists of corporate center costs, including financing and administrative activities, and certain other operating entities, including the captive insurance companies and the AT Plastics business, which was acquired in connection with the acquisition of Acetex in July 2005.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended September 30, 2004

Net sales for Other Activities increased to \$55 million from \$20 million in the same period last year primarily due to the addition of \$49 million in net sales from the AT Plastics business, which was partially offset by lower third party sales from the captive insurance companies of \$9 million and \$5 million related to the divestitures of the performance polymer polybenzamidazole and vectran polymer fiber businesses in the second quarter of 2005. Loss from continuing operations before tax and minority interests improved to a loss of \$108 million from a loss of \$132 million in the same period last year. This decrease is primarily due to a decrease in interest expense of \$26 million which included the effect of the absence of the 2004 expensing of deferred financing costs of \$18 million and a prepayment premium of \$21 million associated with the refinancing of the mandatorily redeemable preferred stock. This decrease was partially offset by increased interest expense of \$13 million due to higher debt levels and interest rates in addition to a \$5 million charge to cost of sales for non-cash inventory-related purchase accounting adjustments recorded in the AT Plastics business.

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Summary of Consolidated Results—Three Months Ended September 30, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended September 30, 2004

Net Sales

Net sales rose 21% to \$1,536 million in the third quarter of 2005 from \$1,265 million in the same period last year primarily due to a 9% increase related to higher pricing, mainly in the Chemical Products segment, and an 11% increase in net sales from the recently acquired Vinamul and Acetex businesses. These increases were partially offset by (1)% lower volumes primarily from the Acetate Products segment resulting from the planned exit from the filament business and the shutdown of a Canadian tow plant.

Gross Profit Margin

Gross profit margin increased to \$283 million or 18% of net sales in the three months ended September 30, 2005 from \$260 million or 21% of net sales in the comparable period last year. The \$23 million or 9% increase reflects significantly higher pricing primarily in Chemical Products and productivity improvements. For the three months ended September 30, 2005, Vinamul and Acetex had a gross profit of \$14 million and \$6 million, respectively, which included inventory purchase accounting adjustments and integration costs in connection with the acquisitions. Downstream products, such as emulsions and polyvinyl alcohol, however, experienced margin compression, as raw material costs rose faster than pricing. The increase is partially offset by a \$15 million charge to cost of sales in the three months ended September 30, 2005 for non-cash inventory-related purchase accounting adjustments.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses of \$144 million in the three months ended September 30, 2005 decreased \$9 million from the same period last year. This decrease was due to ongoing cost savings initiatives, organizational redesign of the Ticona segment and other restructuring initiatives in addition to decreases in legal, audit and general expenses associated with the acquisition of CAG. These decreases are partially offset by the addition of costs associated with Vinamul and Acetex.

Special Charges

The components of special charges for the three months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004 were as follows:

	Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2005	Successor Three Months Ended September 30, 2004
	(in \$ millions)	
Employee termination benefits	(9)	(6)
Plant/office closures	(1)	(52)
Restructuring adjustments	—	1
Total Restructuring	(10)	(57)
Environmental related plant closures	(12)	—
Asset impairments	(1)	—
Insurance recoveries associated with plumbing cases	—	(1)
Other	(1)	(1)
Total Special Charges	(24)	(59)

Special charges decreased to \$24 million compared to \$59 million for the same period last year. The decrease is primarily due to impairment charges associated with the Acetate Products segment restructuring recorded in the third quarter of 2004. The third quarter of 2005 includes charges for a change in the environmental remediation strategy related to the closure of the Edmonton methanol plant, severance associated with the same closure and severance related to the relocation of corporate offices of \$12 million, \$6 million and \$3 million, respectively.

Operating profit more than tripled to \$92 million compared to \$25 million in the same period last year principally driven by higher pricing, productivity improvements and \$35 million in lower special charges. These effects more than offset higher raw material and energy costs, mainly for ethylene and natural gas. For the three months ended September 30, 2005, Acetex (including AT Plastics) and Vinamul, had operating losses of \$1 million and \$3 million, respectively, primarily related to inventory purchase accounting adjustments and integration costs in connection with the acquisitions. Operating profit in 2004 included \$59 million in special charges largely for non-cash asset impairments associated with the restructuring of the Acetate Products segment. Operating profit in 2005 included \$24 million in special charges and \$15 million in inventory purchase accounting adjustments.

Equity in Net Earnings of Affiliates

Equity in net earnings of affiliates increased by \$4 million to \$21 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005, compared to the same period last year primarily due to increased performance in the Company's Asian investments. Cash distributions received from equity affiliates of \$14 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005 remained flat compared to the same period last year.

Interest Expense

Interest expense decreased \$26 million to \$72 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005 from \$98 million in the same period last year mainly due to the expensing of deferred financing costs of \$18 million and a prepayment premium of \$21 million associated with the refinancing of the mandatorily redeemable preferred stock, both of which occurred during the three months ended September 30, 2004. This decrease was partially offset by a \$13 million increase in 2005 in interest expense due to higher debt levels and interest rates.

Other Income (Expense), Net

Other income (expense), net increased to \$26 million of income for the three months ended September 30, 2005, compared to income of \$17 million for the comparable period last year. This increase was primarily due to an increase in dividend income of \$16 million which was partially offset by expenses associated with the anticipated guaranteed payment to CAG minority shareholders of \$5 million, net of tax. Dividend income accounted for under the cost method increased to \$33 million for the three months ended September 30, 2005, compared to \$17 million in the same period last year mainly due to higher methanol pricing from the Company's methanol cost investment.

Income Taxes

Income taxes for the three months ended September 30, 2005 and 2004 are recorded based on the estimated annual effective tax rate. As of September 30, 2005, the estimated annualized tax rate for 2005 is 35%, which is slightly less than the combination of the statutory rate and state income tax rates in the U.S. The estimated annual effective tax rate for 2005 reflects earnings in low tax jurisdictions, a valuation allowance for the tax benefit associated with projected U.S. losses (which includes expenses associated with the early redemption of debt), and tax expense in certain non-U.S. jurisdictions. For the three months ended September 30, 2005, the Company recorded tax expenses of \$26 million. For the three months ended September 30, 2004, a tax expense of \$48 million was recorded which resulted in a tax rate of negative 155%. This effective tax rate was significantly affected by the non-recognition of tax benefits associated with acquisition related expenses.

Net Earnings (Loss)

As a result of the factors mentioned above, the Company's net earnings was \$45 million in the three months ended September 30, 2005, compared to a net loss of \$71 million in the same period in 2004.

Selected Data by Business Segment—Three Months Ended June 30, 2005
Compared with Three Months Ended June 30, 2004

	Successor Three Months Ended June 30, 2005	Successor Three Months Ended June 30, 2004	Change in \$
	(in \$ millions)		
Net Sales			
Chemical Products	1,085	808	277
Technical Polymers Ticona	223	220	3
Acetate Products	183	173	10
Performance Products	47	45	2
Segment Total	1,538	1,246	292
Other Activities	8	11	(3)
Intersegment Eliminations	(29)	(28)	(1)
Total Net Sales	1,517	1,229	288
Special Charges			
Chemical Products	(3)	(1)	(2)
Technical Polymers Ticona	(20)	2	(22)
Acetate Products	—	—	—
Performance Products	—	—	—
Segment Total	(23)	1	(24)
Other Activities	(4)	—	(4)
Total Special Charges	(27)	1	(28)
Operating Profit (Loss)			
Chemical Products	155	36	119
Technical Polymers Ticona	5	11	(6)
Acetate Products	10	10	—
Performance Products	15	2	13
Segment Total	185	59	126
Other Activities	(33)	(34)	1
Total Operating Profit	152	25	127
Earnings (Loss) from Continuing Operations Before Tax and Minority Interests			
Chemical Products	149	34	115
Technical Polymers Ticona	22	26	(4)
Acetate Products	12	14	(2)
Performance Products	14	1	13
Segment Total	197	75	122
Other Activities	(74)	(179)	105
Total Earnings (Loss) from Continuing Operations Before Tax and Minority Interests	123	(104)	227

	Successor Three Months Ended June 30, 2005	Successor Three Months Ended June 30, 2004	Change in \$
	(in \$ millions)		
Depreciation & Amortization			
Chemical Products	39	38	1
Technical Polymers Ticona	14	15	(1)
Acetate Products	9	14	(5)
Performance Products	3	2	1
Segment Total	65	69	(4)
Other Activities	2	2	—
Total Depreciation & Amortization	67	71	(4)

Factors Affecting Second Quarter 2005 Segment Net Sales Compared to Second Quarter 2004

in percent	Volume	Price	Currency	Other*	Total
Chemical Products	(1)%	21%	2%	12%	34%
Technical Polymers Ticona	(5)	4	2	—	1
Acetate Products	1	5	—	—	6
Performance Products	2	(3)	5	—	4
Segment Total	(2)%	15%	2%	8%	23%

*Primarily represents net sales of the recently acquired Vinamul emulsions business

Summary by Business Segment — Three Months Ended June 30, 2005
Compared with Three Months Ended June 30, 2004

Chemical Products

	Successor Three Months Ended June 30, 2005	Three Months Ended June 30, 2004	Change in \$
in \$ millions (except for percentages)			

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Net sales	1,085	808	277
Net sales variance:			
Volume	(1)%		
Price	21%		
Currency	2%		
Other	12%		
Operating profit	155	36	119
Operating margin	14.3%	4.5%	
Special charges	(3)	(1)	(2)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	149	34	115
Depreciation and amortization	39	38	1

Three Months Ended June 30, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended June 30, 2004

Chemical Products' net sales increased 34% to \$1,085 million compared to the same period last year on significantly higher pricing, sales of the newly acquired Vinamul business and favorable currency movements. Major business lines continued to operate at high utilization rates while volumes declined for non-core derivative products. Pricing increased for most chemical products, particularly vinyl acetate, acetic acid and acetate esters, driven by continued strong demand, high utilization rates across the industry and higher raw material costs, mainly for ethylene and natural gas.

Earnings from continuing operations before tax and minority interests increased to \$149 million from \$34 million on higher pricing and productivity improvements, which were partly offset by higher raw material costs. Earnings in 2004 included a \$15 million charge for a non-cash inventory-related purchase accounting adjustment.

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Technical Polymers Ticona

(in \$ millions (except for percentages))	Successor Three Months Ended June 30, 2005	Successor Three Months Ended June 30, 2004	Change in \$
Net sales	223	220	3
Net sales variance:			
Volume	(5)%		
Price	4%		
Currency	2%		
Operating profit	5	11	(6)
Operating margin	2.2%	5.0%	
Special charges	(20)	2	(22)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax	22	26	(4)

and minority interests

Depreciation and amortization	14	15	(1)
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Three Months Ended June 30, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended June 30, 2004

Ticona's net sales increased 1% to \$223 million compared to the same period last year on higher pricing and favorable currency movements. Pricing rose as previously announced price increases took effect. Volumes declined largely for polyacetal ("POM") due to weakness in the automotive sector, primarily in Europe, and on reduced sales for lower-end applications.

Earnings from continuing operations before tax and minority interests decreased to \$22 million from \$26 million as higher pricing, cost savings and dividend income from cost investments did not fully offset \$20 million in special charges, primarily for the impairment of the COC business, lower volumes and higher raw material costs. Equity in net earnings of affiliates remained relatively flat compared to last year. Earnings in 2004 included an \$18 million charge for a non-cash inventory-related purchase accounting adjustment.

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Acetate Products

(in \$ millions (except for percentages))	Successor Three Months Ended June 30, 2005	Successor Three Months Ended June 30, 2004	Change in \$
Net sales	183	173	10
Net sales variance:			
Volume	1%		
Price	5%		
Operating profit	10	10	—
Operating margin	5.5%	5.8%	
Special charges	—	—	—
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	12	14	(2)
Depreciation and amortization	9	14	(5)

Three Months Ended June 30, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended June 30, 2004

Net sales for Acetate Products increased by 6% to \$183 million compared to the same period last year on higher pricing and volumes. Pricing increased for all business lines while volumes increased mainly on higher flake sales to the Company's recently expanded China tow ventures.

Earnings from continuing operations before tax and minority interests decreased to \$12 million compared to \$14 million in the same period last year. Higher pricing and savings from restructuring and productivity improvements were more than offset by increased raw material and energy costs as well as temporarily higher manufacturing costs, resulting from a realignment of production and inventory levels as part of the acetate restructuring strategy.

Performance Products

(in \$ millions (except for percentages))	Successor Three Months Ended June 30, 2005	Successor Three Months Ended June 30, 2004	Change in \$
Net sales	47	45	2
Net sales variance:			
Volume	2%		
Price	(3)%		
Currency	5%		
Operating profit	15	2	13
Operating margin	31.9%	4.4%	
Special charges	—	—	—
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and			
minority interests	14	1	13
Depreciation and amortization	3	2	1

Three Months Ended June 30, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended June 30, 2004

Net sales for Performance Products increased by 4% to \$47 million compared to the same period last year mainly as the result of favorable currency effects and modest volume increases. Pricing for Sunett® sweetener declined, consistent with the Company's positioning strategy for the product while pricing for sorbates continued to improve.

Earnings from continuing operations before tax and minority interests increased to \$14 million from \$1 million last year, which included a \$12 million charge for a non-cash inventory-related purchase accounting adjustment. The increase in earnings resulted from favorable currency movements, improved sorbates performance and productivity improvements.

Other Activities

Other Activities primarily consists of corporate center costs, including financing and administrative activities, and certain other operating entities, including the captive insurance companies.

Three Months Ended June 30, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended June 30, 2004

Net sales for Other Activities decreased to \$8 million from \$11 million in the same quarter last year primarily due to the sale of PBI and the Vectran product lines in the second quarter of 2005. Loss from continuing operations before tax and minority interests improved to a loss of \$74 million from a loss of \$179 million in the same period last year. This was primarily due to the expensing in 2004 of \$71 million in deferred financing costs for the prepayment of the senior subordinated bridge loan facilities. Also contributing to this decrease was a \$40 million favorable change in our net foreign currency gain (loss) resulting from exchange rate movements and a change from a net asset to a net

liability foreign currency position.

Summary of Consolidated Results—Three Months Ended June 30, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended June 30, 2004

Net Sales

Net sales rose 23% to \$1,517 million in the second quarter compared to the same period last year primarily on higher pricing (15%), mainly in the Chemical Products segment, sales of the recently acquired Vinamul emulsions business in February 2005 (8%), and favorable currency movements (2%). These increases were slightly offset by lower volumes (2%).

Gross Profit Margin

Gross profit margin increased to \$342 million or 23% of sales in the three months ended June 30, 2005 from \$171 million or 14% of sales in the comparable period last year. This increase primarily

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reflects significantly higher pricing and productivity improvements, primarily in Chemical Products, and the absence of a \$49 million non-cash charge for the manufacturing profit added to inventory under purchase accounting which was charged to cost of sales. Higher raw material and energy costs partially offset these increases.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expense increased to \$136 million compared to \$125 million for the same period last year. This increase is primarily due to higher amortization expense of identifiable intangible assets acquired from CAG of \$10 million as well the inclusion of the Vinamul emulsions business acquired in February 2005. These increases were partially offset by cost savings.

Special Charges

The components of special charges for the three months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004 were as follows:

	Successor Three Months Ended June 30, 2005	Successor Three Months Ended June 30, 2004
	(in \$ millions)	
Employee termination benefits	(7)	(1)
Plant/office closures	—	—
Total Restructuring	(7)	(1)
Asset impairments	(24)	—
Insurance recoveries associated with plumbing cases	4	2
Total Special Charges	(27)	1

Special charges increased to \$27 million compared to income of \$1 million for the same period last year. This increase was primarily due an additional impairment charge associated with revised estimates related to the Company's decision to divest its COC business.

Operating Profit

Operating profit rose significantly to \$152 million versus \$25 million last year on margin expansion principally driven by higher pricing and productivity improvements. The effects more than offset higher raw material and energy costs, mainly for ethylene and natural gas, and higher special charges. Operating profit in 2004 included a \$49 million charge for a non-cash inventory-related purchase accounting adjustment.

Equity in Net Earnings of Affiliates

Equity in net earnings of affiliates decreased by \$6 million to \$12 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005, compared to the same period last year. This decrease is primarily due to an impairment charge of \$10 million related to the Estech GmbH & Co. KG venture, a producer of neopolyol esters in Oberhausen, Germany. Cash distributions received from equity affiliates increased to \$10 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005, compared to \$6 million in the same period of 2004.

Interest Expense

Interest expense decreased to \$68 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005 from \$130 million in the same period last year as interest expense in 2004 included \$71 million of deferred financing costs for the prepayment of the senior subordinated bridge loan facilities. This decrease was slightly offset by increased interest on higher debt levels.

Interest Income

For the three months ended June 30, 2005, interest income increased by \$2 million to \$9 million compared to the same period in the prior year.

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Other Income (Expense), Net

Other income (expense), net increased to \$18 million of income for the three months ended June 30, 2005, compared to expense of \$24 million for the comparable period last year. This increase is primarily due to a favorable change of \$40 million in our net foreign currency gain (loss) resulting from exchange rate movements and a change from a net asset to a net liability foreign currency position. This increase was partially offset by expenses associated with the anticipated guaranteed payment to CAG minority shareholders of \$7 million. Dividend income accounted for under the cost method remained flat at \$7 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005, compared to the same period in 2004.

Income Taxes

Income taxes for the three months ended June 30, 2005 and 2004, are recorded based on the estimated annual effective tax rate. As of June 30, 2005, the estimated annualized tax rate for 2005 is 35%, which is slightly less than the combination of the statutory rate and state income tax rates in the U.S. The estimated annual effective tax rate for

2005 reflects earnings in low tax jurisdictions, a valuation allowance for the tax benefit associated with projected U.S. losses (which includes expenses associated with the early redemption of debt), and tax expense in certain non-U.S. jurisdictions. For the three months ended June 30, 2004, a tax expense of \$10 million was recorded which resulted in a tax rate of negative 10%. This effective tax rate was primarily affected by the non-recognition of tax benefits associated with acquisition related expenses.

Earnings (Loss) from Discontinued Operations

Earnings from discontinued operations was \$0 million for the three months ended June 30, 2005 compared to a loss of \$1 million from the comparable period last year. The loss in the three months ended June 30, 2004 reflected a purchase price adjustment related to the sale of the nylon business.

Net Earnings (Loss)

As a result of the factors mentioned above, the Company had net earnings of \$67 million in the three months ended June 30, 2005, compared to a net loss of \$125 million in the same period last year.

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Selected Data by Business Segment — Three Months Ended March 31, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2004

	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2005	Predecessor Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 (in \$ millions)	Change in \$
Net Sales			
Chemical Products	1,044	818	226
Technical Polymers Ticona	239	227	12
Acetate Products	196	172	24
Performance Products	47	44	3
Segment Total	1,526	1,261	265
Other Activities	12	11	1
Intersegment Eliminations	(29)	(29)	—
Total Net Sales	1,509	1,243	266
Special Charges			
Chemical Products	(1)	(1)	—
Technical Polymers Ticona	(1)	(1)	—
Acetate Products	(1)	—	(1)
Performance Products	—	—	—
Segment Total	(3)	(2)	(1)
Other Activities	(35)	(26)	(9)
Total Special Charges	(38)	(28)	(10)
Operating Profit (Loss)			

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Chemical Products	177	65	112
Technical Polymers Ticona	39	31	8
Acetate Products	20	9	11
Performance Products	13	11	2
Segment Total	249	116	133
Other Activities	(83)	(64)	(19)
Total Operating Profit	166	52	114
Earnings (Loss) from Continuing Operations			
Before Tax and Minority Interests			
Chemical Products	193	64	129
Technical Polymers Ticona	51	45	6
Acetate Products	20	9	11
Performance Products	12	11	1
Segment Total	276	129	147
Other Activities	(253)	(57)	(196)
Total Earnings from Continuing Operations			
Before Tax and Minority Interests	23	72	(49)

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Selected Data by Business Segment — Three Months Ended March 31, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 (Continued)

	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2005	Predecessor Three Months Ended March 31, 2004	Change in \$
		(in \$ millions)	
Depreciation & Amortization			
Chemical Products	34	39	(5)
Technical Polymers Ticona	15	16	(1)
Acetate Products	9	13	(4)
Performance Products	3	2	1
Segment Total	61	70	(9)
Other Activities	2	2	—
Total Depreciation & Amortization	63	72	(9)

Factors Affecting First Quarter 2005 Segment Net Sales Compared to First Quarter 2004

in percent	Volume	Price	Currency	Other*	Total
Chemical Products	(1)%	22%	3%	4%	28%
Technical Polymers Ticona	2	—	3	—	5
Acetate Products	11	3	—	—	14

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Performance Products	9	(7)	5	—	7
Segment Total	2%	15%	2%	2%	21%

*Primarily represents net sales of the recently acquired Vinamul emulsions business

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Summary by Business Segment — Three Months Ended March 31, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2004

Chemical Products

in \$ millions (except for percentages)	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2005	Predecessor Three Months Ended March 31, 2004	Change in \$
Net sales	1,044	818	226
Net sales variance:			
Volume	(1)%		
Price	22%		
Currency	3%		
Other	4%		
Operating profit	177	65	112
Operating margin	17.0%	7.9%	
Special charges	(1)	(1)	—
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	193	64	129
Depreciation and amortization	34	39	(5)

Three Months Ended March 31, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2004

Chemical Products' net sales increased 28% to \$1,044 million compared to the same period last year mainly on higher pricing, segment composition changes, of which \$66 million was related to the Vinamul emulsions acquisition, and favorable currency effects. Pricing increased for most products, driven by continued strong demand and high utilization rates across the chemical industry.

Earnings from continuing operations before tax and minority interests increased to \$193 million from \$64 million in the same period last year as higher pricing was partially offset by higher raw material costs. Earnings also benefited from an increase of \$9 million in dividends from our methanol cost investment, which totaled \$12 million in the quarter.

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Technical Polymers Ticona

in \$ millions (except for percentages)	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2005	Predecessor Three Months Ended March 31, 2004	Change in \$
Net sales	239	227	12
Net sales variance:			
Volume	2%		
Currency	3%		
Operating profit	39	31	8
Operating margin	16.3%	13.7%	
Special charges	(1)	(1)	—
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	51	45	6
Depreciation and amortization	15	16	(1)

Three Months Ended March 31, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2004

Net sales for Ticona increased by 5% to \$239 million compared to the same period last year due to favorable currency effects and slightly higher volumes. Volumes increased for most product lines due to the successful introduction of new applications, which outweighed declines in polyacetal volumes resulting from the Company's focus on high-end business and decreased sales to European automotive customers. Overall pricing remained flat quarter over quarter as successfully implemented price increases were offset by lower average pricing for certain products due to the commercialization of lower cost grades for new applications.

Earnings from continuing operations before tax and minority interests increased 13% to \$51 million as the result of cost savings from a recent restructuring, the favorable effects of a planned maintenance turnaround as well as slightly higher volumes. These increases were partially offset by higher raw material and energy costs.

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Acetate Products

in \$ millions (except for percentages)	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2005	Predecessor Three Months Ended March 31, 2004	Change in \$
Net sales	196	172	24

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Net sales variance:			
Volume	11%		
Price	3%		
Operating profit	20	9	11
Operating margin	10.2%	5.2%	
Special charges	(1)	—	(1)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	20	9	11
Depreciation and amortization	9	13	(4)

Three Months Ended March 31, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2004

Net sales for Acetate Products increased by 14% to \$196 million compared to the same quarter last year on higher volumes and pricing. Flake volumes increased mainly as a result of demand from Company ventures in China that recently completed tow capacity expansions. Filament volumes rose in anticipation of the Company's plans to exit this business by the end of the second quarter. Pricing increased for all business lines to cover higher raw material costs.

Earnings from continuing operations before tax and minority interests more than doubled from \$9 million in first quarter last year to \$20 million this year due to increased volumes, pricing and productivity improvements, which more than offset higher raw material and energy costs. Earnings also benefited from \$4 million in lower depreciation and amortization expense largely as a result of previous impairments related to a major restructuring, which was partly offset by \$3 million of expense for an asset retirement obligation.

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Performance Products

in \$ millions (except for percentages)	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2005	Predecessor Three Months Ended March 31, 2004	Change in \$
Net sales	47	44	3
Net sales variance:			
Volume	9%		
Price	(7)%		
Currency	5%		
Operating profit	13	11	2
Operating margin	27.7%	25.0%	
Special charges	—	—	—
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before tax and minority interests	12	11	1
Depreciation and amortization	3	2	1

Three Months Ended March 31, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2004

Net sales for the Performance Products segment increased by 7% to \$47 million compared to the same period last year mainly on higher volumes, which more than offset lower pricing. Favorable currency movements also contributed to the sales increase. Higher volumes for Sunett sweetener reflected strong growth from new and existing applications in the U.S. and European beverage and confectionary markets. Pricing for Sunett declined on lower unit selling prices associated with higher volumes to major customers. Pricing for sorbates continued to recover, although worldwide overcapacity still prevailed in the industry.

Earnings from continuing operations before tax and minority interests increased to \$12 million from \$11 million in the same quarter last year. Strong volumes for Sunett, as well as favorable currency movements and cost savings, more than offset lower pricing for the sweetener. A primary European and U.S. production patent for Sunett expired at the end of March 2005.

Other Activities

Other Activities primarily consists of corporate center costs, including financing and administrative activities, and certain other operating entities, including the captive insurance companies.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2004

Net sales for Other Activities increased slightly to \$12 million from \$11 million in the same quarter last year. Loss from continuing operations before tax and minority interests increased to \$253 million from a loss of \$57 million in the same period last year, largely due to \$169 million of higher interest expense due to refinancing costs, increased debt levels, and higher interest rates. The loss includes \$45 million of expenses for sponsor monitoring and related cancellation fees compared to special charges of \$25 million in the same period last year for advisory services related to the tender offer of CAG.

Summary of Consolidated Results — Three Months Ended March 31, 2005 Compared with Three Months Ended March 31, 2004

Net Sales

Net sales rose 21% to \$1,509 million in the first quarter compared to the same period last year primarily on higher pricing of 15%, mainly in the Chemical Products segment. Favorable currency movements, higher volumes, and a composition change in the Chemical Products segment each increased net sales by 2%.

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The segment composition changes consisted of the acquisition of the Vinamul emulsions business in February 2005, which was partly offset by the effects of a contract manufacturing arrangement under which certain acrylates products are now being sold. Only the margin realized under the contract manufacturing arrangement is included in net sales.

Gross Profit Margin

Gross profit margin increased to \$384 million or 25% of sales in the three months ended March 31, 2005 from \$241 million or 19% of sales in the comparable period last year. This increase primarily reflects significantly higher pricing, primarily in Chemical Products, lower depreciation expense and productivity improvements. Higher raw material and energy costs partially offset these increases.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expense increased to \$161 million compared to \$137 million for the same period last year. This increase is primarily due to expenses for sponsor monitoring services of \$10 million, higher amortization expense of identifiable intangible assets acquired of \$10 million as well as higher professional costs primarily related to compliance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Special Charges

The components of special charges for the three months ended March 31, 2005 and 2004 were as follows:

	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2005	Predecessor Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 (in \$ millions)	Change in \$
Employee termination benefits	(2)	(2)	—
Plant/office closures	(1)	—	(1)
Total restructuring	(3)	(2)	(1)
Termination of advisor monitoring services	(35)	—	(35)
Advisory services	—	(25)	25
Other	—	(1)	1
Total special charges	(38)	(28)	(10)

Operating Profit

Operating profit increased to \$166 million in the quarter compared to \$52 million in the same period last year on gross margin expansion of \$143 million, as significantly higher pricing, primarily in Chemical Products, lower depreciation expense and productivity improvements more than offset higher raw material and energy costs. Operating profit also benefited from increased volumes in Acetate Products, Performance Products and Ticona. Depreciation and amortization expense declined by \$9 million as decreases in depreciation resulting from purchase accounting adjustments, more than offset increased amortization expense for acquired intangible assets.

Equity in Net Earnings of Affiliates

Equity in net earnings of affiliates rose by \$3 million to \$15 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005, compared to the same period last year. Cash distributions received from equity affiliates increased to \$36 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005, compared to \$16 million in the same period of 2004. The increase in cash distributions is mainly due to strong business conditions in 2004 for Ticona's high performance product ventures and Chemical Products' methanol venture and the timing of dividend payments.

Interest Expense

Interest expense increased to \$176 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005 from \$6 million in the same period last year, primarily due to expenses of \$102 million including early

redemption premiums and deferred financing costs associated with the refinancing that occurred in the first quarter of 2005. Higher debt levels resulting primarily from the acquisition of CAG and higher interest rates also increased interest expense.

Interest Income

For the three months ended March 31, 2005, interest income increased by \$10 million to \$15 million compared to the same period in the prior year, primarily due to higher average cash levels.

Other Income (Expense), Net

Other income (expense), net decreased to \$3 million of income for the three months ended March 31, 2005, compared to \$9 million for the comparable period last year. This decrease is primarily due to expenses associated with the anticipated guaranteed payment to CAG minority shareholders and the ineffective portion of a net investment hedge. These decreases were partially offset by higher dividends from cost investments. Dividend income accounted for under the cost method increased by \$8 million to \$14 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005, compared to the same period in 2004. The increase in the first quarter of 2005 primarily resulted from the timing of receipt of dividends.

Income Taxes

Income taxes for the three months ended March 31, 2005 and 2004, are recorded based on the estimated annual effective tax rate. As of March 31, 2005, the estimated annualized tax rate for 2005 is 35%, which is slightly less than the combination of the statutory rate and state income tax rates in the U.S. The estimated annual effective tax rate for 2005 reflects earnings in low tax jurisdictions, a valuation allowance for the tax benefit associated with projected U.S. losses (which includes expenses associated with the early redemption of debt), and tax expense in certain non-U.S. jurisdictions. The Predecessor had an effective tax rate of 24% for the three months ended March 31, 2004, compared to the German statutory rate of 40%, which was primarily affected by earnings in low tax jurisdictions.

Earnings from Discontinued Operations

Earnings from discontinued operations was \$0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2005 compared to \$23 million from the comparable period last year. Earnings in 2004 reflected a gain and tax benefit recognized in 2004 associated with the sale of the acrylates business. The tax benefit is mainly attributable to the utilization of a capital loss carryover benefit that had been previously subject to a valuation allowance.

For the three months ended March 31, 2004, the Chemical Products segment had net sales of \$21 million and an operating loss of \$5 million.

Net Earnings

As a result of the factors mentioned above, net earnings decreased by \$88 million to a net loss of \$10 million in the three months ended March 31, 2005, compared to the same period last year.

Outlook

For the fourth quarter of 2005, the Company expects the North American and Asian markets to continue to grow and that pricing may temporarily be impacted as new acetyls capacity comes on stream in the fourth quarter of 2005.

For the remainder of the year, the Company expects to incur expenses and cash outlays for the restructuring of its businesses and product portfolio, cost improvement and focused growth in core areas.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash Flows

Net Cash Provided by/(Used in) Operating Activities

Cash flow from operating activities increased to a cash inflow of \$516 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to a cash inflow of \$2 million for the same period last year. This increase primarily resulted from the contribution of an increase in operating profit in 2005 of \$308 million, the payment of a \$95 million obligation to a third party in 2004, the absence of payments associated with stock appreciation rights of \$59 million, recoveries from an insurance provider related to the plumbing matters of \$44 million in 2005, a decrease in pension contributions of \$142 million and an increase in dividends received from cost and equity investments of \$48 million. These increases were partially offset by higher interest payments of \$31 million, contributions to the non-qualified pension plan's rabbi trusts of \$63 million in 2005 and \$45 million in monitoring fees paid during the nine months ended September 30, 2005. Unfavorable foreign currency effects on the euro versus the U.S. dollar on cash and cash equivalents was \$94 million compared to a \$15 million unfavorable effect in the same period last year.

Net Cash Provided by/(Used in) Investing Activities

Net cash from investing activities improved to a cash outflow of \$781 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to a cash outflow of \$1,628 million for the same period last year. The cash outflow in 2004 primarily resulted from the CAG acquisition. The 2005 cash outflow included the acquisitions of the Vinamul and Acetex businesses, the additional CAG shares acquired and a decrease in net proceeds from disposal of discontinued operations of \$64 million. The net proceeds from the disposal of discontinued operations represents cash received in 2005 from an early contractual settlement of receivables of \$75 million related to the sale in 2000 of the Predecessor's interest in Vinnolit Kunststoff GmbH and Vintron GmbH while the net proceeds of \$139 million in the same period last year represented the net proceeds from the sale of the acrylates business. Capital expenditures on property, plant and equipment decreased to \$132 million from \$150 million in 2004.

Net Cash Provided by/(Used in) Financing Activities

Net cash from financing activities decreased to a cash outflow of \$78 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 compared to a cash inflow of \$2,405 million in the same period last year. The cash inflow in 2004 primarily reflected higher net proceeds from borrowings in connection with the acquisition of CAG. Major financing activities for 2005 are as follows:

- Borrowings under the term loan facility of \$1,135 million.
- Distribution to Series B shareholders of \$804 million.
- Redemption and related premiums of the senior subordinated notes of \$572 million and senior

discount notes of \$207 million.

- Proceeds from the issuances of common stock, net of \$752 million and preferred stock, net of \$233 million.
- Repayment of floating rate term loan, including related premium, of \$354 million.
- Exercise of Acetex's option to redeem its 10 7/8% senior notes for approximately \$280 million.

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Refer to the Liquidity Section for more information.

Liquidity

Our contractual obligations, commitments and debt service requirements over the next several years are significant and are substantially higher than historical amounts. Our primary source of liquidity will continue to be cash generated from operations as well as existing cash on hand. We believe we will have available resources to meet both our short-term and long-term liquidity requirements, including debt service. If our cash flow from operations is insufficient to fund our debt service and other obligations, we may be forced to use other means available to us such as to increase our borrowings under our lines of credit, reduce or delay capital expenditures, seek additional capital or seek to restructure or refinance our indebtedness.

In January 2005, we completed an initial public offering of Series A common stock and received net proceeds of approximately \$752 million after deducting underwriters' discounts and offering expenses of \$48 million. Concurrently, the Company received net proceeds of \$233 million from the offering of its convertible preferred stock and borrowed an additional \$1,135 million under the amended and restated senior credit facilities. A portion of the proceeds of the share offerings were used to redeem \$188 million of senior discount notes and \$521 million of senior subordinated notes, which excludes early redemption premiums of \$19 million and \$51 million, respectively. We also used a portion of the proceeds from additional borrowings under our senior credit facilities to repay our \$350 million floating rate term loan, which excludes a \$4 million early redemption premium, and used \$200 million of the proceeds as the primary financing for the acquisition of the Vinamul emulsion business.

On April 7, 2005, we used the remaining proceeds to pay a special cash dividend to holders of the Company's Series B common stock of \$804 million. Upon payment of the \$804 million dividend, all of the outstanding shares of Celanese Series B common stock converted automatically to shares of Celanese Series A common stock. In addition, we may use the available sources of liquidity to purchase the remaining outstanding shares of Celanese AG.

As a result of the offerings in January 2005, we now have \$240 million aggregate liquidation preference of outstanding preferred stock. Holders of the preferred stock are entitled to receive, when, as and if, declared by our board of directors, out of funds legally available therefor, cash dividends at the rate of 4.25% per annum (or \$1.06 per share) of liquidation preference, payable quarterly in arrears, which commenced on May 1, 2005. Dividends on the preferred stock are cumulative from the date of initial issuance. This dividend is expected to result in an annual dividend payment of \$10 million. Accumulated but unpaid dividends accumulate at an annual rate of 4.25%. The preferred stock is convertible, at the option of the holder, at any time into shares of our Series A common stock at a conversion rate of approximately 1.25 shares, subject to adjustments, of our Series A common stock per \$25.00 liquidation preference of the preferred stock. As of November 1, 2005 the Company will have paid \$8 million in aggregate dividends on its preferred stock.

During July 2005, our board of directors adopted a policy of declaring, subject to legally available funds, a quarterly

cash dividend on each share of our Series A common stock at an annual rate initially equal to approximately 1% of the \$16.00 initial public offering price per share of our Series A common stock (or \$0.16 per share) unless our board of directors in its sole discretion determines otherwise. As of November 1, 2005, the Company has paid \$13 million in aggregate dividends on its Series A common stock. Based upon the number of outstanding shares as of September 30, 2005, the anticipated annual cash dividend payment is approximately \$25 million. However, there is no assurance that sufficient cash or surplus will be available to pay such dividend.

In July 2005, the Company acquired Acetex Corporation (“Acetex”) for \$270 million and assumed Acetex’s \$247 million of net debt, which is net of cash acquired of \$54 million. Acetex’s operations include an acetyls business with plants in Europe and a North-American specialty polymers and film business. The Company acquired Acetex using existing cash. The Company caused Acetex to exercise its option to redeem its 10 7/8% senior notes due 2009 totaling approximately \$265 million. The redemption was funded primarily with cash on hand and occurred on August 19, 2005. The

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redemption price was approximately \$280 million, which represented 105.438% of the outstanding principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to August 19, 2005. On August 25, 2005, the Company repaid the remaining \$36 million of assumed debt with available cash.

As of September 30, 2005, the Company had total debt of \$3,496 million and cash and cash equivalents of \$401 million. Net debt (total debt less cash and cash equivalents) increased to \$3,095 million from \$2,549 million as of December 31, 2004 primarily due to a decrease in cash and cash equivalents of \$437 million. The Company largely used available cash to finance the Acetex acquisition, the redemption of Acetex senior notes and the purchase of the CAG Shares from two minority shareholders.

Domination Agreement. At the CAG annual shareholders' meeting on June 15, 2004, CAG shareholders approved payment of a dividend on the CAG Shares for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003 of €0.12 per share. For the nine month fiscal year ended on September 30, 2004, Celanese will not be able to pay a dividend to the CAG shareholders due to losses incurred in the CAG statutory accounts. Accordingly, in the near term, the Issuer, Crystal LLC and BCP Crystal, will use existing cash and borrowings from their subsidiaries, subject to various restrictions, including restrictions imposed by the amended and restated senior credit facilities and indentures and by relevant provisions of German and other applicable laws, to make interest payments. If the Domination Agreement ceases to be operative, the ability of the Issuer, Crystal LLC and BCP Crystal to meet their obligations will be materially and adversely affected.

The Domination Agreement was approved at the CAG's extraordinary shareholders' meeting on July 31, 2004. The Domination Agreement between CAG and the Purchaser became effective on October 1, 2004. When the Domination Agreement became effective, the Purchaser was obligated to offer to acquire all outstanding CAG Shares from the minority shareholders of CAG in return for payment of fair cash compensation. This offer will continue until two months following the date on which the decision on the last motion in award proceedings (Spruchverfahren), as described in "Business—Legal Proceedings—Shareholder Litigation", has been disposed of and has been published. These award proceedings were dismissed in 2005; however, the dismissal is still subject to appeal. The amount of this fair cash compensation has been determined to be €41.92 per share, plus interest, in accordance with applicable German law. Simultaneously with our acquisition of additional CAG Shares in August 2005, we also announced that we would increase our offer to purchase any remaining outstanding CAG Shares to €51 per share (plus interest on €41.92 per share) for all minority shareholders that would accept the increased offer on or prior to September 29, 2005 and waive

their rights to participate in an increase of the offer consideration as a result of the pending award proceedings. In addition, all shareholders who tendered their shares pursuant to the mandatory offer of €41.92 per share commenced in September 2004 and continuing as of the date of this prospectus, were entitled to claim the difference between the increased offer of €51 per share and the mandatory offer of €41.92 per share. Any shareholder who accepted the increased offer of €51 per share, or claimed the difference between the mandatory offer and the increased offer, was obligated to agree to waive its rights to participate in any possible future increase of the offer consideration as a result of the pending award proceedings. For minority shareholders who did not accept the increased offer on or prior to the September 29, 2005 expiration date, the terms of the original €41.92 per share mandatory offer will continue to apply. The mandatory offer will expire on December 1, 2005, unless further extended. As a result of the award proceedings, the amount of the fair cash consideration and the guaranteed fixed annual payment offered under the Domination Agreement could be increased by the court so that all minority shareholders, including those who have already tendered their shares into the mandatory offer and have received the fair cash compensation, could claim higher amounts. Any minority shareholder who elects not to sell their shares to the Purchaser will be entitled to remain a shareholder of CAG and to receive from the Purchaser a gross guaranteed fixed annual payment on their shares of €3.27 per CAG Share less certain corporate taxes in lieu of any future dividend. Taking into account the circumstances and the tax rates at the time of entering into the Domination Agreement, the net guaranteed fixed annual payment is €2.89 per CAG share for a full fiscal year. Based upon the number of CAG Shares held by the minority shareholders, as of September 30, 2005, a net guaranteed fixed annual payment of €6 million is expected. The net

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guaranteed fixed annual payment may, depending on applicable corporate tax rates, in the future be higher, lower, or the same as €2.89 per CAG share. As of November 2, 2005 the Purchaser owned approximately 98% of the outstanding CAG Shares. If the Purchaser acquires all the remaining CAG Shares outstanding as of November 2, 2005, the total amount of funds necessary to purchase such outstanding shares under the current offer of €41.92 per share would be approximately €40 million plus accrued interest on €41.92 per share from October 2, 2004.

While the Domination Agreement is operative, the Purchaser is required to compensate CAG for any statutory annual loss incurred by CAG, the dominated entity, at the end of its fiscal year when the loss was incurred. If the Purchaser were obligated to make cash payments to CAG to cover an annual loss, the Purchaser may not have sufficient funds to pay interest when due and, unless the Purchaser is able to obtain funds from a source other than annual profits of CAG, the Purchaser may not be able to satisfy its obligation to fund such shortfall. The Domination Agreement cannot be terminated by the Purchaser in the ordinary course until September 30, 2009.

Our subsidiaries, BCP Caylux Holdings Luxembourg S.C.A. and BCP Crystal, have each agreed to provide the Purchaser with financing to strengthen the Purchaser's ability to fulfill its obligations under, or in connection with, the Domination Agreement and to ensure that the Purchaser will perform all of its obligations under, or in connection with, the Domination Agreement when such obligations become due, including, without limitation, the obligations to make a guaranteed fixed annual payment to the outstanding minority shareholders, to offer to acquire all outstanding CAG Shares from the minority shareholders in return for payment of fair cash consideration and to compensate CAG for any statutory annual loss incurred by CAG during the term of the Domination Agreement. In addition, the Issuer expects to guarantee all obligations of the Purchaser under, or in connection with, the Domination Agreement, including the repayment of all existing and future intercompany indebtedness of the Issuer's subsidiaries to CAG. Further, under the terms of the Issuer's guarantee, in certain limited circumstances CAG may be entitled to require the immediate repayment of some or all of the intercompany indebtedness owed by the Issuer's subsidiaries to CAG. If the Issuer, BCP Caylux and/or BCP Crystal are obligated to make payments under such guarantees to the Purchaser, CAG and/or the minority shareholders, as the case may be, or if the intercompany indebtedness owed to CAG is accelerated,

we may not have sufficient funds for payments on our indebtedness when due or to make funds available to the Issuer.

The Company was in compliance with all of the financial covenants related to its debt agreements as of September 30, 2005.

Contractual Obligations. The following table sets forth our fixed contractual debt obligations as of September 30, 2005:

Fixed Contractual Debt Obligations	Total	Remaining 2005	2006- 2007	2008- 2009	2010 and thereafter
		(in \$ millions)			
Senior Credit Facilities — Term Loans Facility	1,719	4	34	33	1,648
Senior Credit Facilities — Revolving Credit Facility	35	—	—	35	—
Senior Subordinated Notes ⁽¹⁾	953	—	—	—	953
Senior Discount Notes ⁽²⁾	554	—	—	—	554
Other Debt ⁽³⁾	419	136	42	27	214
Total Fixed Contractual Debt Obligations	3,680	140	76	95	3,369

(1) Does not include \$4 million of premium on the \$225 million of the senior subordinated notes issued July 1, 2004.

(2) Reflects the accreted value of the notes at maturity.

(3) Does not include \$2 million purchase accounting adjustment resulting from acquisition of CAG.

Senior Credit Facilities. As of September 30, 2005, the senior credit facilities of \$2,547 million consist of a term loan facility, a revolving credit facility, and a credit-linked revolving facility.

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Subsequent to the consummation of the initial public offering in January 2005, we entered into amended and restated senior credit facilities which increased the term facility. The terms of the amended and restated senior credit facilities are substantially similar to the terms of our immediately previous senior credit facilities. As of September 30, 2005, the term loan facility had a balance of \$1,719 million (including approximately €275 million), which matures in 2011. In addition, there was a \$242 million delayed draw facility, which expired unutilized in July 2005.

The revolving credit facility, through a syndication of banks, provides for borrowings of up to \$600 million, including the availability of letters of credit in U.S. dollars and euros and for borrowings on same-day notice.

In the first quarter of 2005, the revolving credit facility was increased from \$380 million to \$600 million under the amended and restated senior credit facilities. As of September 30, 2005, \$507 million remained available for borrowing under the revolving credit facility, taking into account letters of credit issued under the revolving credit facility. As of September 30, 2005, there was \$35 million borrowed under the revolving credit facility and \$58 million

of letters of credit had been issued under the revolving credit facility.

In addition, the Company has a \$228 million credit-linked revolving facility, which matures in 2009. The credit-linked revolving facility includes borrowing capacity available for letters of credit. As of September 30, 2005, there were \$226 million of letters of credit issued under the credit-linked revolving facility and an additional \$2 million was available for borrowing.

Senior Subordinated Notes. In February 2005, we used approximately \$521 million of the net proceeds of the offering of our Series A common stock to redeem a portion of the senior subordinated notes and \$51 million to pay the premium associated with the early redemption. As of September 30, 2005, the senior subordinated notes, excluding \$4 million of premiums, consist of \$796 million of 9 5/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 and €130 million of 10 3/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014. All of BCP Crystal's U.S. domestic, wholly owned subsidiaries that guarantee BCP Crystal's obligations under the senior credit facilities guarantee the senior subordinated notes on an unsecured senior subordinated basis.

Senior Discount Notes. In September 2004, Crystal LLC and Crystal US Sub 3 Corp., a subsidiary of Crystal LLC, issued \$853 million aggregate principal amount at maturity of their senior discount notes due 2014 consisting of \$163 million principal amount at maturity of their 10% Series A senior discount notes due 2014 and \$690 million principal amount at maturity of their 10½% Series B Senior Discount Notes due 2014 (collectively, the "senior discount notes"). The gross proceeds of the offering were \$513 million. Approximately \$500 million of the proceeds were distributed to the Company's Original Shareholders, with the remaining proceeds used to pay fees associated with the refinancing. Until October 1, 2009, interest on the senior discount notes will accrue in the form of an increase in the accreted value of such notes. Cash interest on the senior discount notes will accrue commencing on October 1, 2009 and be payable semiannually in arrears on April 1 and October 1. In February 2005, we used approximately \$37 million of the net proceeds of the offering of our Series A common stock to redeem a portion of the Series A senior discount notes and \$151 million to redeem a portion of the Series B senior discount notes and \$19 million to pay the premium associated with the early redemption. As of September 30, 2005, there were \$554 million aggregate principal amount at maturity outstanding, consisting of \$106 million principal amount at maturity of their 10% Series A senior discount notes due 2014 and \$448 million principal amount at maturity of their 10½% Series B Senior Discount Notes due 2014.

Other Debt. Other debt of \$419 million, which does not include a \$2 million reduction under purchase accounting, is primarily made up of fixed rate pollution control and industrial revenue bonds, short-term borrowings from affiliated companies and capital lease obligations.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have not entered into any material off-balance sheet arrangements.

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Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 5 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Form 10-Q for discussion of recent accounting pronouncements.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements requires management to apply accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to the Company's specific circumstances and make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

There have been no material revisions to the critical accounting policies as filed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the nine months ended December 31, 2004 with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 31, 2005.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2005, the Company recorded asset impairments of \$25 million primarily consisting of revised estimates related to the Company's decision to divest its COC business. The Company also increased goodwill by \$15 million associated with purchase accounting adjustments related to the acquisition of CAG, including the additional CAG shares acquired. The goodwill adjustment is preliminary and is expected to be finalized by June 30, 2006.

Forward-Looking Statements May Prove Inaccurate

This Quarterly Report contains certain forward-looking statements and information relating to us that are based on the beliefs of our management as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, us. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements about our strategies, plans, objectives, expectations, intentions, expenditures, and assumptions and other statements contained in this prospectus that are not historical facts. When used in this document, words such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "plan" and "project" and similar expressions, as they relate to us are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements reflect our current views with respect to future events, are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Further, certain forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions as to future events that may not prove to be accurate.

Many factors could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, among other things:

- changes in general economic, business, political and regulatory conditions in the countries or regions in which we operate;
- the length and depth of product and industry business cycles particularly in the automotive, electrical, electronics and construction industries;
- changes in the price and availability of raw materials, particularly changes in the demand for, supply of, and market prices of fuel oil, natural gas, coal, electricity and petrochemicals such as ethylene, propylene and butane, including changes in production quotas in OPEC countries and the deregulation of the natural gas transmission industry in Europe;
- the ability to pass increases in raw material prices on to customers or otherwise improve margins through price increases;
- the ability to maintain plant utilization rates and to implement planned capacity additions and expansions;
- the ability to reduce production costs and improve productivity by implementing technological improvements to existing plants;

- the existence of temporary industry surplus production capacity resulting from the integration and start-up of new world-scale plants;
- increased price competition and the introduction of competing products by other companies;
- the ability to develop, introduce and market innovative products, product grades and applications, particularly in the Ticona and Performance Products segments of our business;
- changes in the degree of patent and other legal protection afforded to our products;
- compliance costs and potential disruption or interruption of production due to accidents or other unforeseen events or delays in construction of facilities;
- potential liability for remedial actions under existing or future environmental regulations;
- potential liability resulting from pending or future litigation, or from changes in the laws, regulations or policies of governments or other governmental activities in the countries in which we operate;
- changes in currency exchange rates and interest rates;
- changes in the composition or restructuring of us or our subsidiaries and the successful completion of acquisitions, divestitures and venture activities;
- inability to successfully integrate current and future acquisitions;
- pending or future challenges to the Domination Agreement; and
- various other factors, both referenced and not referenced in this document.

Many of these factors are macroeconomic in nature and are, therefore, beyond our control. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results, performance or achievements may vary materially from those described in this Quarterly Report as anticipated, believed, estimated, expected, intended, planned or projected. We neither intend nor assume any obligation to update these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their dates.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Market risk for our Company has not changed significantly from the foreign exchange, interest rate, and commodity risks disclosed in Item 7A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the nine months ended December 31, 2004, with the exception of the following:

The Company entered into an interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$300 million to reduce its exposure to fluctuations in interest rates associated with a portion of the term loans borrowed under our senior credit facilities. This interest rate swap was designated as a cash flow hedge. The fair value of the swap as of September 30, 2005 was a liability of \$2 million.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

In connection with the audit of our financial statements as of and for the nine months ended December 31, 2004, the Company identified a material weakness in its internal controls for the same period. On March 30, 2005, the Company received a letter from KPMG LLP (“KPMG”), its independent auditors, who also identified the same material weakness and a second material weakness in the course of their audit. The additional material weakness identified by KPMG related to several deficiencies in the assessment of hedge effectiveness and documentation. The required adjustments were made in the proper accounting period, except for one immaterial hedging transaction adjusted during the quarter ended June 30, 2005. The material weakness identified by KPMG and the Company related to conditions preventing its ability to adequately research, document, review and draw conclusions on accounting and reporting matters, which had previously resulted in adjustments that had to be recorded to prevent the Company’s financial statements from being materially misleading. The conditions largely related to significant increases in the frequency of, and the limited

number of personnel available to address, complex accounting matters and transactions and as a result of the consummation of simultaneous debt and equity offerings during the year-end closing process. The Company does not believe that the adjustments made in connection with these material weaknesses had any material impact on previously reported financial information. In response to the letter from KMPG with respect to the first material weakness identified above, the Company organized a team responsible for the identification and documentation of potential derivative accounting transactions and commenced formal training for team members specifically related to derivative accounting. With respect to the second material weakness identified above, the Company hired certain accounting personnel and is in the process of hiring additional personnel which should ensure that adequate personnel is available to adequately research, document, review and conclude on accounting and reporting matters and will increase accounting resources. In addition, the Company hired additional personnel responsible for the development and implementation of additional internal reporting and accounting procedures, including derivative accounting procedures. Both material weaknesses were identified during the Company's year-end closing process for the year ended December 31, 2004 and still exist as of September 30, 2005. The Company expects to remediate these material weaknesses by the end of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005.

In addition, in September 2005 we identified a significant deficiency in internal controls relating to sales to countries and other parties that are or have previously been subject to sanctions and embargoes imposed by the U.S. government. This significant deficiency was identified as a result of an internal investigation that was initiated in connection with the SEC review of a registration statement. The Company has taken immediate corrective actions which include a directive to senior business leaders stating that they are prohibited from selling products into certain countries subject to these trade restrictions, as well as making accounting systems modifications that prevents the initiation of purchase orders and shipment of products to these countries. Also, we plan to enhance the business conduct policy training in the area of export control. As a result, we believe that we have taken remediation measures that, once fully implemented, will be effective in eliminating this deficiency.

Celanese, under the supervision and with the participation of Celanese's management, including the chief executive officer (CEO) and chief financial officer (CFO), performed an evaluation of the effectiveness of Celanese's "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "34 Act")) as of September 30, 2005. Disclosure controls and procedures are defined as controls and other procedures of an issuer that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the 34 Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Based on this evaluation, and as a result of the material weaknesses that were identified and continued during the period covered by this Quarterly Report, Celanese's CEO and CFO concluded that, as of September 30, 2005, the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report, Celanese's disclosure controls and procedures were not effective for gathering, analyzing and disclosing the material information Celanese is required to disclose in the reports it files under the 34 Act, within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC. Except as discussed above, there have been no changes in Celanese's "internal controls over financial reporting" (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the 34 Act) during the period covered by this Quarterly Report that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal controls over financial reporting.

We are in the process of implementing changes to strengthen our internal controls. In addition, while we have taken actions to address these deficiencies and weaknesses, additional measures may be necessary and these measures along with other measures we expect to take to improve our internal controls may not be sufficient to address the issues identified by us or ensure that our internal controls are effective. If we are unable to correct existing or future deficiencies or weaknesses in internal controls in a timely manner, our ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC will be adversely

affected. This failure could materially and adversely impact our business, our financial condition and the market value of our securities. In addition, there could be a negative reaction in the financial markets due to a loss of confidence in reliability of future financial statements and SEC filings.

We expect to incur expenses of approximately \$2 million per year associated with the strengthening of our disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting.

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PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

We are involved in a number of legal proceedings, lawsuits and claims incidental to the normal conduct of our business, relating to such matters as product liability, antitrust, past waste disposal practices and release of chemicals into the environment. While it is impossible at this time to determine with certainty the ultimate outcome of these proceedings, lawsuits and claims, management believes that adequate provisions have been made and that the ultimate outcomes will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, but may have a material adverse effect on the results of operations or cash flows in any given accounting period. See also Note 12 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

Plumbing Actions

No material developments regarding this matter, previously reported in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004, and in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months' ended March 31, 2005, occurred during the third quarter of 2005. For a summary of the history and current status of these matters, see Note 12 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

Sorbates Antitrust Actions

No material developments regarding this matter, previously reported in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004, and in the Quarterly Report on form 10-Q for the six months ended June 30, 2005, occurred during the third quarter of 2005, except as set forth below. For a summary of the history and current status of these matters, see Note 12 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

Kerr v. Eastman Chemical Co. et al., previously pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Gloucester County, was dismissed for failure to prosecute. The only other private antitrust action by Sorbates customers still pending, Freeman v. Daicel et al., had been dismissed. The plaintiffs lost their appeal to the Supreme Court of Tennessee in August 2005 and have since filed a motion for leave. The action by the New York Attorney General, New York v. Daicel Chemical Industries Ltd. et al., which was pending in the New York State Supreme Court, New York County, was dismissed in August 2005; however, it is still subject to appeal.

Acetic Acid Patent Infringement Matters

On August 31, 2005 a Taiwanese Court held that the China Petrochemical Development Corporation ("CPDC") infringed Celanese International Corporation's acetic acid patent and awarded Celanese International Corporation approximately \$28 million for the period of 1995 through 1999. The judgment has been appealed. The Company will

not record income associated with this favorable judgment until cash is received.

Shareholder Litigation

No material developments regarding this matter previously reported in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004, in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2005 and in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the six months ended June 30, 2005, occurred during the third quarter of 2005, except as set forth below. For a summary and history of these matters, see Note 12 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

Twenty-seven CAG minority shareholders filed lawsuits in May and June of 2005 in the Frankfurt District Court (Landgericht) contesting the shareholder resolutions passed at the CAG annual general meeting held May 19-20, 2005, which confirmed the resolutions passed at the July 30-31, 2004

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extraordinary general meeting. In conjunction with the acquisition of 5.9 million CAG shares from two shareholders in August 2005, two of those lawsuits were withdrawn in August 2005. In May and September 2005, Celanese AG was served in three actions filed in the Frankfurt District Court (Landgericht), requesting that the court declare some or all of the shareholder resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting on July 30 and 31, 2004 null and void (Nichtigkeitsklage), based on allegations that certain formal requirements necessary in connection with the invitation to the extraordinary general meeting had been violated. The Frankfurt District Court (Landgericht) has suspended the proceedings regarding the resolutions passed at the July 30-31, 2004 extraordinary general meeting described above as long as the lawsuits contesting the confirmatory resolutions are pending.

Based upon the information available, the outcome of the foregoing proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty.

Other Matters

As of September 30, 2005, Celanese Ltd. and/or CNA Holdings, Inc., both our U.S. subsidiaries, are defendants in approximately 650 asbestos cases. Because many of these cases involve numerous plaintiffs, we are subject to claims significantly in excess of the number of actual cases. We have reserves for defense costs related to claims arising from these matters. We believe we do not have any significant exposure in these matters.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

During the period covered by this Quarterly Report, we sold 17,360 shares of our Series A common stock for \$124,992 to one of our key employees under our Stock Incentive Plan. We issued such shares of Series A common stock to the recipient pursuant to a written subscription agreement in accordance with Rule 701 under the Securities Act.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

None.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-32410) filed with the SEC on January 28, 2005)
3.2	Amended and Restated By-laws of Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333 -) filed with the SEC on April 13, 2005).
3.3	Certificate of Designations of Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-32410) filed with the SEC on January 28, 2005)

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Exhibit Number	Description
4.1	Form of certificate of Series A common stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Amendment No. 6 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-120187) (the "Form S-1") filed with the SEC on January 19, 2005)
4.2	Form of certificate of Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Amendment No. 5 to the Form S-1 filed with the SEC on January 13, 2005)
4.3	Third Amended and Restated Shareholders' Agreement, dated as of October 31, 2005, among Celanese Corporation, Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 1, Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 2, Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 3 and BA Capital Investors Sidecar Fund, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Registrant's Registration Statement filed on Form S-1 (File No. 333-127902) filed with the SEC on November 1, 2005)
4.4	Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of January 26, 2005, among Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 1, Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 2, Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 3, BA Capital Investors Sidecar Fund, L.P. and Celanese Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Form 8-K (File No. 001-32410) filed with the SEC on January 28, 2005)
10.1	Share Purchase and Transfer Agreement and Settlement Agreement, dated August 19, 2005, between Celanese Europe Holding GmbH & Co. KG, as the purchaser and Paulson & Co. Inc. and Arnold and S. Bleichroeder Advisers, LLC, each on behalf of its own and with respect to shares owned by the

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- investment funds and separate accounts managed by it, as the sellers (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 8-K (File No. 001-32410) filed with the SEC on August 19, 2005)
- 10.2 Employment Agreement, dated as of August 31, 2005 by and between Celanese Corporation and John J. Gallagher III (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Form 8-K File No. 001-32410) filed with the SEC on August 31, 2005
- 10.3 Offer Letter from Celanese Corporation dated August 30, 2005, executed by John J. Gallagher III on August 30, 2005 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Form 8-K (File No. 001-32410) filed with the SEC on August 31, 2005
- 12 Computation of ratio of earnings to fixed charges (filed herewith)
- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)
- 32.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith)

PLEASE NOTE: It is inappropriate for readers to assume the accuracy of, or rely upon any covenants, representations or warranties that may be contained in agreements or other documents filed as Exhibits to, or incorporated by reference in, this Quarterly Report. Any such covenants, representations or warranties may have been qualified or superseded by disclosures contained in separate schedules or exhibits not filed with or incorporated by reference in this Quarterly Report, may reflect the parties' negotiated risk allocation in the particular transaction, may be qualified by materiality standards that differ from those applicable for securities law purposes, and may not be true as of the date of this Quarterly Report or any other date and may be subject to waivers by any or all

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of the parties. Where exhibits and schedules to agreements filed or incorporated by reference as Exhibits hereto are not included in these exhibits, such exhibits and schedules to agreements are not included or incorporated by reference herein.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CELANESE CORPORATION

By: /s/ David N. Weidman
Name: David N. Weidman
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer
Date: November 10, 2005

By: /s/ John J. Gallagher III
Name: John J. Gallagher III
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)
Date: November 10, 2005

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PROSPECTUS

Up to 23,000,000 Shares

Celanese Corporation

SERIES A COMMON STOCK

The selling stockholders identified in this prospectus may offer up to 23,000,000 shares of Series A common stock of Celanese Corporation. The selling stockholders will receive all of the net proceeds from this offering.

The Series A common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CE". The last reported sale price of Celanese Corporation's Series A common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on October 26, 2005 was \$16.48 per share.

Investing in the Series A common stock involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 14.

At the time the selling stockholders offer shares by this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of the offering and that may add to or update the information in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you invest.

The selling stockholders may offer the shares in amounts, at prices and on terms determined by market conditions at the time of the offering. The selling stockholders may sell shares through agents they select or through underwriters and dealers they select. They also may sell securities directly to investors. If they use agents, underwriters or dealers to sell the securities, we will name them and describe their compensation in a prospectus supplement.

The Securities and Exchange Commission and state securities regulators have not approved or disapproved these securities, or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal

offense.

November 7, 2005.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus. None of the Issuer nor its subsidiaries has authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus. The prospectus may be used only for the purposes for which it has been published and no person has been authorized to give any information not contained in this prospectus. If you receive any other information, you should not rely on it. The Issuer is not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted.

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BASIS OF PRESENTATION

In this prospectus, the term "the Issuer" refers to Celanese Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and not to its respective subsidiaries and the terms "Celanese," "Company," "we," "our" and "us" refer to the Issuer and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. The term "BCP Crystal" refers to BCP Crystal US Holdings Corp., a Delaware corporation, and, prior to the Recent Restructuring, to BCP Caylux Holdings Luxembourg S.C.A., a Luxembourg partnership limited by shares (*société en commandite par actions*), and not their respective subsidiaries. The term "Celanese Holdings" refers to Celanese Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and, prior to the Recent Restructuring, to BCP Crystal Holdings Ltd. 2, an exempted company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands, and not their respective subsidiaries. The term "Purchaser" refers to our subsidiary, Celanese Europe Holding GmbH & Co. KG, formerly known as BCP Crystal Acquisition GmbH & Co. KG, a German limited partnership (*Kommanditgesellschaft, KG*), and not its subsidiaries, except where otherwise indicated. The terms "Original Stockholders" and "selling stockholders" refer to Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 1, Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 2, Blackstone Capital Partners (Cayman) Ltd. 3 and BA Capital Investors Sidecar Fund, L.P. The term "BACI" refers to BA Capital Investors Sidecar Fund, L.P. Unless we specifically state otherwise, references to "pro forma" give effect, in the manner described under "Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information" and the notes thereto, to (1) the Transactions, the Recent Restructuring and the Recent Financings (each as defined in this prospectus), as if they had occurred on January 1, 2004, in the case of our unaudited pro forma statement of operations data for the year ended December 31, 2004, and (2) the Recent Financings in the case of our unaudited pro forma statement of operations data for the six months ended June 30, 2005. There is no pro forma impact of the Transactions, Recent Restructuring and Recent Financings on our financial position as of June 30, 2005, therefore, an unaudited pro forma balance sheet has not been prepared. The unaudited pro forma financial information does not reflect any adjustments for (1) the acquisition of Acetex and Vinamul Polymers and related financings; (2) the recent purchases of Celanese AG ("CAG") shares or (3) the potential future dispositions of a portion of our ownership interest in the cyclo-olefin copolymer ("COC") business, our interest in Pemeas GmbH, our sale of the emulsions powders business and our interest in Estech GmbH, each as described under "Summary—Recent Developments" below. The unaudited pro forma financial data is presented for informational purposes only and should not be considered indicative of actual consolidated results of operations that we would have reported had the Transactions, the Recent Restructuring, and the Recent Financings actually been consummated on the dates indicated and do not purport to indicate results of operations for any future period.

Pursuant to a voluntary tender offer commenced in February 2004, the Purchaser, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Issuer, in April 2004 acquired approximately 84% of the ordinary shares of Celanese AG (the "CAG Shares") outstanding. All references in this prospectus to the outstanding ordinary shares of CAG (as defined below) exclude treasury shares, unless expressly stated otherwise. As of June 30, 2005, the Issuer's indirect ownership of

approximately 84% of the outstanding CAG Shares would equate to approximately 77% of the issued CAG Shares (including treasury shares). Pursuant to a mandatory offer commenced in September 2004 and continuing as of the date of this prospectus, the Purchaser acquired additional CAG Shares. In addition, in August 2005, the Purchaser acquired approximately 5.9 million, or approximately 12%, of the outstanding CAG Shares from two shareholders. As a result of these acquisitions, partially offset by the issuance of additional CAG Shares as a result of the exercise of options issued under the CAG stock option plan, as of the date of this prospectus, we own approximately 98% of the outstanding CAG Shares. The mandatory offer expires on December 1, 2005, unless further extended.

The Issuer does not have any independent external operations other than through the indirect ownership of CAG and Celanese Americas Corporation ("CAC"), their consolidated subsidiaries, non-consolidated subsidiaries, ventures and other investments. The Issuer's unaudited interim consolidated financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2005 and the three months ended June 30, 2004, and the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of Celanese AG for the three months ended March 31, 2004 (together, the "Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements") are included elsewhere in this prospectus. For accounting purposes, the Issuer

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and its consolidated subsidiaries are referred to as the "Successor." See Notes 1 and 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements (as defined below) and Note 1 to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on the basis of presentation and accounting policies of the Successor.

CAG is incorporated as a stock corporation (Aktiengesellschaft, AG) organized under the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany. As used in this prospectus, the term "CAG" refers to (i) prior to the Recent Restructuring, CAG and CAC, their consolidated subsidiaries, their non-consolidated subsidiaries, ventures and other investments, and (ii) following the Recent Restructuring, Celanese AG, its consolidated subsidiaries, its non-consolidated subsidiaries, ventures and other investments, except that with respect to shareholder and similar matters where the context indicates, "CAG" refers to Celanese AG. For accounting purposes, "Predecessor" refers to CAG and its subsidiaries.

The consolidated financial statements of the Successor for the nine months ended December 31, 2004, and the consolidated financial statements of the Predecessor for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and for each of the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002 included in this prospectus (collectively, the "Consolidated Financial Statements") and the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP") for all periods presented. The Consolidated Financial Statements and the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements reflect, for the periods indicated, the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the businesses transferred to CAG from Hoechst Aktiengesellschaft, also referred to as "Hoechst" in this prospectus, in a demerger that became effective on October 22, 1999, adjusted for acquisitions and divestitures. The Consolidated Financial Statements and the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements and other financial information included in this prospectus, unless otherwise specified, have been presented to separately show the effects of discontinued operations. The results of the Successor are not comparable to the results of the Predecessor due to the differences in the basis of presentation of purchase accounting as compared to historical cost.

CAG is a foreign private issuer and previously filed its consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2003 on Form 20-F. CAG changed its fiscal year to end on September 30 and also filed its consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2004 and for the nine months then ended in its 2004 Annual Report on Form 20-F. In accordance with German law, the reporting currency of the CAG consolidated financial statements is the euro. As a result of the Purchaser's acquisition of voting control of CAG, the financial statements of CAG contained in this prospectus are

reported in U.S. dollars to be consistent with our reporting requirements. For CAG's reporting requirements, the euro continues to be the reporting currency.

In the preparation of other information included in this prospectus, euro amounts have been translated into U.S. dollars at the applicable historical rate in effect on the date of the relevant event/period. For purposes of pro forma and prospective information, euro amounts have been translated into U.S. dollars using the rate in effect on December 31, 2004 or June 30, 2005, whichever is applicable. Our inclusion of this information is not meant to suggest that the euro amounts actually represent such dollar amounts or that such amounts could have been converted into U.S. dollars at any particular rate, if at all.

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MARKET AND INDUSTRY DATA AND FORECASTS

This prospectus includes industry data and forecasts that the Issuer has prepared based, in part, upon industry data and forecasts obtained from industry publications and surveys and internal company surveys. Third-party industry publications and surveys and forecasts generally state that the information contained therein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable. In this prospectus, the terms "SRI Handbook," "CMAI Methanol Analysis," "Nexant Chem Study 2003," "Nexant Chem Study 2002" and "Tecnon Orbichem Survey" refer to the SRI International Chemical Economics Handbook, CMAI 2002-2003 World Methanol Analysis, Nexant Chem Systems September 2003 PERP Acetic Acid Study, Nexant Chem Systems February 2002 Vinyl Acetate Study and Tecnon Orbichem Acetic Acid and Vinyl Acetate World Survey September 2003 report, respectively. The statements regarding Celanese's market position in this prospectus are based on information derived from the SRI Handbook, CMAI Methanol Analysis, Tecnon Orbichem Survey, Nexant Chem Study 2002 and Nexant Chem Study 2003.

AO Plus™, BuyTiconaDirect™, CelActiv®, Celanex, Celcon®, Celstran®, Celvolit®, Compel®, GUR®, Hoecat®, Hostaform®, Impet®, Impet-HI®, Mowilith®, Nutrinova® DHA, Riteflex®, Sunett®, Topas®, Vandar®, VAntage™, Vectra®, Vectran®, Vinamul®, Elite®, Duroset® and certain other products and services named in this prospectus are registered trademarks and service marks of Celanese. Acetex® is a registered trademark of Acetex Corporation, a subsidiary of the Issuer. Fortron® is a registered trademark of Fortron Industries, a venture of Celanese.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information in this prospectus, but it may not contain all of the information that you should consider before deciding to invest in our stock. You should read this entire prospectus carefully, including the "Risk Factors" section and the financial statements, which are included elsewhere in this prospectus.

See "Market and Industry Data and Forecasts" on page iv for the sources of our leadership statements below.

CELANESE CORPORATION

We are an integrated global producer of value-added industrial chemicals and have #1 or #2 market positions worldwide in products comprising the majority of our sales. We are also the world's largest producer of acetyl products, including acetic acid, vinyl acetate monomer (VAM) and polyacetal products (POM) and a leading global producer of high-performance engineered polymers used in consumer and industrial products and designed to meet highly technical customer requirements. Our operations are located in North America, Europe and Asia. We believe we are one of the lowest-cost producers of key building block chemicals in the acetyls chain, such as acetic acid and VAM, due to our economies of scale, operating efficiencies and proprietary production technologies.

We have a large and diverse global customer base consisting principally of major companies in a broad array of industries. For the three months ended March 31, 2004, approximately 38% of our net sales by the Predecessor were to customers located in North America, approximately 40% to customers in Europe/Africa and approximately 22% to customers in Asia, Australia and the rest of the world. For the nine months ended December 31, 2004, approximately 37% of our net sales by the Successor were to customers located in North America, approximately 39% to customers in Europe/Africa and approximately 24% to customers in Asia, Australia and the rest of the world.

Segment Overview

We operate through four business segments: Chemical Products, Technical Polymers Ticona, Acetate Products and Performance Products. The table below illustrates each segment's net sales to external customers for the three months ended March 31, 2004, by the Predecessor and for the nine months ended December 31, 2004, by the Successor, as well as each segment's major products and end use markets.

	Chemical Products	Technical Polymers Ticona	Acetate Products ⁽²⁾	Performance Products
2004 Net Sales ⁽¹⁾				
Predecessor (three months ended March 31, 2004)	\$789 million	\$227 million	\$172 million	\$44 million
Successor (nine months ended December 31, 2004)	\$2,491 million	\$636 million	\$523 million	\$131 million
Major Products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acetic acid • Vinyl acetate monomer (VAM) • Polyvinyl alcohol (PVOH) • Emulsions • Acetic anhydride • Acetate esters • Carboxylic acids • Methanol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polyacetal products (POM) • UHMW-PE (GUR) • Liquid crystal polymers (Vectra) • Polyphenylene sulfide (Fortron) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acetate tow • Acetate filament 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunett sweetener • Sorbates
Major End-Use Markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paints • Coatings • Adhesives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuel system components • Conveyor belts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filter products • Textiles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverages • Confections • Baked goods

- Lubricants
- Detergents
- Electronics
- Seat belt mechanisms
- Dairy products

(1) Net sales of \$1,243 million for the Predecessor for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and \$3,826 million for the Successor for the nine months ended December 31, 2004, also include \$11 million and \$45 million in net sales from Other Activities, respectively, primarily attributable to our captive insurance companies. 2004 net sales of Chemical Products excludes inter-segment sales of \$29 million with respect to the Predecessor for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and \$82 million with respect to the Successor for the nine months ended December 31, 2004.

(2) In October 2004, we announced our plans to exit the acetate filament business, which ceased production in April 2005, and to consolidate our flake and tow production at three sites, instead of five.

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Chemical Products

Our Chemical Products segment produces and supplies acetyl products, including acetic acid, acetate esters, vinyl acetate monomer, polyvinyl alcohol, and emulsions. We are a leading global producer of acetic acid, the world's largest producer of vinyl acetate monomer and the largest North American producer of methanol, the major raw material used for the production of acetic acid. We are also the largest polyvinyl alcohol producer in North America.

Technical Polymers Ticona

Our Technical Polymers Ticona segment develops, produces and supplies a broad portfolio of high performance technical polymers for use in automotive and electronics products and in other consumer and industrial applications, often replacing metal or glass. Together with our 45%-owned venture Polyplastics Co. Ltd ("Polyplastics"), our 50%-owned venture Korea Engineering Plastics Company Ltd., and Fortron Industries, our 50%-owned venture with Kureha Chemicals Industry of Japan, we are a leading participant in the global technical polymers business.

Acetate Products

Our Acetate Products segment primarily produces and supplies acetate tow, which is used in the production of filter products. We are one of the world's leading producers of acetate tow including production by our ventures in China. In October 2004, we announced plans to consolidate our acetate flake and tow manufacturing by early-2007 and to exit the acetate filament business, which ceased production in April 2005. This restructuring has been implemented to increase efficiency, reduce over-capacities in certain manufacturing areas and to focus on products and markets that provide long-term value.

Performance Products

The Performance Products segment operates under the trade name of Nutrinova and produces and sells a high intensity sweetener and food protection ingredients, such as sorbates, for the food, beverage and pharmaceuticals industries.

Competitive Strengths

We have benefited from a number of competitive strengths, including the following:

- **Leading Market Positions.** We have #1 or #2 market positions globally in products that make up a majority of our sales according to SRI Handbook and Tecnon Orbichem Survey. Our leadership positions are based on our large share of global production capacity, operating efficiencies, proprietary technology and competitive cost structures in our major products.
- **Proprietary Production Technology and Operating Expertise.** Our production of acetyl products employs industry leading proprietary and licensed technologies, including our proprietary AO Plus acid-optimization technology for the production of acetic acid and VAntage vinyl acetate monomer technology.
- **Low Cost Producer.** Our competitive cost structures are based on economies of scale, vertical integration, technical know-how and the use of advanced technologies.
- **Global Reach.** We operate 31 production facilities (excluding our ventures) throughout the world, with major operations in North America, Europe and Asia. Ventures owned by us and our partners operate ten additional facilities. Our infrastructure of manufacturing plants, terminals, and sales offices provides us with a competitive advantage in anticipating and meeting the needs of our global and local customers in well-established and growing markets, while our geographic diversity reduces the potential impact of volatility in any individual country or region. We have a strong and growing presence in Asia (particularly in China) where ventures owned by us and our partners operate three additional facilities.

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- **International Strategic Investments.** Our strategic investments, including our ventures, have enabled us to gain access, minimize costs and accelerate growth in new markets, while also generating significant cash flow and earnings.
 - **Diversified Products and End-Use Markets.** We offer our customers a broad range of products in a wide variety of end-use markets. This product diversity and exposure help us reduce the potential impact of volatility in any individual market segment.

Business Strategies

We are focused on increasing operating cash flows, profitability, return on investment and shareholder value, which we believe can be achieved through the following business strategies:

- **Maintain Cost Advantage and Productivity Leadership.** We continually seek to reduce our production and raw material costs. Our advanced process control projects (APC) generate savings in energy and raw materials while increasing yields in production units. We intend to continue using best practices to reduce costs and increase equipment reliability in maintenance and project engineering.
- **Focused Business Investment.** We intend to continue investing strategically in growth areas, including new production capacity, to extend our global market leadership position. We expect to continue to benefit from our investments and capacity expansion that enable us to meet increases in global demand.
- **Maximize Cash Flow and Reduce Debt.** Over the past several years, we have generated a significant amount of operating cash flow. Between January 1, 2002 and March 31, 2004, the Predecessor generated over \$650 million of net cash provided by operating activities. Between April 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004, the Successor consumed over \$60 million of net cash used in operating activities. The cash flow used by operations was affected by the one-time payment of

a \$95 million obligation to a third party, \$59 million associated with the exercising of stock appreciation rights, pension contributions totaling \$409 million and higher interest expense due to increased debt levels. We expect improvement in our operating cash flow through increased productivity in our operations, increased cash dividends from our ventures, reduced pension contributions and pursuing additional cost reduction efforts. We believe in a focused capital expenditure plan that is dedicated to attractive investment projects. The Company is targeting a \$125 million reduction in selling, general and administrative expense over the next two to three years. In addition, the Company is seeking a \$100 million improvement in procurement costs in the next two to three years. We intend to use our free cash flow to reduce indebtedness and selectively expand our businesses. The operating cash flow used by the Predecessor for the three months ended March 31, 2004 was \$107 million. The operating cash flow generated by Successor for the six months ended June 30, 2005 was \$190 million. As of June 30, 2005, we had total debt of \$3,393 million and cash and cash equivalents of \$959 million. See "Capitalization" for additional information.

- **Deliver Value-Added Solutions.** We continually develop new products and industry leading production technologies that solve our customers' problems. We believe that our customers value our expertise, and we will continue to work with them to enhance the quality of their products.
- **Enhance Value of Portfolio.** We will continue to further optimize our business portfolio through divestitures, acquisitions and strategic investments that enable us to focus on businesses in which we can achieve market, cost and technology leadership over the long term. In addition, we intend to continue to expand our product mix into higher value-added products.

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THE TRANSACTIONS

As used in this prospectus, the term "Transactions" means, collectively, the Tender Offer, the Original Financing, and the Refinancing described under "The Transactions" elsewhere in this prospectus.

Pursuant to the Tender Offer, in April 2004 the Purchaser, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer, acquired, at a price of €32.50 per share, a total of 41,588,227 CAG Shares, representing approximately 84% of the CAG Shares outstanding as of December 31, 2004. Pursuant to a mandatory offer commenced in September 2004 and continuing as of the date of this prospectus, the Purchaser acquired additional CAG Shares. In addition, in August 2005, we acquired approximately 5.9 million, or approximately 11.8%, of the outstanding CAG Shares from two shareholders. As a result of these acquisitions, partially offset by the issuance of additional shares of CAG as a result of the exercise of options issued under the CAG stock option plan, as of the date of this prospectus, we own approximately 98% of the outstanding CAG Shares. The Purchaser may from time to time purchase or be required to purchase any or all of the outstanding CAG Shares not owned by it in market transactions or otherwise. Examples of instances in which the Purchaser may be required to purchase additional CAG Shares include the ongoing mandatory offer relating to the domination and profit and loss transfer agreement entered into by the Purchaser and CAG, or additional mandatory offers required by actions that the Purchaser or its affiliates may take in the future, such as a possible delisting of the CAG Shares from the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, a possible squeeze-out of the minority shareholders of CAG or a possible conversion of CAG into a different legal form. The Purchaser's decision to pursue subsequent voluntary purchases will depend on, among other factors, the then-prevailing market prices and any negotiated terms with minority shareholders. See "The Transactions—Post-Tender Offer Events."

RECENT RESTRUCTURING

We recently completed an internal restructuring of certain of our operations. See "The Recent Restructuring."

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Celanese Corporation IPO. The Issuer recently completed its initial public offering of its Series A common stock and a concurrent offering of preferred stock. In addition, we have amended and restated our senior credit facilities and have borrowed additional amounts thereunder. The net proceeds of these offerings, together with the borrowings under the amended and restated senior credit facilities, were used to redeem a portion of the senior discount notes and a portion of the senior subordinated notes of our subsidiaries, to repay the floating rate term loan of our subsidiaries and to pay a special dividend to the Original Stockholders. See "The Recent Financings."

Special Dividends. In March 2005, Celanese Corporation issued a stock dividend of 7.5 million shares of its Series A common stock to the holders of its Series B common stock. In addition, on April 7, 2005, Celanese Corporation used a portion of the proceeds of the Recent Financings to pay a special cash dividend to holders of its Series B common stock of \$804 million, which was declared on March 8, 2005. See Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. See "The Recent Financings," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Principal and Selling Stockholders."

Acetate Restructuring. In October 2004, we announced plans to implement a strategic restructuring of our acetate business to increase the efficiency, reduce overcapacity in certain areas and to focus on products and markets that provide long-term value. As part of this restructuring, we plan to exit the acetate filament business, which ceased production in April 2005, and to consolidate our acetate flake and tow operations at three locations, instead of five. The restructuring resulted in \$50 million of asset impairment charges recorded as a special charge and \$12 million in charges to depreciation for related asset retirement obligations for the nine months ended December 31, 2004.

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Acetex Acquisition. In July 2005, we acquired Acetex Corporation ("Acetex") for \$270 million and assumed Acetex's \$247 million of debt (net of acquired cash of \$54 million). Acetex's operations include an acetyls business with plants in Europe and a North American specialty polymers and film business. Acetex has entered into a front-end engineering design for the construction of an acetyls complex in Saudi Arabia. We acquired Acetex using existing cash. We caused Acetex to exercise its option to redeem its 10 7/8% senior notes due 2009 totaling approximately \$265 million. The redemption was funded primarily with available cash and took place on August 19, 2005. The redemption price was approximately \$280 million, which represented 105.438% of the outstanding principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to August 19, 2005. On August 25, 2005, the Company repaid the remaining \$36 million of assumed debt with available cash. Acetex has two primary businesses: the Acetyls Business and the Specialty Polymers and Films Business. The Acetyls business produces acetic acid, polyvinyl alcohol and vinyl acetate monomer and will be operated as part of our Chemical Products segment. The Specialty Polymers and Films Business produces specialty polymers (used in the manufacture of a variety of plastics products, including packaging and laminating products, auto parts, adhesives and medical products) as well as products for the agricultural, horticultural and construction industries and will be included in Other Activities.

Vinamul Polymers Acquisition. In February 2005, we acquired Vinamul Polymers, the North American and European emulsion polymer business of National Starch and Chemical Company, for \$208 million. National Starch and Chemical Company is a subsidiary of Imperial Chemical Industries PLC. The Vinamul Polymers product line includes vinyl acetate-ethylene copolymers, vinyl acetate homopolymers and copolymers, and acrylic and vinyl acrylic emulsions. Vinamul Polymers operates manufacturing facilities in the United States, Canada, the United

Kingdom and The Netherlands. As part of the agreement, National Starch and Chemical Company will continue to supply Vinamul Polymers with starch, dextrin and other specialty ingredients following the acquisition. We will supply the Vinamul Polymers business with vinyl acetate monomer and polyvinyl alcohols. We financed this acquisition primarily through \$200 million of borrowings under the Acquisition Facilities.

Proposed Dispositions. In December 2004, we approved a plan to dispose of a portion of our ownership interest in the COC business included within the Technical Polymers Ticona segment and our interest in Pemeas GmbH, the fuel cell venture included in Other Activities. This decision resulted in \$32 million and \$24 million of asset impairment charges recorded in the nine months ended December 31, 2004 and the six months ended June 30, 2005, respectively as a special charge related to the COC business. The revenues and the operating loss for COC were \$10 million and \$37 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005, \$8 million and \$59 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2004, \$1 million and \$9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and \$7 million and \$35 million for the year ended December 31, 2003, respectively. The revenues for the fuel cell business were not material for any period presented. Operating loss for the fuel cell business was \$3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005, \$8 million for the nine months ended December 31, 2004, \$2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and \$12 million for the year ended December 31, 2003. As of June 30, 2005, the estimated total assets of COC was approximately \$12 million, and the estimated total assets of Pemeas GmbH was \$19 million.

On October 5, 2005, we announced we have signed a letter of intent to divest our COC business to a venture between Daicel Chemical Industries Ltd. and our polyplastic venture, Polyplastics Co. Ltd.

In July 2005, we announced an intention to sell our emulsion powders business to National Starch and Chemical Company and to Elatex AG, both subsidiaries of ICI. This transaction closed in September 2005.

In August 2005, the Issuer and Hatco Corporation agreed to wind up Estech GmbH, its venture for neopropyl esters. During the six months ended June 30, 2005 the Issuer recorded an impairment charge of \$10 million related to this matter. This venture had a net book value of zero as of June 30, 2005.

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Stock Incentive Plan, Deferred Compensation Plan and Bonuses. In December 2004, we adopted a stock incentive plan and a deferred compensation plan to assist us in recruiting, retaining and motivating key employees, directors and consultants. Celanese Corporation has paid bonuses of \$2 million, in the aggregate, to certain members of management in 2005. In addition, three of our named executive officers will be eligible to receive retention bonuses totaling approximately \$13 million in the aggregate, fifty percent of which has been paid in 2004.

Under the Stock Incentive Plan, Celanese Corporation has granted options with the exercise price equal to the fair market value of its Series A common stock. In addition, it has sold 1,666,917 shares of its Series A common stock at \$7.20 per share under its Stock Incentive Plan to certain of our executive officers, employees and directors. In connection with such issuance, we recorded a compensation expense equal to the difference between the issue price and the fair market value of Series A common stock times the number of shares issued below the initial public offering price, in the aggregate amount of approximately \$14 million.

The aggregate maximum amount payable under the deferred compensation plan is \$192 million. The initial component of the deferred compensation plan totaling an aggregate of approximately \$27 million vested in the fourth quarter of 2004 and was paid in the first quarter of 2005. We recorded a charge in the fourth quarter of 2004 for the first \$27 million of the deferred compensation plan.

See "Management—Stock Incentive Plan," "—Deferred Compensation Plan" and "—Bonus".

Internal Controls. We are evaluating our internal controls over financial reporting in order to allow management to report on, and our independent auditors to attest to, our internal controls over financial reporting, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and rules and regulations of the SEC thereunder. The management's certified report and auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 will initially apply to Celanese Corporation as of December 31, 2006 and CAG as of September 30, 2006. If we are not able to implement the requirements of Section 404 in a timely manner or with adequate compliance, it may have a significant and adverse effect on our business and reputation and our internal controls would be considered ineffective for the purposes of Section 404. In addition to, and separate from, our evaluation of internal controls under Section 404, in 2004 we identified and remediated two significant deficiencies in our internal controls. In 2005, during the course of the audit of our financial statements as of and for the nine months ended December 31, 2004, we and our independent auditors identified two material weaknesses in our internal controls relating to the period covered by such financial statements. The ongoing material weaknesses and the identification of any other significant deficiencies in the future could affect our ability to ensure timely and reliable financial reports. If we have other deficiencies or weaknesses and are unable to remediate such deficiencies or weaknesses in internal controls in a timely manner, our ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC will be adversely affected. See "Risk Factors—Risks Related to the Acquisition of CAG—Our internal controls over financial reporting may not be effective and our independent auditors may not be able to certify as to their effectiveness, which could have a significant and adverse effect on our business and reputation" and "—We and our independent auditors have identified significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in our internal controls that could affect our ability to ensure timely and reliable financial reports."

Partial Redemption of the Notes. In February 2005, subsidiaries of the Issuer redeemed approximately 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the senior subordinated notes and approximately 35% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the senior discount notes with a portion of the net proceeds from the offering by the Issuer of its Series A common stock and preferred stock that was contributed to such subsidiaries for that purpose.

Recent Purchases of CAG Shares. In August 2005, we acquired approximately 5.9 million, or approximately 11.8%, of the outstanding CAG Shares from two shareholders of CAG for the aggregate consideration of approximately €302 million (\$369 million). In addition, we paid to such shareholders an additional purchase price of approximately €12 million (\$15 million) in consideration

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for the settlement of certain claims and for such shareholders agreeing to, among other things, (1) accept the shareholders' resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting of CAG held on July 30 and 31, 2004 and the annual general meeting of CAG held on May 19 and 20, 2005, (2) acknowledge the legal effectiveness of the domination and profit and loss transfer agreement, (3) irrevocably withdraw and abandon all actions, applications and appeals each brought or joined in legal proceedings related to, among other things, challenging the effectiveness of the Domination Agreement and amount of fair cash compensation offered by Purchaser in the mandatory offer required by Section 305(1) of the German Stock Corporation Act, (4) refrain from acquiring any CAG Shares or any other investment in CAG, and (5) refrain from taking any future legal action with respect to shareholder resolutions or corporate actions of CAG. We paid the aggregate consideration of €314 million (\$384 million) for the additional CAG Shares that we acquired from such shareholders and for the agreements described above using available cash. We also announced that we would increase our offer to purchase any remaining outstanding CAG Shares to €51 per share (plus interest on €41.92 per share) for all minority shareholders that would accept the increased offer on or prior to

September 29, 2005 and waive their rights to participate in an increase of the offer consideration as a result of the pending award proceedings. In addition, all shareholders who tendered their shares pursuant to the mandatory offer of €41.92 per share, plus interest, commenced in September 2004 and continuing as of the date of this prospectus, were entitled to claim the difference between the increased offer of €51 per share and the mandatory offer of €41.92 per share. Any shareholder who accepted the increased offer of €51 per share, or claimed the difference between the mandatory offer and the increased offer, was obligated to agree to waive its rights to participate in any possible future increase of the offer consideration as a result of the pending award proceedings. For minority shareholders who did not accept the increased offer on or prior to the September 29, 2005 expiration date, the terms of the original €41.92 per share mandatory offer will continue to apply. The mandatory offer will expire on December 1, 2005, unless further extended. As a result of these acquisitions, partially offset by the issuance of additional shares of CAG as a result of the exercise of options issued under the CAG stock option plan, as of the date of this prospectus, we own approximately 98% of the outstanding CAG Shares.

Shutdown of Texas Gulf Coast Plants. In September 2005, we announced a controlled shutdown of our plants in Clear Lake, Pasadena, Bay City and Bishop, Texas in preparation for Hurricane Rita. We subsequently announced that these plants sustained minimal damage from this hurricane and that we are in the process of resuming production at these plants. We believe the hurricane will have an aggregate negative impact on earnings of approximately \$15 million in the third and fourth quarters of 2005.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1601 West LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75234-6034 and our main telephone number is +1-972-443-4000.

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THE OFFERING

Common stock offered by the selling stockholders	Up to 23,000,000 shares of Series A common stock
Common stock to be outstanding before and after this offering	158,562,161 shares
Use of proceeds	The selling stockholders will receive all net proceeds from the sale of the shares of our common stock in this offering. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock by the selling stockholders.
Dividend policy	Our board of directors adopted a policy of declaring, subject to legally available funds, a quarterly cash dividend on each share of our common stock at an annual rate initially equal to approximately 1% of the \$16 price per share in the initial public offering of our Series A common stock (or \$0.16 per share) unless our board of directors, in its sole discretion, determines otherwise, commencing the second quarter of 2005. Pursuant to this policy, the Company paid the first quarterly dividend of \$0.04 per share on August 11, 2005 and intends to pay the second quarterly dividend of \$0.04 per share on

November 1, 2005. However, there is no assurance that sufficient cash will be available in the future to pay such dividend. Further, such dividends payable to holders of our Series A common stock dividend cannot be declared or paid nor can any funds be set aside for the payment thereof, unless we have paid or set aside funds for the payment of all accumulated and unpaid dividends with respect to the shares of our preferred stock, as described below.

Our board of directors may, at any time, modify or revoke our dividend policy on our Series A common stock.

We are required under the terms of the preferred stock to pay scheduled quarterly dividends, subject to legally available funds. See "Dividend Policy."

New York Stock Exchange symbol

"CE"

Unless we specifically state otherwise, all information in this prospectus:

- assumes an offering of 20,000,000 shares by the selling stockholders and no exercise by the underwriters of their over-allotment option, if any;
- excludes
 - 12,097,177 shares of Series A common stock reserved for issuance upon exercise of options granted to certain of our executive officers, key employees and directors upon consummation of our initial public offering, with an exercise price equal to the price to public per share in the initial public offering; and

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- 2,468,546 additional shares of Series A common stock reserved for issuance in connection with our equity incentive plans;
 - 12,000,000 shares of Series A common stock reserved for issuance upon conversion of our preferred stock; and
 - does not reflect our acquisitions of Acetex and Vinamul Polymers or the indebtedness we incurred in connection with those acquisitions or our recent purchase of 5.9 million of CAG shares for any period ending prior to the respective closing dates of such acquisitions.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our stock involves risks. You should carefully consider all the information in this prospectus prior to investing in our stock. In particular, we urge you to consider carefully the factors set forth under the heading "Risk Factors."

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SUMMARY HISTORICAL AND PRO FORMA FINANCIAL DATA

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The balance sheet data shown below for December 31, 2003 and 2004, and the statements of operations and cash flow data for 2002, 2003 and the three months ended March 31, 2004 and the nine months ended December 31, 2004, all of which are set forth below, are derived from the audited Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this prospectus and should be read in conjunction with those financial statements and the notes thereto. The balance sheet data shown below as of June 30, 2005, and the statements of operations and cash flows data for the three months ended June 30, 2004 and the six months ended June 30, 2005, all of which are set forth below, are derived from the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements, included elsewhere in this prospectus and should be read in conjunction with those financial statements and the notes thereto. The balance sheet data for 2002 is derived from CAG's audited financial statements which are not included in this prospectus.

The following summary unaudited pro forma financial data have been prepared to give pro forma effect to (1) the Transactions, the Recent Restructuring and the Recent Financings, as if they had occurred on January 1, 2004, in the case of our unaudited pro forma statement of operations data for the year ended December 31, 2004, and (2) the Recent Financings in the case of our unaudited pro forma statement of operations data for the six months ended June 30, 2005. There is no pro forma impact of the Transactions, Recent Restructuring and Recent Financings on our financial position as of June 30, 2005; therefore, an unaudited pro forma balance sheet has not been prepared. The unaudited pro forma financial data is for informational purposes only and should not be considered indicative of actual consolidated results of operations that we would have reported had the Transactions, the Recent Restructuring, and the Recent Financings actually been consummated on the dates indicated and do not purport to indicate results of operations for any future period. You should read the following data in conjunction with "The Transactions," "The Recent Restructuring," "The Recent Financings," "Unaudited Pro Forma Financial Information," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," the Consolidated Financial Statements and the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

As of June 30, 2005, the Purchaser, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer, owned approximately 84% of the CAG Shares then outstanding and the pro forma information assumes that we do not acquire any additional CAG Shares. As a result of the acquisition of approximately 5.9 million CAG Shares from two shareholders of CAG in August 2005, as well as CAG Shares acquired pursuant to the mandatory offer commenced in September 2004 and continuing as of the date of this prospectus partially offset by the issuance of additional CAG Shares as a result of the exercise of options issued under the CAG stock option plan, as of the date of this prospectus, we own approximately 98% of the outstanding CAG Shares. The Issuer, apart from the financing of the Transactions, does not have any independent external operations other than through the indirect ownership of CAG and CAC, their consolidated subsidiaries, their non-consolidated subsidiaries, ventures and other investments. Accordingly, financial and other information of CAG is presented in this prospectus. This prospectus presents the financial information relating to CAG and its subsidiaries under the caption "Predecessor" and the information relating to us under the caption "Successor." See "The Transactions."

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Predecessor		Successor				Pro For
Year Ended December 31,	Year Ended December 31,	Three Months Ended March 31,	Three Months Ended June 30,	Nine Months Ended December 31,	Six Months Ended June 30,	Year Ended December 31,
2002	2003	2004	2004	2004	2005	2004

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(in millions, except shares and per share data)

Statement of Operations

Data:

Net sales	\$ 3,836	\$ 4,603	\$ 1,243	\$ 1,229	\$ 3,826	\$ 3,026	\$ 5,069
Cost of sales	(3,171)	(3,883)	(1,002)	(1,058)	(3,092)	(2,300)	(4,001)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(446)	(510)	(137)	(125)	(498)	(297)	(625)
Research and development expenses	(65)	(89)	(23)	(22)	(67)	(46)	(89)
Special charges ⁽²⁾ :							
Insurance recoveries associated with plumbing cases	—	107	—	2	1	4	1
Sorbates antitrust matters	—	(95)	—	—	—	—	—
Restructuring, impairment and other special charges, net	5	(17)	(28)	(1)	(92)	(69)	(99)
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	3	(4)	—	—	(3)	2	(3)
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets	11	6	(1)	—	3	(2)	2
Operating profit (loss)	173	118	52	25	78	318	255
Equity in net earnings of affiliates	21	35	12	18	36	27	48
Interest expense	(55)	(49)	(6)	(130)	(300)	(244)	(250)
Interest and other income (expense), net ⁽³⁾	41	92	14	(17)	12	45	26
	(57)	(53)	(17)	(10)	(70)	(51)	(109)

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Income tax benefit (provision)													
Minority interests	—		—		—		(10)		(8)		(38)		(23)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	123		143		55		(124)		(252)		57	\$	(53)
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations, net of income tax	27		6		23		(1)		(1)		—		
Cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles, net of income tax	18		(1)		—		—		—		—		
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 168	\$	148	\$	78	\$	(125)	\$	(253)	\$	57		
Earnings (loss) per common share—basic ⁽⁴⁾ :													
Continuing operations	\$ 2.44	\$	2.89	\$	1.12	\$	(1.25)	\$	(2.54)	\$	0.35	\$	(0.40)
Discontinued operations	\$ 0.54	\$	0.12	\$	0.46	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.01)	\$	—		
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	\$ 0.36	\$	(0.02)		—		—		—		—		
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 3.34	\$	2.99	\$	1.58	\$	(1.26)	\$	(2.55)	\$	0.35		
Weighted average shares—basic ⁽⁴⁾	50,329,346		49,445,958		49,321,468		99,377,884		99,377,884		150,182,788		158,544,801
Earnings (loss) per common share—diluted ⁽⁴⁾													
Continuing operations	\$ 2.44	\$	2.89	\$	1.11	\$	(1.25)	\$	(2.54)	\$	0.35	\$	(0.40)

	Predecessor		Successor				Pro Forma ⁽¹⁾	
	Year Ended December 31,		Three Months Ended March 31, 2004	Three Months Ended June 30, 2004 (unaudited)	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2004	Six Months Ended June 30, 2005 (unaudited)	Year Ended December 31, 2004 (unaudited)	Mo E Ju 2
	2002	2003						(un
	(in millions, except shares and per share data)							
Discontinued operations	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.46	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.01)	\$ —		
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	\$ 0.36	\$ (0.02)	—	—	—	—		
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 3.34	\$ 2.99	\$ 1.57	\$ (1.26)	\$ (2.55)	\$ 0.35		
Weighted average shares—diluted	450,329,346	49,457,145	49,712,421	99,377,884	99,377,884	150,273,928	158,544,801	170

	Predecessor		Successor				
	Year Ended December 31,		Three Months Ended March 31, 2004	Three Months Ended June 30, 2004 (unaudited)	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2004	Six Months Ended June 30, 2005 (unaudited)	
	2002	2003					
	(in millions, except shares and per share data)						

Statement of Cash Flows**Data:**

Net cash provided by (used in) continuing operations:

Operating activities	\$ 363	\$ 401	\$ (107)	\$ (107)	\$ (63)	\$ 190
Investing activities	(139)	(275)	96	(1,649)	(1,810)	(138)
Financing activities	(150)	(108)	(43)	2,498	2,686	168

Balance Sheet Data:

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Trade working capital ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 599	\$ 641	\$ 762	\$ 859
Total assets	6,417	6,814	7,410	7,396
Total debt	644	637	3,387	3,393
Shareholders' equity (deficit)	2,096	2,582	(112)	126

(1)As of June 30, 2005, we owned approximately 84% of the outstanding CAG Shares and the pro forma information presented above assumes that we do not acquire any additional CAG Shares. Any additional CAG shares purchased by the Company would result in lower future minority interest expense. In August 2005, we acquired approximately 5.9 million, or approximately 11.8%, of the outstanding CAG Shares from two shareholders, which increased our ownership percentage of CAG to approximately 96%. In addition, pursuant to a mandatory offer commenced in September 2004 and continuing as of the date of this prospectus, we acquired additional CAG shares. As a result of these acquisitions, partially offset by the issuance of additional shares of CAG as a result of the exercise of options issued under the CAG stock option plan, as of the date of this prospectus, we own approximately 98% of the outstanding CAG Shares. See "Prospectus Summary—Recent Developments—Recent Purchases of CAG Shares."

(2)Special charges include impairment charges, provisions for restructuring, which include costs associated with employee termination benefits and plant and office closures, certain insurance recoveries and other expenses and income incurred outside the normal course of ongoing operations. See Notes 21 and 13 to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements, respectively.

(3)Interest and other income (expense), net, includes interest income, dividends from cost basis investments and other non-operating income (expense).

(4)Earnings (loss) per share for the Predecessor periods has been calculated by dividing net earnings (loss) by the historical weighted average shares outstanding of the Predecessor. As the capital structure of the Predecessor and Successor are substantially different, the reported earnings (loss) per share are not comparable.

Successor basic earnings (loss) per common share is computed by dividing earnings (loss) available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the periods. Successor diluted earnings (loss) per common share is computed by dividing earnings (loss) available to common stockholders by the sum of the weighted average common shares outstanding plus dilutive common shares for the period.

Pro forma basic earnings (loss) per common share is computed by dividing earnings (loss) available to common stockholders by the number of common shares outstanding assuming the Recent Financings and related share activity occurred on January 1, 2004. Pro forma diluted earnings per common share is computed by dividing earnings (loss) available to common Series A stockholders by the sum of the number of common shares outstanding assuming the Recent Financings and related share activity occurred on January 1, 2004 adjusted to give effect to common stock equivalents, if dilutive. Earnings (loss) available to common stockholders is computed by deducting preferred stock dividends from net earnings (loss).

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Successor earnings (loss) per share is calculated as follows:

Three Months Ended	Nine Months Ended	Successor Six Months Ended	Pro forma Year Ended	Pro forma Six Months Ended
June 30, 2004	December 31,	June 30, 2005	December 31,	June 30, 2005

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	2004		2004		
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	(in millions, except share and per share data)				
Earnings (loss) from operations	\$ (124)	\$ (252)	\$ 57	\$ (53)	\$ 212
Loss in preferred dividends	—	—	(4)	(10)	(5)
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations	(124)	(252)	53	(63)	207
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	(1)	(1)	—	—	—
Net income (loss) available to common shareholders	\$ (125)	\$ (253)	\$ 53	\$ (63)	\$ 207
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$ (1.25)	\$ (2.54)	\$ 0.35	\$ (0.40)	\$ 1.31
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ (1.25)	\$ (2.55)	\$ 0.35	\$ (0.40)	\$ 1.24
Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$ (1.26)	\$ (2.54)	\$ 0.35		
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$ (1.26)	\$ (2.55)	\$ 0.35		
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding	99,377,884	99,377,884	150,182,788	158,544,801	158,544,801
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	99,377,884	99,377,884	150,273,928	158,544,801	170,635,941

(a) Weighted average common shares outstanding are calculated in the table below.

	Successor				
	Three Months Ended June 30, 2004	Nine Months Ended December 31, 2004	Six Months Ended June 30, 2005	Pro forma Year Ended December 31, 2004	Pro forma Six Months Ended June 30, 2005
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
	(in millions, except share and per share data)				
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding	99,377,844	99,377,884	150,182,788	158,544,801	158,544,801
Dilutive stock options	—	—	91,140	—	91,140
Outstanding conversion of preferred stock	—	—	—	—	12,000,000
Dilutive stock	99,377,844	99,377,884	150,273,928	158,544,801	170,635,941

For the six months ended June 30, 2005 and the pro forma year ended December 31, 2004, shares issuable upon the conversion of preferred stock and employee stock options which would have an anti-dilutive effect have been excluded from the calculation of dilutive earnings (loss) per share.

(5) Trade working capital is defined as trade accounts receivable from third parties and affiliates net of allowance for doubtful accounts, plus inventories, less trade accounts payable to third parties and affiliates. For the calculation of trade working capital, see note (4) to "Selected Historical Financial Data."

RISK FACTORS

An investment in our stock involves risks. You should carefully consider the risks described below, together with the other information in this prospectus, before deciding to purchase any shares in this offering.

Risks Related to the Acquisition of CAG

If the Domination Agreement ceases to be operative, the Issuer's managerial control over CAG is limited.

As of the date of this prospectus, we own 100% of the outstanding shares of CAC and approximately 98% of the outstanding shares of CAG. Our access to cash flows of, and our control of, CAG is subject to the continuing effectiveness of the Domination Agreement. See "The Transactions—Post-Tender Offer Events—Domination and Profit and Loss Transfer Agreement."

The Domination Agreement is subject to legal challenges instituted by dissenting shareholders. Minority shareholders have filed nine actions against CAG in the Frankfurt District Court (Landgericht), seeking, among other things, to set aside the shareholder resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting held on July 30 and 31, 2004 based, among other things, on the alleged violation of procedural requirements and information rights of the shareholders, to declare the Domination Agreement and the change in the fiscal year void and to prohibit CAG from performing its obligations under the Domination Agreement. Pursuant to German law, the time period for the filing of such challenges has expired. Further, several additional minority shareholders have joined the proceedings via third party intervention in support of the plaintiffs. The Purchaser has joined the proceedings via third party intervention in support of CAG. A ratification resolution (Bestätigungsbeschluss) to ratify the shareholders' resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting held on July 30 and 31, 2004 was submitted to a shareholder vote, and approved, at the annual general meeting of CAG held on May 19 and 20, 2005. Following the annual general meeting, several minority shareholders of CAG commenced legal actions with the Frankfurt District Court against the shareholders' resolutions passed at the annual shareholders meeting as well, and requested that the court set aside the ratification resolution. In June 2005, the Frankfurt District Court has suspended the proceedings regarding the actions against the shareholders' resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting held on July 30 and 31, 2004 until a judicially final and binding decision is rendered with regard to the actions against the ratification resolution passed at the annual general meeting. In addition, a German court could revoke the registration of the Domination Agreement in the commercial register. On August 2, 2004, two minority shareholders instituted public register proceedings with the Königstein Local Court (Amtsgericht) and the Frankfurt District Court, both with a view to have the registration of the Domination Agreement in the Commercial Register deleted (Amtslöschungsverfahren). In June 2005, the Frankfurt District Court ruled that it does not have jurisdiction over this matter. The proceeding in the Königstein Local Court is still pending. See "Business—Legal Proceedings."

If the Domination Agreement ceases to be operative, the Purchaser's ability, and thus our ability to control the board of management decisions of CAG, will be significantly limited by German law. As a result, we may not be able to ensure that our strategy for the operation of our business can be fully implemented. In addition, our access to the operating cash flow of CAG in order to fund payment requirements on our indebtedness will be limited, which could have a material adverse effect on the value of our stock.

If the Domination Agreement ceases to be operative, certain actions taken under the Domination Agreement might have to be reversed.

If legal challenges of the Domination Agreement by dissenting shareholders of CAG are successful, some or all actions taken under the Domination Agreement, including the Recent Restructuring, may be required to be reversed and the Purchaser may be required to compensate CAG for damages caused by such actions. Any such event could have a material adverse effect on our ability to make payments on our indebtedness and on the value of our stock.

The Purchaser currently owns approximately 98% of the CAG Shares. Shareholders unrelated to us hold the remainder of the outstanding CAG Shares. German law provides certain rights to minority shareholders, which could have the effect of delaying, or interfering with, corporate actions (including those requiring shareholder approval), such as the potential application for revocation of admission of the CAG Shares to the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, the squeeze-out and the potential conversion of CAG from its current legal form of a stock corporation into a limited partnership (Kommanditgesellschaft, KG) or a limited liability company (Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung, GmbH) in accordance with the provisions of the German Transformation Act (Umwandlungsgesetz, UmwG). Minority shareholders may be able to delay or prevent the implementation of CAG's corporate actions irrespective of the size of their shareholding. Any challenge by minority shareholders to the validity of a corporate action may be subject to judicial resolution that may substantially delay or hinder the implementation of such action. Such delays of, or interferences with, corporate actions as well as related litigation may limit our access to CAG's cash flows and make it difficult or impossible for us to take or implement corporate actions which may be desirable in view of our operating or financial requirements, including actions which may have beneficial effects for our shareholders.

CAG's board of management may refuse to comply with instructions given by the Purchaser pursuant to the Domination Agreement, which may prevent us from causing CAG to take actions which may have beneficial effects for our shareholders.

Under the Domination Agreement, the Purchaser is entitled to give instructions directly to the board of management of CAG, including, but not limited to, instructions that are disadvantageous to CAG, as long as such disadvantageous instructions benefit the Purchaser or the companies affiliated with either the Purchaser or CAG. CAG's board of management is required to comply with any such instruction, unless, at the time when such instruction is given, (i) it is, in the opinion of the board of management of CAG, obviously not in the interests of the Purchaser or the companies affiliated with either the Purchaser or CAG, (ii) in the event of a disadvantageous instruction, the negative consequences to CAG are disproportionate to the benefits to the Purchaser or the companies affiliated with either the Purchaser or CAG, (iii) compliance with the instruction would violate legal or statutory restrictions, (iv) compliance with the instruction would endanger the existence of CAG or (v) it is doubtful whether the Purchaser will be able to fully compensate CAG, as required by the Domination Agreement, for its annual loss (Jahresfehlbetrag) incurred during the fiscal year in which such instruction is given. The board of management of CAG remains ultimately responsible for making the executive decisions for CAG and the Purchaser, despite the Domination Agreement, is not entitled to act on behalf of, and has no power to legally bind, CAG. The CAG board of management may delay the implementation of, or refuse to implement, any of the Purchaser's instructions despite its general obligation to follow such instructions (with the exceptions mentioned above). Such delays of, or interferences with, compliance with the Purchaser's instructions by the board of management of CAG may make it difficult or impossible for the Purchaser to implement corporate actions which may be desirable in view of our operating or financial requirements, including actions which may have beneficial effects for our shareholders.

The Purchaser will be required to ensure that CAG pays a guaranteed fixed annual payment to the minority shareholders of CAG, which may reduce the funds the Purchaser can otherwise make available to us.

As long as the Purchaser does not own 100% of the outstanding CAG Shares, the Domination Agreement requires, among other things, the Purchaser to ensure that CAG makes a gross guaranteed fixed annual payment (Ausgleich) to minority shareholders of €3.27 per CAG share less certain corporate taxes in lieu of any future dividend. Taking into account the circumstances and the tax rates at the time of the entering into of the Domination Agreement, the net guaranteed fixed annual payment is €2.89 per CAG share for a full fiscal year. As of October 26, 2005, there were approximately 0.9 million CAG Shares held by minority shareholders. The net guaranteed fixed

annual payment may, depending on applicable corporate tax rates, in the future be higher, lower or the same as €2.89. The amount of this guaranteed fixed annual payment was calculated in accordance with applicable German law. The amount of the payment is currently under review in special award proceedings (Spruchverfahren). See "Business—Legal Proceedings." Such guaranteed fixed annual payments will be required regardless of whether the actual distributable profits per share of CAG are higher, equal to, or lower than the amount of the guaranteed fixed annual payment per share. The guaranteed fixed annual payment will be payable for so long as there are minority shareholders of CAG and the Domination Agreement remains in place. No dividends for the period after the effectiveness of the Domination Agreement, other than the guaranteed fixed annual payment effectively paid by the Purchaser, have been or are expected to be paid by CAG. These requirements may reduce the funds the Purchaser can make available to the Issuer and its subsidiaries and, accordingly, diminish our ability to make payments on our respective indebtedness. See "The Transactions—Post-Tender Offer Events—Domination and Profit and Loss Transfer Agreement."

The amounts of the fair cash compensation and of the guaranteed fixed annual payment offered under the Domination Agreement may be increased, which may further reduce the funds the Purchaser can otherwise make available to us.

As of the date of this prospectus, several minority shareholders of CAG have initiated special award proceedings (Spruchverfahren) seeking the court's review of the amounts of the fair cash compensation (Abfindung) and of the guaranteed fixed annual payment (Ausgleich) offered under the Domination Agreement. On March 14, 2005, the Frankfurt District Court dismissed on grounds of inadmissibility the motions of all minority shareholder regarding the initiation of these special award proceedings. The ruling of the court is, however, under appeal (sofortige Beschwerden) with the Frankfurt Higher District Court (Oberlandesgericht). As a result of these proceedings, the amounts of the fair cash compensation (Abfindung) and of the guaranteed fixed annual payment (Ausgleich) could be increased by the court, and the Purchaser would be required to make such payments within two months after the publication of the court's ruling. Any such increase may be substantial. All minority shareholders including those who have already received the fair cash compensation would be entitled to claim the respective higher amounts. This may reduce the funds the Purchaser can make available to the Issuer and its subsidiaries and, accordingly, diminish our ability to make payments on our indebtedness. See "Business—Legal Proceedings."

The Purchaser may be required to compensate CAG for annual losses, which may reduce the funds the Purchaser can otherwise make available to the Issuer.

Under the Domination Agreement, the Purchaser is required, among other things, to compensate CAG for any annual loss incurred, determined in accordance with German accounting requirements, by CAG at the end of the fiscal year in which the loss was incurred. This obligation to compensate CAG for annual losses will apply during the entire term of the Domination Agreement. If CAG incurs losses during any period of the operative term of the Domination Agreement and if such losses lead to an annual loss of CAG at the end of any given fiscal year during the term of the Domination Agreement, the Purchaser will be obligated to make a corresponding cash payment to CAG to the extent that the respective annual loss is not fully compensated for by the dissolution of profit reserves (Gewinnrücklagen) accrued at the level of CAG during the term of the Domination Agreement. The Purchaser may be able to reduce or avoid cash payments to CAG by off-setting against such loss compensation claims by CAG any valuable counterclaims against CAG that the Purchaser may have. If the Purchaser was obligated to make cash payments to CAG to cover an annual loss, we may not have sufficient funds to make payments on our indebtedness when due and, unless the Purchaser is able to obtain funds from a source other than annual profits of CAG, the Purchaser may not be able to satisfy its obligation to fund such shortfall. See "The Transactions—Post-Tender Offer Events—Domination and Profit and Loss Transfer Agreement."

Two of our subsidiaries have agreed to guarantee the Purchaser's obligation under the Domination Agreement, which may diminish our ability to make payments on our indebtedness.

Our subsidiaries, BCP Caylux Holdings Luxembourg S.C.A. and BCP Crystal, have each agreed to provide the Purchaser with financing to strengthen the Purchaser's ability to fulfill its obligations

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under, or in connection with, the Domination Agreement and to ensure that the Purchaser will perform all of its obligations under, or in connection with, the Domination Agreement when such obligations become due, including, without limitation, the obligations to make a guaranteed fixed annual payment to the outstanding minority shareholders, to offer to acquire all outstanding CAG Shares from the minority shareholders in return for payment of fair cash consideration and to compensate CAG for any annual loss incurred by CAG during the term of the Domination Agreement. In addition, the Issuer expects to guarantee all obligations of the Purchaser under, or in connection with, the Domination Agreement, including the repayment of all existing and future intercompany indebtedness of the Issuer's subsidiaries to CAG. Further, under the terms of the Issuer's guarantee, in certain limited circumstances CAG may be entitled to require the immediate repayment of some or all of the intercompany indebtedness owed by the Issuer's subsidiaries to CAG. If the Issuer, BCP Caylux Holdings Luxembourg S.C.A. and/or BCP Crystal are obligated to make payments under such guarantees to the Purchaser, CAG and/or the minority shareholders, as the case may be, or if the intercompany indebtedness owed to CAG is accelerated, we may not have sufficient funds for payments on our indebtedness when due or to make funds available to the Issuer.

Even if the minority shareholders' challenges to the Domination Agreement are unsuccessful and the Domination Agreement continues to be operative, we may not be able to receive distributions from CAG sufficient to pay our obligations.

Even if the minority shareholders' challenges to the Domination Agreement are unsuccessful and the Domination Agreement continues to be operative, we are limited in the amount of distributions we may receive in any year from CAG. Under German law, the amount of distributions to the Purchaser will be determined based on the amount of unappropriated earnings generated during the term of the Domination Agreement as shown in the unconsolidated annual financial statements of CAG, prepared in accordance with German accounting principles and as adopted and approved by resolutions of the CAG board of management and supervisory board, which financial statements may be different from Celanese's consolidated financial statements under U.S. GAAP. Our share of these earnings, if any, may not be in amounts and at times sufficient to allow us to pay our indebtedness as it becomes due which could have a material adverse effect on the value of our stock.

We must rely on payments from our subsidiaries to fund payments on our preferred stock, and certain of our subsidiaries must rely on payments from their own subsidiaries to fund payments on their indebtedness. Such funds may not be available in certain circumstances.

We must rely on payments from our subsidiaries to fund dividend, redemption and other payments on our preferred stock. In addition, our subsidiaries Crystal US Holdings 3 L.L.C. ("Crystal LLC") and BCP Crystal are holding companies and all of their operations are conducted through their subsidiaries. Therefore, they depend on the cash flow of their subsidiaries, including CAG, to meet their obligations, including obligations of approximately \$3.4 billion (excluding \$194 million of future accretion on the senior discount notes) of their indebtedness. If the Domination Agreement ceases to be operative, such subsidiaries may be unable to meet their obligations under such indebtedness. Although the Domination Agreement became operative on October 1, 2004, it is subject to legal challenges instituted by dissenting shareholders. In August 2004, minority shareholders filed nine actions against CAG in the Frankfurt District Court (Landgericht) seeking, among other things, to set aside the shareholder resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting held on July 30 and 31, 2004 based, among other things, on

the alleged violation of procedural requirements and information rights of the shareholders, to declare the Domination Agreement and the change in the fiscal year void and to prohibit CAG from performing its obligations under the Domination Agreement. Pursuant to German law, the time period for the filing of such challenges has expired. Further, several additional minority shareholders have joined the proceedings via third party intervention in support of the plaintiffs. The Purchaser has joined the proceedings via third party intervention to support CAG. In addition, a German court could revoke the registration of the Domination Agreement in the commercial register. On August 2, 2004, two minority shareholders instituted public register proceedings with the Königstein Local Court (Amtsgericht) and the Frankfurt District Court, both with a view to have the registration of the Domination Agreement in the Commercial Register deleted (Amtslöschungsverfahren). See "Business—Legal Proceedings."

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The ability of our subsidiaries to make distributions to us, BCP Crystal and Crystal LLC by way of dividends, interest, return on investments, or other payments (including loans) or distributions is subject to various restrictions, including restrictions imposed by the amended and restated senior credit facilities and indentures governing their indebtedness, and the terms of future debt may also limit or prohibit such payments. In addition, the ability of the subsidiaries to make such payments may be limited by relevant provisions of German and other applicable laws.

Our internal controls over financial reporting may not be effective and our independent auditors may not be able to certify as to their effectiveness, which could have a significant and adverse effect on our business and reputation.

We are evaluating our internal controls over financial reporting in order to allow management to report on, and our independent auditors to attest to, our internal controls over financial reporting, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and rules and regulations of the SEC thereunder, which we refer to as Section 404. We are currently performing the system and process evaluation and testing required (and any necessary remediation) in an effort to comply with management certification and auditor attestation requirements of Section 404. The management certification and auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 will initially apply to Celanese Corporation as of December 31, 2006 and CAG as of September 30, 2006. In the course of our ongoing Section 404 evaluation, we have identified areas of internal controls that may need improvement, and plan to design enhanced processes and controls to address these and any other issues that might be identified through this review. Currently, none of the identified areas that need improvement have been categorized as significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, individually or in the aggregate. However, as we are still in the evaluation process, we may identify conditions that may result in significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the future. In 2004, certain members of our accounting staff identified two significant deficiencies and our auditors identified two material weaknesses, in addition to, and separate from, our Section 404 evaluation process. Those deficiencies are discussed in detail in the immediately subsequent risk factor.

We cannot be certain as to the timing of completion of our evaluation, testing and any remediation actions or the impact of the same on our operations. If we are not able to implement the requirements of Section 404 in a timely manner or with adequate compliance, our internal controls would be considered ineffective for purposes of Section 404, our independent auditors may not be able to certify as to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting and we may be subject to sanctions or investigation by regulatory authorities, such as the SEC. As a result, there could be a negative reaction in the financial markets due to a loss of confidence in the reliability of our financial statements. In addition, we may be required to incur costs in improving our internal control system and the hiring of additional personnel. Any such action could negatively affect our results.

We expect to incur expenses of an aggregate of approximately \$9 million to \$14 million in 2005 in connection with our compliance with Section 404.

We and our independent auditors have identified significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in our internal controls that could affect our ability to ensure timely and reliable financial reports.

In addition to, and separate from, our evaluation of internal controls under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and any areas requiring improvement that we identify as part of that process, we previously identified two significant deficiencies and two material weaknesses in our internal controls. The Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") defines a significant deficiency as a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the company's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report external financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the company's annual or interim financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected. The PCAOB defines a material weakness as a single deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected.

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In 2004, we identified two significant deficiencies in internal controls in the computation of certain accounting adjustments. These deficiencies were discovered in addition to, and separate from, the evaluation process we are conducting in connection with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or Section 404, which is further described below. The first deficiency was identified during the quarter ended June 30, 2004 by members of our corporate financial reporting group and related to the qualifications and ability of certain accounting managers to initially calculate the change from the LIFO (last-in, first-out) method of accounting for inventories to FIFO (first-in, first-out) and the resulting failure of such employees to correctly make such calculations. The second was identified during the quarter ended June 30, 2004 by one of our financial accounting managers and related to an omitted employee benefit accrual due to the failure to provide the applicable employment contracts to the actuary prior to the cut-off date for the December 31, 2003 pension valuation. Corrective actions taken by us included an internal audit review, the development of enhanced guidelines, the termination and reassignment of responsible persons and an elevation of the issues to the Supervisory Board of Celanese AG. The significant deficiencies noted were corrected in the quarter ended September 30, 2004 and thus did not exist as of December 31, 2004.

In addition, in September 2005 we identified a significant deficiency in internal controls relating to sales to countries and other parties that are or have previously been subject to sanctions and embargoes imposed by the U. S. government. This significant deficiency was identified as a result of an internal investigation that was initiated in connection with the SEC review of a registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The Company has taken immediate corrective actions which include a directive to senior business leaders stating that they are prohibited from selling products into certain countries subject to these trade restrictions, as well as making accounting systems modifications that prevents the initiation of purchase orders and shipment of products to these countries. Also, we plan to enhance the business conduct policy training in the area of export control. As a result, we believe that we have taken remediation measures that, once fully implemented, will be effective in eliminating this deficiency.

In connection with the audit of our financial statements as of and for the nine months ended December 31, 2004, we identified a material weakness in our internal controls for the same period. On March 30, 2005, we received a letter from KPMG, our independent auditors, who also identified the same material weakness and a second material weakness in the course of their audit. The additional material weakness identified by KPMG related to several

deficiencies in the assessment of hedge effectiveness and documentation. The required adjustments were made in the proper accounting period, except for one hedging transaction adjusted during the quarter ended June 30, 2005. The material weakness identified by KPMG and us related to conditions preventing our ability to adequately research, document, review and draw conclusions on accounting and reporting matters, which had previously resulted in adjustments that had to be recorded to prevent our financial statements from being materially misleading. The conditions largely related to significant increases in the frequency of, and the limited number of personnel available to address, complex accounting matters and transactions and as a result of the consummation of simultaneous debt and equity offerings during the year-end closing process. We do not believe that the adjustments made in connection with these material weaknesses had any material impact on previously reported financial information. In response to the letter from KPMG with respect to the first material weakness identified above, we organized a team responsible for the identification and documentation of potential derivative accounting transactions and commenced formal training for team members specifically related to derivative accounting. With respect to the second material weakness identified above, we hired certain accounting personnel and are in the process of hiring additional personnel which should ensure that adequate personnel is available to adequately research, document, review and conclude on accounting and reporting matters and will increase accounting resources. In addition, we hired additional personnel responsible for the development and implementation of additional internal reporting and accounting procedures, including derivative accounting procedures. Both material weaknesses were identified during our year-end closing process for the year ended December

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31, 2004, continued as of March 31, 2005 and June 30, 2005 and still exist as of the date of this prospectus. We expect to remediate these material weaknesses by the end of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005.

We are in the process of implementing changes to strengthen our internal controls. In addition, while we have taken actions to address these deficiencies and weaknesses, additional measures may be necessary and these measures along with other measures we expect to take to improve our internal controls may not be sufficient to address the issues identified by us or ensure that our internal controls are effective. If we are unable to correct existing or future deficiencies or weaknesses in internal controls in a timely manner, our ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC will be adversely affected. This failure could materially and adversely impact our business, our financial condition and the market value of our securities. In addition, there could be a negative reaction in the financial markets due to a loss of confidence in reliability of future financial statements and SEC filings.

We expect to incur expenses of approximately \$2 million per year associated with the strengthening of our disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting.

Risks Related to Our Indebtedness

Our high level of indebtedness could diminish our ability to raise additional capital to fund our operations, limit our ability to react to changes in the economy or the chemicals industry and prevent us from meeting obligations under our indebtedness.

We are highly leveraged. After giving effect to the Transactions, the Recent Restructuring and the Recent Financings, our total indebtedness totals approximately \$3.4 billion as of June 30, 2005 (excluding \$194 million of future accretion on the senior discount notes). See "Capitalization" for additional information.

Our substantial debt could have important consequences for you, including:

- making it more difficult for us to make payments on our debt;
- increasing vulnerability to general economic and industry conditions;
- requiring a substantial portion of cash flow from operations to be dedicated to the payment of principal and interest on indebtedness, therefore reducing our ability to use CAG's cash flow to fund operations, capital expenditures and future business opportunities;
- exposing us to the risk of increased interest rates as certain of our borrowings, including the borrowings under the amended and restated senior credit facilities, are at variable rates of interest;
- limiting our ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, product development, debt service requirements, acquisitions and general corporate or other purposes; and
- limiting our ability to adjust to changing market conditions and placing us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors who have less debt.

Despite our current high leverage, we and our subsidiaries may be able to incur substantially more debt. This could further exacerbate the risks of our high leverage.

We may be able to incur substantial additional indebtedness in the future. The terms of our existing debt do not fully prohibit us from doing so. The revolving credit facilities provide commitments of up to \$2.6 billion, which excludes our delayed draw acquisition facility, which expired unutilized in July 2005. As of June 30, 2005, there were no outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facilities and \$613 million was available for borrowings (taking into account letters of credit issued under the revolving credit facilities). See "Prospectus Summary—Recent Developments." If new debt is added to our current debt levels, the related risks that we now face could intensify.

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We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service our indebtedness, and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy obligations under our indebtedness, which may not be successful.

Our ability to satisfy our cash needs depends on cash on hand, receipt of additional capital, including possible additional borrowings, and receipt of cash from our subsidiaries by way of distributions, advances or cash payments. As of June 30, 2005, our indebtedness totals approximately \$3.4 billion (excluding \$194 million of future accretion on the senior discount notes). Debt service requirements consist of principal repayments aggregating \$249 million in the next five years and \$3,143 million thereafter (excluding \$194 million of accreted value on the senior discount notes) and average annual cash interest payments of approximately \$205 million in each of the next five years. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Liquidity and Capital Resources—Liquidity—Contractual Obligations."

Our ability to make scheduled payments on or to refinance our debt obligations depends on the financial condition and operating performance of our subsidiaries, which is subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and to certain financial, business and other factors beyond our control. We may not be able to maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities sufficient to permit us to pay the principal, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness.

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to reduce or delay capital expenditures, sell assets (including the CAG Shares), seek additional capital or restructure or refinance our indebtedness. These alternative measures may not be successful and may not permit us to meet our

scheduled debt service obligations. In the absence of such operating results and resources, we could face substantial liquidity problems and might be required to dispose of material assets or operations to meet our debt service and other obligations. The amended and restated senior credit facilities and the indentures governing our indebtedness restrict our ability to dispose of assets and use the proceeds from the disposition. We may not be able to consummate those dispositions or to obtain the proceeds which we could realize from them and these proceeds may not be adequate to meet any debt service obligations then due.

Restrictive covenants in our debt instruments may limit our ability to engage in certain transactions and may diminish our ability to make payments on our indebtedness.

The amended and restated senior credit facilities and the indentures governing our indebtedness contain various covenants that limit our ability to engage in specified types of transactions. These covenants limit the ability of Crystal LLC, BCP Crystal and their restricted subsidiaries to, among other things, incur additional indebtedness or issue preferred stock, pay dividends on or make other distributions on or repurchase their capital stock or make other restricted payments, make investments, and sell certain assets.

In addition, the amended and restated senior credit facilities contain covenants that require Celanese Holdings to maintain specified financial ratios and satisfy other financial condition tests. Celanese Holdings' ability to meet those financial ratios and tests can be affected by events beyond its control, and it may not be able to meet those tests at all. A breach of any of these covenants could result in a default under the amended and restated senior credit facilities. Upon the occurrence of an event of default under the amended and restated senior credit facilities, the lenders could elect to declare all amounts outstanding under the amended and restated senior credit facilities to be immediately due and payable and terminate all commitments to extend further credit. If Celanese Holdings were unable to repay those amounts, the lenders under the amended and restated senior credit facilities could proceed against the collateral granted to them to secure that indebtedness. The Issuer's subsidiaries have pledged a significant portion of their assets as collateral under the amended and restated senior credit facilities. If the lenders under the amended and restated senior credit facilities accelerate the repayment of borrowings, the Issuer and its subsidiaries may not have sufficient assets to repay the amended and restated senior credit facilities as well as their other indebtedness, which could have a material adverse effect on the value of our stock.

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The terms of our amended and restated senior credit facilities limit the ability of BCP Crystal and its subsidiaries to pay dividends or otherwise transfer their assets to us.

Our operations are conducted through our subsidiaries and our ability to pay dividends is dependent on the earnings and the distribution of funds from our subsidiaries. However, the terms of our amended and restated senior credit facilities limit the ability of BCP Crystal and its subsidiaries to pay dividends or otherwise transfer their assets to us. Accordingly, our ability to pay dividends on our stock is similarly limited.

Risks Related to Our Business

We are an international company and are exposed to general economic, political and regulatory conditions and risks in the countries in which we have significant operations.

We operate in the global market and have customers in many countries. We have major facilities located in North America, Europe and Asia, including facilities in Germany, China, Japan, Korea and Saudi Arabia operated through

ventures. Our principal customers are similarly global in scope, and the prices of our most significant products are typically world market prices. Consequently, our business and financial results are affected directly and indirectly by world economic, political and regulatory conditions.

Conditions such as the uncertainties associated with war, terrorist activities, epidemics, pandemics or political instability in any of the countries in which we operate could affect us by causing delays or losses in the supply or delivery of raw materials and products as well as increased security costs, insurance premiums and other expenses. These conditions could also result in or lengthen economic recession in the United States, Europe, Asia or elsewhere. Moreover, changes in laws or regulations, such as unexpected changes in regulatory requirements (including import or export licensing requirements), or changes in the reporting requirements of United States, German or European Union governmental agencies, could increase the cost of doing business in these regions. Any of these conditions may have an effect on our business and financial results as a whole and may result in volatile current and future prices for our securities, including our stock.

From time to time, certain of our foreign subsidiaries have made sales of acetate, sweeteners and polymer products to countries that are or have previously been subject to sanctions and embargoes imposed by the U.S. government and the United Nations. These countries include Iran, Sudan and Syria, three countries currently identified by the U.S. State Department as terrorist-sponsoring states, and other countries that previously have been identified by the U.S. State Department as terrorist-sponsoring states, or countries sales to which have been regulated in connection with other foreign policy concerns. Because certain of our foreign subsidiaries have contact with and transact business in such countries, our reputation may suffer due to our association with these countries, which may have a material adverse effect on the valuation of our stock. Further, certain U.S. states have recently enacted legislation regarding investments by pension funds and other retirement systems in companies that have business activities or contacts with countries that have been identified as terrorist-sponsoring states and similar legislation may be pending in other states. As a result, pension funds and other retirement systems may be subject to reporting requirements with respect to investments in companies such as ours or may be subject to limits or prohibitions with respect to those investments that may have a material adverse effect on the price of our shares.

Further, approximately \$10 million of the sales to Iran and Syria described in the immediately preceding paragraph may be in violation of regulations of the United States Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control, or OFAC, or the United States Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security. In addition, we have recently discovered that two of our foreign subsidiaries made approximately \$180,000 of sales of emulsions to Cuba which were apparently in violation of OFAC regulations. Cuba is also currently identified by the U.S. State Department as a terrorist-sponsoring state. We have informed the U.S. Treasury Department and the U.S. Department of Commerce of both of these matters and are currently engaged in preliminary discussions with the Departments. Our inquiry into these transactions is continuing and the Departments' review of this matter is in a very preliminary stage.

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To the extent we violated any regulations with respect to the above or other transactions, we may be subject to fines or other sanctions, including possible criminal penalties, which may result in adverse business consequences. We do not expect these matters to have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations and cash flows. These matters may, however, have a material adverse effect on the valuation of our stock, beyond any loss of revenue or earnings. In addition, the Departments' investigation into our activities with respect to Iran, Cuba and Syria may result in additional scrutiny of our activities with respect to other countries and other parties that are the subject of sanctions.

Cyclical in the industrial chemicals industry has in the past and may in the future result in reduced operating margins or in operating losses.

Consumption of the basic chemicals that we manufacture, in particular those in acetyl products, such as methanol, formaldehyde, acetic acid and vinyl acetate monomer, has increased significantly over the past 30 years. Despite this growth in consumption, producers have experienced alternating periods of inadequate capacity and excess capacity for these products. Periods of inadequate capacity, including some due to raw material shortages, have usually resulted in increased selling prices and operating margins. This has often been followed by periods of capacity additions, which have resulted in declining capacity utilization rates, selling prices and operating margins.

We expect that these cyclical trends in selling prices and operating margins relating to capacity shortfalls and additions will likely persist in the future, principally due to the continuing combined impact of five factors:

- Significant capacity additions, whether through plant expansion or construction, can take two to three years to come on stream and are therefore necessarily based upon estimates of future demand.
- When demand is rising, competition to build new capacity may be heightened because new capacity tends to be more profitable, with a lower marginal cost of production. This tends to amplify upswings in capacity.
- When demand is falling, the high fixed cost structure of the capital-intensive chemicals industry leads producers to compete aggressively on price in order to maximize capacity utilization.
- As competition in these products is focused on price, being a low-cost producer is critical to profitability. This favors the construction of larger plants, which maximize economies of scale, but which also lead to major increases in capacity that can outstrip current growth in demand.
- Cyclical trends in general business and economic activity produce swings in demand for chemicals.

We believe that the basic chemicals industry, particularly in the commodity chemicals manufactured by our Chemical Products segment, is currently characterized by overcapacity, and that there may be further capacity additions in the next few years.

The length and depth of product and industry business cycles of our markets, particularly in the automotive, electrical, construction and textile industries, may result in reduced operating margins or in operating losses.

Some of the markets in which our customers participate, such as the automotive, electrical, construction and textile industries, are cyclical in nature, thus posing a risk to us which is beyond our control. These markets are highly competitive, to a large extent driven by end-use markets, and may experience overcapacity, all of which may affect demand for and pricing of our products.

We are subject to risks associated with the increased volatility in raw materials prices and the availability of key raw materials.

We purchase significant amounts of natural gas, ethylene, butane, and propylene from third parties for use in our production of basic chemicals in the Chemical Products segment, principally methanol, formaldehyde, acetic acid, vinyl acetate monomer, as well as oxo products. We use a portion

of our output of these chemicals, in turn, as inputs in the production of further products in all our segments. We also purchase significant amounts of cellulose or wood pulp for use in our production of cellulose acetate in the Acetate Products segment. We purchase significant amounts of natural gas, electricity, coal and fuel oil to supply the energy required in our production processes.

Prices of natural gas, oil and other hydrocarbons and energy have increased dramatically in 2004 and 2005. To the extent this trend continues and we are unable to pass through these price increases to our customers, our operating profit and results of operations may be less favorable than expected.

We are exposed to any volatility in the prices of our raw materials and energy. Although we have agreements providing for the supply of natural gas, ethylene, propylene, wood pulp, electricity, coal and fuel oil, the contractual prices for these raw materials and energy vary with market conditions and may be highly volatile. Factors which have caused volatility in our raw material prices in the past and which may do so in the future include:

- Shortages of raw materials due to increasing demand, e.g., from growing uses or new uses;
- Capacity constraints, e.g., due to construction delays, strike action or involuntary shutdowns;
- The general level of business and economic activity; and
- The direct or indirect effect of governmental regulation.

We strive to improve profit margins of many of our products through price increases when warranted and accepted by the market; however, our operating margins may decrease if we cannot pass on increased raw material prices to customers. Even in periods during which raw material prices decline, we may suffer decreasing operating profit margins if raw material price reductions occur at a slower rate than decreases in the selling prices of our products.

A substantial portion of our products and raw materials are commodities whose prices fluctuate as market supply/demand fundamentals change. We manage our exposure through the use of derivative instruments and forward purchase contracts for commodity price hedging, entering into long-term supply agreements, and multi-year purchasing and sales agreements. Our policy, for the majority of our natural gas and butane requirements, allows entering into supply agreements and forward purchase or cash-settled swap contracts. As of December 31, 2004 and as of June 30, 2005, there were no derivative contracts of this type outstanding. In 2003, there were forward contracts covering approximately 35% of our Chemical Products segment North American requirements. We regularly assess our practice of purchasing a portion of our commodity requirements forward, and the utilization of a variety of other raw material hedging instruments, in addition to forward purchase contracts, in accordance with changes in market conditions.

We capped our exposure on approximately 20% of our U.S. natural gas requirements during the months of August and September of 2004. The fixed price natural gas forward contracts and any premium associated with the purchase of a price cap are principally settled through actual delivery of the physical commodity. The maturities of the cash-settled swap or cap contracts correlate to the actual purchases of the commodity and have the effect of securing or limiting predetermined prices for the underlying commodity. Although these contracts were structured to limit exposure to increases in commodity prices, certain swaps may also limit the potential benefit we might have otherwise received from decreases in commodity prices. These cash-settled swap or cap contracts were accounted for as cash flow hedges.

We have a policy of maintaining, when available, multiple sources of supply for raw materials. However, some of our individual plants may have single sources of supply for some of their raw materials, such as carbon monoxide and acetaldehyde. We may not be able to obtain sufficient raw materials due to unforeseen developments that would cause an interruption in supply. Even if we have multiple sources of supply for a raw material, these sources may not make up for the loss of a major supplier. Nor can there be any guarantee that profitability will not be affected should we be required to qualify additional sources of supply in the event of the loss of a sole or a major supplier.

Failure to develop new products and production technologies or to implement productivity and cost reduction initiatives successfully may harm our competitive position.

Our operating results, especially in our Performance Products and Technical Polymers Ticona segments, depend significantly on the development of commercially viable new products, product grades and applications, as well as production technologies. If we are unsuccessful in developing new products, applications and production processes in the future, our competitive position and operating results will be negatively affected. Likewise, we have undertaken and are continuing to undertake initiatives in all segments to improve productivity and performance and to generate cost savings. These initiatives may not be completed or beneficial or the estimated cost savings from such activities may not be realized.

Frankfurt airport expansion could require us to reduce production capacity of, limit expansion potential of, or incur relocation costs for our Kelsterbach plant which would lead to significant additional costs.

The Frankfurt airport's expansion plans include the construction of an additional runway (the northwest option), which would be located in close proximity to our Kelsterbach production plant. The construction of this particular runway could have a negative effect on the plant's current production capacity and future development. While the government of the state of Hesse and the owner of the Frankfurt airport promote the expansion of the northwest option, it is uncertain whether this option is in accordance with applicable laws. Although the government of the state of Hesse expects the plan approval for the airport expansion in 2007 and the start of operations in 2009-2010, neither the final outcome of this matter nor its timing can be predicted at this time.

Environmental regulations and other obligations relating to environmental matters could subject us to liability for fines, clean-ups and other damages, require us to incur significant costs to modify our operations and increase our manufacturing and delivery costs.

Costs related to our compliance with environmental laws concerning, and potential obligations with respect to, contaminated sites may have a significant negative impact on our operating results. These include obligations related to sites currently or formerly owned or operated by us, or where waste from our operations was disposed. We also have obligations related to the indemnity agreement contained in the demerger and transfer agreement between CAG and Hoechst, also referred to as the demerger agreement, for environmental matters arising out of certain divestitures that took place prior to the demerger. Our accruals for environmental remediation obligations, \$129 million as of June 30, 2005, may be insufficient if the assumptions underlying those accruals prove incorrect or if we are held responsible for currently undiscovered contamination. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates—Environmental Liabilities," Notes 19 and 27 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Our operations are subject to extensive international, national, state, local, and other supranational laws and regulations that govern environmental and health and safety matters. We incur substantial capital and other costs to comply with these requirements. If we violate them, we can be held liable for substantial fines and other sanctions, including limitations on our operations as a result of changes to or revocations of environmental permits involved. Stricter environmental, safety and health laws, regulations and enforcement policies could result in substantial costs and liabilities to us or limitations on our operations and could subject our handling, manufacture, use, reuse or disposal of substances or pollutants to more rigorous scrutiny than at present. Consequently, compliance with these laws could result in significant capital expenditures as well as other costs and liabilities and our business and

operating results may be less favorable than expected. Due to new air regulations in the United States, management expects that there will be a temporary increase in compliance costs that will total approximately \$30 million to \$45 million through 2007. For example, the Miscellaneous Organic National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) regulations, and various approaches to regulating boilers and incinerators, including the NESHAPs for Industrial/ Commercial/Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters, will impose additional requirements on our operations. Although some of these rules have been finalized, a significant portion of the NESHAPs for Industrial/Commercial/Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters regulation that provides for a low

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risk alternative method of compliance for hydrogen chloride emissions has been challenged in federal court. We cannot predict the outcome of this challenge, which could, if successful, increase our costs by, according to our estimates, approximately \$50 million above the \$30 million to \$45 million noted above through 2007 to comply with this regulation. As another example, recent European Union regulations require a trading system for carbon dioxide emissions to have been in place by January 1, 2005. Accordingly, an emission trading system came into effect at the start of 2005. This regulation will affect our power plants at the Kelsterbach and Oberhausen sites in Germany and the Lanaken site in Belgium, as well as power plants operated by other InfraServ entities on sites at which we operate. We are still evaluating how these regulations affect the newly acquired Acetex facilities in Europe. We and the InfraServ entities may be required to develop additional cost-effective methods to reduce carbon dioxide emissions further, which could result in increased capital expenditures.

We are also involved in several claims, lawsuits and administrative proceedings relating to environmental matters. An adverse outcome in any of them may negatively affect our earnings and cash flows in a particular reporting period.

Changes in environmental, health and safety regulatory requirements could lead to a decrease in demand for our products.

New or revised governmental regulations relating to health, safety and the environment may also affect demand for our products.

Pursuant to the European Union regulation on Risk Assessment of Existing Chemicals, the European Chemicals Bureau of the European Commission has been conducting risk assessments on approximately 140 major chemicals. Some of the chemicals initially being evaluated include vinyl acetate monomer or VAM, which we produce. These risk assessments entail a multi-stage process to determine to what extent the European Commission should classify the chemical as a carcinogen and, if so, whether this classification and related labeling requirements should apply only to finished products that contain specified threshold concentrations of a particular chemical. In the case of VAM, we currently do not expect a final ruling until the end of 2005. We and other VAM producers are participating in this process with detailed scientific analyses supporting the industry's position that VAM is not a probable human carcinogen and that labeling of final products should not be required. If labeling is required, then it should depend on relatively high parts per million of residual VAM in these end products. We cannot predict the outcome or effect of any final ruling.

Several recent studies have investigated possible links between formaldehyde exposure and various end points including leukemia. The International Agency for Research on Cancer or IARC recently reclassified formaldehyde from Group 2A (probable human carcinogen) to Group 1 (known human carcinogen) based on studies linking formaldehyde exposure to nasopharyngeal cancer, a rare cancer in humans. IARC also concluded that there is insufficient evidence for a causal association between leukemia and occupational exposure to formaldehyde, although

it also characterized evidence for such an association as strong. The results of IARC's review will be examined by government agencies with responsibility for setting worker and environmental exposure standards and labeling requirements. We are a producer of formaldehyde and plastics derived from formaldehyde. We are participating together with other producers and users in the evaluations of these findings. We cannot predict the final effect of IARC's reclassification.

Other recent initiatives will potentially require toxicological testing and risk assessments of a wide variety of chemicals, including chemicals used or produced by us. These initiatives include the Voluntary Children's Chemical Evaluation Program and High Production Volume Chemical Initiative in the United States, as well as various European Commission programs, such as the new European Environment and Health Strategy, commonly known as SCALE, as well as the Proposal for the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals or REACH. REACH, which the European Commission proposed in October 2003, will establish a system to register and evaluate chemicals manufactured in, or imported to, the European Union. Depending on the final ruling, additional testing, documentation and risk assessments will occur for the chemical industry. This will affect European producers of chemicals as well as all chemical companies worldwide that export to member states of the European Union. The final ruling has not yet been decided.

The above-mentioned assessments in the United States and Europe may result in heightened concerns about the chemicals involved and in additional requirements being placed on the production, handling, labeling or use of the subject chemicals. Such concerns and additional requirements could

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increase the cost incurred by our customers to use our chemical products and otherwise limit the use of these products, which could lead to a decrease in demand for these products.

Our production facilities handle the processing of some volatile and hazardous materials that subject us to operating risks that could have a negative effect on our operating results.

Our operations are subject to operating risks associated with chemical manufacturing, including the related storage and transportation of raw materials, products and wastes. These hazards include, among other things:

- pipeline and storage tank leaks and ruptures;
- explosions and fires; and
- discharges or releases of toxic or hazardous substances.

These operating risks can cause personal injury, property damage and environmental contamination, and may result in the shutdown of affected facilities and the imposition of civil or criminal penalties. The occurrence of any of these events may disrupt production and have a negative effect on the productivity and profitability of a particular manufacturing facility and our operating results and cash flows.

We maintain property, business interruption and casualty insurance which we believe is in accordance with customary industry practices, but we cannot predict whether this insurance will be adequate to fully cover all potential hazards incidental to our business. We have established two captive insurance subsidiaries (Captives) that provide a portion of the total insurance coverage to us for certain of our lower tier property and casualty risks. They additionally provide coverage to third parties for their higher tier risk programs. If there were concurrent claims made on all policies issued by the Captives, sufficient capital may not be available for them to satisfy all claims against all such policies. As of

December 31, 2004 and June 30, 2005, the net retained concurrent aggregate risk of all policies written by the Captives, after reinsuring higher tier risks with third party insurance companies, net of established reserves, amounted to approximately \$498 million and \$393 million, respectively.

Our significant non-U.S. operations expose us to global exchange rate fluctuations that could impact our profitability.

We are exposed to market risk through commercial and financial operations. Our market risk consists principally of exposure to fluctuations in currency exchange and interest rates.

As we conduct a significant portion of our operations outside the United States, fluctuations in currencies of other countries, especially the euro, may materially affect our operating results. For example, changes in currency exchange rates may affect:

- The relative prices at which we and our competitors sell products in the same market; and
- The cost of items required in our operations.

We use financial instruments to hedge our exposure to foreign currency fluctuations. The net notional amounts under such foreign currency contracts outstanding at June 30, 2005 were \$317 million. The hedging activity of foreign currency denominated intercompany net receivables resulted in a cash inflow of approximately \$19 million, \$24 million and less than \$1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2005, the nine months ended December 31, 2004 and the three months ended March 31, 2004, respectively. These positive effects may not be indicative of future effects.

A substantial portion of our net sales is denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. In our consolidated financial statements, we translate our local currency financial results into U.S. dollars based on average exchange rates prevailing during a reporting period or the exchange rate at the end of that period. During times of a strengthening U.S. dollar, at a constant level of business, our reported international sales, earnings, assets and liabilities will be reduced because the local currency will translate into fewer U.S. dollars. We estimate that the translation effects of changes in the value of other currencies against the U.S. dollar increased net sales by approximately 2% for the six months ended June 30, 2005, 3% for the nine months ended December 31, 2004, 6% for the three months

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ended March 31, 2004, 7% for the year ended December 31, 2003 and 2% for the year ended 2002. We estimate that the translation effects of changes in the value of other currencies against the U.S. dollar decreased total assets by approximately 5% for the six months ended June 30, 2005, 3% for the nine months ended December 31, 2004, decreased total assets by approximately 1% for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and increased total assets by approximately 5% in 2003.

In addition to currency translation risks, we incur a currency transaction risk whenever one of our operating subsidiaries enters into either a purchase or a sales transaction using a currency different from the operating subsidiary's functional currency. Given the volatility of exchange rates, we may not be able to manage our currency transaction and/or translation risks effectively, or volatility in currency exchange rates may expose our financial condition or results of operations to a significant additional risk. Since a portion of our indebtedness is and will be denominated in currencies other than U.S. dollars, a weakening of the U.S. dollar could make it more difficult for us to repay our indebtedness.

Significant changes in pension fund investment performance or assumptions relating to pension costs may have a material effect on the valuation of pension obligations, the funded status of pension plans, and our pension cost.

Our funding policy for pension plans is to accumulate plan assets that, over the long run, will approximate the present value of projected benefit obligations. Our pension cost is materially affected by the discount rate used to measure pension obligations, the level of plan assets available to fund those obligations at the measurement date and the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets. Significant changes in investment performance or a change in the portfolio mix of invested assets can result in corresponding increases and decreases in the valuation of plan assets, particularly equity securities, or in a change of the expected rate of return on plan assets. A change in the discount rate would result in a significant increase or decrease in the valuation of pension obligations, affecting the reported funded status of our pension plans as well as the net periodic pension cost in the following fiscal years. Similarly, changes in the expected return on plan assets can result in significant changes in the net periodic pension cost of the following fiscal years. As of December 31, 2004, our underfunded position related to our defined benefit pension plans was \$636 million. During the six months ended June 30, 2005 we contributed approximately \$4 million to the plans. During the nine months ended December 31, 2004, we contributed approximately \$434 million to the plans. During the three months ended March 31, 2004, we contributed approximately \$39 million to the plans.

We have recorded a significant amount of goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets, and we may never realize the full value of our intangible assets.

In connection with the Transactions and the Vinamul acquisition, we have recorded a significant amount of goodwill and other identifiable intangible assets. Goodwill and other net identifiable intangible assets were approximately \$1,202 million as of June 30, 2005, or 16% of our total assets based on purchase accounting. Goodwill and net identifiable intangible assets are recorded at fair value on the date of acquisition and, in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets, will be reviewed at least annually for impairment. Impairment may result from, among other things, deterioration in our performance, adverse market conditions, adverse changes in applicable laws or regulations, including changes that restrict the activities of or affect the products and services sold by our business, and a variety of other factors. The amount of any quantified impairment must be expensed immediately as a charge to results of operations. Depending on future circumstances, it is possible that we may never realize the full value of our intangible assets. Any future determination of impairment of a significant portion of goodwill or other identifiable intangible assets would have an adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

CAG may be required to make payments to Hoechst.

Under its 1999 demerger agreement with Hoechst, CAG agreed to indemnify Hoechst for environmental liabilities that Hoechst may incur with respect to CAG's German production sites, which were transferred from Hoechst to CAG in connection with the demerger. CAG also has an obligation to indemnify Hoechst against liabilities for environmental damages or contamination arising

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under certain divestiture agreements entered into by Hoechst prior to the demerger. As the indemnification obligations depend on the occurrence of unpredictable future events, the costs associated with them are not yet determinable and may materially affect operating results.

CAG's obligation to indemnify Hoechst against liabilities for environmental contamination in connection with the divestiture agreements is subject to the following thresholds (translated into U.S. dollars using the December 31, 2004 exchange rate):

- CAG will indemnify Hoechst for the total amount of these liabilities up to €250 million (approximately \$340 million);
- Hoechst will bear the full amount of those liabilities between €250 million (approximately \$340 million) and €750 million (approximately \$1,022 million); and
- CAG will indemnify Hoechst for one third of those liabilities for amounts exceeding €750 million (approximately \$1,022 million).

CAG has made payments through June 30, 2005 of \$39 million for environmental contamination liabilities in connection with the divestiture agreements, and may be required to make additional payments in the future. As of June 30, 2005, we have reserves of approximately \$36 million for this contingency, and may be required to record additional reserves in the future.

Also, CAG has undertaken in the demerger agreement to indemnify Hoechst to the extent that Hoechst is required to discharge liabilities, including tax liabilities, in relation to assets included in the demerger, where such liabilities have not been demerged due to transfer or other restrictions. CAG did not make any payments to Hoechst during the six months ended June 30, 2005 nor did it make any payments in 2004 or 2003 in connection with this indemnity.

Under the demerger agreement, CAG will also be responsible, directly or indirectly, for all of Hoechst's obligations to past employees of businesses that were demerged to CAG. Under the demerger agreement, Hoechst agreed to indemnify CAG from liabilities (other than liabilities for environmental contamination) stemming from the agreements governing the divestiture of Hoechst's polyester businesses, which were demerged to CAG, insofar as such liabilities relate to the European part of that business. Hoechst has also agreed to bear 80 percent of the financial obligations arising in connection with the government investigation and litigation associated with the sorbates industry for price fixing described in "Business—Legal Proceedings—Sorbates Antitrust Actions" and Note 27 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, and CAG has agreed to bear the remaining 20 percent.

Our variable rate indebtedness subjects us to interest rate risk, which could cause our debt service obligations to increase significantly and affect our operating results.

Certain of our borrowings, primarily borrowings under the amended and restated senior credit facilities, are at variable rates of interest and expose us to interest rate risk. If interest rates increase, which we expect to occur, our debt service obligations on the variable rate indebtedness would increase even though the amount borrowed remained the same, and our net income and cash available for servicing our indebtedness would decrease. As of June 30, 2005, we had approximately \$1.8 billion of variable rate debt, of which \$300 million is hedged with an interest rate swap, which leaves us approximately \$1.5 billion of variable rate debt subject to interest rate exposure. Accordingly, a 1% increase in interest rates would increase annual interest expense by approximately \$15 million.

We may enter into interest rate swap agreements to reduce the exposure of interest rate risk inherent in our debt portfolio. We have, in the past, used swaps for hedging purposes only.

We are a "controlled company" within the meaning of the New York Stock Exchange rules and, as a result, are exempt from certain corporate governance requirements.

Upon completion of this offering, affiliates of the Sponsor will continue to control a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock. As a result, we are a "controlled company" within the meaning of the New York Stock Exchange corporate governance standards. Under the New York Stock Exchange rules, a company of which more than 50% of the voting power is held by

another company is a "controlled company" and need not comply with certain requirements, including (1) the requirement that a majority of the board of directors consist of independent directors, (2) the requirement that the nominating committee be composed entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities, (3) the requirement that the compensation committee be composed entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities and (4) the requirement for an annual performance evaluation of the nominating/corporate governance and compensation committees. Following this offering, we intend to utilize these exemptions. As a result, we will not have a majority of independent directors nor will our nominating and compensation committees consist entirely of independent directors. Accordingly, you will not have the same protections afforded to shareholders of companies that are subject to all of the New York Stock Exchange corporate governance requirements.

Because our Sponsor will continue to control us after this offering, the influence of our public shareholders over significant corporate actions will be limited, and conflicts of interest between our Sponsor and us or you could arise in the future.

Assuming the selling stockholders sell 20,000,000 shares of our Series A common stock offered by this prospectus, our Sponsor (as defined in this prospectus) would beneficially own (or have a right to acquire) approximately 50.76% of our outstanding Series A common stock (approximately 49.01% of our outstanding common stock if the selling stockholders sell 23,000,000 shares). In addition, the Original Stockholders (other than BACI) that are affiliates of the Sponsor have obtained from BACI a proxy to vote the shares of our Series A common stock owned by BACI which will enable the Original Stockholders (other than BACI) to continue to control the majority of the voting power of our outstanding Series A common stock. Under the terms of the stockholders' agreement between us and the Original Shareholders, certain of the Original Stockholders (other than BACI) that are affiliates of the Sponsor are also entitled to designate all nominees for election to our board of directors for so long as they hold at least 25% of the total voting power of our Series A common stock. Thereafter, although our Sponsor will not have an explicit contractual right to do so, it may still nominate directors in its capacity as a stockholder. See "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions—New Arrangements—Shareholders' Agreement." As a result, our Sponsor, through its control over the composition of our board of directors and its control of the majority of the voting power of our Series A common stock, will continue to have effective control over our decisions to enter into any corporate transaction and will have the ability to prevent any transaction that requires the approval of equityholders, regardless of whether or not other equityholders believe that any such transaction is in their own best interests. For example, our Sponsor effectively could cause us to make acquisitions that increase our indebtedness or to sell revenue-generating assets. Additionally, our Sponsor is in the business of making investments in companies and may from time to time acquire and hold interests in businesses that compete directly or indirectly with us. Our Sponsor may also pursue acquisition opportunities that may be complementary to our business, and as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to us. So long as our Sponsor continues to own a significant amount of our equity, even if such amount is less than 50%, it will continue to be able to significantly influence or effectively control our decisions.

Our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation renounces any interest or expectancy that we have in, or right to be offered an opportunity to participate in, specified business opportunities. The second amended and restated certificate of incorporation further provides that none of the Original Stockholders (including the Sponsor) or their affiliates or any director who is not employed by Celanese (including any non-employee director who serves as one of our officers in both his director and officer capacities) or his or her affiliates has any duty to refrain from (i) engaging in a corporate opportunity in the same or similar lines of business in which we or our affiliates now engage or propose to engage or (ii) otherwise competing with us. In addition, in the event that any of the Original Stockholders

(including the Sponsor) or any non-employee director acquires knowledge of a potential transaction or other business opportunity which may be a corporate opportunity for itself or himself or its or his affiliates and for Celanese Corporation or its affiliates, such Original Stockholder

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or non-employee director has no duty to communicate or offer such transaction or business opportunity to Celanese Corporation or us and may take any such opportunity for themselves or offer it to another person or entity.

Our future success will depend in part on our ability to protect our intellectual property rights, and our inability to enforce these rights could reduce our ability to maintain our market position and our margins.

We attach great importance to patents, trademarks, copyrights and product designs in order to protect our investment in research and development, manufacturing and marketing. Our policy is to seek the widest possible protection for significant product and process developments in its major markets. Patents may cover products, processes, intermediate products and product uses. Protection for individual products extends for varying periods in accordance with the date of patent application filing and the legal life of patents in the various countries. The protection afforded, which may also vary from country to country, depends upon the type of patent and its scope of coverage. Our continued growth strategy may bring us to regions of the world where intellectual property protection may be limited and difficult to enforce.

As patents expire, the products and processes described and claimed in those patents become generally available for use by the public. Our European and U.S. patents for making Sunett, an important product in our Performance Products segment, expired at the end of the first quarter of 2005, which reduces our ability to realize revenues from making Sunett due to increased competition and potential limitations and will result in our results of operations and cash flows relating to the product being less favorable than today.

We also seek to register trademarks extensively as a means of protecting the brand names of our products, which brand names become more important once the corresponding patents have expired. If we are not successful in protecting our trademark rights, our revenues, results of operations and cash flows may be adversely affected.

Risks Related to This Offering

Future sales of our shares could depress the market price of our Series A common stock.

The market price of our Series A common stock could decline as a result of sales of a large number of shares of Series A common stock in the market after the offering or the perception that such sales could occur. These sales, or the possibility that these sales may occur, also might make it more difficult for us to sell equity securities in the future at a time and at a price that we deem appropriate.

If the selling stockholders sell the shares through underwriters, we, our executive officers and directors and the selling stockholders expect to agree with the underwriters not to sell, dispose of or hedge any shares of our Series A common stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of our Series A common stock, subject to specified exceptions, during the period from the date of this prospectus continuing through the date that is 90 days after the date of the prospectus supplement that will accompany this prospectus at the time of an offering, except with the prior written consent of the lead underwriter(s).

As of October 26, 2005, we had 158,562,161 shares of Series A common stock outstanding. Of those shares, the 50,000,000 shares of Series A common stock sold in our January 2005 initial public offering are freely tradeable and the up to 23,000,000 shares that may be sold by the selling stockholders will be freely tradeable. The remaining 85,562,161 shares of Series A common stock outstanding (assuming the selling stockholders sold all 23,000,000 shares offered by this prospectus) will be eligible for resale from time to time after the expiration of the lock-up period, subject to contractual and Securities Act restrictions. None of those shares may be currently resold under Rule 144(k) without regard to volume limitations and approximately 85,562,161 shares may be sold subject to volume, manner of sale, holding period and other conditions of Rule 144. After the expiration of any such lock-up period, the Original Stockholders, which will collectively beneficially own (or have a right to acquire) 83,908,661 shares (assuming the selling stockholders sold all 23,000,000 shares offered by this prospectus), will have the ability to cause us to register the resale of their shares.

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The market price of our Series A common stock may be volatile, which could cause the value of your investment to decline.

Securities markets worldwide experience significant price and volume fluctuations. This market volatility, as well as general economic, market or political conditions, could reduce the market price of the Series A common stock in spite of our operating performance. In addition, our operating results could be below the expectations of public market analysts and investors, and in response, the market price of our Series A common stock could decrease significantly. You may be unable to resell your shares of our common stock at or above the offering price.

Provisions in our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws, as well as any shareholders' rights plan, may discourage a takeover attempt.

Provisions contained in our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us, even if doing so might be beneficial to our shareholders. Provisions of our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation and bylaws impose various procedural and other requirements, which could make it more difficult for shareholders to effect certain corporate actions. For example, our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation authorizes our board of directors to determine the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of unissued series of preferred stock, without any vote or action by our shareholders. Thus, our board of directors can authorize and issue shares of preferred stock with voting or conversion rights that could adversely affect the voting or other rights of holders of our Series A common stock. These rights may have the effect of delaying or deterring a change of control of our company. In addition, a change of control of our company may be delayed or deterred as a result of our having three classes of directors (each class elected for a three year term) or as a result of any shareholders' rights plan that our board of directors may adopt following the consummation of this offering. In addition, we would be required to issue additional shares of our Series A common stock to holders of the preferred stock who convert following a fundamental change. See "Description of Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock." These provisions could limit the price that certain investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our Series A common stock. See "Description of Capital Stock."

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains certain forward-looking statements and information relating to us that are based on the beliefs of our management as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, us. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements about our strategies, plans, objectives, expectations, intentions, expenditures, and assumptions and other statements contained in this prospectus that are not historical facts. When used in this document, words such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "plan" and "project" and similar expressions, as they relate to us are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements reflect our current views with respect to future events, are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict. Further, certain forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions as to future events that may not prove to be accurate.

Many factors could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These factors include, among other things:

- changes in general economic, business, political and regulatory conditions in the countries or regions in which we operate;
- the length and depth of product and industry business cycles particularly in the automotive, electrical, electronics and construction industries;
- changes in the price and availability of raw materials, particularly changes in the demand for, supply of, and market prices of fuel oil, natural gas, coal, electricity and petrochemicals such as ethylene, propylene and butane, including changes in production quotas in OPEC countries and the deregulation of the natural gas transmission industry in Europe;
- the ability to pass increases in raw material prices on to customers or otherwise improve margins through price increases;
- the ability to maintain plant utilization rates and to implement planned capacity additions and expansions;
- the ability to reduce production costs and improve productivity by implementing technological improvements to existing plants;
- the existence of temporary industry surplus production capacity resulting from the integration and start-up of new world-scale plants;
- increased price competition and the introduction of competing products by other companies;
- the ability to develop, introduce and market innovative products, product grades and applications, particularly in the Technical Polymers Ticona and Performance Products segments of our business;
- changes in the degree of patent and other legal protection afforded to our products;
- compliance costs and potential disruption or interruption of production due to accidents or other unforeseen events or delays in construction of facilities;
- potential liability for remedial actions under existing or future environmental regulations;
- potential liability resulting from pending or future litigation, or from changes in the laws, regulations or policies of governments or other governmental activities in the countries in which we operate;
- changes in currency exchange rates and interest rates;
- changes in the composition or restructuring of us or our subsidiaries and the successful completion of acquisitions, divestitures and venture activities;
- pending or future challenges to the Domination Agreement and continuing access to the cash flows of CAG; and

- various other factors, both referenced and not referenced in this prospectus.

Many of these factors are macroeconomic in nature and are, therefore, beyond our control. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, our actual results, performance or achievements may vary materially from those described in this prospectus as anticipated, believed, estimated, expected, intended, planned or projected. We neither intend nor assume any obligation to update these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of their dates.

THE TRANSACTIONS

As used in this prospectus, the term "Transactions" means, collectively, the Tender Offer, the Original Financing and the Refinancing described below. Our current ownership structure is summarized under "The Recent Restructuring."

The Tender Offer and the Original Financing

Pursuant to the Tender Offer, in April 2004 the Purchaser, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer, acquired, at a price of €32.50 per share, a total of 41,588,227 CAG Shares, representing approximately 84% of the CAG Shares outstanding on that date.

In addition, as a part of the Tender Offer, the Purchaser agreed to refinance certain existing debt of CAG, pre-fund certain pension obligations of CAG, pre-fund certain contingencies and certain obligations linked to the value of the CAG Shares, such as the payment of fair cash compensation under the Domination Agreement for the remaining CAG Shares, and payment obligations related to outstanding stock appreciation rights, stock options and interest payments, provide additional funds for working capital and other general corporate purposes, and pay related fees and expenses. The sources and uses of funds used in connection with the Tender Offer and the Original Financing are set forth in the table below.

Sources (in millions)	
Revolving Credit Facilities ⁽¹⁾	\$ —
Term Loan Facility	608
Senior Subordinated Bridge Loan Facilities ⁽²⁾	1,565
Mandatorily Redeemable Preferred Shares ⁽³⁾	200
Cash Equity Investments ⁽⁴⁾	650
Total Sources	\$ 3,023

Uses (in millions)	
Aggregate Tender Offer Price ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 1,624
Pension Contribution ⁽⁶⁾	463
Refinancing of Existing Debt ⁽⁷⁾	175
Available Cash ⁽⁸⁾	555
Estimated Fees and Expenses	206
Total Uses	\$ 3,023

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- (1)The revolving credit facilities provided for borrowings of up to \$608 million. No amounts thereunder were borrowed in connection with the Tender Offer and the Original Financing.
- (2)Represents \$814 million of the Senior Subordinated Bridge B and \$751 million of the Senior Subordinated Bridge C Loan variable rate borrowings (which includes the U.S. dollar equivalent of a €450 million tranche). The senior subordinated bridge loan facilities were originally due in 2014, subject to certain conditions.
- (3)Represents \$200 million of the Issuer's mandatorily redeemable preferred shares which were subsequently redeemed on July 1, 2004. See "—The Refinancing."
- (4)Consisted of cash equity contributions of \$650 million from the Original Stockholders.
- (5)Represents the U.S. dollar equivalent of the total amount of consideration at €32.50 per ordinary share for approximately 84% of the then-outstanding CAG Shares.
- (6)Represents the amount to pre-fund certain of Celanese's pension obligations.
- (7)Represents the amount of variable rate loans of Celanese repaid subsequent to the Tender Offer.
- (8)Represents cash available to purchase remaining outstanding CAG Shares, to pay certain contingencies and obligations of CAG linked to the value of the CAG Shares, to repay additional existing indebtedness, to pay interest on the senior subordinated notes and to make loans to Celanese and its subsidiaries for working capital and general corporate purposes.

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The Refinancing

Our subsidiary, BCP Caylux Holdings Luxembourg S.C.A. ("BCP Caylux") used the proceeds from its offerings of \$1,225 million and €200 million principal amount of the senior subordinated notes in June and July 2004, together with available cash and borrowings under a \$350 million senior secured floating rate term loan to repay its two senior subordinated bridge loan facilities, plus accrued interest, to redeem the mandatorily redeemable preferred shares of Celanese Corporation and to pay related fees and expenses. See "Description of Indebtedness" for a description of the senior subordinated notes.

Sources (in millions)	
Senior Subordinated Notes ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,475
Floating Rate Term Loan	350
Available Cash	47
Total Sources	\$ 1,872

Uses (in millions)	
Refinancing of Senior Subordinated Bridge Loan Facilities ⁽²⁾	\$ 1,594
Redemption of Mandatorily Redeemable Preferred shares	227
Estimated Fees and Expenses	51
Total Uses	\$ 1,872

(1)Includes the U.S. dollar equivalent of the euro notes.

(2)Represents \$814 million of the Senior Subordinated Bridge B and \$751 million of Senior Subordinated Bridge C Loan variable rate borrowings, plus accrued interest on the senior subordinated bridge loan facilities.

Senior Discount Notes Offering

In September 2004, Crystal LLC and Crystal US Sub 3 Corp., a subsidiary of Crystal LLC, issued \$853 million aggregate principal amount at maturity of their Senior Discount Notes due 2014. The issuers of the senior discount notes used the net proceeds of \$500 million from the offering to make a return of capital distribution to the Issuer, which in turn made a distribution to the Original Stockholders, and to pay fees and expenses. Until October 1, 2009, interest on the notes will accrue in the form of an increase in the accreted value of the notes. See "Description of Indebtedness—Senior Discount Notes due 2014."

Post-Tender Offer Events

After the completion of the Tender Offer and the Original Financing, we or our affiliates entered into or intend to pursue some or all of the following:

Delisting. The CAG Shares were delisted from the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") on June 2, 2004. CAG may also apply to revoke the admission of the CAG Shares to the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, which would require, among other things, a resolution at the shareholders' meeting of CAG with the majority of the votes cast in favor of such resolution. If the CAG Shares were to be delisted from both the NYSE and from the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, the Purchaser or CAG would have to offer the then outstanding minority shareholders of CAG fair cash compensation in exchange for their CAG Shares determined as described below.

Domination and Profit and Loss Transfer Agreement. On June 22, 2004, the Purchaser entered into a domination and profit and loss transfer agreement (Beherrschungs- und Gewinnabführungsvertrag) with CAG (the "Domination Agreement"), pursuant to which CAG agreed to submit itself to the direction of, and to transfer its entire profits to, the Purchaser and the Purchaser agreed to compensate CAG for any annual losses (Jahresfehlbetrag) incurred during the term of the Domination Agreement. The Domination Agreement and a related change to CAG's fiscal year were submitted to a shareholder vote and approved at an extraordinary general meeting held on July 30-31, 2004. The Domination Agreement was registered in the commercial register on August 2, 2004 and became operative on October 1, 2004. The Domination Agreement is subject to legal challenges instituted by dissenting shareholders. Minority shareholders have filed nine actions against CAG in the Frankfurt District Court (Landgericht), seeking, among other things, to set aside

the shareholder resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting held on July 30 and 31, 2004 based, among other things, on the alleged violation of procedural requirements and information rights of the shareholders, to declare the Domination Agreement and the change in the fiscal year void and to prohibit CAG from performing its obligations under the Domination Agreement. A ratification resolution (Bestätigungsbeschluss) to ratify the shareholders' resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting held on July 30 and 31, 2004 was submitted to a shareholder vote, and approved, at the annual general meeting of CAG held on May 19 and 20, 2005. Following the annual general meeting, several minority shareholders of CAG commenced legal actions with the Frankfurt District Court against the shareholders' resolutions passed at the annual shareholders meeting as well, and requested that the court set aside the ratification resolution. However, in conjunction with a share purchase agreement reached with two shareholders in August 2005, two of these lawsuits were withdrawn. In June 2005, the Frankfurt District Court has suspended the proceedings regarding the actions against the shareholders' resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting held on July 30 and 31, 2004 until a judicially final and binding decision is rendered with regard to the actions against the ratification resolution passed at the annual general meeting. In addition, a German court could revoke the registration of the Domination Agreement in the commercial register. In August 2004, two minority shareholders instituted public register proceedings with the Königstein Local Court (Amtsgericht) and the Frankfurt District Court, both with a view to have the registration of the Domination Agreement in the Commercial Register deleted (Amtslöschungsverfahren). In June 2005, the Frankfurt District Court ruled that it does not have jurisdiction over this matter. The proceeding with the Königstein Local Court is still pending. See "Business—Legal Proceedings."

Pursuant to the Domination Agreement, the entire annual statutory profits of CAG, if any, less any loss carried forward from the previous fiscal year, less any amount to be allocated to the statutory capital reserve (gesetzliche Rücklage) and less any amount to be allocated to other profit reserves (andere Gewinnrücklagen) upon approval by the Purchaser, will be transferred to the Purchaser. If, however, during any fiscal year during the operative term of the Domination Agreement, CAG incurs an annual loss (Jahresfehlbetrag), the Purchaser would have to pay to CAG an amount equal to such loss to the extent that the respective annual loss is not fully compensated for by dissolving other profit reserves (andere Gewinnrücklagen) accrued at CAG since the date on which the Domination Agreement became operative (Verlustausgleichspflicht). Such payment obligation would accrue at the end of any fiscal year of CAG in which an annual loss was incurred and such accrual would be independent from the adoption of the financial statements. In the event that profits of CAG (including distributable profit reserves accrued and carried forward during the term of the Domination Agreement) or valuable counterclaims by the Purchaser against CAG, which can be off-set against loss compensation claims by CAG, are not sufficient to cover such annual loss, the Purchaser will be required to compensate CAG for any such shortfall by making a cash payment equal to the amount of such shortfall. In such event, the Purchaser may not have sufficient funds to distribute to us for payment of our obligations and, unless the Purchaser is able to obtain funds from a source other than annual profits of CAG, the Purchaser may not be able to satisfy its obligation to fund such shortfall. BCP Caylux Holdings Luxembourg S.C.A. and BCP Crystal have each agreed to provide the Purchaser with financing to further strengthen the Purchaser's ability to be in a position at all times to fulfill all of its obligations when they become due under, or in connection with, the Domination Agreement and to ensure that the Purchaser will perform all of its obligations under, or in connection with, the Domination Agreement when such obligations become due, including, without limitation, the obligations to pay a guaranteed fixed annual payment to the outstanding minority shareholders of CAG, to offer to acquire all outstanding CAG Shares from the minority shareholders in return for payment of fair cash consideration and to compensate CAG for any annual loss incurred by CAG during the term of the Domination Agreement. In addition, the Issuer expects to guarantee all obligations of the Purchaser under, or in connection with, the Domination Agreement, including the repayment of all existing and future intercompany indebtedness of the Issuer's subsidiaries to CAG. Further, under the terms of the Issuer's guarantee, in certain limited circumstances CAG may be entitled to require the immediate repayment of some or all of the intercompany indebtedness owed by the Issuer's subsidiaries to CAG. If the Issuer, BCP Caylux Holdings Luxembourg S.C.A. and/or BCP Crystal are obligated to make payments under such guarantees to the Purchaser, CAG and/or the

minority shareholders, as the case may be, or if the intercompany indebtedness owed to CAG is accelerated, we may not have sufficient funds to make payments on our debt or to make funds available to the Issuer.

As a consequence of entering into the Domination Agreement, § 305(1) of the German Stock Corporation Act (Aktiengesetz) requires that, upon the Domination Agreement becoming operative, the Purchaser must at the request of each remaining minority shareholder of CAG, acquire such shareholders' registered ordinary shares of CAG in exchange for payment of "fair cash compensation" (angemessene Barabfindung). As required under § 305(3) sentence 3 of the German Stock Corporation Act, the Purchaser will pay to all minority shareholders who tender into such offer and whose shares are paid for after the day following the date the Domination Agreement becomes operative, interest on the offer price from such day until the day preceding the date of settlement at a rate of 2% per annum plus the base rate (as defined in § 247 of the German Civil Code (BGB)) per annum prevailing from time to time, as reduced by any guaranteed dividend payments. The mandatory offer required pursuant to § 305(1) of the German Stock Corporation Act is not a voluntary public takeover offer or any other offer under the German Securities Acquisition and Takeover Act (Wertpapiererwerbs- und Übernahmegesetz) or a takeover or tender offer under any other applicable German law. However, it may be considered a tender offer under applicable laws of the United States of America. Therefore, in order to comply with applicable U.S. securities laws, the Purchaser commenced an offer on September 2, 2004, which is continuing as of the date of this prospectus. The terms of this offer are set forth in the offer document, dated September 2, 2004, which was filed with the SEC under cover of Schedule TO on the same day. As of December 31, 2004, pursuant to this offer the Purchaser had acquired over 615,000 CAG Shares. In addition, in August 2005, we acquired approximately 5.9 million, or approximately 11.8%, of the outstanding CAG Shares from two shareholders of CAG for the aggregate consideration of approximately €302 million (\$369 million). In addition, we paid to such shareholders an additional purchase price of approximately €12 million (\$15 million) in consideration for the settlement of certain claims and for such shareholders agreeing to, among other things, (1) accept the shareholders' resolutions passed at the extraordinary general meeting of CAG held on July 30 and 31, 2004 and the annual general meeting of CAG held on May 19 and 20, 2005, (2) acknowledge the legal effectiveness of the domination and profit and loss transfer agreement, (3) irrevocably withdraw and abandon all actions, applications and appeals each brought or joined in legal proceedings related to, among other things, challenging the effectiveness of the Domination Agreement and amount of fair cash compensation offered by Purchaser in the mandatory offer required by Section 305(1) of the German Stock Corporation Act, (4) refrain from acquiring any CAG Shares or any other investment in CAG, and (5) refrain from taking any future legal action with respect to shareholder resolutions or corporate actions of CAG. We paid the aggregate consideration of €314 million (\$384 million) for the additional CAG Shares that we acquired from such shareholders and for the agreements described above using available cash. We also announced that we would increase our offer to purchase any remaining outstanding CAG Shares to €51 per share (plus interest on €41.92 per share) for all minority shareholders that would accept the increased offer on or prior to September 29, 2005 and waive their rights to participate in an increase of the offer consideration as a result of the pending award proceedings. In addition, all shareholders who tendered their shares pursuant to the mandatory offer of €41.92 per share commenced in September 2004 and continuing as of the date of this prospectus, were entitled to claim the difference between the increased offer of €51 per share and the mandatory offer of €41.92 per share. Any shareholder who accepted the increased offer of €51 per share, or claimed the difference between the mandatory offer and the increased offer, was obligated to agree to waive its rights to participate in any possible future increase of the offer consideration as a result of the pending award proceedings. For minority shareholders who did not accept the increased offer on or prior to the September 29, 2005 expiration date, the terms of the original €41.92 per share mandatory offer will continue to apply. The mandatory offer will expire on December 1, 2005, unless further extended. At the current offer price of €41.92 per share for all Shares outstanding as of October 26, 2005 not already owned by the Purchaser, the total amount of funds necessary to purchase such remaining outstanding CAG Shares would be approximately €40 million, plus accrued

interest on the mandatory offer of €41.92 per share from October 2, 2004. The Purchaser expects to use a significant portion of its available cash and borrowings under its

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revolving credit facility to pay for any of the remaining outstanding CAG Shares that it may acquire. In addition, if CAG delists the CAG Shares from the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, the Purchaser effects a squeeze-out or CAG is converted into a limited partnership or a limited liability company, as described below, the Purchaser and/or CAG must in each case make another offer to the then remaining minority shareholders of CAG of fair cash compensation in exchange for their CAG Shares or, in the case of a conversion, in exchange for their equity interest in the entity that results from the conversion. Both the €41.92 per share fair cash compensation, plus interest, required to be offered to minority shareholders in connection with the Domination Agreement and the increased offer of €51 per share previously offered to minority shareholders are greater than the Tender Offer price. The amount of fair cash compensation is currently under review in special award proceedings (Spruchverfahren), as described in "Business—Legal Proceedings—Shareholder Litigation." As a result of the award proceedings, the amount of the fair cash consideration and the guaranteed fixed annual payment offered under the Domination Agreement could be increased by the court so that all minority shareholders, including those who have already tendered their shares into the mandatory offer and have received the fair cash compensation, could claim higher amounts. The amount of fair cash compensation per share to be offered upon the occurrence of any other such event may be equal to, higher or lower than, the Tender Offer price or the increased offer of €51 per share previously offered to minority shareholders in connection with the Domination Agreement.

Any minority shareholder who elects not to sell its shares to the Purchaser will be entitled to remain a shareholder of CAG and to receive a gross guaranteed fixed annual payment on its shares (Ausgleich) of €3.27 per CAG Share less certain corporate taxes in lieu of any future dividend. Taking into account the circumstances and the tax rates at the time of entering into the Domination Agreement, the net guaranteed fixed annual payment is €2.89 per CAG Share for a full fiscal year. The net guaranteed fixed annual payment may, depending on applicable corporate tax rates, in the future be higher, lower or the same as €2.89 per CAG Share in lieu of any future dividends determined as described below under "—Determination of the Amount to be Paid to the Minority Shareholders."

As described in "Risk Factors," due to legal challenges, there is no assurance that the Domination Agreement will remain operative in its current form. If the Domination Agreement ceases to be operative, the Purchaser cannot directly give instructions to the CAG board of management. However, irrespective of whether a domination agreement is in place between the Purchaser and CAG, under German law CAG is effectively controlled by the Purchaser because of the Purchaser's approximate 98% ownership of the CAG Shares. The Purchaser has the ability, through a variety of means, to utilize its controlling rights to, among other things, (1) ultimately cause a domination agreement to become operative; (2) use its ability, through its approximate 98% voting power at any shareholders' meetings of CAG, to elect the shareholder representatives on the supervisory board and to thereby effectively control the appointment and removal of the members of the CAG board of management; and (3) effect all decisions that a majority shareholder is permitted to make under German law. The controlling rights of the Purchaser constitute a controlling financial interest for accounting purposes and result in the Purchaser being required to consolidate CAG as of the date of acquisition.

Change in Fiscal Year. At the extraordinary general meeting on July 30 and 31, 2004, CAG shareholders also approved a change of CAG's fiscal year and a corresponding change of CAG's statutes in order to take advantage of the consolidated tax filing status. Therefore, from September 30, 2004 onwards, CAG's fiscal year will begin on October 1 and end on September 30 of the following year. A short fiscal year ran from January 1, 2004 to September

30, 2004. The Issuer's fiscal year runs from January 1 to December 31.

Subsequent Purchases of CAG Shares. The Purchaser may from time to time purchase or be required to purchase any or all of the outstanding CAG Shares not owned by it in market transactions or otherwise. Examples of instances in which the Purchaser may be required to purchase additional CAG Shares include the ongoing mandatory offer relating to the domination and profit and loss transfer agreement entered into by the Purchaser and CAG, or additional mandatory offers required by actions that the Purchaser or its affiliates may take in the future, such as a possible delisting of the

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CAG Shares from the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, a possible squeeze-out of the minority shareholders of CAG or a possible conversion of CAG into a different legal form. The Purchaser's decision to pursue subsequent voluntary purchases will depend on, among other factors, the then-prevailing market prices and any negotiated terms with minority shareholders. In August 2005, we acquired approximately 5.9 million, or approximately 11.8%, of the outstanding CAG Shares from two shareholders of CAG. See "Prospectus Summary—Recent Developments—Recent Purchases of CAG Shares."

Squeeze-out and Conversion. Because the Purchaser now owns CAG Shares representing over 95% of the registered ordinary share capital (excluding treasury shares) of CAG, the Purchaser is entitled to require, as permitted under German law, the transfer to the Purchaser of the CAG Shares owned by the then-outstanding minority shareholders of CAG in exchange for fair cash compensation (the "Squeeze-out"), determined as described below under "—Determination of the Amount to be Paid to the Minority Shareholders." As an alternative to the Squeeze-out, the Purchaser might also consider converting CAG from its current legal form of a stock corporation (Aktiengesellschaft, AG) into either a limited partnership (Kommanditgesellschaft, KG) or a limited liability company (Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung, GmbH) in accordance with the provisions of the German Transformation Act (Umwandlungsgesetz, UmwG). Such conversion would be subject to approval by the affirmative vote of at least 75% of the share capital of CAG. The conversion would allow the Purchaser to take advantage of a more efficient governance structure as legal requirements applicable to GmbHs and KGs are in many respects less onerous than those applicable to AGs. As a result of such conversion, the CAG Shares will be automatically delisted from the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. However, if the Purchaser completely delists the CAG Shares from the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, effects a squeeze-out or converts CAG into a limited partnership or a limited liability company, the Purchaser and/or CAG must in each case offer the then remaining minority shareholders of CAG fair cash compensation, as described below, in exchange for their CAG Shares or, in the case of a conversion, in exchange for their equity interest in the entity that results from the conversion. The amount of the fair cash compensation per share may be equal to, higher or lower than the Tender Offer price or the fair cash compensation offered pursuant to the Domination Agreement.

Determination of the Amount to be Paid to the Minority Shareholders. The amount to be paid to the minority shareholders as fair cash compensation in exchange for their CAG Shares in connection with the Domination Agreement becoming operative, the delisting from the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, or a squeeze-out or, in the case of a conversion, in exchange for their equity interest in the entity resulting from such conversion, has been (in the case of the amount payable in connection with the Domination Agreement) or will be (in each other case) determined on the basis of the fair value of the enterprise of CAG, determined by CAG and /or the Purchaser in accordance with applicable German legal requirements, as of the date of the applicable resolution of CAG's shareholders' meeting, and, except in the case of a delisting from the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, examined by one or more duly qualified auditors chosen and appointed by the court. The amount of the guaranteed fixed annual payment in connection with the

Domination Agreement becoming effective to minority shareholders who elect not to sell their CAG Shares to the Purchaser but to remain a shareholder of CAG was determined by the Purchaser and CAG in accordance with applicable German law, on the basis of the hypothetical projected earnings of CAG assuming a full distribution of profits. The gross guaranteed fixed annual payment of €3.27 per share may be equal to, higher or lower than the actual otherwise distributable profits per share of CAG. Both the €41.92 per share fair cash compensation, plus interest, offered to minority shareholders in connection with the Domination Agreement and the increased offer of €51 per share previously offered to minority shareholders are greater than the Tender Offer price. The amount of cash compensation per share to be offered to minority shareholders in connection with any delisting from the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, Squeeze-out or conversion, as applicable, may be equal to, higher or lower than, the Tender Offer price or the increased offer of €51 per share previously offered in connection with the Domination Agreement. Furthermore, each of the guaranteed fixed annual payment and the fair cash compensation is subject to review by the court in award proceedings (Spruchverfahren) which have been instituted by several dissenting shareholders. If as a result of such award proceedings, the court increases the amount of the

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guaranteed fixed annual payment and/or the fair cash consideration, or if such increase is agreed between the parties in a court settlement, payments already made to minority shareholders pursuant to the offer required by the Domination Agreement would have to be increased accordingly with retroactive effect. These award proceedings were dismissed in 2005; however, the dismissal is still subject to appeal.

Dividend. At the annual shareholders' meeting on June 15, 2004, CAG shareholders approved payment of a dividend on the CAG Shares for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003 of €0.12 per share. No dividend on the CAG Shares for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004 was paid to CAG's shareholders. As part of the preparation of the financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004, CAG conducted a valuation of its assets, which resulted in a further non-cash impairment charge to the value of CAC as of September 30, 2004. The size of this charge will prevent CAG from declaring a dividend to its shareholders for the short fiscal year 2004. Any minority shareholder of CAG who elects not to sell its shares to the Purchaser in connection with the offer to the minority shareholders will be entitled to remain a shareholder of CAG and to receive the guaranteed fixed annual payment on its shares, in lieu of any future dividends. The amount of the guaranteed fixed annual payment to be paid to any minority shareholder who elects to retain its CAG Shares was based on an analysis of the fair enterprise value of CAG as of the date of the relevant shareholders' meeting assuming a full distribution of profits. The gross guaranteed fixed annual payment is €3.27 per CAG Share less certain corporate taxes. See "—Domination and Profit and Loss Transfer Agreement."

Any delisting from the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, squeeze-out or conversion would require approval by the shareholders of CAG. While it is to be expected that in each case, the Purchaser will have the requisite majority in such meeting to assure approval of such measures, minority shareholders, irrespective of the size of their shareholding, may, within one month from the date of any such shareholder resolution, file an action with the court to have such resolution set aside. While such action would only be successful if the resolution was passed in violation of applicable laws and cannot be based on the unfairness of the amount to be paid to the minority shareholders, a shareholder action may substantially delay the implementation of the challenged shareholder resolution pending final resolution of the action. If such action proved to be successful, the action could prevent the implementation of a delisting, Squeeze-out or conversion. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that any of the steps described above can be implemented timely or at all.

The Sponsor—The Blackstone Group

Certain affiliates of The Blackstone Group ("Blackstone" or the "Sponsor") beneficially own approximately 62.4% of the Issuer's outstanding Series A common stock and will beneficially own (or have a right to acquire) approximately 50.76% of the Issuer's outstanding Series A common stock (assuming no exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, if any) after the consummation of this offering. Blackstone is a leading investment and advisory firm founded in 1985, with offices in New York, Atlanta, Boston, Los Angeles, London, Paris and Hamburg. Blackstone manages one of the largest institutional private equity funds ever raised, a \$6.5 billion fund raised in 2002. Since it began private equity investing in 1987, Blackstone has raised more than \$14 billion in five funds and has invested in more than 87 companies. In addition to private equity investments, Blackstone's core businesses include real estate investments, corporate debt investments, asset management, corporate advisory services, and restructuring and reorganization advisory services.

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THE RECENT RESTRUCTURING

In October—November 2004, we completed an internal restructuring pursuant to which the Purchaser effected, by giving a corresponding instruction under the Domination Agreement, the transfer of all of the shares of CAC from Celanese Holding GmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of CAG, to BCP Caylux Holdings Luxembourg S.C.A. which resulted in BCP Caylux owning 100% of the equity of CAC and, indirectly, all of its assets, including subsidiary stock.

Following the transfer of CAC to BCP Caylux, (1) BCP Crystal Holdings Ltd. 2 contributed substantially all of its assets and liabilities (including all outstanding capital stock of BCP Caylux) to BCP Crystal, in exchange for all of the outstanding capital stock of BCP Crystal; (2) BCP Crystal assumed substantially all obligations of BCP Caylux, including all rights and obligations of BCP Caylux under the amended and restated senior credit facilities, the floating rate term loan and the senior subordinated notes; (3) BCP Caylux transferred certain assets, including its equity ownership interest in CAC, to BCP Crystal; (4) BCP Crystal Holdings Ltd. 2 was reorganized as a Delaware limited liability company and changed its name to Celanese Holdings LLC; and (5) Blackstone Crystal Holdings Capital Partners (Cayman) IV Ltd. was reorganized as a Delaware corporation and changed its name to Celanese Corporation. BCP Crystal, at its discretion, may subsequently cause the liquidation of BCP Caylux.

As a result of these transactions, BCP Crystal holds 100% of CAC's equity and, indirectly, all equity owned by CAC in its subsidiaries. In addition, BCP Crystal holds, indirectly, all of the CAG Shares held by the Purchaser.

From and after the completion of the Recent Restructuring, BCP Crystal's senior subordinated notes are guaranteed on an unsecured, senior subordinated basis by all of BCP Crystal's domestic, wholly owned subsidiaries that guarantee BCP Crystal's obligations under the amended and restated senior credit facilities.

Corporate Structure

The charts below summarize our ownership structure immediately before completion of the Recent Restructuring and our current ownership structure.

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Current Structure (as of October 26, 2005)

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- (1) In September 2004, Crystal US Holdings 3 L.L.C. ("Crystal LLC") and Crystal US Sub 3 Corp., a subsidiary of Crystal LLC, issued and sold \$853 million aggregate principal amount at maturity of their Senior Discount Notes due 2014. Until October 1, 2009, interest on the notes will accrue in the form of an increase in the accreted value of such notes. Crystal LLC used approximately \$207 million of the net proceeds from the initial public offering of Series A common stock and the offering of preferred stock of Celanese Corporation to redeem approximately 35% of the outstanding principal amount at maturity, including a \$19 million premium, of the senior discount notes.
- (2) The amended and restated senior credit facilities provide financing of up to approximately \$2.6 billion, consisting of (1) an approximately \$1.7 billion term loan facility with a maturity in 2011 (including \$200 million borrowed under the acquisition facility in January 2004); (2) an approximately \$228 million credit-linked revolving facility under the acquisition facility with a maturity in 2009; and (3) a \$600 million revolving credit facility with a maturity in 2009. CAG may borrow under both revolving credit facilities. A \$242 million delayed-draw term loan facility with a maturity in 2011 expired unutilized in July 2005. See "Description of Indebtedness— Amended and Restated Senior Credit Facilities."
- (3) In June and July 2004, BCP Crystal issued and sold \$1,225 million aggregate principal amount of its 9 5/8% U.S. Dollar-denominated Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014 and €200 million principal amount of its 10 3/8% Euro-denominated Senior Subordinated Notes due 2014. BCP Crystal used approximately \$572 million of the net proceeds from the offering of Series A common stock and the offering of preferred stock of Celanese Corporation that was contributed to BCP Crystal to redeem approximately 35% of the outstanding principal amount of its senior subordinated notes, including a \$51 million premium. The senior subordinated notes are guaranteed on a senior subordinated basis by all of the BCP Crystal's domestic, wholly owned subsidiaries that guarantee the BCP Crystal's obligations under the amended and restated senior credit facilities. See "Description of Indebtedness—Senior Subordinated Notes Due 2014."

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THE RECENT FINANCINGS

In connection with Celanese Corporation's recently completed initial public offering, it contributed \$779 million of the net proceeds to Crystal LLC, which used approximately \$207 million of such net proceeds to redeem approximately 35% of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of the notes. Crystal LLC contributed the remaining proceeds to Celanese Holdings, which in turn contributed it to BCP Crystal. BCP Crystal used such proceeds to redeem approximately 35% of the outstanding principal amount of the senior subordinated notes. BCP Crystal used a portion of the borrowings of approximately \$1,135 million under its amended and restated senior credit facilities to repay the amounts outstanding under its floating rate term loan and to pay a \$576 million dividend to Celanese Holdings, which in turn distributed this amount to Crystal LLC. Crystal LLC distributed this amount up to the Issuer, which used it, together with the remaining net proceeds from the offering of its Series A common stock and its preferred stock, to pay a dividend of \$804 million to the holders of its Series B common stock in April 2005. Our acquisition of Vinamul was primarily financed by \$200 million of the borrowings under the amended and restated senior credit facilities. The loans under our prior senior credit facilities remained outstanding under the amended and restated senior credit facilities. The sources and uses of funds used by the Issuer in connection with the Recent Financings are set forth in the table below.

Sources (in millions)	
Initial Public Offering of Series A Common Stock	\$ 800
Sale of Preferred Stock	240
Amended and Restated Senior Credit Facilities ⁽¹⁾	1,135
Total Sources	\$ 2,175
Uses (in millions)	
Partial Redemption of Senior Discount Notes ⁽²⁾	\$ 207
Partial Redemption of Senior Subordinated Notes ⁽³⁾	572
Repayment of Floating Rate Term Loan	354
Dividend to Holders of Series B Common Stock	804
Fees and Expenses ⁽⁴⁾	38
Acquisition of Vinamul	200
Total Uses	\$ 2,175

(1)Includes a €150 million euro tranche (translated at an exchange rate of \$1.2944 to €1) and a \$741 million dollar tranche. Sources shown exclude the \$242 million delayed draw acquisition facility which expired unutilized in July 2005. See "Description of Indebtedness—Amended and Restated Senior Credit Facilities."

(2)Represents redemption in February 2005 of approximately \$37 million of Series A senior discount notes and approximately \$151 million of Series B senior discount notes and \$19 million of premium.

(3)Represents redemption in February 2005 of \$521 million of senior subordinated notes (including \$429 million of dollar notes and €70 million of euro notes which is the equivalent of approximately \$92 million translated at an exchange rate of \$1.3241 to €1 and \$51 million of premium.

(4)Represents bank fees and other fees and expenses. The excess of actual amounts over the amounts paid via sources were \$24 million and funded with available cash.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The selling stockholders will receive all proceeds from the sale of the shares of our Series A common stock in this offering. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of shares of our Series A common stock by the selling stockholders, including any sales pursuant to the over-allotment option, if any. We will pay all expenses (other than underwriting discounts or commissions or transfer taxes) of the selling stockholders in connection with this offering.

PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK

Our Series A common stock has traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CE" since January 21, 2005. The following table sets forth the high and low intraday sales prices per share of our common stock, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange, for the periods indicated.

	Price Range	
	High	Low
2005		
Quarter ended March 31, 2005	\$ 18.65	\$ 15.10
Quarter ended June 30, 2005	\$ 18.16	\$ 13.54
Quarter ended September 30, 2005	\$ 20.06	\$ 15.88
Quarter ending December 31, 2005 (through October 26, 2005)	\$ 17.34	\$ 16.30

The closing sale price of our Series A common stock, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange, on October 26, 2005 was \$16.48. As of October 26, 2005, there were 50 holders of record of our Series A common stock.

DIVIDEND POLICY

Our board of directors adopted a policy of declaring, subject to legally available funds, a quarterly cash dividend on each share of our common stock at an annual rate initially equal to approximately 1% of the \$16 price per share in the initial public offering of our Series A common stock (or \$0.16 per share) unless our board of directors, in its sole discretion, determines otherwise, commencing the second quarter of 2005. Pursuant to this policy, the Company paid the first quarterly dividend of \$0.04 per share on August 11, 2005 and intends to pay the second quarterly dividend of \$0.04 per share on November 1, 2005. However, there is no assurance that sufficient cash will be available in the future to pay such dividend. Further, such dividends payable to holders of our Series A common stock dividend cannot be declared or paid nor can any funds be set aside for the payment thereof, unless we have paid or set aside funds for the payment of all accumulated and unpaid dividends with respect to the shares of our preferred stock, as described below.

Our board of directors may, at any time, modify or revoke our dividend policy on our Series A common stock.

We are required under the terms of the preferred stock to pay scheduled quarterly dividends, subject to legally available funds. For so long as the preferred stock remains outstanding, (1) we will not declare, pay or set apart funds for the payment of any dividend or other distribution with respect to any junior stock or parity stock and (2) neither we, nor any of our subsidiaries, will, subject to certain exceptions, redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration junior stock or parity stock through a sinking fund or otherwise, in each case unless we have paid or set

apart funds for the payment of all accumulated and unpaid dividends with respect to the shares of preferred stock and any parity stock for all preceding dividend periods.

The amounts available to us to pay cash dividends is restricted by our subsidiaries' debt agreements. The indentures governing the senior subordinated notes and the senior discount notes also limit, but do not prohibit, the ability of BCP Crystal, Crystal LLC and their respective subsidiaries to pay dividends. Any decision to declare and pay dividends in the future will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on, among other things, our results of

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operations, cash requirements, financial condition, contractual restrictions and other factors that our board of directors may deem relevant.

Under the Domination Agreement, any minority shareholder of Celanese AG who elects not to sell its shares to the Purchaser will be entitled to remain a shareholder of Celanese AG and to receive a gross guaranteed fixed annual payment on their shares (Ausgleich) of €3.27 per Celanese Share less certain corporate taxes to be paid by Celanese AG in lieu of any future dividend. See "The Transactions—Post-Tender Offer Events—Domination and Profit and Loss Transfer Agreement."

Under Delaware law, our board of directors may declare dividends only to the extent of our "surplus" (which is defined as total assets at fair market value minus total liabilities, minus statutory capital), or if there is no surplus, out of our net profits for the then current and/or immediately preceding fiscal years. The value of a corporation's assets can be measured in a number of ways and may not necessarily equal their book value. The value of our capital may be adjusted from time to time by our board of directors but in no event will be less than the aggregate par value of our issued stock. Our board of directors may base this determination on our financial statements, a fair valuation of our assets or another reasonable method. Our board of directors will seek to assure itself that the statutory requirements will be met before actually declaring dividends. In future periods, our board of directors may seek opinions from outside valuation firms to the effect that our solvency or assets are sufficient to allow payment of dividends, and such opinions may not be forthcoming. If we sought and were not able to obtain such an opinion, we likely would not be able to pay dividends. In addition, pursuant to the terms of our preferred stock, we are prohibited from paying a dividend on our Series A common stock unless all payments due and payable under the preferred stock have been made.

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CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of June 30, 2005:

You should read the information in this table in conjunction with our financial statements and the notes to those statements appearing elsewhere in this prospectus and "Selected Historical Financial Data," and "Management's

Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

	As of June 30, 2005 Actual (unaudited) (in millions)
Cash and cash equivalents ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾	\$ 959
Total debt:	
Amended and restated senior credit facilities ⁽²⁾⁽⁵⁾ :	
Revolving credit facilities	\$ —
Term loan facility	1,725
Senior subordinated notes ⁽³⁾	957
Senior discount notes	360
Assumed debt	351
Total debt	3,393
Minority interest ⁽⁴⁾	523
Shareholders' equity:	
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized and 9,600,000 issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2005	—
Series A common stock, \$0.0001 par value, 400,000,000 shares authorized and 158,544,801 issued and outstanding as of June 30, 2005	—
Additional paid-in capital	350
Retained earnings (deficit)	(196)
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss)	(28)
Total shareholders' equity	126
Total capitalization	\$ 4,042

(1)Represents cash available to purchase remaining outstanding CAG Shares to make acquisitions, to repay additional existing indebtedness, to pay interest on debt, pay dividends and to make loans to its subsidiaries for working capital and general corporate purposes.

(2)The revolving credit facilities under the amended and restated senior credit facilities provide for borrowings of up to \$828 million. As of June 30, 2005, no amounts have been borrowed and \$613 million was available for borrowings under the revolving credit facilities (taking into account letters of credit issued under the revolving credit facilities).

(3)Includes the U.S. dollar equivalent of the euro-denominated notes and \$4 million premium on the \$225 million aggregate principal amount of the notes issued July 1, 2004.

(4)As of December 31, 2004, we owned approximately 84% of the CAG Shares then outstanding. In August 2005, we acquired approximately 5.9 million, or approximately 11.8%, of the outstanding CAG Shares from two shareholders of CAG, for the aggregate consideration of approximately €302 million (\$369 million), which increased our ownership percentage of CAG to approximately 96%. In addition, we paid these two shareholders an additional purchase price of approximately €12 million (\$15 million) for the settlement of certain claims and other agreements. In addition, pursuant to a mandatory offer commenced in September 2004 and continuing as of the date of this prospectus, we acquired additional CAG Shares. As a result of these acquisitions, partially offset by the issuance of additional shares of CAG as a result of the exercise of options issued under the CAG stock option plan, as of the date of this prospectus, we own approximately 98% of the outstanding CAG Shares. See "Prospectus Summary—Recent Developments—Recent Purchases of CAG Shares." The following supplemental pro

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forma balance sheet information assumes we acquired these 5.9 million shares on June 30, 2005 using available cash. If we acquired these shares, cash and minority interest will decrease and the assets acquired and liabilities assumed will be preliminarily adjusted to the extent acquired, as follows:

	(in millions)
Cash paid to acquire minority shares	\$ (369)
Additional purchase price paid in consideration for	(15)
Retention of minority interests	363
Goodwill and other purchase accounting adjustments	21
	\$ —

While we intend to acquire the remaining outstanding shares, there is no assurance that we will be able to do so. If we acquire more shares, our consolidated balance sheet will reflect lower cash and minority interests. At the offer price of €41.92 per share for all CAG Shares outstanding as of October 26, 2005 not already owned by the Purchaser, the total amount of funds necessary to purchase such remaining outstanding CAG Shares would be approximately €40 million, plus accrued interest on the mandatory offer of €41.92 per share from October 2, 2004.

(5) In July 2005, we acquired Acetex for \$270 million and assumed Acetex's \$247 million of debt, which is net of cash acquired of \$54 million. We caused Acetex to exercise its option to redeem its 10 7/8% senior notes due 2009 totaling approximately \$265 million. The redemption was funded primarily with cash on hand and took place August 19, 2005. The redemption price was approximately \$280 million, which represented 105.438% of the outstanding principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest to August 19, 2005. On August 25, 2005, the Company repaid the remaining \$36 million of assumed debt with available cash.

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UNAUDITED PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following unaudited pro forma financial information is based on the audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements of Celanese Corporation which appear elsewhere in this prospectus as adjusted to illustrate the estimated pro forma effects of the Transactions, the Recent Restructuring (including the application of purchase accounting) and the Recent Financings. As of June 30, 2005, we indirectly owned approximately 84% of the CAG Shares then outstanding. In August 2005, we acquired approximately 5.9 million, or approximately 11.8%, of the outstanding CAG Shares from two shareholders, which increased our ownership percentage of CAG to approximately 96%. In addition, pursuant to a mandatory offer commenced in September 2004 and continuing as of the date of this prospectus, we acquired additional CAG Shares. As a result of these acquisitions, partially offset by the issuance of additional shares of CAG as a result of the exercise of options issued under the CAG stock option plan, as of the date of this prospectus, we own approximately 98% of the outstanding CAG Shares. While we intend to acquire the remaining outstanding shares, there is no assurance that we will be able to do so. For those CAG Shares we acquired in August 2005 and pursuant to the mandatory offer and as well as any shares we may acquire in future, our balance sheet will reflect lower cash and minority interests and our statements of operations will reflect lower minority interest expense for the percentage of CAG Shares that we acquired or may acquire. For purposes of this unaudited pro forma financial information, we have assumed that we acquired only approximately 84% of the CAG Shares outstanding as of June 30, 2005. The unaudited pro forma financial information should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements and other financial information appearing elsewhere in this prospectus, including "Basis of Presentation," "The Transactions," "The Recent Restructuring," "The Recent Financings" and

"Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

The unaudited pro forma statements of operations data give effect to (1) the Transactions, the Recent Restructuring and the Recent Financings, as if they had occurred on January 1, 2004 in the case of our unaudited pro forma statement of operations data for the year ended December 31, 2004, and (2) the Recent Financings in the case of our unaudited pro forma statement of operations data for the six months ended June 30, 2005. There is no pro forma impact of the Transactions, Recent Restructuring and Recent Financings on our financial position as of June 30, 2005; therefore, an unaudited pro forma balance sheet has not been prepared. The unaudited pro forma adjustments are based upon available information and certain assumptions that we believe are reasonable.

The unaudited pro forma financial information does not reflect any adjustments for (1) the acquisition of Acetex and Vin